

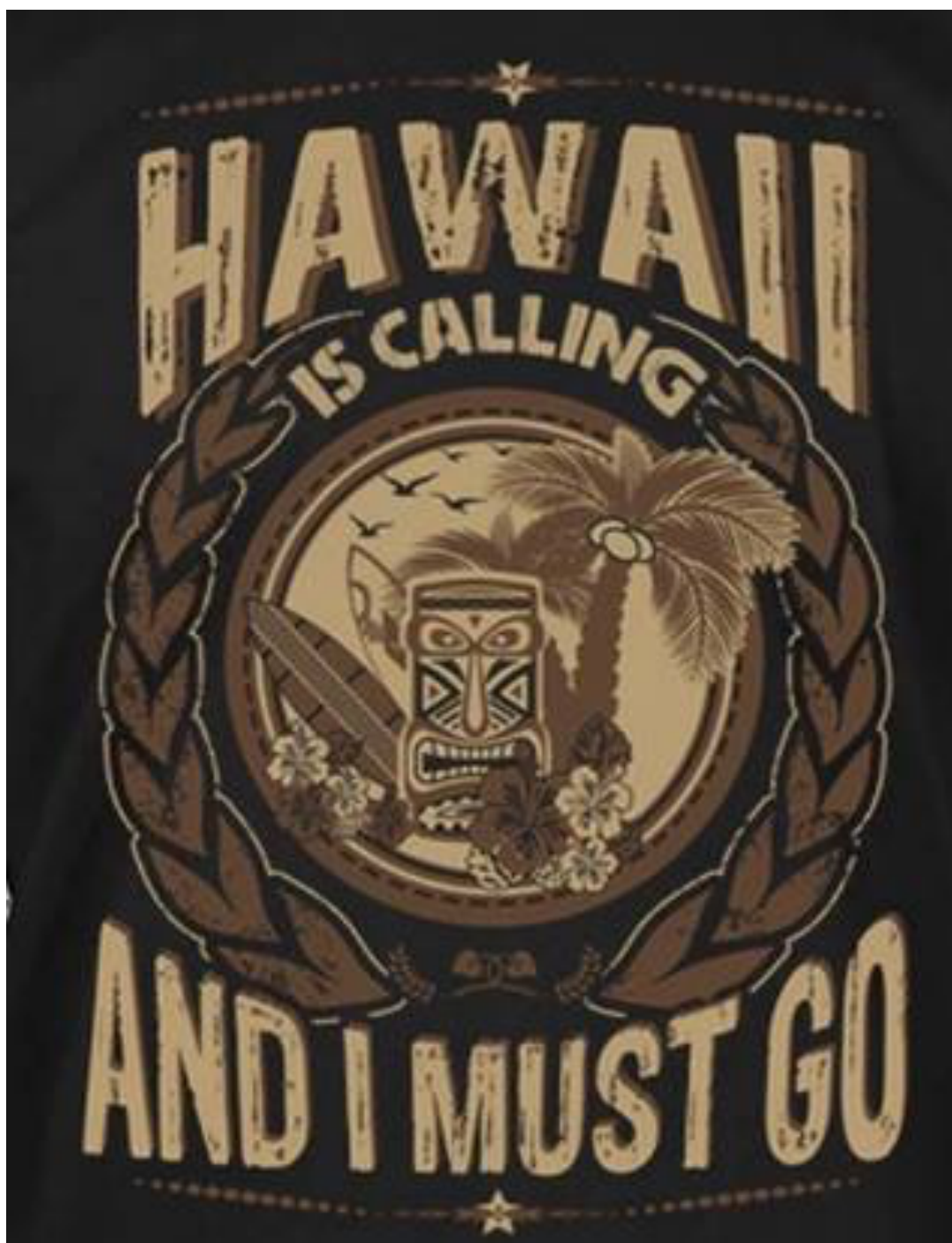


2016 TACAMO Hawaii Reunion

DEADLINE for Registration & all events

JULY 30TH

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Mission Statement

The purpose of the Association is to provide fraternal, social and recreational activities for the members and guests and encourage and support the preservation of the history of TACAMO.

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Aloha
Mike Vos
Executive Director - TCVA

Aloha, TACAMITES ...

We're rapidly closing in on our 2016 reunion on Oahu, Hawaii. For many of the attendees it will be a trip into the "Way-Back" machine. For others it will be a discovery of island traditions and how VQ-3 was a part of those traditions. It's NOT too late to join us for a week of memories and adventure. Please visit our website to make your arrangements.

Speaking of websites ... We've been busy redesigning it. We're happy with it's look and feel, a new Paraloft (on-line store) and a real focus on the history of TACAMO. Check out our redesigned website 'tacamo.org'

You may notice that there is NO login required for access. It's open to the world. You may also notice it's concentration on our history. In particular, the *NEW* TACAMO Timeline feature. We are asking for your input to make this an exhaustive documentary of TACAMO. Just below the actual timeline is a form for our users to add a historical moment and help us record our important history. Please include only events or details that are relevant to the TACAMO mission. Your personal history, although important, would be a distraction to the many mission related events we're trying to document. Also, please observe OPSEC and COMSEC. We certainly will.

Have a safe and pleasant "rest of the summer". We will see many of you in Hawaii. Aloha!

Stay safe, have fun and live Aloha,
Mike



TCVA

Annual Membership Dues: \$20

Go to: tacamo.org/TCVA/join.html



Join Now

WANTED for the Heritage Center

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| • COMM Central | • COMM Box | • A Bunk |
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| • Herc & E6 Items | • Crew Rest Seat | |

TACAMO "2016 HAWAII REUNION"



Photo by Anita Baugartner VQ-3



VQ-3 IN BARBERS POINT

- By late 1964, an operational 25KW, single wire TACAMO II system was delivered to TACAMO Detachment VR-21 at Barbers Point, Hawaii to install in a EC-130G Hercules aircraft.
- VQ-3 commissioned 1 July 1968. Det OINC CDR Ron Carlson relieved by first Skipper CDR Ed Preston.
- In 1981 Barbers Point again became the center of Pacific Fleet TACAMO operations when Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron (VQ) 3 moved from NAS Agana, Guam, with its EC-130G/Q aircraft. In 1989 and 1990 VQ-3 upgraded to the E-6A Mercury.

Join TCVA in Hawaii

August 3 1st to September 8th

Click here for all the information

Who Attendees TACAMO Reunion?

- TACAMO Sailors
 - Present & Past
- TACAMO
 - Posthumous Family members
 - Spouse
 - Children
 - Grandparents & grandchildren
 - Brothers
 - Sisters
 - Extended Family - Cousins, Nieces, Nephews, Aunts, Uncles
- Family Friends
- TACAMO Industry Partners
 - Boeing
 - Rockwell Collins
 - Lockheed
 - TACAMO Government Support

Norwegian Cruise Line's Pride of America Hawaii inter-island

Rooms are still available
Contact John & Linda
Burgoon @
jhburgoon@gmail.com

Those cruising:

- * Bill & Carol Crouch
- * Jack & Cindy Bowers
- * John & Linda Burgoon
- * Peter & Terry Rourke



TACAMO "REUNION Schedule & Link"

CLICK HERE -- REUNION INFORMATION, SCHEDULE & REGISTRATION -- CLICK HERE

GREEN indicates TCVA Organized Functions

Wednesday 8/31

(Click here to view Daily Schedule and Events)

- **Transportation Airport to Hale Koa**
 - **Roberts Hawaii \$30 round trip per person**
 - **VIP Trans \$12 one way & \$22 round trip**

TCVA Arrivals

- Check-in at TCVA Registration Desk
- Hale Koa Activities & Rentals
 - Sign-up at the Hale Koa Activities Desk
- On your own - Jet-lag recovery
- **Ride the trolley** <http://www.waikikitrolley.com>
- **TCVA Liberty Muster** - pay as you go
 - 3pm - 430pm Happy Hour in BIBAS COURTYARD GRILL
 - 5pm - 630pm Happy Hour with pupus in WARRIORS LOUNGE

Thursday 9/1

(Click here to view Daily Schedule and Events)

- **Welcome Gathering at Hale Koa**
 - Introduction of BOD, Review schedule and Q & A questions
 - Hale Koa - Room location to be announced
- **TCVA Liberty Muster** - pay as you go
 - 3pm - 430pm Happy Hour in BIBAS COURTYARD GRILL
- **Luau at Hale Koa - TCVA Group**
 - Adults \$55
 - Reservations needed if you want to sit with TCVA group

Friday 9/2

(Click here to view Daily Schedule and Events)

- **"It's Aloha Friday" show your Aloha by wearing your TACAMO Reunion Hawaiian Wear**
Purchase by going to to TCVA Paraloft - Hawaiian Wear & Size Chart
- **Pearl Harbor Experience**
 - Pacific Aviation/Arizona Memorial/Pearl Harbor
 - Adult \$70.00
 - **More information click here**
- **TCVA Liberty Muster** - pay as you go
 - 3pm - 430pm Happy Hour in BIBAS COURTYARD GRILL
 - 5pm - 630pm Happy Hour with pupus in WARRIORS LOUNGE
- **FRIDAY FIREWORKS** on the beach between 7:30 and 8 p.m.

Saturday 9/3

(Click here to view Daily Schedule and Events)

TACAMO T-shirt Day - display your TACAMO pride by wearing your favorite TACAMO T-shirt
Need a TACAMO T-shirt, check out the Paraloft - Click here

- **TCVA Liberty Muster** - pay as you go
 - 3pm - 430pm Happy Hour in BIBAS COURTYARD GRILL
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Free Day

Ticket information is on the Payment page

- **ORIGINAL GLIDER RIDES**
- **Oahu Grand Circle Island**
- **Atlantis Undersea Adventure (Submarine)**
- **Movie Site Tour @ Kualoa Ranch**
- **All Day - Fun in the Sun ideas link**
 - **Aloha Stadium Swap Meet**, after ride to Pearlridge Center, an air-conditioned mall boasting 170 shops
 - **Historic Honolulu**
 - **Discover Diamond Head**
 - **Pearl Harbor Historic Sites, USS Arizona Memorial**
 - **Tour the island with E NOA TOURS**
 - **Rent a car and explore**
 - **Ride the Trolley - 5 lines to hop on/ hop off**
 - **Other ideas on the Saturday Free Day list**
- **TCVA Liberty Muster** - pay as you go
 - 3pm - 430pm Happy Hour in BIBAS COURTYARD GRILL
 - 5pm - 630pm Happy Hour with pupus in WARRIORS LOUNGE

Sunday 9/4

(Click here to view Daily Schedule and Events)

- **Sunday Brunch** - TCVA Group (This is for those who would like to sit as a group)
 - 10 am
 - \$34.95
- **TCVA Liberty Muster**
 - 3pm - 430pm Happy Hour in BIBAS COURTYARD GRILL
 - 5pm - 630pm Happy Hour with pupus in WARRIORS LOUNGE
- **Sunset Cruise on Atlantis Cruises - TCVA Group**
 - Island Style Buffet Dinner Cruise
 - \$85 per person Military Group Rate
 - Includes complimentary round-trip transportation from the Hilton.
 - Atlantis Cruises departs from Pier 6. Aloha Tower Marketplace self-parking is also available for a fee.
 - Check-in 30 minutes prior to departure. The tour is 2 hours from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

Monday Labor Day 9/5

(Click here to view Daily Schedule and Events)

TACAMO HAT Day - display your TACAMO pride by wearing your favorite TACAMO HAT
Need a TACAMO HAT check out the Paraloft - Click here

- **Punchbowl & Nuuanu Pali Lookout**
 - 9AM Bus Departure
 - Memorial Service for TACAMO's Fallen
 - Parade up to Memorial walk
 - Brief prayer
 - Read the names of TACAMO Fallen
 - Lay the lei/ flowers
 - Closing remarks Ceremony
 - Attendees will the walk around Punchbowl
 - Nuuanu Pali Lookout offers a panoramic view of the O'ahu's windward side with views of Kāne'ohe, Kāne'ohe Bay, and Kailua.
 - Aloha Tower drop & Hale Koa Drop
 - Stop at Aloha Tower for anyone attending the lunch at Gordon Biersch Brewery(See information click here)
 - After lunch walk to the top of the tower and watch the tugs, boats and ships
 - Bus, Taxi or Uber Back to hotel
 - Return to hotel
- **TCVA Liberty Muster** - pay as you go
 - 3pm - 430pm Happy Hour in BIBAS COURTYARD GRILL
 - 5pm - 630pm Happy Hour with pupus in WARRIORS LOUNGE
- **Parking is limited at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. TACAMO has a special permit to bring the bus into the cemetery.**

Tuesday 9/6

(Click here to view Daily Schedule and Events)

- **Barbers Point Excursion & Luau**
 - Late afternoon - time to be announced
 - Depart Hale Koa for Barbers Point Museum
 - Tours begin
 - Museum
 - VQ3 hangar (Shuttle)
 - Barbers Point area over to Hideaway and back (Shuttle)
 - Banquet
 - Luau & Happy Hour
 - Buffet Dinner
 - Awards Presentation
 - Everyone departs for Hale Koa
- \$50 per person, all included

Today's Dress Wear: TACAMO T-shirt & Hawaiian Shirt or Dress.

* T-Shirt worn until Banquet starts
* Change to your Hawaiian Shirt or dress at museum room provided.

Wednesday 9/7

(Click here to view Daily Schedule and Events)

Free Day

- **All Day - Fun in the Sun ideas link**
 - **Aloha Stadium Swap Meet**, after ride to Pearlridge Center, an air-conditioned mall boasting 170 shops
 - **Historic Honolulu**
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 - **Other ideas on the Saturday Free Day list**
- **Happy Hour**
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Thursday 9/8 & Friday 9/9

- **All Day - Fun in the Sun ideas link**
 - **Aloha Stadium Swap Meet**, after ride to Pearlridge Center, an air-conditioned mall boasting 170 shops
 - **Historic Honolulu**
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Hawaiian Wear DEADLINE JULY 15TH



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LOGO WEAR



WHITE



ORANGE



BLUE



RED



PURPLE



CREAM



BLACK

When in Hawaii dress Hawaiian

TCVA has arranged special pricing from a local Hawaiian supplier to provide authentic Hawaiian apparel for the reunion. There are embroidered shirts and one dress with this year's TACAMO REUNION logo on the left breast. Ladies sun dresses and tube dresses will not be embroidered due to the floral print. Pre-order and your order will be waiting for you at the morning briefing at the Hale Koa on September 1st.

Not attending but still want a shirt? We can ship your order at the conclusion of the reunion for an additional \$5.95 S&H.

SIZING CHARTS: Hawaiian shirts have been known for casual and leisure wear with its loose and comfortable fit. We suggest you to order one size larger than what you normally buy. Check out your size here: [SIZE CHART](#) [Click here to order Shirts & Dresses.](#)

NO LOGO WEAR



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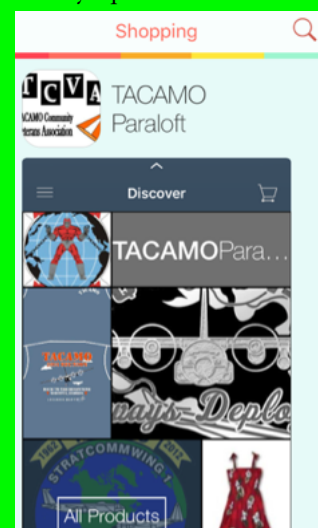
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NAVY

New TACAMO Paraloft Shopping APP

Go to your app store and download the app called "Shopping by Wix". The first time you open it, it will ask you for the name of the store, ours is called **TACAMO Paraloft**, after that it automatically opens to our store.



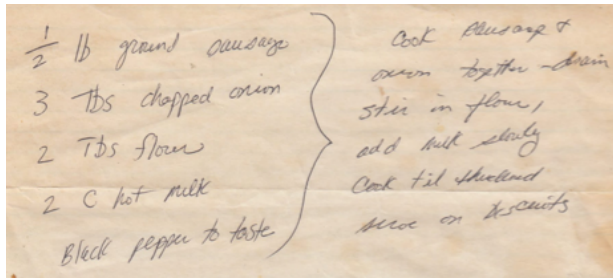
TACAMO Cookbook

Calling all past and present TACAMO ROs and anyone else that deems themselves worthy of the high honor of being called a TACAMO chef! As many of you know, TVCA is compiling a Reel TACAMO Chow cookbook that is dedicated to the memory of TACAMO VQ-3 Crew 4. Sales proceeds will support the TCVA Heritage Center Fund.

Now the bad news; at last count, the cookbook has a total of 23 recipes. Please do not miss your chance to be published and dare I say it, "FAMOUS."

I know most ROs kept or keep their recipes in their head, but it is time to document them for those that follow us. That means we have to defrag the memory banks, write that stuff down and submit those recipes to "MOM" jhburgoon@gmail.com

Sausage Gravy for Breakfast Biscuits



Simple Alert Enchiladas

Serves 18-20 people

By Steven Bug Malavolti

I use this recipe to use up what ever roasted turkey I had left on the Flight.

- 5-7 lbs Shredded turkey or Chicken, even seasoned beef
- 10-12 cans Green chille enchilada sauce
- 40 lg Flour tortillas
- 10 lbs Shredded Colby jack cheese
- Two or three large baking pans
- Pre-heat oven to 350. In a large pie pan pour two cans of sauce. Warm the tortillas in microwave

to make them easier to use. Dip and coat the tortilla with sauce on both sides. Place on a plate and fill with meat and cheese. Roll into a roll. In a large baking pan coat the bottom of the pan with another can of sauce. Place the enchilada with the seam down. Continue until all meat is used up. We are looking to make 32 enchiladas. Pour remaining sauce over enchiladas so that they are all cover with sauce. Spring with cheese and bake for about 1 hour or until bubbly

- Serve with Chips, fresh salsa and salad.

Pork chops on Rice

1 tablespoon butter or oil
6 1/2 thick pork chops &
1 1/2 cups rice (long grain)
1 can (10 3/4 oz) beef bouillon
(or 3 cups in 2 qt hot water)
1 med onion, chopped
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
Brown chops in skillet

mix ingredients -
top with browned
chops. Sauté
350° until rice has
absorbed all moisture.
Cook at 40 minutes.
Serves 6

MEATLOAF

1.5 lbs Ground beef
3 slices white bread, shredded
1 cup milk
4 sticks celery, finely chopped
1/2 cup chopped onion
1/2 cup green peppers
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
BARBECUE sauce

combine all ingredients -
Brush with BBQ sauce -
Bake until done 350°
pull off stove -
let stand 5 min before serving
Serves 5

Some of
Lewis
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cards
used
during
flights



Turkey at 30 thousand ft...we had some pretty good grub... LT Longheron, Steve Jerrim, Breast, LT Clancy and Jeffery Whalen with a Large Turkey

Everyone: PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR RECIPES TO "MOM" John Burgoon
jhburgoon@gmail.com

ALL Current and Former Reel Operators & TACAMO Family and Friends

TCVA is producing a "Reel TACAMO Chow" cookbook. Proceeds from the sale will support TCVA Heritage Center Fund. Please submit, in the words of Mike Vos, "your Best and Worst" Reel Chow recipes to John Burgoon jhburgoon@gmail.com

TVCA will compile the Reel Chow cookbook and then combine it with a VQ4 Officer Wives cookbook, circa 1975, donated by Phyllis Coyne.

TVCA cookbook will be for sale in the Paraloft as soon as enough recipes are gathered. Please submit your recipes and any anecdotal information to jhburgoon@gmail.com John of course, will be submitting his "World Famous 3-Bean Bake".

There are many excellent recipes in TACAMOLand. Any TACAMO member wishing to submit their recipes, please include your name and relationship to TACAMO.

**John's
cover
goes here**

TACAMO "NEW WEBSITE"

TACAMO Community Veterans Association

About TCVA

The TACAMO Community Veterans Association is not-for-profit (501(c)3) organization, originally established in 1997 as the TACAMO Survivors Association. We are a fraternal Veterans association of the TACAMO mission, associated civilian contractors, government employees and their families. Our mission is to build a community to share common experiences with occasional reunions and other activities. We also collect artifacts and memorabilia for display in museums to educate the public and celebrate the service and sacrifice of our members.

A Brief History of TACAMO

"Take Charge and Move Out" In 1961, the Chief of Naval Operations used these words to task the development of a unique part of naval aviation. The nation needed a reliable strategic communications system between the President and other national command authorities with nuclear ballistic missile submarines. This system had to survive any hostile military action. The Navy created such a system, modifying a Marine Corps KC-130 Hercules transport aircraft with a Very Low Frequency radio transmitter capable of communicating with submerged missile submarines. This experiment was a success and TACAMO, with its "Take Charge and Move Out" mission, was born. Since then the three squadrons have flown many years and hundreds of thousands of hours of safe missions.

The period following the end of the Cold War in 1989 brought revolutionary changes to the world and to TACAMO as well. The E-6A Mercury aircraft replaced the EC-130 Hercules that had provided 30 years of faithful service. TACAMO commands moved from six different homeports to a central location: Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma. The result is a 25 percent reduction in operations and personnel expenses.

In years past, TACAMO provided communications capability only to sub command and control capability for all three strategic platforms including On Oct. 1, 1998, The U.S. Navy's fleet of E-6As replaced the EC-130 in the U.S. Air Force. This new mission allows the President and the Secret America's "nuclear triad" of ballistic nuclear missile submarines, intercom assumption of this new mission, a battle staff now flies with the TACAMO Source: The United States Government Information Locator Service (GI Last Updated: 07/02/2002)

TACAMO Community Veterans Association

TCVA Board of Directors

President - Vern Lochausen
Historian

Vern Lochausen became the TCVA's first President in 1997. He is also the Association's historian. He had been a TACAMO crew member in six operational flying and acquisition roles in the TACAMO community. He started in VQ-3 starting in 1974 in VQ-4. Three follow-on TACAMO tours were in VQ-3 starting in 1974 in VQ-4. He was the deputy program manager focused on bringing the E-6 introduction. He commanded the first E-6 squadron in 1989-1990. When the E-6 squadrons were relocated to Tinker AFB, OK, Vern was the lead headquarter leader in the E-6 mission, the introduction of facilities, and the associated

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Presented in no particular order.

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Crew 4 "Arlington Quest"

The loss of VQ-3 Crew 4 off of Wake Island on June 21, 1977 has exemplified for all of TACAMO the importance of our mission and the closeness we all have to that "ultimate sacrifice". Many good lessons were learned from this tragedy.

The lesson that TCVA has taken from this event was the way the families and shipmates were handled immediately after the event. Due to the security profile of the TACAMO mission, at the time, families were simply informed that their loved one had been lost. TCVA's first priority was to get the families and shipmates together as quickly as possible. This

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The TCVA Paraloff

Ladies Hawaiian Tube Dress 332-2798 — \$34.95

Ladies Hawaiian Sundress 330-3559 — \$34.95

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TACAMO Hall of Fame & Heritage Center

The theme for the 2012 reunion was all about Capt. Baker's inaugural desire and project to build a TACAMO Heritage Center. Creating memorabilia of the 50 years (and counting) of TACAMO would be this dovetails perfectly with our mission as an "alumni" association effort and plan to make it part of our association's mission and membership also shares this enthusiasm.

The inauguration of the TACAMO Hall of Fame is the first step toward where we TACAMO sailors can see and share our "Glory Days" and what is the legacy they follow in, for others it will be a trip in the "youth with what now have become long friends."

We will follow an incremental approach to this project. The list below Bear in mind that much of this is very fluid and subject to change. Accept this as our proposed direction.

- Establish the TACAMO Hall of Fame & Heritage Center (Established and announced at the 2012 reunion at OKC)
- Create a program for selecting TACAMO Hall of Famers (Selection program defined in TCVA bylaws)
- Create a uniform recognition for Hall of Fame inductees (Beginning in 2013, inductees will have a paver placed "Herc Park" and receive a matching tile)
- Find a space that can be furnished to display artifacts donated by our membership and affiliates
- This is an ambitious agenda and will require both money and manpower to realize this "Dream". We propose to it in a variety of ways, to include:
 - Direct "tax deductible" money contributions (see below)
 - Other, yet defined "fund raisers"

We invite you to contribute money to the TACAMO Heritage Center Foundation and help us make this dream a reality. By so doing, you will be empowering the Hall of Fame and the TACAMO Heritage Center.

TACAMO Hall of Fame

It was a dream, the archives of a Heritage Center. It will be a vision when we shared it. We hope to provide control or planning.

VQ3 Crew 4 - 2012 TACAMO Sailor

Walt Reese - 2012 TACAMO Sailor

Ron Carlson - 2012 TACAMO Sailor

Ed Hampshire - 2012 TACAMO Sailor

Andy Riddle - 2012 TACAMO Sailor

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Single Panel Hawaiian Shirt 444-3828 — \$30.95

TACAMO Chiefs Pin — \$3.00

American Flag Pin — \$2.00

2012 Reunion Pin - BOGO — \$3.00

TACAMO Community Veterans Association

TACAMO Timeline

Do you have an event to add to our timeline, perhaps a correction? Please email your story and photos to mike@tacamo.org.

Please include as accurate a date as possible for your event.

* TCVA reserves the right to edit any content submitted for use on this website.

TACAMO Community Veterans Association

Gray Long Sleeve T-Shirt — \$12.00

VQ3 Crew4 Memorial Black Shirt — \$25.00

E6-B Limited edition Pen & Ink, Numbered and Signed — \$29.00

EC-130Q Limited edition, numbered and signed print — \$29.00

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TACAMO Timeline

1961

1963

07/01/1968

1969

1970

TACAMO is born with "Take Charge And Move Out". More Info...

VQ-3 & VQ-4 are commissioned

C-130's 151888 - 91 are delivered

156170-77 fill the two squadron's fleet of TAC III mission aircraft.

TACAMO III, fully integrated system replaced Roll On/Roll Off vans.

TACAMO Community Veterans Association

Blue Ball Cap with Wings and Sqdn — \$15.00

Hooded wind breaker/rain jacket — \$38.00

Squadron hat/lapel pin — \$6.00

Herc & Marc T. Flashes — \$85.00

TACAMO Community Veterans Association

Museum Exhibits

The TCVA has been proud to have a museum. The museum is a place where we can share our history and the artifacts we have collected. We are working on a display for the 2016 reunion on Oahu.

TACAMO Community Veterans Association

TCVA Reunions

The TCVA holds reunions from time to time. A terrific time is had by one and all. Enjoy some photos from previous reunions. Click on the year in the menu at left of the page.

2014 - Marietta, Ga. (Home of the C-130 Hercules)

2013 - Seattle, Wa. (Home of the E6 Mercury)

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TCVA Newsletters

2012

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2014

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2012 Reunion

Spring

Summer

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Barber's Point

Barber's Point Naval Air Station is a historic site. We are working on a display for the 2016 reunion on Oahu.

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TCVA Reunions

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2013 - Seattle, Wa. (Home of the E6 Mercury)

TACAMO S.E.R.E. Training

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Steven Hickle Shares in TACAMO Community Veterans Assn. Group

Ok here is a blast from the past, am sure this brings back fond memories for my fellow shipmates!!! I had the opportunity to visit this wonderful oasis today and talk to the camp commandant. Remember "bang bang bang" still remember your war criminal number? Classes every two weeks sign up now!!!

The conversation:

- **Dan Blouch** Where can I buy tickets?
- **Vern Lochausen** SRO is afforded all of the recreational opportunities available, fences, water sports, front row seats while other recreate and free writing supplies. One trip was sufficient for this pine tree. If you have been there you can decipher this.
- **Michael Schroeder** From what I've heard, this was the "easy" location. Hell, they had Sun. We had frozen water.
- **Brian Jeffrey Robinson** Funny, I heard the Maine location was the easy one. That the cells were inside. We basically had dog houses for cells.
- **Bill Osborne** Depends on the time of year. It snowed when I was there!!
- **Jason Rohacek** They issue sleeping bags and cold weather gear in Maine. Warner Springs in May was 115 all day, soaked with sweat. High 30's at night with nothing but our damp clothes and some ripped up parachute material to keep warm! I've been to some cold places (including Minot in February) but those nights in the desert are the coldest I've ever felt!
- **Neil R. Jordan** I'm surprised they didn't capture you, and take you to the holding camp !!
- **Don Ensminger** "Why you make pee-pee? I no tell you to make pee-pee!"
- **Michael Schroeder** I was not captured. I think the Pronese didn't like the cold, either.

- **Jim Perry** For a while in 1973 timeframe I work for LCDR Chuck Harless in the VQ-4 Training Dept and he gave me the dubious job of SERE School Scheduling - I was never so lonely - every time I walked down the hallway everyone ducked into the nearest door or down the nearest staircase!
- **Jim Burrill** Made it to San Diego before Christmas 76 and the class was full, and they shut down for the Christmas holidays. I went in the first class of January 77. Met up with another VQ3 fella named David Cofer, an AE2.. So, since we were going to the same Squadron (i was on my way to RTD from Whidbey Island and Dave had completed Reel Op training and was on his way to Guam. We hung out together and shared the scrap of parachute they gave us as a sleeping bag. Heard his story how he was aircrew in a VT squadron in Texas and had swapped a weekend flight with a good friend. That flight crashed with all hands. He needed to get away so he terminated shore duty and came to VQ3. One of life's most poignant ironies is that he was assigned to Crew 4 and died at Wake Is. Another twist is that when I checked in to VQ-3 the day after the crash, I found out I had been assigned to Crew 4 by Ops as they had my arrival date wrong. (While at RTD, I was held to take an additional maintenance class. So... after some 3,600 flight



hours later, I am either the best guy to have on your plane flight, or the worst.... Will fate "catch up to me?"

- **Vern Lochausen** Great untold story, Jim, THANKS for sharing.
- **Ronald N Umai Fox** While isolated in my a little black box I heard an instructor say "Hafa Adai". I happen to run into that Guamanian instructor this past winter who was an instructor during the time frame I was in SERE. What a coincidence to meet him.
- **David DeMoor** Similar coincidence here also Ron. A clerk I worked with for many years, at the PO, was married to the Master Chief at SERE when I attended. Ronald N Umai Fox Amazing!
- **Jim Fulmer** I have my class picture hanging on my wall, great training at that place. WC 60.

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Training

The conversation continues:

• **Brian Jeffrey Robinson** Boots Boots marching up and down again.. Boots Boots marching back and forth again... Anyone remember them playing that poem over and over again.

• **Jim Fulmer** Stuck in my head forever.

Jeff Pilnicki THANKS! Thanks so much for reminding me of that...I thought I had forgotten that. ..oh hell no!

Jim Perry I remember John Coltrane saxophone all night long while I was in solitary.....I could never be a Coltrane fan after that!

Leo Padilla January '68, cold at night. Bounced off the walls by the Russia Bear, lost circulation in my legs after time in the black box. Later assigned to the same squadron with the Bear, PR1 Deacon Leighton. Boy was the oatmeal and an apple the best the morning after training. Lump in my throat seeing our flag raised. An experience for all war fighters.

David DeMoor Yes Leo, the flag raising was awesome. Never forget it. Much of that place is blurred, however more is still in my system.

Jack Reese I went thru SERE in Hawaii

Rayburn Brooks Escape and evasion in Hawaii in the early 60s was the drill.

Jim Gallagher Sounds better than cold weather survival in Brunswick Me. in January!

Jay Jay Caruso I was the first one to go thru Brunswick in VQ-4 after we were commissioned in 1968. The sad part is that I knew several of the instructors when I was stationed at NAS Brunswick and they let me know it when I arrived. My face was black and blue from being slapped around for a couple days. All in all it was a good experience.

Gordon McCleery Jim, I 'remember' Brunswick SERE, truly an 'experience' not to be forgotten for sure.....

Jack Kasalonis Brunswick Maine in May...still had snow on the ground and a covering of ice on People's Pond

Neil Carbery It was a great experience. Glad I did it when I was much younger than today.

Mike Erickson Rangely, en route to DH tour. SRO. Once is enough, though it was probably the most valuable of all the schools I ever went to (other than water survival, etc)

Bj McNeely That is a true

understatement. Went in February 2001. I never sweat so much in 5 degree weather.

Tom Rinicker Rangeley in July 77. No snow, but boy were those pools of water cold doing push ups!

Steven Hickie Anyone there in Oct 1977?

Neil R. Jordan You, the 7 day class. The week before **Mike Neri** and I in the 9 day course...

Mike Neri I remember that...was pretty cold then, too.

Steven Hickie Did you guys need more training?

Neil R. Jordan Not I... Can't speak for **Mike Neri** ... He was right next to me in the Black Box...

Below: "COLD Weather" SERE school pictures for those who went to Brunswick.





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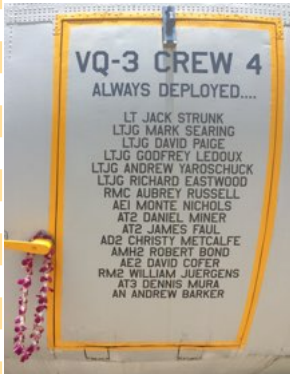


Memorial Day Ceremony *(Right photo)*

Capt. Edward McCabe, SCW-1 and Task Force 124 Deputy, was the guest speaker at the Memorial Day ceremony held at the State Capitol Veterans Memorial Park presented by the Oklahoma Women Veterans Organization. Today, we remember and honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice. *Photo by: MC1 Cody Boyd*

TACAMO MEMORIAL DAY 2016

On June 21, 39 years ago, our TACAMO brothers of Crew 4, made the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of our nation. We now celebrate this sacrifice and the lives of others that served in our TACAMO community. Our brothers and sisters that have passed but also left an imprint on our lives. The mentors, peers, proteges and friends that we all had that now are only in our memories.



On June 21, Cheryl Vos had the privilege to attend the VQ3 Crew 4 Memorial Ceremony. Leis came from Hawaii. VQ-3 CDR Scott Moss shared the following with everyone: VQ-3 Ironmen – Thank you all for coming out this afternoon to mark the remembrance of an extremely sad day in our TACAMO history. 39 years ago today, June 21st 1977 PAC Crew 4 departed Wake Island and perished when their C-130 impacted the water soon after take off. The crew was

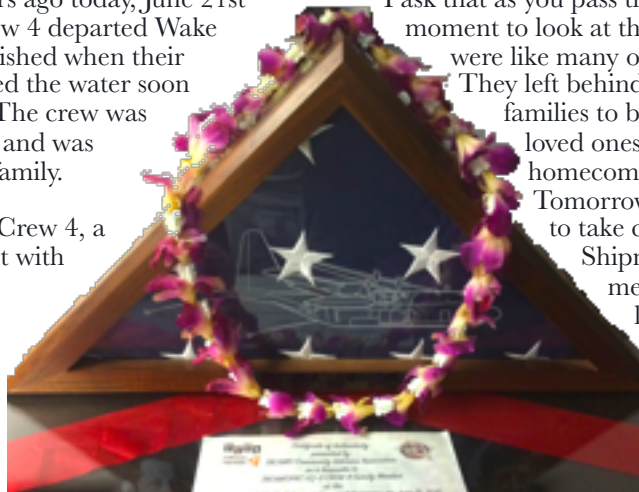
and every one of us that naval aviation is an inherently dangerous profession. Your part in making our squadron and mission safe, from the admin folks, to the maintainers, to the aircrew is vitally important. Without you, we fail.

Our shipmates on Crew 4, like each one of us, had dedicated their lives to the service of our great nation. To keep their generation safe, to keep future generations safe, and to uphold the legacy of the thousands of others that had gone before them.

I ask that as you pass through the quarterdeck, you take a moment to look at the names and faces of those heroes. They were like many of us...fathers, brothers, sons, husbands.

They left behind mothers, wives, daughters, sons and families to bravely face the trials of life while their loved ones were on deployment. A happy homecoming was anticipated, but never realized. Tomorrow is not guaranteed, so I encourage you to take care of yourselves, take care of your Shipmates, and your families. May the

memory of Crew 4's ultimate sacrifice live long in your head and your heart and that you find a good balance between your personal and professional lives. Thanks to each and every one of you for raising your hand to support and defend our Constitution and nation.



on the last few legs of their deployment and was anxious to get home to see friends and family. As you know, last year we dedicated the Maintenance Quarterdeck in honor of Crew 4, a true testament of our longing to connect with our TACAMO heritage while honoring those that passed. With over 30 family members in attendance, it was a very emotional event and provided somewhat of a closure for many family members. However, it also fills a second role. It serves as a solemn reminder to each



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It is a medium to get our mission across. *"The purpose of the Association is to provide fraternal, social and recreational activities for the members and guests and encourage and support the preservation of the history of TACAMO."*



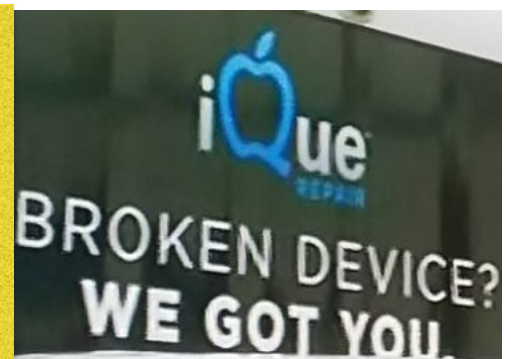
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TACAMO Veteran with Great Idea.

Submitted by Vern Louchausen
 Vinny DiGirolamo gave ideas to his "adopted" son KC for a mobile cell phone repair service using help staff of disabled veterans. West Texas Investors supported it and Vinny was on their CNBC show tonight. Way to go Vinny.



VQ4 Shadows Chiefs Mess Coin.

Choose from Red, Blue, or both. \$20 a piece. Coins are in hand and will be shipped to you immediately. If you are in the OKC metro please feel free to contact me for hand to hand. Place your orders by emailing kevin.L.Williams2@navy.mil Thank you and Fly Navy!



Fallen Shipmates

Passings received after last Newsletter

I FLEW

by Brad Baker

When the last checklist's run
and the bag drag is done,
I'll reminisce on the days I once
knew,
I won't remember the oh-three-
hundred alerts,
But only that I flew!

I will not remember the crew
rest in tents,
Nor recall how cold Arctic
winds blew,
And I'll try not to remember
the times I got sick,
But only that I flew!

I will never forget when nature
became angry,
To challenge my intrepid crew,
I'll always remember the fear I
felt,
And the pride in knowing I
flew.

I'll remember the sights my
mortal eyes saw,

All colored in multiple hues,
Those beautiful lights on cold
winter lights,
Seen only by those who flew.

God was extremely good to me,
He let me touch his face,
He saw my crew through war
and peace,
And blessed us with His grace.

So when I stand at St. Peter's
Gate,
And tell him that I'm new,
I know he'll smile and welcome
me,
Because he knows
I FLEW!



A SALUTE TO ALL OF OUR VETERANS

Shipmates Search

If you have a request email
tacamocommunity@gmail.com



Click on the name to respond:

Adam Ciochetto

Hey, love seeing these, my dad Lew Ciochetto was a Tacamo guy and flew the c130 and E6a. He passed away 10 years ago but if anyone has any memories of him or photos I would love to hear and see.

Vern Lochausen

Looking for anyone who has contact with a former Intel Officer Karen who left the Navy and went to the Peace Corps. Tall blonde lady who served in Madagascar.

Wake Island Plaque Display



Until Mid August 2016

Location: NAS OKC

(Tinker AFB)

in the VQ3 Hangar

Viewing Information:
Anyone wishing to view
the plaque, please
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