



## 2014 TACAMO Marietta, GA Reunion

TACAMO Community Veterans Association held the 2014 reunion in Marietta, GA. Over 115 attendees included, TACAMO veterans, family members, children, Crew 4 family members, Industry members and friends of TACAMO. It was four days of fun, golf, touring, gatherings and sharing memories. Also, forums on past, present and future of TACAMO. The 2014 Banquet brought many surprises as the 2014 TACAMO Hall of Fame Inductees were announced.

**REVIEWS ARE IN:**

**Steve Hickle:** *I just wanted to thank the Reunion committee, Vern, Cheryl, Mike and Jim and anyone else that made this great event happen!!! Was another great reunion, fun, action packed and a wealth of information. My kids even enjoyed it!!! Lots of hard work and coordination as usual went into this and it is greatly appreciated!! See everyone in Hawaii, Mahalo*

**Neil Jordan:** *I would like to ditto that twice.*

**Vern Lockhausen:** *We gambled and folks came and supported. The brief summary by John Ehlers, the guy who created The Shadow, made it for me. He expressed the appreciation of the Plankowners to those who came after them and remembered and honored their work in starting TACAMO. Vets honoring Vets, Sailors recognizing Sailors.....spins my props and my turbines now.*

**Barry Coyle:** *Thanks for putting on such a great reunion this year! Absolutely wonderful.*

**Susan Barker White:** *It was a great event. We appreciated everyone that helped us learn more about our brother. It was well organized and we sure felt welcome.*

**Rhonda Cline:** *It was a pleasure and I would love to do MORE in the future. It made me proud to see such valor, such dedication and such PASSION in the men and women that helped MY America with their service!*

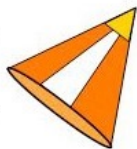
**Roz Lindeman:** *It is a rare occasion when I am rendered speechless, but such was the case at the TACAMO reunion banquet, Monday, 10 November 2014. Accepting Don's 2013 Hall of Fame award was an honor for me beyond words. I do, however, regret not being composed enough to address the group because it was not about me, but rather, my incredible husband, ATCS Don "Lindy" Lindeman. There were few times in our 46 years together when I dropped off*



*the top rung of the "pedestal" to take a backseat to something or someone, but Don's TACAMO family ALWAYS CAME FIRST. He thrived on what he did and with whom he did it. He took his duties seriously and served his country and the TACAMO community with pride and an unwavering commitment to excellence that continues to be displayed by everyone associated with this amazing organization. He would have been the first to tell you that there was no better feeling than to complete a successful mission as an integral part of a top notch crew. On February 13, 2013 Don was inducted into the Hall of Fame. He died the following day. What an incredible recognition to have bestowed upon a dedicated TACAMO crew member preparing for his final deployment and his final mission...to watch over all of us from the ultimate "HERC" in the sky. If we are able to choose how we want to spend eternity, for Don it would be with his TACAMO family. I am blessed and honored to feel such an important connection to this amazing organization. Thank you ALL. You will always have my deepest gratitude, love and respect.*



**TACAMO Community  
Veterans Association**



#### 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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## Letter from the Executive Director, *Mike Vos*

Another TACAMO reunion is behind us. Over 115 attended this year's reunion. We believe that a good time was had by one and all.

The theme, "Back to the Beginning", was just that. Many Plank Owners were in attendance (two were inducted into our Hall of Fame), and a few others that preceded "the Plank".

Lockheed Martin was our reunion sponsor. They treated us to a tour of their factory, where all of our Hercs were born. You could feel the history in that building and sense the ghosts of those that have built historic aircrafts since 1942.

TCVA's President and resident historian, Vern Lochausen "schooled us up" on the history of our TACAMO Hercs, right down to the previous Air Force side numbers that were turned into our first four G models, 151888, 889, 890 and 891. We heard stories about 890 falling into a cornfield and 891 flying around the world by Ron Carlson. Ed Hampshire shared his love/hate for 888 and it's desire to kill him. All 80 attendees were glued to their seats hearing the all the great stuff!

We were treated with the presence of the sisters of AN Andrew Barker, who perished in the crash of 156176, off of Wake Island in 1977. They were able to see what a difficult mission we had and understand the spirit of extended family we all have for each other. We welcome them into our community.

VQ-4 sent us a crew and a jet, again this year. A group of fine young people that should renew our faith in the future. Among them were LT. Jeremy Harris and PO Tara Buckley, return visitors from last year. Let's think of them as our "Active Duty Ambassadors". Thanks for thinking of us and sharing your crew with us. Fly safe!

We at TCVA hope that you can join us for the 2016 reunion in Hawaii. It's theme will be "Salute to the Spouse". We promise to show our appreciation to the unsung heroes of TACAMO. Those that tended to the real business of family life and supported us, while we did what we enjoyed doing, so much. We are "on course" for the Sept./Oct. 2016 time frame and should announce the "glide-path" in a few months from now. So, keep throwing those quarters into a jar and plan on joining us for a real "bucket list" trip. You won't regret or forget it.



## TCVA's New Mailing Address



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# TACAMO Hall of Fame

<http://tacamo.org/TCVA/HOF/hof.html>



Congratulations to the 2014 TACAMO Hall of Fame Inductees. All received their awards at the 2014 Reunion Banquet in Marietta GA.



## TACAMO Hall of Fame - 2014

Barry Coyle

**Service-** VQ-3 in late 60s, VQ-4 in mid-70s, VQ-3 - 80s

### Contributions

- Upgraded Safety/NATOPS program - VQ-4
- Directed crew prep and start of 100% airborne - VQ-3
- Guided execution and refinement of 100% - CO - VQ-3
- Led Site Survey Team for E-6 basing
- Led E-6 analysis and selection team in OPNAV
- Creator of TACAMO Wing concept/strategic basing for SECNAV
- Led all Naval Aviation Technical Training- NTTC Memphis

**Leadership-**VADM Jim Stockdale Leadership Award as CO VQ-3

**Community Service-**TACAMO Survivors Association first President and team member to establish TSA and obtain 501c3. Continued to mentor TCVA in its formation.

**Peer recognition-** Stockdale Award, Unanimous BOD nom for Hall of Fame



## TACAMO Hall of Fame - 2014

Jim Meppelink

**Service-** VQ-4 late 70s, VQ-3 in mid 80s, VQ-4 in early 90s  
PMA Rep at Rockwell Collins late 80s  
Rockwell Collins Tech rep mid 90s through present

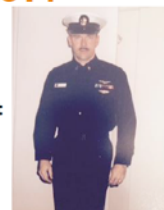
### Contributions

- Crew leading In-Flight Technician in early VQ-4 100%
- Leading Shop Chief
- Directed Comm Suite cross decks from Hercs to Mercs
- Squadron Maintenance Master Chief in one of most difficult VQ-4 periods
- Developed requirements for the wartime S3 Kits
- Led development of overall "war time" support strategy and execution

**Leadership-**Maintenance Master Chief, Herc to Merc PMA rep at Rockwell Collins, technical mentor to TACAMO maintenance crews and leaders

**Community Service-**Unparalleled Tech Rep expertise and service. Advisor to PMAs and Commodores. Little League and Youth Basketball Coach, Church Organizational Leader & Sunday School Superintendent.

**Peer recognition-** Unanimous BOD and Chief's Community and PMAs



## TACAMO Hall of Fame - 2014

Joe Caruso

**Service-** VQ-3 plankowner and VQ-4 in 70s/80s  
PMA 1980s through 2014. **Total of 45 years.**

### Contributions

- Crew leading In-Flight Technician during 70s/80s
- Mentor and trainer of Mission Crews
- Leading Avionics Division Chief
- Technical expert for TACAMO Upgrade programs
- Led plan for cross deck of comm suites from Herc to Merc
- Herc and Merc mod schedule planner
- PMA's lead program planner- schedules and financial- all mods since HPTS
- Program Manager of PMA contractor support team

**Leadership-**Senior Chief, Mod Program lead, SABRE Program Manager

**Community Service-**Unparalleled PMA expertise and service. Sailors and NAVAIR civilian mentor and Subject Matter Expert.

**Peer recognition-** Unanimous BOD and Chief's Community and PMAs



## TACAMO Hall of Fame - 2014

Mickey DiPasquo

**Service-** Naval Air Development Center  
PMA-271 and L-3 Communications  
1982-1994

### Contributions

- Led tech team evaluating new VLF and navigation systems
- Led NADC lab teams during late Herc and early Merc periods
- Led Navy E-6 development programs in PMA
- Design and engineering lead for EC-135 to Merc crossdeck
- Crafted E-6A to B mod program that made it work
- Pioneering single site, multi-contractor mods concept

**Leadership-**NADC Lab, many technical teams, PMA-271

**Community Service-**Unparalleled immersion in TACAMO mission by a government civilian. Acknowledged as 'the expert' in TACAMO systems and how to field them.

**Peer recognition-** Unanimous BOD, PMAs and COs, and NAVAIR peers



## TACAMO Hall of Fame - 2014

Wally Goss

**Service-** Plankowner in VQ-3  
Flight Crew lead in developing TACAMO II and III  
Technical expert at NTTC  
TCVA Reunion and Historian supporter since it began

### Contributions

- Helped develop earliest versions of TACAMO Mission Avionics
- Crew leading In-Flight Technician in pre-comm and early VQ-3
- Leading Shop Chief
- Directed development of relevant Chief Petty Officers' Exams
- Technical expert advisor to NTTC CO
- Mentor to Sailors and supporter of family assistance programs

**Leadership-**Senior Chief, NTTC Tech Leader, TCVA outreach

**Community Service-**Unparalleled pioneer of early TACAMO systems and support in developing early history of TACAMO and in advertising and supporting reunions.

**Peer recognition-** Unanimous BOD, Chief's Community, early COs



## TACAMO Hall of Fame - 2014

P A Moore

**Service-** VQ-3 early 70s, VQ-3 mid- 80s, VQ-4 early 90s

### Contributions

- Brought EP-3/S-3 execution thrust to TACAMO- VQ-3
- Directed crew support and buildup in VQ-3 100% ops
- Led upgrades in tactics/crew performance in VQ-3
- Led transition from Hercs to E-6 Mercury in VQ-4
- Strongest leader advocate for disassociated sea duty
- Led Naval Comms Area Master Station as CO

**Leadership-**CO VQ-4 in most challenging period since 1970s

**Community Service-**Navy 'family' advocate and mentor. A true Sailors' Sailor.

**Peer recognition-** Unanimous BOD and 4 COs nominations for Hall of Fame



# Reunion Recognitions



**Left: Roz Lindiman** accepted her husband, Don Lindeman's 2013 Hall of Fame award (Roz was unable to attend the Seattle Reunion)

**Right: Frank Baker III** (son of 2012 Hall of Fame Inductee, Frank Baker II) accepted the TACAMO Life Membership Award for his behind the scenes contributions for the 2014 Marietta Reunion

**Below: Rebecca Flint & Susan White**, sisters of TACAMOPAC Crew 4 member Andrew Barker accept a rose as recognition of Andrew.

## Lyle Bercier Interview Extracts

October 30, 2014 Lexington Park, MD

Background: Lyle was in charge of procurement and support of the first C-130 aircraft for TACAMO while he was a manager in the US Navy Bureau of Aeronautics (BuAer pronounced BU AIR) in the early 1960s. He obtained and obligated the funds to buy the first two sets of Hercs, the 151 and 156 BUNO series. Lyle retired from government service as a GS-15 Aeronautical Engineer in 1974 and continued as a consultant to the Navy until 1987. During World War II, Gunner's Mate 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Lyle Bercier was a crewman aboard the USS Quail (AM-15) a 187 ft, 840 ton mine sweeper stationed at Manila, Bay Philippines. Quail's role was to keep the sea lanes open through the mine field protecting the southern approaches to Manila off the island of Corregidor. Between 8 December 1941 and early May 1942 Quail did that and much more. When the Philippines were surrendered and Quail had no fuel or ammo left, she was scuttled and her captain and 17 other surviving crew members escaped in a 36 ft motor boat. They sailed south from Corregidor and arrived in Australia in early June. They had traveled 29 days and 2,060 miles with no sextant, no decent navigation charts, and using a pocket watch as their chronometer. At age 92, Lyle is the last surviving member of the Quail crew that made that escape when he was but 19 years old. Learn more at: <http://navalwarfare.blogspot.com/2009/02/uss-quail-am-15.html>

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## ***Lyle Bercier continued***

Claim to fame-“I was in BUAIR when I got the program in 1963. I was the designated TACAMO program manager from 1959 to 1965, even after I was moved from BUAIR to NAVMAT (Navy Material Command) in 1964. VADM Ike Kidd ordered me to keep TACAMO even though I had another full time job working for him in NAVMAT. We had a fight trying to get those first four aircraft off the Air Force production line. An Air Force general in the Pentagon told me he would whoop my ass if I didn’t get off his airplanes.”

Who paid the bill?- “When we bought these airplanes nobody in the Navy in the Pentagon gave a damn about them. You couldn’t talk to anybody in OP 05 (Aircraft Programs) and the guy in OP 09 (Submarine Programs) didn’t seem to care either. So the money came direct to me from OSD! There was a guy in OSD who was only one I could talk to and get any backing from. The program came to me at BUAIR directly from NADC without any Navy program sponsor.”



Who picked up the first four?- “Ron Carlson picked up 890 and 891 for the Pacific and George Watts picked up 888 and 889 for the Atlantic in late 1963 and early 1964. Ron had to taxi out of Marietta in the snow and head for Barbers Point via Dayton and Alameda and George taxied out behind him, heading for Pax River.”

Famous Admiral’s direction- “When we bought that second group, 170 to 177, again the money and the support came direct from OSD. But VADM John Thach, OP 05, cornered me one day in the Pentagon and told me “You put out the word that those airplanes are NOT to be used for hauling cargo or people. Tell those VR guys to knock it off. They can only be used for training and TACAMO.” AIRLANT and AIRPAC pretty much did what they wanted to with the first four and Ron even flew 891 clear around the world in 1964, hauling cargo. As soon as they put the TACAMO gear in permanently why that ended that.”

Other Famous TACAMO Pioneers-“I knew Jay McCormick when he was at NAVELEX as the VLF expert and later he went to NAVAIR as the Deputy Program manager for TACAMO. Ed Preston came from VQ-3 as the first CO to NAVELEX as Jay’s boss and then later NAVAIR with the program down in Dallas. I met Art Collins (founder of Collins Radio) and some of his staff but I was more just buying the airplanes. Two of Art’s guys I met were Bob Carroll and Tom Martin who went on to form E Systems when they left Collins.”

Fondest Memory of TACAMO- “Well that first year in Dallas everybody worked like hell and everybody had a good time. I’d like to know how much wire we dropped in the Gulf of Mexico in those early testing flights. Everybody was very happy that they were getting something important done. Collins Radio was very interested in us getting it right and sent their chief engineer down several times to work stuff out. This was on those first four 890 series birds. The thing about it was the Navy crews were usually all the same people and they worked hard and helped build those first systems and make them work.”

Chance Meeting- “One time I was down there at Addison Field before we moved over to Love Field and early one morning a guy came up to me asked what kind of airplanes these were and I told him C-130s. He said they all belong to the NAVY? and I said Yeah. Then he says I’d like to see the inside of one of them. So I asked Well who are you? and he says Oh I am a football coach here in Dallas, Tom Landry. So I took him up to the cockpit and showed him around and he was very pleased and grateful.” (Landry was a B-17 Flying Fortress bomber aircraft commander in Europe in WWII)

Final Words- Asked what he would say to those attending the Marietta reunion and those working the TACAMO program today, Lyle replied “Well I can’t make down there” and “Don’t screw it (the program) up.”

## PARALOFT UNVEILS NEW STORE ITEMS AT MARIETTA REUNION

By: Jim Gallagher

The 2014 Marietta reunion saw the [Paraloft](#) unveil several new items that generated a considerable amount of attention to many of the reunion attendees and TACAMO memorabilia collectors. Just because you were not in attendance does not mean you missed out! These new items are available by clicking on [Paraloft](#).

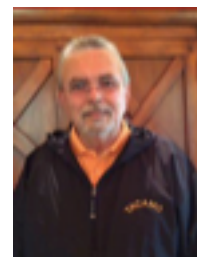


The first of such items was the Lockheed/Martin "Yoke Emblem". Each new and reworked EC-130G/Q aircraft that was flown to a TACAMO squadron by squadron flight deck crews from Lockheed Georgia or a rework depot was fitted with this emblem which was located in the center of the Pilot and co-pilot yokes. All the yoke emblems from the 22 TACAMO Hercs have not been accounted for but they are truly a collector's treasure. By special permission of Lockheed/Martin Marietta, TCVA was granted permission to replicate a number of the yoke emblems for those serious collectors. The emblem is proudly mounted on a 5 x 7" plaque with a brass plaque below briefly explaining the significance of this treasure.

Also unveiled was the EC-130 and E-6 tail flashes. Measuring 6" these beauties sit on a wood like base. Squadron patches are included in the tails making these a unique piece of memorabilia or gift for that special shipmate. The Herc tails sport the Department of the Navy seal while the Merc tails have the United States Strategic Command seal. We can personalize base with a brass name tag that includes 2-3 lines of text. Inscribe the dates of service in a squadron or both squadrons or your rank/rate or your aircrew position. These look great on a bookcase or a desk without taking up too much room.



Many have asked for more clothing attire so we brought the Charles River black hooded pullover windbreaker/rain jacket embroidered with TACAMO on the left breast in gold stitching. This light weight wind/rain jacket so extremely light, warm and waterproof. The softex fabric has a powder soft and lightweight hand feel, has underarm grommets for added ventilation, extended zipper at the neck for added wind protection and easy on and off and packs into its own pouch pocket with zipper closure for easy packing and storage.



We have found that the trend for attendees at the reunions is to place important or memorable pins on their TACAMO hats. Pins like the Herc, or AC/NFO/Pilot wings, the TACAMOPAC Crew-4 memorable pin, the various reunion pins or the TACAMO Chiefs pin even the 1,000, 2,000 or even 5,000 hour pins. We all remember that at one time we all wore pins on our hats, jackets or name tags when we flew but the times have changed and due to stricter FOD precautions regulations prohibit the practice. But that doesn't mean you cannot show them off at the reunion. To help you start your collection we have introduced the squadron pins which include VQ-3, old VQ-4, new VQ-4 and VQ-7. These are now available in the [Paraloft](#).



Last but not least of the new items introduced at this year's reunion is the return of the popular EC-130 ball caps. Front view of the mighty Herc above its nomenclature "EC-130" embroidered on a structured crown and "TACAMO" embroidered above the rear eyelet of the Velcro adjustable strap. These favorites are available in Black/White and Khaki/Navy/White.



# TACAMO ACTIVE DUTY



## TCVA's active duty ambassadors TACAMOLANT Crew 4

TACAMO active duty members have been present at TCVA reunions for the past four years. 2011 Pax River, 2012 OKC, 2013 Seattle, WA & 2014 Marietta, GA. We never know when they will appear, but all attending the reunion enjoy meeting the future TACAMO Veterans. Looking forward to them joining us in Hawaii 2016.



## [Veteran's Day Parade/ Women's Veteran Monument](#)

TACAMO Sailors participated in the Annual Veteran's Day Parade and the dedication event for the Women's Veterans Monument. Read more by clicking on title.

# TACAMO HERITAGE CENTER

## Update

First off, many thanks to those that have donated TACAMO artifacts for the future display(s).

### Crew equipment:

- Flight Jackets: Millard Battles and AT3 Dennis Mura (TACAMOPAC Crew 4) from his brother Tim Mura.
- SV-2 survival vest: Ed Hampshire
- LPP-1 'rubber ducky': Vern Lochausen
- Fuel line wrenches: Charles Edge
- Half Globe Ashtray: Buff Crowell
- Crash Axe from 151890: Ed Hampshire
- EC-130Q Yoke Discs: Joe Walko and Ed Hampshire
- KW-7 Code Setting tool: Vern Lochausen

### Aircraft equipment:

- Flight deck seat (159348): Vern Lochausen
- KC-130F lightning diverter rod: Vern Lochausen
- TACAMO IV SF6 and DTWA wire samples: Ed Hampshire
- E-6A 162782 broken tail piece: Ed Hampshire

### Cruisebooks & Photos:

- VW-1
- VQ-3
- VQ-4
- VQ-3 photos of Hercs and MerCs Formation & Commissioning Ceremony books
- TACAMOPAC 1975-76 Cruise Book & Newspaper articles from 1977 crash - Joe Bacarella

### Artwork:

- EC-130Q TACAMO III- Bill Coyne
- EC-130Q TACAMO IV-Vern Lochausen
- 151891 JATO Takeoff-Frank Baker III
- EC-130Q 161 series drawing: Bill Crouch
- USAF Airborne Command Post Squadrons patches- Ed Hampshire

### NATOPS:

- EC-130 Pocket Checklist- Ed Hampshire
- E-6A Comm Systems- Dick Buckner

A list of possible artifacts for donation is listed on the next page in yellow box. If you have other ideas please don't hesitate to call Coach @ [405-213-7965](tel:405-213-7965) or email [CoachWarren@tacamo.org](mailto:CoachWarren@tacamo.org)

We are currently working on a smaller more expansive museum presence in Patuxent River, the Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola, Naval Academy and Oklahoma City (location TBD) in the immediate future. The goal is to present the mission, people, aircraft, and history.

A proposed footprint of the exhibit is being developed and discussed at this time. Picture a glass exhibit case 4'x4'x8' tall, and use the models that we get from the Philippines, Herc and Merc(B) flying with drogues on wires behind and a model SSBN in faux water below. Include graphics as to the mission and a brief history. Then we add a couple of panels discussing the people, mission and history with interactive video series showing the History channel special, the Boeing 707 barrel roll by Tex Johnston, History of the Reel Operations, and other significant historical milestones. (See NAOC panel example) In addition, we would display the many artifacts the YOU have donated in another display case that could be rotated from museum to museum.

Although this is not a stand alone Heritage Center, it would be a consistent exhibit that gets our mission in places of exposure in many places.

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# TACAMO HERITAGE CENTER

We are still working on a bigger museum footprint in Oklahoma City's "Science Museum Oklahoma" to set up a TACAMO exhibit. However, we need to have a more interactive hands-on exhibit. A comm central, panel trainers, and items that teach and inspire the many children that visit the museum throughout the school year. Their main theme is "Expansive museum with child-friendly, hands-on exhibits, plus an IMAX theater, planetarium & café." An example, of the hands-on exhibit would be the AWACS Communication Central. Where the kids can push some buttons to watch the history, operations, etc.



## TACAMO Artifacts & Treasures

- COMM Central
- Droque
- Power AMP
- VLF Power Amp
- Variometer
- Reel
- Herc & Merc Items
- COMM Box
- NATOPS Manuals
- JATO Bottle
- Galley
- Crew Rest Seat
- A Bunk
- Patches & Stickers
- Crew Pictures

**Donate TACAMO  
Artifacts  
&  
Treasures to:**

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C/O Coach Warren  
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## Tucson Boneyard Tour Anyone?



**2015 Spring Deployment,  
Interested? Email us at  
[tcva.reunions@gmail.com](mailto:tcva.reunions@gmail.com)**



# *TACAMO 2014 Reunion Recap*



## **Lockheed Martin Tour**



**TACAMO**  
2014 REUNION

**BACK TO THE BEGINNING**  
▼ MARIETTA, GEORGIA ▼

LOCKHEED MARTIN







## TACAMO 2016 Reunion

In early 2015, TCVA reunion planner, Cheryl Vos will go to Oahu for a site visit for the 2016 reunion.

**Hotels:** Hale Koa - This is the military hotel on Waikiki Beach. Only active or retired military can book reservations. Anyone who does not meet the requirements to stay must have a sponsor. Eligibility? Room reservations will not be accepted more than 365 days in advance of arrival date of requested stay. TCVA will provide an advance notice to make reservations. Many of our members and family members attending are not eligible. TCVA is asking those who are to sponsor rooms for others attending.

Sponsors (except those residing on Oahu) must reside in the hotel during the same period as their sponsored guests and assume financial responsibility.

Three additional guestrooms are authorized for this purpose.

Referral Hotel - This hotel will be used if needed for those not able to stay in the Hale Koa. It will be within proximity to the Hale Koa. More information after our site visit.

**Attendees:** TACAMO Veterans, family, friends and industry partners of TACAMO. Bring your family and friends and make it a vacation.

**Transportation:** To be determined

**Events:** Tour of Barbers Point, visit Hideaway (Coastie) Club, Arizona Memorial & sites, Polynesian Center, North Shore, attend a Luau, ride the trolley everywhere, TACAMO Banquet.

**Ideas:** Please submit your email Cheryl at [tcva.reunions@gmail.com](mailto:tcva.reunions@gmail.com) asap.

## Hale Koa Rates for 2015

RATES	I	II	III	IV
Categories Active, Retired, Reserve & NG	Leave/Pass	Leave/Pass	Leave/Pass	Official Travel
Enlisted	E1 - E5*	E6 - E9		All Grades TDY/PCS/ TLA****
Officer		W01 - W03 O1-O3	CW4-CW5 O4-O10	
DoD Civilians			DoD Civilians**	
Others		Widows/ 100% DAV***		Foreign Military*****
STANDARD	\$91	\$113	\$118	\$177
MODERATE	\$99	\$123	\$130	\$182
GARDEN VIEW	\$106	\$130	\$136	\$187
PARTIAL OCEAN VIEW	\$114	\$140	\$147	\$192
OCEAN VIEW	\$125	\$154	\$162	\$212
OCEAN FRONT	\$196	\$196	\$196	\$257
DELUXE OCEAN FRONT	\$222	\$222	\$222	\$289

(Based on single or double occupancy)

Rates are subject to change on or before October 1, 2015

## Fallen Shipmates

*Passings received after last Newsletter*



Kenny Whitten Reel Operator 12/11/14



## A SALUTE TO ALL OF OUR VETERANS

### TACAMO Questionnaire

Submit your information by copying and pasting the questions below into an email. Send to

[tacamocommunity@gmail.com](mailto:tacamocommunity@gmail.com)

- What influenced your decision to join the military?
- What was your service career path?
- Of the medals, awards and qualification badges or devices you received, what is the most meaningful to you and why?
- Did you participate in combat operations? if so, could you describe those which were significant to you?
- Which, of the TACAMO Squadrons you were assigned to, do you have the fondest memories of and why?
- From your entire service career what particular memory stands out?
- Which individual person from your TACAMO service stands out as the one who had the biggest impact on you and why?
- How has military service influenced the way you have approached your life and career?
- In what ways has TCVA helped you maintain a bond with your service and those you served with?



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