



Special Edition - 2019 TACAMO mini- Reunion

Recognition Ceremony

On June 8, 2019, TACAMO Community Veterans Association (TCVA) will hold a gathering at the Pensacola National Museum of Naval Aviation to recognize 151891 with it's First pilot, Ron Carlson. In attendance will be other crew members on the Around the World Flight as well as Reid Henderson, USMC FE, on the last flight as the Flight Engineer and other Marines that flew her on her last flight.

Ceremony

June 8th from 1pm to 2pm in Blue Angel Atrium



**Antarctic Explorer, TACAMO Pioneer, Hurricane Hunter,
2012 TACAMO Hall of Fame Inductee**



History Behind 151891 as a TACAMO Aircraft

On the Flight Line at Pensacola National Naval Aviation Museum there is a Blue Angels C-130 called Fat Albert/151891. 151891 aircraft rolled off the line at Lockheed Marietta in late 1963. It was obtained from USAF production line and handed over to Ron Carson and crew in 1963.

The Navy initially assigned EC 130G 151891 to VR-21 Det TACAMO in Barbers Point, HI from 26 December 1963 to 31 December 1965. It was used for the “trash Hauling” mission until the TACAMO II Vans were produced and shipped to them nearly a year later.

In April 1964 while assigned to VR-21, Pilots LCDR Ron Carlson, LCDR Harlan, LT Charlie Bridge, LT Don Blair and AT2 Jack Reese along with their crew flew Around the World in 25 Days. 151891 flew logistic support for the US Naval training exercise in the Indian Ocean area, flew 46,000 nautical miles in 25 days with only routine maintenance support. The aircraft carried an average payload of 35,000 pounds for the entire mission. The longest single leg was over water from Bangkok, Thailand to Aden on the Persian Gulf, a distance of 4,050 miles. The crew flew an average of eight hours per day for a total flight

time of 172.2 hours, during which time it was serviced with a variety of fuels with no resultant problems. 151891 flight gave logistic support to the “Concord Squadron”, made up of the USS Bon Home Richard, and three destroyers which made courtesy calls on several nations boardening the Indian Ocean area.

After that 151891 was transferred to VW-1 on Guam on 01 Jan 1966 VW-1 Det TACAMO. Then On 1 July 1968, VW-1 TACAMO detachment became Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron 3, VQ-3. She later flew in the 1970s and 80s in VQ-4 at Pax River. In the early 80’s, she was the TIP II test platform. Then in the mid-80s, 151891 was assigned to anti jam and electro magnetic pulse testing at Kirkland AFB, New Mexico. In 1990, 151891 was redesigned as TC 130G and assigned to VQ-4 for aircrew training and logistics only.

In 1991, 151891 became Fat Albert for the Blue Angels due to TACAMO obtaining E-6 aircraft. In November 2002 151891 retired from the Blue Angels after parts fell off the leading edge during a post maintenance period.

Support “891” Recognition by purchasing raffle tickets to win 2 Roundtrip Tickets on Southwest

TACAMO Host Hotel: Pensacola Grand Hotel



The Pensacola Grand Hotel is located on the historic site of the Louisville and Nashville passenger depot that was constructed in 1912 replacing the old 1882 vintage L&N Union Station. The L&N Depot served the Pensacola rail industry for 58 years and is listed on the National Historic Registry as an important architectural landmark.

❖ **Full Service Hotel**

❖ **Parking** - complimentary parking

❖ **WiFi** - complimentary

❖ **Airport Shuttle** - complimentary service

from 6:00 am to 10:00 pm

❖ **Located Downtown Pensacola**, within walking distance of McGuire's Irish Pub

❖ **Dinning**

- Located on the ground floor, **1912, The Restaurant** is open from 6:30 am to 2:00 pm, then re-opens from 5:00 pm till 10:00 pm Monday through Saturday and is opened from 6:30 am till 2:00 pm on Sundays. In the restaurant you will find a number of interesting period antiques including the entrance's Biva doors, brought from a shop in London; a cast bronze French-style chandelier from a home in Philadelphia; beveled glass windows circa 1885 from a Victorian hotel in Scranton, Pennsylvania; and scalloped-shaped grill work from Lloyd's of London, now installed on the back wall of the restaurant.
- **CAVU Club** is one of the most unique lounges in the area. Open daily from 2:00 p.m. till 12:00 a.m., Cavu Club is home to an incredible collection of Naval Aviation photography and memorabilia. A favorite destination of our service members, both active duty and retired, Cavu Club boast a large, stained glass ceiling over the main bar that was found in a Vaudeville Theatre in Youngstown, Ohio, circa 1905. A heavily-jeweled ceiling dome from a theatre in Philadelphia can be found over the dance floor and five matching multi-armed cast bronze wall sconces, circa 1915, were brought in from a Gothic-style.

Room Rate "CUT OFF" May 15, 2019

TACAMO Community
Veterans Association
Room Rate

June 3th to 13th

\$125 + taxes,
(Normal Rate \$199)

Reservation Code:
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CUT OFF DATE
MAY 15, 2019



After May 15th
Room Rate price
goes up to \$199 or
higher plus taxes

Reservation by Phone
ONLY
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Reservation Code:
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2019 TACAMO mini-Reunion Attendees

[Updated list - Click here](#)

** TACAMO Hall of Fame Inductee*

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| Buno 151891 | Barbara J Miller | Ken Crowe |
| Ron Carlson * | Richard Bergan | Helen Crowe |
| Arlene Carlson | Roz Lindeman * (Don HOF) | Reid Henderson, USMC FE |
| Frank C Baker III * (Father HOF) | Tom Cummins | Chester Adamson |
| Suzanne Baker | Pat Cummins | Connie Adamson |
| Gordon McCleery | Jerry Barkley | Robert Winters |
| Rachel McCleery | JJ Caruso | Xinmei Wang |
| John Marshall | Jean Caruso | Wallace Goss * |
| Deborah Marshall | Michael Bonnici | Marie Goss |
| Jim Barney | John H Burgoon | Eddie Hampshire * |
| Teri Barney | Donnie Woods * | Sherry Hampshire |
| John Alger | Betty Woods | Mike Vos |
| Joan Alger | Tom Maser | Cheryl Vos |
| David Smith | Joseph Palmer | Vern Lochausen * |
| Richard C Miller | Carol Palmer | |

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| <p>Friday, June 7 @ 5:00 PM Pensacola Grand Hotel Gathering - CAVU Club</p> <p>One of the most unique lounges in the area. Cavu Club is home to an incredible collection of Naval Aviation photography and memorabilia.</p> | <p><u>Special Recognition Ceremony</u></p> <p>Saturday, June 8 <i>Pre-Ceremony:</i> Tour Museum 9AM to 4PM</p> <hr/> <p>National Naval Aviation Museum in Blue Angel Atrium @ 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM</p> <p><i>Post Ceremony:</i> Banquet Dinner @ Pensacola Grand Hotel from 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM</p> | <p>Sunday June 9 & Monday June 10 Touring on your own- Plan something with those staying until Monday</p> | <p>Tuesday, June 11 @ 11:30 AM Blue Angels Practice</p> <p>Host hotel for the 2019 TACAMO Mini Reunion Pensacola Grand Hotel Room rates June 3 to 13 \$125 + taxes Rate ends May 15th the Price is \$199</p> |
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2019 TACAMO mini-Reunion Ticket Cost

2019 Registration Banquet hall rental and some admin cost **\$10**

CAVU Club
Free

Friday, June 7, 2019 @ 5:00 PM CAVU Club @ Pensacola Grand Hotel Pay as you go food and drinks at Club.

National Naval Aviation Museum **Free**

Tour Museum on your own: 9AM to 4PM All visitors to the National Naval Aviation Museum, Fort Barrancas or the Pensacola Lighthouse, those who do not possess a Department of Defense identification card or are not escorted by the holder of a Department of Defense identification card will be required to enter The Naval Air Station Pensacola through the West Gate off Blue Angel Parkway

Recognize 151891 & Ron Carlson **Free**

Saturday, June 8, 2019 @ 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM 151891 Recognition Ceremony @National Naval Aviation Museum in Blue Angel Atrium

Banquet Dinner **\$40**

Upscale Southern BBQ
Price includes 22% service charge, sales tax 7% & 3.5% pay pal fee
Fresh Garden Salad with Choice of Dressing * Creamy Cole Slaw * Pasta Salad
* Brisket of Beef * Grilled Seasonal Fresh Fish * Roasted Marinated Potatoes
* Southern Style Green Beans * Corn Muffins or Assorted Warm Rolls
* Warm Peach & Apple Cobblers

Blue Angels Practice **Free**

Tuesday, June 11, 2019 @ 11:30 AM Blue Angels Practice TCVA
Gathering Place TBD



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Other TACAMO NEWS

TACAMO Hall of Fame Nominations

Nominations can be submitted year round.

Presentation of TACAMO Hall of Fame Inductees will be held at the Reunion banquet. When there is a mini-Reunion, HOF Inductees will be announced November 11th of that year. Awards will be present at the next full Reunion.

Criteria for Induction

Guidelines for TCVA Hall of Fame induction:

- Minimum 2 tours in TACAMO
- Contributed to the mission/aircraft/morale/good reputation of TACAMO
- Technical/professional/personal leadership - a mentor
- Performed task or event that shaped the TACAMO mission
- Community service
- Generally recognized as deserving of this award

Categories

- TACAMO Sailor
- Industry Partner
- Government Support
- Posthumous
- Community Service



Submit HOF Nominations via the following links. Click a Link: [Website](#) [Word Doc](#)

TACAMO Fallen

Presented in no particular order.

Ron Sedwick
Allyre "Al" L. Jean
Betty Warren
Robert "Bob" Brooks
Harold Lee "Hal" Willard
Vice Admiral Jerry Owen Tuttle, U.S.
Navy (Retired)
Gary Lynn Baird
Daniel "Dan" Buckner
Charles Harless
Curt Seltzer
Dick Buckner
Mike Duvall
LeRoy (Lee) Heinz
Kim Brandon
John (Johnny) Francis McNamara
Lyle Bercier
Anthony (Tony) Felicijan
Robert Morrisette
Ron Woolsey
John Garreston
Thomas Holland
Leo "Dennie" Reed
Wayne Levesque
Ed Fisher
Edwin Munger, Jr.
Bob Downey
Rocky Wrather
Ed Preston
Ed Preston, CO VQ3- Number One &
Ironman ONE- Number One
Jeff Hunter
Norm Tindall
Mike Roach
Gregory Spaulding
Wes Young
Tim Keane
Tom Klosterman
2016 TACAMO Hall of Fame
Stephen William Coy
Scott How
Robert Stanley Shalsky
Mike Besse
John Burton

Rance Dunmire
Mike "Rooster" Wetzel
Mike Charles Kenney Sr.
Max Williams
Lou Ciochetto
William Clark
Lance Sirmans
Ken Whitten
Lance Marshall Scott
Kenneth Lee Gray
Joseph Paul Wojnarwshy Jr.
Joe Bagby
Jim Peterson
Boeing Engineer
Jim Landy
Jim Downs
Jim Bolin
Jay F. McCormick
James B. Mulligan
Jake Ausec
George W. Iwasko Jr.
Franklin Forrest
Englebert G. Pezzei
First CO of VQ-4
Elias "Fred" Rafael Fernandez
Dwight Lee Moye
Debra Roob Costello
Dave Dick
Daniel Lange
Dale Baker
David Wright
Craig Leonard Mellies
Jeffrey Paul Alcott Sr.
Chuck Osier
Charlie Quillan
Charlie Moeller
Ty Tyler
Bob Niederstadt
Ben Micou
Diane Kay Vanaman
Jimmy Kugler
John G. Nuesmeyer
Marshall Ardis
Ken Koehler

Douglas Mitchell
Artie Greenauer
Jerry Johnson
Todd Massey
Al Paraita
Roland D. Parish
AFCM Oscehurst
Bill Toomey
Gus Ulrich
David Aaron Summer
Edwin Munger
Theodore "Jake" Jachens
Ron Brown
Earl Solomon
Howard "Izzy" Gantz
James E Maddox
Terry N. Wininger
Eric Baluk
Robert Lee Thomas, Jr.
Cliff Greer
Stephen Joseph Schuyler, Sr.
Robert Boles
Fred Niklaus
Robert Douglas Wisotzkey
Robert Frost
Dale Tutko
Richard Allen Mohler
David Hammond Fincannon
"Gramps" Hayslip
"Dutch" Schultz
Grant Eric Hepner
Ben North
Cindy Alderson
Domingo Lind
Michael Thompson
Pat Cannon
Erik Gordan
Bruce Colby
Don Sifford
Ralph Ward
Dan Ruberti
Joseph Paul Innis
Jack Thompson

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Walter Beattie
Charles Gwin
Jon Kaniza
Greg Georges
Raymond Reel
Ken Link
W.R. Tyler
Dave Allen
Tom McLutch
Dale VanRonzelen
Pat McGettigan
Tom Cass
George Wesson
Ron Rego
John Barkwill
Trader John
Doug Kipp
Wm Lee Clark
James Clark
Tom Stout
John Ontko
Larry Groff
Paul Markle
Jim Tilton
Ernie Norie
Mike Musser
Jack Sughrue
Rick Longoria
Al Dowling
Guy Payne
Jack McMullen
Perry Ogle

Jerry Moore
Eddie Laitch
Wayne Fisher
Jim Scott
Claude Blackwell
Dave Closson
Al Albertson
Joe Moscaro
Bobby Milano
General Ensley
Mike Taylor
Stan Grant
Paul Collins, 2015 Hall of Fame
P.A. Moore, 2013 Hall of Fame
Don Lindeman, 2014 Hall of Fame
Ross "Rossie" Coleman, 2013 Hall of Fame
Bill "Horse" Harsanyi, 2013 Hall of Fame
Frank Baker Jr., 2012 Hall of Fame
Dave Buck, 2012 Hall of Fame
Gareth Reitz, 2012 Hall of Fame
Shane Mansour, 2012 Hall of Fame
Rick Filz, 2012 Hall of Fame
John Kilroy, 2012 Hall of Fame
Jack McKenzie, 2012 Hall of Fame
Tony Johnson, 2012 Hall of Fame

2012 Hall of Fame VQ-3 Crew 4
Andrew Yaroschuck
Mark Searing
Jack Strunk
Aubrey Russell
David Paige
Monte Nichols
Dennis Mura
Daniel Miner
Christie Metcalfe
Godfrey LeDoux
William Juergens
James Faul
Richard Eastwood
David Cofer
Bob Bond
Andrew Barker



TACAMO Memorial Stone

Location: Headquarters of the National Manned Command & Control Center, located in the Pacific Northwest, near the mouth of the Columbia River. The monument is about 1/4 of the way up, on your right.

On June 14, 2017, TACAMO Community American Association (TCAA) dedicated a large granite monument honoring the TACAMO mission and the TACAMO Crew 4 to the National Manned Command & Control Center of the Pacific Northwest.

TACAMO Crew 4 performed the TACAMO mission during the TACAMO mission in 1977. These are the names of the crew members who were involved in the mission.

Finally, TCAA has recognized the history, not only of the TACAMO mission, but the dedication of the TACAMO community to the defense of our nation.

Engraved on Memorial:
TACAMO CREW 4, 1977

IN MEMORY OF VQ-3 TACAMO CREW 4 WHO PERFORMED THE TACAMO MISSION DURING A TACAMO MISSION IN 1977. THE CREW 4 AT OCEAN FRONT LOCAL ON JUNE 14, 1977.

"Take Charge And Move First" is TACAMO's motto and the mission. To provide a reliable and secure link in support of deployed strategic nuclear forces.