

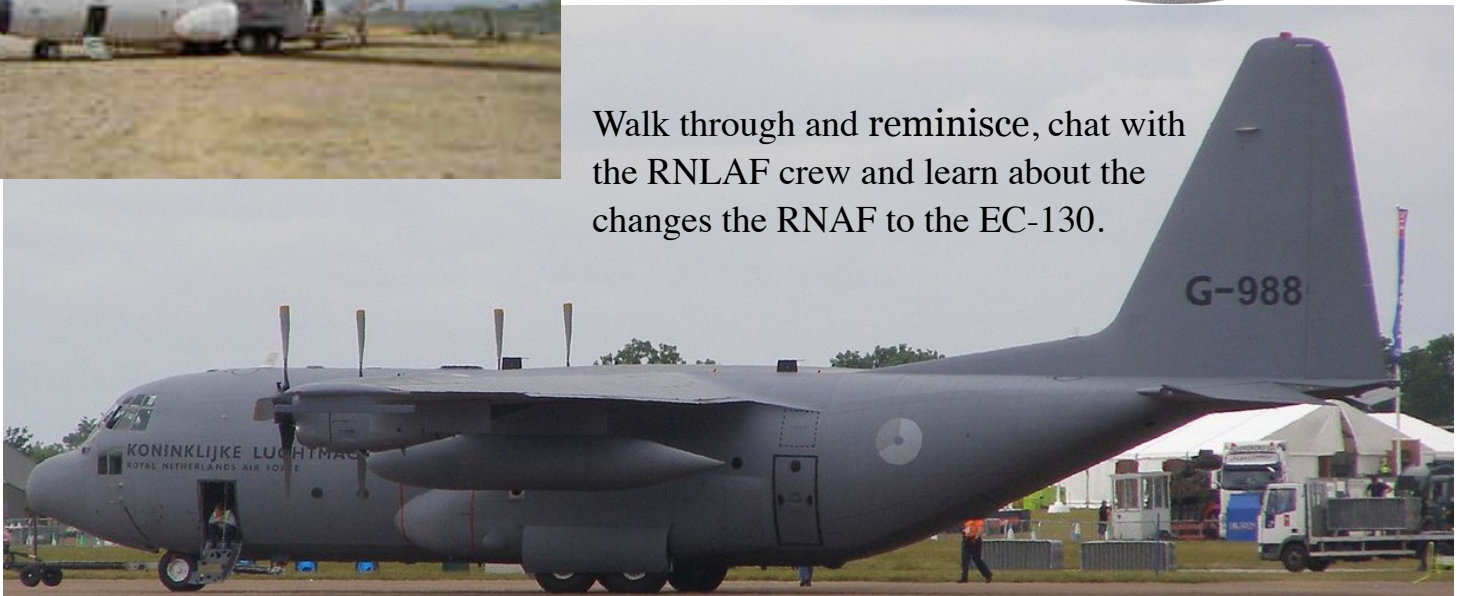


TACAMO EC-130 RETURNS HOME

to Lockheed Martin in Marietta, GA
Royal Netherlands Air Force will bring an EC-130
to the 2014 Reunion



Walk through and reminisce, chat with
the RNLAf crew and learn about the
changes the RNAF to the EC-130.



Reunion Historical Forum

**Talk Story with past Herc Plankowners &
Lockheed Martin historian, Joe Kirby & TACAMO historian, Vern Lochausen**

Many of TACAMO members who were there when TACAMO was first created, including two men who as young Navy Lieutenants brought the first Hercs from the factory to the Navy squadrons in Maryland and Guam will present their memories at this historical forum.

[Click here to view the 2014 Reunion Schedule](#)



**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 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, Mike Vos

50 years ago, the Navy began its relationship with the C-130. The "Herc" had been around for 10 years by then. The Air Force had widely used them as cargo and transport vehicles, however this was different. The Navy needed a durable, robust airframe to do something really crazy, broadcast VLF radio to submerged submarines.

There had been trailing wire antennas before but for HF frequencies. VLF had wavelengths that required miles not feet of trailing wire antenna and eventually an even longer wire just to help its propagation. The engines also needed to be robust enough to drive generators to power a 25K watt and eventually a 200K watt transmitter. The aircraft had to have a range great enough to traverse an ocean and still take time to 'hang on its props' for an hour or two to perform its strategic mission.

In the early 60's when we were struggling to put a man into space, the aforementioned mission must have seemed CRAZY.

But, engineers from Lockheed, Rockwell/Collins and the Navy knocked their heads together and equipped the Lockheed C-130 Hercules to perform this crazy mission the point where 24/7/365 coverage was maintained for years by a only a handful of "Hercs".

The strategic defense of the U.S. was in large part supported by TACAMO through the "Cold War" enabling the President to have nearly immediate communication with his nuclear assets submerged at sea. This acted as a deterrent that actually made MAD (Mutually Assured Destruction) work.

Yes, the C-130 was the vehicle, but it was also the Navy personnel and Lockheed and Rockwell/Collins Tech Reps that made it all work. We TACAMO Sailors should be proud of the silent work we did to be part of this instrument of peace.

Let's also be grateful to that old "Herc" for being that vehicle that flew from party to party. ;-)



Help Wanted: The TCVA has an immediate opening for our Treasurer. Our current treasurer, Rick Cotter, has resigned to address health and family issues. Rick was instrumental with us obtaining our 501c3 tax exempt status. We wish him fair winds and following seas.

The Treasurer position requires an understanding of QuickBooks and budgeting process. It also requires a knowledge of the IRS rules and regulations of a 501c3 organization.

The time required will be an hour or so per month for a conference call and a few hours in April to file taxes. CPA is preferred, but not necessary. Competence, experience and a desire to assist your TACAMO shipmates is a must.

Please send your resume and cover letter to Mike Vos, (mike@tacamo.org) with the subject line, "Treasurer Position".

Where are the TACAMO Hercs

by TCVA Historian, Vern Lochausen

For 30 years, from December of 1963 to August of 1993 these US Navy model EC-130G and EC-130Q kept silent watch over America. For almost 20 years they flew non-stop 24 hours a day, 7 days a week "Just in Case". Most are but a memory on paper in the Naval Historical Archives and in the minds and hearts of the Crews that flew them and the Maintainers that kept them in the air.

BY THE NUMBERS

PROTOTYPE EC-130 AIRCRAFT

- ★ **149806** USMC KC-130F, modified to EC-130 prototype, used as USMC VIP transport, Blue Angel's "Fat Albert", NAS Adak, Alaska station transport, Strike Aircraft NAS Pax River, final disposition unknown.

4 EC-130G AIRCRAFT

- ★ **151888**: Sold, broken up, date unknown
- ★ **151889**: Broken up at MCAS Cherry Point NADEP for parts April 94
- ★ **151890**: Mishap, In flight fuel tank explosion, forced landing damaged aircraft beyond repair, struck from Naval Records, broken up
- ★ **151891**: Operated by US Navy Blue Angels, retired 08 November 2002, Blue Angels Fat Albert display aircraft at the National Museum of Naval Aviation



[Inside
161531](#)

18 EC-130Q AIRCRAFT

- ★ **156170**: AMARC, sold to ASI/DMI Yard Tucson
- ★ **156171**: AMARC, sold to ASI/DMI Yard Tucson - Sold - Is now a flight control / engine-prop trainer for the C-130J
- ★ **156172**: AMARC, sold to ASI/DMI Yard Tucson
- ★ **156173**: AMARC, sold to ASI/DMI Yard Tucson
- ★ **156174**: AMARC, sold to ASI/DMI Yard Tucson
- ★ **156175**: AMARC, sold to ASI/DMI Yard Tucson
- ★ **156176**: Mishap June 1977, Flew into the water on take off from Wake Island, no survivors
- ★ **156177**: AMARC, sold to ASI/DMI Yard Tucson
- ★ **159348**: Static Display, Hercules Park, US Navy TACAMO Facility, Tinker AFB, OK
- ★ **159469**: AMARC, sold to ASI/DMI Yard Tucson
- ★ **160608**: STILL FLYING - AMARC, sold to ASI/DMI Yard Tucson, AZ - Sold to the Royal Netherlands Air Force, upgraded to C-130H specs, now operating as G-781
- ★ **161223**: For the USMC Museum, Stored at NADEP Cherry Point, broken up and is now used as an egress trainer at MCAS Cherry Point
- ★ **161494**: To NASA Wallops Island for spares, broken up and sold at auction 1997
- ★ **161495**: To NASA Wallops Island as N427NA - Sold to the Russell Military Museum of Russell, IL, currently parked at the John H Batten Airport in Racine, WI
- ★ **161496**: To NCAR for spares Stored at WIA yard Tucson
- ★ **161531**: To NCAR for spares Stored at WIA yard Tucson
- ★ **162312**: STILL FLYING - Flying as N130AR for the National Center for Atmospheric Research / National Science Foundation
- ★ **162313**: STILL FLYING - AMARC, sold to ASI/DMI Yard Tucson, AZ - Sold to the Royal Netherlands Air Force, upgraded to C-130H specs,

“SALUTE TO THE HERC”

The first aircraft modified for TACAMO testing was a KC-130F BUNO 149806 in 1963 which was fitted with a VLF transmitter and trailing wire antenna and tested communications with the fleet ballistic missile submarines.

Come celebrate the Herc era in Marietta

Hilton Reservations: October 1st rooms cut-off

<http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/A/ATLMAHF-TCVA-20141105/index.jhtml>

Hilton Hotel & Conference Center



- One of the Atlanta metropolitan area's largest suburbs.
- Home of Gone With the Wind Museum.
- November 13, 2014 – Commemoration of the Burning of Downtown Marietta
- Farmers Market, Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, museums, live theaters, shopping, parks and unique restaurants.
- <http://www.mariettaga.gov/>



Reunion Information - click on this link:

<http://tacamo.org/TCVA/reunions/2014reunion/2014.html>

Hilton Hotel Reservations

10/1 Cutoff for Reservations

DEADLINE for Hilton Hotel Reservations

Website can give you exact time left until October 1st!

Schedule	Registration Info	Container Auction	Hall of Fame Nominations
Historical Forum	Parade Information	Golf	Herc Returns Home
Marietta Information	Marietta Walking Tour	Atlanta Information	Location & Transportation

Lockheed Martin, where all TACAMO Hercs were built. Tour the facilities by walking among the plane as you see it being built.



TACAMO ACTIVE DUTY

Women's Veterans Monument Groundbreaking Ceremony



TACAMO Sailors attended the Women's Veterans Monument groundbreaking ceremony on June 6, 2014 at Veterans Park. This marked a day in history for Del City as only one other monument honoring women in uniformed services exists. The Del City Women's Veterans Monument is due to be completed by Veteran's day November 11, 2014.

<http://cityofdelcity.com/women-veterans-monument>



Navy fleet chief: Enlisted ranks not facing major cuts

By: [John Parker](#) June 5, 2014

U.S. Fleet Forces Fleet Master Chief Charles “Chuck” Clarke, U.S. Fleet Forces Command, talks with Sailors during a TACAMO (Take Charge And Move Out) all-hands call in June. He discussed the current status of the Navy and fielded questions about Sailors’ concerns. TACAMO is responsible to Commander Naval Air Forces for manning, training and equipping the Navy squadrons responsible for nuclear command and control communications to the nation’s nuclear triad mission. The U.S. Fleet Forces’ highest-ranking master chief recently delivered some good job security news to Strategic Communications Wing One personnel at Tinker Air Force Base. Fleet Master Chief Petty Officer Charles “Chuck” Clarke spoke to more than 500 TACAMO (Take Charge and Move Out) members at an all hands call in a Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron FOUR hangar.

While other military branches are facing significant cuts to personnel due to ongoing budget cuts, the Navy’s enlisted ranks are at a good level for the near future, Master Chief Clarke said.

“We’re right-sized, believe it or not,” he said. “Even with the LCS (littoral combat ships) coming online and everything else, we don’t plan on growing or shrinking any farther than we already are.”

The Navy currently has about 323,000 active duty members, of which about 266,000 are enlisted. The force includes 288 ships and submarines and over 3,700 aircraft. Littoral combat ships are among the newest Navy ships and designed to fight engagements in shallower waters near land.

Master Chief Clarke told the Tinker Take Off that he’s

impressed with the cohesion of the TACAMO wing.



(Navy photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Steven Raymer)

TACAMO SEA STORIES

The TACAMO Long Wire newsletter is pleased to announce a new recurring section that we all may contribute to, "TACAMO Sea Stories". TCVA hopes you will all enjoy reading them. Submit your TACAMO Sea Story to tacamocommunity@gmail.com.

Items hauled in TACAMO II and III

Submitted by Wally Goss

In late 1964 the VR-21 TACAMO Component was moving from Barber's Point Hawaii to VW-1 TACAMO on Guam, we were doing two or three day turn around and hauling just about anything a person could own. Entire household goods made the trip. I can



remember a time when my ditching station we inside a VW bug. We hauled a piano, an organ, several small boats and various animals. The biggest animal was a full grown HORSE. We were really worried about the horse coming out of the light sedation and a big mess to clean up. Luckily we didn't have any road apples to deal with.

When we started the transfer to Guam we would come in at night. Back then, you picked up your car at the Naval Station and had to get a safety inspection in Agana before coming on base to get a base sticker. Well, it wasn't long before NAS Agana Security was questioning how we got a car on base without a Guam safety inspection. We changed our schedule to accommodate the time difference, but those two day turn around, before we took another load, were rough.

While on Guam we had a ship come in once a month or so with most of the household goods and commissary items. There would be all a person's furniture, their car and any other item that was not able to be flown in. Well one day in early 1967, the "SS Guam Bear" cargo ship was hit by the ESSO Seattle, an oil company ship. They towed the "SS Guam Bear" up onto a reef and waited for the government agencies to hash it out. You could see household items and cars but under litigation no one could remove any items. Finally after several months, the SS Guam Bear was towed out to the Mariana trench and blown up by the Navy. They even broadcasted it on Guam TV. The saddest part was that no one got any of their items off the ship that I am aware of. And, of course, as time passed by everyone who had ever been on Guam had something on that ship.

Memorable time in the Navy while on my way to VQ-3

Submitted by Tommy Schafer

My memories of the military go back long before I ever joined the U.S. Navy. I recall hearing stories told by my dad and uncle about family members serving in WWII, Vietnam and their various branches of service. My dad and uncle were both serving in the 139th Airlift Squadron, part of the USAF Tactical Airlift Command. My father infrequently deployed for a couple weeks to a few days of course he always had guard weekend. Often (multiple times a week) he would fly proficiency flights in the evening after work to keep current on his hours.

After 17 years with the 139th, my father took an active duty slot with the 129th ARRS out of N.A.S. Moffett in Sunnyvale, CA. Shortly after this, I went to see about also joining the USAF... after all that is what I knew best. The Air Force recruiter was out of his office and those Navy Recruiters were looking to pounce upon anything that walked up to his door.

The Navy Recruiter started off by saying: "So, you want to work on airplanes." I said well yes but what I really want to do is fly them, like my dad. So he responds with: "You know the Navy has more aircraft than the Air Force". This intrigued me... that branch that advertises guys working on ships and port calls all over the world have AIRPLANES? So I asked, can I be a Flight Engineer on C-130's? They Recruiter said well no, Flight Engineers have to have experience working on aircraft and be recommended to receive this training to do that job but... there are several jobs that you can sign up for that will get you in a position to become a Flight Engineer. They had me... tailhook, arresting cable and anchor.

I took the ASFAB, then went to MEPS. I guess I did OK as I was offered several jobs... AT, AE, AD, AM, YM... and I chose AM(S) - Aircraft Mechanic - Structures, with a 4 years hitch and a guaranteed A-School and joined the Navy. While in AMS A-School, I selected my dream duty-station (HAWAII) and I volunteered for "AIRCREW"... and I was selected for both. After completing A-School I was on to N.A.S. Pensacola for Naval Aircrewman Candidate School, then N.A.S./N.A.T.C. Patuxent River for Mission

Memorable time in the Navy, Continued on page 7

TACAMO SEA STORIES

Memorable time in the Navy, Continued from page 6

Equipment School, then Redstone Arsenal for Aircraft Systems School, and finally on to my duty squadron: Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron Three (VQ-3) at N.A.S. Barber's Point to be a Reel Operator on the EC-130Q and then transition to the E-6A.

On my way cross country in my P.O.V., I visited my dad. I had previously arranged for him to help me get my car to the MATSON terminal near San Francisco to be shipped to Hawaii. After arriving at his home, he explained that he had an urgent flight the next morning to transport men and materials to a small civilian airport in Washington State. It seems that one of their squadron's HH-3's was aloft when its rotor blades began to separate. So they were forced to land at the closest airport and that turned out to be a small light aircraft airport.

He asked if I would like to go along and of course I said, HELL YEAH!. My dad called the squadron and arranged for me to join them on this flight. I had my flight gear, paperwork and qual jacket with me in transit so, everything was in order. The next morning dad and I went to his squadron, did aircraft pref-light checks, mission brief and he lined me out with what was going to take place to keep me out of the way and allow me to be helpful where I could be. He set me up in the jump seat on the flight deck ("cockpit" in zoomy lingo) in one of their HC-130H's. I was able to sit there for the flight up and back... one of the best views in all my days of flying from the back of the bus.

Flying into and out of this airport was awesome. To see how short a runway a C-130 needs to land and take off is very impressive. To be in the bird when it lands and takes off from these short runways is better than any amusement park thrill ride. The only thing that ever compared to this was landing in a EC-130Q

at El Toro MCAS, hard bank on final... I was looking across the bird out the side windows and seeing nothing but ground.

This is a memory that I will never forget and meant the most to me of all my time in the military. The military brat and his dad flying together and it was my first military flight, ever.



TCVA's New Mailing Address

TACAMO

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TACAMO Artifacts & Treasures WANTED

- COMM Central
- Drogue
- Power AMP
- Reel
- Herc & E6 Items
- COMM Box
- NATOPS Manuals
- JATO Bottle
- Galley
- Crew Rest Seat
- A Bunk
- Patches & Stickers
- Crew Pictures

Donate TACAMO Artifacts & Treasures to:

TCVA
C/O Coach Warren
1812 Faircloud Drive
Edmond, OK 73034-6510








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REUNION SCHEDULE

TACAMO Community Veterans Association				
Marietta, GA Reunion				
November 7 - 11, 2014				
Hilton Marietta Reservations for TACAMO 10/1 Cutoff for Reservations				
Friday 11/7	Saturday 11/8	Sunday 11/9	Monday 11/10	Tuesday 11/11
 <i>Pride</i>	 <i>Gone With the Wind</i>	 <i>APR 1945</i>	 <i>Celebrates</i>	 <i>Walks</i>
Check-in @ Hilton Atlanta Marietta Hotel & Conference Center \$99 per night +tax.  Ask for TACAMO Rate		On-your-own: Breakfast @ Hilton full buffet \$15 pp or Downtown Marietta Hospitality Room open at times listed below		
 Morning practice day City Club Marietta Golf Course See Golf Schedule Deposit: \$15 per golfer	All Day Reunion Golf Tournament  \$65	Morning Golf Available See Golf Schedule	Morning Golf Available See Golf Schedule	8am TACAMO Members wear Reunion T-shirt as they Walk the  <i>Parade in Marietta Veterans Day</i>
8am - 4pm Hospitality Room open	8am - 630pm Hospitality Room open	8am - 10:30am & 430pm - 10pm Hospitality Room open	8am - 2pm Hospitality Room open	Post Parade Hospitality Room open
On your own tours  Tour Atlanta's Downtown Click here for ideas Stone Mountain  Tour Marietta History Museum & Aviation Wing	10am Gone with the Wind Museum Tour & Guided Trolley Tour Trolley limited to 30 riders \$30pp   Here Plankowners, historians, & Lockheed Martin historian, Joe Kirby In Hospitality Room Grand Sunday Champagne Brunch 10:00am - 2:30pm  WWII Located at DeKalb- Peachtree Airport On your own cost: \$25 Adults \$21 Seniors 65+	8am - 10am Talk Story with the past Here Plankowners, historians, & Lockheed Martin historian, Joe Kirby In Hospitality Room 9am to Noon C-130 Returns Home: Join the Royal Netherlands Air Force crew for tours  	DEPARTURES Safe travels, until next time.  Those staying for "Burning Marietta", get updates in Hospitality Room	
 Lunch on your own 1pm Gone with the Wind Museum Tour & Guided Trolley Tour Trolley limited to 30 riders \$30pp 	430pm Happy Hour in Hospitality Room "Cash Bar" 	430pm Happy Hour in Hospitality Room "Cash Bar" 	Lunch on your own 2pm - Lockheed Martin tour 	 Registration Information One Price \$160 Per Person Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday Welcome Gathering • Hospitality Room • Saturday Happy Hour Gathering & Golf Awards • Paraloft - TACAMO Store • Talk Story with the past • Here Plankowners, historians, & Lockheed Martin historian, Joe Kirby • History Displays • Sunday Evening of Pizza and Auction • Slideshow of memories • Reunion t-shirt for Parade, \$15 value • Welcome bag with name badges & goodies • Tour of RNLA C-130 • One year "Active" TCVA Membership \$20 value • Tour of Lockheed Martin • Discount Coupon for "SPECIAL" Reunion Souvenir • Also fun, fun, fun, in Marietta with old friends and meeting new friends. • Don't forget this awesome schedule of events. • "Salute to the Heros" Banquet • Veterans Day Parade Walk/Ride
430pm - 630pm Welcome Gathering at Hilton's Brumby Gardens 	430pm - 630pm Happy Hour & Golf Awards in Hospitality Room "Cash Bar" 	530pm Pizza & Container Silent Auction Members donate a container of goodies (Valued at \$25 or above)   In Hospitality Room	6pm TACAMO Cocktail Hour & Banquet \$50pp  "SALUTE to the HERC"	On Your Own cost: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Golf • Historical Tours • 57th Restaurant Brunch
Evening Hospitality Room open 9pm - 10pm	Evening Hospitality Room open 9pm - 10pm	Evening Hospitality Room open	Evening Hospitality Room open	Evening Hospitality Room open



Hall of Fame Nomination Form

Criteria for Induction to the TACAMO Hall of Fame

Below are guidelines for TCVA Hall of Fame induction:

- Minimum 2 tours in TACAMO (or equivalent time)
- Contributed to the mission, the aircraft, morale and the good reputation of TACAMO
- Demonstrated leadership, technically, professionally and personally. A mentor
- Performs community service for the TACAMO Community
- Performed some sort of extraordinary task or event that shaped the TACAMO mission
- Generally recognized by his/her peers as deserving of this award

Nominations for the TCVA Hall of Fame will considered 3 months prior to the Awards ceremony.

Any nominations after that announced time will carry forward to the next period

Selection Committee shall be composed of 3 members, selected by the BOD for that period.

The Selection Committee shall select nominees (not to exceed 5, total) 1 must be posthumous.

[Click Here to Nominate for the Hall of Fame](#)

TACAMO Reunion Registration		
Event	\$	PayPal
Friday Early Bird Golf "Deposit"	\$15	Friday Early Bird Golf "Deposit" <input type="text" value="1 golfer \$15.00 USD"/> <input type="button" value="Add to Cart"/>
Saturday "Reunion Golf Tournament"	\$65	Saturday "Reunion Golf Tournament" <input type="text" value="1 golfer \$65.00 USD"/> <input type="button" value="Add to Cart"/>
Saturday 10am Gone with the Wind Tour	\$30	Saturday 10am Gone with the Wind Tour <input type="text" value="1 person \$30.00 USD"/> <input type="button" value="Add to Cart"/>
Saturday 1pm Gone with the Wind Tour	\$30	Saturday 1pm Gone with the Wind Tour <input type="text" value="1 person \$30.00 USD"/> <input type="button" value="Add to Cart"/>
Registration & T-Shirt size (Registration package)	\$160 per person	2014 Reunion Registration & T-Shirt Size <input type="text" value="Small \$160.00 USD"/> <input type="button" value="Add to Cart"/>
Order an Extra T-Shirt	\$15	Extra 2014 Reunion T-Shirt <input type="text" value="Small \$15.00 USD"/> <input type="button" value="Add to Cart"/>

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TACAMO Questionnaire

Submitted by Bill Lewis, ATCS (ret) -
VQ-4 1981 through 1987, NAMTRA 1987
through 1990, VQ-4 1990 through 1993



What influenced your decision to join the military? I worked my way across country starting in PA ending up in CA and thought, what the hell let's see the world.

What was your service career path? Went to Memphis for A school and AFTA, then to Guam with VQ-1 as an I level technician. From there, VQ-4 Pax River as a ground pounder. Went aircrew in VQ-4, taught C-130 IFT course at NAMTRADET Pax. Built and taught the E-6 data differences course to both squadron's IFTs. Back to VQ-4 as the E-6 IFT evaluator and a C-130 IFT. Went to NAVAIR HQ Crystal City, in the TACAMO program office as an ATCS. During this time, obtained my Bachelor's Degree from SUNY. Transferred to the TACAIR EW program office, until I went to the Eisenhower for a year. Retired from the IKE and worked as a contractor for a year. I am now a civil servant and the Deputy Department head for technical data at NAVAIR HQ.

Of the medals, awards and qualification badges or devices you received, what is the most meaningful to you and why? My Aircrew Quals, I worked hard for that qualification (followed very closely by my Air Warfare designation). I have over 5000 hours on the Herc and 800 plus hours on the E-6.

Did you participate in combat operations? if so, could you describe those which were significant to you? As an AT2, I was on the IKE during the Iran Iraq war. The Iranians launched airplanes at us every day.

Which, of the TACAMO Squadrons you were assigned to, do you have the fondest memories of and why? VQ-4! I arrived an E-5 and left an ATCS so too many fond memories to list here.

From your entire service career what particular memory stands out?

Sadly, my most vivid memory involves a non-combat related shooting. While stationed in Crystal City, a disgruntled civilian started shooting in the building. When I went in the office to check on a wounded CDR, the shooter came around the corner with the gun in his hand...my retreat was not slow! Fortunately, the CDR survived. Unfortunately, the shooter took his own life.

Which individual person from your TACAMO service stands out as the one who had the biggest impact on you and why? LGDR Nora Tyson, now Admiral. I flew with her and she was my OINC at NAMTRADET. She was a tremendous leader and mentor and was instrumental in helping me make Chief.

How has military service influenced the way you have approached your life and career? The military taught me the importance of responsibility and accountability. My active duty service enables me to better serve the fleet as a civil servant at NAVAIR.

In what ways has TCVA helped you maintain a bond with your service and those you served with? The association and the newsletter allow me to keep up to speed with the current fleet and the "old salts" as well. I see a lot of familiar names and read some great "sea" stories.

TACAMO Questionnaire

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

TACAMO Website - tacamo.org

In April 2014, tacamo.org was updated with several new features and a membership program to support TCVA website and day to day operations. Thanks for being a part of our community!!!

Membership Program

- **Guest – Free** – Curious onlookers that just want to know who and what we are. They will have access to basic TACAMO and TCVA information. They will be unable to get past the front page.
- **Casual Member – Free** – Those of you who want to have “View Only” privileges, be listed in our “Crew” Database and modify their information as needed. They may view our “Sea Stories”, “Passings Tributes”, “Mentor Tributes”, Slideshows and YouTube Videos, Newsletters, etc.
- **Active Member - \$20/yr.** – Members who want to participate by contributing content that the Casual Member cannot. Active Member privileges include:
 - Contribute “Sea Stories”
 - Contribute “Passings Tributes”
 - Contribute “Mentor Tributes”
 - Ability to nominate others to the TCVA Hall of Fame
 - Eligible to sponsor students in our future Scholarship Program
 - Eligible for Life Member status awarded by the Board of Directors
 - Respect and Admiration of your peers ... Priceless!
- **Life Member – Awarded** – Life Memberships will be awarded by the Board of Directors, from time to time, to those who have made extraordinary contributions to the TCVA. This status is also ‘grandfathered’ to previously purchased Life Memberships of the TSA. Life Members will have the same privileges as ‘Active’ members, without the annual dues being assessed.
- **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL** - Veterans Day

Join Now

Annual Membership Dues: \$20

Go to

tacamo.org/TCVA/join.html



FREE ONE YEAR ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP INCLUDED WITH YOUR 2014 REUNION REGISTRATION FEE.



“Salute to the Spouses”

2016 Reunion

Where's these places on Oahu?



Fallen Shipmates

Passings received after last Newsletter



Jim Peterson	Boeing Engineer/VQ3	June/14
YNCM Mike Roach	VQ-4	4/22/14
PVT Keith Michael Williams , son of Frankie Williams,	VQ-3	7/25/14



**A SALUTE TO ALL
OF OUR VETERANS**

What's up in the Paraloft?

The Paraloft has been up and running for the last 5 years and is your one stop shopping for TACAMO memorabilia, apparel, patches, stickers, pins, art and some of the best EC-130 and E-6 models you have ever seen.

Need a squadron patch? The Paraloft is the place to go. How about an EC-130 or E-6 print, a hat, a Polo shirt or T-shirt? Yep, that's right go to the Paraloft. We buy in bulk to keep the pricing down, so the savings pass on to you.

We have new and exciting items in the pipeline that will be released over the next few months so keep checking your email or any one of our Facebook groups for the announcements. I am sure you will like them.

Do you have an idea for a new item? Send us your suggestion and we will investigate it. Have feedback or a comment? Send that along to us also. But if you have a complaint, keep that to yourself....No, just kidding, we welcome all comments and take them seriously. We feel that your comments will only make the paraloft better so send them along. Feedback can only improve our store!

We are currently searching for an e-commerce program to upgrade the paraloft so that we should be able to bring you a better shopping experience. Our new e-commerce site will feature gift certificates, coupons and more payment options. If you have experience with a good e-commerce shopping cart please let us know, but in the meantime, our web master and I are on the hunt.

Marietta being driving distance from Charleston SC, I will have the entire store set up in our hospitality room plus a few surprises, so I hope to see all of you at the Reunion.



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