



# VP-68 Hawk's Nest

## Fall Muster Held

The Fall Muster was held and the Spring Fling is just around the corner, details later, but the Fall Muster was another success. Pizza and beverages were plentiful and the alumni had a wonderful time. Alumni were able to reminisce about times past and how best to find those lost from our flocks. Many pictures from the archives were available for those that wanted to dig through the stacks. Sorting pictures, eating pizza and reminiscing were the order of the day. A brief meeting was held to keep things straight and everyone had a great time. This was another event free to the membership.



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## Crew News/Alumni News

Jacque La Valle retired from VP-92 as the Command Master Chief on November 1, 2003. His ceremony was attended by past members of VP-68 and the Alumni Association. RADM (Sel) Jeff Lemmon was the guest speaker. Jacque served 30 years.

## President's Corner

For the long range planner, tentative dates for the next reunion are November 4-6, 2005. Mark your calendars now.

### Reminders **SPRING FLING**

The date is set, mark your calendars, we will once again be at the Beach House, NAS Patuxent River, MD – Saturday, April 24, 2004. Come early and enjoy the sun, fun and burgers, the activities start at 1100. Members eat and drink free, join the association and you too can eat free. For non-members there will be a \$5 charge. Please contact Lou Abbot if you DO NOT have a base sticker and/or ID card for access, if you don't you can't get on the base.

There are still prints, rubber stamps and other squadron items available from your alumni association. I am sure we will have a good stock at the Spring Fling, but if you can't wait or need something just in time for Easter, get in touch with Jim Rozycki for current prices. Jim can be found at [rozycki-jjim@aol.com](mailto:rozycki-jjim@aol.com) or the below address. We have the VP-68 Lithograph, "The Planes We Flew" rubber stamps and copies of "The Sky is Reserved" video. Order early and allow two weeks for delivery. Make checks payable to **VP-68 Alumni Association** and send them to:

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## From the Secretary's Corner

Please get in touch with me if you move or change email addresses, it is the only way we can keep track of you. Send your information to me by email - [wright\\_kathleen@bah.com](mailto:wright_kathleen@bah.com) or snail mail - 4773 W. Braddock Road, Apt 204, Alexandria, VA 22311.

**Alumni News.** Time to renew your membership if you are an annual member, **check the mail label and if there is an "M" next to your name**, your dues are due! Failure to renew means this is your last newsletter. Please take a moment and mail your check to the association. Make checks payable to **VP-68 Alumni Association** and send it to:

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Consider converting to a Life Membership and never have to write another check, annual dues are \$10, Life Memberships are \$100 unless you are over 75 and then it is only \$25. Life members receive a distinctive pin showing you are a Life Member.

## Official News:

Did you know that reservist, active or retired have fulltime commissary privileges now, don't need a little card anymore.

Start thinking about elections, the by-laws require we hold elections every two years, the Fall Muster in November will require a vote, we are looking for volunteers that would like to fill an office, send your nominations to Joe Odenthal, Association President.

Welcome the following new members: Dick Fitzgerald, former CO; Paul "Wink" Gardner, Plankowner; John Schneder; Gene Digennaro; and Barry Thomas.

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