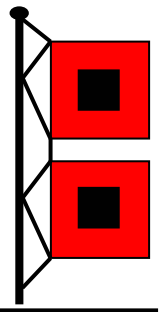


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From the President's Desk

It is the beginning of Summer and time to get out and do all those things you have been promising to do all winter and spring. Making plans to attend the 2016 Hurricane Hunter Reunion should be in the top five of your list.

The reunion will be held in Jacksonville, Florida. Our headquarters and RON 5 will be at the Double Tree Jacksonville Riverfront Hotel (the old Crown Plaza where the 2014 was held) 1201 Riverplace Blvd. Jacksonville, FL 32207 904-398-8800. When you call in to make your reservations make sure you inform them that you are with the Hurricane Hunter group to receive your discounted rate. They have decided to forgo the \$10.00 a day parking rate. If you prefer to make it a longer stay in the Jacksonville area you can get the discount rate for three days ahead of and after the event.

There will be no scheduled group event this year. Friday, September 30 will be a free day to plan to visit local destinations or to go on one-day excursions. You can do this with a group you get together if you so desire. There is a great variety of things to do and places to go, so plan accordingly, or just lounge around in the Ready Room and visit with friends or make new ones. Enjoy yourselves and make this reunion one to remember.

Our Vice President Juan Blanco several months ago had a hip replacement. Four weeks later, unfortunately, he had an accident and broke his femur. He will be out of commission for approximately three months. I am sure well wishes and cards would be appreciated. Mr. Juan Blanco 1192 Crosswinds Dr., Green Cove Springs FL 32043

There is a Registration Form attached with this *Newsletter* on Page Four. Please fill it out as soon as

possible so that we can get a count to the hotel and they can make all the arrangements that go with making any reunion a pleasant adventure. I know the reunion is two-plus months from now, but I would prefer not to have a keystone cops episode as we have had a few times.

I look forward to meeting and talking with each and everyone of you this fall. See you there.

Fair Winds and Following Seas

Ennis Eaton
President
US Navy Hurricane Hunters

Order Your Hurricane Hunter T-Shirts Now For Deliver At Our Reunion

Dennis "DC" Jones has been working diligently since our last *Newsletter* to firm-up logistics for ordering Hurricane Hunter T-Shirts for delivery at our 2016 Reunion in Jacksonville. Originally, the price per shirt was envisioned as \$30 per shirt, but the response "DC" has gotten (40+ shirts requested to date) has allowed him to negotiate a per shirt price of \$25.04 with free shipping if drop-shipped to a single address. Shipping to individual purchasers would add an additional \$10 to the per shirt cost.

Shirts offered are royal blue in sizes for male and female from youth extra small to 4X-large. The back of the shirt features the VW-4 logo with the words "U.S. NAVY" above and "VW-4 HURRICANE HUNTERS" below the logo.

The front of the shirt can be personalized with name and rate or rank, if desired, and choice of Naval Air Crew, Naval Flight Officer, or Naval Aviator wings,

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or no wings at all for those not on flight status or for ladies not desiring an insignia on their shirts.



The shirt supplier has provided four separate links to order your shirt or shirts: one each for air crew, NFO, pilot, or no insignia at all.

To order a shirt, click on the appropriate link below or cut and paste it into your browser and follow the instructions to order. There are a few special

instructions to consider. First, the character limit for the name space on the shirt's front is 15 characters. Within those 15 characters you can put whatever you choose, i.e. ADRC Sam Smith. Second, if you want more than one shirt, after you have entered your shirt size and name, click on the box labeled "Add Another" then select the size and fill in the new name (you can use the same size and name if you want more than one shirt for yourself), and continue until you have ordered all the shirts you want, then proceed to the page to enter your credit card information.

The link for Air Crewman is:

<https://www.customink.com/g/ruq0-00an-d3ww>,

the link for Naval Flight Officer is:

<https://www.customink.com/g/ruq0-00an-d3kf>,

the link for Naval Aviator is:

<https://www.customink.com/g/ruq0-00an-d3jv>,

and the link for those desiring no insignia is:

<https://www.customink.com/g/ruq0-00an-d44s>.

The deadline for ordering shirts is September 1, 2016. This allows the manufacturer sufficient time to process our orders, produce the shirts, and deliver them to us in time for distribution at the Reunion.

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TAPS

It is with a heavy heart that we report the passing of our members that served so honorably.

James Franklin "Andy" Andrews ATW2 Passed on June 24, 2016. He served as CIC Crew Leader of Crew Three. He flew from late '63 till late '66. Reported by JD Manion.

LT Arlen K. Snyder passed unexpectedly Sunday April 14, 2013. Dr. Snyder was the squadron Flight Surgeon from 1965-1968. This was reported by CAPT David Lawrence from our President's request to find out what happened to LT. Snyder. Thank You CAPT Lawrence.

Arthur B. Gunter HMSC departed this life on Saturday May 14, 2016. He was with the squadron in the early 70's. He passed from complications of heart valve surgery. Many hunters may remember Art "Doc" Gunter from the article titled "Fellow 'Hunter' Played Key Role In Development Of US Manned Space Flight" which appeared in the Summer 2012 edition of the *Hurricane Hunters Newsletter*.

In his retirement, Doc Guntner became active with the Johnsville (Warminster) Centrifuge and Science Museum located on the facility where he worked on the early NASA Mercury program with the original seven astronauts.



HMCS Arthur "Doc" Guntner, second from left with Senator John Glenn at the 50th anniversary celebration of Glenn's first space flight around the earth.



Art Guntner in a Mercury space suit exits the gondola after a Mercury simulation high "G" test.

Reunion Plan Of The Day

Thursday, September 29, 2016

0900 Open Ready Room for Registration
1800 Wine and Cheese Party
1900 Dinner on your own

Friday, September 30, 2016

0900 Ready Room Open, Registration continues
All Day At will: explore Jacksonville's attractions
1900 Dinner on your own

Saturday, October 01, 2016

0900 Ready Room Open
1000 General Membership Meeting, All Hands
1730 Cocktail Reception, Cash Bar
1830 Annual Banquet

Sunday, October 02, 2016

0900 Ready Room Open
1100 Check-out and goodbyes

U.S. NAVY HURRICANE HUNTERS
Jacksonville, Florida
September 29th - October 2nd

Registration Form

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Address _____ Phone Number _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

E-Mail Address _____

Spouse/Guest (s) Name _____

Squadron (s) served in and years _____

	Price	Number	Total
Registration Fee per attendee	\$25.00	_____	\$ _____
Wine & Cheese Party (Sep 29)	\$15.00	_____	\$ _____
Banquet Dinner Selection (Oct 1):			
Flank Steak w/ Mushroom Gravy	\$25.00	_____	\$ _____
Chicken Marsala	\$25.00	_____	\$ _____
Catch of the Day	\$25.00	_____	\$ _____
Check Total for all Reunion costs			\$ _____

Dues \$25.00/year (Please enclose a separate dues check) \$ _____

Make all checks payable to: Hurricane Hunters, Inc.

Mail this form and checks by September 01, 2016 to:

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Vernon, FL 32462