

Jim Gallagher

Vice President Emeritus

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Arrived VQ-4 in February 1972 after completing SERE school in Brunswick, ME. After attending and graduating RTD I was assigned as an ACOM on crew nine eventually qualifying as an ACS of that crew. Later on during my second tour I was asked to be ACS of the Captain May's crew, crew one, until he transferred out at the end of his tour.

During the transition from TAC-III to TAC-IV I flew with many comm crews from VQ-3 indoctrinating them into the new TAC-IV systems.

After leaving VQ-4 I was transferred to shore duty in Charleston, SC as a communications instructor where I had the pleasure in teaching Morse code to many of the radiomen on their way to either VQ-3 and VQ-4. At the end of my instructor tour I requested a return tour back to VQ-4 but unfortunately no billets were available for a Chief Radioman so I was assigned to courier duty a POMFLANT (Polaris Missile Facility Atlantic) in Charleston SC where I eventually retired from the Navy in 1984. After retirement I went into business as a land developer/home builder where I am still active.

I first attended a TACAMO reunion in 2005 in Pax River in Solomon's Island. Seeing old friends and shipmates and meeting the Vos's convinced me to become active in the TACAMO Association then called TSA (TACAMO Survivors Association). It didn't take long before I was involved in the restructuring and eventually incorporating the new association which is now known as TCVA, a not for profit 501(c3) association.

I currently serve as TCVA's Vice-President, Communications Director and Paraloft Manager.