



Posthumous TACAMO Sailor
"AMCS Stan Grant"
Reel Operator and Instructor
Extraordinaire who mentored ROs from the 1970s thru his untimely passing in the 1990s. Stan taught the French to operate the TACAMO reel system they had in their Astarte C-160 aircraft.

2015 TACAMO HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Tacamo Sailor "CAPT Bill Coyne" Pioneering CO of VQ-4 who crafted the tactics and structures the empowered the TACAMO community standup to 100% airborne coverage. Later Bill convinced the Navy to fence TACAMO funds while serving as Atlantic Forces Comptroller and has served TCVA with pro-bono legal advice.



Industry Partner/Tacamo Sailor
"AEC Jerry (Red) Summerday" Reel Operator Instructor from TACAMO III to HPTS, NAVAIR tester of TIP I,II, and EMP mods, Astarte program instructor, Maintenance Master Chief, and current Rockwell Field Service Engineer directly serving the Fleet at NAS OKC. Jerry has become the go to guy in the community for Reel Systems, with 19 years post Navy service to the Fleet at the TACAMO Wing.



Tacamo Sailor "RMCS Neil Carbery" ACS instructor and mentor to hundreds of Radiomen and ACOs in both squadrons and pioneer of TACAMO III to IV and IV to TIP I and II transitions. As first a contractor and later government employee, Neil was part of the Newport, RI based Naval Undersea Warfare Center team that developed/tested/installed the communications systems for SEAWOLF and TRIDENT submarines. They frequently copied and ensured that YES, TACAMO was 5 by 5.



Government Support/Tacamo Sailor "CDR Lew McIntyre" Early TACAMO III and IV ACO instructor who contributed most to the E-6A and B transitions as a contractor systems engineer, combining Fleet experience with hard engineering to

solve the technical problems involved in advancing communications technology. Lew was the NAVAIR E-6 Program Office Employee of the Quarter in 2015 for solving EUCOM ABNCP comms issues in the E-6B.

TCVA will recognize the 2015 Inductees at the 2016 Reunion in Hawaii. Anyone wishing to join in the celebration can view information and make hotel reservations at the Hale Koa.



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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From the Executive Director,

I hope everyone had a fun and safe summer. It seems that as we get older the faster time slips away. Let's all take a moment to be thankful for our friends, family and shipmates. It's they, that add balance and excitement to our lives, as we do to theirs.

Let's congratulate the Class of 2015 TACAMO Hall of Fame. All five of these legends have pioneered paths that made the TACAMO mission more viable and have had either directly or indirectly touched all those that followed. Two, Stan Grant and Jerry "Red Dog" Summerday also left an imprint on the French as instructors for their Astarte program. The French variant of TACAMO in C-160's. The 2015 Class induction ceremony will be held at the 2016 reunion on Oahu.

Speaking of "Hall of Famers" ... We are pleased to announce that Joe Caruso has pushed thru his medical issues and has assumed his duties as Treasurer on the TCVA Board of Directors. He has already begun assembling our fiscal situation into a well organized Excel sheet, using his "Ninja" skills and style. Thanks, Joe and welcome aboard.

TCVA is working hard to jump through the hoops necessary to place a memorial to TACAMOPAC Crew 4 in either Arlington National Cemetery or The "Punchbowl" on Oahu and a plaque on Wake Island. It seems that we are encountering conflicting regulations that can both include and exclude our "group memorial". We have cited other existing examples, similar to Crew 4, to those that authorize, but haven't yet made a compelling enough of an argument to be granted memorial space in either of these prestigious places of honor. We'll continue to "bulldog" this until we can finally put Crew 4 to rest.

We're very excited about the recent interest in TCVA by the active duty component of our community. We gain a few new Facebook friends every week amongst them. We welcome them and salute their service as they acknowledge the history we represent and preserve.

Have a safe and fun winter. Stay out of the snowy ditches. Take care of your friends and family. Your shipmates will always have your back.

Aloha
Mike Vos
Executive Director - TCVA



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- COMM Central
- Power AMP
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- NATOPS Manuals
- JATO Bottle
- Crew Rest Seat
- A Bunk
- Patches & Stickers
- Crew Pictures

TACAMO RECOGNITION

DAVID R. DICK, DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL LEADERSHIP COMMAND AND CONTROL MANAGEMENT OFFICE (NMO) HONORED AT PENTAGON

On October 15 David R. Dick, Director of National Leadership Command and Control Management Office (NMO) was honored in ceremony at the Pentagon. The replica plaque shown here, recognizes Dave for his extraordinary accomplishments in support of the TACAMO and E-6 Airborne Command Post missions. TCVA assisted with the fundraising to provide him with the plaque. More information can be found at <https://www.youcaring.com/colonel-david-r-dick-usaf-ret-432650>

"The Fighter"

Dave's battle with prostate cancer began in the spring of 2003. In January of 2014, Dave received the devastating news that the cancer had metastasized to the bones.

The perseverance that Dave has displayed throughout his experience with cancer is evident as he continues to report to work, even after numerous hospital stays and difficult days when his pain is almost intolerable. His commitment to our armed forces and the people he supports is indicative of his character and his passion for the mission of our nation's defense.



EXCEL "NINJA" ACCEPTS TREASURER POSITION ON TCVA BOARD

TACAMO Community Veterans Association Board of Directors is please to announce Joe Caruso (ATCS Retired) has accepted the position as Treasurer.

Joe was in VQ-4 for several tours followed by NAVAIR's TACAMO Program Office

as a first a Senior Chief and in the Program Office (1990-2014) as a contractor. He managed modifications, kit configurations, cross decking of systems from the Herc to the Merc, and developed a model for budgeting and tracking mod programs and budgets that is still used today. He managed all the Sabre contract team members that supported the Program Office.

Service- VQ-3 plankowner and VQ-4 in 70s/80s & PMA 1980s through 2014, total 45 years.

Contributions

- Crew leading In-Flight Technician during 70s/80s
- Mentor and trainer of Mission Crews
- Leading Avionics Division Chief
- Technical expert for TACAMO Upgrade programs
- Led plan for cross deck of comm suites from Herc to Merc
- Herc and Merc mod schedule planner



Joe Caruso excepting the 2014 Hall of Fame Award



- PMA's lead program planner- schedules and financial- all mods since HPTS
- Program Manager of PMA contractor support team
- Leadership-Senior Chief, Mod Program lead, SABRE Program Manager
- Community Service-Unparalleled PMA expertise and service. Sailors and NAVAIR civilian mentor and Subject Matter Expert.
- Peer recognition- Unanimous BOD and Chief's Community and PMAs

TACAMO Vets Assist to Find Manuals

TACAMO-III PA, S/N005, IS BACK UP AND WORKING GREAT!

Submitted by Larry Hall, Sr. Electrical Engineer @ Rockwell Collins

Rockwell Collins, RWC, in Richardson Texas keeps Tacamo III Power Amplifier alive with help from the Tacamo Veterans.

Here at RWC Richardson Texas we have a Tacamo III Power Amplifier, PA, 'Serial Number CKH 5' still in use today. It provides raw RF power across the VLF frequency range for our High Voltage HiPot test lab. As such, this Tacamo III PA still supports the current E6 program as the RF source for HiPot tests on the E6 tuning Variometers as well as other components in the RF chain.

This fall, we had a back log of Variometers to test as well as some new program development work that required the RF HiPot. During one of the tests the Tacamo III PA stopped working, which was unusual since the Tacamo III PA has been a reliable RF source at RWC for many years. An engineering team was scrambled to restore the PA back to service but soon discovered that all the drawings were missing. Unfortunately, several years back one of our water-heater RF dummy loads had sprung a leak and saturated the cabinets where the Tacamo III PA documentation was stored. During the cleanup process, the water soaked schematics and maintenance manuals were inadvertently thrown out.

A search began for the drawings, first at just the RWC Richardson TX plant and then at the RWC Cedar Rapids Iowa data repository. We thought for sure we would find something.....well we did eventually find three separate pages of a partial schematic and if you taped them together it would show about 25% of the PA circuit. That was not



The Tacamo III PA Local Control Console



enough... so the PA remained down. Then one of our super techs found a Tacamo III production test specification and from that document we were able to identify the Navy manuals and drawing numbers we needed to troubleshoot the PA. It was a start. We sent our drawing list to the Tinker AFB E6 maintainers in hopes that maybe someone there might have the old Navy Technical Manuals; but they drew a blank. Since the Tacamo III PA left active service many, many years ago, the schematics were just not available any more.



The Business End of the Tacamo III PA, Two Eimac 4CX15000A RF Power Vacuum Tubes operating in Push-Pull to deliver over 25 KW of RF power.

Out of desperation, the RWC engineers turned to the World Wide Web and came across the OLDTACAMO.COM web site. We sent our drawing list request to the OLDTACAMO.COM webmaster who turned out to be Captain Vern Lochausen, USN (Retired), Vern replied back right away and started the Tacamo Veterans looking for the drawings. It was from them that we learned about NATEC at NAS San Diego and that they 'might' have the Navy Manuals we needed. The NATEC group has NAVAIR Technical Manuals can be accessed through NAVAIR's Technical Manual Application System (TMAPS). It was a long

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TACAMO HERITAGE CENTER

TACAMO Artifacts Placed in Patuxent River Museum



Big Thanks to Don Hutcherson for storing these after they were delivered by Team Vos from Tucson. Thanks also to Bill Boyd and Vern for transferring them to the Pax Museum Treasures Building.

It took Don and Vern's truck to move it all in one trip. At the museum, Pete the Museum's VP walked the three around after they unloaded the trucks. 15,000 square feet of new museum in final stages of completion. Gonna be something. Photos at Don's courtesy of his wife (Jong) and new son (Nathan).



TACAMO Ladies in Leadership

TACAMO FLIGHT SURGEON

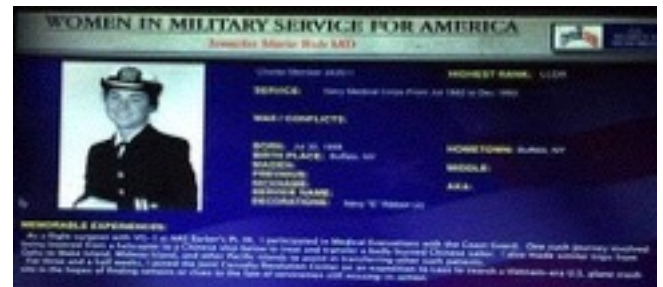
submitted by Vern Lochausen
VQ-3 Barbers Point 88-90. When I checked in as XO, I met our squadron flight surgeon, LT Jennifer "Doc" Ruh in her office where it was evident she was an athlete, also. A squadron Doc has a special relationship with the XO and CO, taking care of all their shared complement of Sailors and families. Introducing the first heavy, swept wing jet which was delayed 6 months in



arriving meant nearly two squadrons in one, first all Hercs and then all Mercs. The total complement including some contractors was over 700 people. We made it through but you

never heard about how she kept pulse on the JOs, the LCDRs, the Air Force Exchange pilots and the families. And she kept up on the pulse of the CO and XO and the pressures they were living with. Proud to have served with her, I would not have survived the pressures without her wise counsel. As a duty Doc she made some pretty cool "house calls" supporting SAR efforts. Now in private practice back in her hometown of Buffalo, NY, Doc is also an FAA flight medicine physician, still certifying folks safe to fly.

In DC look for her page at the www.womensmemorial.org She and her girls visited there recently. They are proud of their Mom, I am proud of my "Doc".



Above: "Celebrating our Doc" (Left) Doc, (Center) Irish Keilty reading his tribute poem to and about Doc, (Right) Vern Lochausen



RADM Klein visits with
TACAMO sailors and
relives her days as a TACAMO
commodore and
commanding officer.

TACAMO & ROCKWELL COLLINS



DROGUE DONATED FOR TACAMO MUSEUM

DISPLAY

Thanks to the efforts of Jerry Summerday (*Left*), Dennis Ramsey (*Center*) & Jim Meppelink (*Right*) at Rockwell Collins Richardson, have been able to obtain a LTWA Drogue and a UGC-20 TTY (Teletype Machine). They rode Space A on VQ-4 bird to Pax and are now held by TCVA President Vern Lochausen pending display in the new Pax Museum.

TCVA gives many thanks for this wonderful donation.

Collins Radio - A TACAMO Original

In a word, it can probably be said that if TACAMO was the question, Collins Radio, later Rockwell Collins, was the answer. It was founded by Art Collins in 1933 to produce shortwave (High Frequency) radios. An early win was providing radios that enabled Rear Admiral Richard Byrd to communicate from the South Pole. AM radio stations and the military were other customers to put Collins on the map. During World War II its products were prevalent and powerful aids to the US and Allied campaigns to defeat the Axis Powers around the globe. After the war, Collins also entered the civilian and amateur radio markets.

Not surprising, Collins answered the call in 1961 when President Kennedy made alternate communications with submerged submarines his top priority program. At Naval Air Development Center (NADC) Warminster, PA which was earlier known as Johnsville, Collins installed a basic VLF transmitter in a Lockheed Constellation (Photo: <http://oldtacamo.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/09/NADC-EG-121-889.jpg>) and proved the concept of airborne to submarine comms. From there TACAMO II (Photo: Refer to background photo) was developed and proven in a Herc which was flown in many remote parts of the world to ensure it could reach sub operating areas. It was a roll on, roll off vans system that produced 25,000 watts of VLF power. By 1964 these systems were delivered to Pax and Barbers Point for TACAMO dets in the VR squadrons before they became TACAMO squadrons in 1968.

So since 1961 the TACAMO VLF mission has been supported by and has succeeded with Collins Radio equipment. TACAMO III was the first permanently installed VLF system and began delivering in 1969. But by then greater power was needed to expand the TACAMO and therefore submarine operating areas. TACAMO IV (Photo: <http://oldtacamo.com/photos-herc/attachment/37>) was delivered to the Fleet between 1974 and 1976. It was the first dual trailing wire system and it produced 200,000

watts of VLF power. The evolution of TACAMO continued with successive upgrades in the 70's and 80's with TACAMO Improvement Programs (TIP) I and II, EMP hardening, and robust satellite communications systems. Having become Rockwell Collins in 1973, the company won a competitive bid for a solid state VLF system, High Power Transmit System (HPTS) in the mid-1980s but it wasn't installed until the E-6B came along 10 years later. HPTS was originally intended for use in all USAF Airborne Command Post Aircraft but events transpired that resulted in only the E-6B receiving it and the E-4B received a TACAMO IV system that is just now under contract to be replaced by, you guessed it, Rockwell Collins.

With the E-6B original configuration being essentially a transplant from the USAF ABNCPs to the E-6, under contract by Chrysler Technology Airborne Systems (CTAS) with help from Rockwell Collins, it became apparent a more original and effective system was needed. Rockwell Collins won the competitive contract for the Block 1 open systems architecture system and the first one was installed in 2011. That mod continues today and an upgrade is being designed by the Navy to make it more digital and more like the E-4 systems. In summary, from 1961 to the present, it has pretty much been Collins Radio/Rockwell Collins that has supplied TACAMO with mission and flight deck comms equipment.

The story doesn't end there. Starting with the first VQ-3 Skipper, Ed Preston, the Navy has stationed a continuous stream of a few officers but mostly Chiefs at Rockwell Collins in Texas and temporarily in Louisiana to oversee installation and mods and be the Navy's eyes and ears in the process. Perhaps starting with Ed Preston and then the late Jack McKenzie and continuing today, TACAMO Sailors who have worked with Rockwell Collins have later become Rockwell Collins employees and thereby enriched the quality of relations with the Navy and products developed and delivered to the Navy for TACAMO.

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multifaceted process, but NATEC came through and sent RWC softcopies of the Navy Technical Manuals and Maintenance Instructions for the Tacamo III PA. Once we had the drawings, we were able to get the PA back online quickly.

And what was wrong with it in the first place?.....It turned out to be a two pronged problem, the first being a faulty safety interlock switch and the 2nd was a bad power interface between one of the dual Eimac 4CX350A Tube RF drivers.

Special thanks to Captain Vern Lochausen, USN (Retired) and retired RWC engineer Rayburn Brooks for their help to the RWC engineering team. RWC also thanks all the Tacamo Veterans for their service; we salute you!

Rockwell Collins TACAMO Sailor's (7/2015)

In-Active - (Retired/Deceased/No Longer with RC)

- **CAPT Preston, Ed** (TAC-3; TAC-4; Pilot)
- **AKCS Baird, Gary** (TAC-4; EC-130 Cross Deck; HPTS/ABNCP)
- **ATCS Brooks, Rayburn** (TAC-4; TIP-1; TIP-2)
- **CAPT Costello, Brian** (E-6B Block I; IPBE; STU/STE; KG-3X; Digital Northstar)
- **LT Fernandez, Fred** (E-6B Block I; HPTS Sustainment; Digital Northstar)
- **ATC Hutcherson, Don** (E-6B Block I; MMRT; MDS/ADWS; IPBE; STU/STE; KG-3X)
- **LT Lozano, Edward (Chris)** (E-6B Block I; IPBE; STU/STE; KG-3X; Digital Northstar)
- **AVCM Lynch, Dave** (E-6B Block I)
- **AKCS Martin, Debbie** (HPTS Sustainment; TAC-4; HPTS/ABNCP)
- **AT1 McKenzie, Jack** (TACAMO Hall of Fame-Alumni) (TAC-3; TAC-4; TIP-1; TIP-2; EC-130 Cross Deck; MMRT; MDS/ADWS; Block I; HPTS Sustainment; ATRM; TBNH; IPBE; STU/STE; KG-3X)
- **AEC Robbins, Roger** (TAC-4)
- **RMC Rowe, Vic** (HPTS/ABNCP; MMRT; E-6B Block I; MDS/ADWS; KG-3X)
- **AMHC Salas, Gil** (HPTS Sustainment; TAC-IV; HPTS/ABNCP)
- **AT1 Sheppard, Larue (Shep)** (TAC-4; TIP-1; TIP-2; EC-130 Cross Deck; MMRT; MDS/ADWS; Block I; HPTS Sustainment)
- **AT1 Ward, Ralph** (TAC-3; TAC-4; TIP-1; TIP-2; EC-130 Cross Deck)
- **AE1 Wirt, Eddie** (TAC-II; TAC-3; TAC-4; TIP-1; TIP-2)
- **AMSC Caruso, JJ** TAC-3; TAC-4; HPTS

Active

- **ATC Ambrose, Mike** (TAC-4; HPTS/ABNCP; MMRT; E-6B Block I; MDS/ADWS; IPBE; STU/STE; KG-3X; Digital Northstar)

- **LCDR Arganbright, Jason** (E-6B Block I)
- **ATC Bates, Herb** (HPTS/ABNCP; E-6B Block I; MMRT; MDS/ADWS; IPBE; STU/STE; Digital Northstar)
- **AEC Bishop, Dickie** (E-6B Block I; IPBE; STU/STE; TBNH; Carbon Brake Mod)
- **AVCM Braden, Greg** (E-6B Block I; IPBE; STU/STE; Digital Northstar)
- **AT2 Capalbo, Jillian (Jill)** (E-6B Block I)
- **LCDR Conerly, Matthew (Todd)** (E-6B Block I; Digital Northstar)
- **AE2 Craver, Dustin** (HPTS Sustainment)
- **AT2 Gaudreau, Nicole (Nikki)** (HPTS/ABNCP; MMRT; E-6B Block I; MDS/ADWS; KG-3X HPTS Sustainment; Digital Northstar; IPBE; STU/STE)
- **AT1 Harvey, Jason** (E-6B Block I)
- **AE2 Knoup, Laverne (Scoop)** (TAC-4; HPTS/ABNCP; MMRT; E-6B Block I; MDS/ADWS; HPTS Sustainment; IPBE; STU/STE)
- **ITC Locke, James** (E-6B Block I)
- **AEC Lucas, Bob** (E-6B Block I)
- **AVCM Meppelink, Jim** (TACAMO Hall of Fame-Alumni) (TAC-4; EC-130 Cross Deck; HPTS/ABNCP; MMRT; E-6B Block I; MDS/ADWS; HPTS Sustainment; IPBE; STU/STE; KG-3X; Digital Northstar)
- **ATC Penington, Jeff** (E-6B Block I)
- **AT2 Perry, Jody** (E-6B Block I; MDS/ADWS; HPTS Sustainment; IPBE; STU/STE)
- **AWVC Pleus, Scott** (E-6B Block I)
- **RMCS Rachels, Donnie** (E-6B Block I)
- **AFCM Ramsey, Dennis** (HPTS/ABNCP; E-6B Block I; HPTS Sustainment; ATRM; TBNH; Carbon Brake Mod; IPBE; STU/STE; KG-3X)
- **AT1 Shaw, Cliff** (E-6B Block I; STU/STE)
- **AEC Summerday, Jerry** (TAC-4; HPTS/ABNCP; E-6B Block I; MDS/ADWS; HPTS Sustainment; IPBE)
- **ATC Widick, Marc** (E-6B Block I; IPBE; STU/STE)



TACAMO ACTIVE DUTY



VQ-7 Thanksgiving Potluck!!



SECRETARY OF THE NAVY RAY MABUS, VISITS WITH TACAMO SAILORS SEPTEMBER 15, 2015



TACAMO VQ3 Crew/Group Photos



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VQ-3's Reel Shop paints "the wall"

You may have noticed the newly painted portion of the wall on Roosevelt Ave. as you were going to or from work. It's highly professional and thought provoking painting was the work of the VQ-3 Reel Shop.

The project was headed by AMSI Michael Jacobs, who knew that such a challenge would be within the capabilities of the talented group of people in the shop. The idea for the painting came from AMSI Drew Smith, who described his thoughts to AE2 Bilschewicz, who put the vision down on paper.

It took 12 hours of hard work, meticulous attention to detail, but



VQ-3 painting crew stands in front of their artwork on the wall on Roosevelt Ave. From left are AEAN Pearce, AE3 Powers, AMSI D. Smith, AE3 Feltz, AE2 Bilschewicz, AMSI Jacobs, AMCS Pitts and AMHAN Silbaugh. Kneeling is AMHG Clark, USN, courtesy VQ-3



TACAMO VQ4 Crew/Group Photos



TACAMO CREW 4 UPDATES

CLOSURE COMES AFTER 38 YEARS



Roberta (Bobbi) Russell a mother of five children at the time her husband, RMC Aubrey Russell's plane went down off Wake Island. Since the crash on June 21, 1977, she has thought of him as being deployed.

For 38 years, she wondered if Chief Russell would ever walk through the door again. On June 19, 2015 she attended a Memorial Service held by VQ3 in NAS OKC for the families and friends of Crew 4.

LCDR K. Y. Jarboe, Asst Operations Officer received a phone call on Veterans Day from Mrs. Bobbi Russell - widow of Chief Aubrey Russell from Crew 4.

"She wanted to share with me how touched she continues to be from the memorial/day all put on for her family, and the families of Crew 4. She said, similarly to what she shared with me the day of the memorial, that she's finally "moved on" and has a sense "of closure" that she hadn't experienced until we hosted her family here at NAS OKC.

TACAMO has touched lives and continued to pay forward the sacrifices of those who went before us. At the very least, Mrs. Russell's life is forever bettered for our efforts.

TACAMOPAC CREW 4

Headstone Quest

TCVA would like to thank the many contributors to the youcaring fund raiser for TACAMO VQ3 Memorials. A total of \$11,025 was raised. This money assisted with the VQ3 memorial service held at VQ3 Headquarters in NAS OKC.

We have commissioned a company to make the Wake Island Memorial plaque. It is made of black granite and spans 30"x30". Edits are being made as some names and text were incorrect. As soon as Wake Island gives us the ok to produce, we will reveal the beautiful laser etched stone plaque.

As for the headstone, we are waiting on approval of placement. This is a slow process and carefully being planned. When we have more information, we will get the information out to you.

The "youcaring" fund raiser site remains open until the end of the year. Extra monies will be used with transportation and placement of stones. If you wish to give to to <https://www.youcaring.com/memorial-fundraiser/tacamo-vq-3-crew-4-memorials/339932>

Thanks again to everyone who has donated their time, letters, money and support to get Crew 4 in a place of honor.



All Current and Former Reel Operators & TACAMO Family and Friends

TCVA is producing a "Reel TACAMO Chow" cookbook. Proceeds from the sale will support TCVA Heritage Center Fund. Please submit, in the words of Mike Vos, "your Best and Worst" Reel Chow recipes to John Burgoon jhburgoon@gmail.com

TVCA will compile the Reel Chow cookbook and then combine it with a VQ4 Officer Wives cookbook, circa 1975, donated by Phyllis Coyne.

TVCA cookbook will be for sale in the Paraloft and available at the 2016 Hawaii reunion. Please submit your recipes and any anecdotal information to jhburgoon@gmail.com John of course, will be submitting his "World Famous 3-Bean Bake".

There are many excellent recipes in TACAMOLand. Any TACAMO member wishing to submit their recipes, please include your name and relationship to TACAMO.



Fallen Shipmates

Passings received after last Newsletter

I FLEW

by *Brad Baker*

When the last checklist's run and the bag drag is done,
I'll reminisce on the days I once knew,
I won't remember the oh-three-hundred alerts,
But only that I flew!

I will not remember the crew rest in tents,
Nor recall how cold Arctic winds blew,
And I'll try not to remember the times I got sick,
But only that I flew!

I will never forget when nature became angry,
To challenge my intrepid crew,
I'll always remember the fear I felt,
And the pride in knowing I flew.

I'll remember the sights my mortal eyes saw,
All colored in multiple hues,
Those beautiful lights on cold winter nights,
Seen only by those who flew.

God was extremely good to me,
He let me touch his face,
He saw my crew through war and peace,
And blessed us with His grace.

So when I stand at St. Peter's Gate,
And tell him that I'm new,
I know he'll smile and welcome me,
Because he knows
I FLEW!



**A SALUTE TO ALL
OF OUR VETERANS**

Elsie Earle Gabriel

VQ-4 wife of Andy Gabriel

June 19, 2015

Diane Vanaman

VQ4

August 26, 2015

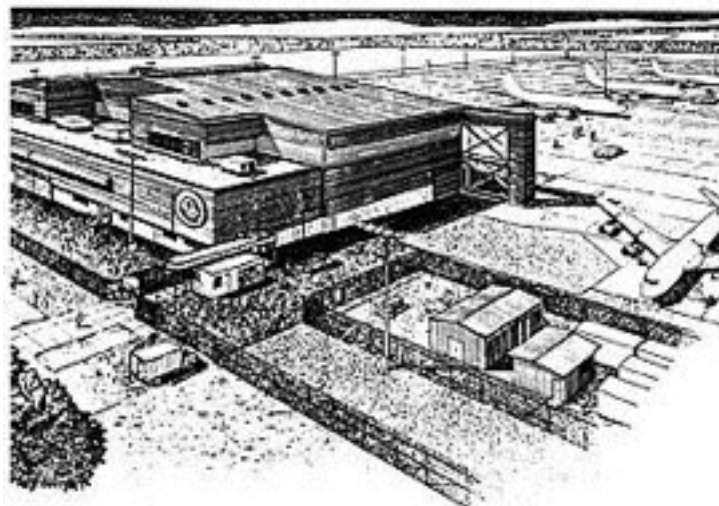
Robert Michael "Jake" Jacobs

VQ-4

November 17, 2015

Project Canceled when Congress moved the TACAMO activity to a mainland US base TACAMO ECX MAINTENANCE HANGAR & OFFICES

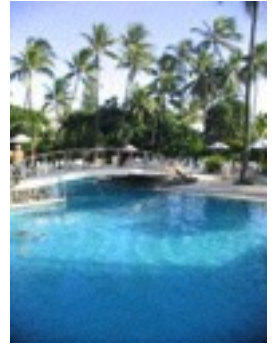
Tacamo ECX Aircraft Maintenance Hangar at NAS Barbers Point, Oahu was designed as a two-story hangar and support facility including classrooms, technical training rooms, command and communications centers, crew quarters, equipment storage and repair spaces, and administrative offices, as well as a separate logistics/supply building. The main building contained 57,000 square feet of hangar space plus 35,000 square feet of support activities, and was designed to accommodate 24-hour operation with an average of 300 personnel per shift. (The project was canceled after completion of contract documents when Congress moved the TACAMO activity to a mainland US base.)



TACAMO 2016 REUNION



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Overlooking the turquoise waters of world famous Waikiki beach, the Hale Koa Hotel is nestled on a 72-acre tropical oasis fronting the finest stretch of beach in Waikiki. The Hale Koa Hotel offers an array of dining experiences for you to enjoy on property. The Hale Koa also offers a multitude of entertainment opportunities beyond just "fun in the sun". Hale Koa is one of four Armed Forces Recreation Centers around the world. Early reservations are important at the Hale Koa, as it fills up fast with active duty personal having priority.

Attending? Email Cheryl @ tcva.reunions@gmail.com to put your name on the list.

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