



TCVA Salutes John "Admiral" Nelson, Wake Island Deputy on 21 June 1977



Pictured above Left: Travis Pearson & Right: John "Admiral" Nelson

Posted by Travis Pearson on FB

So what has me in Utah? The man on the right is "Admiral" (Ret.) John Nelson. Then Captain Nelson was the Deputy Commander of Wake Island when TACAMOPAC Crew 4, call sign Broom 1-7, crashed off of the end of Runway 10 on June 21, 1977. Major Nelson led a rescue effort in an attempt to find survivors, braving high seas in the dark on a boat with no lighting or modern navigation systems. Though the rescue effort was in the end futile as all had perished in the crash, the flag shown was flown over Wake on the anniversary of the crash in 2020 and the certificate to go with it was signed (while visiting Wake Island) by the Secretary of the Navy as a small token of appreciation for all that he did. It was my honor to travel to St. George to finally meet him and present these gifts.

TCVA thanks Travis, for all he has done to bring closure to John "Admiral" Nelson. "Mission Accomplished"

Snow Canyon State Park



History: In early June of 2020, after Cheryl Vos, TCVA BOD member read a moving message about PTSD, she got to thinking about the emails from John "Admiral" Nelson regarding his PTSD. Admiral has been working on closure from the 21 June 1977 TACAMOPAC Crew 4 accident.

Admiral's May 2020 email to us was as follows:

"We watched the Crew 4 Dedication on YouTube with our youngest son as he'd not seen it before. He was impressed with the tradition, ceremonies and speeches. Every time I view that program I get very emotional and I'm right back at Wake all those years ago. I'm also reminded of the TACAMO Reunion 3 years ago next month. What wonderful event and super people. A super experience to be a part of for Susan & I. TACAMO will always be a great memory for us."

Admiral, in June, the framed photo of TACAMOPAC Crew 4 was on its way to Wake Island thanks to Travis Pearson, Wake Island contract worker. Cheryl reached out to Travis for a special favor, to have a flag flown over Wake Island on June 21st 2020. Due to COVID and change of command, the flag and TACAMOPAC Crew 4 framed photo sat in isolation.

After months of waiting, Travis informed Cheryl something special was happening with the flag and certificate and to stay tuned. The Island Commander, Capt Ashley Bacon, Detachment 1, PACAF Regional Support Center and Travis worked their magic. On January 19th, 2021, the Secretary of the Navy Kenneth Braithwaite flew to Wake Island for his final message to the Navy and Marine Corps. While on island, a ceremony was held with the SECNAV, signing of your certificate documenting the flag was flown over Wake Island on June 21, 2020.



Admiral, June 21st, 1977 started as a day of fun with the crew and getting to know each one of them. They hung out ate and played games in the terminal. At 2228 Wake Island time, all that changed when you went into a search mode looking for all 16 crew members in the dark of night. We Honor him with this gift from TCVA and Wake Island in appreciation of your service to TACAMOPAC and Wake Island.

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William Lawrence Crowell II

June 26, 1956 - April 03, 2021

TCVA LOSES FOUNDING MEMBER OF TSA

The Buff Crowell Legacy by John "Irish" Keilty

"Tell me Daddy what real greatness means"

Many define the word greatness,
As a plaque in a hall of fame,
Many define greatness as being,
The best in your professional game!
Many define this thing called greatness,
As a leader in statistics to
braggadociosly proclaim,
And then there are the really great ones,
Who make others selflessly their personal
fame of claim!
Making a difference in the
lives of thousands,
That is Buff's real measure to so
proudly acclaim!

Hey when we fly in TACAMO circles,
And we reverse flight for the last 40 years,
One name we are quick to spotlight
and hallmark,
A name that has earned respect
from all his peers,
A name that will come with a raised glass,
As a toast to this gent with three cheers,
A simple show of a great gratitude,
When TACAMO sailors pop a cold beer!

To have been a part of Buff's life,
To experience his love of
Sailors in TACAMO,
Every single one of us war fighting Sailors,
Were influenced by Buff's glow which
made us grow!

When we talk of Buff's
contagious positivity,
And his indomitable American
fighting spirit,
The unflinching TACAMO
strategic air arm,
Boldly radiates Buff's legacy so all
could feel it.
As an aviator Buff was a stud,
Many would say as good as it gets,
However as an officer and a gentleman,
I would offer one of the best we
have seen as yet.
These last 40 years we all have
been so blessed,
Because we were a part of Buff's every day,
We were better pilots, crew
dogs and officers,
Because we hung with Buff and
followed his way.

His love was unbounded in
the Chief's Mess,
His love unbridled among the white hats,
His strength and courage in adversity,
Always we admired when Buff was at bat!
Buff taught us to know the deck plates,
His personal example would lead us right,
He taught us to be tough warfighters,
To ensure America always won the fight!

A real champion for the little things,
Buff mastered this simple giving way,
So many memories of
Buff's personal touch,
That reached out and caused a great day!

And as loved as he was by us all,
And all his love he would show in return,
The unconditional love he shared
with his family,

A love that Katy and the kids
overwhelmingly would discern.

God has taken a true powerhouse,
A man who reflected God's loving way,
If we keep Buff's memory alive,
We will always have a great Navy Day!
So Buff your last trap put you in heaven,
The best pass any Navy Pilot could make,
Your made such a great big difference,
Your friendship we cherish
as our keepsake.

So "we got the watch sir",
And we thank You for the 40
TACAMO years,
"Rest In Peace our dear friend Buffalo",
And now as you would say
"let's drink some beer"!

So all across this great Nation,
In deep valleys and mountains
where eagles fly,
Across the plains of the Midwest,
And in TACAMO birds in a friendly sky,
Let's all raise a toast together,
To one great friend and a hell of a guy,
I propose 3 cheers to Buff,
In his final landing space
way up high in the heavenly sky on
his eternal fly!

[#God'sgifttoallofus](#)
[#sothankfulsoblesed](#)
[#GodsspeedBuff](#)

Burial will be at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. TCVA will announce the date when Katy Crowell has secured a date.

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April 26, 2021: Received from Susan Nelson

John was surprised, thrilled and honored to have Travis Pearson personally travel to St. George, Utah to present him with a flag flown on the anniversary of the Broom 1-7 tragedy on Wake Island with a certificate to commemorate the event signed by SECNAV Rear Admiral Kenneth Braithwaite. Two of our children and three of our grandchildren celebrated the event with us as well.

The men quickly bonded and spent hours before and after dinner discussing their similar experiences on Wake Island, a place few have ever been let alone lived. It is a unique experience that can either deflate or elevate the human soul. Both Travis and John chose to elevate the experience by caring about their jobs and caring about the people that have shared a piece of Wake.

They spent the next day visiting some of the local areas of St. George together and became good friends. They had lunch at John's favorite restaurant in town where Travis had the most 'amazing burrito he had ever eaten'. Most food IS AMAZING after being on Wake, lol. Lots of laughs were shared as they realized that more than 40 years later, some things really haven't changed on the island. Amazingly, they had both worked with a man who lived on Wake for many years.

Often intermingled in their conversation was talk of Broom 1-7. Travis knew about the crash and even read some reports. His interest in the event increased as he coordinated with TACAMO to honor John. He says that he has a 'hard time wrapping his head around it'. John has had a hard time escaping the feelings from it.

**Together they felt peace.
Sixteen people brought them together.
Sixteen angels touched their hearts.**



Memories from John "Admiral" Nelson

Talk about being surprised and awakened from a deep doze in my recliner, well that was just the beginning. It took me a couple of seconds to realize who was in front of me and presenting me with the flag and accompanying certificate. From there on I was just in amazement, and couldn't believe what was actually happening. I have relived that scene many times in the past few days. Travis did a fine job on the presentation and everything was just excellent. I'm grateful that our daughter, her family, our youngest son and one of his sons were all at the house. Everyone knew but me what was going to happen.



Travis is a fine man and represented TACAMO and Wake Island in a most distinguished manner! As the time passed we talked about everything imaginable. He caught me up on the improvements at Wake over the past 43 years. We talked about the airfield, the buildings, the power generators, the water system, the chow hall, bowling alley, library, barber shop, theater, and of course the infamous Drifter's Reef. Of course all of these topics were interspersed with events and other significant details. I believe that the most incredible and insignificant detail that Travis learned from me about Wake Island concerned diapers.

Did you know that diapers from Wake Island were made with the finest of Philippine cloth and brocade materials. That's right, we ran into a situation one night with an in-flight emergency concerning a DOD contract flight taking service families from Clark AB back to Hickam AFB and then on to the CONUS. There were over 200 passengers on the flight plus the crew. The aircraft lost an engine and diverted into Wake at night. We put up the folks wherever we could and fed them at the chow hall. The greatest problem was that the mother's only had enough diapers for the flight and nothing more. Well, we had to be the MORE and that's when the Filipinos on the island dug into their material stocks and made diapers for the babies and toddlers. We were no competition for Procter and Gamble - the absorbency factor was extremely low, lol!

Travis and I talked for several hours on Monday evening and I even showed him some of my things from Wake that are on display in our home. Not wanting the evening to end, I suggested that if he had time I would show him around the local area on Tuesday. I picked Travis up at his hotel the next morning and we toured a few places around town and the surrounding country. All the while we talked about family, Wake, Broom 1-7, and other places, but everything came back to Wake. We went to my favorite Mexican place to eat and he joined me in having my favorite meal, Steak Fajita Burrito with rice and beans. His eyes were as big as a silver dollar when they brought the meal to the table. It was HUGE and very tasty!!

We talked about life in general which disclosed some similarities in our

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lives. I went to Wake to find myself and find out who exactly I was and what I was going to do with my life. Two things happened at Wake that forever changed my life.

First, a flight of A-10s came into to RON before heading on to Korea the next day. They were accompanied by 2 KC-97 tankers from the Utah Air Guard. One of the tankers had a bad engine that we were able to fix. All these planes left the next morning. This was Saturday and Sunday June, 18 & 19, 1977. Subsequently both tankers lost engines along the way and had to return to Wake and were there for a few weeks before departing with good aircraft. After about 4 weeks a couple of the guys told me about a young woman they knew at work and would like to introduce us. They introduced us via mail and many Autovon calls and now 43 years later we're still in love, just like we were when we first met.

Second, Broom 1-7 came in on the evening of June 21, 1977. I loved to meet the aircraft coming through no matter what the time of the day or night it was. I bonded with that crew and after the short time I was able to spend with them they were indeed, my friends. We talked, laughed and I enjoyed being able to help them return to their families on Guam. When the plane crashed I immediately went into an adrenaline rush to do everything possible to save them. I had to, they were my friends, and they were in need!

Although my instincts told me they were gone, my mind and heart told me to do everything and anything I

could to help them. So I did what I did and got the 2 boat drivers and 3 firemen to go with me to help provide any aid and assistance we could. We spent the next few hours looking intently for Crew 4, but found nothing. In fact, the 6 of us on the boat were sick and lost after these hours of searching. We had no running lights, navigation, communications, and no life saving equipment for ourselves nor anyone we were trying to help. Deep in my heart I knew that these 16 airmen had finished their earthly mission and were now safely in heaven and in the arms of our Heavenly Father. Knowing that we were lost and not knowing which direction to go to return to Wake, because there were no beacon or navigation lights on the island, I did something that I hadn't done in a few years. I quickly closed my eyes and prayed to God that we could recover our position and find our way safely back to the island. No sooner had I said amen, I had an immediate impression come to me. Use the last power on my handheld walkie talkie to tell the controller on Wake to send cars to the beaches and turn on their lights as a signal for us. That was the last transmission from my radio. After several minutes one of the guys spotted a light behind us far in the distance. We kept the light in sight as we turned around and after more than an hour we could see other lights on the island and found our way to the marina.

These 2 events changed my life forever! I know that God hears and answers prayers. I know that He loves each one of us and has a plan for us. I

know that the Crew 4 is well, happy and watching over their loved ones from a very lofty place. They are with us continually and I feel as though sometimes they are like guardian angels watching over each of us. I know that knowing them even for those few hours has made me a better person. Perhaps in some way I have been able to accomplish something that they wanted to do as an individual or group. At peculiar times I have thoughts of Crew 4 and because of them I rethink what I'm about to do. They continue to teach from afar in a very special way.

All these years and experiences throughout my life have made me who I am today and I'm at peace with that. I don't know what was said but being with Travis for those few hours has helped to heal the wound in my heart surrounding Crew 4. I have always known where they were, but I suspect the ache deep down was for those left behind and not knowing how to deal with that. Meeting the families at the reunion healed that ache. I suspect that I just needed to blend the two emotions into one and let it finally settle. And this was done when Travis visited us.

Thanks to you Cheryl & Mike Vos, TACAMO and the recent visit from Travis, I can now look ahead with great memories of the past without any regret. The Flag and Certificate will reside in my library area and be displayed with great honor and dignity for all who visit our home to see.

Best Wishes and Regards

Admiral

Travis and Admiral's Day adventures:

Right: New for Travis: Red sand

Bottom: Pine Mountain, quiet mountain valley



TACAMO Room UPDATE



Pax River Museum - TACAMO Room

In May a new floor was laid for the new rooms, including the TACAMO Room.



“Naval Aviation Operations in Wartime Southern Maryland” Video Links: Bob Tourville’s presents video production “Naval Aviation Operations in Wartime Southern Maryland”, as part of a joint Pax River Naval Air Museum / St. Mary’s County Historical Society series of talks entitled ‘Historically Speaking’. Learn about the instrumental roles that people at Pax River Naval Air Station and other locations in southern Maryland played in supporting our WWII operations. Bob and SMCHS Director Peter Laporte introduce the film, which covers naval aviation flying activities at Pax River, Webster Field, and Piney Point during WWII.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cAFR9B4UJUG&feature=youtu.be>

This newest video is a companion to the previously released "Patuxent River Cold Warriors" video.

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=Mx0NJKUNYy4>

TACAMO history begins at 34:49

**THE PEOPLE OF THESE SQUADRONS
- PAX RIVER'S FORGOTTEN COLD WARRIORS -**

<u>ELINT</u>	VP-26, VW-2
<u>CARRIER-BASED STRIKE</u>	VC-6, VC-7, VC-8
<u>AEW</u>	VW-2, VW-11, VW-13, VW-15
<u>MARITIME PATROL</u>	VP-26, VP-24, VP-21, VP-8, VP-44, VP-49, VP-56, VP-30, VP-661, VP-68
<u>BROADCAST SERVICES</u>	VXN-8
<u>STRATEGIC COMMAND & CONTROL</u>	VQ-4

Challenge Coin Design Contest



The TACAMO Community Veterans Association needs your help! Next year, 2022, marks the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Association. As we kick off the celebration, the first event will be a Challenge Coin design contest. Everyone will have a chance to design both sides of the coin. The winning design will not only have bragging rights, but will receive public recognition during the TCVA ceremony at the Pax River Museum in May, 2022.

Design Requirements:

- Drogue
- 25th Anniversary
- TACAMO Community Veterans Association
- Size: 1.75" or less.
- Small details may be lost due to the nature of coin making, so **don't** make super detailed designs.
- Colors on one or both sides. If your design requires fancy stuff like epoxy and special finishes then we can talk about that, but keep in mind that all of the extra features increase cost significantly.
- Solid colors only
- Nothing inappropriate in the design.
- We don't want to restrict anyone's creativity too much. It should be obviously apparent what community the challenge coin is representing.
- Clean and sharp hand-drawn designs are probably workable, but something done with a graphics program will be ideal. Require 300dpi graphics
- Submit as many designs as you like.
- If you aren't artistic, feel free to submit ideas and maybe someone else will draw it up.
- Due to the large setup costs for coins, only one design will be selected and produced
- Winner will have their design produced and win a polo shirt w/squadron logo (Example VQ-3) or letters and a ball cap with Squadron letters (Example VQ-3)
- All rights for the design will be handed over to TCVA. TCVA will produce a limited number of coins with winning design
- All entries submitted to tacamocommunity@gmail.com
- Deadline November 1, 2021



Win TACAMO
Merchandise



TACAMO
Community Veterans Association
Celebrating Our 25th Anniversary

2022 TACAMO Reunion

2022 “May 27 to May 30” 2022

Date	Tentative Schedule - Watch for more details	
Thursday 5/26	Early Bird Arrivals - Check IN	Evening Gathering & Check IN
Friday 5/27	Tour Pentagon & visit TACAMO Fallen at Arlington by bus from Pax River - Possible Golf Outing >>>Check-IN post Tour at Home2Suites Hotel	Evening Gathering & Check IN
Saturday 5/28	PAX Museum “TACAMO DAY” TACAMO Room Commissioning & Presentation of 2019, 2020 & 2021 TACAMO Hall of Fame Inductees	Evening Gathering
Sunday 5/29	TACAMO Hall of Fame Picnic & Possible Golf Outing Tentative: If Navy will support, E-6 & VQ-4 DET Facility tour.	
Monday 5/30	Departures	

2022 Reunion Click Here

Visit the graves of TACAMO Fallen at Arlington Cemetery & Tour Pentagon

TCVA Picnic

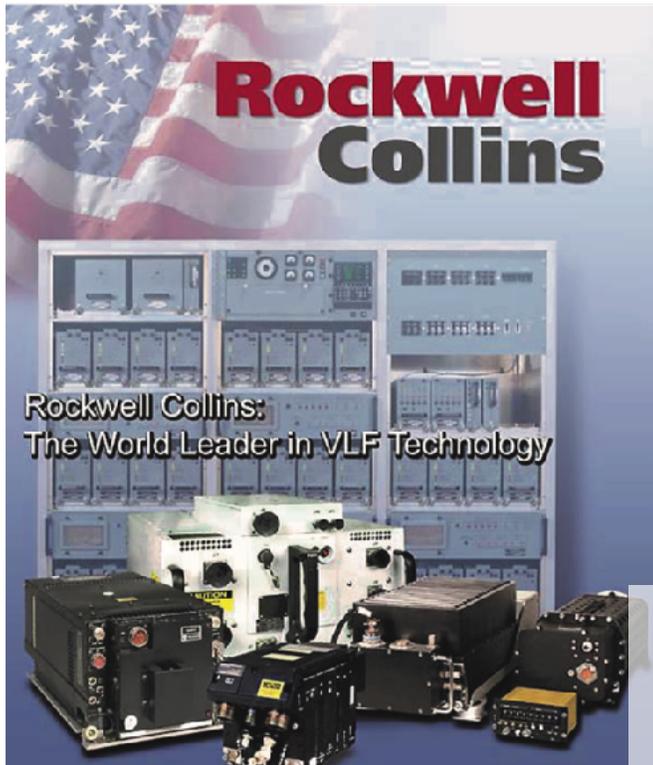
Commissioning of the TACAMO Gallery

PAX RIVER NAVAL AIR MUSEUM

TACAMO
Community Veterans Association
Celebrating Our 25th Anniversary

Patuxent River Naval Air Museum
NAS Patuxent River Pass Office
Fairfield Inn by Marriott Lexington Park...
Home2 Suites by Hilton Lexington Park... Laid-back studios &...

2022, Celebrates 60 years Partnership



Rockwell Collins

Rockwell Collins:
The World Leader in VLF Technology

E-6B Communications: Rockwell Collins
Covers the Spectrum from VLF to UHF



Rockwell Collins: A Member of
the TACAMO Team Since 1962



The Longest Running Program at Collins
by Lonney Duncan, WOGZY - AC15-12552

Figure 2 - Collins ME Antenna Plan View

Figure 3 - High Intensity Brake Disc and Free Recovery System Test

Figure 4 - Complete Antenna Drive for TACAMO E-6B

Figure 5 - EC-130 Antenna Panel

Figure 6 - Navy Common Tractor 648 TACAMO Aircraft Configuration

Figure 7 - 300 kW Class F Transmitter

Figure 8 - 100 kW Class F Transmitter

Figure 9 - 100 kW Class F Transmitter

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WING VQ-3 VQ-4 VQ-7 WTU FIT TACAMO WEAPONS SCHOOL TACAMO



TACAMO ACTIVE DUTY



Strategic Communications Wing One welcomes aboard Rep. Stephanie Bice! Rep. Bice visited TACAMO to get briefed on our capabilities and to tour one of our aircraft.



Strategic Communications Wing One Welcomes MCPON Smith



NEW TACAMO Donations

New TACAMO HERITAGE CENTER donations from [LaRue Shepard](#)
This is just a sampling. His treasures document a once 'cats n dogs' niche of Aircraft Programs Coordinator 4. Now it is today's TOP NAVAIR growth program. Thanks Shep!!!



TACAMO Heritage Center: this doesn't look like much but read on. TCVA Board Member, Cheryl Vos cataloged, photographed, and packed up near 300 individual items, art pieces, and documents. These will all be delivered, cataloged and set up for display in the TACAMO Gallery at the Patuxent River Naval Air Museum. Keep looking for posts showing the gallery updates.

Merc Flight Engineers do a great many things that ensure Safety of Flight and getting the mission done and getting home safely. You probably don't give much thought to aircraft weight and balance. But if that's not done right the bird can be uncontrollable in some flight regimes and well... dangerous. FE Extraordinaire John "Pappy" Pappendick did that routinely and is still teaching it to new FEs. He donated these old school tools and examples to the TACAMO Heritage Center to be displayed in the TACAMO Gallery at Patuxent River Naval Air Museum. Thanks Pappy!!!!



TCVA MEMORABILIA WANTED
Don't throw them away, throw them our way. If you have TACAMO Artifacts, Please consider donating them to TCVA. [Click Here to donate TACAMO Memorabilia](#)

VQ-4 Fast Eddie of the Azores

by Ed Hampshire

"Fast Eddie" was a young man in the town of Praia on Terceira Island in the Azores Islands. Praia was originally a whaling/fishing town on the island about two miles outside of what became Lajes AFB after the US Air Force moved their Azores Islands base from Santa Maria Island to Terceira Island. Lajes was a crew rest stop on virtually every deployment out of VQ-4, especially if you had the Oparea located nearby or it was Winter. When I first started landing at Lajes for crew rest, in 1970/71, everything on Lajes was open 24 hours a day. The clubs, the exchange, the commissary, the barbershop, Class 6 Store, the Peter Rabbit Rattan Shop, the movie theaters, you name it and it was open and probably sometimes crowded. These places were manned mostly with civilians from Praia and all the services provided there were very cheap due to the low wages paid to the native islanders. You could get a haircut and a great shave for less than a dollar. When whaling became pretty much outlawed and the air traffic through Lajes declined sharply in the mid 70s, the town of Praia fell into a recession and Lajes became the substantial income producer for its' residents. This was the time that "Fast Eddie" really came into his prime.



"Fast Eddie" was a real "hustler" or some might call him a very motivated entrepreneur. Anytime you went into Praia

on crew rest, "Fast Eddie" would meet you on the main street of the town and try to sell you something. If a store was closed that had an item you wanted, then he would go get the owner of the store to open up and sell you what you wanted. If you didn't see something you wanted in the store windows, then "Fast Eddie" would find it for you as you drank a local beer or sat in the town square park

Rate of Exchange for Escudo					
(25\$00 per \$1.00)					
Escudos	Dollars	Escudos	Dollars	Escudos	Dollars
1	.04	140	5.60	360	14.40
2	.08	150	6.00	370	14.80
3	.12	160	6.40	380	15.20
4	.16	170	6.80	390	15.60
5	.20	180	7.20	400	16.00
6	.24	190	7.60	410	16.40
7	.28	200	8.00	420	16.80
8	.32	210	8.40	430	17.20
9	.36	220	8.80	440	17.60
10	.40	230	9.20	450	18.00
20	.80	240	9.60	460	18.40
30	1.20	250	10.00	470	18.80
40	1.60	260	10.40	480	19.20
50	2.00	270	10.80	490	19.60
60	2.40	280	11.20	500	20.00
70	2.80	290	11.60	600	24.00
80	3.20	300	12.00	700	28.00
90	3.60	310	12.40	800	32.00
100	4.00	320	12.80	900	36.00
110	4.40	330	13.20	1000	40.00
120	4.80	340	13.60	1500	60.00
130	5.20	350	14.00	2000	80.00

enjoying the rare pleasant sunny day under the two huge Norfolk Island Pines. He would also just lead you to where you could find what you wanted to buy if he knew where to find it. I'm sure he made a good living off the kick backs he received from the local merchants. He would always inform you of the good deals in town that day and even offer women of negotiable affection if that was your thing. In short, if you needed ANYTHING then he was ALWAYS around town day or night to make the arrangements. He was ubiquitous.

As a personal example, my wife wanted some of the beautiful lace curtains for our picture window that she had seen when we had gone to Europe before I came to the squadron. She described a pattern or two that she would like and how big she wanted. I couldn't find just what she wanted elsewhere at our stops in Europe so when we landed at Lajes, "Fast Eddie" took me to a lady's house that made these type curtains and the lady agreed to make them custom for me to pick up the next time I might be in Lajes. She even later made us a custom 12 foot long table cloth for our dining room table that we still use some now.

Vern Lochausen: Thanks, Ed, for sharing this. In 1974 I had a pair of lace up fighter pilot ankle length brown boots from Florsheim, like my Grandad always wore. Fast Eddie led me to a cobbler in Praia who made me an even BETTER pair. Tree Clemens and I also were led to linens and other collectibles there by Fast Eddie.

Jim Baker: I was stationed there from 70 till 73, I experienced all of those amazing memories. I worked in the Navy comm center and typed a lot of TACAMO end of mission reports. In 1973 I brought my parents to the Azores for a visit. It was a trip of their lifetime. Dad and George the Crook became real good friends.

Membership

Anyone need to know when their membership is due? A new webpage gives you access to see when you will pay again and Life Members*.

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C-130 Stickers and Other Gear

Ramon Purcell, Honorary TACAMO Sailor & Video Producer for VQ-3 TACAMOPAC Crew 4 Memorial Video, has introduced a C-130 Boneyard Safari sticker for \$4. Go to [SHOP](#) to purchase yours today. There are also photos of TACAMO's C-130s for sale on the website. Click on Link: [Purchase Photos](#). Boneyard Safari tours of TACAMO C-130s can be arranged by contacting Ramon @ [Boneyard Safari Tour](#)



Longtime naval aviator honored as Hometown Hero

KENOSHA NEWS STAFF
Jan 21, 2020



Dennis Warren was honored Wednesday as Kenosha's Hometown Hero for the fourth quarter of 2019 as well as Hometown Hero of the Year for 2019.

Warren, a retired U.S. Navy captain and naval aviator, served from 1987 until his retirement in 2014. He was nominated by his parents, Kenneth and Mary Warren of Kenosha.

He graduated from Tremper High School in 1980 and Gateway Technical College in 1986. He earned his commission through the Naval Aviation Cadet Program and graduated from Aviation Officer Candidate School in January 1988.

After further training in Florida and Texas, he was commissioned an ensign and earned his naval aviator wings of gold in November 1989.

Early in his career, he flew the Navy's anti-submarine warfare aircraft, the S-3 Viking, from bases in the Philippines and Guam in support of aircraft carrier battle groups in the western Pacific Ocean.

Additional sea duty took Warren to the Mediterranean Sea, where he flew the ES-3A Shadow, an electronic reconnaissance mission aircraft. He deployed twice on the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt, flying reconnaissance missions throughout the Mediterranean Sea and Persian Gulf.

When the ES-3s were retired from service, he transitioned to the E-6 Mercury (Boeing 707), an airborne command post and communications relay platform.

He served as an aircraft commander, instructor and mission commander evaluator in National, Nuclear Command and Control.

He went on to be the commanding officer/chief pilot of VQ-7 "Roughnecks," the training squadron for pilots and crew who fly these sophisticated communications platforms. Warren was also the ships navigator on the aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis.

His shore assignments include service as an aviation trainer and instructor. He also served in the U.S Strategic Command at Offutt Air Force Base, where his duties included serving as battle watch commander in the military's Global Operations Center.

Warren's awards include:

- Defense Superior Service Medal
- Meritorious Service Medal (two awards)
- Air Medal (Flight/Strike) (three awards)
- Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (four awards)
- Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (three awards)
- Numerous campaign and unit awards.

He has accumulated more than 5,000 flight hours and 389 arrested landings on 10 different aircraft carriers.

After retirement from the U.S. Navy, Warren flew for Omega Aerial Refueling Services Inc., a Navy contract supporting worldwide naval fleet exercise requirements. He was the tanker pilot during the first aerial refueling of the X-47B unmanned aircraft in April 2015.

He is active in several professional and civic organizations related to aviation, aviation history and education.

Warren resides in Houston, Texas, flies for Southwest Airlines and volunteers as the Vice President of TACAMO Community Veterans Association.

About Hometown Heroes

The Kenosha Hometown Heroes Commission was created to identify and recognize worthy men and women who have served or are currently serving in the U.S. armed forces who were born in, currently reside in or have previously resided for 10 years or more at any time in the city of Kenosha.



Wayback Machine

Why Oklahoma?

By LT Hobie Anderson and
 LT Mark Day
 VQ-3 Public Affairs

When a sailor or aviator learns that his or her next duty station is Tinker AFB, a good question is, “What does the U. S. Navy do in Oklahoma?”

The Navy considers Tinker Air Force Base a strategic homeport for the largest aircraft in its inventory, the E-6A Mercury.

The E-6A is air refuelable, and this greatly extends its 6,600 NM unrefueled range.

Unrefueled endurance is 16.5 hours, and with several air refuelings, the aircraft can fly for 72 hours. Fully loaded, the aircraft has a maximum gross weight of 342,000 pounds, making it the Navy’s largest and heaviest aircraft.

The presence of the U.S. Air Force’s Air Logistics Center at Tinker allows immediate access to depot level airframe and engine work.

Being centralized at an installation capable of providing this level of support allowed us to develop the Enhanced Phase Maintenance program.

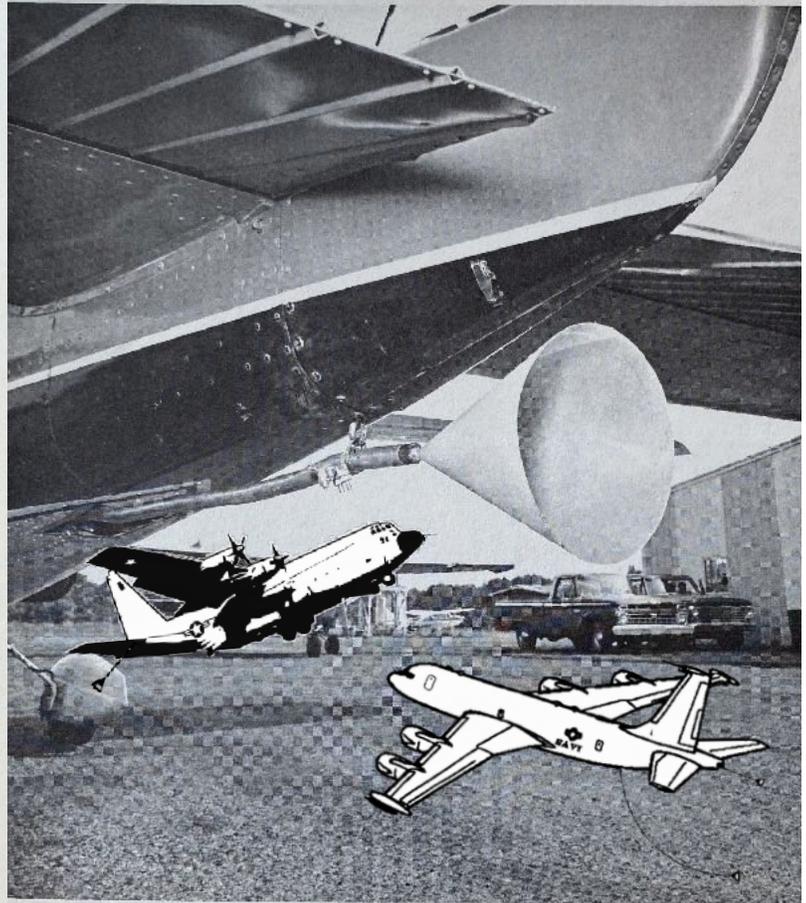


Figure 5. (U) Tail Cone and H₁ Lead-in Tubing Installation.



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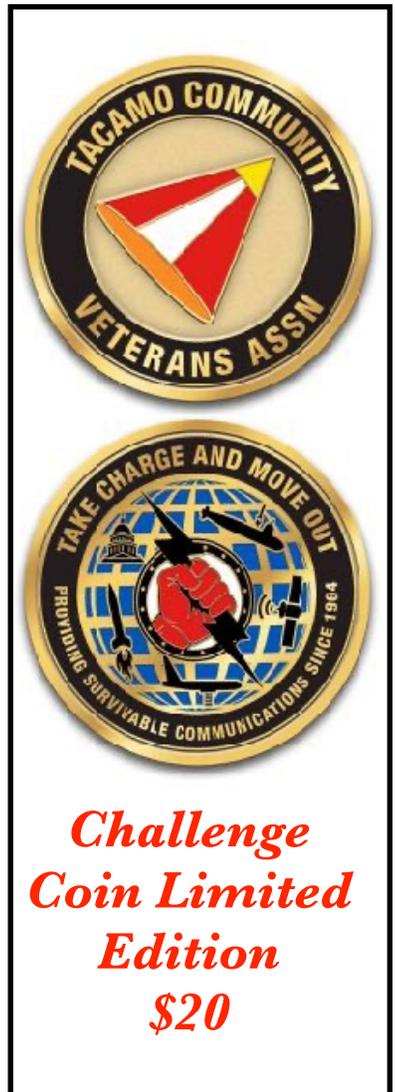
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This webpage is for items purchased by TCVA and can be purchased while supplies last.

Webpage: <https://www.tacamo.org/paraloft-specials>

NEW



Challenge Coin Limited Edition \$20

NAS Barbers Memorial Saved



Naval Air Station Barbers Point Memorials Saved
The memorial is now shifted to maintenance and upkeep phase under the oversight of AMVETs Hawaii. Thank you all who have supported the project over the past 3+ years. Mahalo, Dean K Capelouto.



Barber's Point was decommissioned by the Navy in 1998 and turned over to the State of Hawaii for use as Kalaeloa Airport.





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- TIP II (2 Drogues/Wingtip pods)

EC-130Q Form

E-6

- E-6A
- E-6B

E-6 Form

2023 Celebrates the Mission Handed to LT Jerry Tuttle on 3 July 1963

By Lew McIntyre



The Navy LT who was told to "TAKE CHARGE AND MOVE OUT" in 1963 was Jerry Tuttle.

Ernie Lewis, the former PMA-271 who introduced the E-6A, chatted with me at the 2017 OKC Reunion, I learned that he and VADM Jerry O. Tuttle go back a very long way. Then-LCDR Jerry Tuttle was his flight leader in the A-4 transition training in 1965, and they have remained very close.

Ernie and I visited with the Admiral and wife, Barbara and talked for several hours. Then the Admiral confirmed, as he had already done so with Vern Lochausen, how he had received written tasking as a Lieutenant from VADM Bernard Franklin Roeder, then Assistant CNO for Communications and Head, Naval Communications, to develop a survivable means of communicating with the Polaris missile boats in 1963, in the aftermath of the Cuban missile crisis. At the bottom of the tasking the Admiral had scrawled the phrase "Take Charge and Move Out!" and underlined it three times.

LT Tuttle quickly assembled a van to test the concept for what was later to become TACAMO, with very little funding. The original van was to fly in C-130s and in S-2s, as a carrier-based version of TACAMO. The S-2 carrier-based version never materialized. LCDR Walt Reese from Naval Air Station Johnsville, PA (NADC Warminster) flew separate test flights in a WV-121 Lockheed SuperConstellation to assess technical issues of aircraft VLF transmissions, while LT Tuttle flew missions in C-130s to assess the operational effectiveness of this concept, to the GIUK gap, Europe, Africa, and the Pacific. The Admiral said he flew so often and so long, that he installed a mattress above one of the vans... the jump seats in a cargo Herc are none too comfortable. He decided to call the vans TACAMO, because there was initially considerable sensitivity about the mission.

We discussed the incredible pace of development, from a scrawled note in 1963, to one flying proof of concept van (TACAMO I), to initial operating capability of four improved TACAMO II vans in late 1964, flying C-130Es in Patuxent and Guam. Five years later, (1968) VQ-3 and VQ-4 stood up with eight dedicated C-130Hs, redesignated EC-130Qs 156170-177 with built-in TACAMO III comm suites. The original four C-130Es also received TACAMO III comm suites, redesignated EC-130Gs 151888-891. And this was just five years after initial tasking. We spent a long time discussing why the pace of acquisition is so slow today. Remember, they were transmitting VLF from aircraft, something that had never been done before.

The Admiral introduced his shadowbox... a three-star shadow box is something to behold! He enlisted in 1954, and a senior chief, believing "Seaman Tuttle might amount to something someday," encouraged him to go into the Naval Aviation Cadet (NAVCAD) program, which could lead to wings and a commission without college. He was assigned to VF-113, flying F-3 Demons, which mercifully transitioned to A-4s before he had a chance to crash one, as almost everyone did eventually. The F-3 was very much underpowered and attacking a bomber from below almost always resulted in flameout. The Navy had decided to go all jets in 1954 after the Korean War and the initial safety record was abysmal... in just a few years, the Fleet lost 1700 aircraft and 500 pilots. He continued in the squadron, now-VA-113, and went thereafter to the Navy Postgraduate School to get his Bachelor's Degree in communications. From there he went to OPNAV, where he became the true **Founding Father of TACAMO**. He returned to the attack community in 1965, meeting Ernie Lewis in A-4 training. They received their first batch of A-4s from the Marines in December 1965, in horrible condition from corrosion, but made the first deployment in the Intrepid in April 1966.

LINKS - TACAMO.ORG - [LINKED-IN](https://www.linkedin.com/company/tacamo) - [PAX RIVER TESTER](https://www.paxriver.com) - [NAVYTIMES.COM](https://www.navytimes.com)



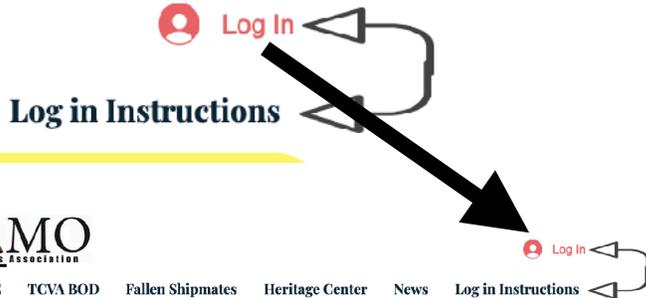
When the Wing was commissioned in May 1992, TACAMO'S Godfather, Vice Admiral Jerry Tuttle spoke and told how we were created. Video courtesy of Rick Filz, son of the Great Bulldog Filz, Reel Op and Senior Chief Extraordinaire.

[YouTube Video Link](#)



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TACAMO shipmates, search to connect with shipmates and/or family members. TCVA has two features to help reconnect:

S EARCH & CONNECT - TCVA has posted a list of members we are searching information for

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TCVA has some volunteer positions to fill. Some are short term and some longer

Come join our team and move TCVA into the next 25 years

Volunteer positions Link

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- REUNION HISTORY**
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 - 2011 Pax
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 - 2013 Seattle
 - 2014 Marietta
 - 2015 3 mini-Reunions
 - Tucson @ Boneyard Safari
 - Destin, FL
 - OKC (Crew 4 Gathering)
 - 2016 Hawaii
 - 2017 OKC
 - 2018 Charleston, SC
 - 2019 Pensacola
 - 2020 Moved to 2021 due to COVID
 - 2022 Pax River



HERITAGE CENTER

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Building displays, collecting, cataloging and displaying artifacts in museums, donated by members.

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Find a space that can be furnished to display artifacts donated by our membership and affiliates.

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Membership dollars help TCVA defray the costs of recognizing TACAMO's significance contributions to the strategic defense of our country. Membership dues also support the actions of TCVA Board of Directors, who work to better the association, reunions, and preserve TACAMO's history.

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TACAMO HALL OF FAME

TCVA's criteria for selection:

- Minimum 2 tours in TACAMO
- Contributed to the mission/aircraft/morale/good reputation of TACAMO
- Technical/professional/personal leadership - a merit
- Performed task or event that shaped the TACAMO mission
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- Generally recognized as deserving of this award
- Categories-TACAMO Sailor, Industry Partner, Government Support, Posthumous, or Community Service

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REUNIONS

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Destination reunions celebrating TACAMO History. Over several days attendees tour, visit with other TACAMO attendees and celebrate the incoming TACAMO Hall of Fame Inductees at the TACAMO Hall of Fame Banquet.

mini-REUNIONS

mini-Reunions are held in years that there is no TACAMO Hall of Fame Inductees Banquet at the reunion.

[Next Reunion: 2022 Memorial Day Weekend](#)

[Reunion information](#)



TACAMO MEMORIAL STONE

Located in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Honolulu Etched on Memorial:
"Dedicated to all who served the TACAMO Mission in Memory of VC-3 TACAMO Crew 4 who perished off the coast of Wake Island during a TACAMCFAC Mission in EC-130Q BUINO 156176 at 2230 hours local time on JUNE 21, 1977
"Take Charge And Move Out: = TACAMO"
A term coined for the mission...
"To provide a mobile communications link in support of deployed strategic ballistic missile submarines."

[Memorial](#)

Letter from Executive Director

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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Aloha TACAMO Shipmates,

The sound of Willie Nelson's "On the Road Again" has been haunting us for quite some time now. COVID-19 has kept us physically distanced from life and put us into a virtual world. Now, there are signs of light that we are moving into a less distanced, yet still cautious world where fist bumps can return to handshakes and hugs.

TCVA is working towards this new normal by preparing for our long awaited 2020/21/22 reunion in Pax River, Maryland. We have lots of catching up to do. Honoring our fallen shipmates and our notable members into the TACAMO Hall of Fame. We will also be christening our museum exhibit at the Pax River Naval Aviation Museum.

We're optimistic that this COVID thing has diminished to the point where we can meet and greet our membership in more customary ways. That said, TCVA will still be vigilant regarding possible spread of the virus, and its variants, encouraging care and concern for our attendees by respecting the guidelines of the CDC at the time of the reunion. Most of our events will be outdoors to facilitate this. The biggest being the picnic at the Solomons Island Rec. Center.

The picnic will be an homage to our recently fallen brother and co-founder of the TACAMO Survivors Association, Bill "Buffalo" Crowell. His love for the community was so often expressed with his frequent picnics there at Solomons. Let's all celebrate his life and legacy with a fun and safe picnic in his honor.

This past year and a half has been challenging for most of us and horrible for some of us with the loss of family and shipmates to COVID. We have made many sacrifices to keep ourselves and those around us safe from the spread of the disease. Let's come together to recognize those sacrifices while we continue to be careful that we don't even inadvertently spread the disease on its way out of our lives and into the history books.

Please stay safe, get vaccinated, protect yourself and those around you by being aware of still existing hazards. We're almost through this thing. But, remember that the now "seasonal flu" are remnants of the 1918 flu epidemic. There will be remnants of COVID, too. We still need to be vigilant in order to enjoy life the way we want.

Stay Safe and Healthy,

Mike Vos



Mike Vos

TACAMO
Community Veterans Association

REQUEST TO JOIN

Due to the overwhelming hacks of FB pages being stolen, to join the TCVA FB page or group, TCVA has set up a few questions to ID who you are from TACAMO. The questions **must** be

answered at the time of your request to join. If the questions are not answered, no access will be given. TCVA has received may friend requests and sends FB messages to individuals. Once the information is obtained, the request will be approved. Thanks for understanding.

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TCVA Facebook
Group

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!

FALLEN LINK



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Veterans Benefits

Someone has gone to a lot of trouble. If this helps one person, then it was worthwhile. Below are websites that provide information on Veterans benefits and how to file/ask for them. Nearly 100% of this information is free and available for all veterans.

Appeals http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21_1/mr/part1/ch05.doc
 Board of Veteran's Appeals <http://www.va.gov/vbs/bva/>
 CARES Commission <http://www.va.gov/vbs/bva/>
 CARES Draft National Plan <http://www1.va.gov/cares/page.cfm?pg=105>
 Center for Minority Veterans <http://www1.va.gov/centerforminorityveterans/>
 Center for Veterans Enterprise <http://www.vetbiz.gov/default2.htm>
 Center for Women Veterans <http://www1.va.gov/womenvet/>
 Clarification on the changes in VA healthcare for Gulf War Veterans <http://www.gulfwarvets.com/ubb/Forum1/HTML/000016.html>
 Classified Records - American Gulf War Veterans Assoc <http://www.gulfwarvets.com/ubb/Forum18/HTML/000011.html>
 Compensation for Disabilities Associated with the Gulf War Service http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21_1/part6%20ch07.doc
 Compensation Rate Tables, 12-1-03 <http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/Rates/comp01.htm>
 Department of Veterans Affairs Home Page <http://www.va.gov/>
 Directory of Veterans Service Organizations <http://www1.va.gov/vso/index.cfm?template=view>
 Disability Examination Worksheets Index, Comp <http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/Benefits/exams/index.htm>
 Due Process http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21_1/mr/part1/ch02.doc
 Duty to Assist http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21_1/mr/part1/ch01.doc
 Electronic Code of Federal Regulations <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/ecfr/>
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 Establishing Combat Veteran Eligibility http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=315
 EVALUATION PROTOCOL FOR GULF WAR AND IRAQI FREEDOM VETERANS WITH POTENTIAL EXPOSURE TO DEPLETED URANIUM (DU) <http://www1.va.gov/gulfwar/docs/DUHandbook1303122304.DOC> and http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1158
 See also, Depleted Uranium Fact Sheet <http://www1.va.gov/gulfwar/docs/DepletedUraniumFAQSheet.doc>
 EVALUATION PROTOCOL FOR NON-GULF WAR VETERANS WITH POTENTIAL EXPOSURE TO DEPLETED URANIUM (DU) <http://www1.va.gov/gulfwar/docs/DUHANDBOOKNONGW130340304.DOC>
 Fee Basis, PRIORITY FOR OUTPATIENT MEDICAL SERVICES AND INPATIENT HOSPITAL CARE http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=206 Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents 2005 <http://www1.va.gov/opa/vadocs/fedben.pdf> OR, http://www1.va.gov/opa/vadocs/current_benefits.htm
 Forms and Records Request <http://www1.va.gov/vaforms/>
 General Compensation Provisions http://www.access.gpo.gov/uscode/title38/partii_chapter11_subchaptervi.html
 Geriatrics and Extended Care <http://www1.va.gov/geriatricsshg/>

Guideline for Chronic Pain and Fatigue MUS-CPG http://www.oqp.med.va.gov/cpg/cpgn/mus/mus_base.htm
 Guide to Gulf War Veteran's Health <http://www1.va.gov/gulfwar/docs/VH1gulfwar.pdf>
 Gulf War Subject Index <http://www1.va.gov/GulfWar/page.cfm?pg=7&template=main&letter=A>
 Gulf War Veteran's Illnesses Q& As <http://www1.va.gov/gulfwar/docs/GWIllnessesQandAsIB1041.pdf>
 Hearings http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21_1/mr/part1/ch04.doc
 Homeless Veterans <http://www1.va.gov/homeless/>
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 Iraqi Freedom/Enduring Freedom Veterans VBA <http://www.vba.va.gov/EFIE/>
 M 10 for spouses and children < http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1007
 M10 Part III Change 1 http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1008
 M21-1 Table of Contents http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/M21_1.html
 Mental Disorders, Schedule of Ratings http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/regs/38CFR/BOOKC/PART4/S4_130.DOC
 Mental Health Program Guidelines http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1094
 Mental Illness Research, Education and Clinical Centers <http://www.mirecc.med.va.gov/>
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 My Health e Vet <http://www.myhealth.va.gov/>
 NASDVA.COM <http://nasdva.com/>
 National Association of State Directors <http://www.nasdva.com/>
 National Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention <http://www.nchpdp.med.va.gov/postdeploymentlinks.asp>
 Neurological Conditions and Convulsive Disorders, Schedule of Ratings <http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/regs/38cfr/bookc/part4/s4%5F124a.doc>
 OMI (Office of Medical Inspector) <http://www.omi.cio.med.va.gov/>
 Online VA Form 10-10EZ <https://www1010ez.med.va.gov/sec/vha/1010ez/>
 Parkinson's Disease and Related Neurodegenerative Disorders <http://www1.va.gov/resdev/funding/solicitations/docs/parkinsons.pdf> and, <http://www1.va.gov/padrecc/>
 Peacetime Disability Compensation http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=browse_usc&docid=Cite:+38USC1131
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