



VQ ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Spring-Summer 2023

FROM the PRESIDENT: Bob Claytor

In September 2022, we held our annual reunion at the Embassy Suites in Colorado Springs, CO. The Board was very pleased with the attendance and members were predominantly pleased with the activities. We hope to see more members at our next reunion in New Orleans, LA. This Newsletter will contain information on the event.

Several people have asked me about the future of VQ-1 and the EP-3E. I have researched documents and talked to many people about the future of VQ and included information herein to bring everyone up to date. I hope to continue the updates in upcoming Newsletters. All inputs for this article come from published documents, so all information is unclassified.

FROM the BACK SEAT: Clint Epley

As Bob stated, we had a successful Colorado Springs reunion, and we hope everyone enjoyed the special activities. The weather couldn't have been better for the golf tournament with views of Pikes Peak in the background. Pictures from the reunion in Colorado are posted on the association website under the reunion header. Looking back now and finding information about the National Museum of WWII Aviation located there I believe it would have been an excellent choice to visit. I encourage everyone to look it up and if ever in Colorado Springs again add it to the attractions to visit, we certainly have it on our list. New Orleans is shaping up and will be discussed later in this document. Be sure to keep up to speed on the event by checking on the www.VQAssociation.org website.

We encourage our members to pass on to fellow VQ/NSG members information about the reunions and encourage participation. It seems several individual groups are having reunions and at times struggling to set them up. Why not join us since we set one up every year. To that regard there are several Facebook sites for members to keep up with friends. Each squadron VQ Association, Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron One and ECMRON One ECM-1, VQ-2 Fleet Air Reconnaissance Two Rota Espana, VQ-5 Sea Shadows, VQ-6 Black Ravens, VQ1 NAS Agana Guam, NAS Rota and Naval Security Group all have Facebook presences.

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VQ ASSOCIATION DUES: Ron Jarabak -Secretary

Membership dues are our only source of income to keep the VQ Association expenses and affairs in order. Our due's structure is set at \$20.00 (1) year or \$30.00 (2) years.

If your payment is delinquent, we do not look back for payment, just renew using the VQ Association Renewal Form (October 2022). The form is included in this newsletter and located on our web site www.VQAssociation.org under the application pull-down. Also, the VQ Association Renewal Form can be used to update the member file, to include changes that occur such as address and phone number.

Payment of dues entitles USPS mailing of our biennial Roster Book (next issue in 2024) and other USPS Newsletter mailings along with additional association email notification/correspondence.

Currently our association has 107 members delinquent (2022-2018) with reminder emailed along with USPS mailings to those who have no email address on file. Additionally, USPS mailing of the biennial Roster Book and this annual reunion newsletter will have a "Dues Paid Through 20xx" statement below the return address to alert members of their due's status.

If you have any questions, contact Ron Jarabak - VQ Association-Secretary at broken3@outlook.com or 813-390-3790.

VQ AND THE EP-3 FUTURE (first installment)

From: Bob Claytor, President

We are all familiar with VQ and the associated aircraft. We know that the only squadron left is VQ-1 and the aging EP-3E needs to be replaced. Over the last decade we have seen many thoughts about the replacement of the EP3. Our best shot at a manned aircraft was a EP-8 variant, but that program did not fly. Instead, we see several UAVs operating from land and ships. I am only going to address the MQ-4C Triton since it is a land based large Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV).

On June 10, 2016, the Navy published a document called the US NAVAL AVIATION VISION 2016-2025. The document is the Navy's aviation plan for aircraft procurement, readiness, capability upgrades and integration. Along with other documents, the vision sets the Navy's aviation goals for 2025. The future of the EP-3 is addressed in this document:

“EP-3E Capabilities Recapitalization: The EP-3E Aries is the Navy's premier manned airborne ISR, targeting and information operations platform. Upgrades to the 2016 aircraft have created significant multi-intelligence, data-fusion, and cue-to-kill targeting capabilities essential to support current overseas contingency operations. Though optimized for the anti-surface warfare targeting mission in the maritime and littoral environments, recent capability upgrades have improved the EP-3E's mission effectiveness in supporting warfighters in all environments around the globe. Multi-intelligence sensors, data links, and a flexible and dependable airframe ensure effective support to conventional and nonconventional warfare operations.

Naval Aviation is developing a family of systems to be in place by the end of the decade to recapitalize the airborne capabilities currently provided by the Aries. Those systems include MQ-4C Triton, MQ-8 Fire Scout, MQ-XX and P-8A Poseidon. Until then, investment in the EP-3E joint common configuration program will ensure the aircraft's mission systems keep pace with current and emerging threats. The EP-3E is expected to reach the end of its service life by the end of the decade.”

“The MQ-4C Triton will conduct maritime ISR missions and complement the P-8A Poseidon on maritime patrol. Land-based and forward deployed, the Triton's long range and networked sensors provide persistent maritime ISR and basic communications relay capabilities from five operational orbits worldwide in support of fleet. Sustaining into the future EP-3E Capabilities Recapitalization MQ-4C MQ-8C MQ-XX commanders and coalition and joint forces. The MQ-4C is undergoing developmental flight testing with

IOC planned for 2018 and full operational capability early next decade. Triton Multi-Intelligence will enter the fleet in 2020, adding signals intelligence capabilities to fleet and joint commanders. Since 2009, a Broad Area Maritime Surveillance (BAMS) Demonstrator has served operationally in the 5th Fleet, providing near-real-time, high resolution tactical imagery in support of combat operations. Lessons learned from the demonstrator are being used to develop the Trident.”

Recapitalization means using funding for future EP-3 upgrades to pay for the drone programs mentioned above. It also assumes the drone programs meet the operational requirements of the users.

NAVAL NEWS published 7 May 2021 stated that “The MQ-4C Triton is an autonomously operated system that provides a persistent maritime ISR capability using multiple maritime sensors. It is designed and produced by Northrop Grumman.

The MQ-4C Triton air vehicle is based upon the United States Air Force (USAF) RQ-4B Global Hawk, while its sensors are based upon components of (or entire systems) already fielded in the DoD inventory.

The United States Navy has expressed a need for 70 aircraft. Australia’s 2016 Defense White Paper identified the requirement for seven high altitude, long endurance Triton unmanned aircraft. Three have been formally ordered. The German Defense Ministry confirmed in March 2017 that it had decided to buy the MQ-4C to replace the EuroHawk program, with deliveries occurring after 2025. The plan has now been canceled. While Japan has ordered the RQ-4B Global Hawk variant (the first flight took place on 15 April 2021), it has not ordered the Triton yet.

MQ-4C Triton Specifications

Length: 47 ft 7 in (14.5 m)	Maximum speed: 357 mph (575 km/h, 320 kn)
Wingspan: 130 ft 11 in (39.9 m)	Range: 9,400 mi (15,200 km, 8,200 nmi)
Height: 15 ft 5 in (4.6 m)	Endurance: 30 hours
Empty weight: 14,945 lbs. (6,781 kg)	Service ceiling: 56,000 ft (17,000 m)
Gross weight: 32,250 lbs. (14,630 kg)	

USNI News reported the following on 27 Jan 2020, “About a year later than initially expected, the first two MQ-4C Triton unmanned aircraft arrived in Guam over the weekend, marking a significant step toward increasing the Navy’s Western Pacific reconnaissance and surveillance capability, the service announced this weekend. The two

Tritons are part of an early operational capability being run by Unmanned Patrol Squadron (VUP) 19, which is flying and maintaining the aircraft from Andersen Air Force Base in Guam. VUP 19 is developing the concept for incorporating the high-altitude, long-endurance system into the maritime domain and augmenting the Navy's current reconnaissance and surveillance operations with manned aircraft."

"The inaugural deployment of Triton UAS brings enhanced capabilities and a broad increase in maritime domain awareness to our forward fleet commanders," Rear Adm. Peter Garvin, the commander of Patrol and Reconnaissance Group, said in a Navy statement.

"VUP-19, the Navy's first dedicated UAS squadron supported by an outstanding NAVAIR (Naval Air Systems Command) and industry team, is superbly trained and ready to provide the persistent ISR coverage the Navy needs."

The Navy expects initial operational capability (IOC) for the program in 2021. In December, the Navy awarded Northrop Grumman a \$251.6-million contract modification to build three more low-rate initial production MQ-4 Tritons.

The Tritons in Guam are operating under the under Commander of Task Force (CTF) 72, the lead for patrol, reconnaissance, and surveillance forces in U.S. 7th Fleet. "The introduction of MQ-4C Triton to the 7th Fleet area of operations expands the reach of the U.S. Navy's maritime patrol and reconnaissance force in the Western Pacific," Capt. Matt Rutherford, the commander of CTF-72, said in the statement." Coupling the capabilities of the MQ-4C with the proven performance of P-8, P-3 and EP-3 will enable improved maritime domain awareness in support of regional and national security objectives.

The Navy had planned to deploy two Tritons to Guam by the end of 2018, Naval Air Systems Command announced in April 2018 at the Navy League's Sea Air Space 2018 exposition: however, in September 2018 a 131-foot wingspan Triton crashed in California while conducting operational testing out of Naval Base Ventura County. The Navy halted Triton operations while it investigated the crash. The investigation found that the Triton had an issue during flight operations and was told by operators to come back to the base. While heading in for a landing, though, the engine was shut down, but the landing gear did not extend, resulting in a belly landing. There were no injuries or collateral damage reported, but the damage to the Triton was estimated at more than \$2 million, the threshold for a Class A flight mishap, according to the Navy. The Navy and the aircraft manufacturer Northrop Grumman spent years testing and evaluating the Tritons before flying them to Guam."

“This significant milestone marks the culmination of years of hard work by the joint team to prepare Triton for overseas operations,” Capt. Dan Mackin, the manager of NAVAIR’s Persistent Maritime UAS program office, said in a statement. “The fielding of the Navy’s premier unmanned aircraft system and its additive, persistent, multi-sensor data collection and real-time dissemination capability will revolutionize the way maritime intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance is performed.”

On May 14, 2021, USNI News reported the following: “The Navy is temporarily moving two MQ-4C unmanned aircraft from Guam to a base in Japan. ‘This is the first time the MQ-4C Triton has been deployed to Japan,’ U.S. Naval Forces Japan said in a news release. “

The service said the two aircraft, which have been operating from Guam for more than a year, will touch down in Misawa. Naval Air Facility Misawa is home to other naval aviation operations, including the P-8A Poseidon.

“It allows us to create a more complete picture of what is out there versus what we think is out there” in the air and ocean space, Vice Adm. Jim Kilby, the deputy chief of naval operations for war-fighting requirements and capabilities (OPNAV N9), told the House Armed Services sea power and projection forces subcommittee in March.

“So, to me it’s a validation – and having been an operator in the Pacific, sometimes it corrects a mis-ID, for lack of a better word. So, I think Triton will add tremendous value there,” he added.

Now for some humor:

- **From a 2nd grader:** Why was the Math book sad?Because it had so many problems!
- **Law of Physical Surfaces:** The chances of an open-faced jelly sandwich landing face down on a floor are directly correlated to the newness and cost of the carpet or rug.
- **The Coffee Law:** As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something which will last just until the coffee is cold.

INFORMATION ON NEW ID'S

The following article is reprinted from military.net. The Defense Department is planning to phase out the existing military identification cards (ID) for retirees and dependents.

Even if your ID card has no expiration date, you will still need to get a replacement by 2026. Those who have ID cards with no expiration date can choose to get the new Next Generation Uniform Services Identification, or USID card whenever it's convenient — as long as it's done within the next four years.

There is no looming deadline for use of those old non-active-duty cards without expiration dates, but the department expects to completely phase out and replace them with the next generation IDs, which are more durable and have enhanced security features, by 2026, Maj. Charlie Dietz stated.

In the meantime, cards with expiration dates are required to be replaced within 90 days of elapsing. The Defense Department began the effort update all those IDs to the new format in July 2020, but the hangover hit delays caused by the pandemic.

The new USID format represents the first change to the cards in nearly 30 years.

Why New Orleans is Called “The Big Easy?”

From: Susann Jarabak, (Volunteer - Ladies Travel Coordinator)

(Reprint from the culturetrip.com, English-for-Students.com and Nutrias.org)

New Orleans is named after Philippe II, Duc D'Orléans, a senior member of the French royal family who served as a regent between 1715 and 1723.

Somewhere between 1900 and the 1970s, the city received the nickname “The Big Easy.” There is no clear origin of the name, but there are several accounts of where it could have originated.

The Big Easy Hall and Jazz Musicians

One of the most popular theories suggests that the name was adopted from the Big Easy Hall, a popular dance hall in Gretna, where famous cornet player Buddy Bolden occasionally performed in the early 20th century. New Orleans was a haven for emerging jazz musicians in the 20th century, and music has remained part of the culture to date. According to English-for-Students.com, New Orleans' nickname "The Big Easy" refers to its laid-back attitude and the easy-going nature of the jazz musicians and other residents of the city.



Franz Marc Frei/LOOK/Getty Images

English-For-Students.com explains that James Conaways likely picked up the nickname "*The Big Easy*" from slang what was already being used in the New Orleans area.

Some also report the existence of a jazz club called "The Big Easy" in the early 1900s, and it's possible that the nickname evolved from that of the club. However, there is no evidence to prove that this club existed.

A 1970 Novel and Film

Another theory suggests that the name was derived from James Conaway's crime novel *The Big Easy*, published in 1970.

One day while working as a police reporter in a courthouse, he overheard a group of African American men use the phrase "the big easy." He was not sure about what they were talking about, but he thought of it as a beautiful phrase.

Two years later, he chose the phrase as the title of his book. The name was later used for the film adaptation in the 1980s. The phrase was quickly picked up by the public and used as the nickname of New Orleans.

The name came into common use after the release of James Conaways' novel entitled "*The Big Easy*" in 1970, but its exact origins remain unclear.

Betty Guillaud

In the late 1960s, Times-picayune columnist Betty Guillaud sought to find a catchphrase to describe the unique lifestyle of New Orleans like the “Big Apple,” which refers to New York City.

The phrase “Big Easy” was already in use by African Americans. Strangely enough, “the Big Apple” in reference to New York was first used by African Americans in New Orleans before it was picked up by a New York columnist to refer to the city of New York. Guillaud adopted and popularized the name “Big Easy.”

There are said to be ties between the nickname “The Big Easy” and New York City’s nickname, “The Big Apple,” with some claiming that New Orleans’ nickname was coined to contrast the city with the more energetic New York.

Nutrias.org states that in the 1970s, a local gossip columnist wrote an article contrasting New York and New Orleans and used the term “The Big Easy” as a metaphor for the laid-back lifestyle to be had in the latter city.

The nickname became more commonplace in the years that followed.

Prohibition

Another possible origin of the name relates to the attitude of New Orleanians towards alcohol during Prohibition.

The ban on alcohol consumption between 1920 and 1933 sought to curb social problems, corruption, and crime, but the Prohibition looked like it never got to New Orleans.

People in the city continued enjoying their favorite alcohol and nightlife in total disregard of the drinking ban.

It is believed that the city was named “Big Easy” for the uncontrolled life during this period.



VQ ASSOCIATION

- ☐ NEW MEMBER APPLICATION
- ☐ MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL
- ☐ CONTACT UPDATE
 - ☐ Address Change
 - ☐ Email Change
 - ☐ Phone Change

1. Contact Information:

Member Name: _____ Spouse/Significant Other: _____
 Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____
 Tel. (H): _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____
 (Emails address is not shared outside of group)

Total dues enclosed (CIRCLE DOLLAR AMOUNT): \$20.00 \$30.00 Other Amount: \$ _____

(VQ Association new/renewal membership dues are \$20/year or \$30/two years or other increments thereof)

CHECK PAYABLE to: VQ Association

2. Service Information for New Membership Application ONLY: Complete below.

Last Military Rank/Rate: _____
 Circle Present Work Status: _____ Active Duty _____ Retired _____ Civilian _____
 Squadron Service (VQ1, 2, 5, 6, NSG) briefly describes duties: (i.e., VQ2 1979-83, Guam, Rota, Atsugi, Cubi Point, Whidbey Island, Misawa, Kadena, Cecil Field, Personnel Officer, A-3 Navigator, Airframe, WC210 CPO, Power Plants, etc.)
 Squadron: _____ Years: _____ Base: _____ Duties: _____
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New Member/Renewal/Updates submit above information and/or include check payable to:

VQ Association

Mail form and/or check to:

Ron Jarabak - VQ Association Secretary
 9594 SW 67th LN
 Gainesville, FL 32608-7711

NOTE: We do not look back to long lost members who are renewing their membership. Simply pay current membership (\$20.00 (1) year or \$30.00 (2) years) and you are good to go and current. You will receive newsletters and a roster book as published. Your dues are our only source of income to keep the VQ Association expenses and affairs in order. We do not send notices for dues payment. We rely on the honor system with dues normally paid each Sept/Oct but anytime is acceptable.



VQ ASSOCIATION 2023 REUNION

September 24-28, 2023
New Orleans, LA



Travel safely and we will See you in The Big Easy!

VQ ASSOCIATION 2023 REUNION EVENTS

GROUP WELCOME RECEPTION AND DINNER AT THE HOTEL

Sunday, September 24 (Cocktails at 5:30pm; Dinner at 7:00pm)

Welcome to *The Big Easy!* Join all your friends and kick off this years' reunion with a nice dinner in the comfort of your hotel. *You need to eat* so come, catch up on all the scuttlebutt and enjoy dinner with your mates. Meet at 5:30pm in the hotel Atrium for *complimentary drinks* before a buffet dinner at 7:00pm.

THE BIG EASY SIGHTSEEING EXCURSION

Monday, September 25 (8:30am-10:45am)



Ride through three centuries of history as you see and hear about New Orleans' top attractions. Absorb the sights & sounds of the French Quarter and iconic Jackson Square. Marvel at stories of voodoo and piracy on Bayou St. John, the waterway used by Jean Lafitte and his band of pirates, as you make your way to the shores of Lake Pontchartrain, where you will see the longest bridge over water in the world. Follow the path of the St. Charles Avenue streetcar, the oldest continuously operating passenger railway system in the world, past the homes of former Kings & Queens of Mardi Gras, stately mansion homes and the world-famous, exclusive Garden District. This is a mostly riding tour and you have the option of returning to the hotel or continuing to the Lunch Cruise.

NOTE: This tour is timed so you can do BOTH the NOLA Sightseeing and Paddlewheel Lunch Cruise.

PADDLE-WHEEL JAZZ LUNCH CRUISE ON THE MIGHTY MISSISSIPPI

Monday, September 25 (10:45am-1:45pm)

Let us take you back to when life was as slow and graceful as the current on the Mississippi. Savor the beauty and romance of the New Orleans skyline aboard Natchez – the last authentic steamboat on the Mississippi River. Be amazed by the sights of one of the world's most active ports and the beautiful view of New Orleans from the comfort of your paddle-



wheel river boat. The decks, engine room and bars will all be open for your enjoyment after lunch. Included in the jazz lunch cruise ticket price are the bus transfer, paddlewheel cruise, buffet lunch, and jazz band entertainment, applicable taxes & service fees. After the cruise, you may return to the hotel by bus, or enjoy more of New Orleans and return to the hotel at your leisure, which is only about 6 city blocks. Lunch is served at 12:15. Alcoholic beverages/soft drinks are not included in the price of the ticket. Iced tea/coffee is served at lunch.

NOTE: Our touring finishes at the Paddlewheel Boat and is timed so you can do BOTH the Sightseeing and Paddlewheel Lunch Cruise, stay in town for lunch and explore on your own around Jackson Square or simply return to the hotel.

Wicked History: Voodoo, Vampires, Pirates & Ghost Tour

Monday, September 25 (2:30-4:30)

Board the bus at the hotel and join us on a walk through the streets of NOLA and hear the history of our city through the stories of its restless dead, the old legends,



horrifying great disasters, and still unsolved murders. The stories you will hear on our tour are the ones that define our city and her people. What's most unsettling about the things you'll learn? It all really happened! Our tour is equal parts history, entertainment, and horror.

Our tour begins with a stop at St. Louis Cathedral, the oldest cathedral in the United States, in the heart of the French Quarter. From there, we will journey through the streets to Lafitte's Blacksmith

Bar, the Cabildo, Madame John's Legacy, and other French Quarter landmarks. You will hear stories about the Spanish occupation of New Orleans, 19th Century ghosts and more.

Experience the rich, dark history of New Orleans while standing in the same spots it took place! If you're like us, these stories will make you respect and revere NOLA even more than ever. The tour lasts 90-100 minutes without a bathroom break or stop, so please wear good walking shoes, and bring something to drink for hydration.

NOTE: This tour is timed so you can do BOTH the Paddlewheel Lunch Cruise and Ghost Tour.

NATIONAL WWII MUSEUM INCLUDING AWARD-WINNING FILM

Tuesday, September 26 (9:00am-2:00pm)



Spend the day at the National WWII Museum. This remarkable attraction illuminates the American experience during the WWII era with moving personal stories, historic artifacts, and powerful interactive displays.

From the Normandy Invasion to the sands of Pacific Islands and life on the "home front," this museum is World-Class! You will have the day to visit the museum at your own pace.

Your exciting day includes the film “Beyond All Boundaries,” narrated and produced by Tom Hanks, a unique and powerful film about the Greatest Generation’s journey. There is a café and old-time soda fountain on-site for lunch on your own. Admission, movie, and round-trip shuttle bus transfers included.

LOUISIANA PLANTATION EXPERIENCE

Tuesday, September 26 (9:00am-1:00pm)

Few Southern plantations bring the past to life as brilliantly as the costumed historic interpreters at Destrehan Plantation. They’ll take you from room to room in



the Big House, sharing tales of the people who lived here during outbreaks of yellow fever and before and after the Civil War. You’ll learn about plantation architecture, view one-of-a-kind documents, and discover history in a way you just can’t get from a book. You’ll get a chance to view family treasures, including a marble bathtub, believed to be a gift from Napoleon Bonaparte himself. You’ll see a registry listing the names of the enslaved people who

lived and worked on the plantation, and you’ll step inside an actual slave cabin, where you can see how the enslaved lived.

After your tour, you can explore several self-guided exhibits, dependency buildings, and the grounds. Our Miller-Haydel Museum (once an overseer’s cabin) hosts the 1811 German Coast Uprising exhibit, the largest slave revolt in U.S. history. The event led to the execution of 44 people trying to escape slavery. Note that lunch is not included.

FREE DAY TO EXPLORE ON YOUR OWN

Wednesday, September 27

Enjoy the day on your own exploring personal interests.

FAREWELL BANQUET DINNER AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, September 27 (Free Cocktails begin at 1800/ Dinner at 1900)

Join your friends for your Banquet Dinner at the Hotel. We will begin in the Atrium at 1800 for 2 complimentary drinks before dinner at 1900 followed by the annual meeting.

TOUR CANCELLATION INSURANCE

Protect yourself from unforeseen expenses caused by sickness, injury or any other causes that impact on your travel plans. This insurance enables a refund of tour & banquet expenses (less processing fee) up to midnight before the start of your reunion. Without cancellation insurance all money received is non-refundable 6 weeks prior to the reunion.

ALL RESERVATIONS ARE DUE BY JULY 26, 2023

Late reservations will be accepted on a space available basis with a non-refundable \$15 p.p. late fee. There is a \$15 p.p. surcharge for orders taken over the phone. Please make a copy of your order prior to mailing.

NOTE: Tour times are subject to change. Should you need additional information call our offices Monday through Friday CST at 817-251-3551 or email us at info@MilitaryReunionPlanners.com.

Requests for refunds must be made in writing and postmarked no later than the reservation due date. No refunds will be made after this date unless you have purchased Tour Cancellation Insurance.

NOTE: There is a \$15 per person processing fee plus any fees imposed by the credit card processing company, currently 3.5%, on all cancellations. Your cancelled check is your receipt as well as proof of purchase.

For written confirmation of your reservation please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your cancellation request. A \$25 return check fee applies.

MRP will not be held liable for failure of vendors to provide contracted services or any injuries/accidents that may occur during the reunion.

VQ ASSOCIATION REUNION RESERVATION FORM

>>> Register on-line at: <https://tinyurl.com/4jwc4s2m> \ OR/ complete this form and mail with a check payable to: MRP, Box 1588, Colleyville, TX 76034

DATE	TIME	EVENT	COST	QTY	TOTAL
		Reunion Registration Fee (non-refundable)	\$20 pp		
Sun 9/24	1730	Group Welcome Reception & Dinner at the Hotel	\$65 pp		
Mon 9/25	0830-1100	The Big Easy Sightseeing Excursion	\$45 pp		
Mon 9/25	1045-1345	Add-On: Paddle-Wheel Lunch Jazz Cruise	\$75 pp		
Mon 9/25	1430-1630	Add-On: VooDoo, Vampires, Pirates & Ghosts Tour	\$25 pp		
Tue 9/26	0900-1300	National WWII Museum & Award-Winning Movie	\$55 pp		
Tue 9/26	0900-1245	<i>Alternative:</i> Louisiana Plantation Experience	\$49 pp		
Wed 9/27	1900	Farewell Banquet & General Membership Meeting:			
		Sliced London Broil	\$65 pp		
		New Orleans Blackened Chicken	\$65 pp		
		Non-refundable Late Reservation Fee (If registering after August 18, 2023)	\$15 pp		
		Tour Cancellation Insurance: Protect your \$\$ (Fee is non-refundable)	\$20 pp		
TOTAL					

>>> PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

FULL NAME: _____	
SPOUSE: _____	GUEST(s): _____
ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____	
CELL: _____	EMAIL ADDRESS: _____
EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____	
LIST ANY SPECIAL NEEDS: (Dietary, mobility, etc.): _____	
Do you need a hydraulic wheelchair lift in order to get on the bus to participate in the tours: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

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SMALL STORES

Item	Qty	Description	Price	Total

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE ZIP _____

PHONE _____

Email _____

All prices include shipping.

Make check / Money Order

Payable to:

VQ Association

Mail to:

Carl Hopkins
5525 Longfellow Dr
Santa Barbara, CA 93111
805-967-2943

Navy Pin Item # 127



Item	Description	Price
101	EA3B HAT (no eggs)	\$20.00
102	EA3B Hat (eggs)	\$21.00
103	EC121 Hat (no eggs)	\$20.00
104	EC121 Hat (eggs)	\$21.00
105	EP3E Hat (no eggs)	\$20.00
106	EP3E Hat (eggs)	\$21.00
107	P4M-1Q Hat (no eggs)	\$20.00
108	P4M-1Q Hat (eggs)	\$21.00
109	VQ Ground Pounder Hat (Bat)	\$17.00
110	VQ Ground Pounder Hat (Sandman)	\$17.00
111	VQ Association Logo Hat (Shite /Soft / Golf)	\$20.00
112		
113	VQ-1 Bat Patch (No longer available)	\$7.00
114	VQ-2 Bat Patch	\$7.00
115	VQ-2 Sandman Patch	\$7.00
116	A-3 Patch	\$7.00
117	EC-121 Patch (No longer available)	\$7.00
118	EP-3E Patch	\$7.00
119	Tonkin Gulf Yacht Club Patch	\$7.00
120	VQ-1 World Watchers Patch	\$7.00
121	Decal VQ Association - Navy Air Recon	\$3.00
122	Pin A-3	\$11.00
123	Pin EP-3	\$11.00
124	Pin-EC-121	\$11.00
125	Patch Faireconron-1 Dark Blue (No longer available)	\$7.00
126	Patch Tonkin Gulf Yacht Club Orange	\$7.00
127	Navy Pin	\$11.00

Thanks for the Memories



(Photos courtesy of VQ Association shipmates)

VQ Association Website: vqassociation.org



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