

# VRC - 50 Association Reunion 2014

## Registration & Information

Where: Pensacola, FL  
 When: 3 through 7 September 2014  
 Reservations: Ashton Inn & Suites - Navy  
 910 N. Navy Blvd  
 Pensacola, FL 32507  
 Phone: 850-455-4561  
 Visit On Line: <http://www.ashtoninnsuites.com/>  
<http://beachbumtrolley.com/vrc50.htm>  
<http://anguspensacola.com>

Cost: \$ 85.00  
 The cost includes:  
 \*A hospitality suite open from Wednesday through Saturday  
 \*Friday night fish fry at the Ashton  
 \*Saturday night banquet at the Angus  
 \*All taxes and gratuities.  
 \*A welcome packet with schedules and local entertainment information.

If you have questions please e-mail or call Dave Barry at [drbarry5@verizon.net](mailto:drbarry5@verizon.net) or 301-862-4548 (EST)  
 Please complete the registration form below, make your check or money order payable to VRC 50 Association and send to:

Dave Barry  
 21399 Lee Dr.  
 Lexington Park, MD 20653

**To facilitate the organization of the reunion return your registration by July 30<sup>th</sup>.**

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Member \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Guest \_\_\_\_\_ Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet Choices: Check preferences.

Member                    ( ) Grouper                    ( ) Chicken                    ( ) Steak  
 Guest/Spouse            ( ) Grouper                    ( ) Chicken                    ( ) Steak

\*If you plan on additional guests please list names and meal choices.

Reunion and banquet registration	( ) @ \$85	Amount \$ _____
Wednesday pub crawl	( ) @ \$15	Amount \$ _____
Thursday dolphin cruise	( ) @ \$32	Amount \$ _____
Thursday BBQ at the Ashton	( ) @ \$25	Amount \$ _____
Friday city tour, memorial service,*lunch	( ) @ \$28	Amount \$ _____
Saturday Naval Aviation museum/lunch	( ) @ \$ 46	Amount \$ _____
Reunion Memory Book	( ) @ \$ 15	Amount \$ _____
2013/2014 Dues (\$20 per year)		Amount \$ _____
		Total: \$ _____

\*We will order & pay for lunches individually

# VRC – 50 Association Reunion Information 3 – 7 September 2014

## Who is Invited?

Former members of VR – 21, VR – 23, VRC – 50, civilian personnel and their guests are cordially invited to attend the reunion. If you have not attended a reunion in the past, we strongly encourage you to do so. We, and many of our fellow Foo Dogs have enjoyed some wonderful times at past reunions, renewing old friendships and making new ones. You are encouraged to contact Foo Dogs that you are still in contact with and personally invite them to join us in September. Who knows... you may even hear a couple of Sea Stories that you haven't heard before! Just that alone would be worth the trip.

## Note from Dave on registration

I will be deployed from 03 December 2013 – 19 February 2014 and will not get snail mail. Please do not send checks or registration during this period of time. Also do not mail any registrations past 8 August 2014.

I will be driving to Pensacola and we are doing a cruise out of NOLA on the way down (contact me if you are interested in going and want more info).

## Accommodations

The Ashton Inn has set aside 65 rooms each night for the VRC – 50 Association. The hotel will be doing reviews 90, 60 and 30 days out and will be releasing rooms from our block based on reservations received. The sooner you reserve your room, the better. As long as you cancel your reservation 24 hrs prior to arrival you will not be charged. The cost includes a deluxe continental breakfast and is \$85 per night plus 11.5% tax.

## Banquet

Dinner at the Angus will consist of a House salad, vegetable, potato, desert and your choice of one of the following :

Black Angus Sirloin served with a roasted garlic hollandaise sauce

Oven Roasted Grouper - drizzled with a tequila citrus reduction sauce

Chicken Picatta - tossed with a lemon, caper, garlic butter sauce over angel hair pasta

There will also be a vegetarian meal available.

Alcoholic Beverages are not included and will be placed on a separate ticket for you

## Events

Events are described below. Please note that if we do not meet our minimum numbers some events may have to be cancelled. We do not think this will be a problem based on participation at past reunions.

Be sure to check out other activities available from Beach Bum Trolley. You may schedule other activities such as golf or fishing on your own small groups if you wish. <http://beachbumtrolley.com/>

## Contact Information

If you are trying to contact a former ship mate or your contact information has changed, you can e-mail Dave Barry at drbarry5@verizon.net or call at 301-862-4548 (EST) and I will do what I can to get you the information you need or update your information.

## Sharing

If you have any photos, videos, artifacts that you would like to share, please bring them. We will be able to secure them in the hospitality suite when we are not present.

## Group Photo and Souvenir Book

We will have a memory book full of pictures from all of our activities and group photos. Available for order on the registration form.



## VRC-50 2014 Pensacola Reunion Events

**Wednesday, Sept 3rd *Pub Crawl Seville Quarter* – 5 hrs departing 1700 \$15 pp (min 30)**

Dinner and drinks on our own <http://www.sevillequarter.com/about>

Seville Quarter began as the dream of Bob Snow, a Minnesota native, who was a virtuoso trumpet player, Dixieland band leader, naturally gifted designer, builder and energetic entrepreneur. Snow fell in love with Pensacola while in Navy Flight training.

Starting with \$1,100, his horn and his heart, Snow started Rosie O'Grady's in the old Pensacola Cigar & Tobacco Company warehouse on Government Street. Opening night was August 16, 1967. Lili Marlene's was added next, followed by the other beautiful and distinctive rooms which now make up Pensacola's premier entertainment and dining complex, Seville Quarter.

Wilmer Mitchell was Bob Snow's attorney who participated with Snow in building Seville Quarter over the years and took over operations in 1988. The Mitchell family remains dedicated to carrying on the tradition Bob Snow started.

**Thursday, Sept 4th – *Dolphin Cruise* -3 hrs departs 1400 \$32 pp (min 25)**

<http://chase-n-fins.com/>

Come and see dolphins play in the wild! The trolley will pick us up at the Ashton and transport us to the Marina where we will board the Chase-N-Fins for a two hour cruise on a 50 foot Navy Launch. The cruise, depending on weather conditions, normally will follow the shoreline of Pensacola Beach out to Fort Pickens. Bring your cameras! Water and restrooms are available onboard the Chase-N-Fins.

**Thursday, Sept 4th - *BBQ at the Ashton* - 1830 \$25 pp (min 40)**

Enjoy an informal casual dinner of sliced beef brisket, chicken, sausage, cole slaw, baked beans, and dessert while catching up on sea stories and life events since the last meeting.

**Friday, Sept 5th - *Historic City Tour, Veterans' Memorial Park, & McGuires* departs 0900 \$28 pp**

Enjoy a narrated trolley tour of the historic area of Downtown Pensacola, the "City of Five Flags". Hear about the first settlement of 1559 followed by permanent colonization in 1698. The tour will take us by the 1912 L&N railroad depot, Saint Michael's Cemetery of the late 1700's and the 1832 Christ Church which was used by Union soldiers during the Civil War as a barracks and hospital. See Seville Square, Seville Quarter, Fort George and pass through the site of the old Hawkshaw community. We will stop for a memorial ceremony at the Veteran's Memorial Park where we will be led by our chaplain George Dow and the NAS Pensacola Honor Guard. Following the ceremony, we will have lunch at McGuire's and have the Honor Guard as our guests.

**Saturday, Sept 6th – *National Naval Aviation Museum* 8 hrs departs 0830 \$46pp**

Naval Aviation began here in 1914 and until November 2007 trained every Naval Flight Officer in our Navy. You will pass by Barrancas National Cemetery, Fort Barrancas, the Old Navy Yard and much, much more. The National Museum of Naval Aviation is the largest museum of air and space memorabilia outside of the Smithsonian. You'll have the opportunity to participate in a guided tour and ample time to browse in the flight museum gift shop. The IMAX and lunch at the Cubi Bar is included in the price. Following the museum we will have a tour of the National Flight Academy.

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Pensacola, Florida ~ September 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014

➤ Transportation included for all trips by <http://www.beachbumtrolley.com/>

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>

- 1500 Early bird arrival check-in at the Ashton Inn
- 1700 Trolley *Pub Crawl Tour* departs for Seville Quarter
- 2200 *Pub Crawl* Returns to Ashton Inn

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>

- Welcome to the *Ashton* - Official Check-in time is 1500
- 1400 Board trolley for *Dolphin Tour*
- 1430 Board the Chase N Fins
- 1630 *Dolphin Tour* returns to Marina
- 1700 Arrive at the Ashton
- 1830 *BBQ* in the Hospitality Room
- 2000 – 2300 *Sea Stories* in the Hospitality Suite

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5<sup>th</sup>

- 0900 Board trolleys for *Historic City Tour, Veterans' Memorial Park, and McGuire's lunch*
- 1030 Memorial Service at Veterans' Memorial Park with Chaplain George Dow and the NAS Color Guard
- 1115 Lunch at McGuire's Irish Pub
- 1330 Board trolleys for return to Ashton Inn
- 1830 *Fish Fry* at the Ashton Inn
- 2000 – 2300 *Sea Stories* in the Hospitality Suite

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6<sup>th</sup>

- 0830 Trolley departs for *National Naval Air Museum*
- 0900 Arrive and browse the Museum
- 1000 Guided tour of the Museum
- 1200 Lunch at the Cubi Bar inside the Museum
- 1300 Free time to browse
- 1350 IMAX movie
- 1500 Meet in the Atrium for pictures
- 1515 Tour of the National Flight Academy
- 1615 Board trolleys for return to Ashton Inn
- 1800 Trolley leaves for banquet at the Angus Steakhouse
- 2100 Return to the Ashton

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>

- Hotel check out time is 1200
- Say your good-byes until next time.