

SEAWOLF MUSTER APRIL, 1987

The reunion is doing great! I'm amazed at the response and enthusiasm I'm seeing. When we first started the reunion project we figured twenty maybe thirty Seawolves would attend. As of this writing we have forty three SEAWOLVES who are planning on attending. In fact, Tom Olby has bet me a drink that we will have 100 Seawolves in attendance. Will I have to buy Tom Olby a drink? We have Seawolves coming from Alaska, St. Thomas Virgin Islands and every corner of the States except Hawaii.

Some Wolves has asked me if Navy Seals or guys from Solid Anchor or from a T can attend? Sure, why not. Another point of interest is that half of the Seawolves attending are bringing their families. I think that's great.

We still don't have an agenda for the reunion, that will come later. A few topics that we will need to discuss are:

How free should we be with the Seawolf Muster address list, should the addresses be passed around freely to members or should we follow the Gamewarden example and not distribute addresses?

Should we form an official Seawolf Organization?

Election of Officers

Establish bilaws and ways and means committees

Please tell me if you will be attending the reunion. This information will help our planning.

Reunion Hotel reservation may be made by calling the Kansas City Airport Marriott Hotel at: toll free
or . Reservations must be made by June 2 to get the discount rate of \$52.00 a night (\$100 plus otherwise). Reunion dates June 12th thru 14th. Banquet costs approx. \$15 plus drinks.

A confusing point, the reunion will take place in Kansas City Mo. which is just across the river from Kansas City Ks.

Things to bring to the reunion. Bring pictures to share as quite a few guys have told me that their pictures have been lost or destroyed. Your bet. Do you have a copy of the squadron Wolf-Grams? Bring them. Does anyone have a copy of the HAL-3 Christmas card? Bring it. I've heard tell of a special Det four patch that was designed by Jo Priestly, anyone have one? Special Det one patch?

I received a telephone call from Charles Yonds an Vietnam Loach Pilot. Charlie's best friend and roommate in college was Ltjg. Ed Pawlowski of Union City New Jersey. According to Charlie, Ed was a Seawolf, maybe from Det 2, who was killed in either late February or March 1969. If you know anything about Ed Pawlowski's death, give Charlie a call, collect, at home, work.

We have tried for almost two years to contact other Seawolves. To date we have 150 names and current addresses in the Seawolf Muster. To use an old phrase we've come along way, but there are still approximately 2,850 more to go!

Our efforts so far have been in the area of Veteran Organizations and Military magazines and related groups. I've also sent flyers to 175 Vet Centers throughout the country. The muster continues to grow, but slowly.

Modern demographics tell us that most Vietnam Veterans are not joiners and have steered well clear of most Veteran organizations. This being true than it's no wonder we are having a difficult time locating Seawolves.

One Seawolf, Bill Newcomb, placed a PSA (public service announcement) on a New York radio station, it worked we found someone. I'm inspired by his example because he reached another Seawolf who we would have missed had we worked only within the normal channels. Perhaps this is the key.

This is not a job that I can easily accomplish from Wisconsin. It is a job that needs to be done on a local level where cost, if any, will be small. I'm asking you to place a PSA in your local newspaper radio or TV station. Ask Seawolves to contact you, or if you would rather, use my name.

When I started this project I had the premise that if I wanted to locate other Seawolves then it seemed reasonable to conclude that others would feel the same way I do. This is no longer a premise, it is a fact. There are guy out there who want to discover this organization. Let's help them find us.

TREASURY

A few Seawolves have made donations that have allowed us to order 110 Seawolf shoulder patches and to keep the Muster afloat. Our checkbook has \$225 balance. This newsletter will cost aprox. \$65.00. Tom Olby has a source for Seawolf T shirts which we would like to have available at the reunion. The only thing preventing Tom from placing the order is the lack of funds. Will you help?

Now for some bad news, we're loosing Seawolves. Since the last Seawolf Muster, a little over a month ago, we've lost three Wolves because their address forwarding expired. Does anyone know the whereabouts of C. Yelton, Dennis Slunacker or James Practer. Please if you move, tell us.

I will be sending a reunion itinerary to those who will be attending.

SEE YOU IN KC.

TOM THALMANN

