



WOLFGRAM

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Bring your family to San Diego!

Our reunion is a event that should be shared with the entire family. An often heard comment from wives is that the reunion brought up a side of their husband that the never knew existed. One wife said, "I'm amazed by the love the guys have for one another." Moreover, the San Diego area is a great place for the family vacation; San Diego's famous zoo and wild animal park, Sea World, the Bay and the Beaches, TJ. You could take a harbor cruise, you can even watch Sailors walking around ... and remember when. My wife and I are planning to spend a week.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Holiday Inn,

Rooms \$55.00 reservation at our group rate may be made for up to 7 days prior to the reunion and seven days after.

IMPORTANT TRAVEL INFORMATION

Northwest Airlines will grant us a a group travel discount from June 11th through June 19th. The special Seawolf Northwest Code number is 15199. The discount rate (for U.S. Attendees) is 40% from regular coach fare or 5% savings from lowest applicable round trip fare. Northwest will provide Seawolf Association a free ticket for each forty flights booked to the reunion. I will raffel the bonus tickets during the banquet.

Additionally, one of our members, Jim Petrovich, wife owns a travel agency. Jim's wife Sharon has made us this offer. Adventure Worlds Travel of Pensacola will be pleased to handle everything including rental cars, hotels, and airline reservations. She will set up a file to keep track of frequent flyer points and ensure that Northwest gets all the info they need to get the free ticket for each forty reservations. Sharons number is she will make all arrangements and mail the tickets at the same price

as you could get by working directly with the airlines. In addition, Sharon has agreed to rebate to the Seawolf Association 1.5% (one and a half percent) of the cost of each ticket run through her office by any Seawolf for the reunion. Just identify yourself as a Seawolf. If the area you live in is not serviced by Northwest, Sharon may be able to group enough people together to arrange a discount at another airline without jeopardize arrangements with Northwest.

At last a Wolf has come forward (Jim Petrovich) who is willing to collaborate Marty Twites Great Pigeon story.

Reunion Date June 14 - 16, 1991

Schedule of Reunion expenses

Hotel fee \$55.00 a night.

Reunion fee to pay for miscellaneous expenses that occur. \$10.00 per Seawolf, no charge for family members. Please send a check made out to Seawolf Association, to Tom Thalmann,

Membership fee's will be brought up to date for all members. 1991-1992 dues will be collected \$20.00

Seawolf Banquet will take place at the Aero Space Museum and will include a large Buffett some drinks and a live band. Cost \$35.00 a plate. Please send your reservation and check made out to Seawolf Association to Tom Thalmann, Skyline Dr., Appleton WI 54915. I must have your reservaton by June 3rd.

San Diego is proving to be an expensive reunion site. I know that Rich Hargis and Marty Twite are doing everything possible to hold down costs. I balked when Rich told me about the thirty-five dollar a plate banquet. I thought twenty dollars would be more acceptable, and I told Rich this. He tried to find a banquet facility with a twenty dollar a plate dinner, and he found one in Tijuana. Well?

Seawolf Merchandise will be available.

Hats @ \$15.00 (not available until the reunion)
T Shirts @ \$15.00 (not available until the reunion)
Seawolf Medallion aprox. \$15-\$20 (not available until the reunion).
Patches large and small
Seawolf Bumper stickers

Patches and bumper tickers may be ordered now from. Larry
Augsberger,

. Make check payable to Seawolf
Association.

At the Seawolf business meeting some important decisions need
to be made.

Election of Officers ... all positions are open.
Set up the next reunion date and site ... Midwest,
East.
Lifetime membership report.
Fiscal Policy ... dues, newsletter.
Treasurer's Report.

Reunion frequency, San Diego is our third reunion in six
years. In my opinion that is to frequent. For this reason;
To bring the family to San Diego will eat up vacation dollars
and time. Accordingly, other opportunities will be
postponed. However if the reunion was held every 4th of 5th
year than it would be very special, a must attend happening.
This will be an issue at our business meeting.

Reunion Site. We need a group of Seawolves who live near
each other who are willing to organize the next reunion.
Reunion organization is hard work. Ask Rich Hargis, Marty
Twite, Con Jaburg or Don Thomson.

Election of Officers. The key qualification has to be having
the dedication to get the job done despite other
commitments. From personal experience finding the time is
the hard part. I will not run for re-election therefore at
least the position of President and Newsletter Editor are
open.

I received a call from Cdr. Rich Peal of NAS Mayport Florida.
Seems that the Navy is opening up a new helicopter airfield
and would like to name the field after a, "Prominent,
conspicuous, notorious, preferable deceased Seawolf" I -
called several of the Skippers and asked for their
suggestions. Marty Twite, offered this suggestion. To name
the field after any one Seawolf would do injustice to other
Wolves. Why not call the field Seawolf Base? I made Marty's
suggestion to Cdr. Peal. However, Marty's suggestion does
not conform to Navy regulations in that "Seawolf" is not a
person. Don Thomson talked at length with Cdr. Peal and
provided him with the names and stories behind Wolves who
received the Navy Cross. But Don tells me that his data does
not include the first few years of operations. Your help is
needed.

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

Rich Lambert is heading up this project, you may call Rich at _____ or write him at _____

. Rich suggest a \$300 lifetime membership fee, payable in cash \$280, or 2 yearly payments of \$150, or three yearly payments of \$100. The proceeds could go into the general fund or perhaps in part set up a scholarship fund. We will discuss this at the reunion business meeting. Please do not make lifetime membership payments until then.

SEAWOLF FACTS

1ST WOLFGRAM ISSUED FROM FORT BENNING GA. IN MARCH 1967
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1st year opps stats
13,761,000 .762 rounds fired
155,000 2.75 inch rockets fired
800,000 rounds of fifty and thirty cal rounds fired

During TET of 68 275 M60 barrels burned out. Squadron had to borrow barrels from a Marine unit in Danang, HMN 165 flew the emergency barrels to HAL-3 in a H46.

Hal-3 was decommissioned in March 1972. Approximately 3,000 men were rotated through the squadron. We have found, to date, 501 Wolves.

Looking for Seawolf info? Video vietnam River Rats \$9.95 45 minutes. Distributed by Military Films Inc. similar entertainment of Plymouth MN. Books Riverine \$8.95 by Squadron Signal Publications,

. also UH1 Huey in action \$7.95 same address.