



"THE FLEET'S FINEST"



NEWSLETTER #18

MARCH-APRIL 2005

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VP-1 Lineage

(Per Naval Historical Center)
Established 15 Feb 1943 at NAS
Deland, Florida as VB-128 / VB-128,
was redesignated as VPB-128 on 1
Oct 1944; VPB-128 was redesignated
VP-128 on 15 May 1946; VP-128 was
redesignated VP-ML-1 on 15 Nov
1946; VP-ML-1 was redesignated
VP-1 on 1 Sep 1948.

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ALOHA! The Patrol Squadron ONE
(VP-1) P-3 Orion Pioneers (POPS) is
a group of Navy veterans, and their
families, who served aboard VP-1
during and immediately after its
transition from the SP-2H Neptune
to the P-3B Orion between the years
of 1969 to 1974.

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VP-1 Folks;

I guess I need to do some explain-
ing. We have a commitment from
the Holiday Inn in Bath Maine
for 60 rooms at \$98.00/night plus
tax until 1 May 2005. With the
Blue Angels appearing at the
Brunswick Naval Air Station that
weekend rooms are going to be
very tight. The Bath Holiday Inn
is approximately 6 Miles from the
Brunswick Naval Air Station.
We haven't received many reser-
vations at the Hotel and Activity
forms are now just trickling in. If
you call the Holiday Inn for Hotel
Reservations be sure to tell them
it is for the VP-1 Reunion as they
have dedicated rooms for us. Joe
Byrnes, the Manager at the Holi-

day Inn, has made arrangement
for activities starting on Sept 7th.
The activities are separate from
Hotel reservations. Something
will be available for anyone that
wants to participate from the 7th
until the 11th. The form should be
completed and returned stating
what activities you would like to
participate in. If there is not
enough interest in a particular
activity we offer something else.
The money must be received No
Later Than 15 August 2005.

Greg

Good People,

Let me add to what Greg has said
above: I, on my own, went ahead
and blocked 40 additional rooms
at the Comfort Inn, in downtown
Brunswick, for \$95.00/night plus
tax until 1 May 2005. I believe
both places are comparable to
each other, so that shouldn't pre-
sent a problem.

My reasoning was to have our
people in two groups vice scat-
tered all over.

All the main events, and the Hos-
pitality room will still be at the
Holiday Inn, so please keep that
in mind when you decide where
to make reservations.

Louie

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**SAY, WHAT DO YOU ALL
THINK OF THE NEW NEWS-
LETTER HEAD?**

**I FIGURED WE SHOULD
SHOW SOME OF OUR OWN
OLD STUFF!**

**THANK MIKE TAYLOR FOR
THE AWFULL PATCH!**

**AND YOU CAN THANK WHO-
EVER GAVE ME THE P3
PHOTO! I FORGOT ! ITS
HELL TO GET OLD!**

**AS YOU HAVE PROBABLY
ALREADY NOTICED, I AM
JUST FILLING IN WHAT
WOULD NORMALLY BE THE
BLANK REMAINDER OF THE
PAGE.**

**PLEASE PASS THE WORD TO
ANY OF OUR OTHER FOLKS
THAT YOU FEEL HAVE NOT
BEING NOTIFIED ABOUT
THE ROOMS DEADLINE, AND
OF COURSE OUR REUNION.**

**WE HOPE THE MAINE EVENT
WILL BE AS GOOD AS THE
MEMPHIS MUSTER, THE
PENSACOLA WILLIE FESTI-
VAL, OR THE BELLINGHAM
GATHERING. GOD BLESS US
ALL. Bill, Greg, Quent, KB, Ed,
Don and Louie**

Chart your Course for Maine

The VP 1 POPS Maine Event Reunion for September (7-11), 2005 is set for Bath, Maine! Plans are being finalized. More reunion information will be available soon as well as information on the Bath-Brunswick area.

The Holiday Inn Bath will be our reunion Headquarters. The Hotel is conveniently located just off Route 1 in Bath and has hosted many military reunions in the past. The Hotel is a Full Service Hotel with a Restaurant serving Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner Daily & Tavern with entertainment.

The Comfort Inn will serve as an Annex. The Comfort Inn is located in downtown Brunswick.

The Hospitality Room will open on Tuesday for Registration. Planning is in progress for a number of activities which may include:

- A Tour of the Maine Maritime Museum in Bath
- Unlimited use of the Bath Trolley during your stay.
- A Tour of Bath Iron Works Shipyard
- A Boat excursion down the scenic Kennebec River to Historic Fort Popham, Lunch, and return to Bath via the Bath Trolley.
- A Memorial Service for our shipmates who have passed before us.
- A Golf Outing at The Bath Country Club
- A Maine Lobster Feed
- Shopping outings to LL Bean and Boothbay Harbor via The Bath Trolley.
- A Banquet and Dance on Saturday Night.

The details will be available soon. To learn more about the Bath area visit the following web sites:

[Midcoast maine](#)

[Visit Bath](#)

[Maine Maritime Museum](#)

[Holiday Inn, Bath, ME](#)

[Naval Air Station Brunswick](#)

Holiday Inn (Main-60 Rooms Blocked)
139 RICHARDSON STREET
BATH, ME 04530
Mr. Joe Byrnes (Retired USN), GM
Telephone 1-207-443-9741
Telephone 1-866-258-7245 (Free)
Fax: 1-207-442-8281
Email: hibath@aol.com
Mention: VP-1 POPS Reunion

The Comfort Inn (Annex-40 Rooms Blocked)
199 PLEASANT STREET
BRUNSWICK, MAINE 04011
Ms. Kelli Pooters, General Manager
Telephone 1-207-729-1129
Fax 1-207-725-8310
gm.me025@choic-hotels.com
Mention: VP-1 POPS Reunion

VP-1 POPS Maine Event Reunion Registration Form
7 September thru 11 September 2005

NOTE: The money for the below must be received No Later Than 15 August 2005.

Please complete and return this **form** by May 1, 2005

Please Print Names of attendees: _____

The registration fee is \$20 per person and includes unlimited use of the Bath Trolley during the reunion (except for Special Trips as noted) and miscellaneous expenses.

of persons attending _____ x \$ 20.00 = \$ _____

Wednesday Maine Maritime Museum Tour
of persons attending _____ x \$ 10.00 = \$ _____

Thursday Fort Popham Tour – Combination Boat and Trolley with Lunch at Spinney’s Restaurant (Price includes Lunch)
of persons attending _____ x \$25.00 = \$ _____

Friday evening Maine Lobster Feast with all the Trimmings. Tax and gratuity included
of persons attending _____ x \$30.00 = \$ _____

Saturday Freeport, ME – Shopping at L.L. Bean
of persons attending _____ x \$5.00 = \$ _____

Saturday Boothbay Harbor- Shopping-Sightseeing
of persons attending _____ x \$ 8.00 = \$ _____

Saturday Night Dinner Banquet and Dance
of persons attending _____ x \$35.00 = \$ _____

Business Meeting with Brunch Buffet Sunday Morning
of persons attending _____ x \$12.00= \$ _____

*****Total amount remitted***** \$ _____

Signature _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ email _____

Please advise if you require any special dietary needs. List on back of form
Make Check payable to: Bath Reunions LLC. and mail No later than 15 August 2005 to Greg Pierce 4 Maynard Drive, Topsham ME 04086. Exact dates and times for events will be determined by response. Any other suggestions may be emailed to Greg Pierce piercg@suscom-maine.net or Ph# 207-841-5780. Our Duty Office will be located at The Bath Holiday Inn in Bath Maine, and the Brunswick Comfort Inn will serve as an Annex.

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