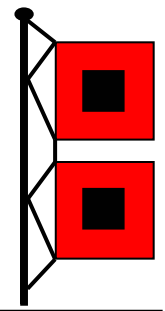


# HURRICANE HUNTERS NEWSLETTER



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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK...

It is now time to start making plans to attend our 2010 reunion in Pensacola, Florida. As it is on the Nation's conscience so should be the disaster that is unfolding on our Nation's southern shores. I have decided that we as an organization should go forth with the plans that are in place as of now regarding our upcoming reunion. We have faced and overcome far worse over the years, and I have no doubt that we will prosper with the plans that are. Our Pensacola detachment has made and put in place some great activities that we as a group can enjoy despite what may be going on at the beaches. Nothing is planned that entails our going into the water. We will have in the welcome packet a host of activities and places to sightsee and visit that will cater to most of our memberships' tastes.

Because of the cost involved, there won't be any activity planned as a group. There will be ample time to visit the surrounding places of interest. As a surprise, we are in the planning stages with the Air Force to have one of their C-130J's that their Weather Squadron flies out of Biloxi, Mississippi, to visit our transient flight line. If all goes well, we will be able to go over and look at all the modern technology that is airborne today. That is in the planning stage only and final plans haven't been made as to definitely include in this *Newsletter*. It will be posted on our website when it is finalized. I think this is a wonderful opportunity for us "old timers" to go see what the younger generation is doing and flying.

All of the planned activities are included in this *Newsletter* with the attendant sign up forms and costs. Please be advised that the registration fee is per person, as this caused some confusion last year. I also understand that this year's reunion is a little more costly than in the past several years or so. Unfortunately the Navy has assigned the Navy

Lodge and all other activities aboard Naval Air Station Pensacola to a "for profit entity" and the costs are out of our hands. It is a take-it-or-leave-it proposition, and so please don't beat up the Panhandle detachment, as the cost were out of their hands and little could be done to reduce costs, even as much as I tried.

I am looking forward to this year's reunion... I have been in contact with 14 "lost hunters" that have never attended one of our reunions. It will be my honor and pleasure to introduce them to the membership at the annual all-hands meeting.

Fair winds and following seas to all  
E. R. Eaton  
President  
U S Navy Hurricane Hunters



## Vice Admiral Gerald L. Hoewing Featured Speaker At HH Banquet

Vice Admiral Gerald L. Hoewing, USN (Ret), is the featured speaker for the Navy Hurricane Hunter banquet to be hosted in the National Museum of

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## Vice Admiral Gerald L. Hoewing Featured Speaker At HH Banquet

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Naval Aviation aboard the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida, on Saturday, October 2, 2010. VADM Hoewing is the United States Navy President and Chief Executive Officer of the National Naval Aviation Museum and President of the National Flight Academy Pensacola, Florida

VADM Gerald L. Hoewing a native of Keokuk, Iowa, was commissioned an ensign from Iowa State University with a Bachelor of Science degree. He flew the A-7E Corsair II light attack aircraft on multiple deployments to the Western Pacific (WESTPAC) on USS Constellation (CV-64) and USS Kitty Hawk (CV-63), followed by multiple Mediterranean and Indian Ocean deployments on USS Independence (CV-62) and USS Forrestal (CV-59).

Vice Admiral Hoewing was the Operational Test Director for the F/A-18 Hornet aircraft during its initial operation evaluation and later commanded VFA-81 embarked in USS Saratoga (CV-60) during Operation Desert Shield. Additional sea duty commands included USS Seattle (AOE-3), USS John F. Kennedy (CV-67) and Commander Carrier Group SEVEN/USS John C. Stennis (CVN-74) Battle Group.

His shore assignments include multiple tours of duty in the personnel domain ranging from Bureau of Naval Personnel to the Office of Secretary of Defense. Vice Admiral Hoewing's final active duty assignment was as Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Manpower and Personnel, Training and Education)/Chief of Naval Personnel.

Admiral Hoewing's current position is President and Chief Executive Officer, Naval Aviation Museum Foundation, the private fund raising arm of the National Museum of Naval Aviation and the proposed National Flight Academy.

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## TAPS

It is with a heavy heart that we report the passing of the following members:

CAPT Court Babcock on 12/29/2009. Court flew with VP-23 in the early 50's. He is survived by his wife Alma. Reported by Bob Stratton

Martha Parsons beloved wife of ATC Warren Parsons on 04/17/10

If any member knows of other Hunters that have passed on, please contact our President, E.R. Eaton at 39 Riva Ridge Lane, Newman, Georgia 30263, telephone (770) 251-9088, or by e-mail at Ereaton77@aol.com so that they may be remembered in our Newsletter.

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## Reserve Your Rooms Now For The 2010 Reunion In Pensacola

The Navy Lodge at NAS Pensacola, Florida, has reserved a block of 76 rooms for this year's Hurricane Hunters' Reunion. Each Hunter is responsible for making his own room reservation directly with the Navy Lodge by calling (850) 456-8676 and identifying himself as a "Hurricane Hunter" to secure one of the reserved rooms.

Fifty double rooms with two queen-size beds and  
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## Reserve Your Rooms Now For The 2010 Reunion In Pensacola

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26 single rooms with a single queen-size bed have been reserved for us. The double rooms feature full kitchenettes and are \$75.00 each. The single rooms do not have kitchenettes and are \$62.00 each. The deadline for these reserved rooms is 31 August, and they are on a first-come-first-served basis.

## Hurricane Hunter Golf Shirts Available For Reunion Goers

The Navy Hurricane Hunters Florida Panhandle Detachment, in addition to planning a first-class reunion for us all, has added something special that is sure to be a hit with all Hunters. They have arranged with *Wings and Things Monogramming* of Pensacola to procure quality golf shirts at a very reasonable price. They are available in both men's and women's styles and all are navy blue in color and feature the VW-4 logo.

All shirts, men's and women's and all styles, are priced at \$15.00 each. The shirts must be ordered in advance using the registration form and will be available for pick-up at the reunion. No shirts will be for sale at the reunion. Be sure to indicate number of shirts, size, and style on the registration form.

The men's shirts are available in two styles: Port Authority EZCotton Pique Sport Shirts without pockets and Port Authority EZCotton Pique Knit Sport Shirt with Pocket. The men's shirts are available in sizes XS through 6XL in either style.

The women's shirts are Port Authority Ladies EZCotton Pique Sports Shirts without pockets. These shirts have a gently contoured silhouette and a 5-button plaque. The women's shirts are available in sizes XS through XXL plus 1X and 2X.

Once again, these shirts will not be for sale in the "Ready Room" but must be ordered in advance with your registration and picked up in Pensacola at the reunion.

## HH 2010 Reunion Schedule And Planned Activities

The Navy Hurricane Hunters' 2010 Reunion begins on Thursday, 30 September from 1300 to 1700 where we'll check in at the Navy Lodge aboard NAS Pensacola and proceed to the Ready Room to register and pick-up our reunion packets.

At 1730, we muster at the Mustin Beach Officers' Club, on Pensacola Bay about one mile north of the Navy Lodge and the Naval Aviation Museum, for our Wine and Cheese Party.

The merriment continues with the Beach Party on Friday, 1 October from 1100 to 1600 at Ski Beach, about two miles from the Naval Aviation Museum. The menu choices for the Beach Party are Smoked Boston Butt or Barbequed Boneless Chicken Thighs. Both menu items are served with Texas Toast, cole slaw, and chips. Of course beer, soft drinks, and ice will be provided. Be sure to make your menu selection known on your registration form. Ski Beach offers a large pavillion with a capacity of 125 and several smaller, nearby picnic shelters. Horse shoes and volley ball are some of the offered activities.

Saturday, 2 October begins at 1000 with the All-Hands Meeting in the Mini-Theater at the Naval Aviation Museum. Following the All-Hands Meeting might be a good time to tour the museum and check-out the "Connie" parked in the back yard.

Our festivities continue Saturday night in the National Naval Aviation Museum, site of our annual banquet. Social Hour is from 1730 to 1830, and yes, there is a cash bar. Dinner begins at 1830, and the menu choices are Prime Rib of Beef with Creamy Horseradish Sauce or Blackened Redfish with Mango Sauce. For dessert we'll have Southern Pecan Pie and coffee. Our speaker for the evening is VADM Gerald Hoewing, President of the Naval Aviation Museum Foundation and CEO of the Naval Aviation Museum

Sadly, it all ends Sunday as we say our "Good-byes" and begin thinking of next year's reunion.

U.S.NAVY HURRICANE HUNTERS REUNION

Pensacola, Florida  
Sep. 30 – Oct. 3, 2010

Registration Form

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest(s) Name \_\_\_\_\_

Squadron(s) served in and years \_\_\_\_\_

	Number	Total
Registration Fee ( <i>\$20.00 per attendee</i> ):	_____	\$ _____
Dinner Selection, Saturday Banquet ( <i>\$30.00 each</i> ):		
Prime Rib of Beef with horseradish sauce	_____	\$ _____
Blackened Redfish with mango sauce	_____	\$ _____
Wine & Cheese Party, Thursday ( <i>\$20.00 each</i> ):	_____	\$ _____
Beach Party Selection, Friday ( <i>\$25.00 each</i> ):		
Smoked Boston Butt	_____	\$ _____
BBQ Boneless Chicken Thighs	_____	\$ _____
Men's Golf Shirt <i>with Pocket</i>	Size _____	_____ \$ _____
Men's Golf Shirt <i>without Pocket</i>	Size _____	_____ \$ _____
Women's Golf Shirt <i>without Pocket</i>	Size _____	_____ \$ _____
Annual Dues ( <i>\$25.00 per year</i> ):	_____	\$ _____
(Make check payable to: Hurricane Hunters Inc.)	Check Total	\$ _____

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