



RVAH NAVY Newsletter Arrives!! HELL FREEZES OVER!

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Robert Wagner

If you are reading this then we succeeded. Our goal is to publish a monthly newsletter to reach out to **YOU** and keep you in the loop regarding all things RVAH. The purpose of this first edition is to introduce you to the newsletter and the new RVAH NAVY association. We think it's time to become a little more organized. There is an article in this edition that covers this topic. This is your newsletter shipmates. We are soliciting your input. The RVAHNAVY.COM website has a link to the Forum. In the forum you will find a topic called RVAH NAVY newsletter input. Your input will go directly to the editor and will not be posted to the forum for public viewing. If you think something is newsworthy and of interest to our shipmates please send it in. Here are some things the newsletter will cover in the months ahead:

- Then/Now: Spotlight on a Sailor
- Memorialize fallen shipmates
- Looking for a former buddy
- Trivia questions
- Sea stories (this will be fun)
- Reunion Announcements
- Association information
- RA-5C history

The newsletter will be sent via email and it will be available on the RVAHNAVY.COM website. There are no plans to send this newsletter via US mail unless a shipmate makes a special request.



Photo and article submitted by Alvis Didway

NAGPAW (North American General Purpose Attack Weapon)

Preliminary Studies on the weapon system began late in 1953; the first design was presented to the Navy in 1954. After some studies and significant change in configuration, the Navy signed a contract with North American Aircraft for 2 prototypes -YA3J-1. This photo is the first one of these prototypes. So as with this first newsletter it is a new beginning. And we mark this issue with the beginning of the A/C that brought us all together.

Reunion news Alvis Didway

Attention all Hands! RVAH NAVY Reunion 2009 is being planned NOW! We're in the process of selecting a Reunion Site that will be FUN and convenient for all. We're also considering Mini-reunions and RVAH vacations. If you're going somewhere like camping, fishing, cruise or on a tour and you would like to spend that time with your family and share that time with old friends we are working on a way for you to do this and keep it simple. Any and all ideas will be considered. Several of your shipmates are already doing this. This is your RVAH NAVY Association, Newsletter and Website...get involved. Questions? Comments? contact me alvdid45@yahoo.com

Why an RVAH NAVY association? Noel Briley

Since the first reunion in 2000, several of your shipmates have tried to stay in touch, and attempted to find the others that served with you. With countless hours, and many dollars spent by a few, we have launched a non-profit RVAHNAVY Association. Your membership in the Association will allow our effort to expand. We will find more shipmates, plan more get-togethers, and provide a place for you to connect with your buddies from long ago. Our website will become larger and more interactive. Your membership donation of \$12 per year will keep the website active and growing. It will buy access to databases for our continued search. It will provide for discounts on RVAHNAVY gear and at reunions. You will receive full access to the website, voting rights on future activities, and a full financial accounting of how your dues were wisely spent. Please support this effort, not only with your dues, but also with your efforts. We will need to elect RVAHNAVY Association office-holders, and many willing hands will be needed in order to grow. Contact me at nb@venturecourier.com with any questions or concerns. We hope you will join us.

How to join the association Bob Marioni

To join the RVAHNAVY Association, please use our secure server and pay by credit card, debit card, or your check. Click on the "Sign-Up" link, fill in all required information. If paying by credit/debit you will use our secure Paypal service. After your payment has been securely processed, you will receive an email with username and password to login. If paying by check, fill out the form and select "Check". Mail your check to RVAHNAVY at PO Box 14448, N. Palm Beach, FL. 33408. We will send you an email with your username and password to login. Your dues will provide full access to the RVAHNAVY site, allow you to send messages to shipmates, and upload pictures to your personal profile page, and much more. Website expense for hosting our site is one of the costs we will offset by your dues payment. Thanks for joining!



MUSTER! MUSTER!... ALL HANDS TO MUSTER! Joe Phillips

That's right shipmates. We're in the process of mustering all the VAH/RVAH shipmates that we can find. We already have an extensive roster, but we know there are many more shipmates to find. Our primary mission is to keep our shipmates informed about RVAH news, events and to reconnect long lost shipmates! You can help with this noble crusade. Tell your shipmates to join the RVAH NAVY Association at RVAHNAVY.COM send me any contact information you have at joe@therafl.com.

Trivia: (from Stick) The Vigilante set several records, including a new world altitude record for the class on 13 Dec 1960, What was the height? Submit your answer on the RVAH NAVY Forum under "Trivia Answer"

