



# VP-68 Hawk's Nest

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## Spring Fling Just Around The Corner

The daffodils are up, snow is tapering off and it is time for alumni thoughts to turn toward spring and our gathering in the Beach House at NAS Patuxent River! The date is 30 April, 2005. Come early and enjoy the sun, fun and burgers, the official activities start at 1100. Members eat and drink free, join the association and you too can eat free. For non-members there will be a \$5 charge. Please contact Lou Abbot if you DO NOT have a base sticker and/or ID card for access, if you don't you can't get on the base.

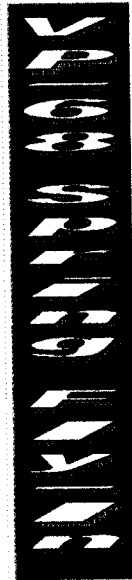
## Crew News/Alumni News

Calling all members! If you know of former VP-68 members who are not members of the alumni association and not listed on our group email listings please send their contact information to Jim Rozicki or me. We are trying to contact any and all members about the 35th Anniversary Reunion.

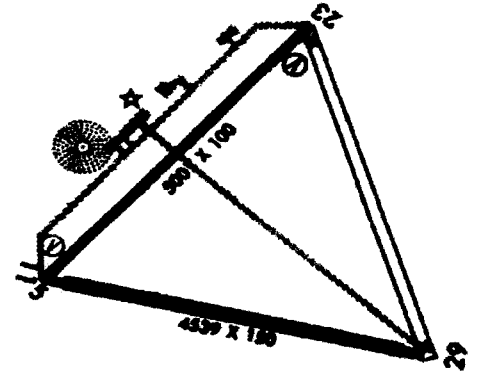
## ALUMNI FLY-IN

The VP-68 Alumni Fly-In has been scheduled for 21 May 2005 at the Georgetown County Airport (GGE) in Georgetown, SC. Vic Kraft and Doc Durity are our local sponsors in the area for ground transportation and restaurant needs. All ground bound driving Alumni are encouraged to attend. If you're driving, the airport is located off Route 701 south of Maryville. If you are flying, Georgetown airport is located 3 miles south of downtown Georgetown with either an NDB or GPS approach to runway 5. *Caution...* NDB is required for the missed approach. For more information on the airport and its amenities, go to [www.aopa.org](http://www.aopa.org) and use the airport directory feature for GGE.

Please contact Jacque La Valle at: [jacque.lavalle@verizon.net](mailto:jacque.lavalle@verizon.net) if you will be attending so we can get a ball park estimate for ground transportation. Don't let those empty seats go to waste. Ask around for any alumni who wish to airlift with you. Please plan on arriving no later than 1200 hours at the Seven Rivers Aviation FBO, where discounted AVGAS will be available.



## Georgetown County (GGE) GEORGETOWN, SC



## Reminders

### 35 Year Reunion

The dates are set, the guest speaker is booked, this promises to be a top-of-the-line event. Randy Papadopoulos, PhD, is the guest speaker, he is the Historian, Contemporary History Branch, Naval Historical Center, and will grab your attention from the beginning. He has written a book documenting the events of September 11 and what took place at the Pentagon. You will hear stories the general public doesn't know about and bring all this together with the events of today's world. See the flyer at the end of the newsletter about signing-up and making reservations. This truly promises to be an event you won't want to miss, bring your flight suit and complete swim quals on Saturday morning.

## From the Secretary's Corner

Please get in touch with me if you move or change email addresses, it is the only way we can keep track of you. Send your information to me by email - [wright\\_kathleen@bah.com](mailto:wright_kathleen@bah.com) or snail mail - 4773 W. Braddock Road, Apt 204, Alexandria, VA 22311.

## Official News:

2005 Department of Veterans Affairs Federal Benefits Book is out and here is the link to read that edition: <http://www1.va.gov/opa/vadocs/fedben.pdf>

## The Colony South Hotel & Conference Center



(3 miles South of Andrews AFB on MD 5)  
7401 Surratts Road • Clinton, MD 20735  
1-301-877-4809 • 1-800-537-1147  
[www.colonysouth.com](http://www.colonysouth.com)

### Patrol Squadron Six-Eight (VP-68) 35 Year Reunion • 04 & 05 NOV 2005

#### ROOMS:

A limited number of rooms have been reserved at a special event rate of \$119.00/Double on a first come-first serve basis. In booking the rooms, call the Colony South at the above phone numbers and please **USE THE GROUP CODE VP68110405**. Reservations must be made by 07 Oct 05. After that date, block rooms not reserved will go up for general sale and further reservations will be made on a space available basis only.

#### MEALS:

	<u>MEMBERS</u> <u>and guest</u>	<u>NON-MEMBERS</u> <u>and guest</u>
\$70.00	\$80.00	Roast Prime Rib of Beef Au Jus
\$65.00	\$75.00	Chicken Cordon Bleu
\$60.00	\$70.00	Broiled White Fish
\$55.00	\$65.00	Roasted Vegetable & Pasta (Vegetarian)

#### PAYMENT: **Make all checks payable to: "VP-68 Alumni Association"**

Payments: Must be Paid In Full by 01 Oct 05.

Cancellations: must be made by 31 Oct 05. After 31 Oct 05 NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE.

Downpayments: A limited number of tables are available. Guarantee your attendance by sending a 50% deposit NOW with the balance paid in full before 01 Oct 05.

Send all payments to: **VP-68 Alumni Association**  
2414 Rolling Farms Road  
Glenshaw, PA, 15116-2564

#### GUEST SPEAKER:

Dr. Randy Papadopoulos, Historian, Contemporary History Branch, Navy Historical Center will present a riveting talk about the events of Sep 11, 2001 and how it changed the history of the entire world.

#### EVENTS:

Friday, 04 Nov 05, the VP-68 "Ready Room" private lounge will be open from 1800 to ??????  
Saturday, 05 Nov 05, VP-68 "Ready Room" + swim quals + General Business Meeting  
Happy Hour 1800-1900, Banquet Dinner 1900 followed by dancing till midnight.