

SITREP #1

As I look back on the past VP-11 reunions, this is the TENTH Reunion of the PROUD PEGASUS! Why not have it in Reno, Nevada on August 21-23, 2009? Reno is the county seat of Washoe County, the population has increased to over 220,000, and it's the third largest city in the state. The state capital Carson City, Las Vegas and Lake Tahoe are close by but are shadowed by the Sierra Nevada on the western edge of the Great Basin which is 4,400 feet above sea level. Reno, "The Biggest Little City in the World", is famous for its casinos and is the birthplace of Harrah's Entertainment.

In 2009 the first P-3C Squadron will land in NAS Jacksonville, Florida its new homeport. Naval Air Station Brunswick, Maine is doomed! The other two active squadrons will touch down in 2010. The Navy will replace the P-3C with the P-8; don't count on it. The P-8A, a Boeing 737-800 replacement for the P-3C, is becoming increasingly less cost effective and affordable. Furthermore, the cost of the P-8A will cost approximately \$416 million in 2004 dollars! The P-8s are to be based at NAS Whidbey Island and NAS Jacksonville with a detachment at MCAS Kaneohe, Hawaii. The Pacific and Atlantic will have 12 P-8, Fleet Replacement Squadron will have 18, and the detachment (Hawaiian) will have 6 aircraft (48 aircraft). Hopefully, 60 aircraft will be built. The new MPA will not have MAD which clears the need for low-altitude flight and giving the capability to the UCAU's. The P-8 is to ready in 2012 or 2013!

Eric Moorman has done a fanatic job putting this reunion together. The hotel is the Sands Regency Hotel with the "price is right" and the details are in the attachment. The banquet is August 21, 2009 and the trip to NAS Fallon are still being worked out on Saturday. The food at Virginia City are scrumptious!!

Now is the time for you to start saving money for the big trip out West, Partner!! The hotel is a big saver; look closely for the low cost airline. And fellow PATRON ELEVEN patrons, welcome aboard as we are a couple hundred miles from you and expect to see you!

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