

MACS-8 REUNION

Springfield, Illinois 2019



The 26th MACS-8 REUNION took place on September 25-29, 2019, in Springfield, Illinois, at the Candlewood Suites and was hosted by Jim & Carol Liston. The weather was warm and balmy and did not hamper us during the 3 days of sight seeing. There were 32 people who attended and 22 of us toured the Lincoln Museum and Old State Capitol in downtown Springfield on Thursday the 26th. Everyone went to dinner Thursday night at Blue Margarita, located a few blocks from our hotel. On Friday morning a group of 20 traveled 25 miles west of Springfield to the boyhood home of Abraham Lincoln. He lived in Salem from the age of 22 to 28, involved in a few businesses and learning to be a lawyer, which he took up office relocating to Springfield. On our trip back to Springfield around noon, we stopped for lunch at Morning Star Mercantile Cafe in Salisbury. Friday evening we all caravanned to Mariah's Steakhouse & Pasta, and most of us enjoyed the Friday night Special Prime Rib! Saturday morning we did a walking tour of the



home that Abraham Lincoln and his family lived in prior to moving to Washington DC when he became our 16th President. Saturday afternoon we toured Lincoln's Tomb, along with nearby War Memorials in the same cemetery. Our Saturday night dinner was held at the Char House Restaurant, located next to our hotel. A buffet dinner was served and dessert was a MACS-8 decorated cake. The following information was shared by Jim Liston regarding some of our Marine brothers: Sig Stenmark was unable to attend due to a planned medical procedure (recovering nicely) and Bob Stare was receiving dialysis (Bob passed away on Oct 21). Jerry Crutchfield is in good health but not willing to travel at this time. Jerry Thomas lost a childhood friend and was helping with necessary arrangements in Arizona. Tom Plantz is having a few medical problems also. Ralph Searles was hoping to

attend but unable to do so due to a recent shoulder replacement. Hopefully we will see him next year. About a month prior to the reunion Jim Liston got a phone call from Bill Wilson in Arizona. He had been surfing the net and discovered our MACS-8 website! The conversation lasted nearly 2 hours and Bill would have loved to attend but his wife needs his attention and care. When we returned stateside in May 1965, he and Larry Schramm continued their friendship after leaving the Corps in 1966. Larry married a



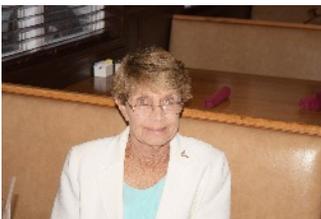
girl in Arizona and in 1973 he fell to his death while working on high rise construction in Yuma. One other person that Jim was able to contact was Lt. Bob Webster, who was in charge of the MACS-8 cruise book. He and his wife are 80 and live on a outer bank of North Carolina. He's hoping to possibly attend our next reunion. There were numerous door prizes at the dinner this year and everyone was given 5 tickets. Jerry and Marilyn Bledsoe won the MACS-8 quilt made by Cindy Burrier! It was discussed that next year we will sell tickets to pad the bank account for necessary expenses. The last item of business was deciding where we would go next year and Larry & Rose Benoit will be hosting the 27th MACS-8 REUNION in Memphis, Tennessee on September 23-27, 2020. See ya all there!

Thanks to photographers Jim Liston, Mary Ann Pendergraft, Marge Redus and Jim Ferguson..

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26th Reunion Photos...







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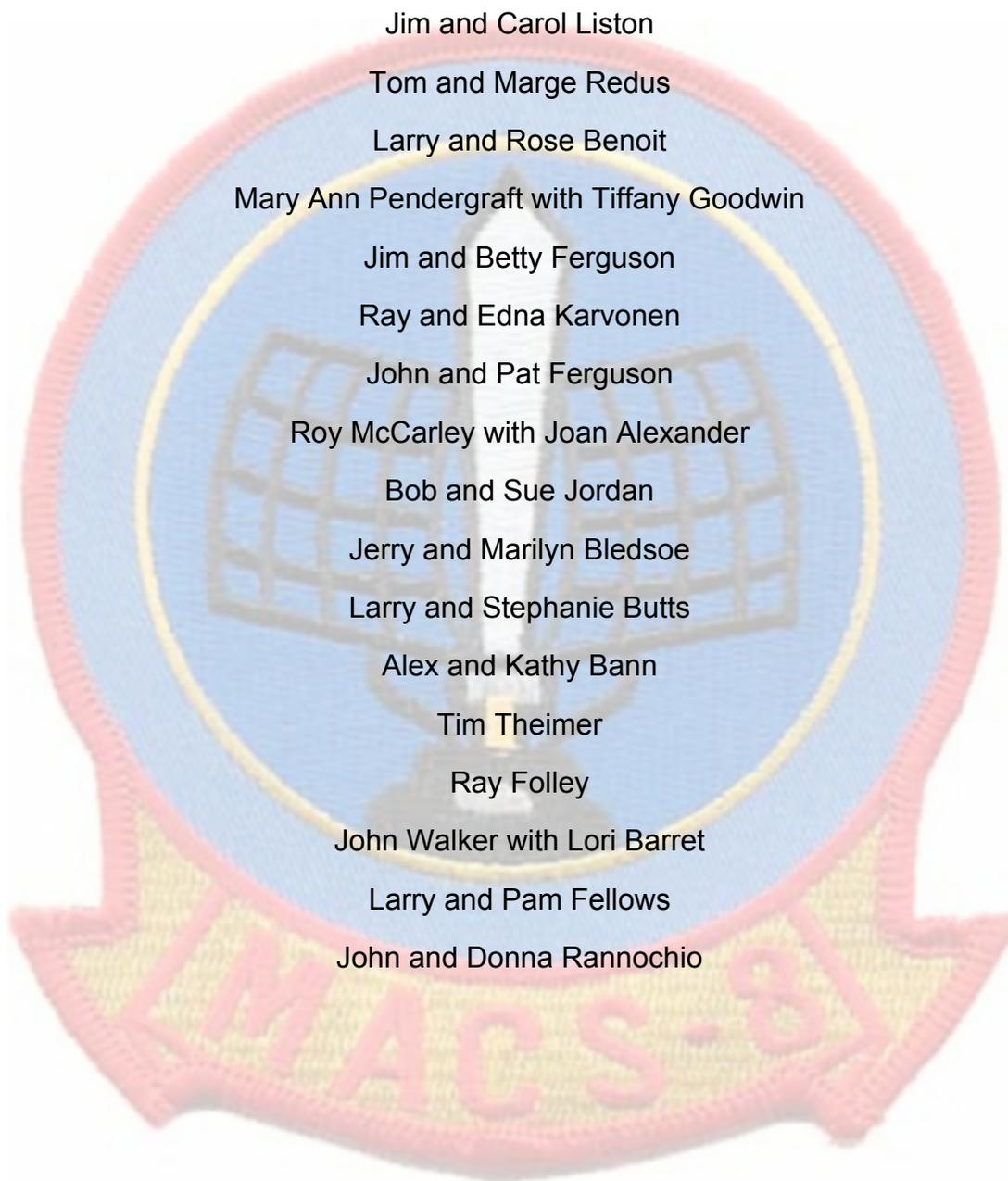
The MACS-8 Guys and Gals...

September 28, 2019



2020 MACS-8 Reunion will be in Memphis, Tennessee

Those Who Proudly Attended....



Jim and Carol Liston
Tom and Marge Redus
Larry and Rose Benoit
Mary Ann Pendergraft with Tiffany Goodwin
Jim and Betty Ferguson
Ray and Edna Karvonen
John and Pat Ferguson
Roy McCarley with Joan Alexander
Bob and Sue Jordan
Jerry and Marilyn Bledsoe
Larry and Stephanie Butts
Alex and Kathy Bann
Tim Theimer
Ray Folley
John Walker with Lori Barret
Larry and Pam Fellows
John and Donna Rannochio

Thanks to the above MACS-8ers for attending this year's reunion!

MACS-8 Memorial

1. Melvin Scott

Ralph M. Pateman
Jack N. Hollis
D. E. Chewning
Wm. (Hank) Henry
J. A. Watson
R. E. McBrayer
Ken Leslie
Jason Warren

10. Ken Mathis

E. A. Parker
Joseph Thornton
Paul E. Shea
Raymond Gentry
Joe Nabors
Donald Schebell
Peter Herera
Pete Baker
David Barton

20. Harold Bartenbach

Al W. Martin
G. L. Tauber
Chauncey Howell
Jim Petcel
Roscoe Johns
E. H. Winchester
Ralph E. Splinter
Allen R. Semb
J.R. Steinmiller

30. W. H. Sbrocco

Bob Pritprock
Bill Wilkison
Frank Johnson
Claudia Ladner
Kenneth Truman
Jim Clark
Bob Petrovicz
Anthony Root

Carl Honea

40. Paul Northcutt

Paul Greenlee
Michael Gozdan
Joe A. Wilfong
Joseph (Joe) Moat
Richard Struble
Bruce Clinton
Jerry Moe
Rich Boggiano
Cliff Kato

50. Robert Carlisle

Karl Lichtenberger
Joseph Goddard
Henry Rutledge
Herbert C. Hale
Ron Bragdon
David Brissey
Bert Lancaster
Ray Frady
W. D. Virgin

60. A. A. Stracener

George Turner
William Mangum
Olin Duckett
E. L. Barker
Tom Asbjornsen
Gary Burrier
Thomas Sterling
John Etherington

Ron Pereira

70. Bob Gruber

Paul D. Liston
James (Sam) Cesena
Charlie Mears
Burrell S. Miller
Tim Enders, Sr.
Richard Gerling

Tom Eggleston

James H. Fox

George Sloss

80. Zed Z. Smith

Joe Morgan
Dave Holcroft
Dover Sloan

Pat Kearney

Gaines Lee Willis
Larry V. Davis

Joe Hill

Ed Melville

Bill McGinn

90. Len Patchin

Oscar D. Cook Jr.

J. J. Collatz

P. R. "Skip" Mimms

John Reiniche

Jim Gehring

Norman Perham (1985)

Dennis J. Massinello

C. E. (Ed) McClanahan

Richard (Dick) Shroyer 2011

100. Terrance J. Brown Jr.

Vernon Shick

Rich "Chick" Pendergraft

Meredith "Skip" Runck

Frank Bulick

Luther Rice

Pete Kearney

Sylvester S. Coleman Jr. 2011

Michael R. Picarello July 2016

Gerald A. Enos Sr.

110. Kenneth A. McVay May 2016

Dewayne D. Noelle March 2017

Leroy (Robbie) Robinett Oct. 2017

Charlie Zahm Apr 2018

James A. Butler 2012



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115. Thomas R. Morris

Wyman Fox

Larry J. Schramm

Robert Stare 10/21/2019

