

## Pete Lumianski, Grew up in Mason, MI, Graduated USNA, 1965, 27 Years of Active Duty

VC-8 from July 1972 to August 1975; VC-8 Rank of LT to LCDR/TAR

Squadron Jobs: UH-3A Type Leader/Assistant Maintenance Officer/Admin Officer

Post VC-8 Life: Transferred to NAS South Weymouth, MA as a helicopter training officer, then as the Officer-in-Charge of HS-74, a reserve ASW helo squadron at South Weymouth. Transferred to the Naval War College as a student in 1979, and graduated in 1980 with honors, then stayed at the War College until 1983 as the Reserve Affairs Officer. Transferred as a CDR to the Joint Deployment Agency at MacDill AFB in Tampa and acted as a program manager in a Joint Army-Navy-Air Force-USMC command. Promoted to CAPT and transferred to the Naval Reserve Center Tampa as the Commanding Officer, a Center with over 1200 drilling reservists in 24 different units. Retired from the Navy in 1988, and relocated to Phoenix, AZ to be employed in a large, three-resort operation in Phoenix owned by a college classmate. Acted as the Chief Human Resources person for a workforce of 3000 persons. The resort operation was acquired by Hilton Hotels, resulting in my 'transfer' to a family-owned, multi-unit Mexican restaurant chain as their Chief HR person for an 800-person workforce. After three and a half years, got 'released' from that labor-intensive Beaner job and became a free agent, acting as a community college instructor, insurance salesman, carpenter's assistant and as a part-time event support person for General Motors over many years. Currently retired from the workforce with two major 'hobbies': erecting a large submarine monument in downtown Phoenix, using actual parts of the USS Phoenix (SSN 702), so far a 25-year adventure (www.ussphoenixmonument.org); and assisting a childhood inventor friend bring his revolutionary new rotary vane heat engine to market (www.fibonaccimotors.org). Still married to Chris (52 years), with our three daughters, two sons-in-law and eight grandchildren all residing in the same Zip Code in Phoenix. Happy to be alive and warm.

**VC-8 Memories:** Sitting in the Maintenance Office and watching Walt Flannigan fall asleep; Flying around the Virgins, and making stops at St. Croix for rum; Wearing shorts and high socks as a uniform; helping to make the Sloanberg movie; Our multi-disciplinary, zoo-like ready room

**Puerto Rican Memories:** Carros Usados; Arroz Con Pollo; the PIP party; El Yunque; super cheap booze; Mimis; Coquis; Base Housing.

Any VC-8 or Roosy or Puerto Rico Photos: See next page.

Any Interesting Artifacts: See attached.















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