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2019 REUNION

Well, all of the voting has taken place and We are going back to sea shipmates, but this time we won't have to tend to any aircraft. The 2019 VA12 Reunion will take place aboard the Royal Caribbean "Harmony of the Seas" departing from Ft. Lauderdale, FL on Jan 20th and returning on Jan 27th. Please see the promotional flyer on the back page of this issue. To book your cabin, follow the instructions, Carol Furst Matulonis will take care of you.

Joe Kyle 66-68

TREASURY REPORT

Previous Balance	\$834.67
Dues & Reunion Sales	140.40
Acct Interest	4.14
SUB TOTAL	\$979.21
Stamps *	38.75
Printing *	130.45
CURREN EXPENSES	\$169.20
NEW BALANCE	\$810.01

DUES

While many of you have opted to receive your Newsletter digitally via email, a few still prefer a hard copy to hold in your hands. I don't really blame you, because I feel the same. We are still accepting Dues from any and all, but the required amount for a Hard Copy Newsletter is \$12 annually. Email copies are whatever you wish to contribute, but not required.

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AIR TRAVEL

Those of you flying into Ft. Lauderdale may find it cost effective to use our Cruise Travel agent Carol to see if she can get you the best deal, it's worth a

call to her since you will be booking your cruise with her anyway.

SEA STORY

So VA-12 is going back to sea. Don't forget to pack your water line and portable pad eyes.

On the FDR, in the 60's, if you walked forward of the island you could look down and see an overhanging deck, nicely painted with the ships seal on it. This was right off the Captains quarters. In port they would put up a canopy and set out tables and chairs. Rank has it's privileges. I think this is where the oft spoken of Admiral Cat lived. I Airman Smith, had similar accommodations on the port side.

At the start of the 66 Westpac cruise, the line crews sleeping compartment was moved to the 02 level, far port side forward of the arresting gear. My rack was right by a hatch, XYZ something. When opened it was a black hole. In it was a light and weather barrier you went around up a step and you were in the cat walk. You couldn't go for or aft. There was fueling equipment and fire hoses not much else. No real ladder just upright rungs. People stepped on the machinery hoping it wasn't to slippery to get on deck. We used it as a weather check. How hot, cold or wet the day was going to be. We stopped one night off the coast of South America. I woke up soaked in sweat. I opened the hatch and it was like a blast furnace. I have not complained too much about the heat since then. I stayed on the 02 level for most of the 67-68 Med cruise. I liked the private balcony. You pay big bucks on a cruise ship for that. Sleeping there wasn't bad. Most people didn't know the hatch was there. People who went out were lost and came back in, sometimes mad, & they didn't always close the hatch and my accommodations, "fart sack" would get soggy. Mostly it was good

The Last Laugh Now days you can use Google Sat pics to look down on Bremerton and Brownsville ship canal and watch the once mighty of our time be dismantled. After a refit in the early 70's, the last pictures of the Roosevelt show they moved the #1 elevator from the center of the deck to the starboard edge. The Captain lost his promenade but our private balcony was still there.

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2017 VA-12 REUNION – SATURDAY BANQUET



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The Flying Ubangi's

7-NIGHT SAILING: January 20 - 27, 2019

Introducing the Harmony of the Seas® - a member of the Royal Caribbean's award-winning Oasis Class fleet. The world's biggest ship with the world's best features just got even better. There's no turning back once you take the plunge 10 stories into the mysteries of the deep on the tallest slide at sea, Ultimate Abyss, as well as the exhilarating multilevel Perfect Storm slides. They've also reimagined and enhanced the unique experiences that have made Royal Caribbean the best cruise line overall 12 years in a row. Take a free-lined stroll through Central Park, or find your own haven in any of the other seven iconic onboard neighborhoods. Sip a post-dinner cocktail crafted by a robot in their unique Bionic Bar, or sit back and watch for the first time at sea, Broadway's hit Musical Grease.



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DAY	DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
1	Sun, 1/20/19	Ft. Lauderdale, United States	--	4:30 pm
2	Mon, 1/21/19	At Sea	--	--
3	Tue, 1/22/19	At Sea	--	--
4	Wed, 1/23/19	Philipsburg, St. Maarten	8:00 am	5:00 pm
5	Thu, 1/24/19	San Juan, Puerto Rico	7:00 am	2:00 pm
6	Fri, 1/25/19	Labadee, Haiti	9:30 am	6:00 pm
7	Sat, 1/26/19	At Sea	--	--
8	Sun, 1/27/19	Ft. Lauderdale, United States	6:15 am	--



\$789

Inside

\$889

Ocean View

\$913

Boardwalk
Balcony

\$960

Ocean View
Balcony

Group Prices require \$250 per person deposit and are fully refundable until October 2018.

Other cabin categories and rates with Non Refundable deposits are available. Call Carol to discuss which pricing option is best for you or register online <http://www.behappyvacations.com/#w/cruise/74321> and Carol will contact you.



ROOMS WILL SELL OUT! CALL TODAY!

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