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ALL ARE WELCOME TO VISIT

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AT OUR WEBSITE WWW.VA12.COM



2020 REUNION PLANNING

The planning stages for our next reunion has begun. Keith Purzycki, his wife Joanne, my wife Kathy and I made a site visit to our Hotel location in Traverse City, MI the first weekend in June 2019. We will gather at the Cherry Tree Resort next June 10-13. The rates are very reasonable but a little complicated. For those stay all 4 nights there is a 20% discount, if you only stay 3 nights the discount is 12% 6/10&11 Is \$139 per night, 6/12&6/13 the rate is \$149 per night, minus discounts. Please call **800-439-3093** for Reservations before Apr 29, 2020. Be sure to indicate that you are with the **VA12 Reunion**.
Joe Kyle 66-68

MORE OF MICHIGAN

If you are interested in staying longer to explore more of the great state of Michigan, then you can travel north to the Straits area to see Mackinaw City and the historic Fort Michilimackinac. You can travel by boat over to the beautiful Mackinac Island. You can also cross the "Mighty Mac" Bridge to St. Ignace and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. See below for more ideas. There are plenty of hotels for lodging and State Parks for camping.

Straits Area (115 miles; approx. 2 hours)

Mackinaw City: Shopping, restaurants

Fort Michilimackinac

<https://www.mackinacparks.com/parks-and-attractions/colonial-michilimackinac/>

Mackinac Bridge Toll is \$4.00 a car (\$2.00 per axle) <https://www.mackinacbridge.org/>

St. Ignace Besides exploring the city of St. Ignace, there is also a casino there.
Kewadin Casinos – St. Ignace.

<https://www.kewadin.com/>

Mackinac Island : Visiting Mackinac Island is an all day (or more if you decide to stay overnight) adventure. You can catch a ferry there in Mackinaw City or St. Ignace. Once there, you can explore the island by foot, bicycle, carriage and even horseback. But no cars on the island.

<https://www.mackinacisland.org/>

UPPER Peninsula: The Upper Peninsula (or the U P for short) is often referred to as "God's Country. There is so much to see and explore.

<https://www.michigan.org/hot-spots/upper-peninsula>

Here are just a couple of places to see that are not too far from the Bridge.

Tahquamenon Falls, White Fish Point, Lake Superior

<https://www.midnrreservations.com/?fbclid=IwAR2YwhhsOoXaITnOExgPFOQMN7Mf00uE89iobuYysmcpG5xqRB5506nOxPE>

Keith Purzycki 80-83

NEW CEO

As I indicated in the previous Newsletter I plan to retire from the CEO responsibilities following the 2020 Reunion. Still looking for someone to take over the duties. If you have any interest in seeing the Association continue please contact me.

Thanks



Larry McClain

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2020 REUNION ITINERARY

The detail Itinerary is not complete at this point but some of the outings will include, a wine tasting bus trip, Bay sailing on a tall ship, visiting the nearby Casino, and hopefully a visit to the Coast Guard Air Base. Our hotel has a sandy beach & fire pit for evening enjoyment also.

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ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

Here are our newest members since the last newsletter.

Mark Benson	79-82
Larry McClain	65-67



Ken Campitelli's Bike



Barry Smith's Vehicle



Jerry Schwartz Vehicle



Joe Kyle's Vehicle

ON THE COVER

This is an Aerial shot of Traverse City, MI. Between the two bodies of water is what "as known as" Mission Point. Many Vineyards and Wineries in that area, of which I expect we will visit.





John Gynan's Vehicle



Tom Lannom's Vehicle



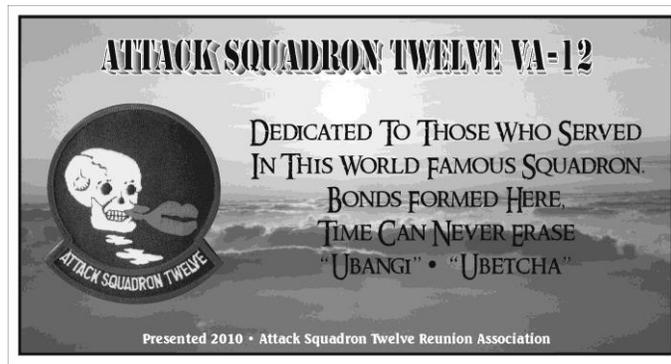
Terry Nies Vehicle



George Hinds' Vehicle

TREASURY REPORT

Previous Balance	\$962.83
Dues & Reunion Sales	162.00
Acct Interest	5.32
SUB TOTAL	\$1130.15
Printing	109.66
Postage	14.95
Envelopes	10.58
CURRENT EXPENSES	\$135.19
NEW BALANCE	\$994.96



**SQUADRON PLAQUE IN AVATION MUSEUM
WASHINGTON DC**



A-4E Skyhawk from VA-12 in flight over the Med in 1965







Big Glen Lake, voted the Most Beautiful Lake in America in 2011 by “Good Morning America”. To it’s left is Little Glen Lake, and behind that to the left is Sleeping Bear Dunes, then Lake Michigan and in the distance are the Manitou Islands. The Glen Lake Community is 21 miles northeast of Traverse City an easy day trip.

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