



October 17th Dinner Meeting Program “Hanoi Reunion”

In April 2016, Admiral Pettigrew was one of about 20 U.S. and North Vietnamese pilots, who met in Hanoi, who had flown against each other during the Vietnam War. Some of the U.S. and Vietnamese pilots at the “Reunion” had shot down “enemy” aircraft. Some of the U.S. pilots attending the “reunion” had been shot down and held in the infamous “Hanoi Hilton” prison. Each of the pilots at the reunion has his own story, and impressions of meeting their former adversaries. RADM Pettigrew, a Navy F-4 fighter pilot, who shot down a North Vietnamese aircraft, will talk about his experiences, memories, and impressions of the April 2016 Hanoi Reunion.



RADM Pete Pettigrew, USNR (Ret)

RADM Kenneth W. Pettigrew is a native of Glencoe, Illinois. He graduated from Stanford University in 1964 under the NROTC program, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biological Science. While at Stanford, he was twice selected as an All-American in swimming and water polo and was a member of the 1963 National Championship Water Polo Team. He was designated a naval aviator in June 1966.

Upon completion of Fleet Replacement Training at VF-121, RADM Pettigrew reported to VF-151 flying the F-4 "Phantom II." He served 24 months with the "Vigilantes", completing two 10-month combat cruises aboard USS CORAL SEA (CV-43). In April 1969, he reported to VF-121 as the senior Landing Signal Officer (LSD). In 1970 he reported to the fledgling Navy fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN) as an air-to-air and air-to-ground instructor. Upon leaving "TOPGUN" in January 1972, he reported to Carrier Air Wing II aboard USS KITTY HAWK (CV-63),



for duty as the air wing LSO and it was during the ensuing cruise that he was credited with downing a North Vietnamese MiG-21.

Leaving active duty for the reserves, RADM Pettigrew was initially assigned to VF-302. In 1979, he reported as commanding officer of VF-1285 and followed this tour as commanding officer of VF-302 from 1980 to 1982. He was then assigned as program manager for the F/A-18 "Hornet", leading its introduction into the Naval Reserve. He served as commanding officer of NAVAIRPAC (reserve component) 1094 from 1986 to 1988. Selected for Flag Rank in 1990, he has been assigned as Commander, Maritime Defense Force, Aleutian Islands, Deputy Commander Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Deputy Third Fleet Commander and as Commander, Naval Reserve Readiness Command, Region Eleven. His last assignment before retiring was Deputy CINCLANTFLT.

Following Navy active duty, he flew for USAIRWAYS retiring in 2002. His civilian career also included a long role in the Airline Pilots Association, and two years as Executive Vice President of the National Airline Pilots Associations. From 1983 until 1986 he was employed by Paramount Pictures, working as the technical advisor on the feature "TOPGUN" – his call sign "Viper."

As a veteran of over 375 combat missions in Southeast Asia, RADM Pettigrew has been awarded the Silver Star, the Joint Superior Service Medal the Legion of Merit with Gold Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, two Meritorious Service Medals, 30 Air Medals, and two Navy Commendation Medals. His over 3,400 hours in fighter aircraft include over 3,000 in the F-4 "Phantom." RADM Pettigrew is an avid triathlete and a master swimmer. He resides in La Jolla, California with his wife, the former Susan Schroeder of Wilmette, Illinois. They have four grown children, Jennifer, Katy Shobe, Roger and Craig.



Dinner Meeting Reservation/Donation/Dues Form
Silver Strand MOAA Chapter Dinner Meeting Tuesday, October 17, 2017
(Joint Meeting with Coronado Council Navy League – MOAA hosting)

Guest of Honor
RADM Pete Pettigrew, USNR (Ret)
"Hanoi Reunion"

Where: Coronado Yacht Club, 1631 Strand Way

When: 1800: Social Time
1845: Dinner – BUFFET @ \$33 in advance, \$35 at the door
1930: Program

Menu

- Garden Green Salad with two dressings
Chicken Picatta
Rigatoni pasta with creamy pesto sauce
Sautéed Fresh Vegetables
Fresh dinner rolls and butter
Dessert
Beverage Station of Coffee and Tea

Make checks payable and mail to:

Silver Strand Chapter MOAA
P.O. Box 180043
Coronado, CA 92178-0043

Name _____

Phone _____

Check box if you need an official Silver Strand Chapter MOAA name tag: [] (Only available for multi-year memberships)

Reservations must reach our PO Box by Noon, Wednesday, October 11th (Firm)

Number attending dinner ___ X \$33 = \$_____

Donations to:

- Annual ROTC Scholarship & Service Academy Appointee Recognition Dinner (Annual April dinner meeting) \$_____
Annual Coronado Salute to Military Ball (table sponsorship) \$_____
NJROTC (Coronado and Mar Vista High Schools) \$_____
MOAA Scholarship Fund \$_____

Membership renewals:

- \$15/year for Regular members, \$35 for 3 years \$_____
\$12/2-years for Surviving Spouse members, \$15 for 3 years \$_____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$_____

Please RSVP by Wednesday, 11 October to Bob Breglio at rbreg@san.rr.com or by phone at 619-435-6862