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Pensacola Pre-Flight Class 15-48

letter to Bob Brennan (15-48)

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Dear Bob,

Just got back from vacation yesterday and opened your letter. Hurray for you!! I had been thinking about a class 15 reunion because I chaired our High School 50<sup>th</sup> reunion last Fall. I just didn't feel like doing something about another one though – it's a lot of work. Glad you're taking the Bull by the horns.

Here are the addresses of a couple more guys for you:

Morton Boyd	118 Riverside Drive – Ames, Iowa 50010 He's a prof at the University
Gerald Huber	371 Bent Twig Road – Warren, Pennsylvania 16365 He's a retired Trust Officer at the Bank and was best man at my wedding in 1951

Brief Autobiography: I joined VP-6 in time for the Korean fracas and we deployed to Japan from Guam when it started. Got married to my High School Sweetheart Winnie during the squadron's first rotation and left her in Honolulu to go back for another round. On the squadron's first recce flight the Skipper ended up over Vladivostock (luckily I wasn't navigating). I guess the Ruskies didn't notice but they downed one of our flights a few months later over neutral waters. We lost another plane and part of the crew over Inchon and a third to a gun boat in the China Sea but the Brits picked up the crew. I was luckier. Our crew got hit twice (on separate flights) but no controls or engine parts were damaged. Decided not to stay in and went back to college and graduated at Penn State in '54 as an Aero Eng. Worked for an electronics R&D firm out of State College Pa. for 15 years. We did foreign weapons systems analysis for the Army, Navy Air Force and various Government Agencies. I spent so much time in Washington that I decided to be more a part of it and joined the National Security Agency in 1969 from which I retired in '89 and we moved back to our home town where I became a reunion Chairman, Red Cross Board Chairman, Hospital volunteer worker, golfer and sawdust maker. Now that I have a computer, (not on the web),

I spend a lot of time keeping unnecessary record (so Winnie thinks) but that's part of my ingrained years of government experience. We have four daughters and nine grandchildren. One daughter and grand-daughter now live in Warren but the other three families are in Connecticut, Indiana and Maryland and we keep busy visiting them.

The idea of a Class 15 reunion sounds great and I'll be glad to help in any way I can.

Thanks for your taking charge,

*Al McNally*

