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## October 2018 Newsletter

### From your monthly newsletter author:

Life in Eastern North Carolina is slowly getting back to normal after Hurricane Florence, though there was widespread damage and some places were hit harder than others and will take longer to rebuild. After riding out the storm in our house, patching leaks in the roof as they developed and hoping the next gust wouldn't take it altogether, we felt very fortunate to make it through with minimal damage to our home. To all in our community who live in the path of either Hurricane Florence or Hurricane Michael - we hope you are safe and our hearts are with you as you deal with the aftermath of those devastating storms.

Semper Fi, Mel

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**VMAQ Monument Foundation**  
**In The News**

Check out this great article in Tulsa World about the VMAQ Monument Foundation and our sculptor, Sandra Van Zandt! The article was even featured on the AOC website!



## Welcome New Volunteers!

A big welcome to our volunteers organizing the events that the VMAQ Monument Foundation will be holding at Cherry Point! Paul 'Taz' Johnson is heading up the effort and is joined by Tim Colantoni and Jim King. If you would like to help out with organizing or staffing the VMAQ Monument Foundation events during the VMAQ-2 Sundown celebration, please contact Taz at [pjohnson@vmaqmonument.org](mailto:pjohnson@vmaqmonument.org).

### VMAQ Monument Foundation Brief

## Fundraising Status

Next Goal: \$75,000 by Nov 2018  
Current Donations/Pledges: \$62,008

We've had our first Bronze level donor! Many thanks to Laurie 'Moe' Buckhout and the Corvus Consulting Group for their generous donation! From Moe: "It is our honor and pleasure to participate in commemorating the mighty Prowler gang!!!"



**DONATE NOW**

## New items coming soon to the online store:

- JP-5  
Java  
Coffee
- Custom  
Squadron  
Bullet  
Pens



## Sculpting Update

Sandra Van Zandt is making great progress on the second maquette. The pilot figure is taking shape!



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## **Another chance to contribute - be a part of the pedestal committee!**

Todd 'Friday' Caruso is looking for 5-6 people to join him and Dan 'Crusher' Lathrop on the Pedestal Committee. The Pedestal Committee is responsible for coming up with a "professional, accurate, simple and enduring" design for the granite base upon which the sculpture of the three figures will sit. If you would like to help design this part of our monument, please visit the [Team page here](#), scroll to the bottom and sign up!

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**Semper Fidelis,**

VMAQ Monument Foundation

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## **VMAQ-2 in the news:**

EA-6B Prowler's Final Chapter Being Written at Al Udeid

[VMAQ-2 Sundown Information Here](#)

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**A note on our 501(c)(3) status:**

As a 501(c)(3), 'pending application' donations are currently NOT guaranteed to be tax deductible until we receive our confirmation letter from the IRS who have stated we should expect it by Nov 18. But, since it's not a guaranteed approval, if a donor requires that the donation be tax deductible, they should PLEDGE a donation via **email** and then pay once we attain the letter. Once the 501(c)(3) approval letter has been received, all donations previously received are able to be tax deductible.

For more details please see the VMAQ Monument [website here](#).



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