

# Family Newsletter

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As most of you already know, the **2009 Family Reunion** will be held in Virginia Beach, Virginia and hosted by Glenn and Shirley James. The two of them are busy negotiating with hotels and caterers for the best combination of prices and amenities. Look for details regarding dates and costs in the next newsletter later on this year.

**Virginia Beach** is an independent city located in the South Hampton Roads area in the Commonwealth of Virginia, on the shores of the Chesapeake Bay and the Atlantic Ocean. It is the most populous city in Virginia and the 41st largest city in the United States. Virginia Beach is best known as a resort, with miles of beaches and hundreds of hotels, motels, and restaurants along its oceanfront. It is also home to several state parks, several long protected beach areas, three military bases, a number of large corporations, two universities, and historic sites. Near the point where the Chesapeake Bay and the Atlantic Ocean meet, Cape Henry was the site of the first landing of the English colonists bound for Jamestown on April 26, 1607.

## Family Milestones and Notices

- Vera Proctor-Smith is proud to inform us that two of her grand children, Marcha and Nelson Jr. are off to college. The family wishes them great success.
- John and Jean Baxter inform us that their son, John Baxter, Jr. of Allentown, Pa, is on a teaching assignment in Mandaluyong City, Philippines for his employer Aetna Insurance Company.
- There is a street in Morgan, Georgia named **Knighton**. Jimmie and Armetta Knighton were one of the first families to move onto the street back when it was just a nameless dirt road. Today, the family of the late Tommie Knighton occupies a residence on Knighton Street. How proud the Knighton family must be to have a street named in honor of their family member.
- Congratulation to Bridgette James, who in 2007 and at forty-something years of age, completed her BA degree at Cambridge

College in Boston, Massachusetts. She hopes that her hard work and accomplishment inspire others to strive for what their heart desires.

- Shakira Sampson, the granddaughter of the late Jimmy Knighton and the daughter of Carolyn Lewis, has recently received a Master Degree in Business Administration Concentration in Human Resource Management. Congratulations and great work!
- Ronald Campbell informs us that his mother Roberta Campbell passed away in October of 2007. Our sympathies and prayers are with the family. Roberta Campbell was the daughter of Henry and Rhoda Patterson. Henry Patterson was the son of Henry and Mollie Peterson. Among others, Roberta is survived by her 94 year old brother, Henry Patterson Jr. of Montgomery, Alabama. Roberta Campbell's obituary will be posted on the family's webpage soon.
- Roy and Margaret Denson are desperately seeking information on Roy's father, Josh Denson, and his family. Any information you have will be appreciated. Please contact them at [yadda452@msn.com](mailto:yadda452@msn.com) or, contact Noriega ("Butch") at [nejames@verizon.net](mailto:nejames@verizon.net)

**Urgent Notification System:** Let us implement an urgent notification email system for the family. I propose that it would work like this: When there is urgent family news such as a death that demands instant notification, I would be contacted and send out the information via email to those family members for whom I have email addresses. Those who receive the information by email can then pass it on to other family members by phone and word of mouth. This system would not substitute for how you currently pass on such urgent information but instead it would add to it.

To add your **email address** to the family address and email list, send me ([nejames@verizon.net](mailto:nejames@verizon.net)) an email from your account. Also, persons for whom I have email addresses receive prior notice of upcoming newsletters and are invited to submit

information for the **Family Milestones and Notices** section.

**Economic stimulus payments for social security beneficiaries:** Social security beneficiaries who do not normally file income taxes but earn at least \$3,000 in social security benefits qualify to receive the \$300 economic stimulus payment approved by President Bush (\$600 if married filing jointly) and \$300 for each qualifying child. Please check with any social security recipient that you know and make sure that, if they qualify, they file a Form 1040A by October 15, 2008, so that they do not miss out on this “free” money. There are only 5 lines on the Form 1040A that need to be filled out. They are: (1) Label (Name, Address, SSN), (2) Filing status, (3) Exemptions, (4) Income ((14a) Social security benefits), and (5) Sign here.

Don’t let anyone that you know (family, church members, friends or neighbors) miss out on this “free” money. They are entitled to it. I am passing on this information and I am helping qualified persons that I know fill out Form 1040A. Do the same if you can. **Important:** To qualify, the social security recipient cannot be claimed as a dependent on another’s income tax. For more information go to your local IRS office or library, or online at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) or see the family webpage at [www.noreaj.com/petersonfamilies](http://www.noreaj.com/petersonfamilies) (newsletter).

**Family Web page:** If you have access to a computer and the internet, visit the family webpage at: [www.noreaj.com/petersonfamilies](http://www.noreaj.com/petersonfamilies). The webpage contains photos and videos from the 2007 and other past family reunions. There are obituaries, family genealogy charts, US Census records, and some family history. If you have information that you would like presented on the webpage then contact Noriega (“Butch”).

Send Butch copies of family obituaries (recent or past), graduations, marriages, births and other announcements that may be posted on the webpage for all the family to share.

**For family members only:** If you have old photos of your parents, grandparents, you and or your sisters and brothers when you all were younger, or any other old photos I will scan and copy them to DVD for you for free. Scanning old photos and documents and placing them on DVD or CD is

currently the best way to preserve them from the deterioration that occurs over time. If you mail me you old photos and or documents I will scan and copy them to DVD and return them to you within two weeks.

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**Family History:** I encourage you to help document our families by providing me with as much family history as you know. You must provide the information! Please contact me.

**Names and Addresses or Email Addresses:** If you know of family **not** receiving the family newsletters or information about the reunions then send their addresses to Butch.

Yours truly,  
Noriega “Butch” James

*Happy Mother's Day  
To all of you wonderful  
Mothers!*