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Definitive Proof of Reincarnation

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ROSTER OF LOST - U.S.S. NATOMA BAY

Ruben Iven Goranson – 7 February 1944, TBM Pilot, Ensign, VC-63
Eldon Ray Bailey – 7 February 1944, Aviation Ordinance Man 3rd class, VC-63
Edward Brennan Barron – 7 February 1944, Aviation Radioman 2nd class, VC-63
Edmund Randolph Lange – 14 April 1944, FM-2 Pilot, Lt. (junior grade), VC-63
Adrian Chavannes Hunter – 19 October 1944, FM-2 Pilot, Lt., VC-81
Leon Stevens Conner – 25 October 1944, TBM Pilot, Lt. (junior grade), VC-81
Donald “E” Bullis – 25 October 1944, Aviation Radioman 3rd class, VC-81
Louis King Hill – 25 October 1944, Aviation Machinist Mate 2nd class, VC-81
Edward J. Schrambeck – 26 October 1944, Aviation Radioman 3rd class, VC-81
Walter John Devlin – 26 October 1944, FM-2 Pilot, Ensign, VC-81
Billie Rufus Peeler – 18 November 1944, FM-2 Pilot, Ensign VC-81
Lloyd Sumner Holton – 18 November 1944, Engineering Officer, Ensign, VC-81
John Frances Sargent, Jr. – 6 January 1945, FM-2 Pilot, Lt. (junior grade), VC-81
George Hunter Neese – 6 January 1945, Aviation Machinist Mate 3rd Class, VC-81
James McCready Huston, Jr. – 3 March 1945, FM-2 Pilot, Lt. (junior grade), VC-81
Peter Hamilton Hazard – 27 March 1945, TBM Pilot, Lt. (junior grade), VC-9
William Patrick Bird – 27 March 1945, Aviation Radioman 1st class, VC-9
Clarence Edward Davis – 27 March 1945, Aviation Ordinance Man 1st class, VC-9
Richard Emery Quack – 9 April 1945, FM-2 Pilot, Ensign, VC-9
Robert William Washburg – 9 April 1945, FM-2 Pilot, Ensign, VC-9
Loraine Alexander Sandberg – 7 June 1945, Ship’s Company, Lt. (junior Grade)

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The issue is whether consciousness survives physical death is provable?

There is no more effective way to prove this than to see a soul from a known dead-person in action alive and well in another body - reincarnation! In this this essay I will present ironclad proof that consciousness survives physical death via this demonstration. This body of evidence or proof was discovered over a seven-year investigation as I worked to validate statements made by my son James.

Evidence of an afterlife by reincarnation relies on past life memory. Admittedly, memory is a subjective experience, and past-life study is a controversial ontological topic. Memory by itself is not empirical (factual) as it cannot be subjected to peer review and scientific method because it is a subjective experience.

However, the crux of the reincarnation issue doesn't rest upon a subjective memory alone. Rather, can reincarnation memory be supported by verifiable facts?

Evidence or proof is what justifies a reasonable person's beliefs and supports a rational conclusion. Empirical evidence must be uncontroversial to a reasonable person standard. Life after death is an ontological topic, it concerns a branch of philosophy dealing with the nature of being. It relies on the subjective experience of someone who claims these memories are real and not a confabulation of images planted by watching television, books or some other source. In practical terms James' memories and actions fit the paradigm of PTSD. He identified it as such several years ago.

Coincidence is defined by psychologist in what is known as the Law of Coincidence which states the more opportunities there are for an event to happen, the greater the probability that it will happen. This is true even if the probability that the event will happen at any given point in time is very small.

In this essay I assert that science is not the only discipline that can establish fact with certainty. There are additional method's available to satisfy a reasonable person's standards> They are: (1) The Law, (2) Philosophy, (3) Geometric (mathematical) Proof.

1) **The law** - Evidence can be presented by sworn witness testimony and can be supported by exhibits to illustrate a point. For example, if a person is accused of

premeditated murder, the standard of proof to determine their guilt or innocence is evidence beyond a reasonable doubt. There is no higher standard. If the plaintiff can meet the burden of proof by convincing 12 objective jurors, the defendant is found guilty. It's the jurors' duty is to listen and observe the evidence and exhibits presented, and follow instructions by a judge as to how to fairly evaluate the evidence to avoid bias and arrive at the truth. A jury verdict of guilty allows the state to impose the harshest sentence allowed by law. In some cases, death. Is this system flawless? Of course not. But neither is the scientific method flawless to a 100% certainty.

What conclusion should a jury reach if the reasonable person standard is applied? It's clear that if the plaintiff failed to meet its burden of proof and there was no evidence presented to support a conviction of homicide since the intent of the defendant cannot be proved.

2) Philosophy supports reincarnation. The hypothesis that souls leave this life and return in a repeated cycle of life and death was supported by Aristotle and his student Plato, 2,400 years ago. The Egyptians built their civilization around the journey of the soul into an after-life. Edgar Cayce, named the **Sleeping Prophet** endorsed reincarnation in the early 20th century as the karmic journey of souls surviving physical death and returning untold numbers of time.

In 1990 Brian L. Weiss, MD, a reputable and highly respected psychiatrist, published "**Many Lives. Many Masters**" claiming to have discovered proof of a past life in a 27-year-old patient named Catherine. She had multiple fears and phobias. Under hypnosis, Catherine recalled past lives including an incarnation and death in ancient Egypt. Others included perishing in fires during World War II. Weiss guided her to confront her fears. With that guidance her condition dramatically improved. According to Weiss is was because she gained insight into the root cause of her fear.

In 1975 Dr. Raymond Moody, a physician with a PhD. in Philosophy published the groundbreaking book "**Life after Life**". It sold 13 million copies. In it, Moody shares 100 cases of patients who suffered clinical death for many minutes but were resuscitated or otherwise returned to their physical body. Clinical cases like these introduced the world to the concept of a bright light, the tunnel, and relatives waiting on the other side welcoming them and sometimes informing them that had to return to their shattered bodies to continue their purpose in this lifetime.

Moody's work paved the way for many others. Dr. Eben Alexander is a medical doctor who taught neurosurgery at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Alexander somehow contracted meningitis, a potentially fatal brain infection. Doctors informed the Alexander family that his chances of survival were 4% and he was placed on life support. As Dr. Alexander stated, he was experiencing an afterlife on the other side while in a coma state. Swimming in pus his brain was incapable of forming a thought.

All the near-death patients returned to this life with the conviction that life continues after the death of their physical bodies. Many described their experience on the other side as being more real than reality on this plane of existence. One of the most thorough studies of this phenomena is by Pim van Lommel, MD, **"Consciousness Beyond Life – The Science of the Near Death Experience"**. After surgery my father had such an experience. It changed his view of life. He accepted his presence in a dimension beyond this consciousness.

In so far as science is concerned Tom Schroder in, **"The Scientific Evidence for Past Lives - Old Souls"** and Sol Weiss MD. **"We are Inevitable - We are Forever"** examine the linkage of Past Lives /Reincarnation with science. Among other items, they refer to the physics of conserved energy and a multitude of other scientific assertions.

3) This essay will demonstrate an immutable proof, like a proof of Geometry, that reincarnation is a real event in the journey of the soul through eternity. I adopted this method because Abraham Lincoln studied it and used it as he worked to become an effective Attorney. He also used it as the President of this United States to develop his oratory / governing skills. Why? It was a disciplined way to create a case that would prove something beyond a reasonable doubt. Which is identical to my purpose. All Geometric proofs are immutable - **they just are**. For example, triangles have three interior angles and the sum of those angles always equal's 180 degrees, regardless of the shape. This essay provides one immutable proof of – REINCARNATION.

JAMES LEININGER - The Third James

My son, James Leininger, was born in San Mateo, CA. Shortly after his second birthday 10 April of 2000 he began to have violent nightmares or night terrors 4-5 times per week and this went on for several months.

“Airplane crash, on fire... little man can’t get out” were the first discernible shrieks from my son, as he thrashed about under his covers. It seemed as though he was trapped fighting for his life. It turns out - HE WAS - reliving his death, 3 March 1945.

These nightmares and statement began a journey to discover the root cause of his trauma. Surprisingly, the facts led me to conclude my son was reliving his death as a United States Navy fighter pilot. In his previous life, James was killed when his plane was hit by enemy fire.

His mission that day was to provide air support in the battle for the fiercely defended Japanese island of Chichi Jima, a tiny island 700 miles south of Tokyo. It’s the island where in September 1944, former U.S. President George H.W. Bush was shot down. Eight other airmen captured by the Japanese at Chichi Jima during this period were tortured and ritually cannibalized before being beheaded in what became known as the *Chichi Jima Incident*.

A single-engine fighter flown by James went up in flames after being hit in the engine and crashed in Futami Ko (harbor).

EVIDENCE AND PROOF OF REINCARNATION

The proof will consist of 3 Angles:

- **Angle 1** – All of James Leininger’s (James) words and actions regarding his past life were accurate depictions of his prior incarnation. The vast majority of things James said or acted out about his past life occurred when he was younger than 5 years old, with the rest occurring until he was 8 years old.
- **Angle 2** – Corroboration of James words and actions via Military records, documents from veterans, and family information affirming and demonstrating those words and actions belonged to James M Huston Jr. (Jimmy), the WWII Navy Pilot who carried the soul my son James now carries. The earliest primary source of documentation confirming his memories was received 25 September 2002. This was more than two years after he described the details of what happened to him.

- **Angle 3** – Startling eyewitness testimony or personal anecdotes from Veterans, Jimmy’s Family (February 2003) or Family Members of Veterans affirming elements in Jimmy’s life prior to his death.

The evidence presented describes who he was, how he was killed, where he was killed, when he was killed and also numerous details of his past life family and intimate details of numerous other events and other people James encountered and knew as Jimmy.

The facts never varied from or differed with anything he said about his past life. The result – the best documented case of reincarnation as claimed by professionals studying reincarnation.

The journey of discovery took dogged work and my initial intent was to debunk the possibility of reincarnation – not prove it. Early in the search to determine what was happening I rejected even the remotest possibility of reincarnation because I was afraid of the unknown.

From the beginning I felt something important was happening and remained truly concerned about James’ well-being as I conducted my relentless search for answers to what was happening. The book “**Soul Survivor – The Reincarnation of a WWII Fighter Pilot**” tells that story.

As we proceed through this journey please note it evolved through the lens of a reincarnation story that represents what knowledgeable experts, such as Dr. Jim Tucker, represent to be the best documented proof of reincarnation. Dr. Tucker is the leader of a Department of Perceptual Studies at the University of Virginia that documents and studies reincarnation cases. He is recognized as one of the world authorities in the study of this phenomena and he visited my home for three days several years ago. During that visit he examined the evidence you are about to review and partially documented it in “**Return to Life**”. He has claimed James’ case to be the best documented case of reincarnation on record (***Science of the Soul – History Channel -link attached***)

The preponderance of evidence allows for no conclusion other than reincarnation.

To make my case I will follow a chronological trail of James’ statements and behaviors. Many of his statements were startling. In most of the following elements I will

briefly describe the context, footnote proof and/or provide links to access them in Appendices as evidence of what is cited. I also have countless documents not cited

There are also a few instances where James statements or behaviors seemed impossible from a child.

An astonishing item pertains to the strong physical resemblance of James to Jimmy. Several people, including Jimmy's family noted this similarity. This is a topic that occupies another school of relevant thought.

He always SPOKE IN THE FIRST PERSON OR USED POSSESSIVE PRONOUNS while describing his memories Those memories and behaviors engaged all of his senses: Sight, Sound, Taste, Smell, and Touch. There was never a hint of his being possessed by or channeling a spirit.

As an infant/toddler James was a fanatic about anything involving aircraft. By age two he had accumulated several toy aircraft and exhibited an exasperating troubling habit of crashing them into a coffee table knocking off the propellers. If we were in a car or the backyard and he saw an aircraft flying he would excitedly point at it. Because of his interest I took him on a visit to the Kavanaugh Flight Museum in mid-February 2000 just prior to moving from Dallas, TX to Lafayette, LA. Part of the inducement was the promise of ice cream at a McDonald's nearby. The visit was exasperating. He was uncontrollable with excitement. A visit that could take less than hour took almost three. He vigorously protested every time I tried to take him the hanger housing the WWII aircraft and would run back toward it every time we left. Once there he stood transfixed on several occasions for 10-15 minutes staring and pointing. It was as if James was hypnotized by the WWII aircraft.

Weigh the evidence presented below as proof of an afterlife relating to James only and I encourage you to reserve judgment until you have considered all the facts provided. My evidence is not submitted to provide proof of an afterlife via reincarnation following every human death. But if it happens to one then what says it does not happen to everyone. The weight of the body of evidence presented below, taken in its totality, proves that James lived a past life and returned reincarnated.

CHRONOLOGY

Please reference the index at the end of this essay to access support documents supporting the following.

1) March-2000 James makes drop tank comment at Hobby Lobby (Est. date)¹

Shortly after moving in James' mother, Andrea was decorating our new home and took James to Hobby Lobby shopping for accessories. At the check-out counter there was a bin of toys and to keep James from fidgeting she handed him a toy aircraft and said:

"Oh look! It has a bomb on it."

James responded *"That's not a bomb, Mommy, that's a drop tank."*

Later that day, after I got home from my office, she related this to me and showed me the toy plane. It was a drop tank not a bomb because it had no fins.

10 April 2000 - James turns two

2) Mid-April 2000 – Frequent nightmares began occurring 4-5/week

These occurred until August / September 2000 when his memories became spontaneous while fully awake and not as a nightmarish event. His initial discernible comments *"Airplane crash in water on fire. Little man can't get out."*²

3) May /June 2000 – James began a ritual when getting into his car seat.

He would put on imaginary headphones, facemask and harness (seatbelt), as if preparing to fly a plane and also created a simulated cockpit in my office closet.³

4) July – August - By this time James also said he flew a Corsair

He indicated several times the Corsair wanted to turn or flip to the left when it took off and the tires broke a lot when the plane landed. This was verified by three WWII veteran pilots who all flew Corsairs in their career: Jack Larsen Lt.(JG), Robert Greenwalt Lt. (JG), and Brad Therrell Lt.(JG) who were members of VC-81. ⁴ Multiple histories of this aircraft document these flight characteristics.

5) 12 August 2000 – James' Aunt Jennifer came for a visit and by this time she had heard of his nightmares and comments.

She casually asked him "What happened to your plane?"

"It got shot by the Japanese", replied James

Jenny, *"How did you know it was the Japanese?"*

James, *"The big Red Sun."*⁵

- 6) **27 August 2000 – This night, while James was being read to in bed before going to sleep, he began to talk about what happened to him. Andrea came and got me.**

Since we had heard him say the Japanese shot him down,

I curiously asked, *'Where did your plane come from?'*

His response *"A Boat"*

Somewhat startled quizzically I asked *"Did the boat have a name?"*

He said *"Natoma"*

"That sounds Japanese to me," I replied.

With a pained look, as if I was an idiot he said, **"NO, IT WAS AMERICAN!"**⁶

- 7) **Late September – by this time there had been several instances where James said he was in the dream being shot down**

On this night he was talking about what happened and we asked *"Was anyone else in the dream"*

He replied *"A man named Jack."*

I then asked *"Did he have another name?"* "

James," Yes, *Larson – Jack Larson"*⁷

A few days later I was able begin my search. There were many lists but not of much use. Finally, I found a promising source - The American Battle Monuments Commission website ABMC.gov. It included 153 men with the last name Larson were killed in WWII, but I was unable to establish if the man James mentioned was one of them.⁸

- 8) **24 November 2000 – Day after Thanksgiving – IWO JIMA**

While waiting for cartoons to start I was looking over a book "Battle for Iwo Jima"⁹ by Derrick Wright. I had ordered it to give to my father, a WWII veteran Marine, James was sitting on my lap looking at photos with me. Pointing to a photo of Iwo Jima he said "Daddy, that is when my plane got shot down." Upon examining the report I found 27 August I verified the ship supported the battle of Iwo Jima.¹⁰

I now had three bits of info: Natoma Bay, Jack Larson, and Iwo Jima. Now, how would I tie them together?

My father was a member of a China Marine Reunion Group – so it occurred to me there may be one connected to Natoma Bay. I discovered there was such a group and was able to obtain 4 phone numbers of Association Officers. After a week or two I was able to reach Leo Pyatt – **He changed my life.**

9) 9 December 2000 – Call to Leo Pyatt – Airman VC-81 – Identifies Jack Larsen¹¹

I reached Leo Pyatt (ARM3c), an Officer of the Natoma Bay Association. After introductions, he was quite receptive to talking with me and I began to ask questions. The first was about Corsairs, since my son said he flew one. Leo indicated that no Corsairs ever flew off Natoma Bay that he knew of. I asked about Iwo Jima and he indicated he had flown 36 missions during the Battle for Iwo Jima. This caused me to tremble and I finally screwed up my courage asking if he knew anyone named Jack Larson. Leo replied, “*Yes, He flew off one day and I never saw him again.*” (I took this to mean he never came back from a mission). As it turned out Leo and Jack Larsen Lt (JG) flew in VC 81 squadron supporting the battle for Iwo Jima flying from USS Natoma Bay.¹²

10) 6 January 2001 – Found list of men killed serving aboard US aircraft Carriers in WWII.¹³ The list had several thousand names and 18 were from Natoma Bay. No one named Jack Larsen from Natoma Bay was on the list.

10 April 2001 - James turns three

11) 10 April 2001 - James received a GI Joe doll and named it “Billy”. The doll had brown hair (See Footnote 28)

12) VIOLENT AIR WARFARE DRAWING -Shortly after his birthday James started making violent drawings and one of the very first was covered with black dots. When asked what they were he said the black dots were flak being shot at the plane. He signed some of them James 3. The first one I kept was signed that way with black dots all over it When I asked him why he signed it James 3 he said “*I am the 3rd James.*”¹⁴ James drew these drawings almost daily for a year. There is a brief segment our first appearance of ABC Prime Time that shows a film clip of flack, as a mass of black dots, identical to James’ drawing of flak.

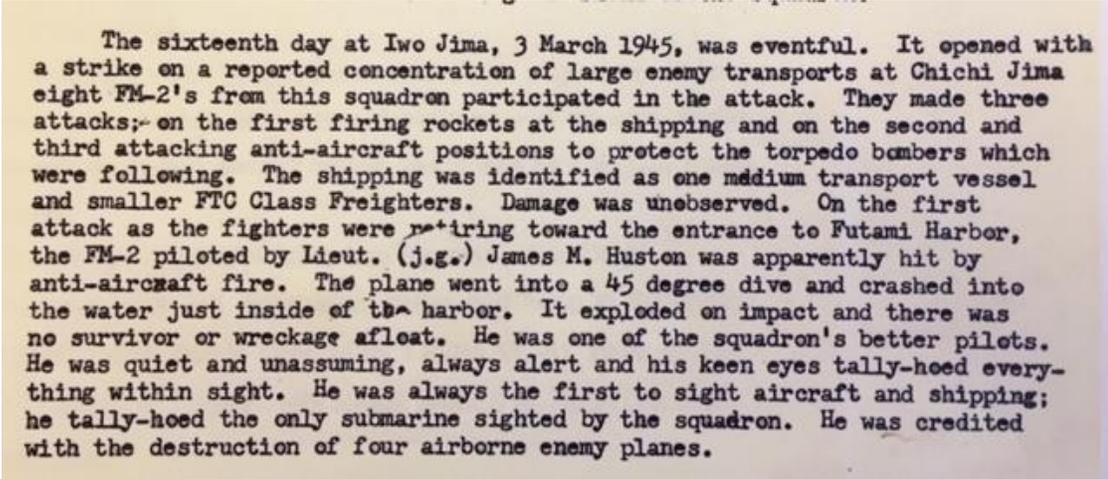
- 13) **Est. Date 1 September 2001** - While playing with an airplane in the sunroom, James stood up and saluted saying "*I salute you and I'll never forget. Now here goes my neck.*" During the same play period he spontaneously said "*Before I was born, I was a pilot and my airplane got shot in the engine and crashed in the water and that's how I died.*"
Hearing this Andrea asked, "*Is there a heaven?*"
"*Yes, it is beautiful and right here.*" answered James
"*How do you come back?*"
"*You can come back if you want to.*"
She then asked, "*Is God a man or a woman?*"
His reply, "*God is whatever you need God to be when you need God!*"
This was no child speaking!
- 14) **Early October 2001** - James does preflight check on Aircraft during Sertoma Air Show – Blue Angel Exhibition ¹⁵
- 15) **25 December 2001 – James received a second GI Joe Doll and names it "Leon."** We were baffled at where he got that name because no one we knew was named Leon and the doll had blond hair.
Not long after this while trying to learn more about the men I had found on the list of WWII Natoma Bay dead I noticed one was named Leon Conner. (**See Footnote 28**)

10 April 2002 - James turns four

- 16) **15 April 2002 – James builds cockpit mockup in my office closet**¹⁶
- 17) **30 April 2002 – Receive letter from Leo Pyatt notifying me of CVE- 62 Natoma Bay Association Reunion in September 2002**¹⁷
- 18) **1 May 2002** - Shalani Sharma 20/20 TV comes to interview us for a TV show being planned. She bought James a toy Corsair and while talking to Shalini about the plane James told her that he remembered Corsairs getting flat tires and always wanted to turn to the left when taking off.
- 19) **June 2002 - Meatloaf episode-** Andrea seldom made meatloaf for dinner. One day she did, and James ate half of it as we watched in awe. We asked him why he was eating so much of it.

His reply, "We used to get this all the time on Natoma Bay" which I later verified when I met and interviewed veterans at the September 2002 Natoma Bay Reunion.

- 20) **2 July 2002** -Shari Belafonte comes to visit wearing a flight suit to film an episode for 20/20 (never aired). Shari was a pilot and she hit it off with James. They fast became friends. They were watching a tape from the Sertoma Air Show the prior year and she saw James walking around and crawling under a CAP Piper Cub tugging and inspecting everything he could touch (btw-there were scores of people around the aircraft and no one else but James did this). She exclaimed, he was doing a pre-flight inspection of the aircraft.
- 21) **1 Sept 2002 – Leininger’s visit Dallas.** James and Hunter (cousin) play war "shootin Japs" at neighborhood pool. Embarrassed Andrea stops him and tells James Americans won the war. James responded, "WE won the war?" When Andrea replied yes; it was as if VJ Day broke out on the pool sidewalk. James danced in circles chirping "We won the war; we won the war..."
- 22) **8-11 September 2002 – Attend Natoma Bay Reunion – San Diego**
I discovered that Jack Larsen was on the NB Association roster living in Springdale, Arkansas.¹⁸ John DeWitt, the ship historian also informed me that only one man from VC-81 was killed during the Battle for Iwo Jima – James McCready Huston, Jr. – **JAMES 3**¹⁹
- 23) **25 September 2002 -VC-81 War Diary 25 from John Dewitt.** ²⁰



The sixteenth day at Iwo Jima, 3 March 1945, was eventful. It opened with a strike on a reported concentration of large enemy transports at Chichi Jima eight FM-2's from this squadron participated in the attack. They made three attacks;- on the first firing rockets at the shipping and on the second and third attacking anti-aircraft positions to protect the torpedo bombers which were following. The shipping was identified as one medium transport vessel and smaller FTC Class Freighters. Damage was unobserved. On the first attack as the fighters were retiring toward the entrance to Futami Harbor, the FM-2 piloted by Lieut. (j.g.) James M. Huston was apparently hit by anti-aircraft fire. The plane went into a 45 degree dive and crashed into the water just inside of the harbor. It exploded on impact and there was no survivor or wreckage afloat. He was one of the squadron's better pilots. He was quiet and unassuming, always alert and his keen eyes tally-hoed everything within sight. He was always the first to sight aircraft and shipping; he tally-hoed the only submarine sighted by the squadron. He was credited with the destruction of four airborne enemy planes.

VC-81 War Diary, Page 11.

- 24) 30 September 2002 – Meet Jack Larsen – After driving to Springdale.** During the visit Jack affirmed he flew on a mission attacking the harbor at Chichi Jima on 3 March, 1945. He had his Pilot Log Book, which I copied at a local Office Depot.²¹ He said the flak was so thick that day he could have walked to the ground on it and got the hell out of there as quick as he could. It was not until he landed aboard Natoma Bay that he learned Huston had not returned.
- 25) 3 October 2002 - Hurricane Lilli hits Lafayette** - 11 October while cleaning up the yard, after returning from Dallas where we had evacuated to. I took a break and had him sitting on my lap hugging him telling him that he is such a good son. *“That’s why I picked you, I knew you would be good parents”* James replied.” Stunned, I asked, *“Where did you find us?”*
“A Big Pink Hotel in Hawaii”
Andrea and I had gone there in late May/early June 1997 for our 5th anniversary and spent 3-4 days at the Royal Hawaiian²², a Coral Pink Hotel in Honolulu. I asked, “What were we doing when you picked us?”
“You were having dinner on the beach at night.”
He was exactly correct. This trip was something we had never discussed in front of him. There is no way he could have known that detail unless he had been there. **This was 4-5 weeks before he was conceived.**
- 26) 5 December 2002 –** Received 9 rolls of microfilm from Natoma Bay Association. I spent 3 solid weeks at a local university library copying that microfilm page by page (≈4,500 pages)²³. These rolls contained military records that affirmed the key details of James’ statements about what happened to his plane and how he died on 3 March 1945.
- 27) 24 February 2003 – After finding Anne Barron in early February** – James M. Huston Jr’s sister sent us an album of Huston family photos and among them was a photo of Jimmy standing in front of a Corsair.²⁴

10 April 2003 - James turns five

- 28) 31 May 2003 – Spoke with John Durham – VC-83** – He indicated he witnessed a plane being shot down on March 3, 1945, attack on Futami Ko (Harbor) at Chichi Jima.²⁵

29) **11 September 2003 – Attend CVE 83 Reunion in San Diego – I interviewed four eyewitnesses who saw Jimmy Huston’s death. All veterans confirm the details of James’ description.**²⁶

Related Incident: The following does not involve what James said or did but adds to the energy of the Soul outside the human body.

On the second day of the reunion John Durham, Ralph Clarbour, Mary Clarbour and I met for breakfast at the hotel restaurant.

John asked me why I was so interested in their story and Chichi Jima. No one had ever expressed interest this bit of history.

Again, I was caught off guard. It then dawned on me – I had all the facts about what happened to Jimmy and now my son James. I took a deep breath and said, *“Do you really want to know?”*

Ralph replied, *“YES”*

So, I let it all hang out – for the first time I was sharing this story with the outside world. I do not remember how long I spoke but it was without interruption. Their attention never wavered as I finished.

There was dead silence and I half expected them to throw me through a window. Figuring my visit would abruptly end John Durham spoke, *“Well let me tell you something.”*

*“On the same day that Huston was shot down my plane was damaged and we ditched in the ocean some miles from the island. Upon impact, my shoulder was severely damaged and after rescue I was hospitalized for a few weeks. During recuperation I wrote my mother about my injury. Several weeks later I received a letter from her in which she stated. **“I knew you got hurt because I heard you cry out that day.”** I was 12,000 miles away from her when the ditching occurred.*

Then Mary Clarbour chimed in. *“Our son was killed in Vietnam, and the day he died my son came to me in a dream and said”*

‘Mom, I am in heaven and am ok. I am sorry I won’t see you until you get here, but I will always love you and Dad’. Mary and Ralph were well prepared when they were officially notified of his death.

The energy of the soul is alive in us and outside of us. Are we supposed to know how it works or go on faith? That is a mystery we do not need to understand other than knowing it is real. I am convinced our souls travel through time and space knowing no limit.

- 30) **7 October 2003** - Out for a walk on my birthday with James I was talking about the tough day I'd had. James said *"Dad, every day is like a carrier landing. If you walk away from it you are OK!"* Again, this was not a 5-year-old child speaking; it was an older soul.
- 31) **20 October 2003** – While filming for ABC Prime time we received a box from Anne Barron, Jimmy Huston's sister, that contained some of Jimmy's final effects. One item was a Corsair model. Examining it, James held it to his nose and said it smelled like an aircraft carrier. I noted a smokey diesel oil smell emanating from it. He also received a pewter bust of George Washington which he ran with to his room and put it on his desk. Anne later told us this where Jimmy kept the bust.²⁷
- 32) **1 December 2003** - During house repair James saw me handling a sanding disc and told me he's been looking for one of these for a long time. I asked James what he meant and James said, "a record", we only had a couple of them on the ship."
- 33) **25 December 2003** -James received a 3rd GI Joe for Christmas. It had red hair, and he named it "Walter". We were puzzled at where he got that name. Since Leon had been on the list, I again went to the KIA list and found Walter Devlin on it. He had also been a pilot in VC-81. I nervously asked why he named his GI Joe's Billie, Walter and Leon, he replied, *"That's who met me when I got to heaven"*²⁸ **All three men were pilots in VC-81 and flew with Huston who were killed in action before him.**

10 April 2004 - James turns Six

- 34) **15-16 April – ABC Prime Time airs and Bob Greenwalt – a VF-301 Corsair Squadron Pilot and VC-81 Pilot identifies the Squadron in which Huston flew the Corsair. It was VF-301. I also learned that Greenwalt and Huston were members of VF-301 and test flew the redesigned Corsair that qualified it for carrier use.**²⁹

- 35) 1 August 2004** - Andrea tells James they are going to meet James Huston' sister Anne at the Natoma Bay reunion. James says, "*It's not Anne, it's Annie.*" He also identified another older sister "Ruth" and said Ruth was 4 years older than Annie and Annie was 4 years older than him.
- All this was true – he first spoke with “Annie” a month later at the 2004 Natoma Bay reunion in San Antonio, TX.
- 36) 11 September 2004** - Bruce, Andrea, James and Bobbi (James Grandmother) attend Natoma Bay Reunion in San Antonio, TX. James recognizes Bob Greenwalt by his voice.³⁰ Andrea was taking James up to our room for break and were waiting for the elevator. When it opened Bob Greenwalt, who had seen James on the *Prime Time*, show, bent down and said to James “Bet you don’t know who I am!”
- James replied “You’re Bob Greenwalt!”
- Later we asked him how he knew it was Mr. Greenwalt, “I remembered his voice”
- 37) 12 September 2004** - During a tour of the Nimitz Museum a Natoma Bay Veteran Lloyd McCann and his wife Alta heard James identify a cannon similar to one that was on Natoma Bay. When they asked him where it was located, James said, “*The back of the ship.*”³¹
- 38) 26 November 2004** - James describes how Billie Peeler died.³² He was correct.
- 39) 15 December 2004** - James remembers Huston's father being an alcoholic after Andrea walks into his bedroom with a glass of wine. Again, Anne Barron verified this. James was exactly correct.
- 40) 15 January 2005 - Bruce shows James a photo of Chichi Jima to see if he gets any reaction.** James said, “*There were no fighters, only anti-aircraft fire on this hop.*”³³ Jack Larsen and Robert Greenwalt also verified this.
- 41) 3 March 2005 – I built James an FM-2 model.** Because James had remained enthralled with aircraft so I built several that we had hanging in his room. One of the last ones I built was a replica of the plane he was flying when he was shot down. Before hanging it I handed it to let him play with it.
- James quickly examined and said, “*An antenna is missing.*”
- I replied there were two of them and he indicated there was a third one.

There was no third antenna in the kit, “So where was it?” I asked James said, “It was on the side.”

I then asked him, “Where on the side.”

James said “On the side where you climbed up to get into the cockpit. It stuck out and I would sometimes bump into it climbing onto the plane.”

A resource I examined confirmed this fact.³⁴

- 42) **7 March 2005** - James recalls using drop tanks as crude Napalm bombs. He describes how they were made (correct again)³⁵

Jack Larsen confirmed this. He had served as Assistant Gunnery Officer for VC-81 aboard Natoma Bay.

- 43) **1 April 2005** - Greenwalt calls us about a History Channel show about Corsairs that will air. During the show James commented on fighters being named boys and bombers given girls names (correct). As we were watching the program about Corsairs, the narrator said that the downed Japanese planes were Zeros. James corrected that narrator in saying that one of the Japanese planes was not a Zero, but a Tony. James. I asked him what a Tony was. He said it was a fighter that was smaller and faster than a Zero. Again, with investigation, this was true and James knew what one looked like because Jimmy shot a Tony down on 27 October 1944.³⁶

10 April 2005-James turns Seven

- 44) **December 2005** -James asks Anne Barron about the painting that their Mom did of her, like the one Mom did of me – Anne responded by sending it to us in January 2006³⁷

10 April 2006-James turns Eight

- 45) **4 September 2006 -Memorial service in Futami Ko harbor for James Huston.** James breaks down while we were standing on a ridge overlooking the harbor and tugs at my arm and said, “This is where I flew in the day my plane was shot down.”³⁸ Upon returning to the USA I looked at AAR 80 and he was correct. He had never seen that report.

SYNCHRONICITY - BEYOND COINCIDENCE

As I resolved my conflict with reincarnation and the human consciousness surviving death I began to recognize a long thin thread of coincidence that made this proof possible. A break in this thread would have eliminated the possibility of proving what I have proven. This synchronicity is indicative of not just individual consciousness but a universal consciousness.

- 1) **Timing** – Without the internet it would have been impossible to find the information necessary to prove anything. By 2000 it was robust enough to be useful. Secondly, Natoma Bay or VC-81 WWII Veterans were at least 76 years old by the time of the 2002 reunion. All but one of the key veterans were dead by 2008. This was a narrow window of time. Earlier or later would have failed.
- 2) **Natoma Bay Association** – Four officers
 - a. Three of the four names were Natoma Bay ships company veterans. If I had reached one of them first and asked about Jack Larsen they would not have had a clue who he was. I would have stopped. Life aboard any warship is compartmentalized. They were floating cities or villages (≈1,000 aboard Natoma Bay). Ship's company and squadrons did not interact often.
 - b. Leo Pyatt – not only was he an Airman but he was a member of VC-81, same as Larsen and Huston and he was active with VC-81 during the Battle for Iwo Jima. He was part of a replacement aircrew after the loss of Leon Conner, Louis Hill and Donald Bullis in October 1944.
- 3) **Jack Larsen** – He was the only VC-81 Pilot on the Natoma Bay Association Roster and was the man James named in September 2000 and was able to verify some of James statements (3/3/1945 Mission and Napalm bomb assembly). Until 2004 he had never attended a reunion and he died shortly after.
- 4) **Bob Greenwalt** – He saw the 2004 special on ABC Prime Time and contacted us. He was able to prove Huston had flown Corsairs with VF-301 and joined VC-81 with Huston 8 October 1944 after VF-301 was disbanded. If he had not watched Prime Time that evening we would never have met.
- 5) **John Durham** - VC-83 visited the same Chichi Jima website as I did (an obscure site) and saw my 2002 post nine months earlier. When we spoke I quickly learned he was an eyewitness to Huston's death. VC-81 Aircraft Action Report

80 cites VC-83 as part of the attack on Chichi Jima 3 March 1945. I had the right guy!

- 6) **USS Sargent Bay Reunion – 4 eyewitnesses** – All flew on the 3/3/1945 mission and saw Huston’s plane get hit and could verify the approximate spot in Futami Ko where Huston crashed. Death in the air is anonymous – finding four eyewitnesses to such a specific event is beyond miraculous. No one in Huston’s squadron saw what happened to him. Of the 21 men killed serving with Natoma Bay Huston’s location is the only known location. We were able to prove what happened to Huston’s plane, where it occurred, when it occurred and how it occurred.
- 7) **The Microfilm records I used were produced around 1970** – I have the complete record of the ship and three squadrons that had been assigned to Natoma Bay. I know of no way possible to have assembled that info so quickly and easily.
- 8) **2004 Natoma Bay Reunion** - Having the 2004 reunion and the opportunity to meet Bob Greenwalt, Jack Larsen and Dean Tate, all surviving fighter pilots from VC-81. This was their first meeting in 59 years – they had last seen each other on March 11 1945 and this reunion is the only one they ever attended. James had fun with his pals. On a break I was playing with him in the hotel pool and he had a troubled look on his face. I asked him if he was OK and he said “Why are they all so old?” He enjoyed being with men at least 70 years older than him, he ate breakfast with them and hung around them like one of their buddies.
- 9) **Finding Anne Huston Barron** - She was 85 when we found her. We also found family members of the Pilots who greeted James in heaven and they were able to provide photos or info attesting to their hair color.

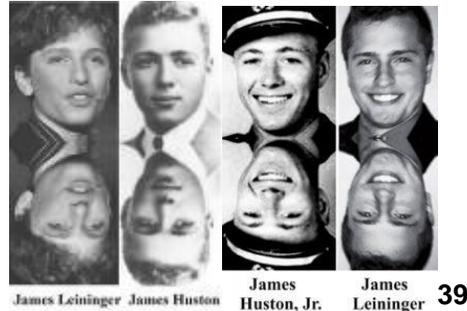
All this beyond coincidence – there are too many of them. It is my supposition that James return was part of a plan to demonstrate that human consciousness survives death.

CONCLUSION

The voluminous specific evidence contained in this chronology indicates one possible proof. The soul can exist outside the human form and can reincarnate. James

M Leininger, born 10 April 1998, carries the reincarnated soul of James M. Huston Jr who died 3 March 1945.

James also bears a strong physical resemblance to Jimmy. which according to some researchers is also definitive proof. The following attests to the similarity



In addition to all the military records a reiteration of James statements about his prior life family bear repeating:

- He called Anne - Annie. She confirmed that her deceased brother was the only person to ever call her Annie.
- James said Ruth was four years older than Anne and Anne was four years older than James. This was correct
- James reported that their father had been an alcoholic, smashed things when drunk, and that he had to go into the hospital (rehab) for alcoholism. All was validated by Anne.
- Ruth was a society columnist for a local paper, was “mortified” when their mother took a job as a maid for a wealthy family that Ruth covered in her column. Anne confirmed this.

James is also a very good vocalist. Neither Andrea or I can sing at all. But we were also able to discover that Jimmy Huston had a great singing voice. I have a copy of a recording in which Huston sings. Another carryover from a past life.⁴⁰

The mystery of understanding the soul is readily understood if one believes the soul is eternal. This is consistent with Christianity and most if not all major world spiritual beliefs. It goes back to ancient Egypt and Mesopotamia. If so, then the mystery is no more. It manifests itself in more than one way. In **Item XXIV** we were told by VC-83 veterans that the energy of the soul traveled thousands of miles for two mothers hearing the voices of their son. John Durham spoke about how his mother heard his voice when he was injured crashing in the ocean on March 3, 1945. Mary Clarbourn pointed out that her son came to her in a dream to say he was ok in heaven. After being killed in Vietnam.

Anne Huston Barron was cleaning her home in March 1945, in anticipation of Jimmy coming home on leave from duty in the Pacific. She clearly felt his presence in the room she was standing in.

In Anne's letter to us on 20 October 2003 (Appendix 23) she says, "Jim Eastman (a close friend Jimmy's) told me that when Jim died; Jim's mother, Lydia, called him to tell him that Jim H. had come to her in a dream to say '**I CAME TO SAY GOD-BYE**'."

In conclusion, what has been covered are details that point toward one answer.

Reincarnation is real. I have clearly and unequivocally proved reincarnation is a real event in the survival of the human consciousness after death and proof that the soul is on an eternal journey.

One may ask, how can one story prove it this real?

Well, was more than one Jesus necessary to demonstrate resurrection and the eternal life of the soul?

James' reincarnation story is but one of thousands of cases – but we only need this one to know it is true and real.

Nurture your soul for you are on an eternal journey!!



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