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## **Lisa Macleod**

Lisa was born in San Diego, CA to a government contractor and Navy-enlisted mother who worked at the Naval Base. Lisa relocated with her family to Laurel, MD when her mother's job transferred to Crystal City, VA. Her early years were absorbed with following sports teams in the local area, specifically with taking amateur photographs of the Washington Redskins football team and Capitals hockey team. Unsatisfied with the dynamics and transitory nature of living in the Washington, DC area, Lisa moved to the Woodford, VA area, taking a job at Dominion Raceway. Under the tutelage of a married senior photographer at the racetrack with whom she had an affair, Lisa learned about high-speed precision photography of races and photography in general. Having a love for photography and the senior photographer, Lisa took courses at VCU in photography and film. In 2002, while taking practice pictures at the race course parking lot, Lisa unknowingly took a picture of the perpetrators for the Beltway Sniper Attacks. Knowing they were caught on film gave the snipers pause to move on to another location, and the pictures were later used as evidence in their trials.

Lisa left the senior photographer, who was unwilling to leave his wife despite repeated promises to do so. With her photography and film credentials, and proximity to Washington, DC, Lisa secured a job as a photo-journalist for Women Journalists of Washington (WPOW), a 501.C.3 non-profit organization. Lisa's job took her to numerous locations and symposiums across the country and overseas. It was while Lisa was photographing an orphanage in South Korea that an apartment building caught fire. Being on scene and aware of the dangers, Lisa put down her camera and helped the orphans escape the fire. Putting herself at personal risk and potentially not taking that Pulitzer-prize winning photograph got the attention of Jimmy Buffett, who was putting together a photo-collage of his 57 albums at the time. He reached out and took Lisa under his wing, and she has been a Parrothead ever since accepting the position as Vice President & First Mate with The Villages Parrot Heads Club.