

# Pelican Poop Sheet

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**New on the roster:** Dale Rector (1977-1978 PNC, USN(ret))

**Lost contact in 2012:** Raymond Allen (AD2 1990); Robert Breuning; Doug Canfield (AE2 1975-1980); John Gough (1984-1988 CDR USN (ret)); Deon Harkey (1982-1986 CAPT USN(ret)); Robert Lindsey (1974-1978 AWC USN(ret)); Michael McCloskey (1987-1990 CDR USN(ret)); Joe Pompeo (AE 1958-1960 USN(ret)); Bill Sechler (LT 1961-1964 LCDR USN(ret)); Gilbert Tarrett (AT 1968-1971); George White (1970 SCPO USN(ret)); Jim Wyatt (1970-1973)

**Taps:** Ed Sayre (1947-1949 Panama); LCDR USN(ret) Ken Porter (TACCO late 1960's); Jack Steinmeyer (AT3 1952-1954); Rev Ivan Emmanuelli (AZ2 1981-1984)

## Wings

Once the wings go on, they never come off whether they can be seen or not. It fuses to the soul through adversity, fear and adrenaline; and no one who has ever worn them with pride, integrity and guts can ever sleep through the "call of the wild" that wafts through the bedroom windows in the deep of the night.

When a good air crewman leaves the "job" and retires, many are jealous, some are pleased and yet others, who may have already retired, wonder. We wonder if he knows what he is leaving behind, because we already know.

We know, for example, that after a lifetime of camaraderie that few experience, it will remain as a longing for those past times. We know in the world of flying, there is a fellowship which lasts long after the flight suits are hung up in the back of the closet. We know even if he throws them away, they will be on him with every step and breath that remains in his life. We also know how the very bearing of a man speaks of what he was and in his heart still is. Because we flew, we envy no man on earth.

Author Unknown

"Mastering the prohibited maneuvers in the NATOPS Manual is one of the best forms of aviation life insurance you can get."

## New Web master

We have good news on the web site, we now have a new web master that is going to help us maintain the site and take over from Ray Beck. The new web master is Jim Dunlap and resides in Valdosta, GA just up the road from me. His web site is <http://dunlapdesign.com> he is a Marine veteran and his wife BJ, who works with him, is an Air Force veteran. Please welcome them to our association. For the present he will be maintaining the present site as is, and down the road we may redesign and bring up to date a new site. In the mean time I will get some missing information on the site and add items as they come up with Jim's help.

## Pelican Shop

The Pelican Shop is still up and running from the home page so please feel free to order as normal if you would like something from the past. I am checking the web site and Ray has my email address tied to any questions that may come in. At this time I have no Marlin items left and our plans are not to restock anything till we know where the future of the web site is heading. The items and sizes showing on the Pelican Shop are current and correct, but you can email or call me anytime if any questions. Remember buying something from the Pelican Shop helps with the cost of keeping the web site going.

## Maritime Patrol Association Symposium

*Due to the DoD financial crisis, and the ensuing restrictions on military conferences, etc., MPA has confirmed a new, condensed schedule for our symposium week in April. Because of these restriction's impacts on logistics, some of our previously planned events were canceled. Please see below for an updated 2013 Symposium schedule of events. Please check their web site for more details:*

<http://www.maritimepatrolassociation.org/symposium/>

### THURSDAY, APRIL 18

#### **MPA General Members Meeting**

*Time:* 1600-1700

*Cost:* \$0

*Location:* Officers Club at NAS Jacksonville

Join us for our annual MPA General Members meeting to discuss organizational business and meet your leadership. Located at the Officers Club. MPA Members Only.

#### **MPA Heritage Dinner**

*Time:* 1800-2300

*Cost:* \$40 (MPA Members), \$55 (Non-Members)

*Location:* Hangar 117

Join shipmates past and present as we gather in the historical Hangar 117 for drinks, dinner, dancing and words from our guest speaker. The 2013 Hall of Honor inductees will be announced and honored during

the evening. Squadron memorabilia as well as a historical slide show will be presented throughout the hangar for the event. A cash bar will be provided. Attire will be flight suits for active duty. Retired members are encouraged to wear their uniforms or country club attire. **BUY TICKETS EARLY - THIS EVENT WILL SELL OUT!**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 19**

### **MPA Scholarship Golf Tournament**

*Time:* 1000-1730

*Cost:* \$75 (MPA Members), \$85 (Non-Members)

*Location:* NAS Jacksonville Golf Course

Afternoon events will be teed up at the NAS Jacksonville golf course with check-in starting at 1000 for a 1200 Shotgun start. Come early for several pre-golf activities to include hole in one challenge, long drive, and long putt competitions! Be sure to sign up yourself and your team online early as space is limited to the first 200 golfers registered. **BUY TICKETS EARLY - THIS EVENT WILL SELL OUT!** Tournament registration fee includes box lunch, beer and beverages on the course, as well as post-tournament food and beverages. To submit foursomes, email LCDR Nick Cotroneo at: [nicholas.cotroneo@navy.mil](mailto:nicholas.cotroneo@navy.mil). (Foursome requests cannot be guaranteed until ALL FOUR GOLFERS have registered and paid for the MPA Scholarship Golf Tournament.) *Learn more about our MPA Scholarship at: [www.maritimepatrolassociation.org/scholarship.html](http://www.maritimepatrolassociation.org/scholarship.html)*

### **MPA Scholarship 5K**

*Time:* 1130-1230

*Cost:* \$5 (MPA Members), \$5 (Non-Members)

*Location:* Antennae Farm/Perimeter Road

For those non-golfers, sign up for the MPA 5K with a course around NAS JAX. Includes race fee and pre/post-race refreshment. **PRE-REGISTERED RUNNERS WILL ALSO RECEIVE A MPA SHIRT.** Awards will be given for top individuals and teams. To register a team, contact CWO3 Micah Wood at [micah.wood@navy.mil](mailto:micah.wood@navy.mil).

### **MPA Flight Suit Social**

*Time:* 1930-2400

*Cost:* \$40 (MPA Members), \$50 (Non-Members)

*Location:* Officers Club

We conclude the week with the MPA FLIGHT SUIT SOCIAL on Friday night at the NAS Jacksonville Officers Club. Active, reserve, retired - don your flight suits for a fun-filled evening of camaraderie, fine food, and a few sea stories. Food, beer and wine included. Cash bar available.

## **Mariner/Marlin Reunion**

The Mariner/Marlin Reunion will be held in Branson, MO May1-5 2013. Go to the link below for information and registration form.

[http://marinermarlin.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/01/31st-reunion-form\\_v4.pdf](http://marinermarlin.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/01/31st-reunion-form_v4.pdf)

“Any commander-in-chief who undertakes to carry out a plan which he considers defective is at fault; he must put forward his reasons, insist on the plan being changed, and finally tender his resignation rather than be the instrument of his army’s downfall.”

~Napoleon

**Happy Spring Time 2013**

