

# Pelican Poop Sheet

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**New on the roster:** James Seveney (LT 1980-1983); CWO4 Jerry Austin, USN(ret) (AX1 1967-1969); Bob Groat (AT2 1960-1963); Kevin Belknap (AMH2 1988-1991); Dennis G. Slutter (AME2 1981-1984); Robert Lavezzoli (AMS2 1967-1970); Dale Keck (1973-1976); Captain Vincent Bellezza USNR(ret) (LT 1982-1985); CDR Jim Woodard, USN(ret) (LT 1981-1984); Ronald Crawford (ATN2 1959-1961); Chuck Selby (AW3 1970-1972); David Hagenbuch (AMEAN Ran the hot dog stand in the hanger 1968)

**Regained Contact:** Tom McManus (PH2 1960-1962)

**Lost contact:** Gary Albe; Kenneth Simpson AW1 1976-1980, USN (ret); Harry Whitted (1960-1964)

**Taps:** Albert Evans (Black Cat VPB 204 1943); Phil Ambs (AN 1960-1962); Robert "Al" Hayes (AO2 1960-1964) (Al was one of the founders of the current VP-44 Reunion Association); AEC Marshall Autry, USN(ret) (1962-1965); Dennis Hiller (AM3 in the 60's); James R. Provost (1970-1971); AOC Gary Lintinicum, USN(ret) (1975-1976)

**Looking for:** Does anyone know the where a bouts of Hud Woton 67-69 ,Dave Gannon and Dan Murphy 68-70 requested by Gary Marcoullier (AE2 1967-1968) [gmarc515@aol.com](mailto:gmarc515@aol.com)

## Cell Phones for Soldiers

If you have old cell phones and looking for a good place to donate check this site: <http://www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com/> You may also bring them to any Liberty Tax Service store.

## VP-44 History

The ongoing search for flight 370 has shown our P3 in action all over the world, the below is a comment from Mr. Richard Watson (AMM3c Black Cats 1942-1944)

"That is a distinguished record. As you know VP-44 sent two of our PBY's to look for Eddie Rickenbacker in October of 1942."

Dick

## Request

Hey Gene,

The is a group of us that were in VP 30 and went thorough Lockheed's P3C "factory training" to learn , deliver, and teach the new plane in the spring of 1969... There were 13 officers and about 14 enlisted guys in the group that were in Burbank for about a month +/-.

We are now trying to ID and find these folk before we all buy the farm... I have either found or accounted the officers after considerable searching... now we need to find the enlisted folk. Do you know or can you find out who was in that group... there were about 3 FEs..... 4-5 FTs... and 3 AOs..

Any leads appreciated.

Thanks,

Ron Martin (LT 1965-1968) [Ron.W.Martin@earthlink.net](mailto:Ron.W.Martin@earthlink.net)

### **2014 Philly Reunion**

There will not be a reunion in Philadelphia due to lack of interest, we had a few local Shipmates say they would attend but not enough to secure any deals at a local hotels. Many thanks to Gerry Zell (AX3 1964-1966) for trying to get us to come visit his city.

### **2015 Reunion in the works**

I attended the Maritime Patrol Association (MPA) Symposium April 10 at VP-30 aboard NAS JAX and think this would be a great event to have our next reunion. During the open house you get a chance to board a P3C and the new P8A aircraft with young men and women telling what they can about the planes. You also get a guided tour of the new P8A Integrated Training Center across the street from VP-30. VP-30 put on a great lunch for all hands and they had a couple lectures you can sign up for in the afternoon. Everything except the lunch was at no cost if you're a member of the MPA, the membership fee is \$35.00 a year or \$90.00 for three years. The web site is:

<http://www.maritimepatrolassociation.org/> and will tell you all about upcoming events. RADM P D Smith (CO 1973-1974) and on the board for the MPA and will try to secure a site for the meet & greet aboard NAS JAX. I started looking for the best deal either on board or off base for lodging and report back in the next newsletter. The time frame for next year's symposium is on the attached flyer and the events should be the same days as this years with Thursday April 16 being the plane tours, but I will know more in September. **Once again I have to ask if you would be interested in this event/reunion so I can go to various hotels with some kind of numbers. It really helps in trying to plan, I know it's a long way out but it's the first thing everybody wants to know "Now Many."** On base access is no problem for those without a military ID and you can see information on their web site. If you do not have access to the web site please let me know and I will print out all the information for you and get it in the mail.

### **Wings over Bermuda by Tom Singfield**

Email from Mr. Singfield: I don't think the book has appeared on the website of the National Museum of Bermuda yet. However their address is <http://www.bmm.bm> Look under "Books" for ordering information. Cover price is US \$60. I am sure it will appear soon. The official book launch is May 29<sup>th</sup> in Bermuda. Note: I sent Mr. Singfield all the information I had on VP's in Bermuda, you can contact him at: [tom@singfield.freeseerve.co.uk](mailto:tom@singfield.freeseerve.co.uk)

"Victory is preserved for those who are willing to pay its price." Sun Tzu

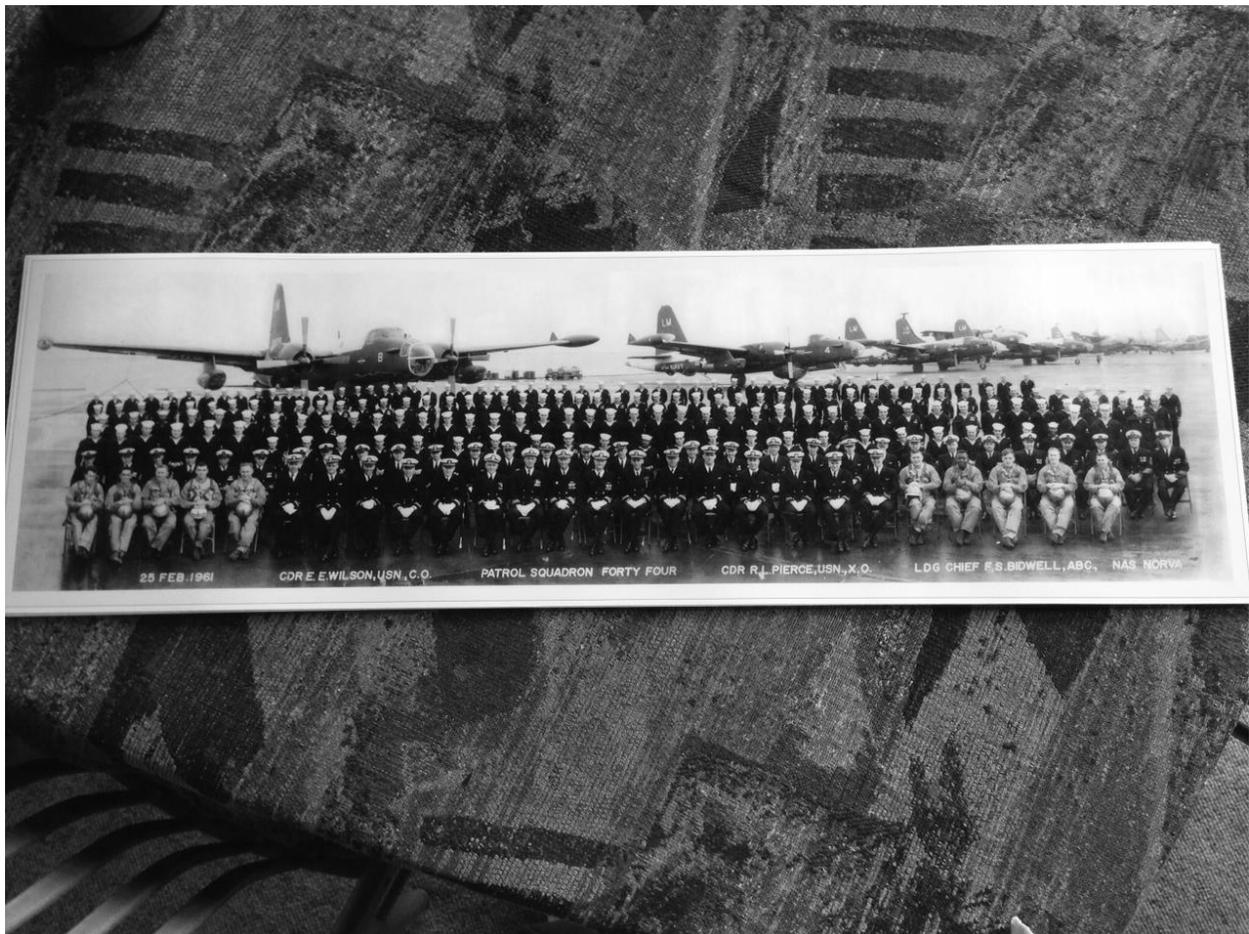
### Pelican Shop Addition

Thanks to Ralph Cook (AMH2 1959-1963) for his donation of the below picture from 25 February 1961, it is 13" x 36" and I can get one out to you for \$20.00 which includes shipping & handling. Also I have the following for sale (see next page:)

3 June 1953 squadron photo 10" x 30" for \$ 20.00

10 May 1957 squadron Photo 9.5" x 21" for \$20.00

22 June 1959 squadron photo 9" x 17" for \$20.00



"Be ashamed to die until you have done something good for mankind."

American Pastor Dr. Vernon Johnson during the Revolutionary War

"If you're going through hell, keep going."

Winston Churchill



We still have a well stocked Pelican Shop on the web site and profits go to the Reunion Fund. I am always looking for other items to stock the Pelican Shop and any suggestions will be looked into.

***"I can imagine no more rewarding a career. And any man who may be asked in this century what he did to make his life worthwhile, I think can respond with a good deal of pride and satisfaction:  
"I served in the United States Navy"  
-John F. Kennedy***

"When those who have made the ultimate sacrifice pass away and are no longer around to be recognized, they're replaced by the sound of "Taps" emanating from a bugle."

Author Unknown



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**Stay tuned for more 2015 information at:**

[www.maritimepatrolassociation.org/symposium](http://www.maritimepatrolassociation.org/symposium)



## Past and Future of ASW



### Pelican Patch

There is discussion with the Facebook group as to when the Pelican patch started being called the "Budman." So far I have it was called that in 1982, trying to track down when and who started it? Feedback is welcome with the Facebook group, were all one team.

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