

Pelican Poop Sheet

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New on the Roster: Captain Deon Harkey, USN(ret) (LCDR 1983-1986); Michael Ehle (AW 1981-1984)

Lost contact: AXCS Robert Escobar, USN(ret); CDR Jim Woodard, USN(ret) (LT 1981-1984); Gary Jarvis

Taps: Jerry Gelpi (RM2 1966-1968); AOCS Jay Mollenkopf; LCDR Darrell Whitney, USN(ret) (1972-1975)

Correction: Captain Andy Jampoler dates in VP-44 were wrong in the last newsletter, he was a LTJG from 1964-1967

2016 MPA Symposium & VP-44 Meet & Greet

Pelican Shipmates,

I have started plans for a VP-44 Meet & Greet at the main club "Dewey's" aboard NAS JAX on April 12 with tentative times of 1600-1900. This will be a VP-44 Reunion in conjunction with the MPA Symposium being held VP-30's hanger and various other place on base. All the information you will need for the MPA activities can be found at:

<http://maritimepatrolassociation.org/symposium/index.html> Here you will find Online Registration, Event Details, Travel & Lodging both on base and off, Base Info with map and base access form for those without military ID, Tourist Guide, and MPA Contact Info. I will sponsor those without a military ID for on base lodging and will also sponsor you for base access if need be. The cost to join the MPA is \$35.00 per year or \$90.00 for 3 years and is recommended. If you attend the dinner, golf tournament and flight suit social as a member you will save \$40.00 over the cost to non-members. If you are going to use on base lodging and attend the Heritage Dinner on April 13 I strongly urge you to do asap as it will fill up fast. When making reservations on base tell them you are with the MPA Symposium as they have a major block of rooms reserved.

The meet & greet on Tuesday April 12 will be the only event I am planning for VP-44 and there will be "no registration fee." I am counting on donations and Pelican Shop sales to fund the food and administration costs for our get together. You can then plan your on base or off base activities while there and trust me when I say there is a lot to do in the Jacksonville and surrounding areas. At some point I will need a head count for club planning purposes. I will need to let the club know numbers by the end of March so if you our planning on attending let me know so I can start a list. I will have more updates in the next newsletter.

Those of you without web access please call me and I will print out and mail all required information.

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If you served or worked at the **BRUNSWICK NAVAL AIR STATION**, would you be interested in attending a 5th year anniversary / reunion of the Base closing?

If so, please contact Jeffrey Simpson to have your name added to the list. We also want to get families involved in this event.

Please help get the word out about this reunion to former shipmates and civilians who served at NAS Brunswick. The event is being planned for July or early August 2016.

Contact **Jeffrey Simpson on FaceBook**, or email: **BNAS 5 year @AOL.COM**