

# Pelican Poop Sheet

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**New on the Roster:** Rick Cernohorsky (LT 1978-1980); Jim Schneider (LT 1982-1985); Patrick Noon, Son of LTJG Henry "Hank" Noon, Blue Cat WWII, Battle of Midway; John Fitzpatrick (LT 1969-1972); Don McWilliams (AX3 1975-1978); H. David Williamson (ATN2 1970-1972); Ray Stacy (AW11982-1985); Alvin Dick Jr. (AW 1973-1974)

**Lost contact:** William Teeter, (ADR3 1962-1965 keeper of Pete the Pelican)

**Taps:** CDR J. R. "Bob" Wyly jr. (USN) (ret) (CO 1972-1973)

## Correction to last Newsletter from VP-44 Shipmates

Awesome history of VP44. Appreciate it all.

One small not-noid ... The Squadron logo of "It's Not The Platform, It's the People" was initiated in 1978, following the transition to the Update II platform.

Dennis Rosynek, LCDR Ret  
VP-44 1976-1978

Gene,

The usual excellent newsletter, however noted in the Squadron history that Jack Reid's sighting of the Japanese Fleet on June 3, 1942 was not mentioned. ADM Nimitz categorized it as the most important sighting of WWII.

Dick Watson AMM3c VP-44 Blue & Black Cats, LTJG, USNR (ret)

## Seeking info on NAS Brunswick

Hello,

My name is Robert Rohr and I'm working on a book on the history of NAS Brunswick and I'm looking for the following information.

1) Any photos of aircraft at Brunswick

2) Any information or stories of 44 at Bruswick

3) Any photos of 44 at Bruswick

I can be reach the following way's

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Thank you for any information you can provide.

## 2018 MPA JAX Symposium Dates Announced!!!

*It's official, the dates have been put on the calendar.*

**THE 2018 MPA SYMPOSIUM WILL TAKE PLACE DURING THE WEEK OF APRIL 24-27, 2018 ONBOARD NAS JACKSONVILLE.**

**ALSO LOOK FOR A SECOND SYMPOSIUM OUT AT NAS WHIDBEY IN THE FALL OF 2018**

If your alumni group would like to coordinate a reunion during this week please let us know.

*We look forward to seeing you next April!*



. "A man can be as great as he wants to be. If you believe in yourself and have the courage, the determination, the dedication, the competitive drive and if you are willing to sacrifice the little things in life and pay the price for the things that are worthwhile, it can be done." ~Vince Lombardi

Check this out: <https://www.asimplertime.com/P-3-Orion-Wood-Triptych/1156401231149750000/Product>

I have the 55" by 18" ordered, been looking for something in my den to fill a bare wall.



### P-3 Orion Wood Triptych

A P3 Orion 4 engine turbo prop flies out of the clouds in the latest of our series of retro style plane signs. Crafted right here in the US with fade resistant shades of black, grey and white. Printed on the rough, distressed sides of a solid wood...  
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## **SECTION 11-MEDICARE**

**MEDICARE ID CARDS WILL REMOVE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS IN 2018** -Medicare is preparing to stop using Social Security numbers for identification next year and will send new cards to patients with Medicare ID numbers. The move is required by a law enacted two years ago to discourage identity theft. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) recently updated its web page to help health care providers prepare for the change. The agency plans to begin mailing the new cards with Medicare beneficiary identifiers (MBIs) in April 2018. During a transition period through 2019, providers can use the MBIs or health insurance claim numbers (which are based on Social Security numbers) on transactions such as billing and claims.

The 2015 law, the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act, requires CMS to remove Social Security numbers from Medicare cards by April 2019.

"We're now figuring out the best way to mail the cards," the agency advised providers. "We'll keep you posted about critical information so you can be ready to ask your Medicare patients at the time of service if they have a new card with an MBI."

CMS plans a "wide-scale outreach" to let beneficiaries know that they need to bring their new Medicare cards when they get care and how to get MBIs if they lose their cards.

AARP's Fraud Watch Network ambassador, Frank Abagnale, advises consumers not to share Social Security numbers unnecessarily. "And don't carry your Medicare card unless you are on your way to a health care appointment," he wrote last year. "Instead, make a copy and black out all but the last four digits." [Source: AARP June 2017].

"He who demands everything that his aircraft can give him is a pilot; he who demands one iota more is a fool." ~ Anonymous

**Special Thanks**

Back in early August CDR Robert Noble, USN (ret) with the Mariner/Marlin Association was trying to fly a Vietnam War Commemoration Flag in all 50 States. He was lacking members in seven states and most of his members were getting on in years and unable to help. A fellow MMA member and VP-44 Shipmate from the early 1950's ask for my help to fly the flag in Georgia. I checked our current roster and had Shipmates in his missing states, we had fourteen Pelican's offer to help and I think they deserve a special thank you. CT: Stan Wetmore (LT 1963-1966) IN: AMS1 Steven Blackwood, USNR (ret) (AMS3 1969-1971) GA: Elmer Painter (AM3 1952-1953) HI: ADM Harry Harris, USPACOM (LT 1980-1983) MA: CAPT Sean O'Neil, USNR (ret) (LT 1978-1981) MD: Jeff Snavely (AO2 1960-1964) MI: CAPT Jeffery Gorman, USNR (ret) (LT 1979-1982) MN: Ron Nalepinski (AT2 1959-1962) NC: CDR Leo McGinty, USN (ret) (LT 1965-1968) NH: CDR Ned Rogerson, USN (ret) (LT 1971-1974) SC: YNC Cecil Elliott, USN (ret) (YN2 1956-1959) TN: Bruce Baldwin (AXAN 1964-1966) VA: CDR Paul Giarra, USN (ret) (CDR 1984-1986) WV: SFC Mike Cantin, USA (ret) (AW1 1982-1987)

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**Lapel Pins: \$3.00**

**Coin: \$10.00**

**Decals: Pelican \$2.00**

**Order something and I will send a dozen free coasters for the holidays. Funds help maintain the cost of our web site and newsletter.**

The Pelican Committee wishes all of you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

All the best in 2018,

Gene