

## Pelican Poop Sheet

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**New on the roster:** ATC Daniel Crain, USN (ret) (1983-1986); AECS Paul Barker, USN (ret) ( AE1/AEC 1986-1991); Bob Kincaid (Son of LT Robert Kincaid 1956-1959); Richard DeMille (ABH3 1977-1981)

**Regain contact:** Kelly Glass (YN3 1967-1970)

**Lost contact:** Terry Larkin (PAO/Legal 1962-1966); Richard Howden (AW2 1977-1979); John Hanson (AT3 1953-1955); Frank O'Conner; Kirk Munsch (AW2 1980-1983)

**Taps:** CDR Denny Whitco, USN (ret) (1980's); James Koenig (ATN2 1962-1964); ADCS Gary "Mack" McGraw, USN (ret) (AD1 1981-1984) (ADCS 1987-1991); Jim Downer (AMM1 1942-1943 Blue Cat WWII Enlisted CAC Roll of Honor); CAPT Andy Serrell, USN (ret) (CO 1962-1963)

## 2018 MPA Symposium Registration is NOW OPEN!!!!

For all the details, and to register online, please go to:

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

*We look forward to seeing all of you April 25-27 at NAS Jacksonville.*

*Don't miss it!*

*Still waiting to hear the dates for the west coast sometime this fall.*

**Democracy is two wolves and a lamb voting on what to have for lunch. Liberty is a well-armed lamb contesting the vote." -- Benjamin Franklin**

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."

-- John Quincy Adams

## P3 Decals

Check out this link on a web site:

[https://www.etsy.com/search?q=p3+decals&ref=auto1&as\\_prefix=p3](https://www.etsy.com/search?q=p3+decals&ref=auto1&as_prefix=p3)

I got the 8" P3 Orion Angle 1 for my trucks back window. They have outside decals and removable decals for inside walls.



First Rule of Unarmed Combat: Never Go Unarmed!

"When you can't make them see the light, make them feel the heat."

Ronald Regan

"The true soldier fights not because he hates what is in front of him, but because he loves what is behind him."

G. K. Chesterton

## Tribute to Captain Andy Serrell



My new Iphone case that I got from <https://aviationwizards.com/pages/vp-44-golden-pelicans>

You can also visit our Pelican Shop at

[http://www.vp44goldenpelicans.com/PelicanShop\\_JD.htm](http://www.vp44goldenpelicans.com/PelicanShop_JD.htm)

Help keep the memory of the best VP squadron by wearing something with VP-44 or the Pelican Logo on it.



PETE, Squadron Mascot

Those that remember Pete can still smell him!

## Next U.S. Ambassador to Australia

THE PENTAGON — The head of U.S. forces in the Pacific has been put forth as the Trump administration's pick to be the next U.S. ambassador to Australia, The White House announced on Friday.

Adm. Harry Harris, ( LT VP44 1980-1983) who has long been rumored to be the administration's pick for the top U.S. diplomatic post in Canberra, has led forces in the region as the commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet in 2013 and took over as the head of U.S. Pacific Command in 2015.

As PACOM and PACFLT commander, Harris has been an outspoken critic on China's militarization of the South China Sea calling the network of artificial islands part of a, "Great Wall of Sand."

"During his 39-year career, he served in every geographic combatant command and has held seven command assignments, including the U.S. Pacific Fleet, the U.S. Sixth Fleet, and [Patrol Squadron] VP-46," read a statement from The White House.

"[He is] a highly decorated, combat proven Naval officer with extensive knowledge, leadership and geopolitical expertise in the Indo-Pacific region."

Harris graduated from the Naval Academy in 1978 and served as a Naval Flight Officer aboard P-3C Orion anti-submarine warfare aircraft.

***"There have always been hard times. There have always been wars and troubles - famine, disease and such-like - and some folks are born with money, some with none. In the end it is up to the man what he becomes, and none of those other things matter. It is character that counts."***

***Louis L'Amour, - Chancy***

***"I have sometimes noticed that the people who preach peace so fervently are doing it from a comfortable place - often after a good meal. It's quite another thing when you face armed men in the night in a lonely place, men who have no standards beyond their own selfish interests."***

***Louis L'Amour, - Gallaghen***

### Family VP-44 Memorial

The below article was sent to myself and CDR Joe Davis, USN (ret) (LT 1956-1959) from Bob Kincaid, son of Robert Kincaid (LT 1956-1959.) If anybody has memories of LT Kincaid please let me know and I will pass it on to his son.

Dear Joe! And hello Gene! Words cannot begin to express my appreciation for how you both helped me go back in time to my dad's early days in VP-44. You men are a true confirmation of the respect and love I have of my dad! Please stay in touch with me. The P5M model will be mine soon!!!!

Gene, thanks so much for the pictures you sent!! They are now framed and waiting to surround the Model! Joe, the Navy Pilot survival knife you sent me was too generous and my story of your gift has brought tears to my families eyes. It is a treasured family gift and your name will be forever be remembered. Much respect and love to both of you. Thanks!!!

Hey Gene and Joe!!! Thought you might like a shot of what I did with your thoughtful gifts to a Navy brat!!!



## VA and Agent Orange

VA Claim Fast Tract System: Speeds up Process

The Agent Orange Fast Track Claims Processing System is dedicated to processing claims for Vietnam Veterans who are claiming service connection for any of the following conditions who served in the Republic of Vietnam or in-land waterways between January 9, 1962 and May 7, 1975:

- Ischemic Heart Disease
- Hairy Cell and other B-Cell Leukemia's
- Parkinson's Disease
- Diabetes Type II
- Prostate Cancer
- Multiple Myeloma
- Hodgkin's Disease

The Fast Tract system is exclusively a web-based platform. Whereas, veterans can simply log on to the VA web portal and submit their claims documentation, supporting medical evidence from all sources and any other documentation needed to establish and verify their service-connected claim. VA doctors will have access to the Fast Tract system that will enable them to take the veteran out of the role as middle man between care providers and VA. VA doctors can then fill out the forms and submit them online quickly and easily. VA rating specialists will be able to log on to the system, identify outstanding information on the way to fully developing a claim (FDC) and give a suggested rating at the end of the automated process.

You can apply for VA disability compensation and pension online through eBenefits at [www.ebenefits.va.gov](http://www.ebenefits.va.gov). For disability compensation claims, you can also upload all supporting evidence you may have and make your claim a Fully Developed Claim. · To file a claim for VA disability compensation electronically, go to eBenefits, select Apply for Benefits and then Apply for Disability Compensation. You will need to create an eBenefits account to apply for disability compensation online.

· To file a claim for VA pension electronically, go to eBenefits, select Apply for Benefits, and then select Apply for Veterans Benefits via VONAPP. Once you submit your claim, you can track the status using eBenefits

The Fully Developed Claim (FDC) Program is the fastest way to get your claim processed and there is no risk to participate! To participate in the FDC Program, if you are making a claim for veterans disability compensation or related compensation benefits, simply submit your claim in accordance with the "FDC Criteria" shown on VA-Form 21-526EZ, Application For Disability Compensation and Related Compensation Benefits. If you are making a claim for Veterans non service-connected pension benefits, use VA Form 21-527EZ, Application for Pension. If you are making a claim for survivor benefits, use VA Form 21-534EZ, Application for DIC, Death Pension, and/or Accrued Benefits. VA forms are available at [www.va.gov/vaforms](http://www.va.gov/vaforms).

Veterans who find computers challenging may want to consult with their VSO or find help from a computer specialist to help them navigate the Fast Track system. Some veterans have reported that the Fast Tract system seems cumbersome and confusing. ADVICE: See your local State Veterans Service Office to submit. They understand the system and will help you!