

Pelican Poop Sheet

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“Twenty-Five years since the decommissioning of VP-44, helping to keep the memory alive”

New on the roster: Stanley Goldberg (LT 1968-1972); Tom Jurewicz (LT 1977-1980); Nick Yaremchuk Jr. (1983-1986)

Regained contact: AXCS Carl Marciniak, USN (ret) (AX1 1974-1977)

Lost contact: Mike Aldea (1971-1974)

Meet & Greet 2016

The meet and greet on Tuesday April 12 from 1600-2000 at Dewey’s aboard NAS Jacksonville is the only event we need a head count. The club has various rooms we have access to and it will depend on how many are coming, plus it’s needed for the amount of food we order. I am asking all who plan on attending to let me know by the week of March 27 so I can give a final count to the club manager no later than April 1. To be fair to all “please” let me know if you will attend the meet & greet, all other events from April 13-15 can be signed up for on the MPA web site:

<http://www.maritimepatrolassociation.org/>. Those without web access let me know and I will help in any way I can to attend the symposium.

Base Lodging

NAS RV Park: reservations can be made by calling 904-542-3227; **Navy Lodge** 904-772-6000 Use Group Code Maritime Patrol Association and my name if no military ID as a Military Sponsor. **Navy Gateway Inns & Suites:** 904-542-3138 Use Group Code # 31120804934 if no military ID, the sponsor has to be present when checking in. **Note:** I will be very busy on April 12 and may not be able to check in with you, they will not let me keep my name on file like the Lodge.

Off Base Lodging

There are a number of major hotels just a couple miles from the gate at I295 and US 17 (Roosevelt BLVD) in the Orange Park area. The numbers are on the MPA website or you can call me for contact information.

Base Access & Map

There is an excellent map of NAS JAX on the MPA web site along with the base access form for those without a military ID, call me and I will be glad to send them to you. The base access forms need to be submitted by the middle of March, you can contact LT Jason Coyne at coyne.jason@yahoo.com or 412-779-7143 if any questions.

Pelican Shop

As stated in the last newsletter there will be no registration fee for the meet & greet at Club Dewey's on base. To help pay for the cost of the meet & greet we will rely on donations and sales in the Pelican Shop. We have a pretty good supply of all items listed in the Pelican Shop and my plans are to bring over everything to the base in April. If there is a certain size or item you would like to have I suggest you order it now off the web site; or to save shipping tell me what you want and I will save it for you till the meet & greet.

Note: This will be the "last mailed newsletter" till after the symposium to save funds for the meet & greet. You can contact me at home 229-559-7959 or cell 317-201-4261.

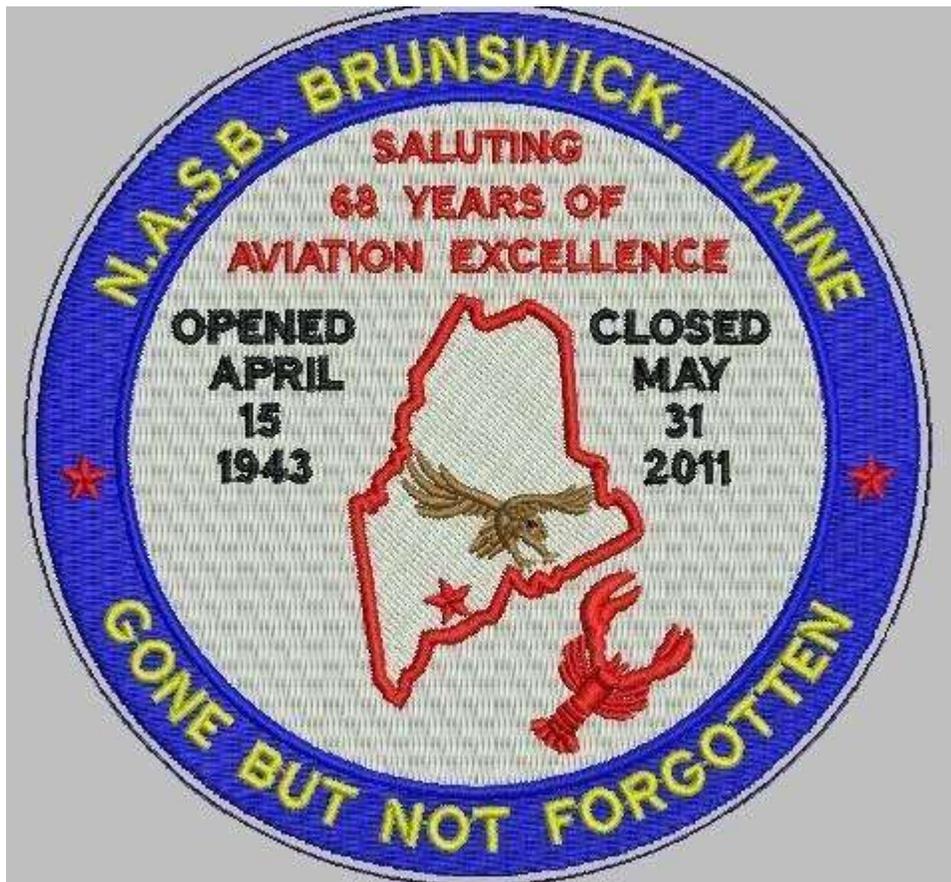
"I now know why people who have been to war yearn to reunite. Not to tell stories or look at old pictures. Not to laugh or weep. Comrades gather because they long to be with the men & women who once acted at their best; men & women who suffered and sacrificed, who were stripped of their humanity. I did not pick these men or women. They were delivered by fate and the military to me. But I know them all. I know them in a way I know no other person. I have never given anyone such trust. They were willing to guard something more precious to me than my life.

They have and would have carried my reputation, the memory of me. It was part of the bargain and pact we all made, the reason we were so willing to die for one another. As long as I have my memory, I will think of them all, every day. I am sure that when I leave this world, my last thought will be of my family and my dear comrades. Ahh Such good men & women they are and were."

-- Author Unknown

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did. So throw off the bowlines, sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."

Mark Twain



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For those of you who stated you wanted an official N.A.S.B. reunion patch you can now purchase them on the website: <http://bnasreunion.org> click on about the reunion last item down will tell you how to purchase your patch or patches.

You can go there thru pay-pal with a credit card or you can send \$ 10.00 for each patch wanted to the following address: B.N.A.S. Reunion - 80 River Rd - Brunswick, Maine 04011