

Pelican Poop Sheet

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New on the roster: Captain Peter T. Smith USN (ret); Captain Peter C. Baxter (USN (ret); Charlie Campo (LT); Gary Baldwin (LT)

Regained Contact: Kirk Munsch (AW2 1980-1983)

Lost Contact: Jeryl Funderburk; Clarence Lambing (1953-1956); Alfred Hollins (AO 1950-1953); Phil Purkiser (1957-1960)

Taps: Jack Hager, Jr (AN 1966-1967); LCDR Marty Duling, USN(ret), (LTJG 1960-1963); Captain V. L. McCullough, USN(ret) (CO 1983-1984)

Researching Military & Civilian Records from WWII

The National WWII Museum in New Orleans, LA now has an online guide you can print out to find information on VP-44 WWII Members. You can go to

[https://www.nationalww2museum.org/sites/default/files/2017-10/17-0167 Family Research Packet 8.5x11 r21.pdf](https://www.nationalww2museum.org/sites/default/files/2017-10/17-0167%20Family%20Research%20Packet%208.5x11%20r21.pdf) and print the 35 page guide.

Also Veterans records: <https://www.archives.gov/veterans>

2018 MPA Whidbey Island Reunion Dates Announced!!!

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

THE 2018 MPA WI Reunion WILL TAKE PLACE DURING THE WEEK OF 24-26 October, 2018

ONBOARD NAS Whidbey Island

Register now open go to:

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

Highlights for the week:

MPA Spouse Symposium!

Tour a P8 & P3!

The MPA Ball, where we will be inducting two new members into the MPA Hall of Honor!

The Flight Suit Social

And lots more!!!

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

We look forward to seeing you in October!



Mission Complete

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) This is a copy of the poster all flyers got from Commander Noble.



“A ship without Marines is like a garment without buttons.”

Admiral David Porter

“Courage is the first of human qualities because it is the quality; which guarantees the others.”

~ Aristotle

"Real Integrity is doing the right thing, knowing that nobody's going to know whether you did it or not." Author unknown

**Four boxes to be used in the defense of liberty:
Soap, Ballot, Jury and Ammo. Please use in that order."**

Author Unknown

P3 Pictures

I can send out a picture like these below, the bottom one is 8" x 11" and the top one is 11" x 17" and can get them bigger if you want. The small one showing is \$2.00 and the bigger one is \$6.00, a 13 x 19 would be \$12.00. The tube for mailing anything over 8" x 11" cost \$4.19 and shipping will vary according to where its going. If you would like one I will get a total price before shipping.



Also plenty of other items available from the Pelican Shop:

<http://www.vp44goldenpelicans.com/PelicanShop.JD.htm> or contact me at vp44paxmd@aol.com

“To inquire if and where we made mistakes is not to apologize. War is replete with mistakes because it is full of improvisations. In war we are always doing something for the first time. It would be a miracle if what we improvised under the stress of war should be perfect.”

Vice Admiral Hyman Rickover

“Once you have tasted flight, you will forever walk the earth with your eyes turned skyward, for there you have been, and there you will always long to return.” ~Leonardo da Vinci

P2V Story by Ray Beck

Gene,

Doing some surfing, I discovered some history on VP-44 LM-8, P2V-5F Neptune BUNO 131484 that may be of interest to many of us who were there. You may want to post this in the Poop Sheet --

http://vpnavy.com/vp44_aircraft.html

VP-44 BUNO 131484 LM-8...Photographed by Bob Minnerly. Date probably 1961, but location unknown. Courtesy: Ralph Cook..." Photograph (from VP-44 Golden Pelicans Website - Dead URL) forwarded by Baldur Sveinsson baldur@verslo.is WebSite: The Lockheed P2V Neptune <http://www.verslo.is/baldur/p2/> [10MAR2004] -- Ended up with VO-67

http://vpnavy.com/vo67_mishap.html

Mishap: 27 FEB 68 A/C: OP-2E P Neptune LOCATION: XXXX TYPE: Crash STRIKE: Yes DEATHS: 02 BUNO: 131484 CAUSE: Crashed and destroyed

UPDATE "...The VO-67 bird lost on 27 Feb 67 was shot down over LAOS, probably by 37mm. I was one of eight who bailed out and were picked up by the Jolly Greens. We lost two personnel, including the plane commander who received the Navy Cross and has a Aegis class ship named after him; USS Milius DDG-69...We also lost a 3rd ac during the conflict. Believe it went into a mountain in Laos trying to lay sensors in bad wx. That would have been Cdr Olsen, the XO..." Contributed by Barney Walsh barney62@bellsouth.net[E-Mail Updated 06JAN99 | 27OCT98]





I have attached an old photo of my anorexic self and another VP-44 shipmate in civvies, taken in 1962 near Sigonella Sicily. You may notice an old German pillbox bunker behind me. I have asked a few friends about the identity of the healthier looking guy. I have not found his name yet. Ralph Cook (AMH2 1959-1963)

From Ralph Cook (AMH2 11959-1963) The Soviet Submarines we used to chase around the Atlantic and the Mediterranean sea were eventually retired and became restaurants and tourist attractions in Scandinavian countries and..... in Providence Rhode Island. One sank there and was recovered and scrapped.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Soviet_submarine_K-77