

Pelican Poop Sheet

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New on the roster: Buck Adams, nephew to his Great Uncle AMM3c George Goovers Jr (1941-1942 KIA, buried at the Punch Bowl, Pearl Harbor); A01 Deanna Cruz Speer (1987-1990); CDR Andy Catlett, USN(ret) (LT 1984-1988); AWC Michael Morris, USN(ret) (AWN2 1975-1979); Frank Natoli (Pilot 1952-1954); Richard Hulsizer (PT3 1964-1966) Total of 36 for 2013; Nelson Miner III (LTJG 1962-1964)

Regained Contact: Christina Reed (YN2 1986-1991); Gil Buthlay (1980-1984); David Morenus (MS2 1973-1977) MS1 USN(ret); AE? Joseph Pompeo, USN(ret) (AE2 1958-1960)

Lost Contact during 2013: Phil Ambs, Breanna Holzem, Don Hopkins, Thomas McManus (PH2 1960-1962), Tyrone Payton (CAPT, USN(ret)), Duane Seams (AK3 1955-1957), Joe Valenzuela (1986-1990), Dana Vandiver (1985-1988 AT1, USN(ret))

Taps: Ray Clark Hensley (AT2 1955-1956); Donald Emory Campbell (Airman 1960's) Total of 17 for 2013

LCDR Herb Ash Poem

Reunion Poem by Herb Ash

At a reunion our squadron had on the Queen Mary I wrote a simple little poem that I can print right on this email. The gang seemed to enjoy it and I had to type up a number of them. I will print it right here.

BLACK CAT REUNION

The memories, the stories each one of us hears

Are as different as we are after all of these years.

We listen intently to the one who's at bat

Then say, "Oh no! It didn't happen like that!"
But the variance there only adds to the glamor.
The truth remains elusive in all of the clamor!
,
Those wonderful Cats will soar thru the air
As long as the memories we're willing to share.
So, to all who celebrate with old VP-44
Let's enjoy ourselves for many years more!

Wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Herb and Rose Ash

LT VPB-44 1943-1945

LCDR USN(ret)

94 oldest member on the roster

MPA Symposium

April 9-11, 2014 on board NAS Jacksonville
Special discounted pricing to all events for MPA Members!
Schedule of events to include:
MPA General Members Meeting
MPA Heritage Dinner in Historic Hangar 117
MPA Scholarship Golf Tournament & 5K
MPA Flight Suit Social
Aircraft Tours & Heritage Presentations
And More!

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

MPA Spouse Symposium & Breakfast

Time: 0830-1200

Cost: \$TBD

Location: Officers Club at NAS Jacksonville

Join up with other military spouses to hear presentations on detailers/order, base services, community updates and a question and answer session with a panel of experienced military spouses.

"Adak" Presentation

Time: 1000-1100

Cost: \$0

Location: Dewey's at NAS Jacksonville

Join us for a presentation about "Adak, the Rescue of Alfa Foxtrot 586" about VP-9 Crew 6's ditching in a storm off Soviet Kamchatka in 1978. Presentation includes events retold and audio by CAPT Andrew Jampoler, USN (Ret.).

"Masirah Ditching" Presentation

Time: 1100-1200

Cost: \$0

Location: Dewey's at NAS Jacksonville

Join us for a presentation called "Masirah Ditching: A Crazy 2 minutes" as retold by Mark Radice, a crew member present on the flight. Events retold with comments and lessons learned.

Ongoing Tours of P8/P3/Triton/ITC/Hall of Heroes

Time: 1300-1600

Cost: \$0

Location: VP-30 at NAS Jacksonville

Tours of aircraft and memorial hall in the ITC given throughout the tour period.

MPA General Members Meeting

Time: 1600-1700

Cost: \$0

Location: Officers Club at NAS Jacksonville

Join us for our annual MPA General Members meeting to discuss organizational business and meet your leadership. Located at the Officers Club. MPA Members Only.

MPA Heritage Dinner

Time: 1800-2300

Cost: \$TBD (MPA Members), \$TBD (Non-Members)

Location: Hangar 117

Join shipmates past and present as we gather in the historical Hangar 117 for drinks, dinner, dancing and words from our guest speaker. The 2014 Hall of Honor inductees, as well as several community awards, will be announced and honored during the evening. Squadron memorabilia as well as a historical slide show will be presented throughout the hangar for the event. A cash bar will be provided. Attire will be flight suits for active duty. Retired members are encouraged to wear their uniforms or country club attire. **BUY TICKETS EARLY - THIS EVENT WILL SELL OUT!**

Stay tuned for more 2014 Symposium info at:
www.maritimepatrolassociation.org/symposium

"When I was a boy I was told that anybody could become President; I'm beginning to believe it."
~ Clarence Darrow

Possible Philadelphia Reunion Information

We need to make a call if there will be a reunion in Philadelphia, so far we do not have the numbers. Please check the sites below for information on things to do in the area.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5bQx7KUD0f4> Info on Philadelphia

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B1EWwfXwhy4> Info on Reading terminal Market

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A-Jmj-Fdl2g> Info on Philadelphia Art Museum

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z7gBp1YzLyE> Info on Longwood Gardens

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kLrQriWF1_s Info on USS New Jersey

West Coast VP Reunion

Happy Holidays to our fellow VP vets!

A couple of months ago, we surveyed you to determine interest in a "last and greatest" West Coast Officers' reunion in late 2014. Your response was heartening and made it clear that a lot of you would like to reunite one (or maybe more) times here in San Diego. Soooo-please mark your calendars for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 7-9 November. The format will be the old standby— Reception on Friday night, banquet on Saturday night and free time together on Sunday. We may play some golf, depending on the level of interest. We will also provide a lot of material as to things to do and see in San Diego. The hotel and other venues are TBD at this time (this isn't the Air Force—we don't plan missions a year in advance!)

We will be providing more information as the Committee sets to work to bring it all together. If you have any ideas as to specific things you'd like to do, or include in the program, please contact Tim Verhoef, Committee Chairman, at captainthomas1@cox.net. We hope to see a lot of you in November.

Here's to a great year and a memorable reunion.

All the best,

VP West Reunion Committee

"A free people ought not only to be armed and disciplined, but they should have sufficient arms and ammunition to maintain a status of independence from any who might attempt to abuse them, which would include their own government." - George Washington

Crew 12 1954-1955

Brother Richard Kiniry (AT3 1954-1955) is seeking some of his Shipmates from Crew 12 during the 1954-1955 timeframe. I tried to scan the picture but it did not come out good enough for anybody to recognize faces. You can contact him at rich_kin@hotmail.com or check with me for further information.

Looking for information

Mrs. Patti Williams is looking for anyone who may have served in VP-44 at Patuxant River, Maryland, late 1960's or Norfolk, Virginia in the early 1960's. Her Father was a member of VP-44 his name was Airman Donald Emory Campbell. If you have any information please contact me or Mrs. Patti Williams at dorothymom1958@yahoo.com.

LT Harry B Harris Jr. (LT 1980-1983)



ADMIRAL HARRY B. HARRIS, JR. COMMANDER, U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

Adm. Harris was born in Japan and raised in Tennessee and Florida. Following graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1978 and designation as a naval flight officer, he was assigned to VP-44. His subsequent operational tours include tactical action officer aboard USS *Saratoga* (CV 60); operations officer in VP-4 at Barbers Point, Hawaii; three tours with Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 1 at Kami Seya, Japan; Director of Operations for U.S. 5th Fleet at Manama, Bahrain; and Director of Operations for U.S. Southern Command.



Harris commanded VP-46, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 1, Joint Task Force-Guantanamo, the U.S. 6th Fleet, and Striking and Support Forces NATO.

Harris has served in every geographic combatant command region, and participated in the following major operations: S.S. Achille Lauro terrorist

hijacking incident, Attain Document III (Libya, 1986), Earnest Will (Kuwaiti reflagged tanker ops, 1987-88), Desert Shield/Desert Storm, Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, Willing Spirit (Colombia hostage rescue, 2006-7), and Odyssey Dawn (Libya, 2011). For Odyssey Dawn, he served as the Joint Force Maritime Component Commander afloat.

Harris' graduate education focused on East Asia security. He attended Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, Georgetown's School of Foreign Service, and Oxford University. He was a MIT Seminar 21 fellow.

Harris' staff assignments include aide to Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Japan; chief speechwriter for the Chairman of the JCS; and three tours on the Navy Staff, including as an action officer in the Strategic Concepts Branch, director for the current operations and anti-terrorism/force protection division, and Deputy CNO for Communication Networks (OPNAV N6).

In October 2011, he was assigned as the Assistant to the Chairman of the JCS where he served as the Chairman's direct representative to the Secretary of State and as the U.S. roadmap monitor for the Mid-East Peace Process.

Harris was promoted to Admiral and assumed command of the U.S. Pacific Fleet in October 2013.

Harris has logged 4,400 flight hours, including more than 400 combat hours, in maritime patrol and reconnaissance aircraft. His personal decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Distinguished Service Medal (two awards), Defense Superior Service Medal (three awards), Legion of Merit (three awards), the Bronze Star (two awards), the Air Medal (one strike/flight), and the State Department's Distinguished Honor Award. He is a recipient of the Navy League's Stephen Decatur and the Who's Who in Asian American Communities' Spirit awards.

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"Suppose you were an idiot and suppose you were a member of Congress. But I'm repeating myself." ~ Mark Twain

"Any man who is satisfied to be fed by another man rather than by the honest sweat of his own brow should be shot." ~ Mark Twain

Naval Air Station Barbers Point Cold War Era Photos and Info

Aloha,

I am a local historian seeking information about a specific Cold War Ewa area of former NAS Barbers Point which is now eligible for the National Historic Register.

In 2009-2010 a series of land deals were made by the Navy, including the reuse of the former 1958 Cold War Era hangar by the Hawaii Army National Guard. I have linked below some photos of the buildings that you may likely be familiar with during Willy Victor and P3 Orion Era's.

The specific buildings that have very little if any historic research are the Commander Patrol Wing 2 facilities, now totally overgrown with weeds.

This specific building was totally neglected because it was off by itself from the main air operations area. This also begs the question- WHY was this wing

HQ placed away from the air ops? Is there a reason for this location and a connection with the circular antenna systems?

This was an extremely important building in its day, built in 1958, and used apparently by the Pacific Barrier WV patrols and later by the P3 Orion operations. It may have also played a role in the early JCRC operations to locate Vietnam MIA remains (and even POW). I would like to learn more about the JCRC operation at Barbers Point and exactly where it was and if connected with the PatWing 2 building (Facility 972).

Below this Cold War Era structure are a couple of (apparently) Wullenweber Circularly Disposed Dipole *Array* (CDDA) *HFDF* collection antennas. These

may have been for the PatWing 2 HQ and/or for the SOSUS operation, which was built around 1969-70 apparently. I would like to learn more about their general use (nothing classified) as for either inbound or outbound message traffic.

Just as additional background, I have worked for years to try and place former Ewa Mooring Mast Field (MCAS Ewa) on the National Historic Register as a Dec. 7, 1941 battlefield and this NPS battlefield nomination may be accepted by early 2014 by the Keeper of the Register, NPS.

The Cold War Era is the "next up" as it has reached 50 years and these buildings, such as PatWing2 - Facility 972 could be restored and possibly house the history of all of the NASBP

Cold War Era operations as a museum and photo gallery for future visitors. The Ewa-Kapolei region is rapidly developing and a major elevated rail system station is planned very close by to the area.

Now is the time to collect the written history and whatever photo documentation we can find to help establish the historic importance of the PatWing 2 and SOSUS buildings and place them on the National Historic Register. Any help you could provide with histories and photos would be greatly appreciated.

John Bond

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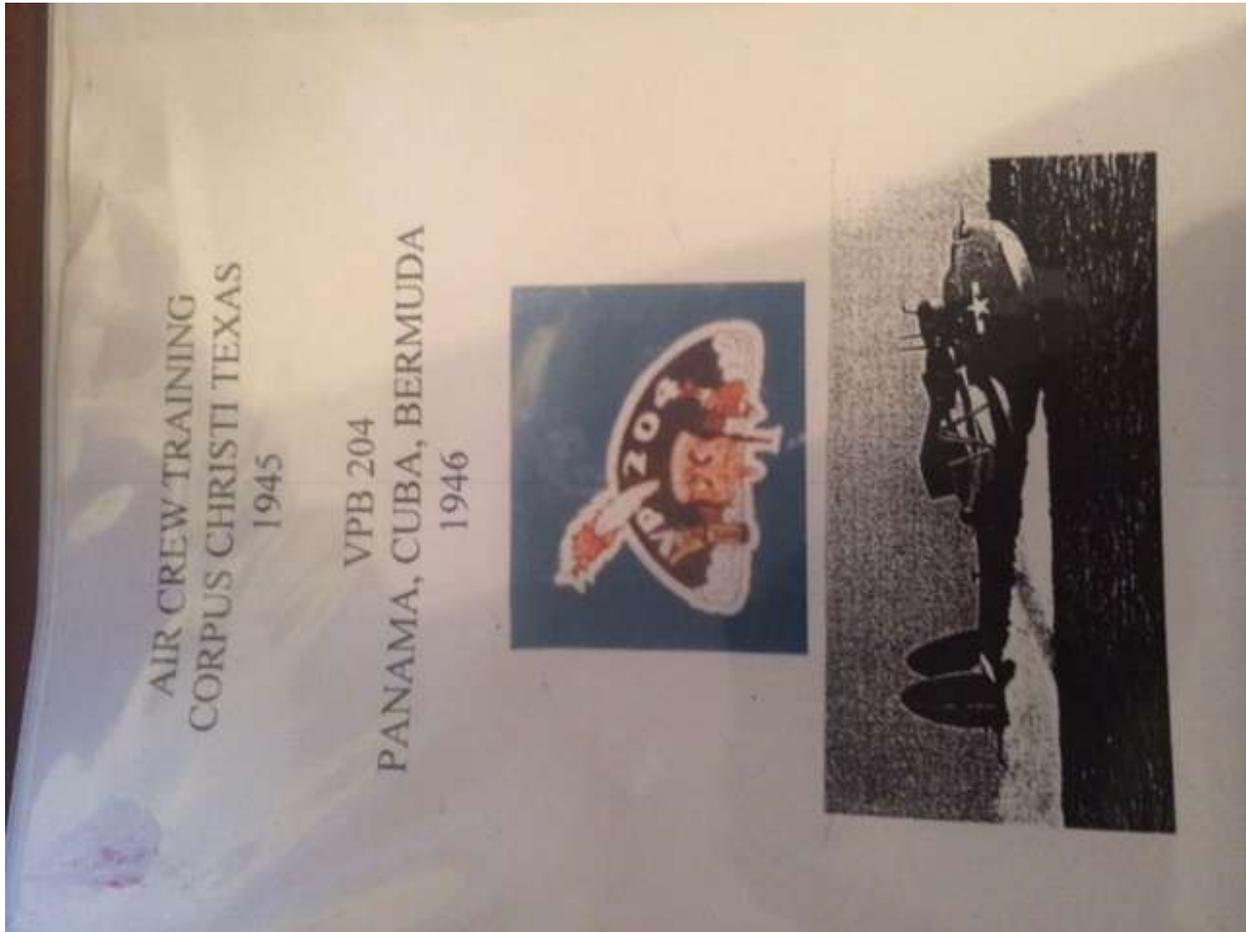
<http://barbers-point-cold-war.blogspot.com/2013/12/Pacific-Cold-War-Museum.html>

-Here is one picture submitted, none other than RADM P. D. Smith sitting at his desk!



VPB-204

I'm a retired master chief and while yard sailing I found a photo book from the 1945 and 1946 VPB-204 deployments. I was wondering if you know if any of the members of the squadron are left. I'd love to send them this...Steve



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AWCM RETIRED

“Any man who thinks he can be happy and prosperous by letting the Government take care of him, better take a closer look at the American Indian,” ~Henry Ford

“Let me not mourn for the men who have died fighting, but rather, let me be glad that such heroes have lived.”

~General George S. Patton “Soldier’s Prayer”

Pelican Shop

New Marlin Patch:



We also have Pelican (with or without cigar), Golden Pelican, and King Neptune patches. The Pelican Shop has various hats, shirts along with lapel pins, coins, coffee mugs, decals and coasters visit us on the web site or call me for more information.

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