

Pelican Poop Sheet

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New on the roster: John Belles (RM 1957-1960); Benjamin Fielder (AW2 1980-1984); Richard Casagrand; Todd Adams (AE2 1981-1984); Peter J Cody (1970-1972)

Regained contact: William Teeter (ADR3 1961-1965 Keeper of Pete the Pelican)

Lost contact: Anthony Roberts (AMS 1964-1966); ADCS John B. Alderson, USN(ret) (AD1 1956-1959)

Taps: CDR Clarence "Spud" Lambing (CDR 1953-1956); AEC Allen Glenn, USN (ret) (AEC 1980-1983): Force Flight Lieutenant RCAF Herb Smale (1960's on the long taxi to Gitmo)

Special Thanks

The Pelican Committee wants to give a thank you for the Shipmates that gave a donation to the VP-44 Reunion Fund: Captain Ben Folsom, USN (ret) (CO 1981-1982); Captain Jeff Gorman, USNR(ret) (LT 1979-1982); Stanley Goldberg (LT 1968-1972)

Mariner/Marlin 2019 reunion Seattle, WA

Information for the May 29 to June 6, 2019 reunion can be found on their web site at the top of the web page: <http://marinermarlin.com/>

Postage and Mailing

As you may know the post Office has raise the rates again and I may have to make some changes to cover expenses. I have not raise the rates for mailing in a few years and the last couple of USPS raises. One of our biggest expenses is copying and mailing out the newsletter to those without email address. I understand those that don't have it (sometimes I wish I didn't have it either.) To help cut down on the cost I'm asking two things from all of you that get the newsletter via snail mail. If you don't want it or don't read it please give me a call and I will take you off the list. If you would still like to receive it please give me a email address of someone you know that could print it out for you. The web site also has the latest newsletters and you can print them out from there. I really don't have a fair way of charging for the newsletter but you can always buy something from the Pelican Shop, it all goes to the same fund. You can give me a call and I call tell you what we have it stock and the prices. Thank you for understanding and my contact information is below.

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Brunswick Naval Museum & Memorial Gardens

Happy New Year, friends of the Brunswick Naval Museum & Memorial Gardens!

2018 was a fantastic year for BNMMG – here's a quick recap of our highlights:

Welcomed 1,370 visitors – far surpassing our previous record of 1,000 in 2017

- Hosted 5 major heritage events, including 50th and 40th anniversary memorials for VP-26 and VP-8 respectively
- Surpassed the \$100,000 mark in our capital campaign – 1/3 of the way to our Phase 1 Renovation goal of \$300,000
- Secured corporate sponsorships from 10 businesses in the Mid-Coast Region
- Signed a long-term lease for our parking lot which will serve as a long-term source of revenue

We are thankful for the tremendous support we've received from the U.S. Navy, Maine political leaders, local businesses, and most importantly, supporters like you. Here's our best wishes for a peaceful and prosperous 2019.

KNHZ forever,

Sean

CAPT Sean R. Liedman, USN (Ret.)

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Unless you are willing to be as unreasonable and as brutal, as your enemy, do not engage him in a conflict --

BECAUSE HE WILL WIN!! Author Unknown!

If you can dream it, you can do it.

Walt Disney

The secret of getting ahead is getting started.

Mark Twain

MPA Symposium May 14-17 NAS Jacksonville

Upcoming information and registration on the web site at: <http://www.maritimepatrolassociation.org/>
Their are no dates set for the West Coast Symposium sometime this fall, information will show on the web site or the next newsletter.

New Web Master

We now have a new volunteer web master that started the first of the year. He is David Levesque and was an AT2 1976-1980 in Brunswick with VP-44. Please join me in welcoming him to this very important position as there is no way I know how to do it. Thank You David.

Thank you

I know this is a short one but want to get the news out about the Jacksonville Symposium. As always I'm looking for input, good or bad about the newsletter, don't be shy. Gene

"I now know why men 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 who once acted at their best; men who suffered and sacrificed, who were stripped of their humanity. I did not pick these men. 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 men. 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 they are and were."

-- Author Unknown --