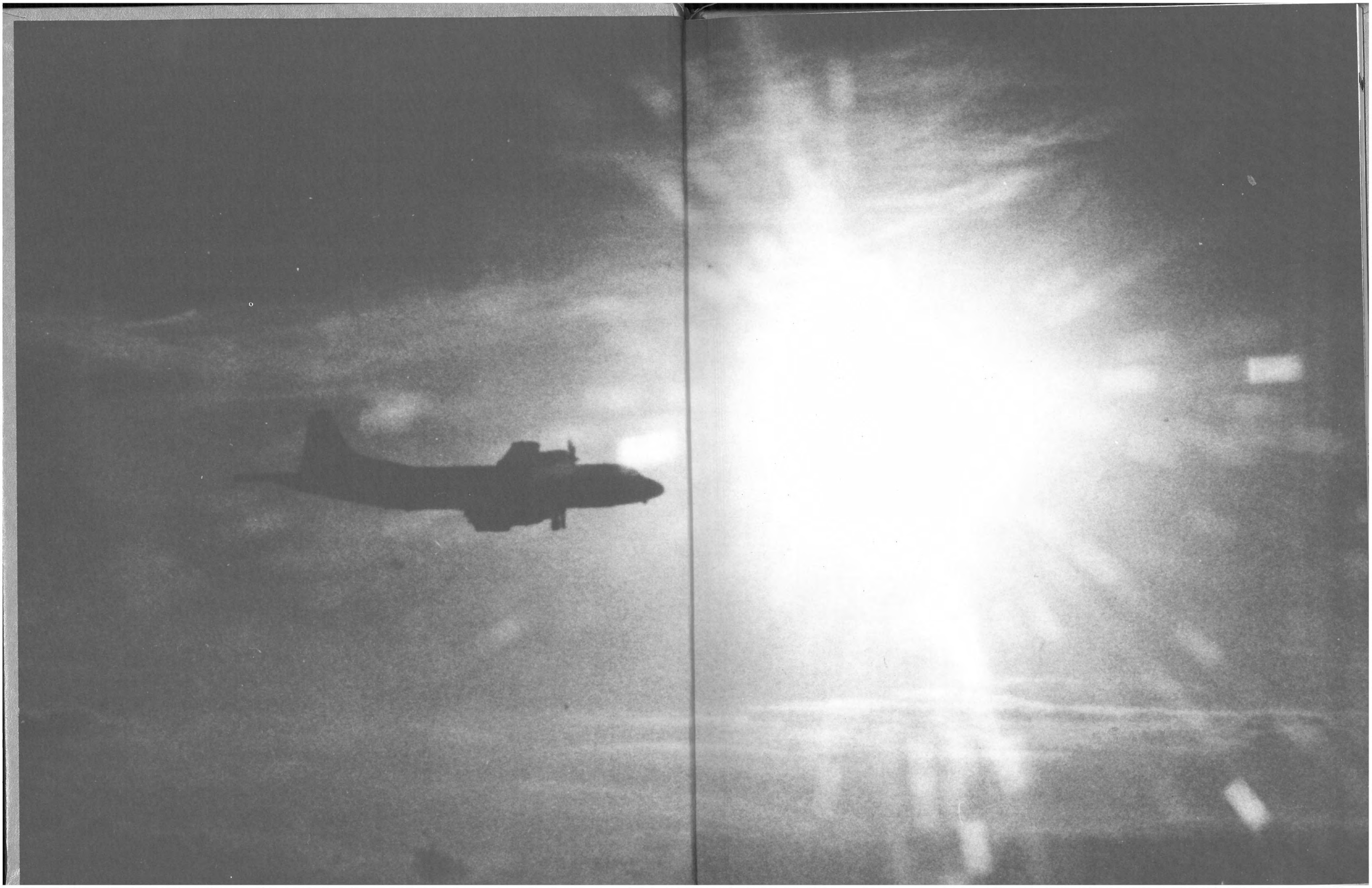




PATROL SQUADRON 45

Sigonella, Sicily

JUL 87 - JAN 88





PATROL SQUADRON FORTY-FIVE

SIGONELLA, SICILY
July, 1987 - January, 1988



This 1987 Sigonella Cruise Book is dedicated to the men, women and families of Patrol Squadron FORTY-FIVE, whose pride and spirit are reflected on each page within. Special thanks to everyone who contributed their photographs and ideas.

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COMMANDING OFFICER



CDR Robert L. Hume is a native of Memphis, Tennessee. He attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and graduated in 1967.

CDR Hume entered the Navy in 1968, serving in Vietnam aboard the **USS JENNINGS COUNTY (LST-846)**. In February of 1970, he reported to Pensacola for AOCS and subsequent flight training. CDR Hume was designated a Naval Aviator in August, 1971. His initial squadron tour was with VP-4 at Barbers Point, Hawaii, where he made deployments to Cubi Point, the Philippines and Kadena, Okinawa.

In May, 1975, CDR Hume reported to VP-31 where he qualified as an Instructor Pilot. Following this shore tour, he participated in the Personnel Exchange Program and transferred to Patrol Squadron 405, Canadian Forces Base Greenwood, Nova Scotia. There he again qualified as aircraft commander and he became the Operations Officer.

CDR Hume reported to the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island in August, 1980. In February, 1982, he reported to VP-5 in Jacksonville to serve as department head. He was reassigned to Commander, Patrol Wing ELEVEN in July, 1984, where he served as Administrative Officer.

CDR Hume reported aboard VP-45 in December, 1985 and assumed the duties of Executive Officer. CDR Hume has been Commanding Officer since January, 1986.

CDR Robert L. Hume



EXECUTIVE OFFICER



CDR Charles Joseph Dale is a native of Aston, PA and a 1971 graduate of Villanova University. CDR Dale was selected for the Navy's Immediate Graduate Education Program and received a Master of Science Degree in Chemistry in June, 1972 from the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey. He started flight training in August, 1972 and was designated a Naval Aviator in November, 1973.

CDR Dale's first tour was in VP-44, Brunswick. He made deployments to Spain, the Azores, and Bermuda. In June, 1977, CDR Dale reported to the United States Naval Academy as an Executive Assistant to the Chairman of the Chemistry Department. In January, 1980, he completed studies at George Washington University and received a Master of Science Degree in Administration, specializing in R&D Management.

CDR Dale served aboard the **USS FORRESTAL (CV-59)** from September, 1980 to July, 1982 as the CATCC Officer and the Assistant Air Operations Officer. He was assigned to VP-24 in Jacksonville in January, 1983 and served as a department head.

Before reporting to VP-45, CDR Dale was the Aviation Officer Manpower Plans and Programs Officer on the staff of the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations at the Pentagon. He reported as Executive Officer of VP-45 in January, 1986.

CDR Charles J. Dale



THE MASTER CHIEFS



AOCM Michael J. Kane
Command Master Chief



AVCM Jo D. Walston
Maintenance Master Chief



Above: C'mon in!



Left: The Master Chiefs enjoy a party as much as the next guy.

DET OFFICE



AMSC Walker and AMSAN Maxton did their best to hold down the fort while we were away.



SCENES OF SICILY

Sicily is the most densely populated and largest island in the Mediterranean. It is 160 miles in length and varies in width from 30 miles at the western end to 110 miles on the eastern end, and is separated from the Italian mainland by the narrow Straits of Messina. It is scenic, fertile and rugged, and has a population of over 5,000,000.

Situated near the center of the Mediterranean, Sicily has been a turbulent crossroads - a pawn of conquest and empires - and a melting pot for a dozen or more ethnic groups whose warriors or merchants have sought its shores virtually since the dawn of history. Goths, Romans, Greeks and Germans have ruled this island and Sicily's myriad archaeological sites attest to her colorful history. Mount Etna, a beautiful sight to behold, still smokes today, a reminder of its fury and its volatile past.

Sicily, then, is full of history, culture and is the home of a proud and loving people. We feel honored to have visited her shores.



Above: Sigonella from a pilot's perspective.

Below: As a P-3C flies lazily by, it finds Mt. Etna's harsh terrain an eerie backdrop.



Above: Eleven-thousand foot Mount Etna stands majestic in the morning sun. Europe's only active volcano, this is a sight with which we all became familiar.



Above: Many Pelicans were fortunate enough to visit beautiful Taormina beach.

Below: The noise, odor and bustle were as much a part of Catania's Saturday Market as the bargains.



Above: A work of art.

Below: A Sicilian statue.



PACKOUT



Above: "Let's see . . . ten bags, a TV and this trunk. Yep, that's all of it."



Left: Chief Posekany and LT Yacovoni packed this one all by themselves.

Right: YN2 McClelland tries in vain to catch some shuteye in the narrow seats.



Below: "Last box? All right! It's Miller time!"



LEISURE TIME



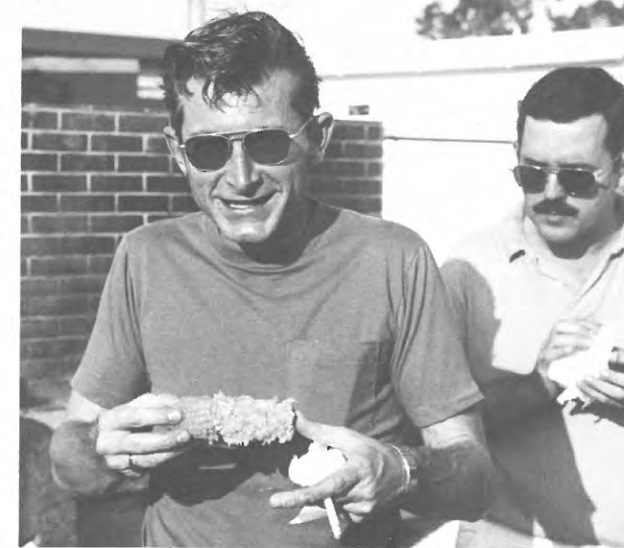
Above: A Class act.



Above: "Of course we're together! Two for dinner, please."



Above: Airmen Curl and Provost grill up another batch of steaks.



Above: Nothing beats fresh air, sunshine and good food.



Below: "I hope she isn't here to tell us to get off the sofa again."



WHERE WE WENT ...

... WHAT WE SAW



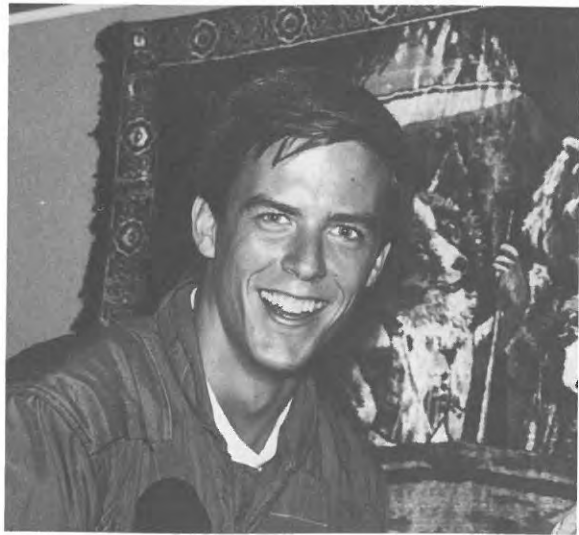


Above: B. England, D. Schebler, R. Bello, H. Wingate, B. Kulas



The first group was a real bombshell.

During August and September, two groups of "Middies" spent their Midshipman Cruises with VP-45. We were privileged to have them laugh, train and spend their time with us.



Below: Hoffner's Kamikazes are read their rights.



Right: "Ready? Contact!"



Below: Walking on a wing and a prayer.

Right: D. Sweeney, M. Gallagher, M. Miller, T. Halvorson



Right: "What do you mean I can't just start 'em up and go?"



FLYTRAP



MAINTENANCE



Maintenance Control



AECS R. Baker AZ2 D. McLendon
 ATC W. Broach AZ3 J. Jones
 AZ1 G. Dunkle AVCM J. Walston
 ATC P. Farrell AZ3 R. Wilson
 ADC R. Graham LT J. Yacovoni

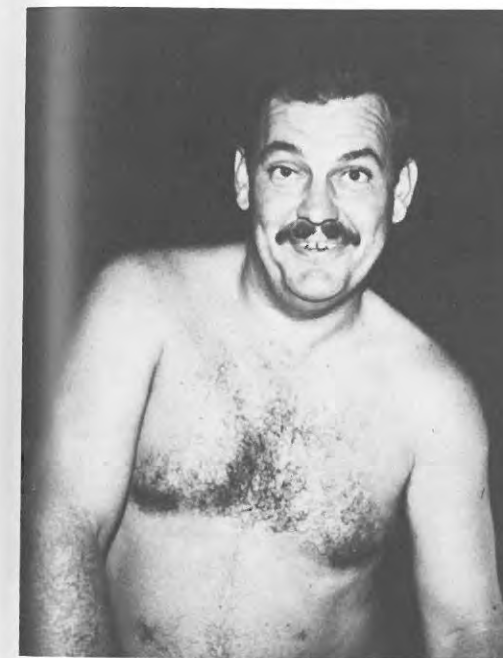


Below: LT Degennaro and LT Horgan act out their interpretation of how things are run in Maintenance Control



QA/Training

AMSC G. Bennett ADCS J. Hayes
 LT H. Cochran LT M. Miller
 AD1 S. Cox AZ2 M. Pearce
 AMHC D. Driver AO1 M. Pittard
 AEC M. Fitzpatrick AZ2 M. Ponsell
 AD2 C. Friday AMH1 R. Sigrist
 AE1 J. Gleaton AZ2 D. Swider



Left: AZ2 Ponsell proves that Pelican parties are a scream.



Above: "We're QA. We're here to help."

Right: "Don't mess with me. I'm Spogie," growls LT Cochran.



Material Control



AO1 T. Blackmon	AKAN C. Nordby
AK2 D. Devery	CWO2 C. Oglesby
AK3 G. Douglas	AK2 A. Overstreet
AK2 L. Henderson	AK2 B. Reine
AKAN G. Henning	ENS A. Rhie
AK1 D. Martinez	ADCS A. Schum
AK3 M. Mucha	



Above: "AE1 Allgood over there looks great in those shades!"

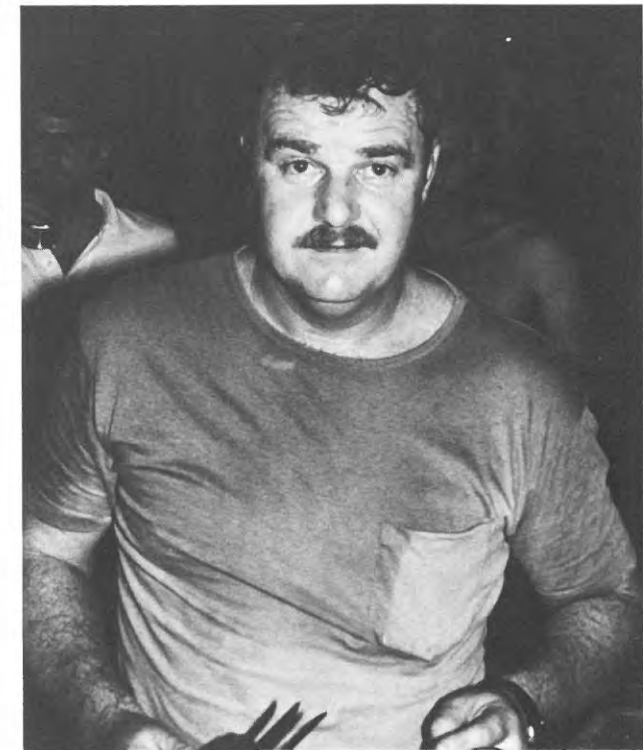


AV/ARM DIVISION

Electricians



AE1 J. Allgood	LTJG C. Hollingsworth
AE2 J. Bowers	AN R. Johnson
AEC M. Fitzpatrick	AE2 J. Kelley
AE2 A. Frausto	AE1 J. Picard
AE3 K. Gettings	AE2 D. Smith
AEC R. Harrelson	AE2 T. Williams
AE3 G. Hoffman	AE2 D. Zartman



Above: AEC Harrelson's barbequed meats were famous throughout Sicily.



Ordnancemen



AO3 D. Bennett	AO2 A. Molick
AO1 T. Carroll	AO3 D. Oldham
AO3 P. Cook	AOAN T. Phillips
AO3 E. Daly	LTJG T. Polarolo
AOC D. Drehoff	AO1 L. Riley
AO2 J. Dunn	AO2 C. Schwake
AO3 J. Elliott	AO3 J. West
AO3 M. Miller	



Above: "Ya think Chino's dead, Chief, or is she just sleeping?"

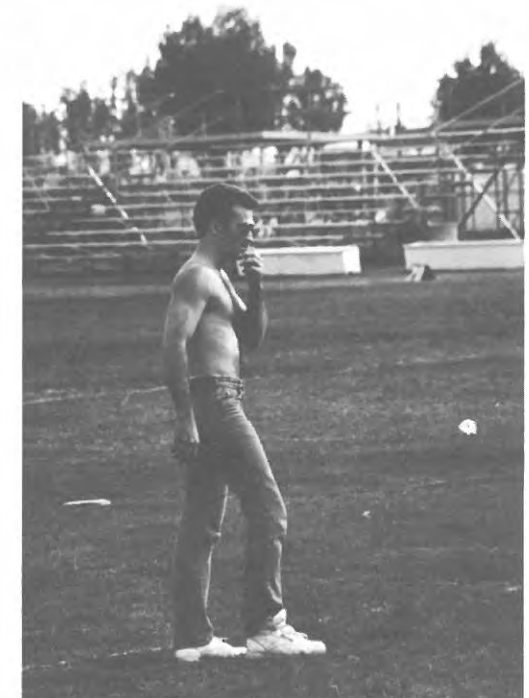


Left: "Here he is, Chief. Which station do we load him on?"

Trons



AT3 L. Bell	AT2 D. Laflamme
AT2 P. Bilsback	AXC M. Maddoux
AX2 K. Buckingham	AX2 R. Murphy
AX3 S. Cole	AT2 D. Nichols
AT1 R. Edie	AT2 W. Peacock
AT2 R. English	AT2 M. Sudhoff
AX2 D. Hardy	AT2 R. Swartz
AX3 D. Horner	AT2 W. Thompson
ATAN C. Howard	AX3 T. Veres
LTJG M. Ladner	AX2 P. Voils



Above: "Hmmm. I know I left my shirt out here somewhere."



Night Check



AD1 Lindhardt's working on his night moves.



Left: "The work's okay, but the hours are lousy."



Right: Hey, fellas. Smile for the camera.



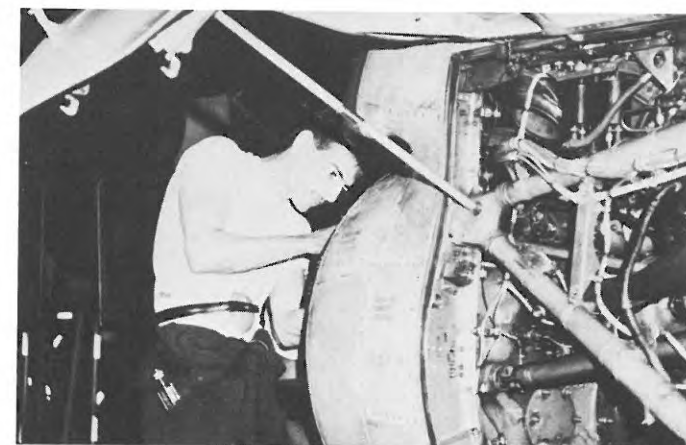
Above: "Well, there goes my night vision."

AIRCRAFT DIVISION

Powerplants



- | | |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| AD2 C. Berrios | ADC K. Hansen |
| AD3 S. Bonin | AD1 W. Lindhardt |
| AD2 H. Clements | AD2 C. Mierkey |
| LT S. Davies | AD1 E. McCafferty |
| AD3 D. Faison | AD1 W. Raymer |
| AD3 P. Fidalgo | AD3 R. Sears |
| ADAN T. Floyd | AD3 K. Strauss |
| ADAN D. Gilmore | |



Airframes



AN P. Caruso	AN J. Sandoval
AMSAN O. Curl	AMH3 R. Schubert
AMSC J. Gibson	AN J. Schumacher
AMS1 M. Jenkins	AMH3 F. Smith
AMS3 B. Kindred	AN C. Thomas
AMH1 J. Martin	AMS3 L. Vanettinger
LT W. Ryon	AMS2 D. Vrabel



PR/AME



PR3 N. Berry	AME2 W. Mitchell
AME2 C. Cuya	PR2 R. Quinquinio
ADC W. Clark	PR1 T. Schaefer
AME3 S. Hahn	AME2 T. Van Eyck



Corrosion



ADAN L. Brewer
 AT3 N. Costea
 AO3 W. Day
 AD1 J. Goodrich
 AMS3 T. Karas
 AN T. Kehrner
 AA M. Montes
 AMS3 G. Nuss
 LTJG M. Randolph
 AMS2 C. Sloan
 ADC W. Wallis
 ADAN E. Williams



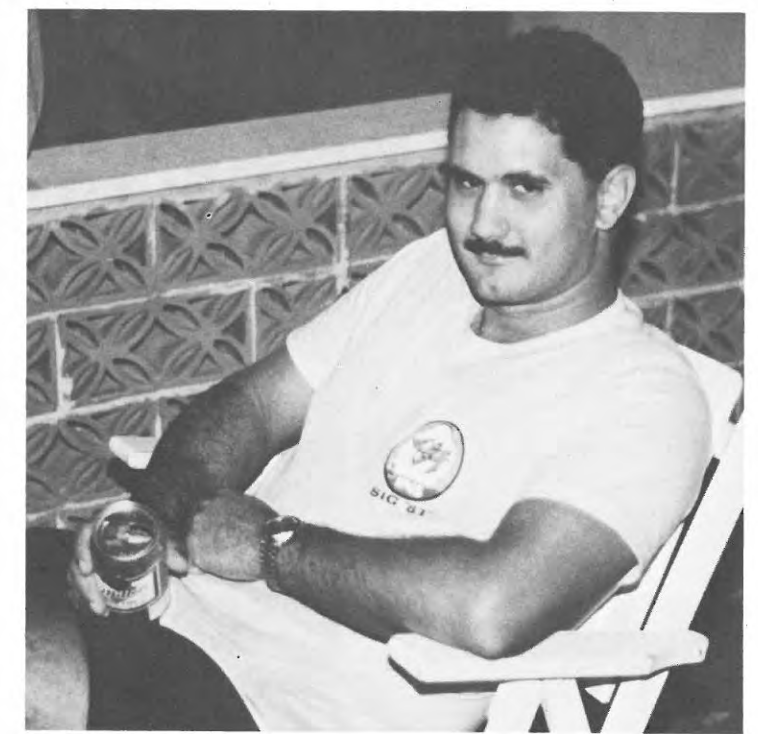
Left: "No matter *what* he says, I'm not opening my eyes."



LINE DIVISION



ATCS T. Binns
 AN J. Beverly
 AN Y. Chen
 AN M. Confrey
 ADAN G. Dugas
 AO3 M. Haddock
 AN R. Lee
 AN D. Makey
 LT W. Merritt
 ATAN R. Prescott
 AN J. Ryan
 AN D. Smith
 ABH1 C. Weaver
 AN R. Wells
 ADAN S. Yoh



Above: "I'm having so much fun, I don't wanna go home."



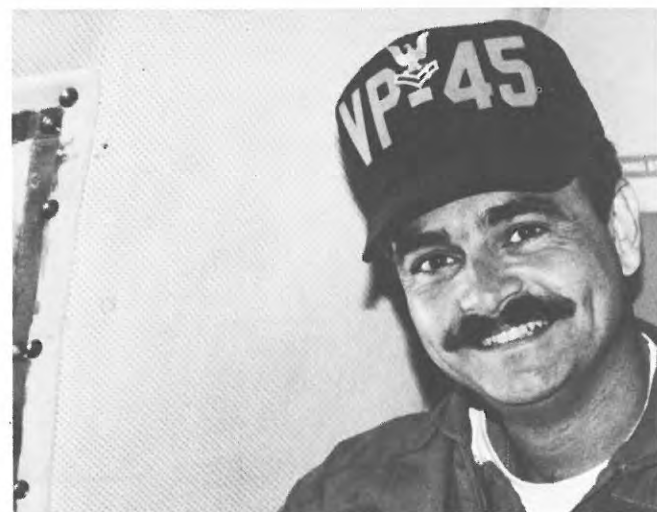
Left: It sure is nice when they stop on the spot.



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| AT2 M. Greathouse | AE1 E. Russell |
| AT2 L. Hofstra | AD2 A. Scilingo |
| AT2 P. Jackman | ADAN D. Scofield |
| AD2 D. Jackson | AE2 M. Spaulding |
| AO2 M. Keenan | AMH3 M. Staples |
| AT2 L. Mann | AMS3 A. Thomas |
| AT1 C. Newton | AT2 R. White |
| AT2 B. Paulson | PR3 D. Williams |
| AX2 W. Pearl | AX1 D. Wollin |
| AX2 A. Peay | AMS3 J. Wynn |
| ATAN J. Reaves | |



Our Maintenance Officer, LCDR AI Eframson, returned without a scratch.

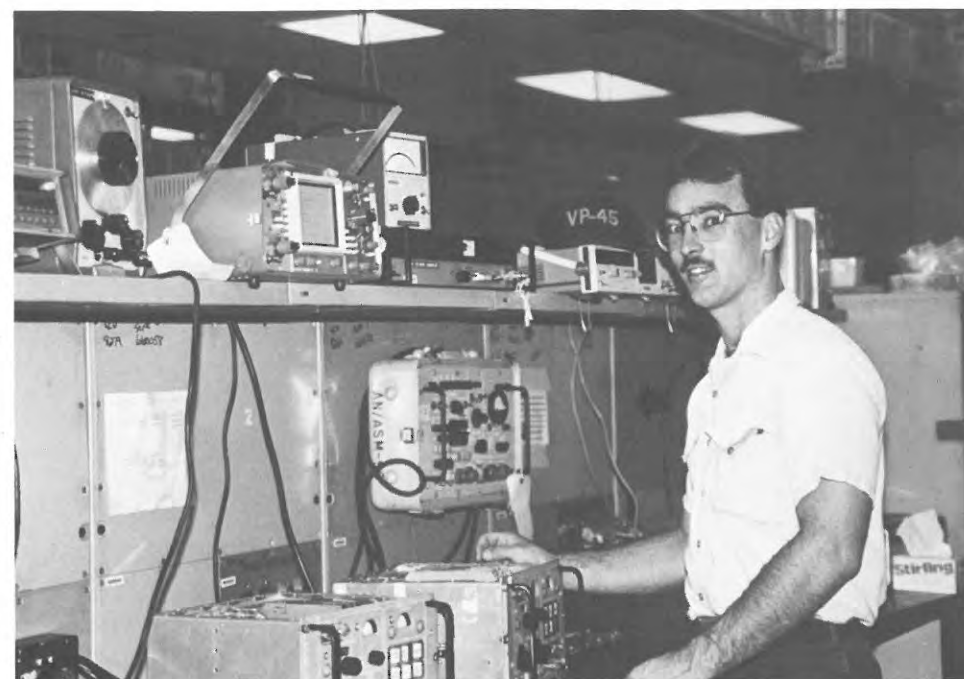


Right: "I don't want to dance. Whaaaaah!"

Left: AO2 Keenan flies whenever they let him off the ground.



Assistant M.O., LCDR Stan Bozin, concentrates on basic airwork and buttons.



LT Kyle McCollom, in his never-ending quest to search and destroy Sigonella flies.



TOPSIDE

OPERATIONS

Nav/Logs & Records/Skeds/Flt. Officer



LT N. Buck	YN2 D. McClelland
AWC J. Culbertson	AW2 J. Scarbrough
LTJG R. Farren	LT R. Shea
LTJG N. Lebrede	LCDR T. Supko
AWCS D. Littlefield	AWAN T. Wettlaufer
LT D. McBrayer	



Above and Right: Navigation Officers, Logs & Records



Above: The Schedules Officers

Below: "ANOTHER rewrite?!"



AW Shop

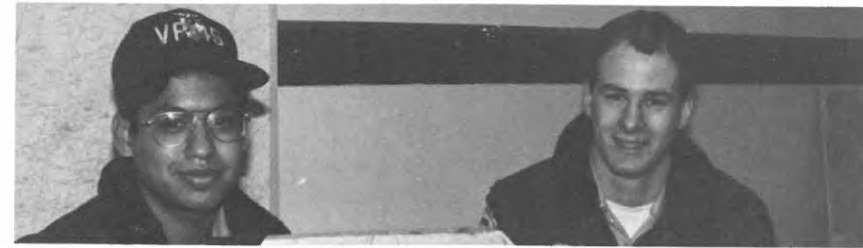


AW2 G. Bernier	AW3 R. Keil
AW2 R. Black	AW2 L. Labaw
AW2 T. Booth	AW2 A. Labella
AW2 C. Bowling	AW2 P. Loveless
AW2 C. Brock	LT J. McDaniels
AWC W. Bull	AW3 C. Mulcahey
AW2 B. Dill	AW3 S. Nolan
AW3 M. Dreyer	AW2 T. Ontiveros
AW3 W. Ellis	AW2 A. Parker
AW2 B. Fasenmeyer	AW3 R. Provost
AWAN R. Garuti	AW2 J. Scarbrough
AW3 D. Gottschalk	AW2 B. Seals
AW2 C. Henderson	AW2 C. Webb
AW2 R. Hoben	AW3 D. Williams
AW3 S. Innes	

Tactics



AW2 B. Dill	AW2 T. Ontiveros
LTJG M. Greenwood	LT R. Roycroft
LT M. Kelly	LT J. Whalen
LCDR D. McLaughlin	



AIO



IS2 R. Jensen	LT V. Owens
IS1 K. Jones	PH3 E. Sorah



Right: Guys and Dolls.

Communications



LT T. Brice	YN1 E. Stegall
AWAN K. Hansknecht	AW3 R. Sullivan
AW3 K. Millette	YN2 M. Weaver
AW3 J. Ormanowski	LT D. Wilson
AWC J. Rowe	



Training

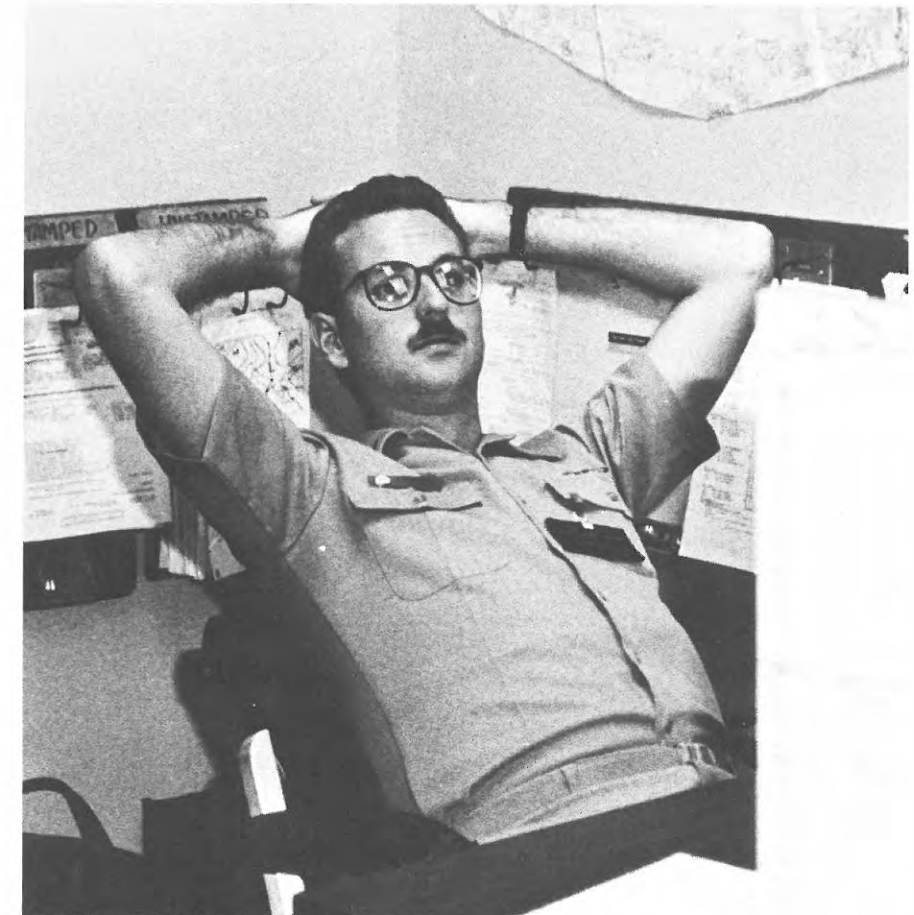
Duty Office



Above: "You mean, this isn't a cafeteria?"



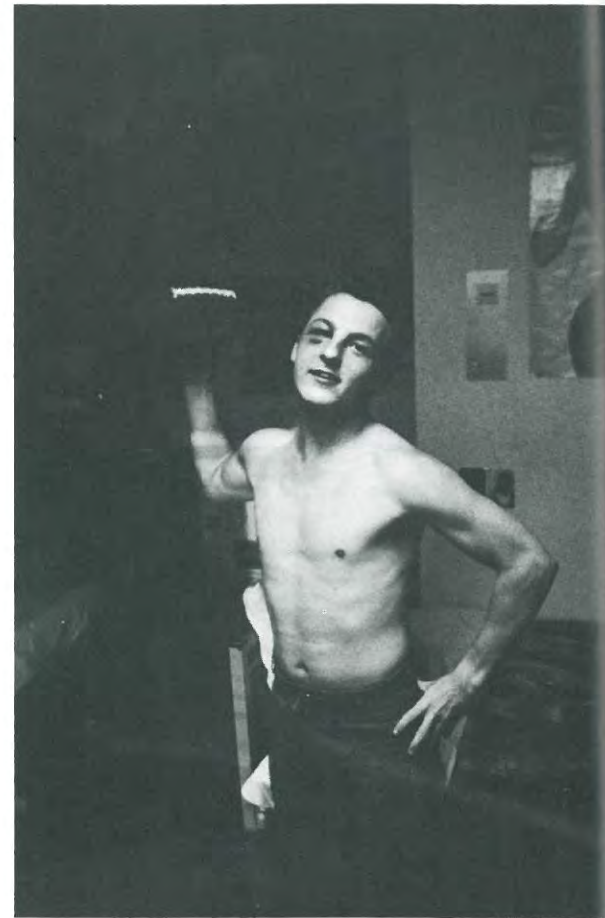
LT K. Ahlin	LCDR D. McLaughlin
AWC M. Baker	LT W. Thorpe
LT S. Breor	LT M. Vowell



ADMINISTRATION



Above: "For the fiftieth time, Mail Call is at 1530."



Admin

LCDR R. Burgess	YN2 P. Loveless
LCDR J. Carpenter	YN2 M. McInnis
YN2 R. Fields	YNC C. Raley
YN3 R. Johnson	LTJG C. Reynolds
YN3 J. Lockett	LTJG M. Updyke

Personnel



PN2 D. Carbone	LT E. Heckler
PN2 B. Gillespie	YN3 A. Minter
PN1 B. Hill	PN2 R. Tepley



Right: She died of too many travel claims. Wherever she is now, I hope she saves the receipts.

Below: PN1 Hill preaching to her choir.





Left: YN2 R. Fields and LT Radomski having legal fun-and-games.

CSM

ESO



Left: "C'mon in. We'll talk reenlistment."

DAPA

Right: "I'm the Security Manager. What do you mean, I'm not cleared?"



Above: LTJG Furtner readies himself for another testing cycle.



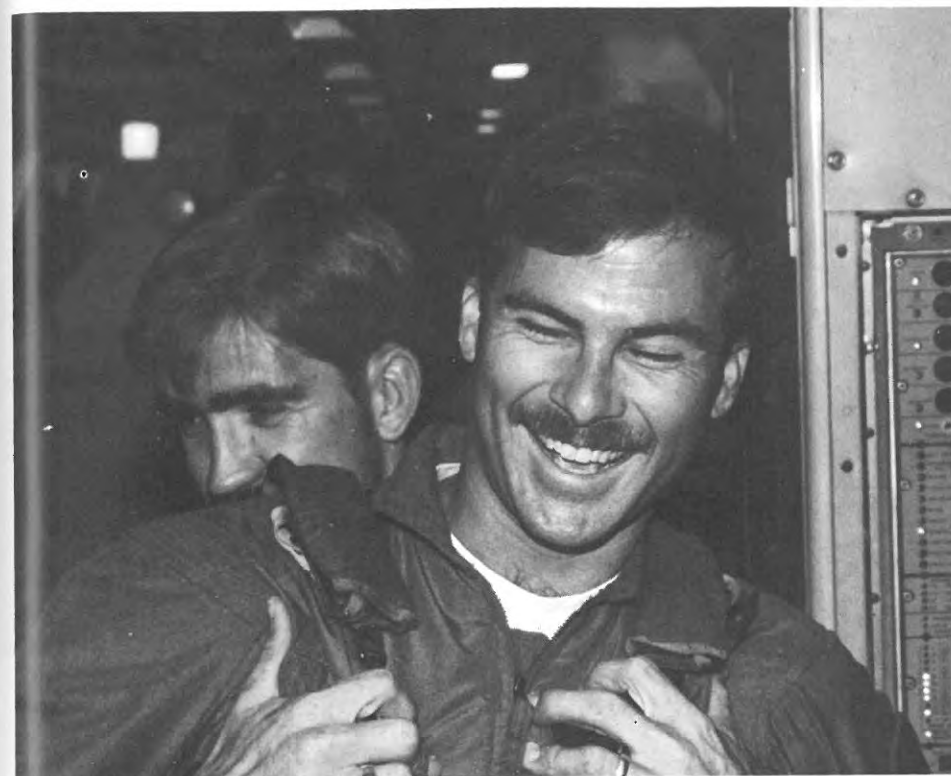
Left: "You say your fish has a drinking problem?"



Right: How to prepare pepperoni pizza - Pelican style!

LT Y. Hoffner

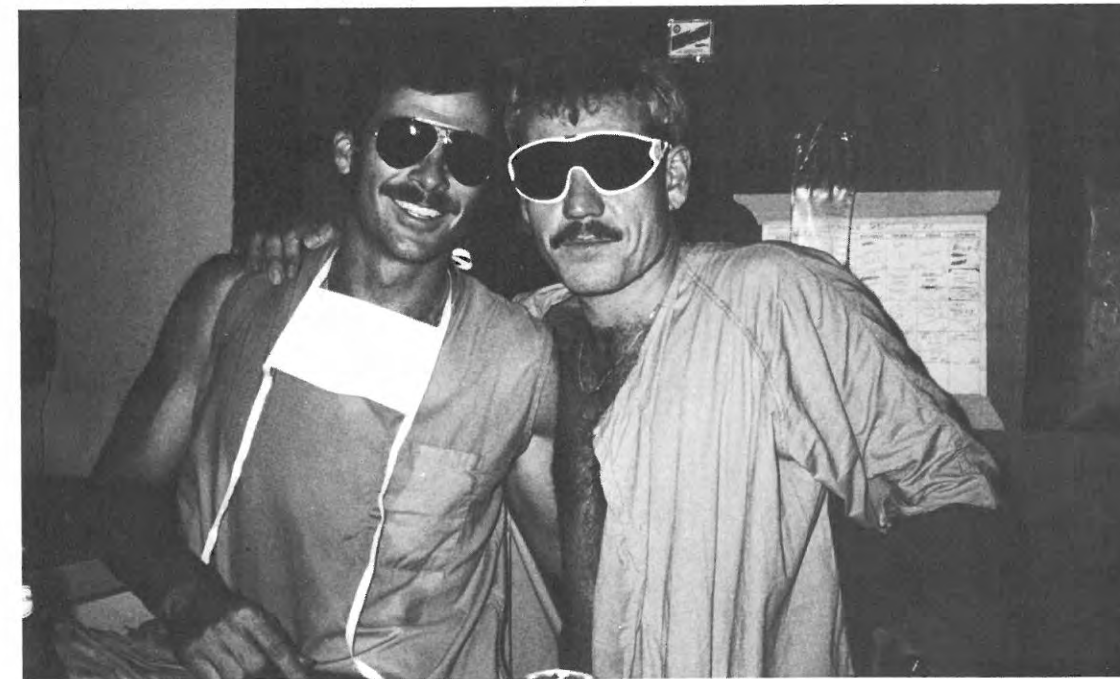
PH2 R. Burge	MS2 E. Perry
DK3 K. Clarke	MS2 J. Reese
AA K. Cluxton	AA J. Sayre
AN P. Green	MS3 F. Shannon
AMH3 A. Harbelis	MS2 R. Stewart
DK2 G. Hendricks	AMS3 A. Thomas
PH2 J. Kinkead	AA J. Tracy
HM1 R. Merriman	ADAN E. Williams
HM1 T. Morgan	



Below: "I don't write the rules - I just enforce 'em."



Below: "Take two cold beers and call us in the morning!"



COMMAND SERVICES

LCDR D. Brock	AN M. Haddock	AMEAA C. Simmons
MS3 K. Bryant	AN J. Jackson	AEC H. Vandiver
AMSAN L. Clark	AA D. Makie	LT S. Vogel
LT J. Cunningham	AT3 L. Mann	AO2 B. Vrooman
AMSAN O. Curl	AWAN A. McCluskey	LT D. Waagbo
AA G. Edgington	AWAN D. Mooneyham	LT S. Weiss
LTJG V. Estornell	AWAN D. Overton	LTJG R. Wileman
AEAN B. Etter	AOAA T. Phillips	AWAN D. Williams
AN M. Goyette	ATAN R. Prescott	AX1 D. Wollin



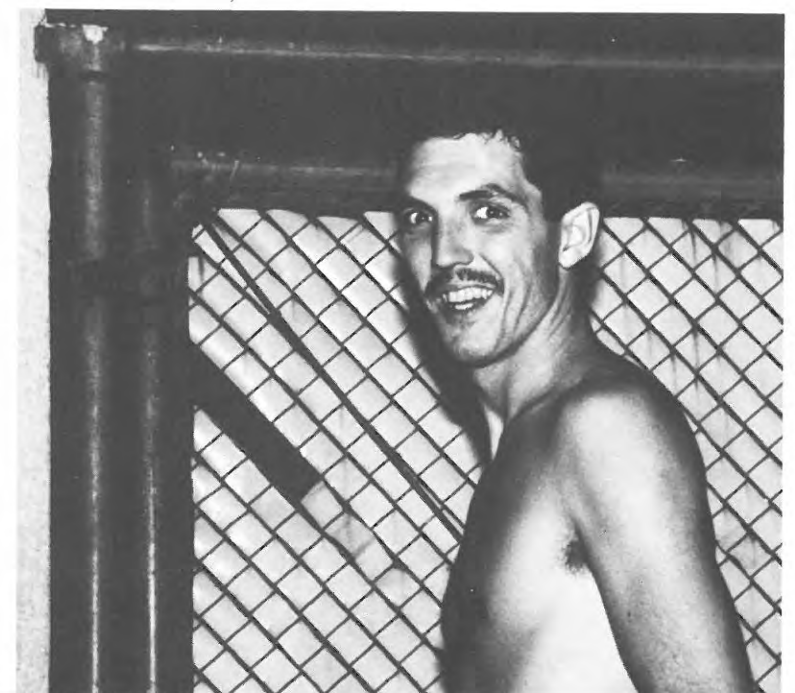
Above Left: Dog-tired



Above: We're looking for a few good Airmen.



Right: The bus from hell.



HRO/PAO/Special Services



LT J. Cunningham, HRO

LTJG V. Estornell,
LTJG Wileman, PAO's



LT S. Vogel, Special Services, Athletics



SAFETY/NATOPS



- AX1 T. Bellwood
- AW2 D. Blaschka
- AW2 C. Bowling
- LT D. Crain
- LT T. Cramp
- AD1 J. Davis
- LCDR G. Haffey

- LT D. Horgan
- LT J. Hudson
- LT W. Little
- AO1 J. Mears
- AO1 D. Moore
- AMSC R. Wehrle



Left: The TACCO behind TACCO NATOPS.





Above: Jeepers, Creepers!



Above: Ops: crisis management or controlled confusion?

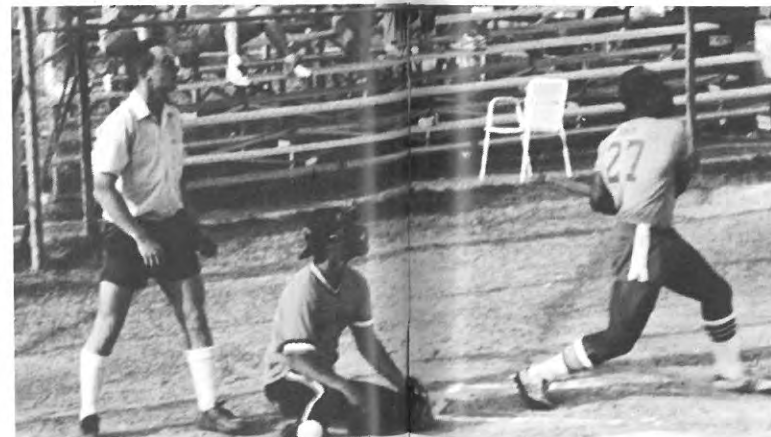
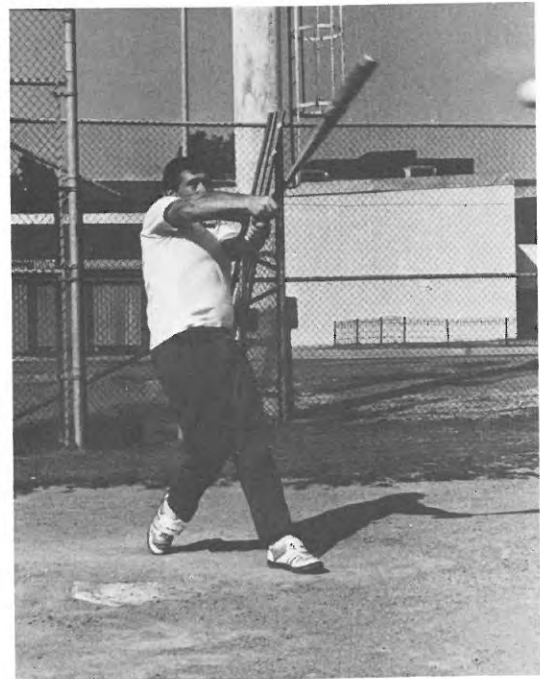
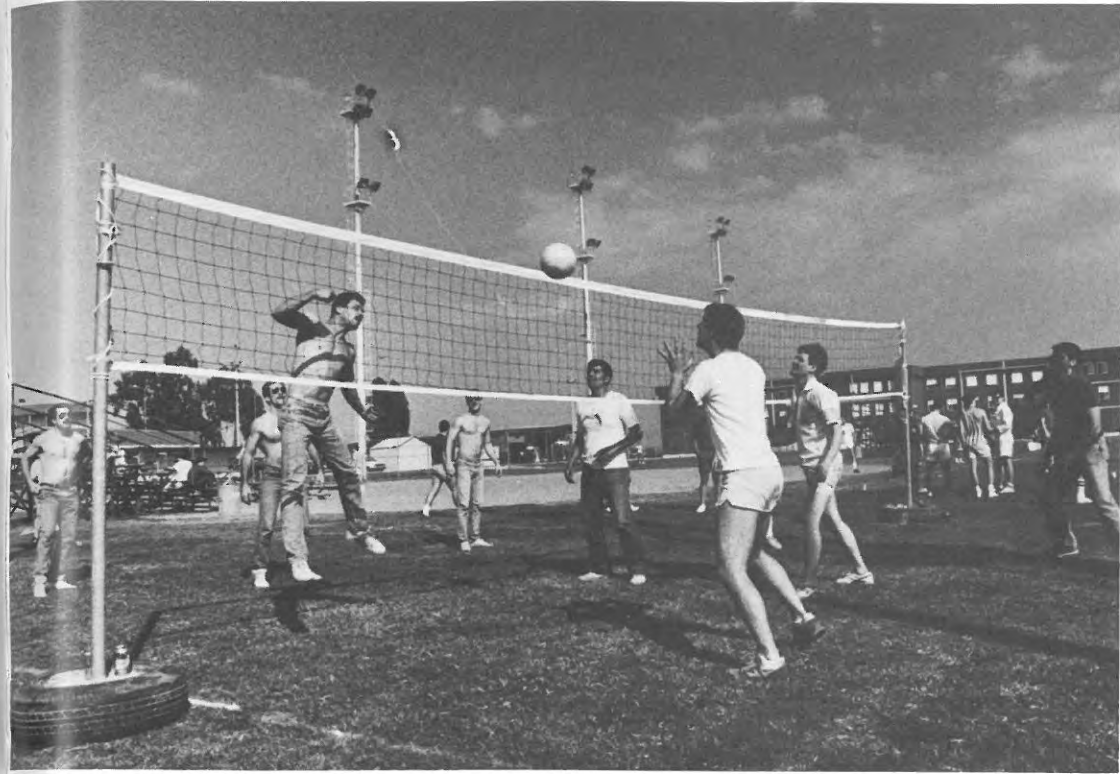


Left: "Hey, don't chop those through the XO! Those are my wife's letters."

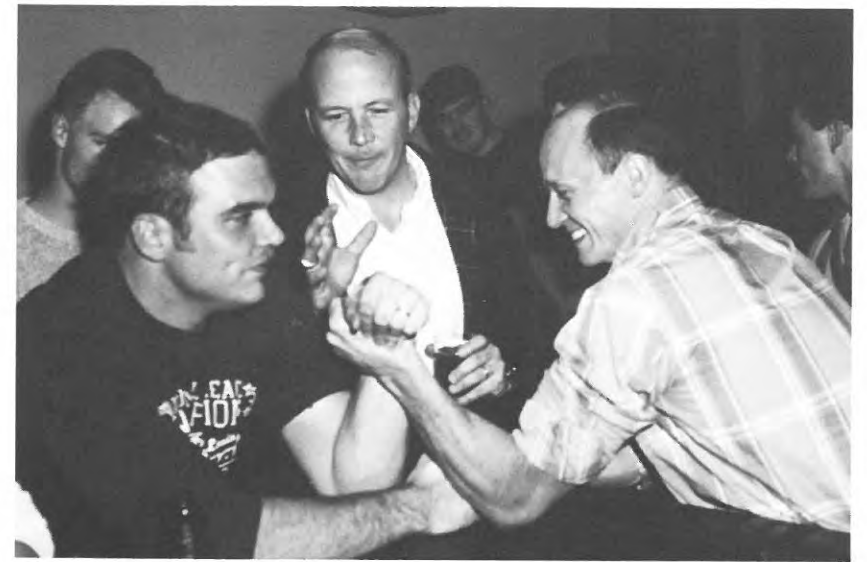


Above: Service with a smile.



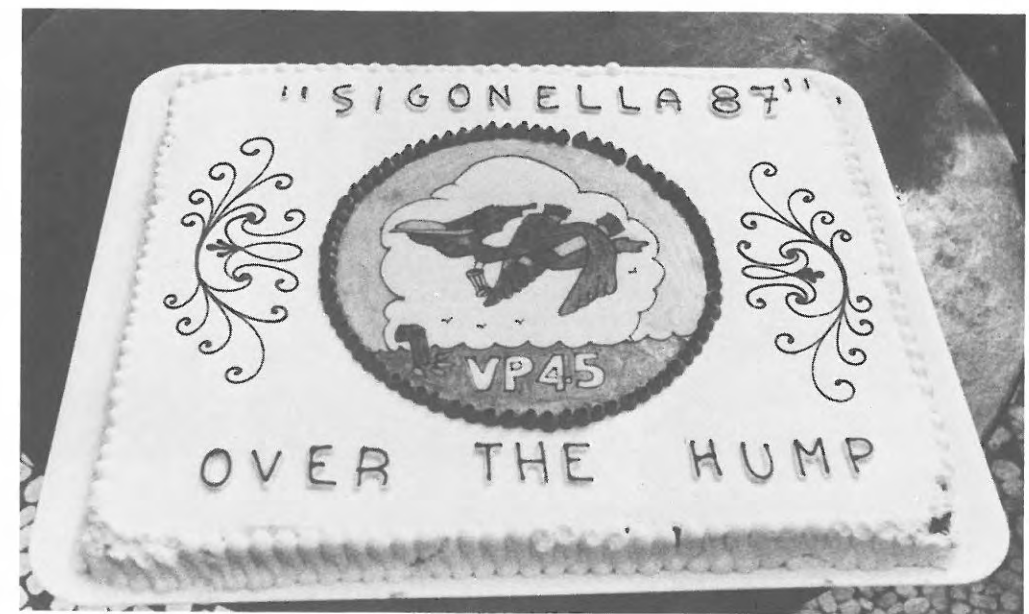


Below: Pelican Fever - Catch It!



Left: Who says tennis isn't exciting?





Above: "Banzai."

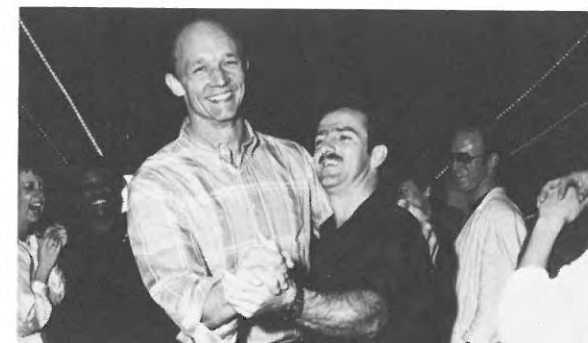
Right: Pelican parties - always a splash.



Right: No question what VP-45 wants for Christmas.



Left: "Okay, Skipper, but this time I lead."



Pecorino Orphanage



During our six months in Sigonella, VP-45 supported the Pecorino orphanage through periodic visits, hosting on-base tours and an all-hands fundraising effort resulting in over two thousand dollars in donations.



Above: AW2 Labella - always a kid at heart.



Dining In



Above: In a skit after dinner, the Junior Officers acted out their perception of how things are *really* run in Maintenance Control.



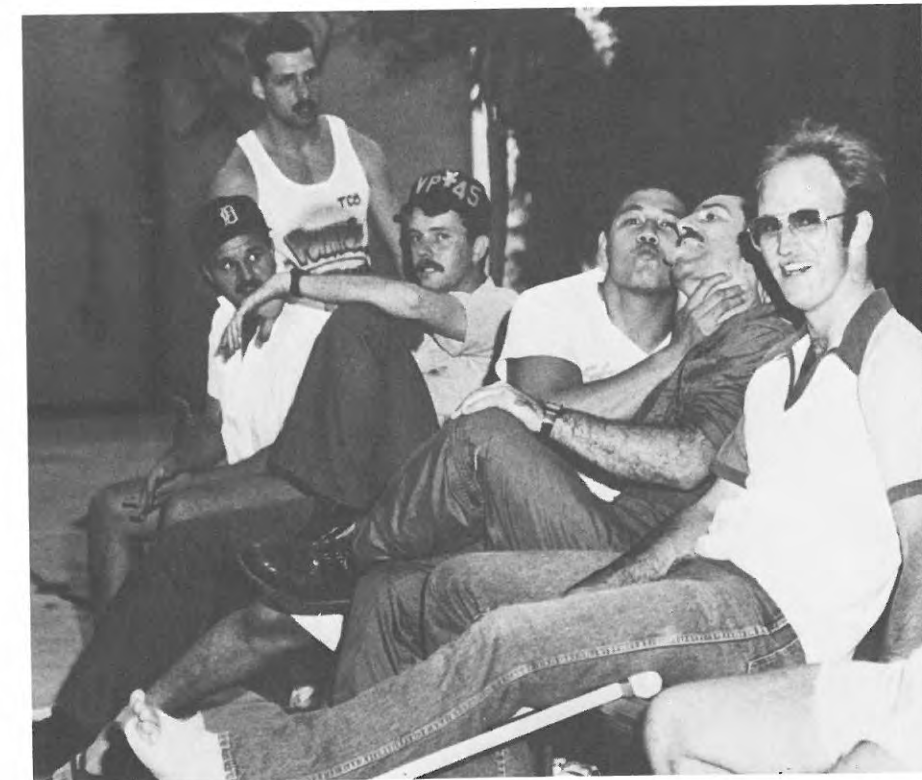
Right: The Ready crews wore Dinner Dress Flight Suits.



Fun & Games



Above: AX1 Bellwood cooks with a passion.



Left: "Beauty. You mean you can get me another up airplane for tomorrow's schedule?"

Concert



Left: Country and Western singer Randy Travis crooned "Diggin' Up Bones" and other hits in the Patron Hangar.



AIRCREWS



The McCarty sisters sang three-part harmony and performed a hat trick in the CO's office afterward.

Combat Aircrew One



CAC 1

PC LT P. Crain	S1 AWC J. Rowe
2P LT D. Waagbo	S2 AW3 W. Ellis
3P LT S. Vogel	S3 AWC M. Baker
TC LT G. Hales	FE AMSC R. Wehrle
NC LTJG C. Reynolds	FE AD1 J. Lyda
OD AO1 J. Mears	IT AX1 T. Bellwood

Combat Aircrew Two



CAC 2

PC LT E. Heckler	S1 AW2 L. Labaw
2P LT W. Ryon	S2 AW3 J. Ormanowski
3P LTJG M. Randolph	S3 AW2 R. Hoben
TC LCDR R. Burgess	FE AECS R. Baker
NC LT W. Thorpe	FE AD1 J. Davis
OD AO1 W. Carroll	IT AT2 W. Thompson



Left: "Wound pilot's clock - checks 4.0."



Below: Diet colas.



Above: To LT Hales, life's a beach.



Above: Bag it out, Chief



LTJG Randolph: "Table for (ahem) one, please?"

Combat Aircrew Three

Combat Aircrew Four



CAC 3

PC LCDR A. Efraimson	S1 AW2 A. Majors
2P LT D. Wilson	S2 AW2 B. Dill
3P LTJG M. Updyke	S3 AW2 J. Webb
TC LT J. Little	FE AMHC W. Day
NC LT R. Shea	FE AE2 D. Varela
OD AO1 W. Pittard	IT AX2 R. Murphy

CAC 4

PC LT R. Roycroft	S1 AW2 C. Bowling
2P LTJG C. Hollingsworth	S2 AW3 R. Keil
3P LTJG R. Wileman	S3 AW2 D. Blaschka
TC LT J. Whalen	FE AMHC D. Driver
NC LT R. Degennaro	FE AD1 S. Kelly
OD AO2 J. Dunn	IT AT2 M. Sudhoff



Below: Always in the mood for mischief, LCDR Efraimson tries to sneak into the ladies' room.



Left: "My future's so bright, I gotta wear shades!"



Above: "Will you be having the mousse or the cheesecake tonight, Teddy?"



Left: "Hey TACCO! Phone patch on HF-2. I think it's your fiancée."



Below: "Does one long ring mean dinnertime?"



Combat Aircrew Five



Above: "No, I'm *not* smiling. I'm just getting ready for another pilot trainer."

CAC 5

PC LCDR G. Haffey	S1 AW2 P. Loveless
2P LT S. Davies	S2 AW3 C. Mulcahey
3P LTJG M. Greenwood	S3 AWC J. Culbertson
TC LT W. Radomski	FE ADC W. Wallis
NC LTJG G. McKinney	FE AMS2 J. Tucker
OD AO3 D. Bennett	IT AT2 D. Laflamme



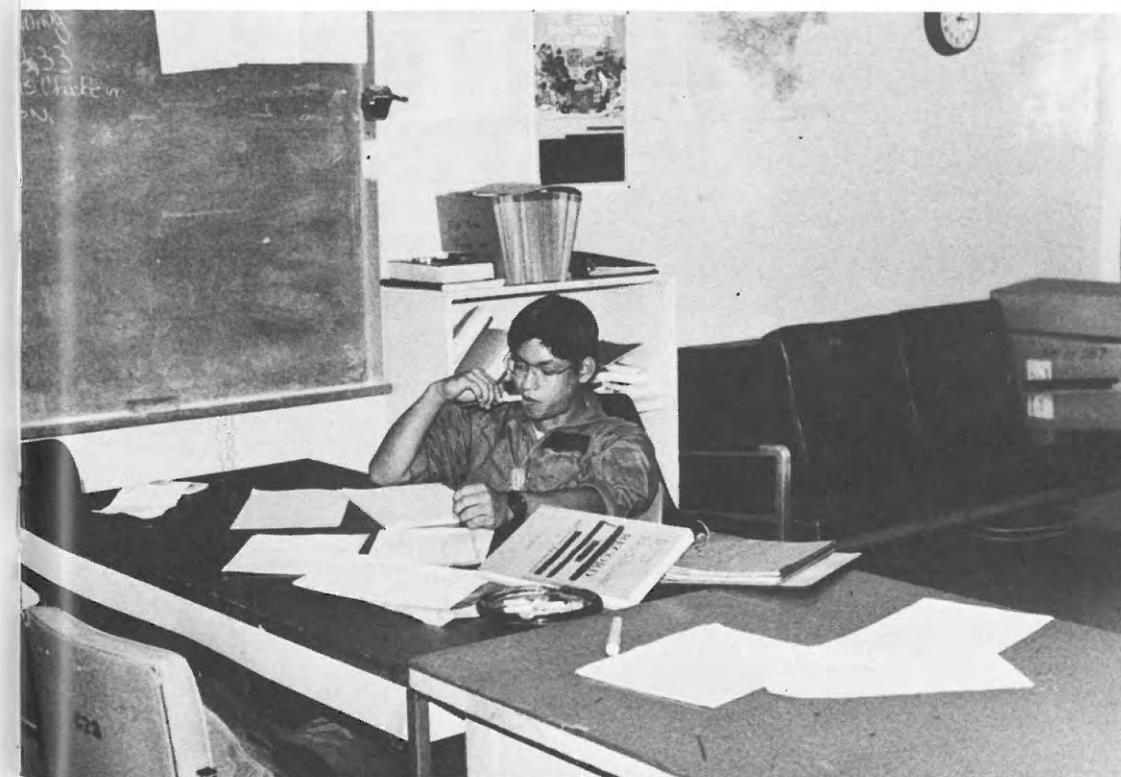
Left: "Now if I could only get this thing to answer my mail . . ."

Combat Aircrew Six



CAC 6

PC LT M. Miller	S1 AW2 R. Black
2P LT Y. Hoffner	S2 AW2 T. Ontiveros
3P LTJG M. Reinhardt	S3 AW3 S. Innes
TC LCDR D. McLaughlin	FE ADCS A. Schum
NC LTJG J. Cooney	FE AD1 D. Moore
OD AO1 M. Riley	IT AX2 D. Hardy



Above: Bloop spends a pensive moment in the AW shop.



Below: "Hey, what's the number for the ASWOC? I think I dialed Mama Ilio by mistake."

Combat Aircrew Seven



CAC 7

PC LCDR S. Bozin	S1 AW2 C. Brock
2P LT N. Buck	S2 AW3 D. Williams
3P LTJG E. Fox	S3 AW3 R. Provost
TC LT W. Merritt	FE AD1 L. Bridges
NC LTJG D. Hudson	FE AD1 D. Keating
OD AO3 T. Phillips	IT AT3 L. Bell

Does CAC 7 ring a bell?



Below: "Beer run? No problem. I'll put Tijuana in the TACAN."



Combat Aircrew Eight



CAC 8

PC LT D. McBrayer	S1 AW2 J. Scarbrough
2P LT M. Kelly	S2 AW2 B. Seals
3P LTJG T. Furtner	S3 AW3 D. Gottschalk
TC LT J. McDaniels	FE AMSC T. Jackson
NC LTJG T. Polarolo	FE AE1 J. T. Evans
OD AO3 M. Miller	IT AT3 R. Swartz



Above: "Whaddya mean, 'I'm off the crew?' I am the crew!"



Left: "Look. Fifty-thousand empty seats and they give us one in the bleachers."

Combat Aircrew Nine

Combat Aircrew Ten



CAC 9
 PC LT L. Abbey/LT K. Ahlin S1 AW1 T. Cates
 2P LTJG R. Farren S2 AW3 M. Dreyer
 3P ENS S. Brown S3 AW2 G. Bernier
 TC LCDR T. Supko FE ADC W. Clark
 NC LT H. Cochran FE AD1 C. Friday
 OD AOC D. Drehoff IT ATC L. Judd

CAC 10
 PC LCDR J. Carpenter S1 AW2 C. Henderson
 2P LT D. Horgan S2 AW2 B. Fasenmeyer
 3P LTJG M. Ladner S3 AW2 A. Parker
 TC LT S. Breor FE AEC H. Vandiver
 NC LT J. Cunningham FE AD1 M. Gentry
 OD AO2 C. Schwake IT AT2 M. Nichols



Below: The Three Amigos.



Below: VP-45's resident disc-jockey.



Above: LT Abbey cools his jets.

Below: "Drink up, sir - it's only lite beer."



Left: Back when a smoke was a smoke ...



Right: "Three months left? Not by my watch."



Above: Carps never looked so good.

Combat Aircrew Eleven



CAC 11

PC CDR C. Dale	S1 AW2 T. Booth
2P LT T. Cramp	S2 AW3 K. Millette
3P LT S. Weiss	S3 AW2 R. Winn
TC LT T. Brice	FE AMH1 R. Sigrist
NC LT J. Hudson	FE AE2 D. Capps
OD AO1 T. Blackmon	IT AX3 T. Veres



Above: "Flight, TACCO. How many more engines are you gonna shut down, please?"

Combat Aircrew Twelve



Below: "Relax, Woof. The food will be here any minute."



Above: When this was taken, Senior Chief was getting awfully short.

CAC 12

PC LCDR D. Brock	S1 AWC W. Bull
2P LTJG V. Estornell	S2 AW3 S. Nolan
3P LTJG G. Simmeth	S3 AW2 A. Labella
TC LT D. Vasquez	FE AECS J. Bolin
NC LT M. Vowell	FE AE1 J. Allgood
OD AO3 E. Daly	IT AT1 R. Edie



Right: "This isn't what I meant when I asked for a cold one!"

Left: Dogtags, Jams, hi-toppers and a frisbee - quintessential dress for today's man.



Right: Army-Navy



Above: An XO's best friend.



While You Were Away ...

Homecoming

A Poem For My Sailor

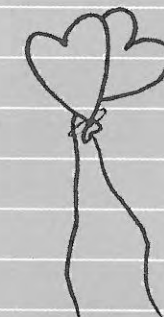
This life's not easy and it's not always fun,
But I have to admit that it's a special one.
He serves his country and his family, too,
To both he remains faithful and true.
They send him away for months at a time,
While I sit at home just praying he's fine.
While he's away, I hold down the fort,
Praying and hoping for his return to homeport.
I look for the letters and wait by the phone,
Wishing each night that I wasn't alone.
Our love grows deeper and stronger each day,
I can feel his warmth from far away.
I pray each night that he won't go to war,
I wait for the day he comes through the front door.
No matter how tough this life seems to be,
I say to myself, "It's the best one for me!"
When he comes home and holds me tight,
The pain goes away and everything's right.
It may be hard, but it's a wonderful life,
And I'm proud to say that I'm a Navy wife.

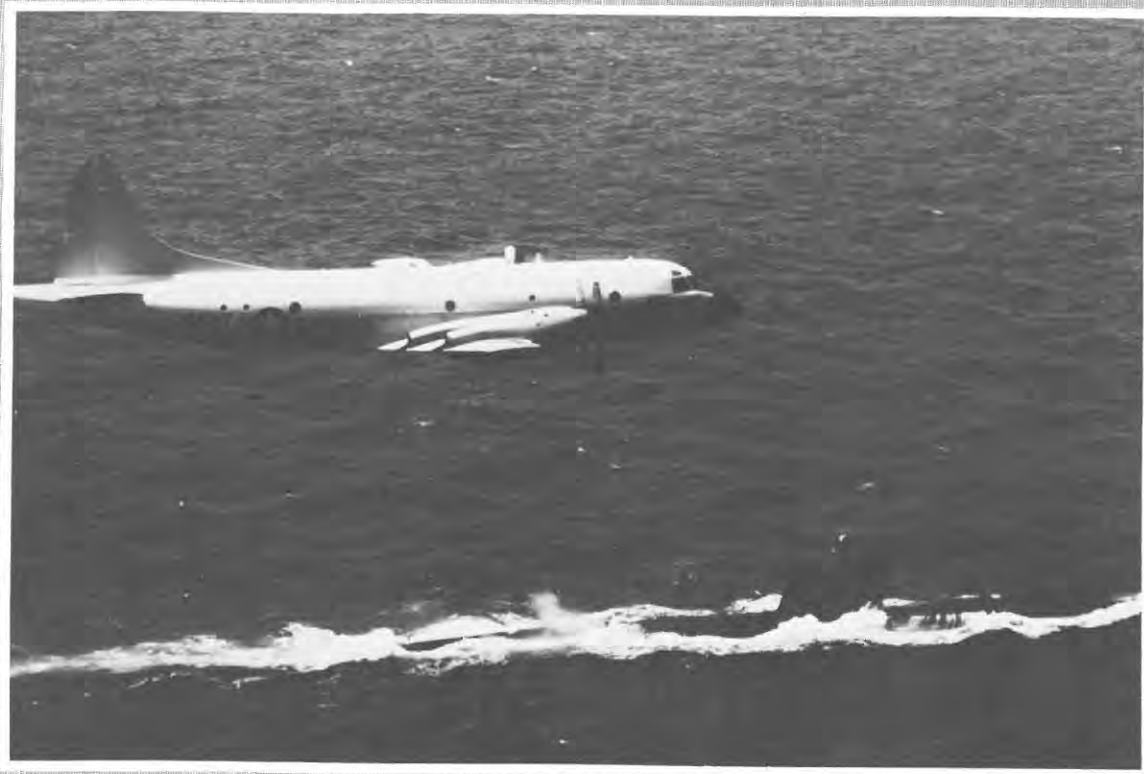


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