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DEDICATION

Patrol Squadron Forty-Five has fulfilled her military obligation several times over during the past. In times of war and peace she has proven herself worthy. She has contributed her full share in keeping the United States of America free from aggression, in protecting the security of other nations, and in maintaining U.S. supremacy on the high seas. She has challenged all types of weather and every kind of adversity, each time meeting the challenge with superior teamwork and defiance toward defeat.

These tasks were accomplished by a group of men and women working together continually to successfully complete each mission in a highly skilled manner. It is these men and women who endured many hardships while separated from their loved ones at home to make a vital contribution in the ongoing effort to keep our nation free.

And now, yet another development has been completed by the men and women of VP-45, and it is to these great sailors and shipmates that this book is dedicated. It is hoped that everyone who sees this record will feel the same sense of pride and respect that I feel toward the men and women presented on the following pages.

*CDR Bill Evers
Commanding Officer
Apr 89 -*

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CO CDR C. J. DALE, USN



Message from the Commanding Officer: This was an extraordinary deployment. My experiences on six previous VP deployments dim in comparison. In addition to the normal deployment objectives, you faced the extra challenge of introducing the Update III operationally throughout the Atlantic, operating safely and effectively from numerous detachment sites, and sustaining the operational readiness of the Bermuda sector. You met these challenges

head-on and succeeded as only great squadrons can. Your skill, selfless commitment, and can-do spirit made it happen. Few squadrons will ever match and none will exceed the record of excellence you have achieved. Remember Bermuda '89- The first Update III operational deployment in the Atlantic- with pride in yourselves, your achievements, your shipmates, and your unit. Walk Tall- you have earned it.

XO/CO CDR W. B. Evers, USN



Message from the Executive/Commanding Officer: The pages of this cruise book display images of the finest group of men and women that I have ever had the privilege to work with. I am extremely proud of your accomplishments and thankful for your support. This book symbolizes friendship. It is not greatly concerned with hard work, the frustrations, the successes, or failures encountered during the past deployment. Rather it is and will continue to be a reminder of the people with whom we have worked and lived as a squadron and the friendships and warm associations that have evolved.

One cannot hope to explain how or why we react the way we do but in the end a successful deployment is a profound experience. At the end you have known many heroes. You have all been changed by what you have experienced. The undisputed success this squadron has achieved during "Bermuda '89" has been earned through the courage and sacrifices you all have made. Throughout the years to come, this book, like an old coin, will increase in value.

THE PELICANS ARE NUMBER ONE!

XO CDR J. R. CANNON, USN



Message from the Executive officer: Someday a number of years from now, you will open this book and relive the spring of 1989. Joining the Pelican team has been the highlight of my time in the Navy. Every member of VP-45 is a true professional and I could not be prouder to be a part of this squadron. If we could win every award the Navy had for outstanding squadrons, it would fall short of commending the little things this squadron has done:

- Taking care of shipmates
- Raising the spirits of those who are down
- Helping those who are sick
- Welcoming new arrivals in style
- Saying goodbye to good shipmates

You have done all this and more, the little things that make great squadrons and good friends.

To me, what makes this deployment and this cruisebook the best: Every Pelican is represented and we brought them all home . . . safe.

Where were you in the spring of 1989?

CMC AVCM R. A. HAGER, USN



Message from the Command Master Chief:

I am inspired by and am deeply proud of the men and women whose images fill this book. This is who we are, where we were, and what we did: A unique assemblage of individuals in strange and exotic places, carrying out a demanding mission with dramatically outstanding results. From the people who fix the airplanes to the people who fly them to the people who support all of us in these endeavors - this is our squadron. We worked hard and we played hard. We laughed and we cried. We went to all these places and we did our jobs and we did them exceptionally well. You and I, we did this together. So look back in the years to come and remember where we were and what we did, and be very proud. WE ARE THIS SQUADRON and this was OUR deployment. Let us all enjoy these memories, We earned them.



VP 45 CHANGE OF COMMAND



CDR William B. Evers relieved CDR Charles Dale as Commanding Officer of VP 45 on 14 April, 1989 at NAS Bermuda.

In keeping with the rich heritage of Naval tradition, Squadron personnel turned to and ensured that the ceremony was both formal and impressive. The hangar was decked with flags and pennants, and guests were entertained by a rousing program played by members of the U. S. Navy Band.

Captain Richard Norwood opened the ceremony, and RADM Jon S. Coleman delivered an address congratulating CDR Dale on the various, outstanding achievements during his command.

The admiral praised the success of the Squadron's "home cycle" during which they completed the transition to the P3C Update III system, the first squadron on the East Coast to do so. The squadron had worked rigorously to ensure that the system would be operating in time to demonstrate its capabilities on station.

The admiral also mentioned the Squadron's dedication to off-duty volunteerism encouraged by the Navy's Personal Excellence Program. Each Saturday, members of VP 45 devoted a number of hours to the Saturday Scholars Program at Green Cove Springs.

After the proceedings, families and guests were treated to a tour of "PATRON BERMUDA."



GOODBYE JAX



Thumbs up, all systems go.

There was a good deal of excitement and a few tearful farewells as the squadron embraced family and friends and departed for the atlantic paradise of Bermuda. After an overnight delay, the whole crew was more than ready to demonstrate their capabilities; both in the Atlantic and on Bermuda's beautiful beaches.



Well, let's go, guys.

CDR Dale says goodbye to his wife.



HELLO BERMUDA



Setting up shop.

Hey, they told me to pack everything!



WHY ME?



Nice work if you can get it.



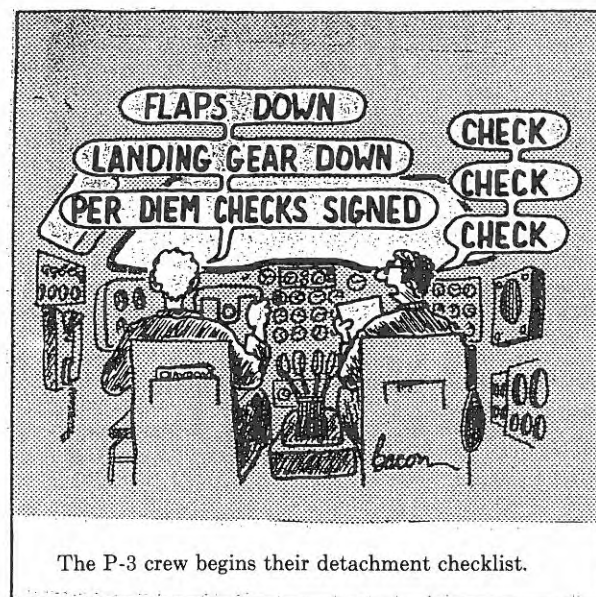
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Hey, that plane looks familiar.



PELICANS ON DET

CAC 4 at BLAUJOLL in Iceland



The P-3 crew begins their detachment checklist.



KEFLAVIK

LTJG Craig LOVES Keflavik



No sooner had VP 45 arrived in Bermuda before we were "on the road again." Pelican aircrews and maintenance personnel spent more than half the six month deployment on det, to such exotic locales as Keflavik, Roosy Roads, Lajes, Machrihanish, Thule, Kinloss, and St. Mawgan.



ROOSEVELT ROADS





**KINLOSS
ST MAWGANS
MACHRIHANISH**

Och, its nae cold, its your imagination,

Bonnie Scotland; a land of great golf courses and a wee dram of the good stuff to warm your cockles after touring those drafty castles.



LAJES



Try to avoid those granite clouds!

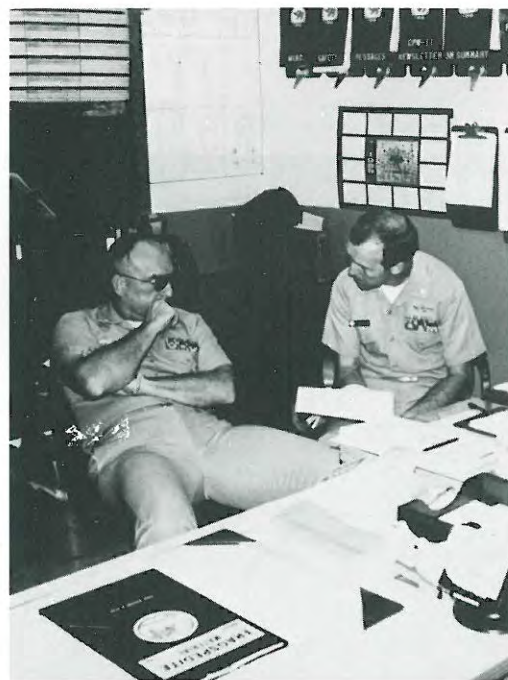
You take the high road and I'll take the low;
and God help us if we get a flat.

HOLE IN A HUNDRED CLUB!



PATCHWORK FARMLAND



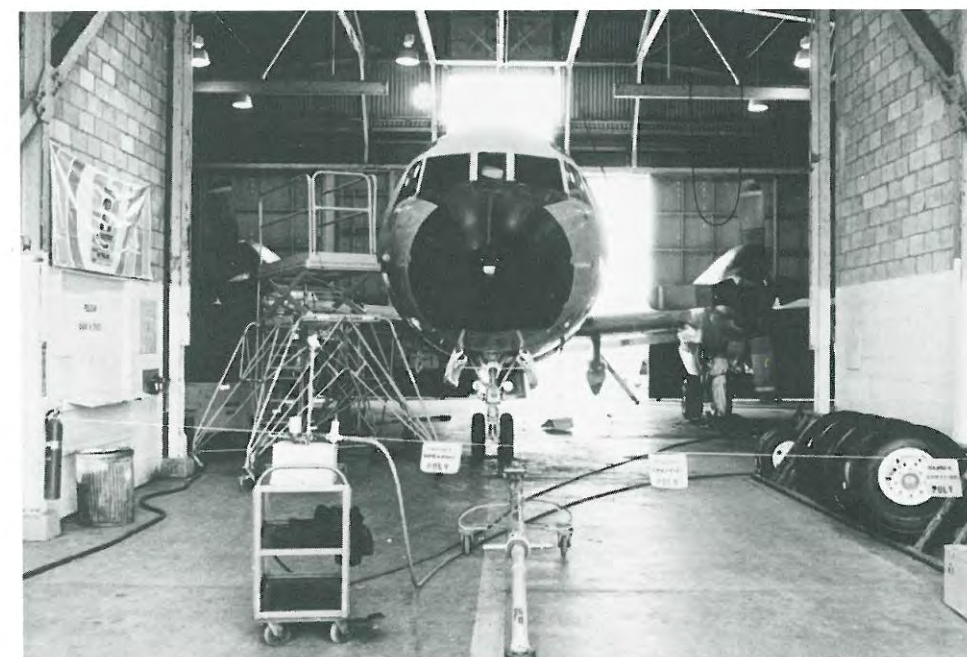


Maintenance Officer: LCDR George Haffey
 AMO: LT Wilson/LT Shea
 MMCO: LT Lile
 MCO: CWO Oglesby/CWO Sanders
 Maintenance Master Chief: AVCM Walston



The maintenance department proved itself to be the work horse of the squadron, working round the clock and at det sites to ensure that the P3C Update III would surpass all expectations while operating on station. However this dedicated bunch also found time to live a little and turn out in force for sporting events. Thanks for the hard work guys ... and thanks for keeping us up nights.

MAINTENANCE





Maintenance Control: AVCM Walston, AVCM Baker, ATCS Broach, AMHC Lowe, AEC Fitzpatrick, AZ1 Huckaby, AZ2 Feathers, AZ3 Jones, AA Cunningham, AZ2 Swider, CWO Oglesby, CWO Sanders



QA

ADCS Hayes, AD1 Gentry AT1 Poland, AO1 Pittard, AD1 Goodrich, AMH1 Martin, AZ1 Young, AE2 Frausto, AZ2 McLendon, LT Cramp



MAINTENANCE CONTROL

MEDICAL

LT Carney, HM1 Merriman, HM2 Brown, HM3 Vaughn

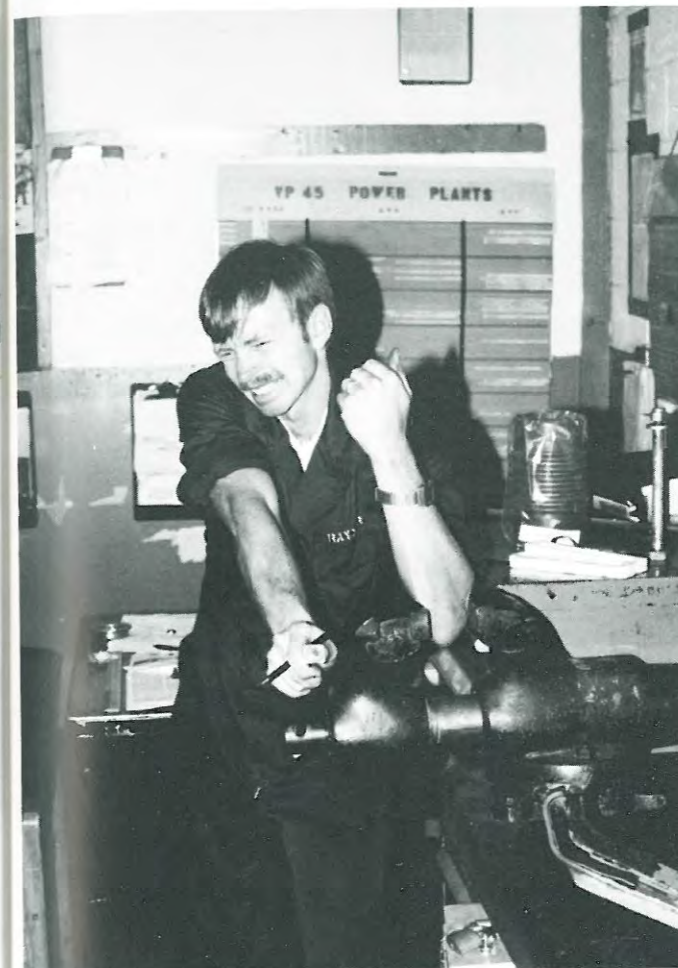
MATERIAL CONTROL



LTJG Rhie, ATCS Tomski, AO1 Blackmon, AK1 Henderson, AK2 Mucha, AK2 Halyard, AK3 Douglas, AK3 Olmstead, AK3 Lee



POWER PLANTS



LTJG S. Brown, ADCS Rivera, AD1 Cooper, AD1 Raymer, AD2 Berrios, AD2 Mierkey, AD2 Dewaart, AD2 Clements, AD2 Cerge, AD2 Duckworth, AD3 Beeskau, AD3 Floyd, ADAN Yoh, ADAN Dugas, ADAN Uryasz, AN Wells, AA Barrett





AMSC Duprel, AMH2 Arden, AMS2 Lilly, AMS2 Williams, AMS2 Nicholson, AMS2 Tucker, AMH3 Schubert, AMH3 Harbels, AMS3 Tastad, AMSAN Curl, AMHAN Sandovol, AMSAN Hendrix, AN Tracy, ENS Jalali, LT Farren



TRON SHOP



AIRFRAMES



ATC Judd, AT1 Phillips, AT1 Bailey, AX2 Voils, AX2 Hardy, AX2 Murphy, AT2 Bilsback, AT2 LaFlamme, AT2 Nichols, AT2 Thompson, AT2 English, AT2 Swartz, AT2 Wilkes-Parker, AT2 Sullivan, AT2 Bell, AT3 Costea, AT3 Shea, AX3 Veres, AX3 Cole, ATAN Royse, LTJG Simmeth



ELECTRICIANS

AEC Harrelson, AE1 Chrisman, AE1 Picard, AE1 Davila, AE2 Williams, AE2 Varela, AE2 Capps, AE2 Bowers, AE2 Kelley, AE2 Gettings, AE3 Ryan, AE3 Hermann, AN Edgington, AN Makey, AN Green, LT Lebrede



PR/AME



AMHC Driver, PR1 Schaefer, AME1 Glasgow, AME3 Mitchell, PR2 Quinquinio, AME3 Herron, AME3 Kinworthy, AME3 Simmons, PR3 Mize, LT Updike





ORDNANCE



AOC Williams, AO1 Carroll, AO1 Brunson, AO2 Schwake, AO2 Molick, AO2 Oldham, AO3 West, AO3 Daly, AO3 Miller, AOAN Phillips, AOAN Comes, AOAN Elliott, LT Wileman

CORROSION

AMSC Gibson, AMS2 Karas, AMS3 Maxton, AO3 Day, AD3 Brewer, AN Smith, AN Montes, AN Chen, AN Confrey, AA Milikan, LTJG T. Smith





ADC Wallis, ASC Wathen, AS1 Slayden, AN Cluxton, AOAN Sayre, AN Cook, AN Twillie, AMS3 Arnold, AN Nelson, AN McMullin, LTJG Hill



LINE



AN Kannair, ADAN Casanova, AMSAN Matse, AN Hamilton, AN Jones, AM-HAA Harroun, LT Weiss, LTJG J. Brown



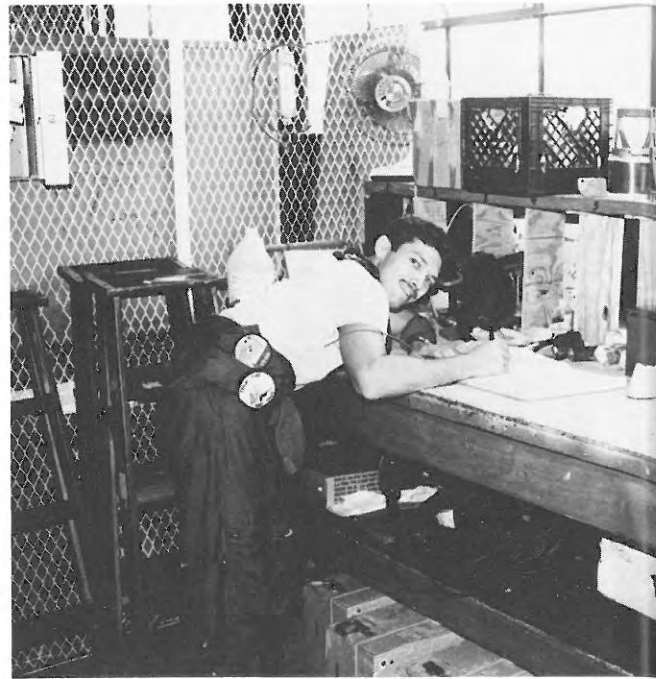
AIMD



AX1 Wollin, AT2 Mann, AT2 Paulson, AT3 Pearsall, AT3 Walters, ATAN Reeves, ATAN Prescott, ATAN Plittstrong, ATAN Hardin, AE3 Etter, AE3 Badgeley, AMH3 Staples



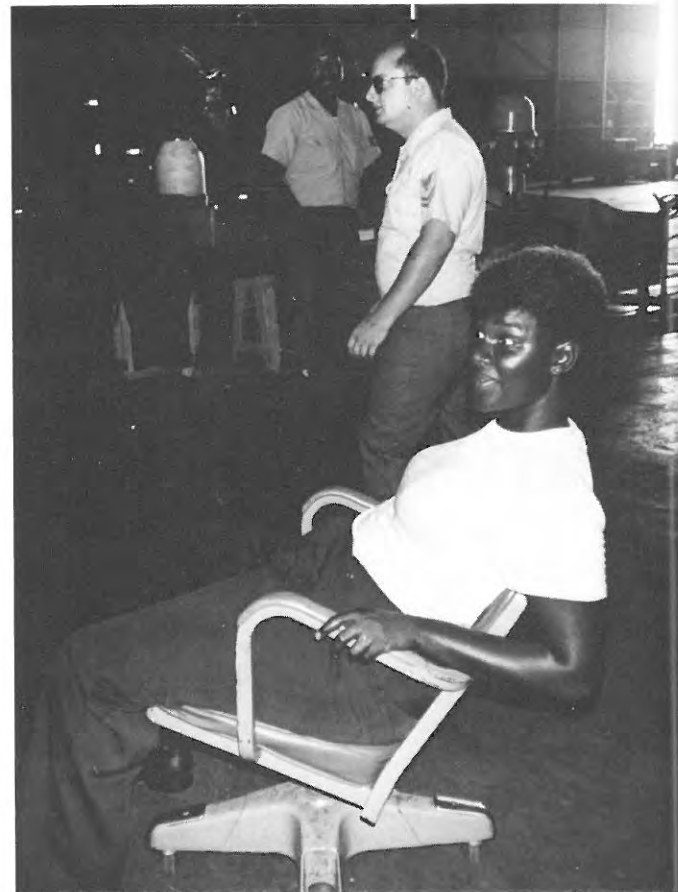
AMS3 Thomas, AMS3 Nuss, AD1 Jackson, AD3 Brewer, AD3 Goyette, AO3 Cook, PRAN Fox



CHILLIN'



HARD AT WORK



Hey, this wash rack assignment turned out to be a really good deal. I get to work on my tan during working hours.





Where did they all go?

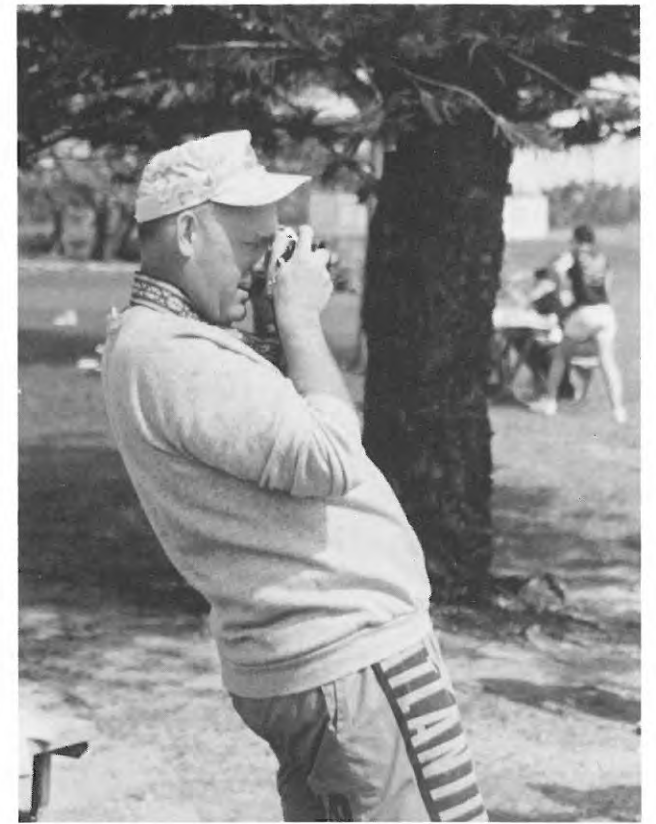


Don't worry, we have everything under control.



Maintenance on deployment could be many things, but it was seldom dull. Despite sometimes formidable odds, the VP45 Maintenance department kept the Pelicans on top, on time.





Department Heads
Operations Officer: LCDR Cotton/
LCDR McLaughlin
Tactics Officer: LCDR Thielemann
Training Officer: LCDR Johnson



PINK PALACE



Admin Officer: LCDR Corini
Command Services Officer: LT Waagbo
Safety Natops Officer: LCDR Brown



OPERATIONS SCHEDULES

Ops/Skeds: LCDR Cotton, LCDR McLaughlin, LCDR Roberts, LT Buck, LT Ladner, LT Randolph, LTJG Napolitano, AWC Rowe, YN2 Weaver, YN2 Lockett, LTJG Wiemann



Yes sir, I believe your shoes are shinier than mine



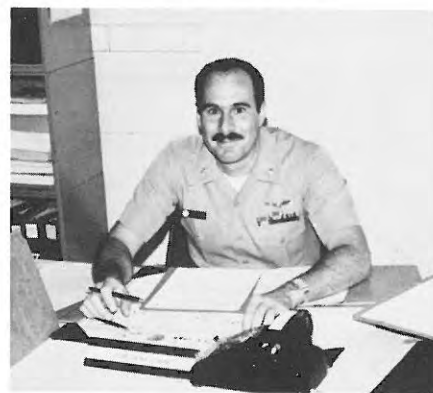
S A F E T Y N A T O P S



Safety/Natops Dept: LCDR Brown, LT Degennaro, LT Hollingsworth, LT Vogel, LT Greenwood, LT Taylor, AX1 Bellwood, AE1 Chrisman, AO1 Riley, AW2 Booth, AW1 Bernier, AD1 Moore, AD1 Lyda, LT Heckler



ADMIN



Admin Dept: "We put out fires"
 LCDR Corini, LT Shea, LT Cooney, YNC
 Eberheart, YN2 Weaver, YN2 McInnis,
 YN2 Lockett, YN3 Hill, YN3 Stegelman,
 LTJG NOLL, LTJG Peck

U S NAVY

ADMIN! DEPARTMENT



Personnel Dept: LT Fox, LT Tester,
 PN1 Hill, PN2 Carbone, PN3 David,
 PN3 Weber, YN3 Johnson, SN Moreno

PERSONNEL



COMMAND SERVICES



Command Services Dept: LT Waagbo, LT Polarolo, LTJG Craig, LTJG M. Smith, LTJG Linder, LTJG Andrews, PRCM Leighton, ATC DelaCruz

1ST LIEUTENANT/GEEDUNK



1st Lieutenant Div.: LT Hoffner, SH2 Horn, PC3 Martin, AWAN Carroll, SN Moreno, AA Grosklos, AA Sennhenn, AN Werner, AN Sadler
Geedunk: ATC DelaCruz, AZ3 Mullaney, AOAN Spicer, AN Kenney, AMH3 Lunn, AN Stancell, AN Carter, AN Wells

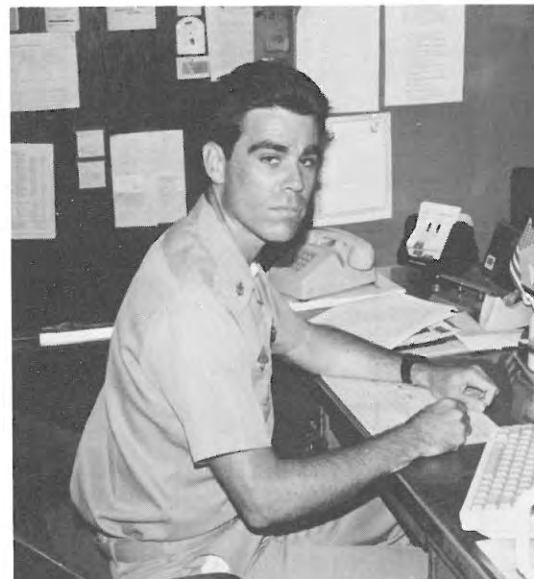
HRO/DAPA Career Counselor



HRO
LT T. E. Polarolo

DAPA
ATC Farrell

Career Counselor
NCC Bedford



LEGAL SERVICES

Legal Officers
LT Vince Estornell
Lt Jim Reed

Legal Yeoman
YN3 Regina Johnson



TRAINING

Training Dept: LCDR Johnson, LT Davies, LT Cochran, LT Reynolds, LTJG M. Smith, LT Furtner, LT Reinhardt, LT Hudson

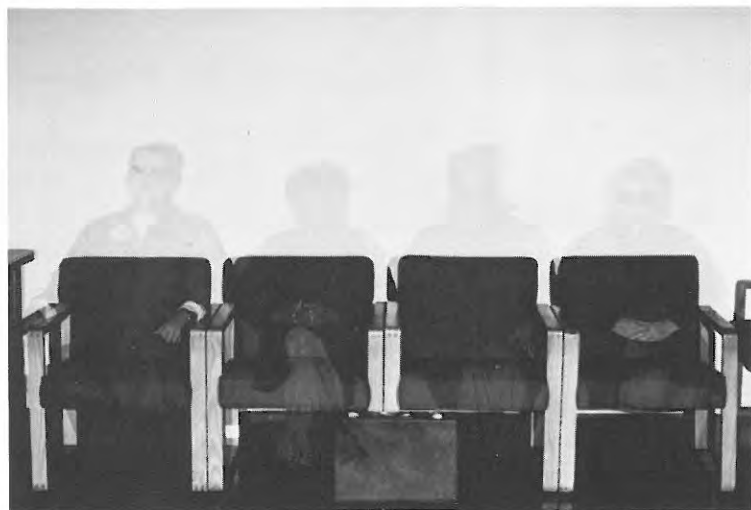


AW SHOP



AW Shop: AWCS Littlefield, AWC Culbertson, AWC Cates, AW1 Vance, AW1 Parra, AW1 Bernier, AW1 Ray, AW1 Rawdin, AW1 Brock, AW2 Booth, AW2 Dill, AW2 Dreyer, AW2 Ellis, AW2 Fesenmyer, AW2 Henderson, AW2 Hicks, AW2 Keil, AW2 Luce, AW2 Neely, AW2 Ontiveros, AW2 Provost, AW2 Seals, AW2 Williams, AW3 Bryan, AW3 Gottschalk, AW3 Garuti, AW3 Hansknecht, AW3 McCluskey, AW3 Mulcahey, AW3 Overton, AW3 Ormanowski, AW3 Peele, AW3 Royse, AW3 Sullivan, AWAN Carroll, AWAN Gifford, AWAN Hill, AWAN Huff, AWAN Nunnally, AWAN Rogers, AWAN Sanchez





TACTICS AIO/COMM

Tactics: LCDR Thielemann, Lt Vowell, Lt Hudson, Lt Horgan, LTJG Davis, LTJG Klein, AWC Cates, AW2 Dill, AW1 Ray

AIO: Ens Daugherty, IS1 Jones, PH3 Sorah, ISSN Howard

COMM: LT Thorpe, LT McKinney, LTJG Cramer, PC3 Martin, AZC Cyr, YN1 Stegall, YN3 White, YN2 Fields, AW3 Peele



DET OFFICE TAD

DET OFFICE: AT1 Cole, PN3 Vandiver, ATAN Dodson, AD1 Baynum,

TAD PERSONNEL: AO1 Fletcher, AX2 Sipho, AO3 Haddock, AZ3 Westberry, AK3 Jackson, AK3 Henning, AN Johnson, AA Ritterhouse, AA Campbell, AMSAA Bowen, AE3 Guillory, AD3 Barnhart, AN Holly, AEAA Eskridge, AXAA Poindexter, AXAR McCloud, PR3 Glick, DK3 Musselwhite, DK2 Hendricks, MS2 Bryant, MSSN Atkins, PH2 Burge





AIRCREW



COMBAT AIRCREW ONE



PATRON BERMUDA



CDR CHARLIE DALE
 CDR JAMES "BOOMER" CANNON
 LCDR GEORGE J. THIELEMANN
 LT NICHOLAS "NEEBA" BUCK
 LT MARK "REINO" REINHARDT
 LTJG TIMOTHY J. SMITH
 LTJG MARTIN J. CRAMER
 AWCS DONALD L. LITTLEFIELD
 ADCS ALFREDO RIVERA
 AMSC MICHAEL A. DUPREL
 ATC PATRICK R. FARRELL
 AO1 TIMOTHY O. BLACKMON
 AW2 TIMOTHY "BOOFUS" BOOTH
 AW2 RICHARD B. HICKS
 AWAN BARTON E. HUFF
 AWAN DANIEL "D.J." CARROLL

COMBAT AIRCREW TWO



CDR WILLIAM B. EVERS
 LT JAMES W. L. HUDSON
 LT VINCENT R. ESTORNELL
 LT ROBIN T. WILEMAN
 LTJG PAUL D. HILL
 LTJG JON S. DAVIS
 AW1 BRIAN W. RAY
 AW2 BARRY D. FASENMYER
 AT2 MARVIN D. NICHOLS
 AO2 CLIFFORD SCHWAKE
 AE2 RICHARD J. SKORUSA
 AMS2 JEFFREY N. TUCKER
 AW3 KERRY A. HANSKNECHT

COMBAT AIRCREW THREE



CAC 3 demonstrates their form



LCDR GENE "GENO" CORINI
 LT SCOTT "ROCKSTAR" DAVIES
 LT SCOTT "STINKY" VOGEL
 LTJG MIKE "NAPPY" NAPOLITANO
 LTJG FRANK "OZARK" ANDREWS, JR
 AE1 GARY W. CHRISMAN
 AO1 WILLIAM "PITBULL" PITTARD
 AMS1 KERRY W. REDGATE
 AW2 BRIAN C. DILL
 AX2 RANDALL "MURF" MURPHY
 AW3 DAVE M. OVERTON
 AW3 GREGORY S. PEELE
 AWAN TY A. ROGERS

COMBAT AIRCREW FOUR



Below: CAC 4 defends the perimeter at Kinloss, Scotland



LT CHARLES T. HOLLINGSWORTH
 LT MICHAEL "RUDY" RANDOLPH
 LT TODD "BULL" POLAROLO
 LT JAMES "COONDOG" COONEY
 LTJG JAMES "YURI" LINDER
 AWC DOUGLAS V. DRIVER
 AWC JOHN "J.B." ROWE
 AX1 TIMOTHY "CRANK" BELLWOOD
 AO3 PAUL L. ELLIOTT
 AW3 CHARLES J. MULCAHEY
 AW3 DOUGLAS A. NUNNALLY
 AMSAN PERRY C. HOFFMAN

LCDR GEORGE G. BROWN
 LT ROBERT A. DEGENNARO
 LT BRIAN D. TESTER
 LTJG GARY L. SIMMETH
 LTJG MICHAEL D. SMITH
 AD1 DAVID P. KEATING
 AE1 STEPHEN D. THRASH
 AT2 DAVID A. LAFLAMME
 AW2 BRIAN P. SEALS
 AW3 CHRISTOPHER RAULS
 AWAN WILLIAM D. HILL



An O-in-C's job is never done



COMBAT AIRCREW FIVE



Beer is good food

LT YO S. HOFFNER
 LT MARK L. VOWELL
 LT MORGAN P. LADNER
 LTJC JOHN R. TAYLOR
 LTJG DAVID N. KLEIN
 AOC JERRY WILLIAMS
 AD1 DAVID E. MOORE
 AD1 ROBERT C. WERTH
 AW2 WILLIAM R. ELLIS
 AT2 WILLIAM THOMPSON JR
 AW3 RUSSELL SULLIVAN
 AWAN CARMELO SANCHEZ



COMBAT AIRCREW SIX



LCDR DAVID J. JOHNSON
 LT DAVID J. WAAGBO
 LT MARKS R. GREENWOOD
 LTJG JAMES C. BROWN
 LTJG WILLIAM C. NOLL
 LTJG JAMES E. REED
 AD1 LEE C. BRIDGES
 AW1 CLAUDE F. BROCK
 AD1 MICHAEL W. GENTRY
 AT2 LEE J. BELL
 AW2 ALLEN D. LUCE
 AW2 RICKEY L. PROVOST
 AW3 JOSEPH P. BRYAN
 AOAN JOSEPH T. PHILLIPS

LCDR GEORGE F. HAFHEY
 LT ROBERT J. SHEA
 LT WALTER G. RYON III
 LT DOUGLAS R. HUDSON
 LT THOMAS M. UPDYKE
 AD1 JERRY R. LANKTON JR.
 AT1 RONALD A. POLAND
 AW1 MELVIN E. RAWDIN JR.
 AW3 DAVID M. GOTTSCHALK
 AO3 MATTHEW J. MILLER
 AW3 JAMES A. ORMANOSKI



Hear no evil, see no evil . . . maybe

COMBAT AIRCREW SEVEN



COMBAT AIRCREW EIGHT

LT. HILTON J. COCHRAN
 LT MICHAEL J. KELLY
 LT NICHOLAS LEBREDO
 LT ERIC E. FOX
 LTJG MARK A. SMITH
 AWC TIMOTHY CATES
 ADC WAYNE J. CLARK
 AW1 GREGORY P. BERNIER
 AO1 MICHAEL L. RILEY
 AW2 MARK NEELY
 AT2 RUSSELL G. SWARTZ
 AE2 DANIEL VARELA
 AWAN ROBERT E. GIFFORD JR.



LCDR STEPHEN J. ROBERTS
 LT WILLIAM L. THORPE
 LTJG STEPHEN F. BROWN
 LTJG JOHN M. WIEMANN
 LTJG THOMAS L. PECK
 LTJG DOUGLAS A. BOERMAN
 AO1 TIMOTHY CARROLL
 AE1 ANGEL R. DAVILA
 AMH1 MILTON G. LEONHART
 AX2 DAVID G. HARDY
 AW2 ROLAND T. KEIL
 AW2 TIM ONTIVEROS
 AW3 WILLIAM T. ROYSE



Left: Regulators in the great white north

COMBAT AIRCREW NINE



Left: Which way did he say it was to Lajes?

COMBAT AIRCREW TEN

COMBAT AIRCREW ELEVEN



LT. GORDON C. MCKINNEY
 LT THOMAS F. FURTNER
 LTJG ROBERT M. CRAIG
 LTJG KURT B. JOHNSON
 AVCM RICHARD L. BAKER
 ATC LAWRENCE L. JUDD
 AO1 HOWARD L. BRUNSON
 AW1 MARK S. VANCE
 AW2 MARK T. DREYER
 AW2 DONALD HENDERSON
 AE2 MARK RIDGE
 AW2 DOUGLAS C. WILLIAMS



COMBAT AIRCREW TWELVE

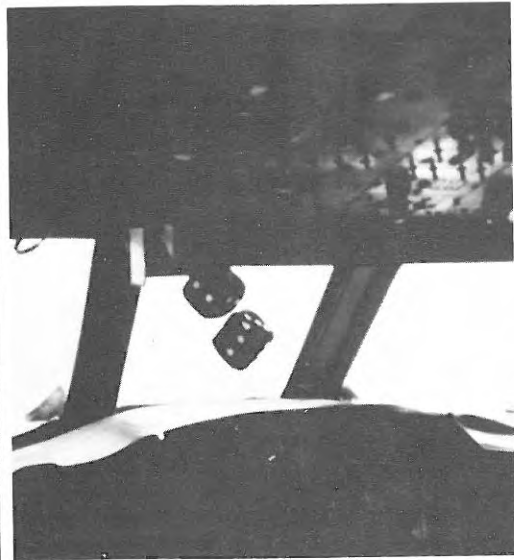


CAC 12 TACCO's
 Regular Station



LCDR LAWRENCE S. COTTON
 LT DANIEL K. HORGAN
 LT STEVEN B. WEISS
 LT CHRISTOPHER S. REYNOLDS
 LT RICHARD B. FARREN
 AEC HAROLD VANDIVER
 AW1 FRANCISCO PARRA
 AE2 DAVID B. CAPPS
 AD2 PIETER C. DEWAART
 AX2 TIMOTHY A. VERES
 AW3 ALLEN D. MCCLUSKEY
 AWAN DOUGLAS C. KELLY
 AOAA ANTHONY C. COMES

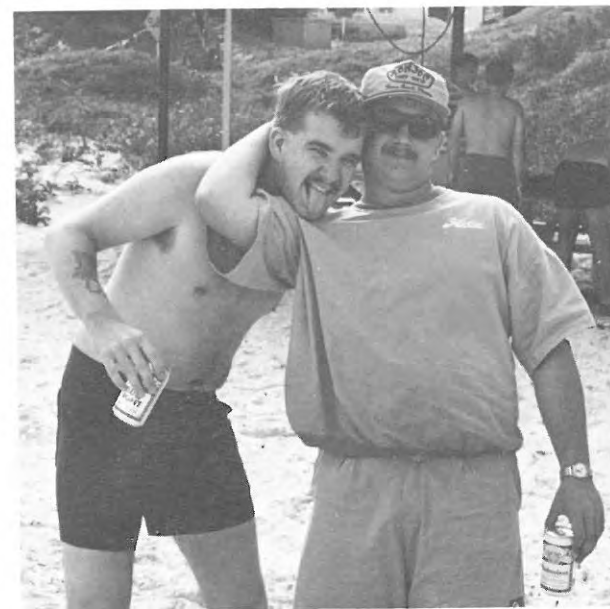




Below: One of the lesser known Update III improvements



NAS Bermuda Cycle club



S.O.P. Pelican Beach Ops



Below: Also S.O.P. Pelican Beach Ops



CAC 5's home away from home (left)





There was more than one way to relax in Bermuda, for the over-achievers there were plenty of sporting activities; team and individual, water and land. Lucky for many Doc Merriman was a great sportsman.



Those who preferred the sedentary life could always find good company, good food, and someone with an ear for old fish tales.

AT EASE



Running was a great way to see Bermuda and get fit at the same time, but if you really had guts you hitched a ride on a moped with our favorite duty driver, Rachael Johnson, and hoped you lived to tell the tale.



PELICAN SPORTS



One of the many things to do in Bermuda

Are we there yet?



And how did this get on the sports page? Because the guys who owned them were not good sports!



Is there a sailor in the house?

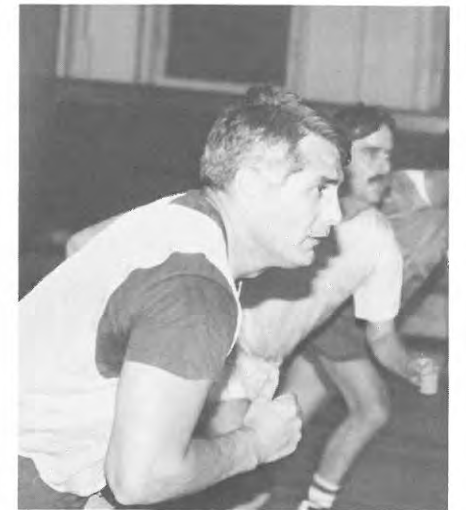


Ist. Annual Lajes ASW International Open.



On the Green again.

PELICAN SPORTS



Deployment pace kept us all pretty busy but our time off was hardly spent idle. Pelicans excelled at basketball, softball, volleyball, golf, fitness, and many other sporting pursuits.



VP WEEK



VP WEEK was a welcome break in June as the Pelicans invited friends and loved ones to Bermuda for a week of fun in the sun.



PARTIES

Club Med had already closed its beaches and hung up its beads by the time VP 45 arrived. Did that deter the PELICANS FROM HELL? @*!!, NO! Not a single, non-working moment was wasted; no chicken was spared, and not a single beer remained on the store shelf to tell the story of how the PELICANS outclassed Spuds. Thanks to Master Chief Hager, the P.F.F.P.F.H.F.M. parties were outrageous.



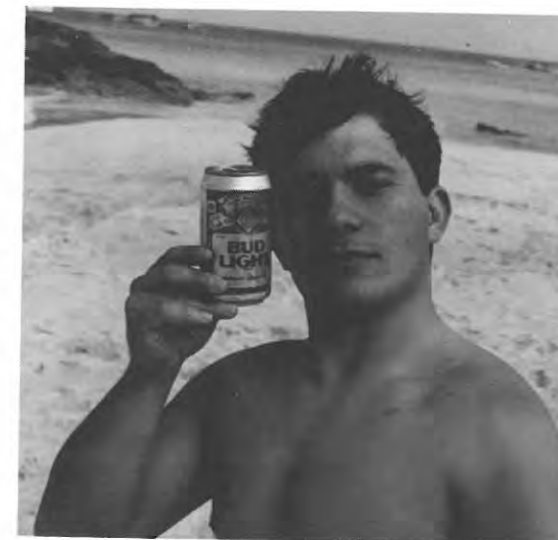
CATCHING SOME RAYS.



What! Another beach party.



Not the beach exactly, but it will have to do.



Aaah . . . there is nothing like a Bud Light in the sun.

PICNIC AT THE BEACH



Take your Geritol, drink your prune juice, and call me in the morning.

Doc. Carney

LIFE'S A BREEZE





What do you think guys?
Was it a plane or a Helo?

Yes, it is unbelievable - but
AW's do know how to apply sun-
tan lotion.



Hey, Skipper. Were you really drinking coke?



Look what steroids can do for you.

An original from Master Chief's photo album.



Practicing for the Variety Show



Happy to be together during VP Week.



Oh, No!
Not another Pelican joke.



The Canadians LOVE Pelican
Punch

PELICANS FROM HELL



CATCHING SOME RAYS



Bermuda 2nd Generation 4 out of 4 pilots ... Hey, ... where's the NFO?



GO AHEAD,
use my beer to rinse off

Skipper Dale, AKA Gen Patton, gets CDR Evers into shape!



BERMUDA FROM THE AIR



A BERMUDA "BOBBY"

LIFE IN BERMUDA



After six long months, the Bermuda deployment finally came to an end. Although glad to be returning to their families, the Pelicans brought home memories to last a long time . . . or at least until the next deployment.



COMING HOME



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