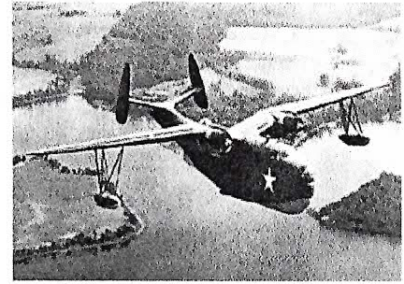


PATRON FOUR-FIVE ASSOCIATION

Pelican Post



JULY 2011 NL#46

From the President.....

Fellow Pelicans: The January 2011 Newsletter requested members to submit their choice for the location of the 2012 reunion from those sites selected at the 2010 reunion business meeting participants. The Gulf Coast area of Mobile, Pensacola and Gulfport-Biloxi has been selected as the 2012 Reunion Location. Details of association member selection choices are included in this Newsletter. Reunion planners are in process of contacting several area Hotels for the best deal.

During the 2010 Association Business Meeting a motion was made and unanimously approved to donate \$5000.00 to support the Naval Aviation Museum Foundation National Flight Academy. Mort Eckhouse presented the check to the President and CEO Naval Aviation Museum Foundation. Details of the Patron Four Five In February of this year the association formed an Arts Committee to commission an original P-3 oil painting denoting a VP-45

P-3 to be donated to the National Museum of Naval Aviation in Pensacola. The entire project is headed by Association Member Bill Hobgood and is being fully funded through the sale of original prints. Details are included in an article in this issue.

The Association has established a Nominating Committee for the purpose of selecting Association Officers to be installed during the 2012 reunion. Any member who is interested in filling the leadership positions, please contact any Association Officer to have your name placed before the Nomination Committee contact Gene Graham who has accepted the role of Chairman of the Search/Nominating Committee. The association is still looking for a volunteer to fill the elusive position of Webmaster.

BUCK



In Memoriam

***Those who have made
their last takeoff ...***

William (Bill) G. Eaton



Commander William (Bill) G. Eaton, USN (Ret.) died on January 25, 2011 in Virginia Beach, VA. Born in Charleston, SC, March 26, 1922, he graduated from the Hamburg, NY, public school system in June 1940 and entered the US Navy where he won an appointment to the US Naval Academy. He graduated from the Naval Academy in June 1944 with the class of 1945.

In World War II he served as gunnery officer aboard the USS Blue, DD744, and USS Marshall, DD676. After a number of surface ship assignments he entered flight training and received his wings in September 1949 at Pensacola, FL. Additional Navy assignments included Patrol Squadrons VP21 in Patuxent River, MD, and VP45 in Coco Solo, Panama. Bill served in VP45 from 1954 to 1956; the NROTC Unit at the University of South Carolina in Columbia; the USN Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA, where he earned a Master's Degree in Physics; the CNO staff at the Pentagon; and the CINCLANTFLT staff in Norfolk, VA.

After retiring from the Navy in 1965, he worked for Northrop Corporation until 1972, where he proudly contributed to the first manned lunar landing. He then embarked on a twenty-five-year career teaching mathematics and science in the Norfolk and Virginia Beach public school systems and at Tidewater Community College.

Bill is survived by his wife of 66 years, Sally C. Eaton; his daughter, Isabel Pollard and husband Ken of Virginia Beach, and two sons, William and wife Ann of Virginia Beach and Robert and wife Marty Daly of Santa Fe, N.M.

Bill was a member of the USNA Alumni Association, of the VP21 and VP 45 Squadron Associations, and, for over 40 years, of Old Donation Episcopal Church in Virginia Beach.

Harvey Dubay

Harvey Edmund Dubay 77, of Danielson died Sunday, January 9, 2011 at UMAS Memorial following complication from pneumonia. He was born in Connor, Maine on April 19, 1933, son of the late Levi and Alma Dubay. He is survived by his wife, Carolina Dubay, and their three children, Anne Dauphinais and husband Dale (Duffy), Dale Dubay, and Maria Smith and her husband Kim, all residents of northeastern Connecticut. He leaves behind five grandchildren, Tara Swagger and her husband Seth, Destani Danis, Jacob Danis, Joel Danis, and his fiancée Gina Phaiyah, and Levi Smith, and well as his great granddaughter Paisley Danis. He was one of ten children and is survived by Pearl Dubay, Kenneth Dubay and his wife Mary, and Bonnie Brennan. He proudly served 22 years in the U. S. Navy and retired in 1974 as Chief Petty Officer. He founded Dubay's tractor Center, LLC in Danielson in 1976. In recent years he managed the business with his son and

Harvey Dubay (Cont)

continued to enjoy doing some welding and fabricating. he was an avid hunter fisherman, gardener, and storyteller. Known for his generosity to his family and friends, he was a hard working man who was deeply devoted to his family. A private memorial service will be held in the spring. In lieu of flowers please make donations to the American Heart Association. To share a memory with his family "Light a Candle" at www.gagnonandcostellofh.com.

Antone Testa

Passed from Mike Testa on 19 March 2011 on the passing of his Dad, Antone Testa. To Dick Gray via the VP45 Association website. "Can't say how good it was to see your response to my note. Ill get you what pictures we have in the next couple of months. Mom's going to help me get it going for you all. Laid Dad to rest at Riverside National Cemetery. Hard part was calling his navy buddies." E-mail: miketesta55@aol.com

Andrew Sinclair

Passed from PJ Imhof. Please be advised of the death of Captain Andrew Sinclair, USN, Ret. on 29 May 2011. (Ed. Note. In our last Newsletter, Andy Sinclair went to great lengths to remember his wife and her passing, this is truly a sad turn of events. If we do find the obituary, I will include it as an addendum in the next Newsletter.)

Capt. Sinclair was a member and in charge of the US Navy Room in the Bermuda Maritime Museum. He was a lifetime member of our organization. This information was relayed to me from VP-45 Association member Don Porter, initially from another Association member, Ken Henneberger, who resides in Bermuda and was a very close friend of Mr. Sinclairs. I tried to get the obit from a Bermuda paper, but no luck, so far. I (PJ) will continue trying. Mr. Sinclair's wife died a short while ago. I know that he had a daughter.

Mrs. Freda Schweitzer (Wife of Deceased Member Vance Schweitzer)

Freda Schweitzer of Carlsbad, passed away Monday, January 10, 2011. She was born April 27, 1921 in Mattoon, Illinois. Freda left college after one year to join Skelly Oil Co. until she was married. She was married to Vance A. Schweitzer for 61 years, a retired Navy officer and retiree of TRW Inc. He preceded her in death. Freda was a lifelong Catholic and member of her parish women's organization. She had a way of making friends wherever she went that lasted a lifetime. She loved being a Navy spouse and also became a community activist. Her favorite pastimes were golf, sewing, and knitting. Freda is survived by Vance Jr. and Maureen, Byron B. Schweitzer, Janet and Kirk LaPlante, Joan and Bill Ames; along with nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. A Memorial Mass was celebrated at 11 a.m., Saturday, April 9, at Church of St. Thomas More in Oceanside. Memorial donations may be made to the Children's Cardiology Foundation, 2111 Palomar Airport Rd., Ste 330, Carlsbad, Calif. 92011, www.childrenscardiologymuseum.org; or CASA, Orange Co., 1615 E. 17th St., Ste 100, Santa Ana, Calif. 92701 or Church of St. Thomas More Building Fund, 1450 S. Melrose Dr., Oceanside, Calif. 92056, 760-758-4100.

Patsy McLaurin (Wife of John C. "Mac" McLaurin)

Passed from PJ Imhof. "As Secretary and Treasurer I'm sorry to pass the following to you: My P-3 co-pilot, John C. (Mac) McLaurin informed me that his wife, Patsy, passed away 14 April 2011. Sweet lady and a great Navy wife, but aren't they all."

Nona Lee Scott (Wife of Robert Scott)

Passed from PJ Imhof. "Talked to Bob Scott (#2454) last nite. First time since 1953. Anyway, his wife passed away in March, 2010.

VP-45 Association to Commission Painting for Naval Aviation Museum

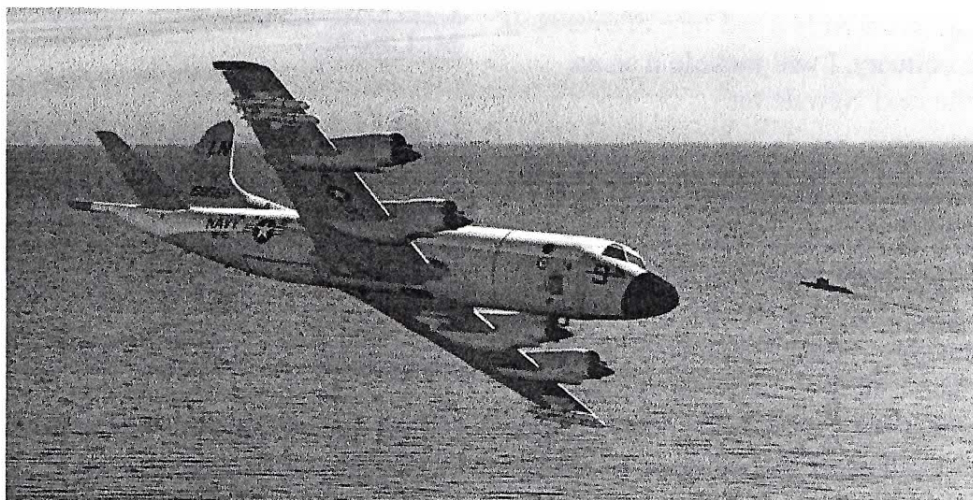
The VP-45 Association has commissioned Peter Wenman, a London based and highly regarded military aviation artist, to paint an original work of art depicting a VP-45 P-3 in peacetime action against a Soviet Juliett Class submarine. The scene will show a P-3C in 70's colors (complete with red dart) turning inbound on a surfaced Juliett with a carrier and a couple escort ships on a sunset horizon in the far background. The P-3 will be LN-9. This is a tribute to the Pelican aircraft LN-9 and the members of Crew 10 that were lost off Argentinia Newfoundland in 1964.

The Association's intention is to donate the original oil artwork to the National Museum of Naval Aviation. The P-3 aircraft, which has helped protect America for nearly 50 years, and all the officers and men who flew this magnificent bird are sorely under-represented among the displays at the Museum. This donation should change that in a small but important way.

One of our members, Bill Hobgood (VP-45 '71 - '74), came up with the idea for the original painting and the donation to the Museum in

Pensacola. After working closely with the artist, he determined that if the VP-45 Association could market a smaller signed, numbered and limited edition print of the original art (likely an edition of about 125 - 150 prints) and sell enough in advance, the revenue from print sales would cover the cost of the original. The original art will be 36" x 18" and the hand signed and numbered prints will be 28" x 14" limited edition print (30" x 17" with borders). Cost of the print is \$95.00 (which includes shipping).

If you have not already ordered and paid for a copy of the print, they will be available for advance order for just a few more weeks. The original should be completed by December 2011 and the prints should be ready for mailing in January of 2012. For more information, contact Bill Hobgood (hobgood.bill@gmail.com) or Buck Jones (bpj1927@yahoo.com). After the print edition is set (total number to be printed) no other copies of this artwork will ever again be available in any size from any seller.



2011 Reunion Group Photos



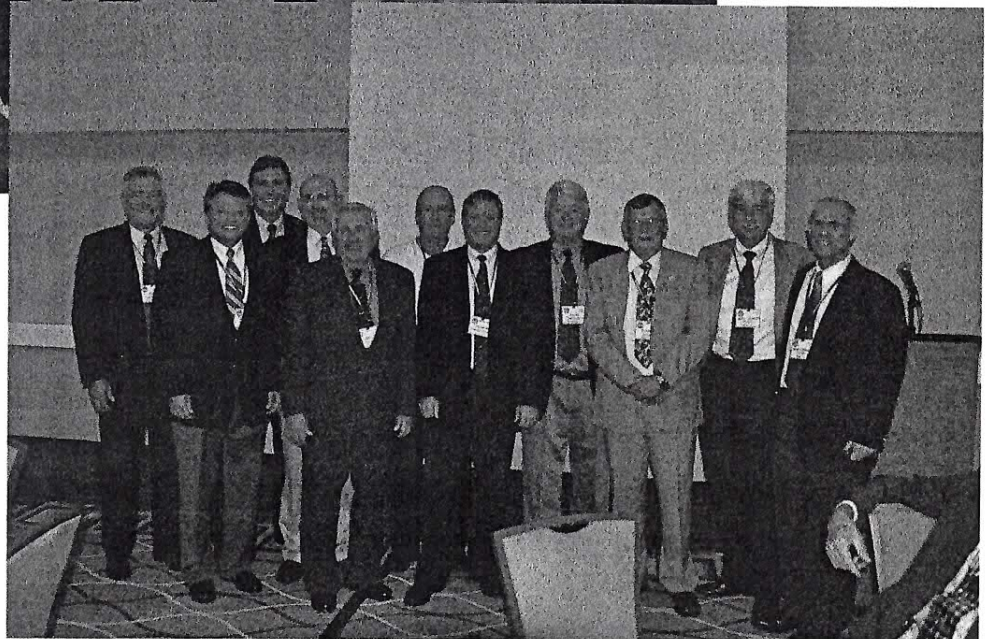
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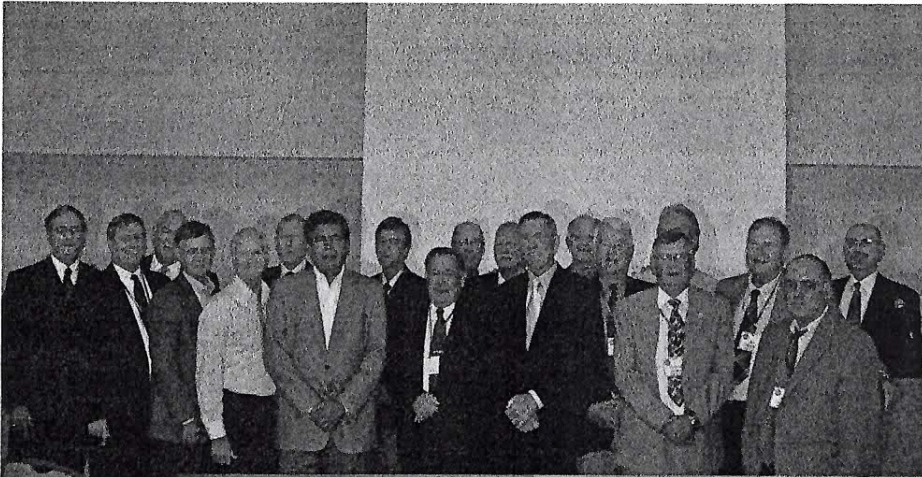


**Current Squadron
Members**



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1970's



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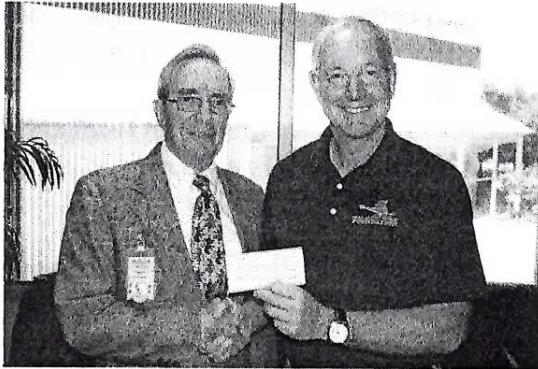
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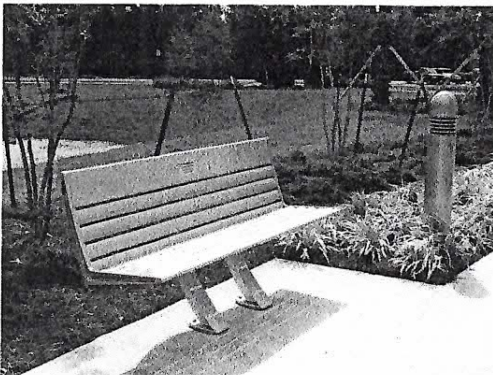


Remembrances

VP-45 Donation and Bench



As authorized by the VP-45 Association Membership at the 2010 Reunion, a check for \$5000.00 was presented to the Naval Aviation Museum Foundation at the National Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola, Florida on the 25th of October 2010. Receiving the check from Mort Eckhouse, on behalf of the National Flight Academy, is VADM (Ret) Gerry Hoewing. As a result, a bench at NAMF was dedicated.



VP45 Bench at NAMF, Pensacola, FL



Inscription on VP45 Bench

From Charles Caldwell

Ahoy Wally! Emily and I had a very wonderful experience visiting with Mary Ann and Paul Loria at their home in Palm Desert in February. We enjoyed reminiscing about our tour in VP-45 which covered the years we were at N. S. Coco Solo in Panama and the Naval Station Bermuda. For those who need reminding, that was over fifty years ago. During the visit, Paul graciously honored our request to view his performances on video of his song and dance routines, some with Mary Ann, in which he sang Louis Prima and Elvis songs at events sponsored locally. We asked



him to excerpt those routines from the production videos, copy them to a separate DVD and bring them to the next reunion to show all the Pelicans how superb his impersonations are. He has agreed to do that, so let all the OLD Pelicans take notice and be sure to attend the next reunion and be wonderfully entertained by a real showman - and let all the younger Pelicans see that some of the "old squadron mates" still have spunk and talent. Paul's folks emigrated from Sicily to New York and Paul joined the Navy after high school at the urging of Mary Ann. He was an Ordnanceman and crewman in EE and LN-3, left the Navy and

went to college under the G. I. Bill to become an Electrical Engineer, owned his own firm and joined Grumman until retiring to Florida. At the recommendation of some of his children who lived in California, he and Mary Ann moved to Sun City Palm Desert, a planned community with golf courses, swimming pools - you name it . They have a beautiful home there, play golf, shoot pool, play softball and perform at the community events among other pursuits. After that visit, Emily and I are wondering why we don't join them at Sun City. We just might do that. Fair skies . . . Charley and Emily Caldwell

And a Final Remembrance:

I am writing this in behalf of my father who is 89 yrs old and has parkinsons disease, he is unable to hold a pen and write but still has a great memories of his flying days. I can remember when we lived in Pauauna in the 50's, I would ride my bike down to ~~the~~ Cocozolo to watch him land the plane in the water, he would favor me with his box lunch.

I'm trying to get him to put some of his stories on cd for others to enjoy.

He was also an artist for the navy, the VP 45 flying Pelican logo was designed by him - he can no longer draw or fly but loves recalling his days (25 yrs) in the Navy.

Pam Matherson

REUNION CHOICE MASTER VOTING LIST

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2	4	1	3	5	As is
2	1	*	*	3	Summer
2	1	3	4	5	No Preference
1	2	3	5	4	September
2	1	3	4	5	Fall
4	5	1	2	3	No Preference
1	2	*	*	*	No Preference
1	2	3	*	*	No Preference
3	1	2	5	4	October
2	1	3	4	5	No Preference
4	1	5	3	2	October
2	1	*	3	*	Fall
5	4	1	2	3	September
1	2	3	*	*	No Preference
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1	2	4	3	5	Spring
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<u>14</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	
<u>26</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>	
<u>57%</u>	<u>72%</u>	<u>28%</u>	<u>22%</u>	<u>21%</u>	

***Asterisk indicates no selection choice made.**

Editor's Note: Thought you'd be interested in the voting that determined this coming year's reunion. Below from our President.

I have received 3 additional any Reunion site choices in the past two weeks. No impact on selection. The top vote choice remains the same. Reunion Choice Master List attached.

Military Reunion Planners (MRP) have determined that Mobile offers the best deals cost wise. I visited two hotels in Mobile last week that have offered preliminary contracts on 2012 reunion. Hotels are the Marriott and Ashbury. The Ashbury has hosted several military reunion and appears to be the most military friendly. Target Date given to MRP for Reunion is week of 15 October with alternate dates one week before and one week after. Ashbury website (www.ashburyhotel.com).

As far as area tours Mobile is approximately one hour (58 miles) from the Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola. Ten minutes from USS Alabama in Mobile Bay. Gambling at several large casinos in Biloxi (60 miles). The Hotel is located on Interstate 65 three miles north of Interstate 10. All travel is on Interstate system. V/R Buck

Patron 45 Reunion 2012 Preliminary Information

The Votes are in, and the location receiving the most votes from our members is the Mobile area, so we are planning for our 2012 Reunion to be held in Mobile, AL. in October. Save the dates: Thursday 18 October through Saturday 20 October. The Tours and events are still a work in progress, but we will definitely offer trips to the National Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola and a visit to the USS Alabama, and other tours (to include the World War II Museum in New Orleans) that are still being checked out. Some of the ones that we are looking at are listed below.

Our Reunion Hotel is in the process of being finalized, and we are still working out Contract details as this Newsletter goes to press. Detailed information on the Reunion will be posted on the Association website and will be in the next newsletter.

Dick Gray

VP/Reunion Coordinator

Tour possibilities:

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AVIATION AT NAS PENSACOLA (6-7 hours)

This is one of the largest aviation museums in the world and one of Florida's *Top 10* attractions. With more than 170 vintage aircraft this 300,000 square foot wonder chronicles more than nine decades of naval aviation. This is a self-paced tour of 2 full museum floors and the historic flight line outside the museum. You may also see a spectacular *IMAX* film on the famous *Blue Angels*, which are headquartered here. Shown on a 60-foot high screen this feature will surely give you goose bumps! (Note: IMAX is optional and not included in price – pay on your own if interested)

****Government issued photo identification (ex. ID card or drivers license) is required to visit NAS Pensacola**

MOBILE CITY TOUR & FORT CONDE (4-5 hours)

Mobile is 300 years old and you can imagine all the fascinating sites to see and stories to hear about this historic city. Your tour will showcase the history and the unique blend of architecture with the magnificent antebellum homes of Federal, Greek revival, and Victorian styles. You will travel down the lovely streets of the garden district, which are framed with gigantic Live Oaks forming a beautiful canopy of trees. You will then visit *Fort Condé*; a partially reconstructed French fort, which protected Mobile and its citizens for nearly 100 years from 1723-1820. The Fort was built by the French as a defense against British and Spanish attack on the strategic location of Mobile and its Bay, the eastern most part of the Louisiana colony. The military importance of Mobile and *Fort Condé* was huge. The fort and town protected access into the strategic lands between the Mississippi River and the Atlantic colonies along the Alabama and *Tombigbee Rivers*. Note- this old fort is not fully wheelchair accessible.

MOBILE CITY & HISTORIC HOUSE TOUR 4-5 hours)

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USS ALABAMA TOUR (4 -5 hours)

You will spend the morning at *Battleship Memorial Park* exploring the Battleship USS Alabama, the recipient of nine WWII Battle Stars. The *USS Alabama* and her crew of 2,500 saw action in the Atlantic for a year before joining the Pacific Fleet in mid-1943. There she fought at such key locations at Leyte, the Gilbert Islands and Okinawa. After the signing of the war-ending surrender documents in September 1945, USS Alabama, or the "Mighty A", as she was known, led the American Fleet into Tokyo Bay. You will have plenty of time to explore *Battleship Memorial Park* at your own pace. Don't miss the USS Drum, Vietnam and Korean War Memorials, many tanks, artillery, patrol boats and spy planes.

BELLINGRATH HOME & GARDEN TOUR (5 hours)

Nowhere in the world is floral beauty more concentrated than in the internationally famous *Bellingrath* Gardens. Located on the riverfront land once trod by French and Spanish Colonials, this "Garden Spot of the South" is a floral wonderland. Located on the grounds is the home of *Coca Cola* magnate, Walter D. Bellingrath. The home is furnished with antique furniture in period settings, plus the world's largest collection of *Boehm* china and porcelain acquired by Mrs. Bellingrath. The world's most complete public display of porcelain sculptures of the late Edward Marshall Boehm is in the Garden Museum. Your visit will begin with a short video that will show the Gardens in all seasons, you will then enjoy a tour of the house, followed by a tour of the Gardens. Flowers in bloom during this time of year are hydrangeas, salvia, marigolds, alyssum, dahlias, Mexican heather, pansies, fuchsia baskets and geraniums.



Commanding Officer, Patrol Squadron Forty-Five (VP-45)

CDR Paul Ditch, USN

Commander Paul Ditch, a native of Lafayette Louisiana, enlisted in the Navy in 1987. As a first tour Aviation Anti-submarine Warfare Operator (NAC/RS), he was stationed at the ASW Operatinos Center, Roosevelt Roads Puerto Rico and as an instructor at HSL-41 at NAS North Island. Earning his Bachelors Degree in Business Management from the Universoty of LaVerne in 1993, he was commisioned as an Ensign from Aviation Officer Candidate School. He earned his Naval Flight Officer Wings of Gold in 1994.

Following Fleet Replacement Squadron Traning at Patrol Squadorn THIRTY (VP-30) he was assigned to Patrol Squadron FORTY, located at NAS Whidbey Island from September 1995 to August 1999. He attained qualificatinos as Patrol Plane Tactical Coordinator, Mission Commander, and Instructor Tactical Coordinator. While serving as NFO NATOPS Officer and Assistant Training Officer, he participated in deployments to Diego garcia where he flew in suport of Operation Southern Watch operting out of Masirah Oman, Jeddah Saudi Arabia and Bahrain. He also completed two deployments to Misawa AB, Japan, and Kadena AB, Okinawa Japan.

In September 1999 Commander Ditch reported to Patrol, Squadron THIRTY, NAS Jacksonville, Florida. He served as FRS Instructor TACCO, Mission Commander, Fleet IUT facilitator, Fleet NATOPS NFO and Fleet NATOPS Division Officer.

In November 2002, he reported to the USS John F. Kennedy (CV-67) serving as the Assistant Strike Operations Officer. He participated in every facet of Strike Group planning and attained the qualification of Officer of the Deck Underway.

Upon deprting, Commander Ditch was selected to attend the Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, Alabama where upon graduation in June 2005 he obtained his Master of Arts degree in Military Arts and Operational Science.



Commander Ditch returned to maritime Patrol Aviatioin in September 2005 for his Deptmt Head tour joining the Screaming Eagles of Patrol Squadron ONE in Whidbey Island, Washington. He served as Tactics Officer, Training Officer and Ooperations Officer completing a challenging Tri-Site deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom Philippines.

After completion of duties with Patrol Squaron ONE, Commander Ditch reported to the Joint Warfare Analysis Center, Dahlgren, Virginia where he served as Combatant Command Liaison Officer. In 2008 he completed a 5-month tour in Iraq serving on the planning staffs for Multi-Natinoal Corps Iraq and Multi-Natinoal Force Iraq.

Commander Ditch reported to the Pelicans of Patrol Squadron FOUR FIVE as Exceutive Officer in May of 2010, becoming Commandg Officer in May 2011.

Commander Ditch's decoratinos include the Defense Meritiorous Service Medal, navy and Marine Corps Commandation Medal (4 awards), the Army Commandeation Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement medal 3 awards), and various other campaign, service and unit awards. Commander Ditch is married tot he former Anne tapia of Throhton, California.

Commanding Master Chief, Patrol Squadron Forty-Five

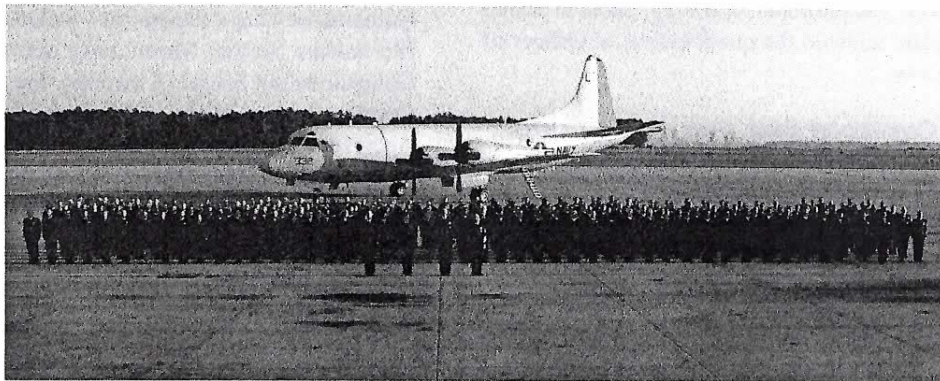
Master Chief Paul Alcott

Command Master Chief (Aviation/Surface Warfare Specialist) Jeffrey Paul Alcott is a native of Somers Point, NJ. He attended basic training in March 1982 in Orlando, FL.

Duty assignments include: USS Alamogordo (ARDM 2), USS Illusive (MSO 448), USS Halyburton (FFG 40), Naval Recruiting District Jacksonville FL, Naval Recruiting District Miami FL, serving as Recruiter in Charge (large station) and assistant Zone Supervisor and Zone Trainer. He then reported for duty to USS Jack Williams (FFG-24). His next assignment was onboard USS Nashville (LPD-13) as Deck Department's LCPO and Well Deck Control Officer. Next transfer was to Broadened Opportunity for Officer Selection and Training (BOOST), Naval Education and Training Center, Newport, RI as the Senior Enlisted Advisor. While assigned to Newport he was advanced to Master Chief and attended the Senior Enlisted Academy. Master Chief Alcott was selected for the CMC Program in 2001 and has completed tours of duty as the Command Master Chief for Fleet and Air Reconnaissance Squadron THREE (VQ3), SEACONRON TWO FOUR, (VS-24), and PATRON FIVE (VP-5). He received an Associates of Arts Degree from the University of Phoenix.



His awards include: Meritorious Service Medal (2 star), Navy Commendation Medal (two stars), Navy Achievement Medal (three stars), Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Navy Unit Commendation, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Navy "E" Ribbon (three awards), Navy Good Conduct (six stars), National Defense Medal (two stars), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal (two stars), Armed Forces Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (four stars), Recruiting Ribbon, Special Operations Service Ribbon, United Nations Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia), Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait), Expert Pistol Medal.



PATRON FOUR-FIVE TREASURER'S REPORT

30 April, 2011

Coastal Bank and Trust
Beginning Balance as of 1/1/2011 \$ 1,474.77

Income:

Dues	1,885.00	
Transfer from Edward Jones	2,000.00	
P-3 Print Payments	3,705.00	
Donations	10.00	
Total Income	7,600.00	\$ 9074.77

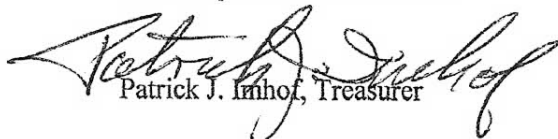
Expenses:

Website & Back-up fee	65.35	
Totes	17.50	
Postage	992.79	
Printing	1,665.01	
P-3 Print down payment	200.00	
Refund	5.00	
Total Expenses	2,945.65	

Total Coastal Bank \$ 6,129.12

Edward Jones Money Market		
Beginning Balance 1/1/2011		\$ 19,001.91
Interest Income 1/1/11 - 4/30/2011		\$.56
Withdrawal (transfer to Coastal Bank)		\$ 2,000.00
Total Edward Jones		\$ 17,002.47

Total Capital as of 4/30/2011 \$ 23,131.59


Patrick J. Imhof, Treasurer

Statement prepared on May 30, 2011

From the VP-45 Association Secretary ...

The planning for the September 2012 Reunion is well under way with Dick Gray and the other officers well on their way to putting on another spectacular reunion. As we learned from planning the last reunion, you can't start early enough. I think we are ahead of the power curve this time which I believe can only translate to more people with enough lead time meaning a more successful reunion - success being measured in the number of people who will enjoy the camaraderie at the reunion. In this Newsletter, you will find the initial planning.

Once again, your leadership team is concentrating on increased membership. We did well to increase our membership from those who served from 1980 - 1989 this past year. We want to continue those efforts as we move toward the 2012 reunion. Most alumni don't realize how important it is to stay connected with one another as the pressures of business, family and recreation eat our time. While the commitment isn't much, the benefits of staying connected and getting together for a reunion every two years are worth every effort. It is up to each of us to get the word out and make the effort to increase our membership as we march toward Reunion 2012.

Our roster is up to date. We check and double-check to make sure the roster is as accurate as possible. If there are any corrections, please let any officer know of changes that need to be made. The roster includes what PJ Imhof carries for dues paid. If you are in danger of losing your active membership status, there will be a note in your Newsletter indicating the same with a self-addressed stamped envelope for your convenience. We have decided to provide an updated roster each time we mail out our Newsletter so that you can track right along with us the dues status. One change to our dues policy. Your leadership team has created an "emeritus" status. Some of you who have paying dues for years have probably noticed a change in your dues status. If you are passed the age of eighty and have been a member in good standing for a number of years, you will notice that your dues status has changed to "L" of life. If you think you have reached this status, please communicate this to our treasurer, PJ Imhof.

The election of the new slate of officers is scheduled for the 2012 Reunion. As such, a Search/Nominating Committee has been formed. The Chairman and members of the Committee are as follows:

Gene Graham - Chairman (E-mail: genegraham2@bellsouth.net)
Mort Eckhouse
Paul Nadeua
Gary Rogers
Bill Hobgood

We are constantly seeking volunteers for these jobs as we want fresh perspectives to keep our organization growing and vibrant. If you are interested in serving, please contact one of the current officers or e-mail Gene Graham.

Save the date for the 2012 reunion ... October 18 through October 20! We look forward to seeing you in Mobile next year.

With great respect,

Wally

100th Anniversary of Naval Aviation and Patrol Aviation Celebration

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From Robert Case as forwarded by Bill Castro.

"Greetings fellow Patrol Squadron members.

I just came back from the Centennial celebration of Naval Aviation and especially observing Patrol Aviation in Jacksonville, Florida. It was April 4-6, 2011. I'm going to recap for you the briefing we received on Wednesday from Rear Admiral Michael Hewitt, Commander Patrol and Recon. Force. He welcomed us to the event. We then listened to a simulated briefing for a crew to fly against a Chinese Yuan class sub. The sub is a diesel-electric boat. It was first built in 2004. The speed of the sub is 20 kts. It has 6 torpedo tubes and can fire anti-ship missiles. The op area for this event is East of Taiwan.

The briefing was then turned over to Commodore Tray Wheeler, CPW 11 in Jax. The breakdown of the Patrol Aviation community starts with ADM Hewitt as the Commander of the force. Under him are CPW 2, CPW 10 and CPW 11. Now there is an ADM commanding the op areas. Under that ADM are CTF 57, CTF 72 and CTF 67.

At one point there were 450 P-3s and now we are down to approximately 85 mission capable aircraft. A couple of years ago there were issues with the wings and some planes were "red striped", in other words hard down. The fleet got down to 49 aircraft. The planes are owned by the squadrons, but they are sharing their planes between squadrons. Sometimes they might leave a plane on deployment for the next squadron. Reserve crews fly alongside of active duty crews in the active duty squadrons. They share Active Duty assets. There are 18 squadrons with 7273 sailors: 1346 officers and 5927 enlisted.

Commodore Dave Cutter from Wing 2 spoke next. VP-4 is very busy with the Chinese Navy and also providing relief in Japan. Other squadrons in Kaneohe are VP-9 and VP-47. Plus there is VPU-2. There is an ASWOC located in San Diego to assist squadrons working with the

fleet. There has been a BAMS-D (Demonstrator) working in the Pacific for awhile now. This is a Global Hawk UAV with maritime sensors= cameras, radar, and comm. gear for the Navy. It operates at 60,000 ft and has an endurance of over 20+ hours. The pilots fly it from the "desert" and the tacco and sensor operators are in Pax. River. Usually there are 3 different crews on duty during these long missions.

Commodore Pete Garvin from Wing 10 spoke next. The squadrons at Whidbey Is. are VP-1, VP-40, VP-46, and VP-69. Also there is VQ 1&2. VQ is deployed 365 days a year to Bahrain, Kadena, Sigonella Sicily, and Turkey.

Commodore Wheeler then spoke again. He said he had VP-5, VP-8, VP-10, VP-16, VP-26, VP-45, and VP-62, plus the special ops squadron VPU-1 in Jax. VP squadrons 8, 10 and 26 were at Brunswick before it closed.



Centennial P-3 in VP-6 Tail Feathers

There are 24 different variations of the P-3 today. One version is the AIP. The improvements are: Radar, SAR (overland surveillance and radar images), ISAR (maritime surface detection images). Electro Optics/Infrared, ESM, Color Displays and Weapons- SLAM ER and Maverick. The VP-5 crew that fired the Maverick off Libya had a LTJG TACCO and the PPC was on his first flight. They said they hope to de-classify the video so we could see it someday. Presently VP-4 is in Kadena and Misawa. VP-5 is in Sigonella Sicily, Djibouti, and El Salvador (drug ops). VP-8 is currently in Bahrain and Qatar. The primary

mission of the P-3 is still ASW. China has 66 submarines and the U.S. has 70 submarines. China has top of the line equipment and the subs are quiet.

If there is a piracy event, the Navy's interaction will have a P-3 overhead. In drug interdiction the bad guys have tried using semi-submersible and fully submersible subs to get drugs to the U.S. The Russians are still operating. They don't have a big presence like before, but they are out there. The Chinese are now considered a Blue Water Navy. They are operating beyond the "first chain of islands". That would be from Taiwan to Okinawa to Japan and East of that line.

The project manager of the P-8 spoke next. The Navy is buying 117 aircraft. It is a Boeing 737-800 with a -900 wing. It will weigh 187,700 lbs. It will cruise at 490 kts and max alt is 41,000 ft. Its range is 4000 miles or 1200 miles with 4 hrs on station. It has in-flight refueling capacity. The P-8 is fuel efficient at 10,000 ft, but not so good at low altitudes. There is technology to launch sonos at 10,000 ft to hit a lat/long position. The flight time is limited to 17 hrs due to the engine oil. It will have 9 crewmembers= 2 pilots, 2 NFOs and 3 AWs. Plus there are 2 observer positions. There are 5 stations in the back, and all capable of inter-mixing these positions (tacco in the middle or at the ends). The plane is capable of carrying 20 total pax. It can carry 5 MK 54 torpedoes in the bomb-bay behind the wings. There are 4 wing stations. It can carry 76 sonobuoys. They will be launched from 3 cylinders. They will be reloaded from the sono racks in flt. The cabin will remain pressurized. There is no MAD on this plane, too much metal interference. There might be an expendable drone the size of a buoy and be shot out of the plane and then fly a mad trapping pattern. This might happen in 2016. There are dual navigation systems. INS and also celestial info could be fed into the nav system. The plane will come on line in 2013 and one Jax squadron will be the first. It has early warning self-protection and electric support measures. The plane that was at the event was the 3rd (T-3) built. There are 6 planes in flight testing. The first production plane for the Navy is in Renton, WA going through the production line. There will be 6 aircraft and 12 crews in P-8 squadrons.

The events for the 3 days were; on day 1 there was a tour of the P-3 simulators, the new hanger which will house the current squadrons

and future P-8s. They can fit 10 P-3s in the hanger. Then in the afternoon was the fly-by. There was vintage aircraft; steerman and TBM. Then there was a T34C, C-12, and T44C. Then came 3 P-3s. The first was painted in WW II PBV markings. The next 2 were in the white and black colors. Then the highlight was the arrival of the P-8. Unfortunately the PBV was not able to attend (maint. issues). They looked into bringing in a fire bomber P-2, but they wanted a lot of money and it exceeded the budget of the planners for this event. On Tues night was the heritage dinner. Vice Admiral Al Myers, Commander of Naval Air Force (Air Boss) was the guest speaker. There were 17 Admirals in attendance. The 3 P-3s the P-8 and the BAMS were parked outside the hanger for viewing. Then we had the induction of the first group into the Patrol Aviation Hall of Fame. One familiar name is Jay Beasley, "Mr. P-3". ADM Hewitt said he would like to make this an annual event. On Wed morning we had the briefing from ADM Hewitt and the Commodores. In the afternoon, we attended the re-dedication of the PBV on the base. It took 2 years to restore the plane. There were 4 crewmembers from WW II who were on the PBV present at the dedication.

I have posted the pictures I took and you can view them at <http://patrolaviationjaxapril2011.shutterfly.com> I am attempting to do the same with my video, but am having difficulty getting it to the shutter fly site. That will be under <http://patrolvideojax2011.shutterfly.com> I hope to have it posted by next Mon. Most of the video is of the heritage dinner and dedication of the PBV, not to mention some P-3s flying. I have attached a copy of the heritage dinner program.

It was a great time being in attendance for this event. During the dinner, they showed a video of the early years of Naval Aviation and then covered the Patrol Aviation era up to the present. There was a copy of VP-4's P-2 "Ruler of the Sea" print hanging right outside the auditorium at VP-30. There were only 2 other prints on the wall; a PBV and P3B. Being at the VP-30 hanger brought back memories of hearing the sound of an APU, and the Allison engines running. Not to mention the smell of JP. It was an honor being around some our nation's finest young people who are now carrying on the mission of defending this great nation."

Editor's note: Remaining Centennial Events are listed on the following page.

Centennial of Naval Aviation Events

2011 Navy Weeks

City	Event	Dates
Los Angeles	Summer X Games	Jul 25-31
Fargo, ND	Fargo Airshow	Aug 8-14
Indianapolis	Indiana State Fair	Aug 13-22
Cincinnati	Riverfest	Aug29-Sep 5
Omaha, NE	Guardians of Freedom Airshow	Sep 5-11
New England	Big E/New England Airshow	Sep24-Oct 2
Albuquerque	NM Int'l Balloon Fest	Oct 1-9
El Paso, TX	Amigo Airshow	Oct 17-23
San Antonio	Randolph AFB Airshow	Oct 24-30



Blue Angels Schedule

Date	City/Event
July	
30-31	Great Falls, MT
August	
06-07	Seattle, WA
13-14	Fargo, ND
27-28	Brunswick, ME
September	
03-04	NAS Patuxent River, MD
10-11	Lincoln, NE
17-18	Millington, TN
24-25	NAS Oceana, VA
October	
01-02	MCAS Miramar, CA
08-09	San Francisco, CA
15-16	NAS Lemoore, CA
22-23	El Paso, TX
29-30	San Antonio, TX
November	
05-06	NAS Jacksonville, FL
11-12	NAS Pensacola, FL



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