

PATRON FOUR-FIVE ASSOCIATION

Pelican Post



JANUARY 2011 NL#45

From the President.....

Fellow Pelicans:

The 20th Anniversary 2010 Reunion was considered one of the most successful by all attendees. There are number of people I need to thank.

First, I would like to thank Reunion Coordinator Dick Gray, PJ IMhof, and VADM Wally Massenburg for their efforts in planning and coordinating the event.

Second, I want to say "thank you" to RDML William Moran for being our guest speaker. Admiral Moran did his Department Head tour in VP-45 and gave an outstanding speech on the future of Naval Aviation.

Third, I want to say "thank you" to VP-45 Commanding Officer, CDR Mike Doherty. CDR Doherty provided a P-3 as part of the P-8 Poseidon PAX River tour. He also briefed the association on current squadron activity and introduced our guest speaker Admiral Moran.

Last but not least, I would like to thank the association members for electing the current officers for another two year tour. Also, during the business meeting the bylaws were changed to add an additional association officer in the position of "Webmaster". Steve Riddle has performed this task for several years. Anyone who is interested filling this position please contact any association officer. Copy of the Business Meeting Minutes are included in this Newsletter.

During the business meeting several sites were recommended for the 2012 Reunion. It was decided that site selection would be determined by vote of all members. Details of recommended sites and voting procedure are included in this Newsletter. Site selection will be determined and published in the June 2011 Newsletter.

BUCK



In Memoriam

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

George F. Rubeck

George Fredrick Rubeck, 81, of Hagerstown, Md., passed away Saturday, Feb. 13, 2010, at Washington County Hospital, Hagerstown. Born Monday, Dec. 3, 1928, in Clear Spring, Md., he was the son of the late Bruce Edward Rubeck and the late Mary Jane Harnish Rubeck. He was a graduate of Clear Spring High School, graduating in 1947. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, retiring as a chief petty officer after 20 years. He later became an agent with Nationwide Insurance, retiring after 20 years. He was a member of the United Church of Christ in Cavetown, Md., BPO Elks 378, Mercersburg Moose Lodge 1790, Mercersburg VFW Post 6241, Clear Spring American Legion, Eagles Club Inc. of Waynesboro, Improved Order of Red Men Tribe 84 of Williamsport, Farm Bureau and the FRA. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Ruth Elizabeth Crum Rubeck; two daughters, Susan D. Gustafson and husband, Gerald "Gus," of Funkstown, Md., and Kathy A. Klick and husband, Dennis, of Hagerstown; two granddaughters, Melissa I. Reichard and husband, Luke, of Hagerstown, and Megan E. Sarber and husband, Chris, of Hagerstown; and two great-grandchildren, Konnor M. Sarber and Tyler M. Sarber.

Charles D. Parker

From Elaine Parker. We wanted to let you know that CDR C. Dave Parker died unexpectedly on

June 25th. We have attached his obituary if you would like to include it in a newsletter or web notice of any kind. Thank you so much for your assistance. Dave Parker died Friday, June 25, 2010, at his home in Bluffton, SC, of a sudden heart attack after doing his favorite hobbies, which were working in his garden and wood shop. He had recently enjoyed spending a week at the beach with his entire family. He was born on September 28, 1939, in Chattanooga, TN, to Ollie Burgess Parker and Carrol Alexander Parker. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Elaine Mitcham Parker; his daughter, Peggy (Jim) Coons; his son, Steven (Jennifer) Parker; six grandchildren, Jessica and Amanda Coons, Kathryn, Chelsea, David, and Brooke Parker; and his sister, Dorothy (George) Shuford. Parker graduated from The McCallie School, Chattanooga, TN, earned a B.S. in Industrial Engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology, a Masters in Computer Systems Management from U.S.N. Post Graduate School in Monterey, CA, and an MBA from George Mason University in Fairfax, VA. He was proud to serve his country as a Naval Officer from 1962 to 1984. He earned his Naval Aviator Wings of Gold and served as a Navy Pilot flying numerous aircraft including P3A Orions from bases including The Azores, Alaska, Hawaii, California, Florida, and Saigon. He served in Vietnam and some of his awards include a Navy Commendation Medal and Vietnam Service Medal with Bronze Star. Parker retired as a Commander and worked in D.C. as the Vice President of a telecommunications company. Since moving to Hilton Head in 1990, Parker enjoyed working as Assistant Harbour Master at the Windmill Harbour Marina and was a past Commander of the Hilton Head Sail and Power Squadron. Parker was an active member of The Church of The Cross in Bluffton, SC. He was a past Master of the Hardeeville Masonic Lodge #348 and a member of the Alee Shrine, Savannah. Other Masonic affiliations were Hampton Commandery

Masons, Allendale Council #28 Royal and Select Masters, Savannah Scottish Rite, Charles Towne York Rite College No. 113, and 4th Masonic District Masters and Wardens Club. Parker was a member of the Retired Officers Association and the Country Club of Hilton Head.

Anthony “Tan” “Tony” Carroll Navarre.

From Chuck Caldwell. I don't know if you met Tony, but he was a real character. He was in the squadron in Panama, not flight crew. He told stories hard to believe <grin> and was at every VP-45 Association reunion he could attend. When I first began the newsletters, he would come over and help stuff the envelopes, and we often had coffee when he was in town. Anthony “Tan” “Tony” Carroll Navarre passed away on October 30, 2010. He resided in San Diego County, Ramona, California. Husband to Lucinda Jayne Rolfes Navarre. He served in the U. S. Navy during World War I, Korea, Vietnam and the Cold War retiring in San Diego after 22 and ½ years. He was a member of the VP-45 Association, the Fleet reserve Association, the World War II National Museum in New Orleans and the American Quarter Horse Association.

Peggy Sinclair.

From PJ Imhof. Captain Sinclair, one of our members has lost his wife. I just found about this today. Mr. Sinclair is living in Bermuda and runs the US Navy Room at the Bermuda Maritime Museum. He worked on finding the plaque that was put in place, in the NOB Bermuda Chapel. The plaque was a memorial to the 7 killed in the Sept. 22 crash of a P5M-2S. The original plaque was never located, but Mr. Sinclair, Mrs. Sandra Cupp and others were very instrumental in having a duplicate plaque made, which is the center piece of the US Navy Room.

From Wally Coupe via PJ Imhof sent September 16, 2010. A Remembrance from a Andy Sinclair. “Dear Wally...I know you are one of the few who will understand the ceremony... Perhaps the following can best describe what happened last

week ... these photos taken at the end of Runway 30, Bermuda Airport by John's wife, Karen. Somewhat different but Celtic ... Events happened so quickly... the emergency Doctor's visit ... the undertakers arrival ... that my wife Peggy was on her way without any recognition ... I spoke to son John who had already begun to get his pipes in order. We kilted up and Andrea arranged with the Captain of Air Canada 943 to ‘dip a wing’ as he passed over end of runway where our small family was located. Peggy to be cremated in Toronto ... no funeral. One photo was taken as aircraft, when taxiing, stopped briefly opposite our little group.



I broke down before we finished *AMAZING GRACE* and *GOING HOME*. John carried on with a well tuned pipe. Strange thing happened ... John's Bass drone cut out just as plane passed overhead ... Peggy's final act.



No response, Wally ... I know your reaction ... like you, I am on single-engine for the final... Aye...Andy 110 FOX.”

Gary W “Prowler” Prall.

Passed from PJ Imhof via the VP Website. (Ed. Note. While this obituary may be somewhat dated, I thought it important to include). “I am the widowed wife of LCDR Gary W. Prall. Most knew him as “Prowler” or LT Gary W. Prall. Gary served with VP-49, VP-45, Tactical Support Center NS Roosevelt Roads, PR, ASWOC officer Com7th fleet and NAS Fort Worth JRB. I am sorry to say that he passed away in May 20, 2003 of Melanoma Cancer. Intracranial pressure took him down just before the Melanoma did. I was 4 months pregnant with our daughter Skylar. We live in Jacksonville, FL.” Christy L. Prall

Sally Tobin (Wife of RADM Byron Tobin).

From Jake Tobin via e-mail from Wayne Foshay. “Shipmates Sally passed away unexpectedly about 6:45 AM on July 3rd (2010). As you know she had been fighting cancer since September but in the end, although the will was strong, the body failed. She passed peacefully to a new life. Words about Sal don’t come easily without tears right now - and probably won’t for quite some time. I have loved her since I was 12 — what more can I say. She loved you all — as do I. Jake”

Peter Hofstedt.

From Ann Hofstedt through PJ Imhof. “Just wanted to let you know that Pete passed away on April 22nd. He had a heart attack in February and was in the hospital and cardiac rehab for most of March and April. He did come home but only for one night...we have to be thankful for that. Thank you for always keeping him in your thoughts over the years”. Peter Donald Hofstedt, 74, longtime resident of Briarcliff Manor and loving husband and father of five, died on April 22, 2010, at his home after a long illness. A Tarrytown native and U.S. Naval Aviator, Peter married his high school sweetheart, Ann Elizabeth Marron, at Transfiguration Church, in 1958. Peter was born on December 21, 1935, in Brooklyn, NY, to Carl and Genevieve Hofstedt, and grew up in

Tarrytown, NY, where he attended Washington Irving High School, serving as school president and lettering in three sports. He was appointed to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis in 1954, lettering on the baseball team and serving as vice president of his graduating class. He graduated in 1958 with a BS degree in Electrical Engineering. Upon graduation, Peter was commissioned as an Ensign in the United States Navy and attended flight school where he earned his aviator wings in 1959. Peter piloted a Martin P5M Marlin and was stationed in Bermuda (Squadron VP-45) where his role was to patrol our nation’s coastline in search of Soviet submarines. He next became an instructor in the School of Pre-Flight at NAS Pensacola, Florida. In 1963, Peter was honorably discharged from the U.S. Navy with the rank of Lieutenant. After returning to Westchester with his family, Peter joined the New York Telephone Company/NYNEX in 1964. He retired after 30 years. Peter was also active in the Briarcliff community during his 45 years as a resident, serving as a Little League coach, league officer, vice president, and treasurer; a Boy Scout Webelo leader; a lector at St. Theresa’s Church; and a volunteer at the Ossining Food Pantry. Peter was also a Briarcliff School Board Trustee for seven years, serving as president from 1980-81 and 1983-84. Through the years, Peter enjoyed watching his children perform on the athletic fields and stages of the Briarcliff schools. He was also an avid reader, sports fan, and fisherman always in search of a lunger. Peter is survived by his beloved wife of 51 years, Ann, as well as his five cherished children and 13 adored grandchildren: Chris and Christine Hofstedt of Larchmont, NY, and their children Meg, Peter, and Natalie; Doug and Denise Hofstedt of Severna Park, MD, and their children Clare, Michael, and Patrick; Beth Ronan of Briarcliff Manor, NY, and her children Bobby and Brian; Matt and Ariane Hofstedt of Annapolis, MD, and their children Anderson and Quin; and Jennifer and Dan Krehnbrink of Guilderland, NY, and their children Finn, Aidan, and Kaitlin.

Jerold "G" Snay.

From Leanne Snay. This e-mail is to notify you that Jerold "G" (Jerry) Snay (age 78) passed away at his winter home in Ocala, battle with cancer. Jerry served in the US Navy from 1951-1955 during the Korean Conflict. He was an Aviation Ordnance Man, AO3, and flew as a tail gunner in a P5M. He was stationed in Panama for the majority of his enlistment. He was a Deputy with the Ingham County Sheriff's Department from 1960-1964. In June of 1964, he began a career in the insurance industry that spanned almost 30 years. His expertise included property claims adjusting and arson investigation. He retired from Pioneer State Mutual Insurance Company in January 1994. Jerry always strived to enjoy life to its fullest. He loved spending time with his family, retirement, golfing with his buddies and spending winters in Florida. Those who knew him will remember Jerry for his unique, yet wonderful, sense of humor, including his never ending penchant for practical jokes and his unquestionable willingness to help a friend. Jerry always enjoyed getting the newsletter regarding your Association news. He had a strong patriotism that seemed to grow with each passing year. We have lost one of the good guys!

Roland Achorn. From Mrs. Rose Achorn to PJ Imhof. "Sir; This is to inform that my husband Roland A. Achorn Passed away on 3Mar2010. Thank You, Rose"



John Finn

Editor's note: Lt. Finn passed away May 27, 2010 at the age of 100. At the time of his death, he was the oldest survivor of the attack on O'ahu, Hawaii on December 7, 1941 and the oldest living Medal of Honor recipient. In addition, he is the only Aviation Ordnanceman awarded the Medal of Honor. John William Finn was a United States

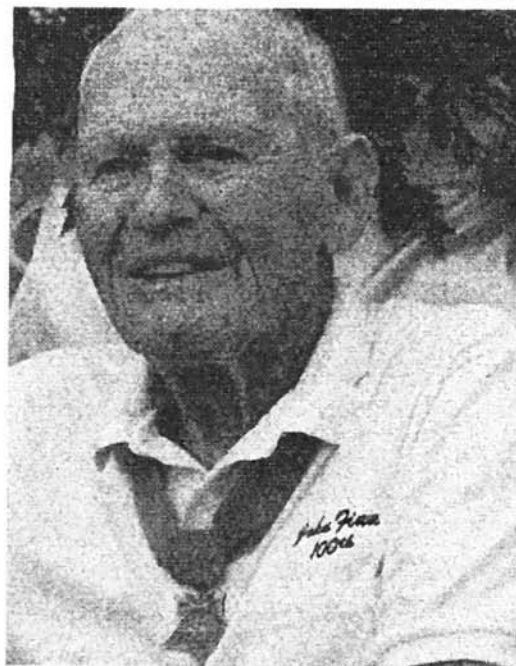


Finn's wife Alice pins on the MOH, May 1942

Navy Chief Petty Officer who received the military's highest decoration, the Medal of Honor, for his actions during the attack on O'ahu in December 1941. As a Chief Aviation Ordnanceman stationed at Naval Air Station (NAS) Kaneohe Bay, he earned the medal by manning a machine gun from an exposed position throughout the attack, despite being repeatedly wounded. Born July 23, 1909 in Los Angeles, Finn dropped out of school after the seventh grade. He enlisted in the Navy in July 1926, shortly before his 17th birthday, and received recruit training in San Diego. After a brief stint with a ceremonial guard company, he attended

General Aviation Utilities Training at Naval Station Great Lakes, graduating in December. By April 1927 he was back in San Diego, having been assigned to NAS North Island. He initially worked in aircraft repair before becoming an Aviation Ordnanceman and working on anti-aircraft guns. He then served on a series of ships: USS LEXINGTON (CV-2), USS HOUSTON (CA-30), USS JASON (AC-12), USS SARATOGA (CV-3), and USS CINCINNATI (CL-6). After being promoted to Chief Petty Officer in 1936, he served with patrol squadrons in San Diego, Washington, and Panama. By December 1941, Finn was stationed at NAS Kaneohe Bay on the island of Oahu in the Territory of Hawaii. As a Chief Aviation Ordnanceman, he was in charge of 20 men whose primary task was to maintain the weapons of a PBY Catalina flying boat squadron, VP-14. On the morning of December 7, 1941, Finn was at his home, about a mile from the aircraft hangars, when he heard the sound of gunfire. Finn recalled how a neighbor was the first to alert him, when she knocked on his door saying; "They want you down at the squadron right away!" He drove to the hangars (seeing Japanese planes in the sky on the way) and found that the airbase was being attacked, with most of the PBYs already on fire. His men fought back by using the machine guns mounted in the PBYs, either by firing from inside the flaming planes or by detaching the guns and mounting them on improvised stands. One of the first things Finn did was take control of a machine gun from his squadron's painter. "I said, 'Alex, let me take that gun'...knew that I had more experience firing a machine gun than a painter." Finn then found a movable platform used for gunnery training, attached the .50 caliber machine gun to it, and pushed the platform into an open area from which he had a clear view of the attacking aircraft. He fired on the Japanese planes for the next two hours, even after being seriously wounded, until the attack had ended. In total, he received 21 wounds, including a bullet through the foot and an injury which caused him to lose feeling in his left arm. "I got that gun and I started shooting at Jap planes," Finn said in a 2009 interview. "I was out there

shooting the Jap planes and just every so often I was a target for some," he said, "In some cases, I could see [the Japanese pilots'] faces." Despite his wounds, he returned to the hangars later that day, after receiving medical treatment, and helped arm the surviving American planes. For these actions, Finn was formally presented with the Medal of



Honor September 14, 1942, by Adm. Chester Nimitz. The ceremony occurred in Pearl Harbor on board USS ENTERPRISE (CV-6). During the remainder of World War II, he served as a Limited Duty Officer Ensign and eventually as a Lieutenant with Bombing Squadron VB-102 and aboard USS HANCOCK (CV-19). He retired from the Navy in the rank of Lieutenant in September 1946. From 1946 until shortly before his death, Finn resided on a 90- acre ranch in Live Oak Springs, near Pine Valley, Calif. He and his wife became foster parents to five Native American children, embraced by the Campo Band of Diegueño Mission Indians, a tribe of Kumeyaay people in San Diego. After his death he was buried at the Campo Indian Reservation cemetery with full military honors. Written by CAPT David Lepard, Force Weapons, Commander, Naval Air Forces

VP-45 Association Reunion Recap

by Wally Massenburg, Secretary, VP-45 Association

VIP Veteran's Tour.

On Thursday, 30 September, a hardy group of Pelicans braved an early morning driving rain storm to visit the War Memorials of DC. A strategic decision was made enroute to the World War II Memorial to modify our plan to include the National Air and Space Museum.



National Air and Space Museum Visit

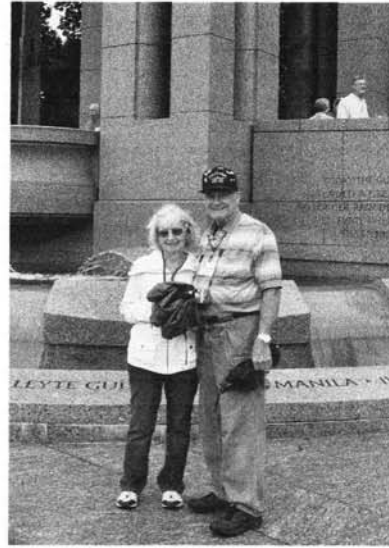
While visiting the museum, the rain stopped and we were able to continue our planned tours. We visited the World War II Memorial, the Korean War Memorial, and the Vietnam War Memorial. We concluded with a visit to the U. S. Navy Memorial and took a side trip to the National Archives. We found the VP-45 Association plaque at the Navy Memorial. The National Archives (a little known treasure chest of National memorabilia) was a real treat and all who visited said that they would have to return to spend more time. On our way back to the hotel, we talked the driver into taking us to the Pentagon 9/11 Memorial. This was especially somber and evoked memories of those whom we knew that were killed in the attacks: CAPT Jack PUNCHES, CAPT Larry



Getzfred, CDR Bill Donovan ... VP Aviators who were serving their country in the Navy Command Center on that fateful day. We found their benches. Each of us recounted where we were and what we were doing as if time had stood still.



National Air and Space Museum Visit



World War II Memorial Visit



World War II Memorial Visit



**"Freedom Isn't Free"
Korean War Memorial**



Vietnam Memorial



United States Navy Memorial



United States Navy Memorial



Pentagon 9/11 Memorial

Field Trip to Patuxent River Naval Air Test Center (Tours of VP-45 P-3C Anti-surface Warfare Improvement Program Aircraft and VX-20 P-8 Poseidon).

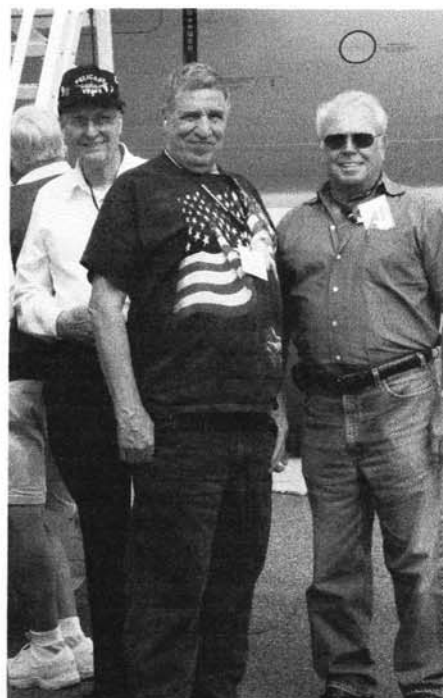
On Friday, 1 October 2010, the weather cleared and 65 VP-45 Alumni took the 70 minute bus ride to Patuxent River, Maryland. Earlier in the day, a VP-45 aircraft piloted by VP-45 Skipper, CDR Mike Dougherty and LCDR Beau Massenburg flew a squadron P-3 AIP aircraft to Pax River. The visit was supported by PMA-290, CAPT Mike Moran.



Mr. Randall McKissack, Mr. Chris Behrens, and Mr. Tony Schmidt were our points of contact to get us briefings and a tour on the second production P-8 which had recently located to Pax. CDR Mark Hunt, the P-8 Integrated Test Team Leader, provided us an hour brief on the characteristics and capabilities of the P-8, in addition to a short video produced by Boeing. He then conducted tours of the aircraft. LCDR Beau Massenburg and the rest of the VP-45 crew led the tours of the most capable P-3 in our Fleet. The group had lunch at the new "All Hands" club at Pax River. The buffet was



outstanding. We then had the pleasure of visiting the Naval Air Test Museum outside Gate One at NAS Patuxent River. Lots of old test aircraft and memorabilia from the olden days of Naval Aviation. Needless to say, we were all tired by the time we got back to Alexandria. Following the visit, Chris Behrens acknowledged our grateful thanks, His e-mail read, "*You're very welcome. I*





P-3C AIP/P-8 Poseidon Tours

enjoyed helping with the group on the tour. It was great to see you again, a nice opportunity to get out of the office on a Friday (THANK YOU!!), run into some old acquaintances, and get on T-2 [P-8 Poseidon]. Most of the current PMA-290 folks have never even set foot on any P-8.” We were the first non-test (public) group to tour the airplane. What a thrill! It was a first for the active duty squadron members, as well, as many of them had not been on a P-8 Poseidon either. Rumor has it that VP-45 will be the first squadron to transition to the new platform. Thanks to the folks at VX-20, PMA-290, the P-8 Integrated Test Team, and the skipper and crew from VP-45 who made this one memorable experience for our alumni. Thanks also are due to NAS Patuxent Protocol, Ms. Marta Bullis and the Base Public Affairs for helping with access and pictorial memories.



Naval Air Test Museum Tour





Pelicans Past and Present - Patuxent River October 2010



Naval Air Test Museum Tour

Udvar-Hazy National Air and Space Museum, Dulles Airport.

On Saturday morning 2 October 2011, a full bus load of VP-45 Pelicans (Past and Present) mounted up and traveled to the Smithsonian extension of the Air and Space Museum at Dulles Airport. Exhibits like the Enola Gay, the Space Shuttle, and many large military aircraft were on display. We had two guided tours set up the first that concentrated on the evolution of Naval Aviation and the second that was a General Tour of aviation. For those of have an interest in aviation who have not visited this museum, this is a must see trip.



Business Meeting. The biennial business meeting was held the morning of 2 October. Despite festivities the night before, most of the membership was bright eyed and bushy tailed and ready to do the Associations work. The minutes of the meeting follow.

Minutes of the Business Meeting
Coincident with the VP-45 Association Reunion
2 October 2010
Arlington, Virginia

Current Officers:

President	Buck Jones
Vice President	Dick Gray
Secretary	Wally Massenburg
Treasurer	PJ Imhof

The meeting was called to order by President, Buck Jones at 0800.

Old Business. Minutes from the previous business meeting, the reading of which was waived, were proposed to be accepted by acclimation. The motion was made; the proposal was seconded and approved.

Members Whom Have Passed. A moment of silence was observed and a list of those members who, between the last reunion and this reunion, have passed away was read. The list included:

George Kovach	George F. Rubeck	James Avery
Charles D. Parker	George Giltzow	Sally Tobin
Dave Johnson	Earl M. Stein	June Zeisel
John Lovric	Tom Doyle	Peter Hofstedt
Ralph G. Musick	Peggy Cockroft	Frank Agnew
Baylor Lansden	Don Boucher	Lois Meier
Mary Lynne Ziegler	Clifford Nelson	Bill Scarbrough
James Dial	Robert Thurman	James H. Winn
Elmer Chute	Robert Harrell	Karen Midtvedt
Walter B. Baxter	Jerold "G" Snay	Eugene Martinez

Members Whom Have Passed (Continued) .

Dwight Elliott Stagg, Jr

Billy Colvin

Roland Achorn

Gary Prall

Continuation of New Officers. President Buck Jones proposed that the current officers be continued for an additional two years through the 2012 reunion. A motion was so made and seconded. The membership voted unanimously to keep the current officers. The following officers will be continued for another two years:

President: Buck Jones

Vice President Dick Gray

Secretary Wally Massenburg

Treasurer PJ Imhof

President Buck Jones requested that a nominating committee be formed to propose candidates that would be brought to the membership for election in 2012. Secretary Wally Massenburg volunteered to propose a five member nominating committee to the officers for approval. Names mentioned for Membership included Gene Graham and Gary Rogers.

Dues discussion. President Buck Jones recommended that we keep the dues at the current rate through 2012. A motion was made, seconded, and the membership voted in favor of the motion. The dues will continue at the current rate:

1 Year Dues \$15.00 5 Year Dues \$65.00 Lifetime Dues \$300.00

These dues will remain in effect through take effect on 1 January 2013.

Newsletter Publication and Distribution. Newsletter publication and distribution will continue, with mailings twice a year.

New Business. The floor was opened for discussion by the President Buck Jones.

Next Reunion Site Discussion. A spirited discussion was held on possible locations for the next reunion site. From those who planned this reunion, planning can not occur soon enough. It was decided that site selection would be determined by vote of all members. Details of recommended sites and voting procedure will be included in the January 2011 Newsletter. Site selection will be determined and published in the July 2011 Newsletter. Four sites were proposed following

discussion. It was decided that site selection would be determined by vote of all members. Details of recommended sites and voting procedure are included in this Newsletter. Site selection will be determined and published in the June 2012, Newsletter.

Jacksonville; Corpus Christi; Pensacola/Mobile; San Antonio; Nashville

There was continued discussion on the cost/benefit of the Military Reunion Planners. With few exceptions, the assistance of the Military Reunion Planners was considered invaluable. After a discussion about scheduling tours and buses, insurance policies, and on-site coordination, it was determined to be cost effective and wise to have employed MRP. The reunion planners for the 2012 reunion will continue to look at several best value options before committing to a particular planning group. Once the site is picked, then we will engage the reunion planners to help with the most appropriate dates and times.

Sale of VP-45 Paraphernalia. The selling of VP-45 paraphernalia at reunions was discussed. The active duty squadron currently maintains all VP-45 authorized materials. Prior to the next reunion, we will coordinate with the squadron to obtain items for sale (patches, clothing, etc.).

New Software for Treasurer. Treasurer PJ Imhof recommended that new software be obtained to update and modernize our ability to keep control of our finances. The cost of the software was minimal. A motion was made to authorize the purchase of the software. The motion was seconded. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

Financial Report. President Buck Jones proposed that the financial report be submitted for approval by the Treasurer, PJ Imhof. It was motioned, seconded and approved unanimously. The financial report appears at the conclusion of the Business Meeting minutes.

Membership/Advertising. President Buck Jones led a discussion on membership. This continues to be an issue. All members are encouraged to seek new members for the VP-45 Association.

Website Maintenance and Web Master Position. President Buck Jones recommended that we add the office of "Webmaster" to our By-Laws. Currently, Steve Riddle voluntarily acts in the role of webmaster. This action would solidify the position. A motion was made to add the position to the By-Laws. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous. This position will be included in the Nominating Committees charter to find candidates for the next set of officers. However, volunteers for the position to relieve Steve Riddle as the interim "Webmaster" will be accepted at any time.

VP-45 History and Artifacts. Secretary Wally Massenburg opened discussion on what to do with the items that comprised the Squadron History. There is a great deal of historically significant stuff. He recommended that we engage the National Naval Aviation Museum, specifically, VADM Gerry Hoewing to find the point of contact to determine museum interest. Wally Massenburg has taken the action to pursue donating all significant historical record and artifacts to the museum.

Update on the Museum. President Buck Jones asked Mort Eckhouse to give us an update on the National Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola, Florida. Mort indicated that there is an on-going restoration of a PB2Y-5R, an aircraft that Admiral Nimitz used for transportation during the way. They are currently building an eighty thousand square foot hangar, Hangar One, that will be dedicated in November, 2010. This hangar will include the fully restored P5M. The museum is also in the process of obtaining a MARS from Canada. It is one of two working (fire fighting) MARS still in existence. In addition, the museum is restoring an SB2C.

National Flight Academy. The National Flight Academy, which is adjacent to the National Naval Aviation Museum, will open to coincide with the kick-off of the Centennial of Naval Aviation in early May 2011. The academy will be for teenage students to promote aviation in general and Naval Aviation in particular.\

Centennial of Naval Aviation. This coming year, 2011, marks the centennial of Naval Aviation. A calendar of events will be published in the January Newsletter. All members are encouraged to make events that are in their local areas.

VP-45 Association Philanthropic Activity. Following a discussion on what the VP-45 Association may be interested in providing donations; it was recommended that we support the Museum and/or the National Flight Academy. After further discussion, a motion was made to donate \$5000.00 to the National Flight Academy. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Mort Eckhouse volunteered to present the check to VADM Hoewing.

Squadron Flag. Member George Dragos informed us of some work he had done to seek information about obtaining a squadron flag. The squadron has no such Flag but thought they would pursue George's idea. George provided the e-mail from the squadron PAO:

From: Peter K LTJG VP-45 Brown, N2 <peter.k.brown@navy.mil>

To: george dragos <gdragos@wowway.com>

Sent: Wed, 17 Mar 2010 11:18:32 -0400 (EDT)

Subject: RE: Re: Squadron Flag.

Sir,

There is no squadron flag that we currently have available. We do have the standard patches, stickers. A squadron flag is a great idea though, I'll forward up and see if we can get something designed and available for purchase. If we get any made, I'll keep you contact information and let you know when they become available. Thanks.

V/R, LTJG Peter Brown, VP-45 PAO

George Dragos will continue to pursue with the squadron.

As there was no further new business, the meeting was adjourned at 0930.

Minutes submitted by:

/S/

W. B. Massenburg, Secretary

Minutes Approved by:

/S/

Buck Jones, President



Udvar-Hazy Air and Space Museum



... and At The Holiday Inn Bar

PATRON FOUR-FIVE TREASURER'S REPORT

August 31, 2010

COASTAL BANK AND TRUST

BEGINNING BALANCE 1 July 2010 \$4,835.41

INCOME:

Dues \$90.00

TOTAL INCOME \$90.00

EXPENSES:

Website \$107.40

Del. Filing Fee \$ 25.00

Postage \$ 5.72

TOTAL EXPENSES \$138.12

ENDING COASTAL BANK AND TRUST \$4,787.29

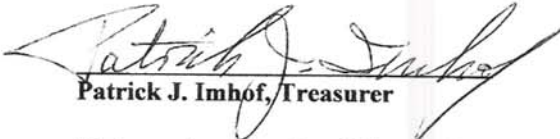
EDWARD JONES MONEY MARKET

BEGINNING BALANCE July 1, 2010 \$19,000.27

INTEREST INCOME - July and August 2010 0.52

TOTAL MONEY MARKET FUNDS \$19,000.79

TOTAL CAPITAL AS OF 8/31/10 \$ 23,788.08


Patrick J. Imhof, Treasurer

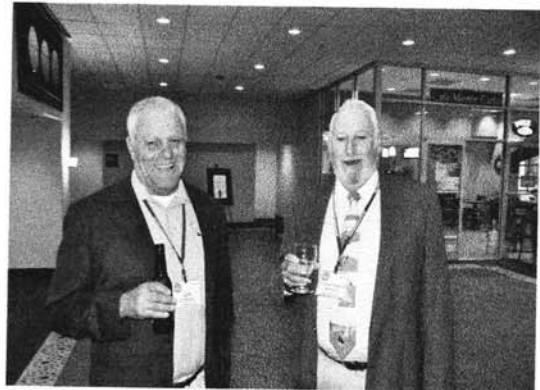
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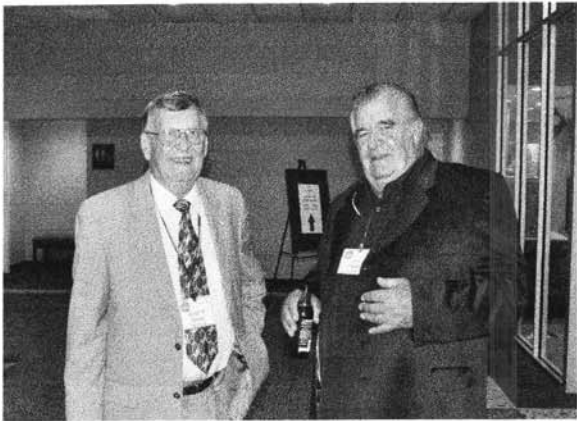
VP-45 Association Banquet.

On the evening of 2 October, the Pelicans arrived for the Associatino Banquet which was a complete success. Rear Admiral Bill Moran was the guest speaker. The Active Duty Members who flew the aircraft and Skipper Dougherty to the reunion were our honored guests. A special video was shown during the cocktail hour that was shot by Hank Ingber that depicted life as a Pelican during the deployment to Panama during the years 1953 – 1954. The video was put in DVD format by Bill Hobgood that allowed the video to be shown through.



Following the Pledge of Allegiance and Introductions, dinner was served. Following dinner, Skipper Dougherty presented Buck Jones and Dick Gray a framed picture of the most recent picture of the squadron. The skipper brought us up to speed on current squadron operations. RDML Bill Moran then took the floor, brought us up to speed on the health of Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Aviation, and then took us down “Memory Lane” as he shared some of his memorable experiences as a Department head in VP-45. At the conclusion of dinner, pictures were taken of the members who served in each decade. The banquet was adjourned and many Pelicans made for the bar to continue the evening reminiscing.







CDR Dougherty Presents Squadron Photo to President Buck Jones and Vice President Dick Gray

Rear Admiral Bill Moran Gives Keynote Address at the VP-45 Association Banquet



VP-45 Squadron Photo Presented to the VP-45 Association During the Banquet

**Assistant Director, Air Warfare
Head Maritime Aviation
Programs (OPNAV N88)**

***VP-45 Association
Reunion 2010 Guest Speaker,***

Rear Admiral Moran was born and raised in New York State. He is a graduate of Valley Central High School and holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the United States Naval Academy (1981) and a master's degree from the National War College (2006). ((Moran's operational Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Aircraft (MPRA) tours span all four MPR sites including his first in Patrol Squadron 44, Brunswick, Maine; department head, Patrol Squadron 45, Jacksonville, Fla.; command of Patrol Squadron 46, Whidbey Island, Wash., and command of Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 2, Hawaii. He has deployed to Sigonella, Sicily; Rota, Spain; Lajes Azores; Keflavik, Iceland; Misawa, Japan; Diego Garcia; Masirah, Oman; Bahrain; and numerous detachments around the world. His other operational tours include flag lieutenant and Battle Group tactical watch officer for commander, Carrier Group 6, Mayport, Fla., completing a Mediterranean deployment aboard USS Forrestal and a subsequent deployment to the Caribbean aboard numerous cruisers as part of the first deployed staff in support of Counter Narcotics Operations. He has served extensively as an



instructor pilot in multiple operational tours and two tours with Patrol Squadron 30, the Fleet Replacement Squadron. ((Moran's shore assignments include: Patrol Wing 11, Jacksonville, Fla., as safety officer and assistant maintenance officer; the Bureau of Naval Personnel, Washington, as assistant Washington placement officer and assistant flag officer detailee; deputy executive assistant and executive assistant to commander, U.S. Pacific Command, Camp Smith, Hawaii, from July 2000 to July 2003; deputy director, Navy staff from July 2006 until June 2007 and as executive assistant to the chief of Naval Operations from June 2007 until August 2008. Upon selection to flag rank, Moran assumed duties as commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Group in August 2008. ((Currently, Moran serves as head, Maritime Aviation Programs on the staff of the chief of Naval Operations (CNO). In this capacity, Moran assists the director of Air Warfare (OPNAV N88) in the development, programming, and budgeting of warfighting requirements underpinning all training, maritime, and maintenance programs.

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

VP-45 Association Reunion 2010 Honored Guest

Commander Mike Doherty was born and raised in Glastonbury, Connecticut . He graduated with Merit from the United States Naval Academy with the Class of 1992, earning a Bachelor of Science in Economics. After graduation, he reported to the Naval Aviation Schools Command for flight training and earned his Wings of Gold in April 1995.

Following Fleet Replacement Squadron training at Patrol Squadron THIRTY (VP-30), he reported to Patrol Squadron ELEVEN (VP-11) stationed in Brunswick, Maine. After the squadron's final deployment to NAS Sigonella , Italy , and subsequent decommissioning, he remained in Maine and reported to Patrol Squadron EIGHT (VP-8) in July 1996. While serving as the Airframes Branch Officer and the Pilot Training Officer, he completed two additional deployments to NAS Keflavik, Iceland, Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico, Howard AFB, Panama, and NAS Sigonella, Italy.

In May 1999, CDR Doherty reported to Patrol Squadron THIRTY (VP-30) as a Fleet Replacement Squadron Instructor Pilot in Jacksonville, Florida. He served as the Isochronal Scheduled Inspection System Branch Officer before finishing his tour as a Fleet NATOPS Evaluator and NATOPS Division Officer.

In March 2002, CDR Doherty reported to PCU RONALD REAGAN (CVN 76) as the ship's first Catapult and Arresting Gear Officer. After underway training onboard USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73) during its deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, he was designated USS RONALD REAGAN's first "Shooter". While leading V-2 Division during the ship's initial Flight Deck Certification, he launched the first aircraft off the catapult and proudly claims the title of Plankowner.

In January 2004, CDR Doherty reported to Patrol Squadron SIXTEEN (VP-16) for his Department Head tour. He served in the Safety/NATOPS, Administration, and Maintenance Departments while deploying to Sicily , Bahrain , and Djibouti , Africa .



In August 2005, CDR Doherty reported to Navy Personnel Command as the Aircraft Carrier Placement Officer. While ensuring optimal manning on the nation's capital warships, he planned and executed the demanning of USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67) in conjunction with the ship's decommissioning. In addition, he coordinated the manpower requirements for USS KITTY HAWK (CV 63) and USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73) as the two ships turned over as the country's only permanently forward deployed aircraft carrier. During this tour, CDR Doherty completed his Joint Professional Military Education with the Air Force's Air War College.

Prior to reporting to Vp-45, CDR Doherty served as the Executive Officer of Patrol Squadron THIRTY while also earning a Master's Degree in Operations Management from the University of Arkansas.

CDR Doherty has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (4 awards), the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (3 awards) and various unit, campaign and service awards. He is married to the former Lynn Massarelli of Acton , Massachusetts , and currently resides in Fleming Island , Florida with their four children, Mike, Ally, Kylie, and Jake.



2012 Reunion Choice Sheet

Mail your input to:

Buck Jones, 1927 Old Highway 26, Wiggins, MS.39577-9220

Email/phone your input to:

Buck Jones	bpj1927@yahoo.com	601-528-9374
Dick Gray	dickgray@brooksendway.com	207-667-1370
Wally Massenburg	wallymassenburg@comcast.net	781-455-0599
P.J. Imhof	daddypaddy@cox.net	850-432-0036

VP-45 Association info@vp45association.org

Cut Here and Mail to Buck

My choice location for the 2012 VP-45 Association Reunion is:

_____ Jacksonville, FL
_____ Pensacola, FL/Mobile, AL/Gulfport-Biloxi, MS
_____ Corpus Christi, TX
_____ Nashville, TN
_____ San Antonio, TX
_____ Preferred Date/Time of Year

Please number your choices, with "1" being your #1 preference.

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

I Plan to Attend the 2012 VP-45 Association Reunion: ____ Yes ____ No. I Plan to Attend the
2010 VP-45 Association Reunion: ____ Yes ____ No.



Centennial of Naval Aviation Events

2011 Navy Weeks

City	Event	Dates
Tampa, FL	Gasparilla Pirate Festival	Jan 22-29
Austin, TX	Rodeo Austin	Mar19-26
Mississippi	Meridian Airshow	Mar19-27
NAS JRB	Fort Worth Air Power Expo	Apr 10-17
Denver	Cinco de Mayo	May 2-8
New Orleans	N'awlins Airshow	May 5-13
Philadelphia	Millville AAF W/W Airshow	May 23-29
Chattanooga, TN	Riverbend Festival	Jun11-19
Quad Cities	Quad Cities Airshow	Jun16-22
Chicago	NS Great Lakes Centen	Jun 25-Jul 4
Rochester, NY	ESL Int'l Airshow	Jul 11-17
Detroit	Thunder over MI Airshow	Jul18-24
Los Angeles	Summer X Games	Jul 25-31
Fargo, ND	Fargo Airshow	Aug 8-14
Indianapolis	Indiana State Fair	Aug 13-22
Cincinnati	Riverfest	Aug 29-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

Blue Angels Schedule

March

12	NAF El Centro, CA
19-20	Keesler AFB, MS
26-27	NAS Meridian, MS

April

02-03	Sun-N-Fun, Lakeland, FL
09-10	NAS Corpus Christi, TX
16-17	Fort Worth JRB, TX
30	MCAS Beaufort, SC

May

01	MCAS Beaufort, SC
03-04	NAS Pensacola, FL
07-08	NAS New Orleans, LA
08	Flight Academy Fly-Over, Pensacola, FL
14-15	Indianapolis, IN
21-22	TBD
25&27	USNA Graduation Fly-Over
28-29	Millville, NJ

June

04-05	Rockford, IL
11-12	Evansville, IN
18-19	Davenport, IA
25-26	North Kingdon, RI

July

02-03	TBD
09	Pensacola Beach, FL
16-17	Rochester, NY
23-24	Ypsilanti, MI
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

Get the Word Out - Join Today



Registration Form for the PATRON FOUR FIVE ASSOCIATION

Please complete this form and return it to the address below so we will have your information in the database and member roster. Dues are \$15 per year, \$65 for five years, & \$300 for life and are payable to:

Mr. Patrick J. Imhof, Treasurer
Patron Four Five Association
3204 E. Moreno St
Pensacola, FL 32503-6529
850-432-0036
daddypaddy@cox.net

Roster Information

(Rosters are for private use by Association members ONLY)

First Name _____ Middle Initial _____ Last Name _____

Spouse First Name _____

Address (Street or PO BOX, etc.) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip+4 _____ - _____

Telephone # with area code (_____) _____

E-mail _____

Website (if applicable) _____

Squadron Duties/Billet Data

Please circle one: Aircrew Pilot NFO Other (Please identify) _____

Served in: (Circle one) VP/VPB-205 VP-45 (PBY) VP-45 (P5M) VP-45 (P3) VP-45 (P8)

Dates served: From _____ To _____, From _____ To _____

Duties/Division _____

Pictures (or copies) of squadron rosters, papers, crew lists, awards, and a narrative of your favorite incidents / stories for our archives and / or the newsletter are treasures only you can provide. We can copy and return any you would like to retain. Please favorably consider this request for any you care to submit. Please use the back of this page for your first story in the newsletter ☺.

How did you learn about the association? Who contacted you? _____

From the VP-45 Association Secretary ...

Up front, I would like to apologize for the delay in publishing this Newsletter. I am sure as many of you have experienced computer issues, In the middle of putting the Newsletter together at the end of October, I experienced a computer crash. I was not up and on line again, with all files recovered, until the end of December.

First I would like to thank Dick Gray and the other officers for their work in putting on the 2010 Reunion. They worked hard to put together four great days of activity and camaraderie. As Buck Jones said in the opening of the Newsletter, we are now in the planning stages for the 2012 Reunion. One thing that we discovered was that you can't start early enough. In this Newsletter, you will find the voting sheet for those places identified during the reunion Business Meeting. Please help us by indicating your preference as to where our next reunion will be held.

Once again, your leadership team is concentrating on increased membership. We did well to increase our membership from those who served from 1980 - 1989. 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.

We have made a concerted effort to keep up with our roster and our dues. The roster is as up to date as we can make it. We have checked and double-checked to make sure the roster is as accurate as possible. If there are any corrections, please ... please let any officer know of any changes that need to be made. The roster includes what PJ Imhof has our membership for dues paid. If you are in imminent 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.

You'll notice that this Newsletter is dedicated to the recap of the reunion. There are very few entertaining articles as there have been in past Newsletters. I tok editorial license to include as many photographs as possible from the September/October event.

I would be remiss if I didn't recognize my son, LCDR Beau Massenburg, now the Operations Officer in VP-45 for his contribution and coordination of the active duty members participation in Reunion 2010. I would also like to thank and recognize, RADM Bill Moran, who took time out of his busy schedule to be our guest speaker. Special thanks to CDR Mike Dougherty, who made a special effort to bring a current P-3C AIP aircraft up for us to tour and for his participation at our banquet. We all (active and retired) enjoyed the tour of the Navy's new P-8 Poseidon.

Please vote for your reunion site today! See you at the next reunion.

With great respect,

Wally