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BERMUDA





Tabacco Bay, St. Georges, Bermuda

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DEDICATION



This book is dedicated to the men and women of Patrol Squadron FORTY-FIVE. It is through their professional and enthusiastic work that we continue to function as the Atlantic's premier ASW Squadron. The book is also devoted to the memory of our squadron's ASW symbols, the Pelican and the Red Darter. Although these adornments will soon be removed from our aircraft, the memory of these colorful and thought-provoking insignia will live on . . .





Commanding Officer CDR Thomas P. Lawler

CDR Thomas P. Lawler is a native of Brooklyn, New York, and a 1967 graduate of Saint John's University.

CDR Lawler's initial assignment was with Patrol Squadron SIXTEEN at NAS Jacksonville. Flying the P-3A, B, and C model aircraft, he participated in deployments to Bermuda and Sigonella, as well as UNITAS XIII.

In June 1973 CDR Lawler reported to the Naval Air Development Center in Warminster, Pennsylvania where he served first as the Legal Officer then as P-3C Update I & II Test and Evaluation Officer. Selected for the Personnel Exchange Program (PEP) with the United Kingdom, he served an overseas tour with the Royal Air Force at Kinloss, Scotland. He was subsequently assigned to the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island.

CDR Lawler returned to Patrol Aviation in December 1979 through assignment to Patrol Squadron THIRTY at NAS Jacksonville, Florida. During this tour with the Fleet Replacement Training Squadron (VP-30), CDR Lawler served as the Operations Officer.

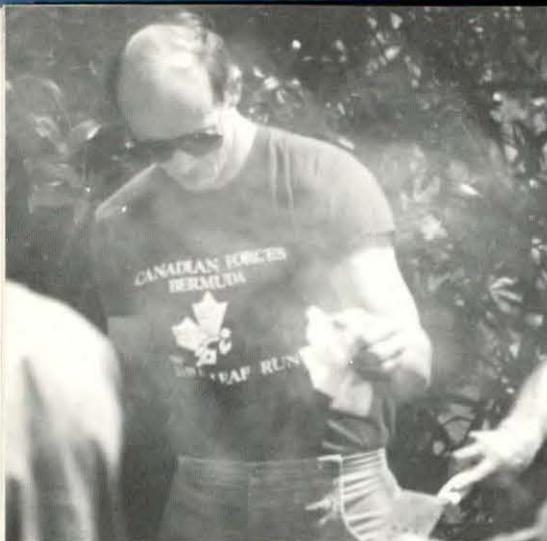
Reporting aboard Patrol Squadron FIVE (VP-5), in May 1981, he served as the Operations Officer, while making deployments to Sigonella. He returned to Patrol Squadron THIRTY (VP-30) in May 1983 as the Training Officer. CDR Lawler was selected for Patrol Aviation Command in October 1983.

CDR Lawler reported to Patrol Squadron FORTY-FIVE in August 1984 and assumed the duties of Commanding Officer on 10 January 1986.

CDR Lawler has been awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation Medal, the Navy Expeditionary Medal, and National Defense Service Medal, and the Sea Service Ribbon.

CDR Lawler is married to the former Margaret Burke of Brooklyn, New York. They reside in Jacksonville with their two daughters, Jeanne and Megan.





Executive Officer CDR Robert L. Hume

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

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

In May of 1975, CDR Hume reported to Fleet Replacement Squadron THIRTY-ONE where he qualified as an Instructor Pilot and was assigned successive duties as Legal Officer, Plans Officer and Standardization board member. Following this shore tour, CDR Hume participated in the Personnel Exchange Program and transferred to Patrol Squadron 405, Canadian Forces Base, Greenwood Nova Scotia in December 1977 where he qualified as Aircraft Commander and was ultimately assigned as Operations Officer.

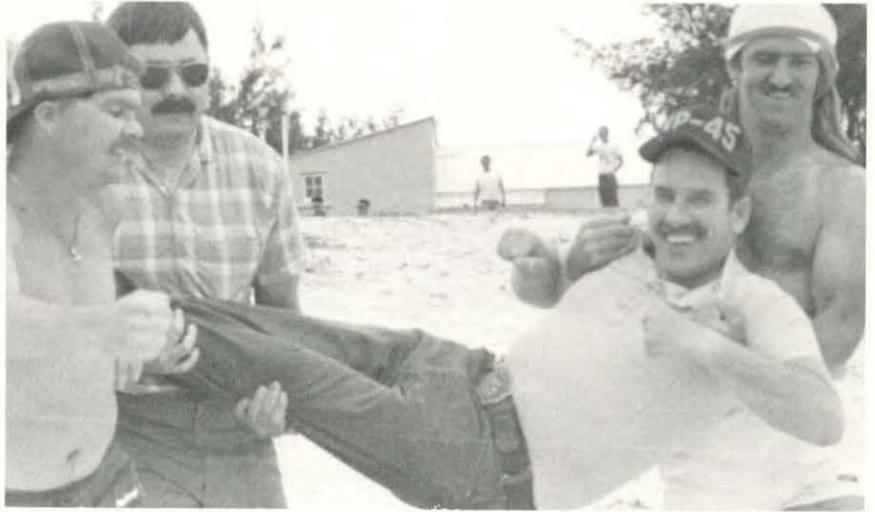
CDR Hume reported to the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island in August 1980. In February 1982, CDR Hume reported aboard Patrol Squadron FIVE where he made several East Coast deployments and served as Maintenance Officer. He was reassigned to Commander, Patrol Wing ELEVEN in July 1984 where he served as Administrative Officer.

CDR Hume reported aboard Patrol Squadron FORTY-FIVE in December 1985 and assumed the duties of Executive Officer on January 10, 1986.

CDR Hume has received various awards highlighted by two Air Medals, the Combat Action Ribbon, the Presidential Unit Commendation, Navy Unit Commendation, Meritorious Unit Commendation and the Vietnam Service Medal.

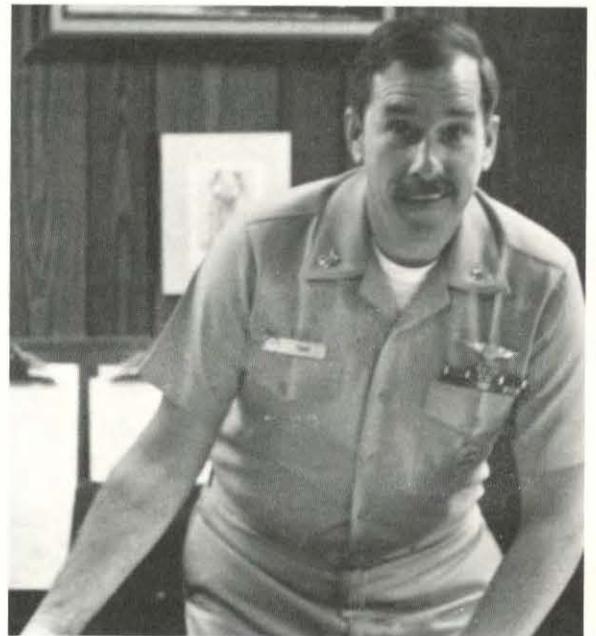
CDR Hume is married to the former Betty Jackson of Memphis, Tennessee. They reside in Jacksonville with their two daughters Elizabeth (Libby) and Amy.





Command Master Chief

AOCM Mike Kane



Maintenance Master Chief

AFCM Richard Williams



DEPARTING . . .

"You never know how much stuff you've acquired over the years . . . until you have to MOVE!!"



"Navy JAX tower, LN453, switching to Departure. See ya' in six . . ."

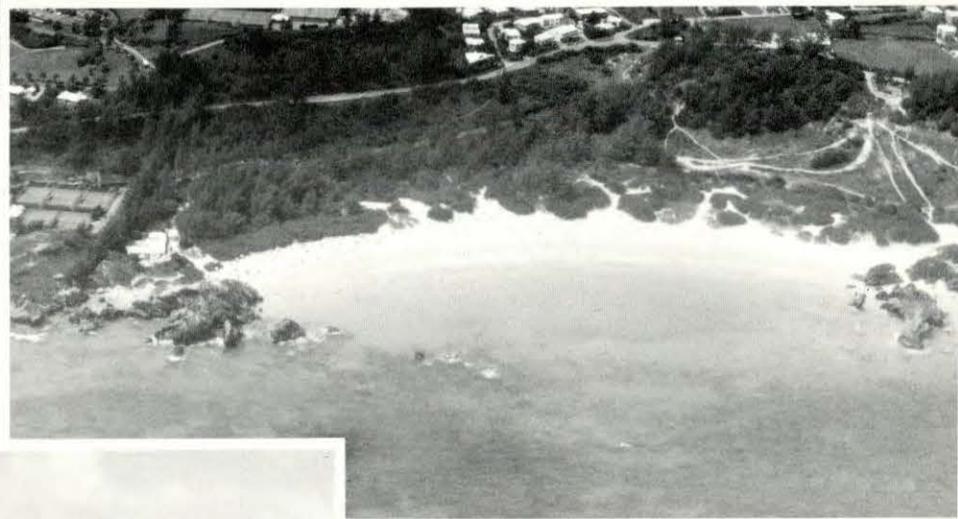
"Well, there goes another one. Maybe they'll call if they need us."





"There it is, there it is! No, NOT the hanger. Forty Thieves.

"I don't know. Why do you think it's called Horseshoe Bay?"



Look out Bermuda; Here come the PELICANS!!

The Skipper knows who's been naughty or nice . . . and who's been catching rays!!



How Come the Pelican?

Webster defines the pelican as any of the genus (*Pelecanus*) of large webfooted birds with very large bills, and distensible gular pouches in which fish are caught. He is basically a large water bird who inhabits most of the coastal waters of the world. He can be found in the tropics, as far south as the Antarctic Peninsula and as far north as the Arctic Circle. The Pelican is usually characterized as having a naked pouch on the underside of a hooked bill, a long heavy body, short stubby legs, and large webbed feet.

He is a strong, graceful flier and can stay aloft for hours in his search for food or when transiting from one roost to another. Some breeds are found far out at sea during the daylight hours, but always return to land at night to roost. Hunting technique varies among breeds. Some breeds hunt in large groups while swimming on the surface while others hunt as loners far out at sea. One technique which is probably the most interesting, and which most closely resembles the primary task of the VP maritime community is that of the North American Brown Pelican.

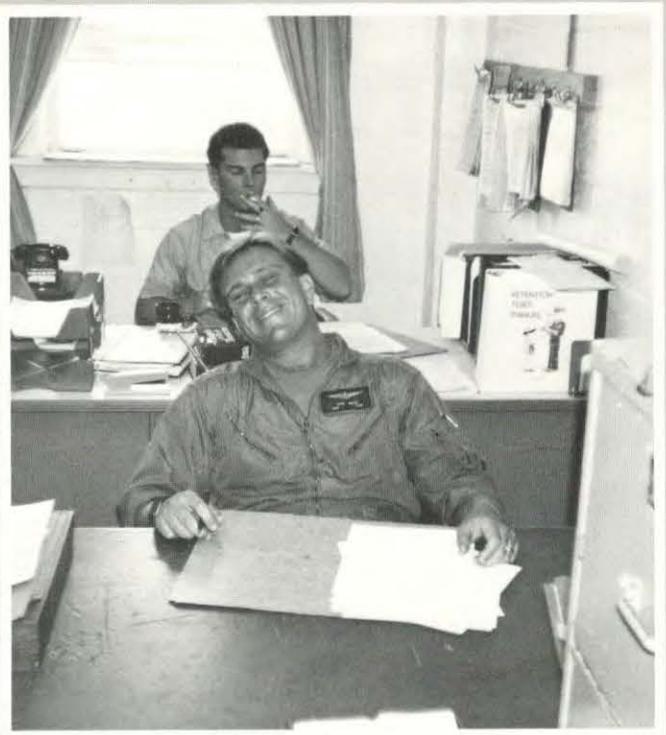
The Brown Pelican is a loner in his search for food, but once he localizes his prey, stand by for action. He will dive at the surface of the sea and smack it so violently that the fish will be stunned temporarily. He then easily scoops his helpless prey into his pouch.

Getting back to the title of this article, how come the Pelican? First, his physical features resemble the Orion aircraft in many aspects; the long heavy body, short stubby legs, and the strength of his wings. Second, the pelican species is a worldwide, land based coastal inhabitant, the same as the entire VP community. Finally he is a smooth, graceful aviator, yet he has the ability to maneuver himself quickly, effectively, and as in the case of the brown pelican, fiercely in his attack in a very effective manner.

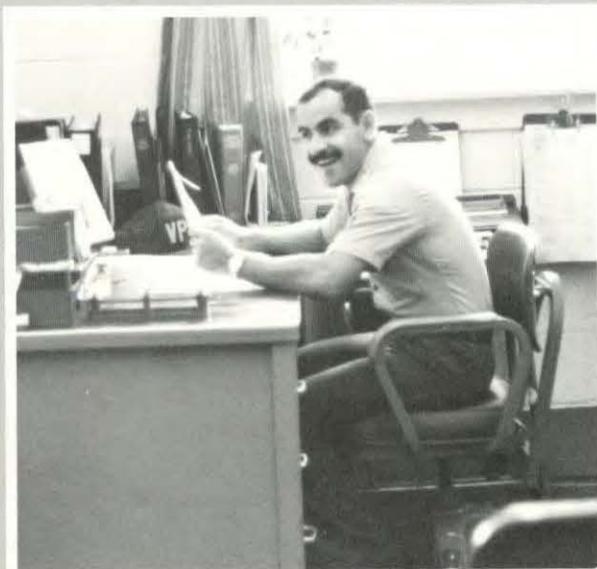
Take a look at these similarities and then look at the tail insignias of other ASW squadrons. Have you ever seen a fox fly, an eagle hunt over the open seas, a dragon? How about a batgirl?????????

I take off my hat to the man who thought of the pelican as an ASW symbol. There is no better symbol for ASW excellence such as we have in VP-45!!!

VP45

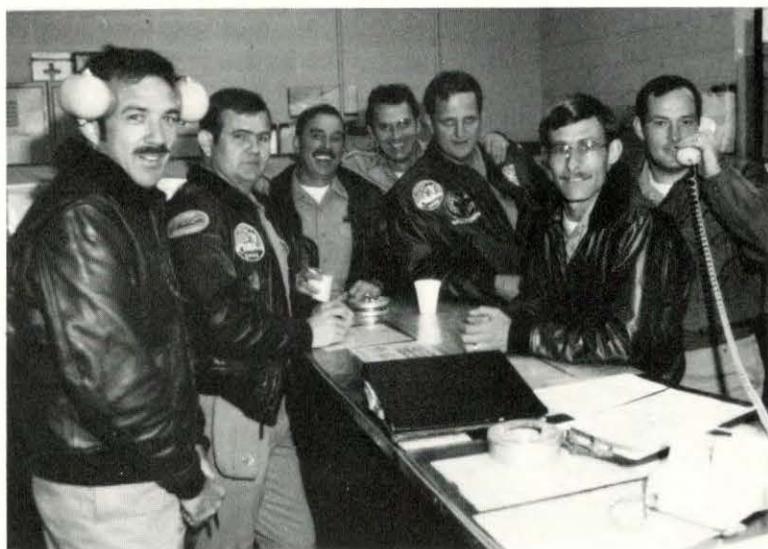


DEPARTMENTS



MAINTENANCE/ADMIN-PERSONNEL/OPS/COMMAND SERVICES

GETTING THE JOB ... DONE!!!



"POW-WOW"



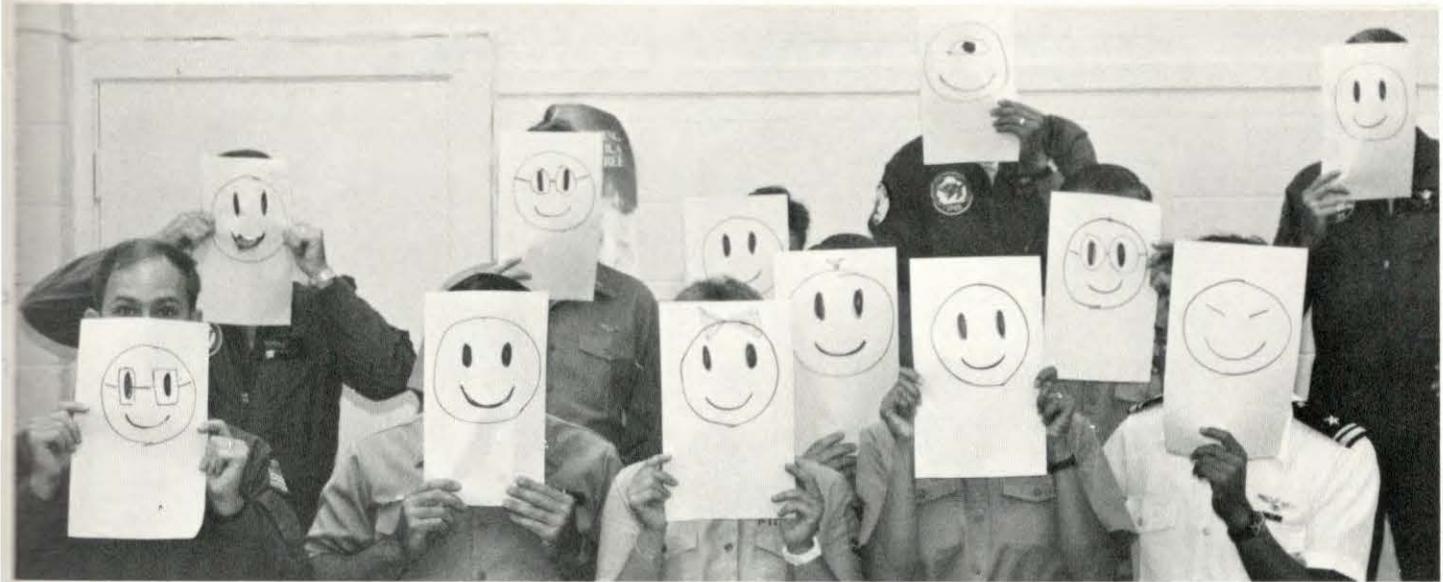
Would you trust this man with your travel claims?



Shinin' up the decks!



You want the audit WHEN??



Getting creative in Command Services.



... only 40 acres left. I hate BERMUDA grass!



I think it's time to break out the fine-toothed comb.



NEXT!!

MAINTENANCE CONTROL



Left to Right, Front to Back: LTJG Jim Yacovoni, AZ3 James Phipps, AMSC Gary Likness, AZ2 Bill Shoop, ATCS Tommy Binns, AZ3 Dave Scarberry, AMHC Marty Posekany, AFCM Richard Williams.

MATERIAL CONTROL

Left to Right, Front to Back: LT Rosa Price, AK2 Debra Devery, AE2 Dale May, AK2 Addy Overstreet, AO1 Tim Blackmon, AK3 Gary Payne, AK1 Denise Martinez, AKAN Justin Henning, AK3 Bill Gordon. Not pictured: AK2 Al Reine, AK2 Oswaldo Andrade, AK3 Howie Vanorder, ADCS Al Schum.





AD'S

Left to Right, Front to Back: AD2 David Nealon, AD2 Stephen Waldon, AD2 William Lindhart, AD3 Phillip Fidalgo, AD2 Dave Maple, AD2 Scott Kelly, AD1 Steve Cox, ADC Russ Graham, AD1 "Gus" Gustafson, AD3 Bill Colley, LTJG Dave Waagbo. Not pictured: AD1 Ken Hansen, ADAN Diane Scoffield, AD2 Steve Hinkle, ADAN Tracy Floyd, AD1 "West-Pac Jack" Davis, AD1 "Bubba" Lyda, AD1 "Pappy" Everett, AD2 Chris Friday.

AIRFRAMES



Left to Right, Front to Back: AMH3 Franklin Smith, AMH1 Bobby Sigrist, AMS2 Karen Mewborn, AMS3 "Breakfast" Crosson, AMS2 David Jones, AMS3 Robert House, AMS1 Jerald Bennett, AMHAN Robert Schubert, AMS2 Dave Vrabel, AMHC "Andy" Anderson, AN Jay Schumacher. Not pictured: AMS3 Maggie Sumpter, AN Steve Mann, AMS1 Barry Case.

PATRON BERMUDA

CORROSION

Left to Right, Front to Back: AD3 James Wheeler, AMH3 Richard Taylor, AMS3 Isidro Villarreal, AN Donni Gilmore, AN Todd Kehrer, AD3 Ed Bonin, AMS2 Terry Smith, AN Stanley Cole, AO1 Jay Huff, AO3 Ron Burns, AMS3 Jim Wynn, AMSC T. J. Jackson.



PR/AME



Left to Right, Front to Back: AME1 Butch Frazier, AME1 Timmy Oiler, PR2 Curtis Simms, AME2 Tim Vaneyck, AMEAN Rick Lodge, PR1 Dennis Brown, AME1 Pat Tinney, PRAN Darryl Williams, AMSC Rudy Byrne. Not pictured: PR2 Ruy QuinQuinio, AME2 William Mitchell.

AT'S



Left to Right, Front to Back: AX2 Kerry Buckingham, AT3 Kevin Smith, PN1 W.T. Mahon, AT1 Terry Hayes, AX3 Julio Rodriguez, AT3 Charles Beaman, AT2 Scott Jones, AX2 Randy Voils, ATC W.C. Hill. Not pictured: AX2 Mary Jane Copeland, AT3 Bruce English, AT2 Bill Peacock, AXAN Steve Gautier.



AO'S

Left to Right, Front to Back: AO1 Bill Pittard, AO2 Mike Riley, AO2 Mike Keenan, AO1 Tim Carroll, AO2 Brett McMillan, AO2 Gary Glasser, AO3 Buck Oldham, AO2 Cliff Schwake, AOC Dan Drehoff.

AVIONICS DIVISION OFFICERS

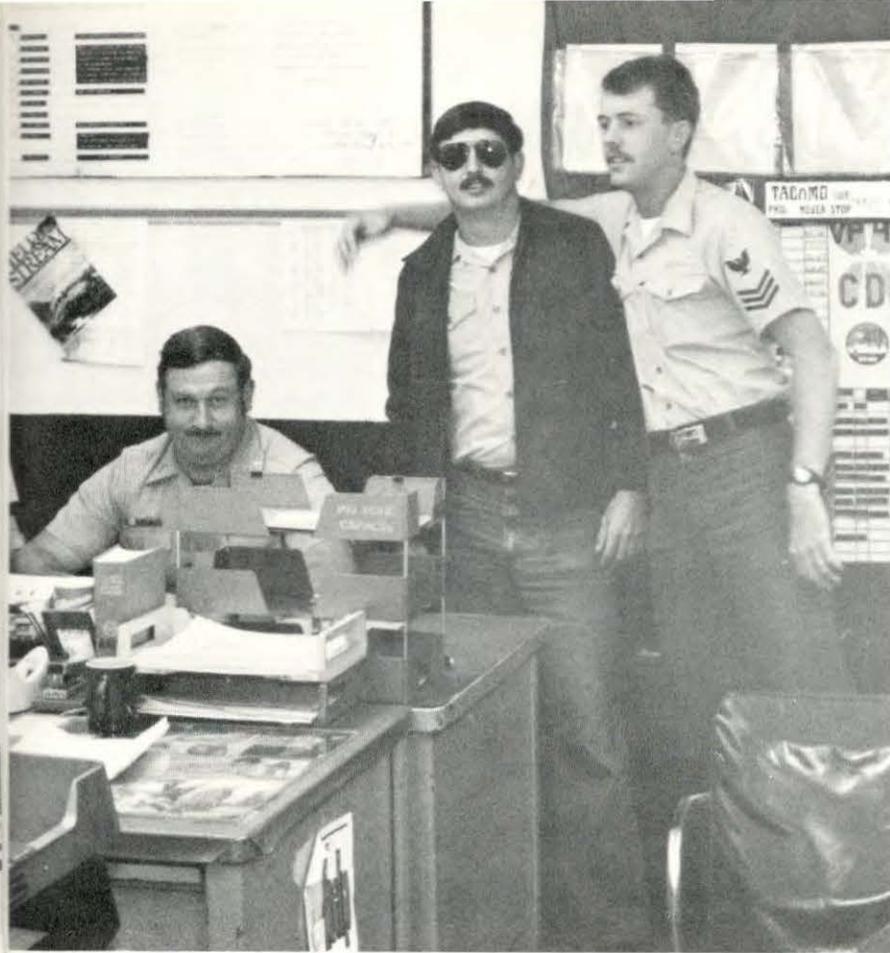
Left to Right: LTJG J.C. Cunningham, ENS "Bull" Degennaro, LT Kyle McCollom, AECS Jim Bolin, LTJG Darryl Wilson.



LINE



Left to Right, Front to Back: AN Pete Caruso, AN Troy Hopkins, AN Angela Minter, ABH1 Chera K. Weasler, ADAN Patrick Gagne, AN Kurt Strauss, AA Gordon Douglas, AZ3 Willa Glover, AD3 James Ward, AD3 "Mongo" Gettings, ADAN "Roebuck" Sears. Not pictured: ABHAN Ann Holzli, ABHAN Lois Ortiz.



QUALITY ASSURANCE

Left to Right: ADCS Gabby Hayes, AZ1 Don Arnold, AZ1 Gary Dunkle. Not pictured: LT Ross Parker, AMSC Kick Wehrle, AMS1 Ollie Walker, AE1 (AW) Jerry Gleaton, AT1 Archie McLelland, AD1 Landie Lewis, AD1 J.R. Walsh, AX1 Dave Campbell, AO1 Tom Benfield.

AE SHOP



Left to Right, Front to Back: AE2 Dan Varela, AE2 John Nelson, AE1 Mark Fitzpatrick, AEC Mike Grissom, AE3 Tony Lawson, AE2 Tim Goldsberry, AE2 Freddy Frausto, AEAN Steve Xavier, AE2 Kurt Anderson, AE2 Rick Madigan.



REMEMBERING THE FORGOTTEN MECHANIC

Through the history of world aviation
many names have come to the fore
Great deeds of the past on our memory will
last as they're joined by more and more —
When man first started to labor in his
quest to conquer the sky,

He was designer, mechanic and pilot and
he built a machine that would fly —
The pilot was everyone's hero, he was
brave, he was bold, he was grand.

As he stood by his battered biplane with
his goggles and helmet in hand —
But for each of these flying heroes there
were thousands little renowned

And these were the men who worked on the
planes but kept their feet on the ground —
We all know the name of Lindbergh and
we've read of his flight to fame

But think, if you can of his maintenance
man; can you remember his name?

And think of our wartime heroes and all
the acclaim that they got

Can you tell me the names of their crew
chiefs? A thousand to one you cannot —

So when you see mighty jet aircraft as
they mark their way through the air,
Remember the grease-stained man with
the wrench in his hand; he's the man who
put them there —



OPS

YN2 Jose Colon, LTJG Buck Cochran, LTJG Bill Raymond, AWCS Don Littlefield, LCDR Tom DeLong, sitting — LCDR Frank Bryant.

SAFETY-NATOPS



Left to Right, Front to Back: LT Tom Gridley, AW1 Walter Bull, AE1 Jon Allgood, LT Dan Crain, AO1 Neil Keatts, LT Paul Morrissette, AO2 Mike Riley, ATC Fred Tomski, LTJG Scott Breor. Not pictured: LT Joe Krebes, LCDR Eframson.

LEGAL

Left to Right: LT Jett Bell, LT Eric Heckler, YN2 Paula Loveless.



ADMIN/PERSONNEL



Left to Right, Front to Back: LT Ten-Alpha Koach, LTJG Mitch Miller, PN3 Robin Green, PN2 Barbara Gillespie, PN1 W.T. Mahon, YN3 Rappin Rodney Fields, YN1 Cathy Raley, YN2 James "UAB" Harwell, MS2 Dave "The Persuader" Digou, YN2 Paula Loveless, DK2 Sammy Thompson, YOC Mike Ross, DK3 John Kostelny, LCDR Bob Golding. Not pictured: PN2 Tom Powell, LTJG Scott Davies, LT Dan Hudson, LT B.J. Rivers, MS2 Kim Burgess.

COMMUNICATIONS



Left to Right, Front to Back: LTJG Dave Vasquez, YN3 "Iceman" Thomas, AX3 Veres, LT Thomas Britts.



Left to Right, Front to Back: LT Thomas Britts, AXC Steve Madgett, AE1 Harry Clinton, AN Vicky Earl.



AW DIVISION

AW3 Tim Ontiveros, AW1 "Timmy the Troll" Cates, AW2 Rick Winn, AW2 Wade Loveless, AW2 Spud Brock, AWC John Culbertson, AW1 Walt Bull, AWAN Pete Steele, AW2 Tim Booth, AW3 James Scarbrough, AWAN Scott Innes, AW3 Rick Silva, AW1 Dale Ackerman, AW2 Charles "Bumble" Bowling, AW2 Bob Moncrief, AW2 Spencer "Spence" Cunningham.

DK'S



DK3 John Kostelny, DK2 Sammy Thompson.

AIO



Left to Right: ISSN Robert Jensen, LTJG Vicki Owens, LTJG Chris "Ms. E" Brzozowski, IS2 Jon McCracken, Taking the Photo: PH3 Eddie Sorah.

COMMAND SERVICES



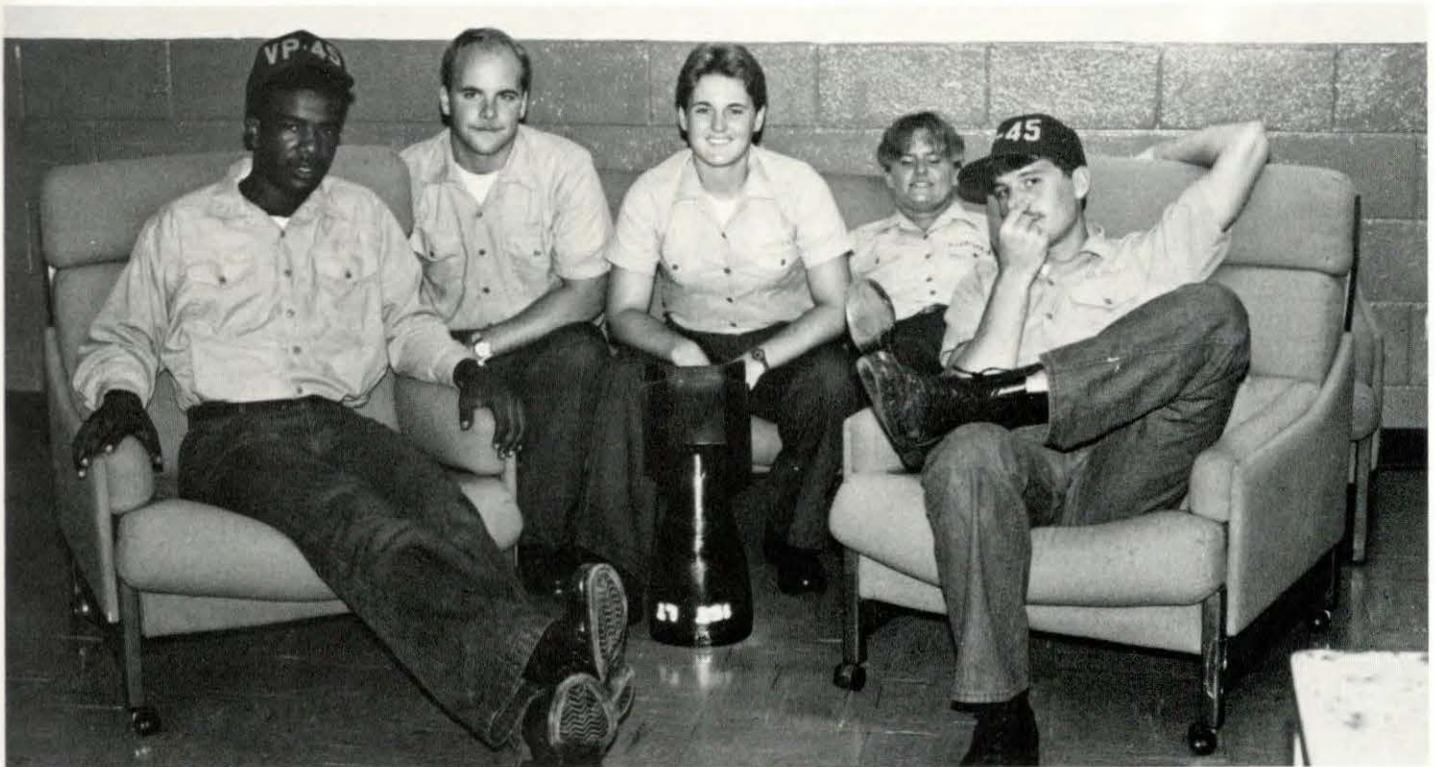
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GEDUNK

Front: MS2 Rhonda Stewart, Back,
Left to Right: AD3 Deborah Faison,
MSSN Keith Bryant, AEAN Dean
Zartman, MS3 Regina Avant, AO3
Phyllis Cook, AA Rachel Johnson.

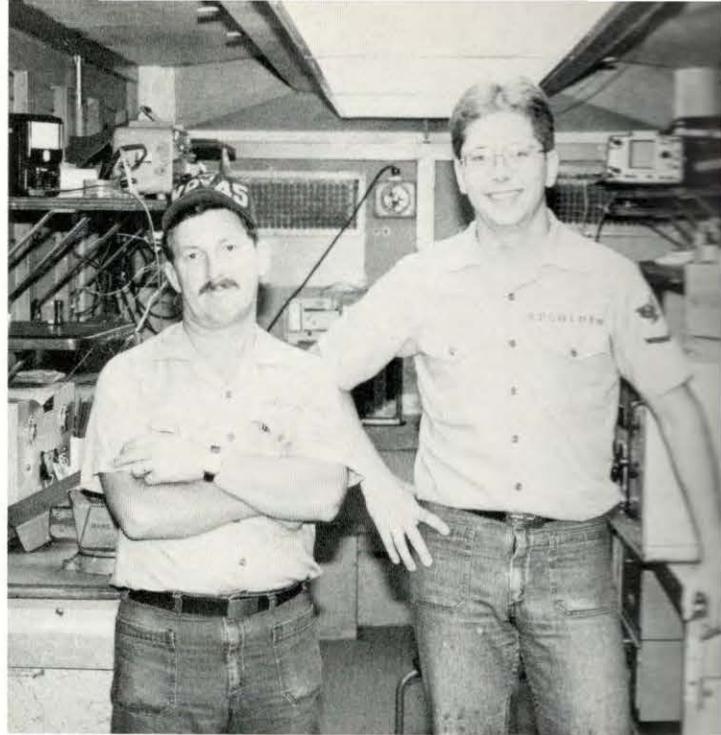


FIRST LIEUTENANT



Left to Right: AA Jason Jones, AXAN Steve Makie, AN Carol Howard, AD2 Karen Picciola, AN Greg Welliver.

TAD



AE1 Edmund Russell, AE3 Mike Spaulding.

AT3 Tom Gallagher, AT2 Scott Hulett, ATAN Mike Hodgkin
MSSN "Frenchie" Shannon.



Sitting: unidentified
clockwise: AT1 Joel Nordman
AT2 Randy Neness
AT3 Pat Jackman
AT2 Rodney White
AX2 Anita Peay
AT2 Scott Hulett
AE3 Mike Spaulding
AT3 Tom Gallagher
AT2 Vance Harrington
AO2 Bryan Vrooman
AD2 Tony Scilingo
AX2 Wee Willie Pearl



AD2 Jim Scrabalak, AD2 Tony Scilingo



AX2 Bill Pearl, AX2 Kerry Buckingham, AT2 Bill Peacock



"Petey" Peterson



AX2 Anita Peay

AX2 Mary Jane Copeland



AX2 Bill Pearl



STRANGE PHENOMENON OF THE ...

During our time on the island, we found there was more fact than fiction to the notion of "The Bermuda Triangle." Strange occurrences were witnessed and experienced by the personnel of VP-45

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Residents prone to the "Horgie Factor" found themselves sleepy and their torso's elongated.



The odd gravitational pull at Bermuda, caused LCDR Al Efraimson to fly a 50' pattern.



Hansen, Walsh and Arnold found themselves in severely altered clothing . . .

Our own U.S. submarines targeted a P-3. The miss missed and hit Captain Hall's house.

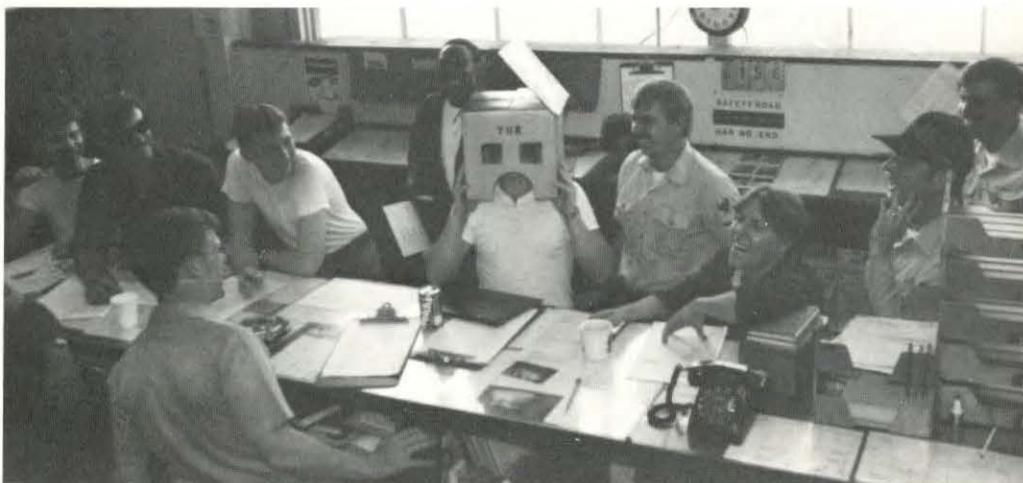




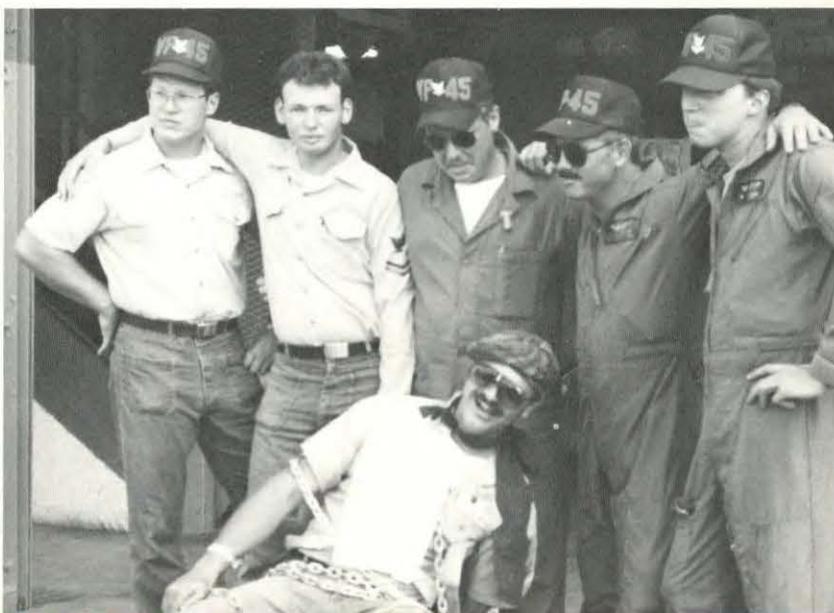
Members at an Airframes professional development meeting found their bodies mysteriously glued together.

BERMUDA TRIANGLE!!

Nightcheck personnel were found wearing odd radiation helmets.



Below are 'before' and 'after' shots. The one on the left was taken in February; the one on the right in August. The common thread is the unusually high level of mischief. Just another mystery of the Bermuda Triangle.



BERMUDA: SEEING THE SIGHTS



Sir George Somers

The story of Bermuda began in the 16th century. The Spaniard Juan de Bermudez goes the credit for discovering the islands. He visited there in 1503, but failed to claim them for his country. It wasn't until 1609 — more than a hundred years later that the British Admiral Sir George Somers' flagship "Sea Venture" on its way to the infamously and struggling colony of Virginia with desperately needed supplies, came to grief upon Bermuda's reefs. It was a providential mishap which led to the British colonization in 1612 of what is known officially today as the "Bermudas" or "Somers Island."

Who's next?!



The "Sea Venture"





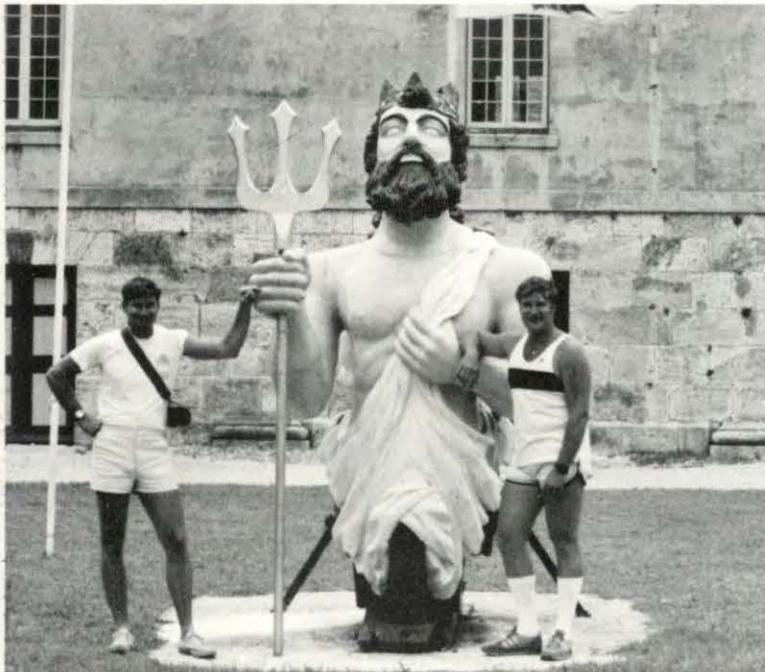
BRT. Bermuda Rapid Transit



Fort St. Catherine



Pride of Bermuda: The Longtail

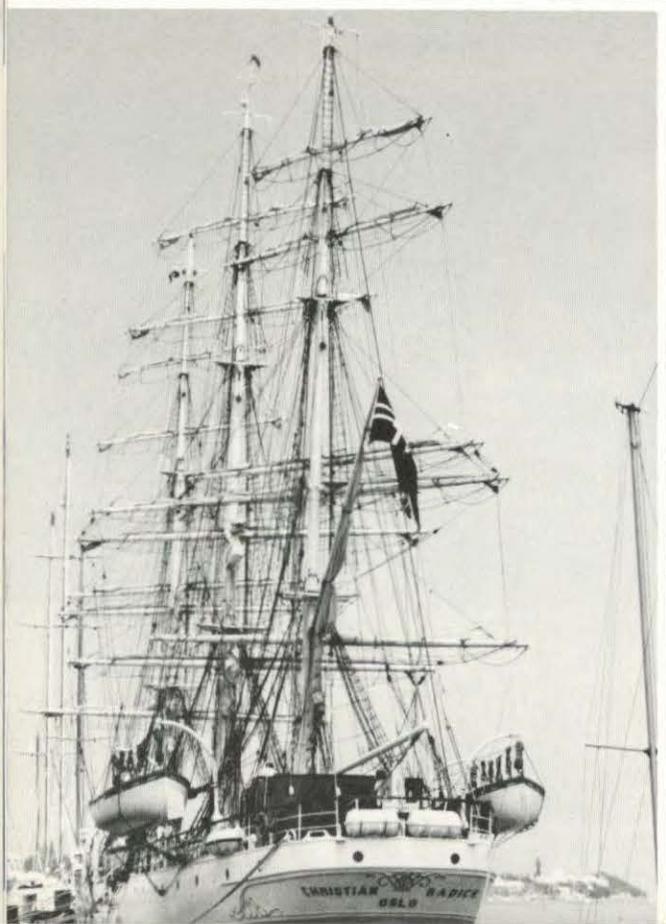


AW's Loveless, Neptune and Bowling.



Town Hall

'We are the keepers of the



flame of liberty'

PRESIDENT REAGAN

On July 4th, 1986, Americans around the world celebrated their independence. This year's celebration was heightened as Lady Liberty turned 100. The inset photos show some events that made 4 July 1986, memorable for VP-45, as they helped keep the Flame burning bright . . .

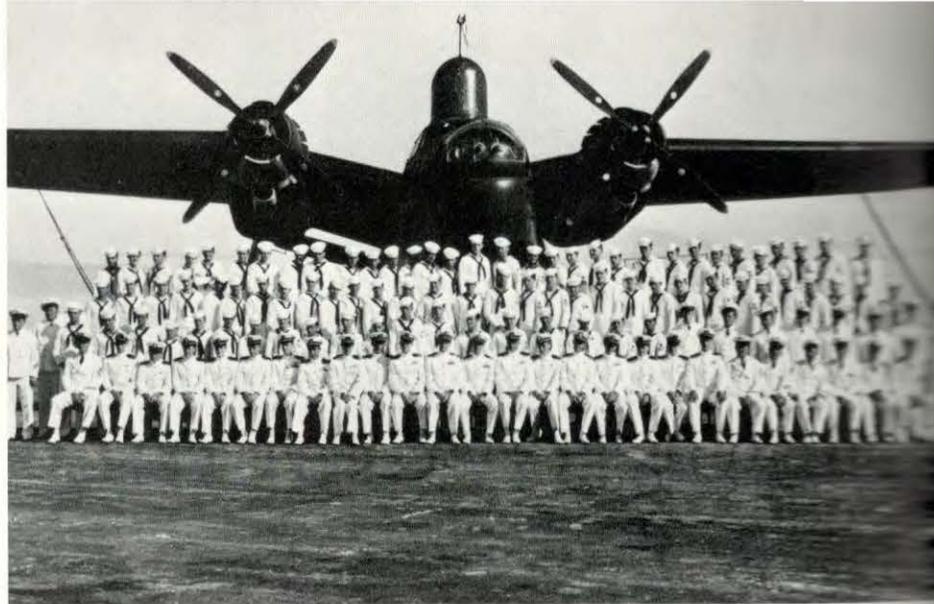
1. NAS Bermuda has a great fireworks display with the help of the VP-45 Ordnance Shop. Great Job!!
2. The tall ship Christian Radich heading for NYC harbor.
3. All the winners of the Firecracker 5 and 10K runs.
4. Kathy Raley, Robin Green and Mike Thomas enjoy the festivities in front of the Admin building.

Background photo courtesy of Newsweek.



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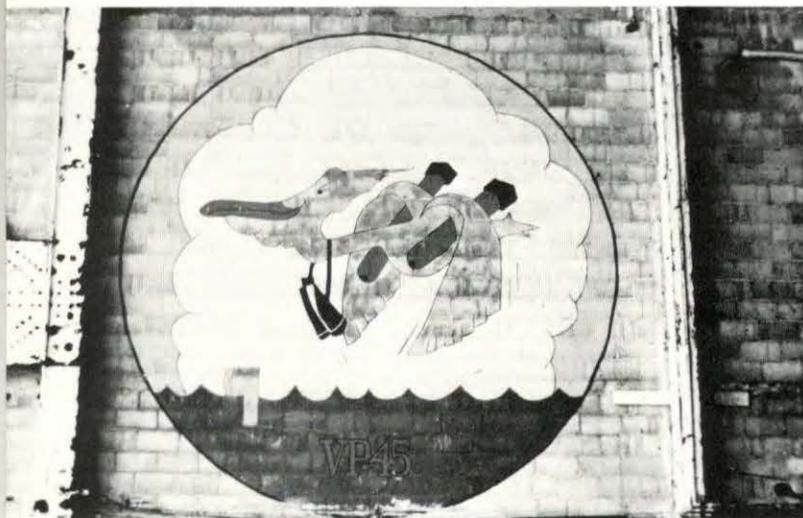




Patrol Squadron posed in front of a PBM Marlin.

The internationally famous Navy bagpiper Capt. Sinclair USN (RET) was a VP-45 pilot stationed at NAS Bermuda.

Bermuda Deployment '86 marked some significant events in Naval, as well as VP-45, Aviation. The most significant date is the celebration of the 75th Anniversary of Naval Aviation. In the meantime, history repeated itself as a group of individuals reenacted the first successful trans-Atlantic flight. The PBY Catalina "flying boat" stopped at NAS Bermuda for celebration and rest. The leg from the Azores to Bermuda took approximately 21 hours at altitudes of 500 to 500 feet! How's that for endurance. Closer to home, VP-45 was visited by Capt. Sinclair, a former VP-45 pilot. For the history buff, a trip to the hangars at the Annex could give a reminder of days past when VP-45 was permanently stationed there.



The Pelican logo painted on the wall of NAS Annex hangar.

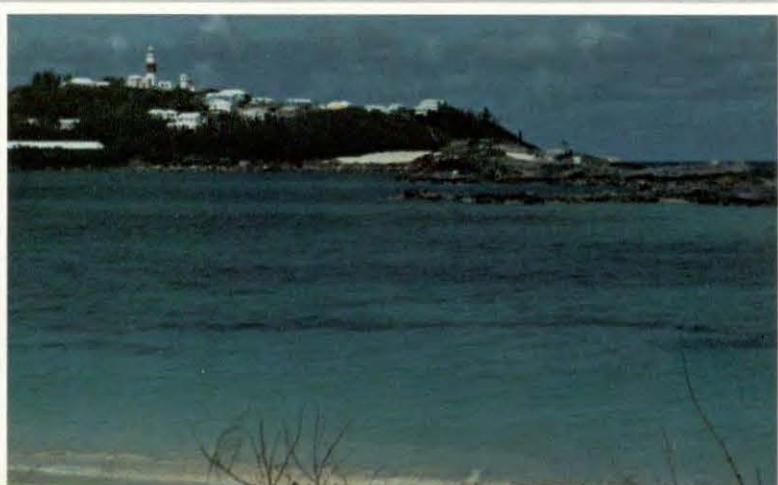


Left and above: Privately owned PBY used in the NC-4 reenactment on the NAS Bermuda flightline.





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*Spring
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Ye Olde Cock and Feather

The 40 Thieves Club

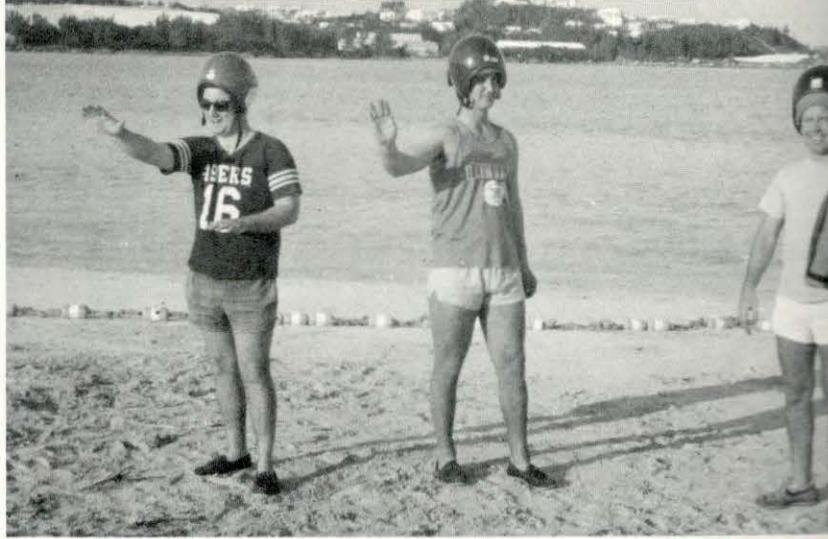


Rum Runners

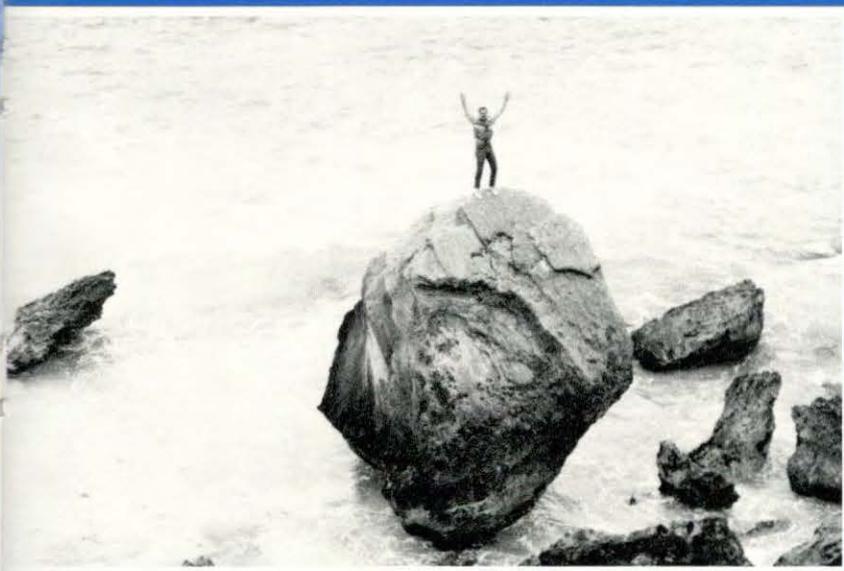
Robin Hood



"BERMUDIAN CONEHEADS"
TAKE US TO YOUR SUBMARINES

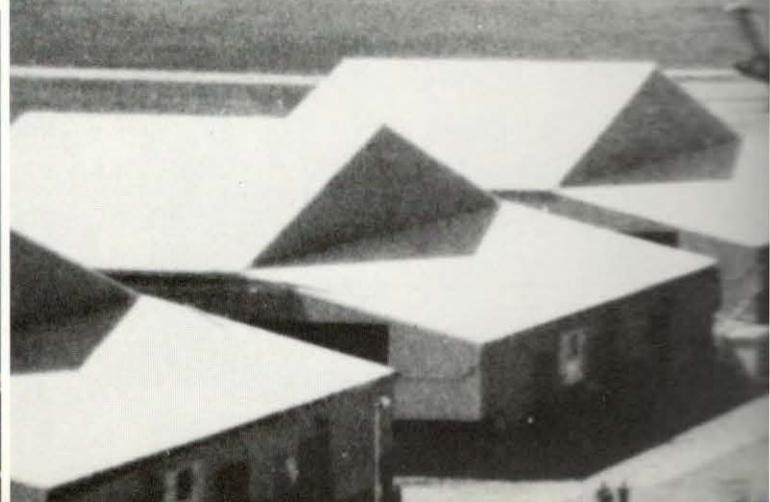
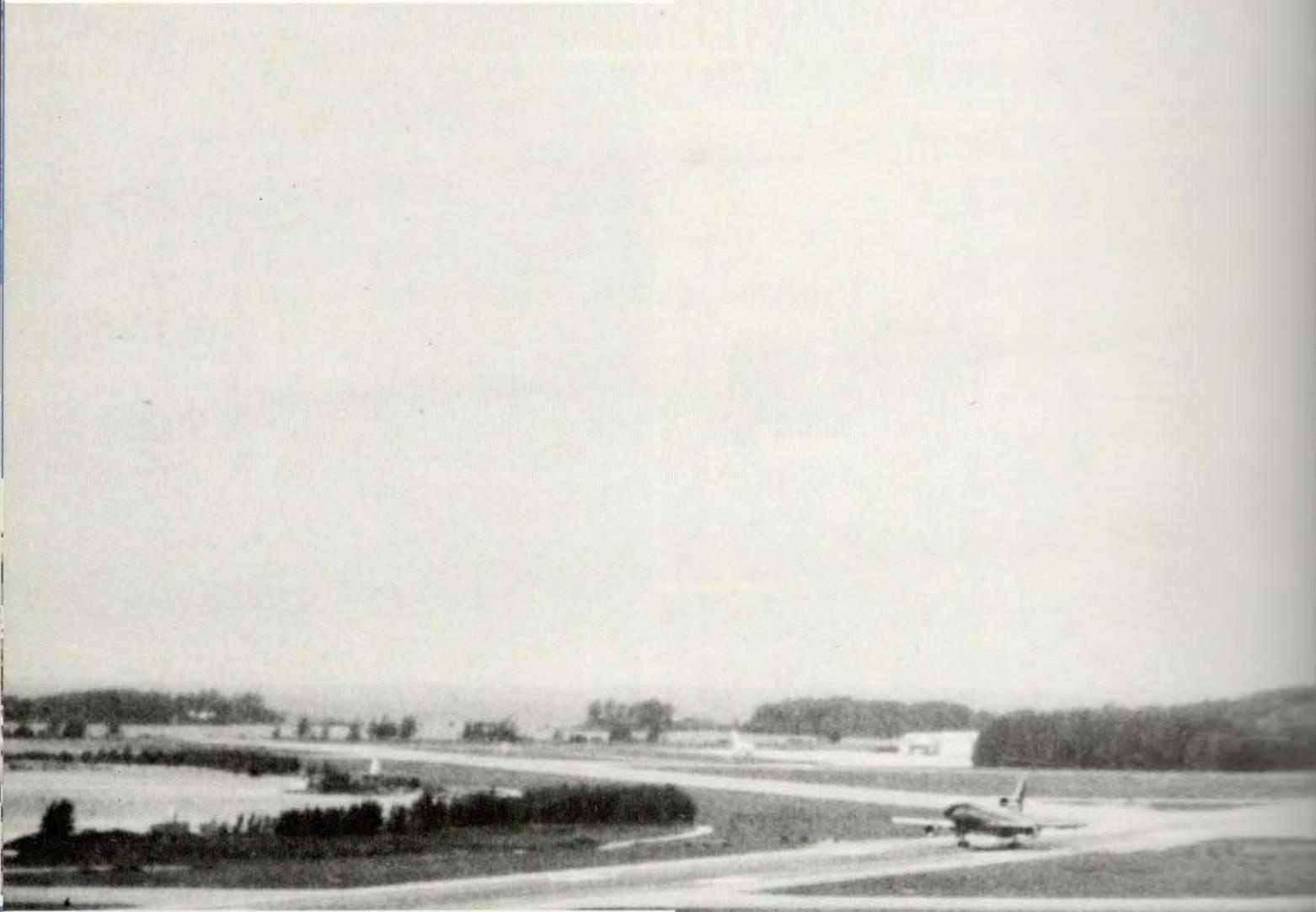


LOVE ON THE ROCKS



HORSESHOE BEACH
JA MON LIKE DEE COLLEGE WEEKS









"Senior Chief Bolin, we're just gonna have to charge more for these aircraft."



JACK "Tricky Dicky" WHALEN
"I'd like to make this perfectly clear. I'll take VP-4 over Air Force One anytime."

NOW APPEARING Four out of five pilots.



"I tell the truth, mon, I didn't touch dee dice, mon."



I bet CAC 3 couldn't do this well.

Chief Culbertson waits patiently for his AW's to return.





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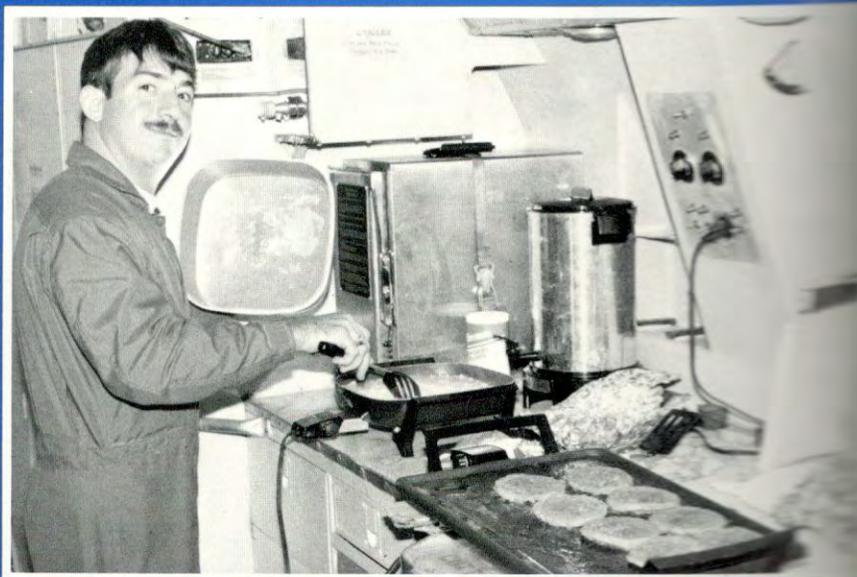


Watchful Eye



"What we've got here is a hamburger, I mean cheeseburger, I mean Mooseburger. Maybe I better start over, Sir."

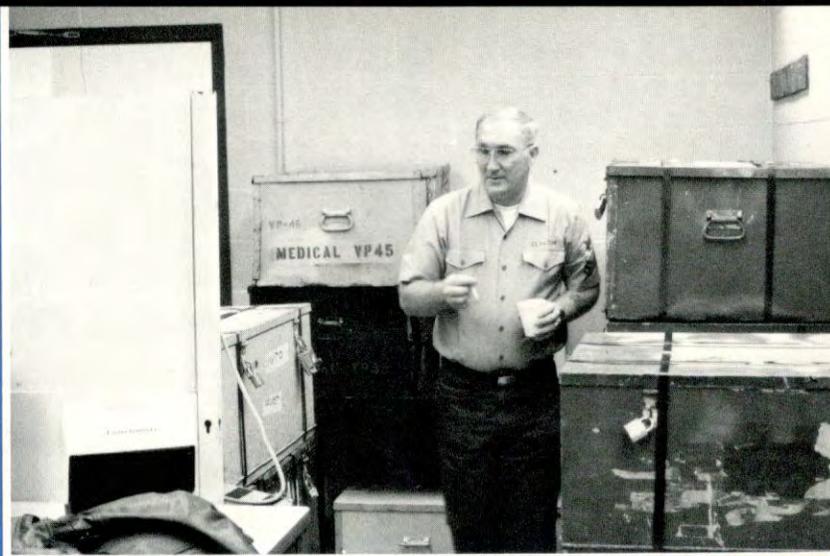
Come on down to **Tim's** kitchen.



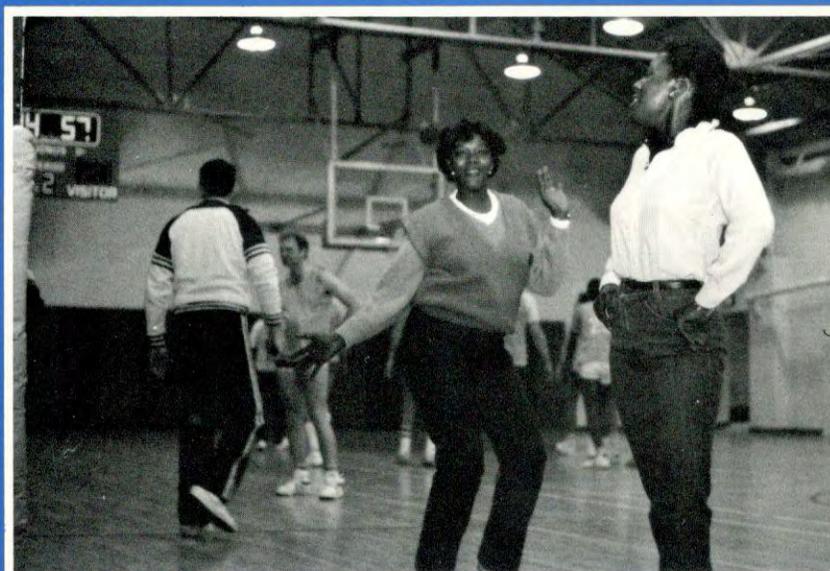
So that's what they do at AOM's.



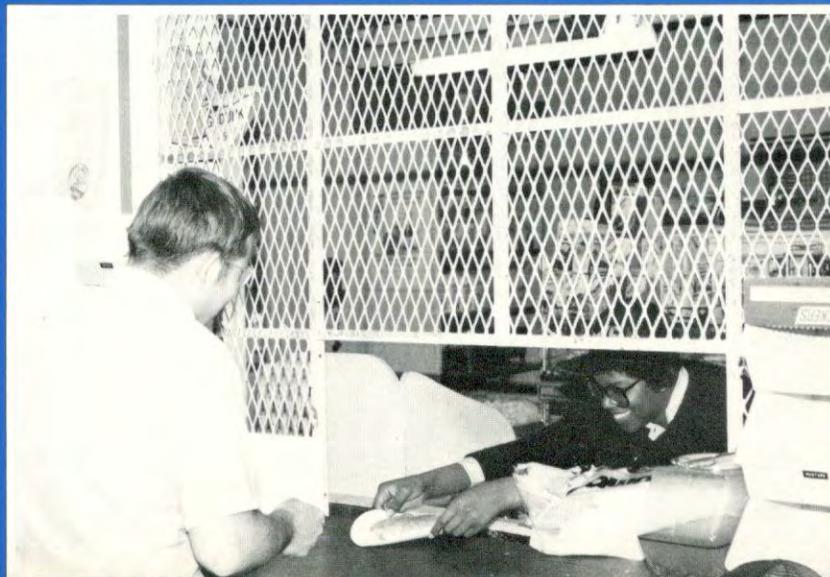
HARRY CLINTON: "I'll need medical supplies after **this** packout."



RHONDA STUART and BARBARA LEWIS: "Give me a P-E-L-I-C-A-N-S!!!"



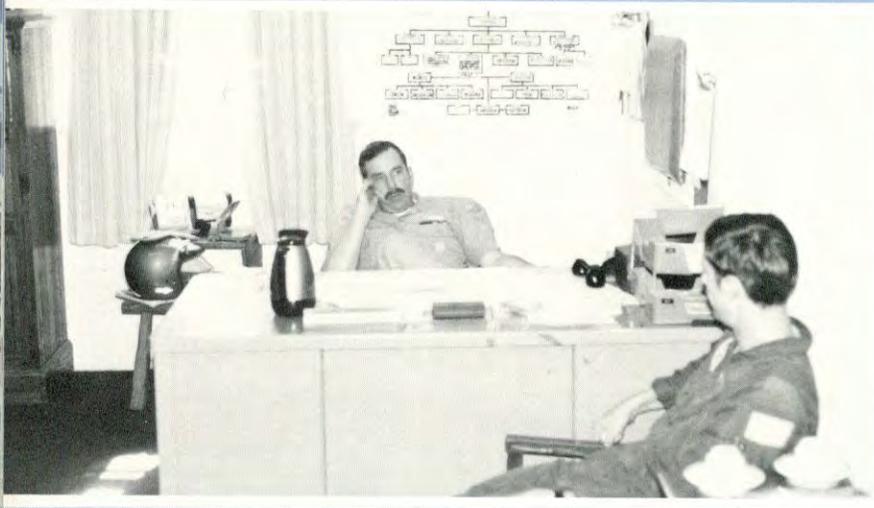
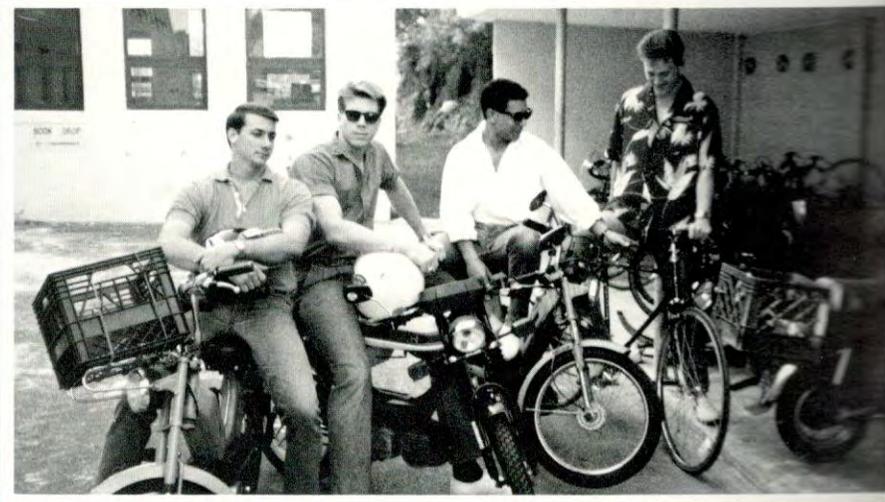
LYNN GLOVER: "It really is a hot dog. Really."





Send lawyers, guns and money.

Puch. There is no substitute.



"Okay, let me get this straight.
You did what?"

The Blues Brothers



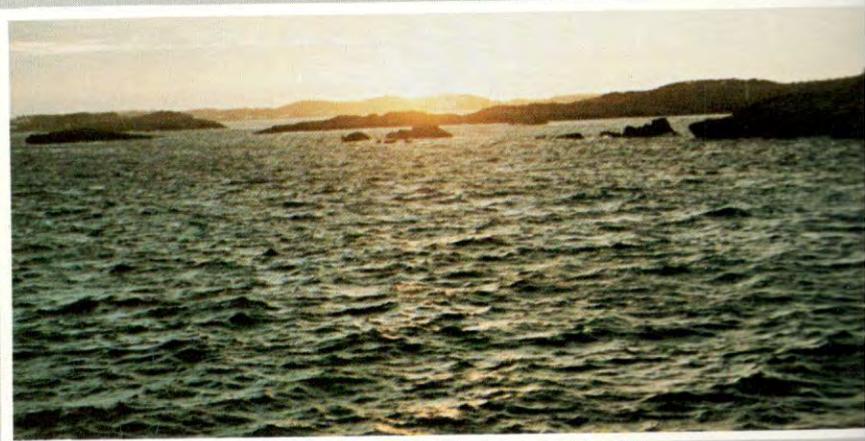
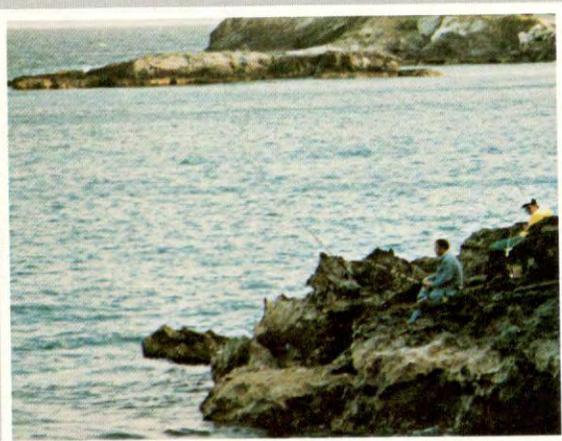
“Beam me up Scotty, there’s no intelligent life here.”



“Let’s just paint them brown so the rust won’t show.”

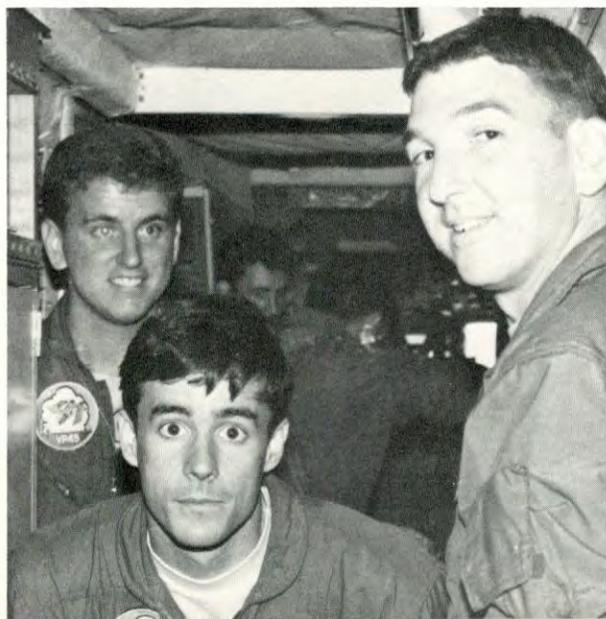
“Welcome to Mister Hale’s Neighborhood. Can you say, ‘rack’?? I knew you could.”







AIRCREW





Too cool for school.



TACCO, JEZ. I have a visual.



COMBAT AIRCREW ONE

AW3 Doug Steele
 AO2 Gary Glasser
 AW2 Bob Moncrief
 AW1 Mike Baker
 LTJG Scott Davies
 AD1 Jim Lyda
 LT Dan Koach
 AMSC Dick Wehrle
 LTJG Greg Hales
 Not Pictured:
 CDR Tom Lawler





Crew Coordination!



COMBAT AIRCREW TWO



- Top to Bottom:
 LT Joe Krebs
 AW2 Pokey Rodgers
 AX1 Dave Campbell
 AW2 Wade Loveless
 LT Jett Bell
 AECS Jim Baker
 AW2 Rick Hoben
 AD1 "West-Pac Jack" Davis
 AO1 Neil Keatts
 LTJG Bill Merritt
 LTJG Walt Ryon
 LT Mike Christiansen



Have a seat . . .



CHEERS!

COMBAT AIRCREW THREE



- AD2 Chris Friday
- AMHC Bill Day
- AO1 Mike Pittard
- LT Bill Little
- LTJG Darryl Wilson
- Up Top:
- AW2 Charlie Webb
- LCDR Al Efraimson
- AW2 Spence Cunningham

And you thought Hell's Angels were tough.

COMBAT AIRCREW FOUR



You Snooze,
You Lose.



Let's Brief!



Left to Right,
Front to Back:
ADC Ken Wallis
AW3 Rick Black
Helmeted Nomad
LTJG Bull DeGennaro
AW2 Damian Blaschka
AT2 "Suds" Sudhoff
AD2 Scott Kelly
AW2 Chuck "Bumble" Bowling
LT Kevin Redfern
AO2 John Dunn
LTJG Rodney Roycroft
LTJG Jack "CJ" Whalen
LCDR Scott Krajnik



COMBAT AIRCREW FIVE



Attack Dog



Left to Right,
Front to Back:
LTJG Tom Cramp
LT Don McBrayer
LT Neal Miller
LT Mike Price
LTJG Bill Radomski
AO1 Tim Blackmon
AT3 Dave LaFlamme
ADC Willie Barton
AMSC Rudy Byrne
AW3 J. B. Rowe
AW2 Lloyd Labaw
AW2 Mike Mattix

BAD DOGS





He rests his Case.



I'm so slleeeepy



LET'S PARTY!



COMBAT AIRCREW SIX

Left to Right,
 Top to Bottom:
 LTJG Eric Heckler
 AW1 Walt Bull
 LTJG Mitch Miller
 LTJG Mark Vowell
 LT Paul Morrisette
 LCDR Bob Golding
 AWC John Culbertson
 AO2 Mike Riley
 AX1 Rick Orsech
 AMS1 Barry Case
 ADCS Al Schum

COMBAT AIRCREW SEVEN



Do these guys look non-formed to you?

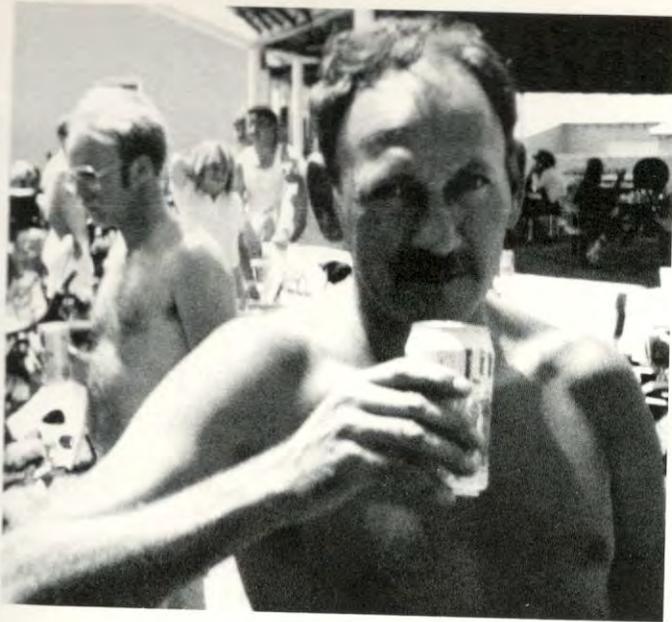


Left to Right, Front to Back: LCDR Tim Supko, LTJG Buck Cochran, LT Mike Kelly, LT Ross Parker, LCDR Tom DeLong, AWAN Scott Innes, ATC Pat Farrell, AO1 Neil Keatts, AE1 James Evans, AD1 Bill Everett, AW3 B.J. Hayden.



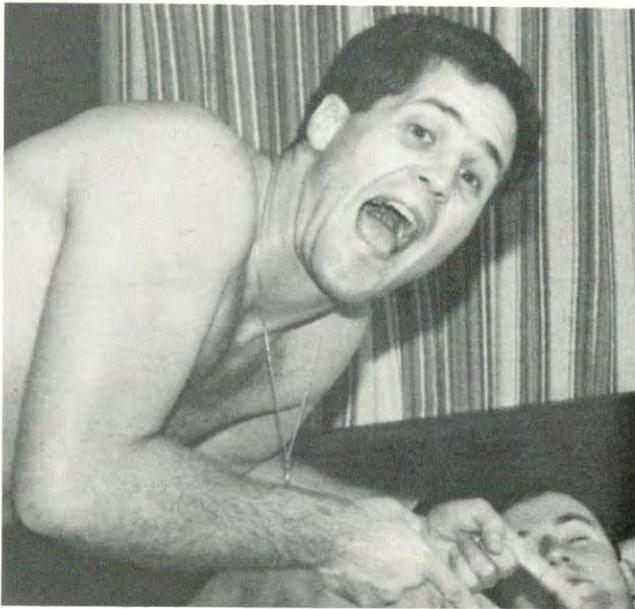
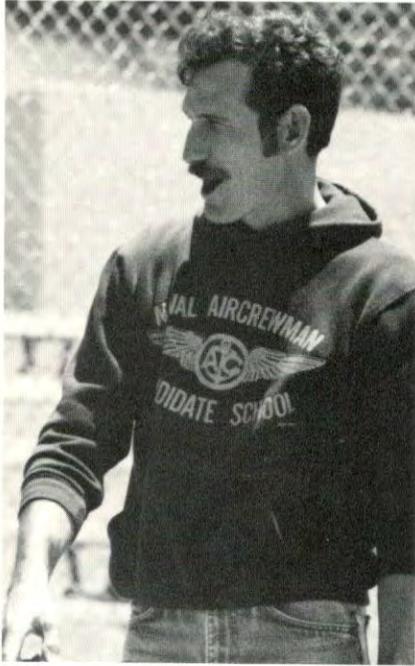
Ya'll be cool.

COMBAT AIRCREW EIGHT



Miller's Killers are: Left to Right, Front to Back: LTJG Bill Thorpe, LT Bobby Joe Rivers, LCDR Rick Miller, LT Curly Summerlin, LTJG Yo Hoffner, AW2 Gary Goswick, AWC Rick Lavigne, ATC Fred Tomski, AO2 Schwake, AD1 Pappy Everett, AMSC T.J. Jackson, AD1 J.T. Tilley.

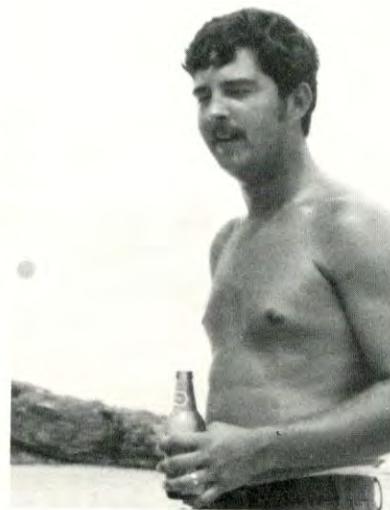
COMBAT AIRCREW NINE



Left to Right, Front to Back: LTJG Kenny Ahlin, LT Lee Abbey, LT Dave Young, LCDR Frank Bryant, LT Tom Brice, AW3 Robert Spina, AW2 Mike Loveless, AW1 Timmy Cates, AT1 Lawrence Judd, AME1 Pat Tinney, AOC Dan Drehoff.



COMBAT AIRCREW TEN



Left to Right, Front to Back: AMH1 Sigrist, AWAN Tim Ontiveros, AO1 Tom Benfield, AW2 Andy Parker, LTJG Dan Horgan, AT1 Bill Henry, AW1 Dale Ackerman, LTJG Scotty Breor, AEC Chris Vandiver, LCDR John Carpenter; Horizontal: LT Dan Hudson.



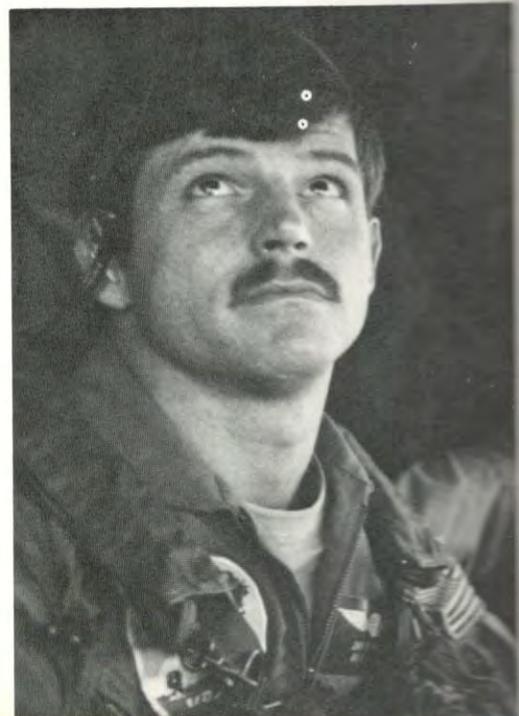


"The Verdict?"

COMBAT AIRCREW ELEVEN



Left to Right, Front to Back: AW3 Chris Henderson, AT3 Vanacker, AOC Roddam, AMS1 Bob Sigrist, AD1 J.R. Walsh, AW2 Rick Winn, AE1 Jay Picard, LTJG Jim McDaniels, LT Nick Buck, LT Jim Martens, AW2 James Booth, LT Bill Raymond, LT Jim Graham.

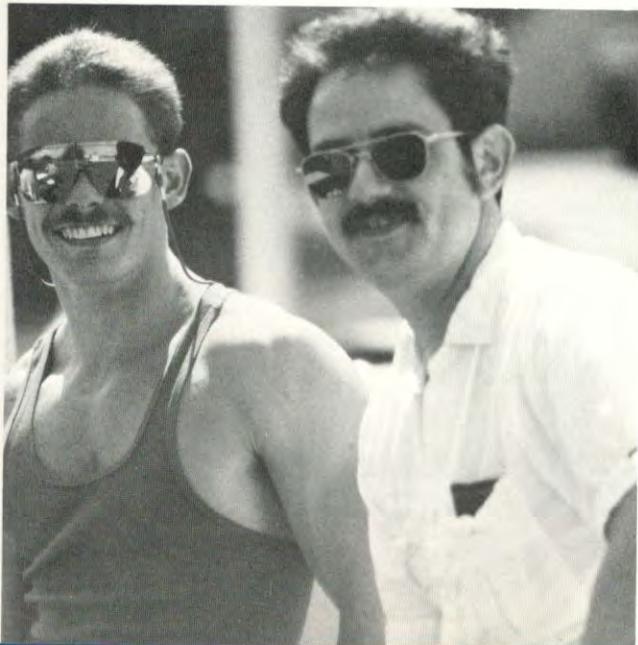




"Larry, you don't look well."

COMBAT AIRCREW TWELVE

Left to Right, Front to Back: AW3 Chris Henderson, LT Tom Gridley, AW2 Spud Brock, LTJG Waagbo, AE1 John Allgood, LCDR Rich Van't Hof, AW3 Al Labella.



PELICAN SPORTS



The Pelicans, although away from familiar territory, kept up the VP-45 winning tradition while in Bermuda. From Day One, Pelican teams were consistently in the running for top honors. The natural beauty of Bermuda allowed many individuals to pursue a multitude of sports from running and biking to snorkeling and windsurfing.

VP-45 basketball players jumped into action quickly, as the squadron entered two teams into the winter league. By season's end, the "O's" team had taken second place to the ASWOC, in an exciting crowd-inspired two game series. The Pelican volleyball team did just as well, taking second place on base and winning the NAS Annex Spring Games.

The game of Spring was undoubtedly SOFTBALL. VP-45 fielded four teams at

one time in the season. Softball trivia: How long was the "Chain Link Monster" of right field? The most memorable sporting event of Bermuda '86 was the VP-45 Smoker. The "Pride of Forty-Five" did extremely well against local base opponents. These bouts proved to all that not only do we compete fiercely, but we can take a good punch as well.

Although many people enjoyed the camaraderie of team sports; however, individuals shined in various contests throughout the island. VP-45 athletes did extremely well in the Annex's Spring Games, as well as running in local road races. Whether it was pulling together as a team for a victory or going it alone in a race, Pelican Sports offered a great distraction to the work day pace.



Firing up for the ASWOC!



LCDR Larry Richardson takes it to the hoop.



Bump, Set, Spike . . . Dave Waagbo and Bill Little team up.



In Your FACE!



The crowd goes wild as a VP-45 opponent goes down.

VP-45



LTJG Ken Ahlin is victorious in the St. George's bout.

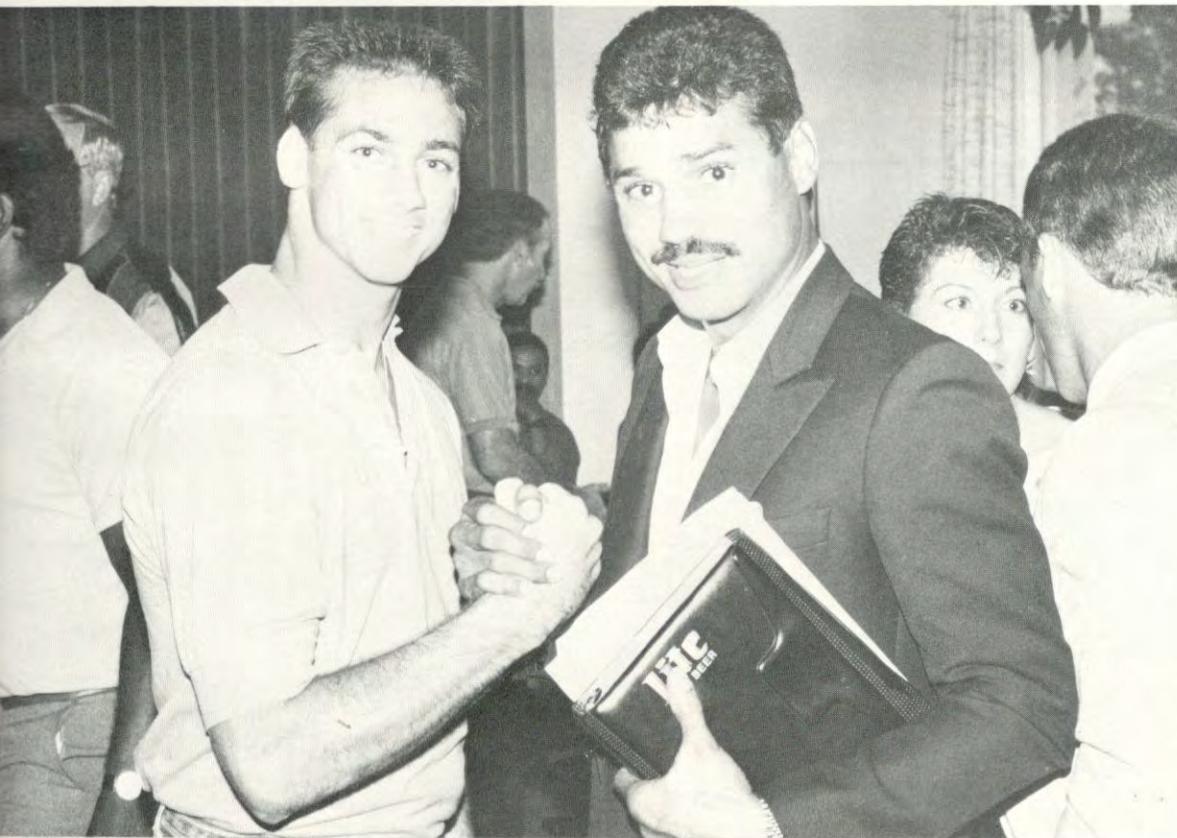


AW2 Mike Mattix zeroes in.



VP-45 Participants:
Ken Ahlin
Tim Veres
Rick Hoben
Troy Hopkins
Mike Mattix
Darryl Wilson
Ron Burns
Al LaBella
Cindy Banannas

SMOKER



Mike Thomas gets some tips from Alexis Arguello.



"O's" Softball

"E's" Softball



"X" prepares to hit as Joe Krebs and Gordon Douglas look on.

The "Spoils" from Spring Games.





"I hope I can make it back in."



Ken Wallis out on Recon.



Scott Breor doing an easy 10k.



Kyle McCollom, Roger Merriman, Glenn Gill, Gary Payne



New Sport: C.O. Relays



Get some gasoline. Want a drink.
Roy Gilreath, Barry Long, Rodney Brown



More wine. More WINE.
Karen Mewborn, Tim Blackmon, Roger Merriman

WE'RE HAVING A PARTY . . .

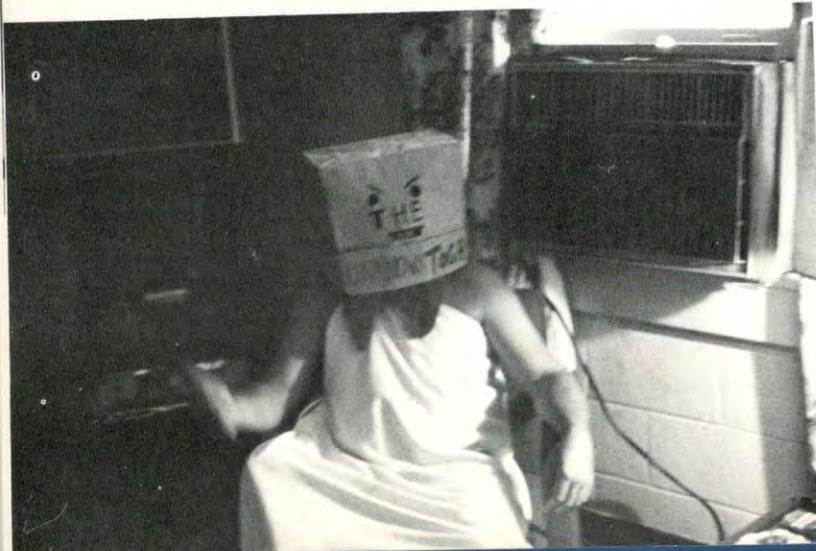


I'm so embarrassed. Cherokee Weaver, Phil Fidalgo.



I thought YOU were running Admin today.

The Unknown Toga.



VP.45 Wardroom: Equal opportunity partiers.
Dave Vasquez, Darryl Wilson, Yo Hoffner, Rosa Price





"So then this little sailor dude whips out a can of spinach, this crazy music starts playin', and . . . well, just look at this place."

(courtesy of Gary Larson and The Far Side)



The "little sailor dude", Kurt Strauss and his buddy. Strauss 8 — Bermuda Muggers 0.



Mike Grissom and Walter Hill get a little risqué.



Just takin' a break out back.

Party: Airframes Style.





Step up and spin. With the Moose Meter everyone will win. Especially JOPA.



VP-45 Lite Beer Reunion.



Now THIS is a tough group . . . The Sigrist, Tim Cates.

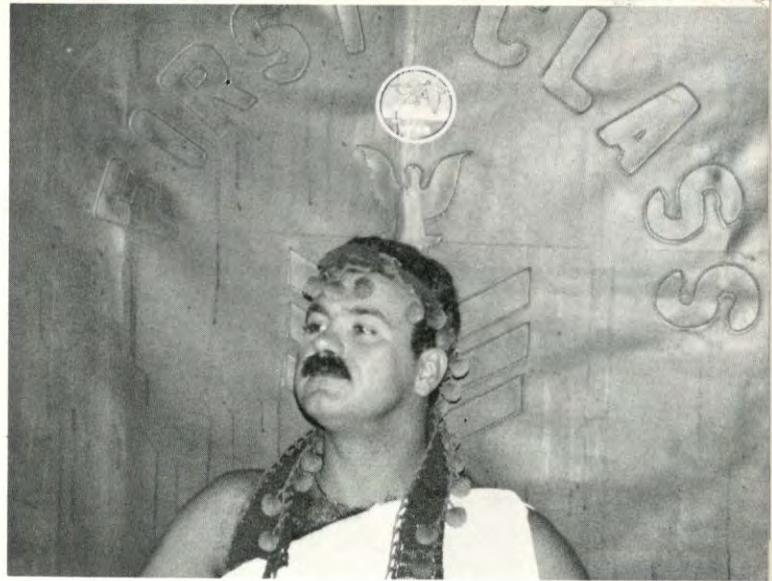


Are we having fun yet?
Tony Lawson, Kurt Anderson, Dale May





The Lovelesses



"It is good to be King" "West Pac Jack" Davis



Ackermans, John Allgood, Kenny Hansen, Barry Case, J.R. Walsh, Bobby



While Jensen swabbed the deck, his friends did the Cobra snake dance...



Pat Tinney
Dennis Brown
Jay Huff





Mongo.



A picture is worth



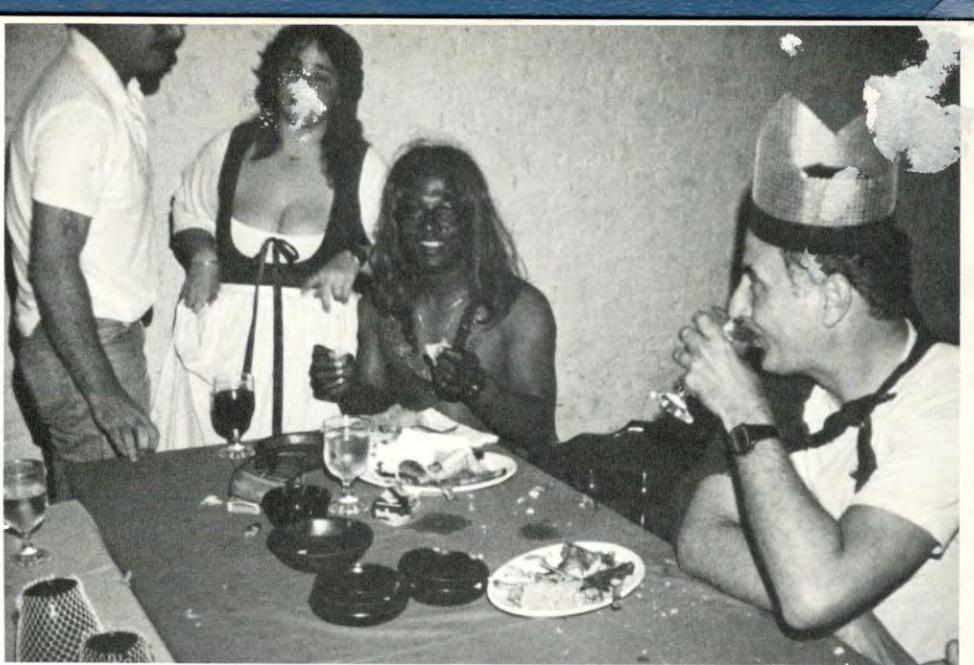
Dave Digou . . .

This looks like trouble . . .





a thousand words . . .



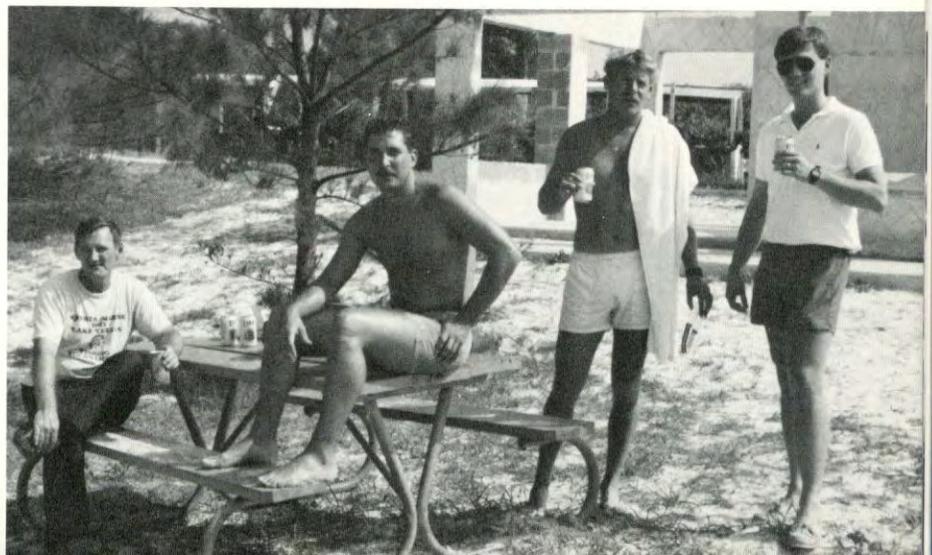
Ollie Walker gettin' down and dirty.



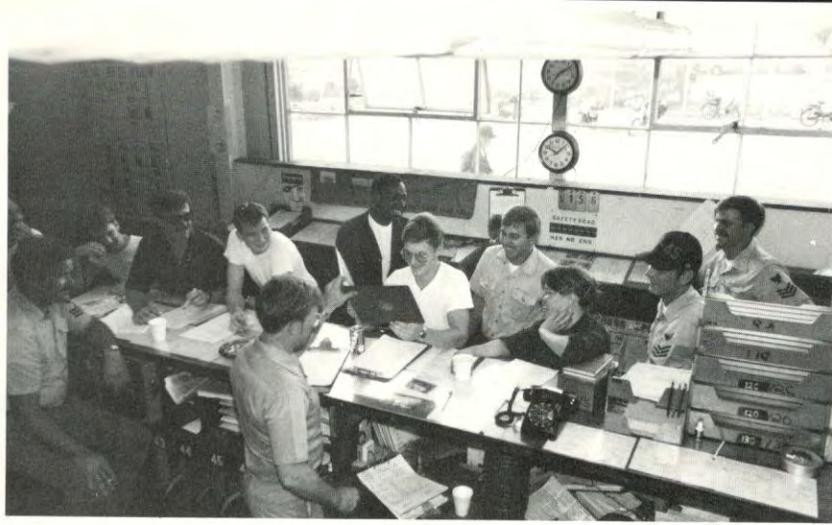
A char-broiled Horgie burger.

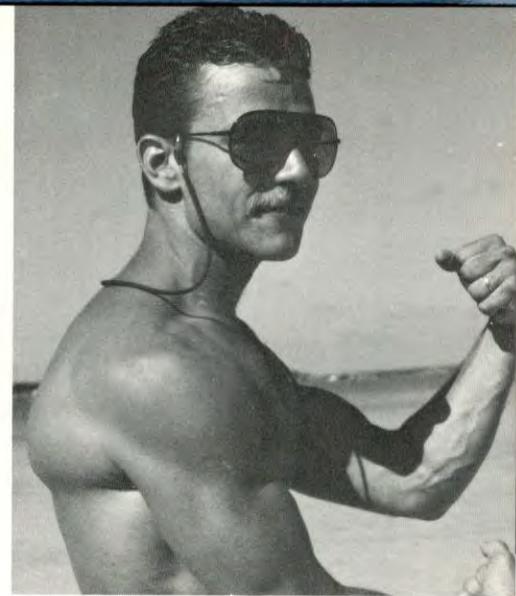


Rodney Brown is bluffing again.



Crew Six doing a thorough post-flight debrief.





Do You Remember?

"Damn rain"
 S___ happens
 NASA beach
 "I hate when that happens"
 ASW Animal
 Ignoid
 Are we having fun yet?
 Another Aircraft Clean?
 Horgie Factor (High)
 "That's the ticket"

"Hoser"
 Bottom Bounce Lounge
 Clearwater beach
 "Too Bad"
 Scroggin'
 "What be da happs?"
 Another Ready?
 "Is the schedule out, yet?"
 Money for Nothing . . .

"Beauty, Eh?"
 Starlight Lounge
 cliff diving
 Moose Meter
 "You Dolt"
 Where's the beach?
 Chernobyl II
 "Oh, YEAH"



SAVING THE BEST FOR LAST







VP-45 CO CDR Tom Lawler presents AMCS Wilson the Navy Achievement Medal.

DET OFFICE PERSONNEL

AMCS Lisle Wilson
AD1 John Goodrich
AO3 John Elliot
AN Chris Sloan

The final chapter of Bermuda Deployment '86 came to a close as the ninth aircraft taxied to Hanger 1000. After exiting the aircraft, CDR Lawler presented AMCS Lisle Wilson the Navy Achievement Medal. AMCS Wilson headed the DET Office at Hanger 1000. It was fitting that this impressive award was given to someone who supported the Pelicans and their loved ones at home. In retrospect, Bermuda made available everything Naval Aviation is famous for: challenging flying, tough maintenance demands, piles of administrative paperwork, the potential for safety mishaps and outstanding liberty. In a nutshell, "We came, we saw, we kicked Soviet tail, then We partied."

Although it is impossible to record every event or show every person, the editors have attempted to present an accurate picture of Bermuda '86. We apologize if your picture is not here. We would like to sincerely thank those who donated photographs. In essence, this is your book.

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Special Thanks:

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AWC Richard Lavigne

LTJG Jim McDaniels

AE2 Dale Mays says, "See Ya!"



