



VP ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

AN ASSOCIATION OF VETERANS WHO SERVED WITH THE NAVAL AIR RESERVE PATROL SQUADRONS BASED AT NAS SQUANTUM MA, NAS SOUTH WEYMOUTH MA, AND NAS BRUNSWICK ME

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Welcome to another edition of the VP Association newsletter. As always, please direct all general VP Association-related inquiries or correspondence to William Hanigan, 23 Parkview Terrace, Duxbury MA 02359, 781-585-4950, vpassociation@aol.com. Please send all newsletter-related correspondence to Marc J. Frattasio, P.O. Box 30, Pembroke MA 02359, marc_frattasio@yahoo.com.

RECCO:



Formation of Consolidated P4Y-2 Privateers from NAS South Weymouth over the Marshfield, MA seacoast sometime during the mid-to-late 1950s. South Weymouth's VP-911, VP-912, and VP-913 were the last squadrons in the Navy to operate the Privateer as a patrol aircraft. Many thanks to Walter O'Connell for this photo. Got something similar to share? If so, contact Marc J. Frattasio.

FINAL FLIGHTS:

It is our sad duty to report the recent deaths of William Formwalt, Eugent Micco, and Charles Pettus. William Formwalt was a Second World War veteran who was involved with the reserve program at NAS Squantum and NAS South Weymouth. Eugene Micco and Charles Pettus were both members of VP-92 at NAS South Weymouth.

LAST CALL FOR THE ANNUAL REUNION:

This is your final opportunity to sign up for the VP Association's annual reunion banquet, which will be held at the Officer's Club at Hanscom AFB in Bedford, MA on Saturday September 26, 2009 from 1200 to 1700. **All banquet reservations are required in advance and we must receive them before September 10 to inform the caterer.** Please, if you want to go to the annual reunion you must send your reservation immediately. The reunion banquet, which will be buffet style as before, costs \$40 per person and a mail-in reservation form is presented on the last page of this newsletter.

Attendance is limited, reservations are required in advance, and will be taken on a first come-first served basis. Tickets will not be sold at the door. This is the last newsletter that you will receive before the annual reunion. The reunion is only a few weeks away. Please mail your reservation in NOW to prevent possible disappointment and so we can tell the caterer how many people to expect.

Hanscom AFB requires a military ID, active or retired, to be presented to the gate guards for entry under normal circumstances. If you do not have a military ID be sure to indicate this on the banquet reservation order form so your name can be added to the base's security access list for the reunion. All persons without a military ID will have to enter the base at the civilian gate, not the Hartwell gate. If you have any questions about this contact Bill Hanigan at 781-585-4950 or vpassociation@aol.com.

Anyone who wants to stay overnight should contact Hanscom AFB directly at 1-888-235-6343 for information regarding accommodations on the base or in the local area. Please try to get the word out about the reunion to as many of your old Squantum/SoWey/Brunswick reserve patrol squadron friends as possible. Don't assume that every former shipmate you're in contact with is affiliated with or aware of the VP Association. Guests, military or civilian, are also welcome to attend the reunion.

As in prior years tables will be available in a room adjacent to the banquet hall for displays of any memorabilia that you may wish to bring. If you have photos, cruise books, patches, caps, NATOPS manuals, or any other interesting memorabilia that you'd like to show off please bring it with you. As was the case last year, we will most likely be selling polo shirts, ball caps, patches, and other items at the reunion to benefit the Admin Fund.

ADMIN FUND DONATIONS:

The VP Association has no dues. Voluntary contributions are always welcome to help defray the cost of printing and mailing newsletters to shipmates who do not have e-mail. To give you an idea of our re-occurring costs, producing and mailing the newsletter costs us a little over \$300 each time we do it. We'd like to thank Tom Carroll, Robert Jones, Dr. Don Loeber, Richard Pattavina, and Tom Wall for their recent contributions to the administration fund. Remember, you can also contribute to the VP Association's Admin Fund by purchasing shirts, ball caps, and patches from Bill Hanigan (contact Bill at vpassociation@aol.com for availability and ordering information) or by purchasing any of the books (The Defender's History, Squantum Minutemen, squadron cruise books, VP Association Sea Story Library) produced as fund-raisers for the group and available from Lulu Press (<http://www.lulu.com>).

SPEAKING OF THE COST OF PRINTING AND MAILING NEWSLETTERS...

If you have an e-mail address and have been receiving this newsletter through the U.S. Postal Service then we do not have a valid e-mail address for you. If this is your situation, please contact

Bill Hanigan via e-mail as soon as possible so we can begin sending your newsletter to you by e-mail and thereby reduce our newsletter production and mailing costs.

LOST CONTACT:

Please let Bill Hanigan know whenever your street or e-mail address changes.

RECENT CHANGES OF ADDRESS:

Please note new e-mail addresses for Daniel Johnson (daniel.a.johnson@comcast.net), William Rogerson (rogersonw@tampabay.rr.com) and Wayne Seer (wseer77@aol.com). Also Rafael Coll's e-mail address was incorrectly presented in the previous newsletter. It is rafaelcoll@sbcglobal.net.

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THE BRUNSWICK NAVAL MEMORIAL MUSEUM:

H. A. "Nick" Nichols, who was formerly a Naval Flight Officer with the VP-MAU (Brunswick) and VP-92, is part of a group that's working on establishing a Navy museum at NAS Brunswick after the base closes in 2011. The museum will be called "The Brunswick Naval Memorial Museum" and will cover the WW2 British Royal Navy Fleet Air Arm flight training activity, the Navy patrol and other squadrons, the Marine Corps, the SeaBees, SERE School and all other aspects of NAS Brunswick's seven decades of history as a naval installation. It looks like the Navy is going to give this group the base chapel building for their museum and they'll also have custody of the memorial garden and the static-display P-2 Neptune and P-3 Orion on the base. The Maine State Museum and the Maine Maritime Museum are both involved in this effort. The Brunswick Naval Memorial Museum group will be looking for donations of NAS Brunswick-related memorabilia and help of all kinds. If you'd like to get involved in this project in any way, write to Nick Nichols at 955 Washington Street, Bath ME 04530, call 207-442-7335 (nights) or 207-442-1688 (days), or e-mail nnichols@blazenetme.net.

On a related note, John James, a former Navy P-3 pilot who is presently the civilian PAO for NAS Brunswick, is working on a book about the base that will be published just before it is closed. John is seeking personal remembrances from people who were stationed at NAS Brunswick over the years as well as photographs, particularly from the 1940s, 1950s, and 1960s, for this project. If you can help write to John James, Director of Public Affairs, NAS Brunswick ME 04011, call 207-921-2000, or send e-mail to john.james@navy.mil.

RESERVE COMMAND SET TO DEPART NEW ORLEANS (Associated Press 4/26/09):

NEW ORLEANS — With no fanfare or military ceremony, the Navy Reserve Forces Command will pull up anchor in New Orleans on Friday for its move to Norfolk, Va.

The move will end 36 years of a national naval headquarters presence in New Orleans and for the first time in almost a century, the Navy will not have an admiral based in the city that is stocked with naval retirees.

Ordered through the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure round, or BRAC, the command began transferring its staff last summer. Officials say of the 107 civilians who were employed in New Orleans, 32 are moving to Norfolk, 34 opted to retire and the rest decided to seek other jobs.

BOEING P-8 POSEIDON:

Here are some photos of the prototype P-8 that were provided by Fred Fitch (VP-92). The Boeing P-8 Poseidon MMA (multi-mission maritime aircraft) is the intended replacement for the Lockheed P-3 Orion and is expected to go into service sometime in the 2013 timeframe. Unlike all its US Navy predecessors, the Poseidon has been designed to incorporate aerial refueling capability. This, of course, will provide a whole new meaning for "Extendex" well beyond that which those of us who flew Catalinas, Neptunes, and Orions ever had to deal with. Personally, I think those 10-13 hour missions that we flew on the P-3s were long enough!



P-8 POSEIDON MMA (<http://www.defenseindustrydaily.com>):

Many people would contend that the P-3 Orion is the greatest maritime patrol aircraft ever flown. These aircraft entered service in 1959 (not true - MJF) and will continue to serve past 2011. Modifications to their equipment have sharpened their capabilities, and even given them a land-attack and surveillance role. In service with 15 countries, the Orion is a great success - but it's a very old success, and a replacement is needed.

The P-8A has emerged from the P-7 LRAACA program that was begun in 1988. That program originally envisaged an improved P-3G design, but program cost overruns and interest in opening the competition to commercial designs led to cancellation in 1990. The successor MMA program was

begun in March 2000, and Boeing beat Lockheed's "Orion 21" for the contract with a design based on the ubiquitous 737 passenger jet.

Filling the P-3 Orion's shoes will be no easy task. What missions will the new P-8A Poseidon face? What do we know about the platform, the project team, and ongoing developments? Will the P-3's level of global customer coverage give its successor a comparable level of export opportunities? Australia has already signed on, but has the larger market shifted in the interim?

This is DID's FOCUS Article concerning the P-8A Poseidon Multi-mission Maritime Aircraft, and it will be updated as events and contracts are announced. In the latest news, the US Navy is starting to buy production items and production slots for the first 2 lots.

DID YOU KNOW?

The first reserve patrol squadron based at NAS Squantum to have a squadron insignia was VP-911. Neither of VP-911's predecessors, VP-919 and VP-ML-69, had squadron insignia. Shortly after VP-ML-69 was redesignated VP-911 at NAS Squantum in February 1950 VP Association member Joe O'Neill, who was a CWO-4 at the time, organized the development of an insignia for the "new" squadron with the help of an AOC named Palmer. Here are some of the insignia designs that AOC Palmer drew up:

Pirate on a Cloud



Truculent Turtle



Mailed Fist



King Neptune



Knight in Armor



Joe O'Neill put together a few designs of his own that featured a devil, the angel of death, and a dragon destroying submarines as shown here:

Devil



Angel of Death

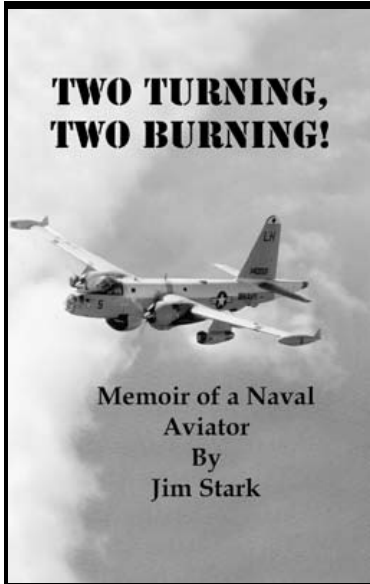


Dragon



All the designs were posted on a bulletin board in Building 64, the former Second World War era Neutrality Patrol hangar, for the squadron members to choose from. Of course, the squadron members selected the design that depicted a gigantic knight skewering a submarine with his sword and this became VP-911's official insignia. Joe later was subsequently charged with the responsibility of having the first batch of car window decals and jacket patches made up. These were produced by a company in Cambridge, MA. Joe had to pay for these things himself and it took six months for the squadron's commanding officer to authorize re-imbursement from the coffee mess!

RECOMMENDED READING:



Jim Stark, a retired Navy pilot who flew P-2 Neptunes with VP-21 based at NAS Brunswick during the 1960s, has recently published his Navy memoirs. The book, which is entitled "Two Turning, Two Burning", ought to be of interest to VP Association members, particularly those who flew or maintained the Neptune. Jim's book normally costs \$15.95 plus \$5.00 for shipping and handling when purchased through his web site at <http://www.jimstarknavy.com> or on-line bookseller www.amazon.com. However, he will send an autographed copy to any VP Association member who sends a check for \$15.00 to Jim Stark, 3217 Coppertree Drive, Bloomington IN 47401. Be sure to send a brief note about your Navy assignments if you'd like Jim to personalize your book in some way.

ON-LINE VETERAN'S RESOURCES:

Here's a comprehensive list of web sites that provide information on veterans' benefits and how to obtain them. Accordingly, there are many sites that explain how to obtain books, military/medical records, general information, and how to appeal a denied claim with the VA. Nearly 100% of this information is free and available for all veterans, the only catch is: you have to ask for it, because the VA will not tell you about a specific benefit unless you ask for it. You need to know what questions to ask so the right doors open for you, and then you must be ready to have an advocate who is willing to work with and for you, stay in the process, and press for your rights and your best interests.

Every veteran who is contemplating filing for disability (or already has been awarded some disability) should read the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 38: Pensions, Bonuses, and Veterans' Relief. It is a bit of a read because it was written by lawyers, but it is the law that the VA is governed by and provides a wealth of information related to benefits and, most importantly, it gives you the specific words that the VA needs to hear in order to relate to a disability or impairment. This CFR can be found at (<http://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/cfr.php?title=38&type=chapter&value=1>). The most important chapters in this document are perhaps Chapter 3 (Adjudication) and Chapter 4 (Schedule) for rating disabilities. Check out the web sites presented below:

- Appeals: http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21_1/mr/part1/ch05.doc
- Board of Veteran's Appeals: <http://www.va.gov/vbs/bva/>
- CARES Commission: <http://www.va.gov/vbs/bva/>
- CARES Draft National Plan: <http://www1.va.gov/cares/page.cfm?pg=105>
- Center for Minority Veterans: <http://www1.va.gov/centerforminorityveterans/>
- Center for Veterans Enterprise: <http://www.vetbiz.gov/default2.htm>
- Center for Women Veterans: <http://www1.va.gov/womenvet/>
- Clarification on the changes in VA healthcare for Gulf War Veterans: <http://www.gulfwarvets.com/ubb/Forum1/HTML/000016.html>
- Classified Records - American Gulf War Veterans Association: <http://www.gulfwarvets.com/ubb/Forum18/HTML/000011.html>
- Compensation for Disabilities Associated with the Gulf War Service: http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21_1/part6/ch07.doc
- Compensation Rate Tables, 12-1-03: <http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/Rates/comp01.htm>

- Department of Veterans Affairs Home Page: <http://www.va.gov/>
- Directory of Veterans Service Organizations: <http://www1.va.gov/vso/index.cfm?template=view>
- Disability Examination Worksheets Index, Comp: <http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/Benefits/exams/index.htm>
- Due Process: http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21_1/mr/part1/ch02.doc
- Duty to Assist: http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21_1/mr/part1/ch01.doc
- Electronic Code of Federal Regulations: <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/ecfr/>
- Emergency, Non-emergency, and Fee Basis Care: <http://www1.va.gov/opa/vadocs/fedben.pdf>
- Environmental Agents: <http://www1.va.gov/environagents/>
- Environmental Agents M10: http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1002
- Establishing Combat Veteran Eligibility: http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=315
- Evaluation Protocol For Gulf War And Iraqi Freedom Veterans With Potential Exposure To Depleted Uranium (DU): <http://www1.va.gov/gulfwar/docs/DUHandbook1303122304.DOC> and http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1158
- Depleted Uranium Fact Sheet: <http://www1.va.gov/gulfwar/docs/DepletedUraniumFAQSheet.doc>
- Evaluation Protocol For Non -Gulf War Veterans With Potential Exposure To Depleted Uranium (DU): <http://www1.va.gov/gulfwar/docs/DUHANDBOOKNONGW130340304.DOC>
- Fee Basis, PRIORITY FOR OUTPATIENT MEDICAL SERVICES AND INPATIENT HOSPITAL CARE: http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=206
- Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents 2005: <http://www1.va.gov/opa/vadocs/fedben.pdf> OR, http://www1.va.gov/opa/vadocs/current_benefits.htm
- Forms and Records Request: <http://www.va.gov/vaforms/>
- General Compensation Provisions: http://www.access.gpo.gov/uscode/title38/partii_chapter11_subchaptervi_.html
- Geriatrics and Extended Care: <http://www1.va.gov/geriatricsshg/>
- Guideline for Chronic Pain and Fatigue MUS-CPG: http://www.oqp.med.va.gov/cpg/cpgn/mus/mus_base.htm
- Guide to Gulf War Veteran's Health: <http://www1.va.gov/gulfwar/docs/VHlgulfwar.pdf>
- Gulf War Subject Index: <http://www1.va.gov/GulfWar/page.cfm?pg=7&template=main&letter=A>
- Gulf War Veteran's Illnesses Q&A's: <http://www1.va.gov/gulfwar/docs/GWIllnessesQandAsIB1041.pdf>
- Hearings: http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21_1/mr/part1/ch04.doc
- Homeless Veterans: <http://www1.va.gov/homeless/>
- HSR&D Home: <http://www.hsr.d.research.va.gov/>
- Index to Disability Examination Worksheets C&P exams: <http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/benefits/exams/index.htm>
- Ionizing Radiation: <http://www1.va.gov/irad/>
- Iraqi Freedom/Enduring Freedom Veterans VBA: <http://www.vba.va.gov/EFIF/>
- M10 for spouses and children: http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1007
- M10 Part III Change 1: http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1008
- M21-1 Table of Contents: http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/M21_1.html
- Mental Disorders, Schedule of Ratings: http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/regs/38CFR/BOOKC/PART4/S4_130.DOC
- Mental Health Program Guidelines: http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1094
- Mental Illness Research, Education and Clinical Centers: <http://www.mirecc.med.va.gov/>

- MS (Multiple Sclerosis) Centers of Excellence: <http://www.va.gov/ms/about.asp>
- My Health e Vet: <http://www.myhealth.va.gov/>
- NASDVA.COM National Association of State Directors: <http://www.nasdva.com/>
- National Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention:
<http://www.nchpdp.med.va.gov/postdeploymentlinks.asp>
- Neurological Conditions and Convulsive Disorders, Schedule of Ratings:
<http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/regs/38cfr/bookc/part4/s4%5F124a.doc>
- OMI (Office of Medical Inspector) <http://www.omi.cio.med.va.gov/>
- Online VA Form 10-10EZ <https://www.1010ez.med.va.gov/sec/vha/1010ez/>
- Parkinson's Disease and Related Neurodegenerative Disorders:
<http://www1.va.gov/resdev/funding/solicitations/docs/parkinsons.pdf> and
<http://www1.va.gov/padrecc/>
- Peacetime Disability Compensation:
http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=browse_usc&docid=Cite:+38USC111
- Pension for Non-Service-Connected Disability or Death:
http://www.access.gpo.gov/uscode/title38/partii_chapter15_subchapteri_html and
http://www.access.gpo.gov/uscode/title38/partii_chapter15_subchapterii_html and
http://www.access.gpo.gov/uscode/title38/partii_chapter15_subchapteriii_html
- Persian Gulf Registry: http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1003
- This program is now referred to as Gulf War Registry Program (to include Operation Iraqi Freedom) as of March 7, 2005:
http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1232
- Persian Gulf Registry Referral Centers:
http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1006
- Persian Gulf Veterans' Illnesses Research 1999, Annual Report To Congress:
http://www1.va.gov/resdev/1999_Gulf_War_Veterans'_Illnesses_Appendices.doc
- Persian Gulf Veterans' Illnesses Research 2002, Annual Report To Congress:
http://www1.va.gov/resdev/prt/gulf_war_2002/GulfWarRpt02.pdf
- Phase I PGR: http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1004
- Phase II PGR: http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1005
- Policy Manual Index: <http://www.va.gov/publ/direc/eds/edsmps.htm>
- Power of Attorney: http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21_1/mr/part1/ch03.doc
- Project 112 (Including Project SHAD): <http://www1.va.gov/shad/>
- Prosthetics Eligibility: http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=337
- Public Health and Environmental Hazards: <http://www.vethealth.cio.med.va.gov/>
- Public Health/SARS: <http://www.publichealth.va.gov/SARS/>
- Publications Manuals: <http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/publications.cfm?Pub=4>
- Publications and Reports:
http://www1.va.gov/resdev/prt/pubs_individual.cfm?webpage=gulf_war.htm
- Records Center and Vault Homepage: <http://www.aac.va.gov/vault/default.html>
- Records Center and Vault Site Map: <http://www.aac.va.gov/vault/sitemap.html>
- Request For And Consent To Release Of Information From Claimant's Records:
<http://www.forms.va.gov/va/Internet/VARF/getformharness.asp?formName=3288-form.xft>
- Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans Illnesses April 11, 2002:
http://www1.va.gov/rac-gwvi/docs/Minutes_April112002.doc
- Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans Illnesses: http://www1.va.gov/rac-gwvi/docs/ReportandRecommendations_2004.pdf
- Research and Development: http://www.appc1.va.gov/resdev/programs/all_programs.cfm

- Survivor's and Dependents' Educational Assistance:
http://www.access.gpo.gov/uscode/title38/partiii_chapter35_.html
- U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims <http://www.vetapp.gov/>
- VA Best Practice Manual for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD):
<http://www.avapl.org/pub/PTSD%20Manual%20final%206.pdf>
- VA Fact Sheet: <http://www1.va.gov/opa/fact/gwfs.html>
- VA Health Care Eligibility: <http://www.va.gov/healtheligibility/home/hecmain.asp>
- VA INSTITUTING GLOBAL ASSESSMENT OF FUNCTION (GAF):
<http://www.avapl.org/gaf/gaf.html>
- VA Life Insurance Handbook a" Chapter 3:
<http://www.insurance.va.gov/inForceGliSite/GLIhandbook/glibookletch3.htm#310>
- VA Loan Lending Limits and Jumbo Loans: http://valoans.com/va_facts_limits.cfm
- VA MS Research: <http://www.va.gov/ms/about.asp>
- VA National Hepatitis C Program: <http://www.hepatitis.va.gov/>
- VA Office of Research and Development: <http://www1.va.gov/resdev/>
- VA Trainee Pocket Card on Gulf War: <http://www.va.gov/OAA/pocketcard/gulfwar.asp>
- VA WMD EMSHG: <http://www1.va.gov/emshg/>
- VA WRIISC-DC: <http://www.va.gov/WRIISC-DC/>
- VAOIG Hotline Telephone Number and Address: <http://www.va.gov/oig/hotline/hotline3.htm>
- Vet Center Eligibility Readjustment Counseling Service: <http://www.va.gov/rcs/Eligibility.htm>
- Veterans Benefits Administration Main Web Page: <http://www.vba.va.gov/>
- Veterans Legal and Benefits Information: <http://valaw.org/>
- VHA Forms, Publications, Manuals: <http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/>
- VHA Programs Clinical Programs & Initiatives:
http://www1.va.gov/health_benefits/page.cfm?pg=13
- VHA Public Health Strategic Health Care Group Home Page: <http://www.publichealth.va.gov/>
- VHI Guide to Gulf War Veterans' Health:
http://www1.va.gov/vhi_ind_study/gulfwar/istudy/index.asp
- Vocational Rehabilitation: <http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/vre/>
- Vocational Rehabilitation Subsistence: <http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/vre/InterSubsistencefy04.doc>
- VONAPP Online: <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp>
- WARMS - 38 CFR Book C: <http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/bookc.html>
- Wartime Disability Compensation:
http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=browse_usc&docid=Cite:+38USC1110
- War-Related Illness and Injury Study Center: <http://www.wri.med.va.gov/>
- Welcome to the GI Bill Web Site: <http://www.gibill.va.gov/>
- What VA Social Workers Do: <http://www1.va.gov/socialwork/page.cfm?pg=3>
- WRIISC Patient Eligibility: <http://www.illegion.org/va1.html>

ON THE INTERNET:

Plane-A-Pedia at <http://militarywings.net>, which is run by a former P-3 Orion non-acoustic sensor operator, claims to be the leading publisher of military photo image CDs. Each CD contains hundreds of high-resolution digital image files that you can view on your computer or print using a quality photo printer to put in a photo album, frame and hang on your wall, etc. The subject matter available through Plane-A-Pedia includes military aircraft, ships, tanks, etc., of all kinds. Check them out!

THE ASSOCIATION OF NAVAL AVIATION PATRIOT SQUADRON:

The Association of Naval Aviation Patriot Squadron is a group of Navy veterans and civilians who are establishing a museum dedicated to NAS Squantum and NAS South Weymouth at the “Southfield” development on former NAS South Weymouth. The group operates from temporary quarters in the old base fitness center but will be moving into a permanent museum building in two years. Members meet monthly for lunch on Boston’s South Shore and maintain the base museum, the Shea Field Memorial Grove, and the “7Z” Douglas A-4 Skyhawk. Membership costs \$15/year. To join send a check for \$15 to The ANA Patriot Squadron, 495 Shea Memorial Drive, South Weymouth MA 02190.

MONTHLY MEETING:

Don’t forget that we meet for lunch on the last Thursday of every month at the Officer’s Club at Hanscom AFB in Bedford, MA from 1130 to 1330. Please join us if you can. If you don’t have a military ID (base stickers are no longer required) contact Okie O’Connell at 781-335-0553 or Bill Hanigan at 781-585-4950 so your name can be added to the base’s security access list. Note, all persons without a military ID are required to enter the base at the civilian gate, not the Hartwell gate.

PARTING SHOTS:



Remember being stuck in that long line of traffic crawling towards the White Street gate at NAS South Weymouth on drill weekend Saturdays and Sundays? Many thanks to Peter Mersky for this photo.

Here's a Grumman US-2A Tracker at NAS South Weymouth about 1975 for all the old VS guys out there. Many thanks to Peter Mersky for this photo.



Time is running out if you want to attend the VP Association's annual reunion banquet at the Hanscom AFB Officer's Club in Bedford, MA just a few weeks from now on Saturday September 26th. If you haven't already done so, please send your banquet reservation in to Bill Hanigan TODAY. Chances are good that you'll run into a few old shipmates such as the guys from NAS South Weymouth's NATOPS crew shown here sometime in the late 1960s, many of whom (such as Robert Belcher and Tom Kahabka) joined VP-92. Can you identify any of the others? Many thanks to Robert Belcher for this photo. Got something similar to share? If so, contact Marc J. Frattasio. Note, your editor will have a portable scanner with him at the annual reunion to scan any NAS Squantum or NAS South Weymouth related photos and slides that anybody may wish to bring.



Until Next Time, Lose Not Thy Speed In Flight Lest The Earth Rise Up And Smite Thee – “Frat”.



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VP ASSOCIATION 2009 ANNUAL REUNION
HANSCOM AFB OFFICER'S CLUB BEDFORD, MA
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 26, 2009 FROM 1200 TO 1700

BANQUET RESERVATION ORDER FORM

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

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