



VPB-111/VP-21 VAGABOND NEWS

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A MESSAGE FROM THE LEFT SEAT:

Holiday season is upon us and I want to start off this issue of our newsletter by wishing all of our members and your families the very best for the remainder of 2012 and into the New Year.

This will be the last issue to reach you before the 27-30 April 2013 Reunion. It's a very busy time for all of us so if you haven't done so already, I strongly suggest that you make your reservations as soon as possible before you get fully involved with the holidays.

As indicated in the Taps section, our squadron has lost one of its finest commanding officers. Captain John Orrill not only effectively managed the best squadron in the Navy, he made it fun for all of us while he was doing it. His daughters have provided me with a number of his squadron keepsakes that I'll make certain are made available to the Brunswick Naval Museum when it finally opens.

Regarding the Museum, until the former chapel building has been modified to meet required civilian standards (new heads, etc.); the Museum is to be temporarily located in a section of Hangar 6. As most of you already know, it was decided that our squadron artifacts are to be loaned to the museum once it's ready to receive them. The Museum staff is very enthusiastic about our contribution to their displays. Anyone interested in learning more about the Museum can read all about at the official web site at:
<http://www.brunswicknavalmuseum.org/index.html>.

Once again, I wish you all a wonderful and joyous holiday season and hope to see many of you in April.

Keep safe.

Bill

REUNION UPDATE;

As of yesterday, excellent weather has been ordered for the reunion.

I know that most all hands are busy with the holidays, but reservations should be made as early as possible due to the hotel cutoff date of 4/1/13.

Happy holidays

Bill and Georgia Kearney

DONATIONS RECEIVED:

The following persons have generously made donations to our organization during this quarter:

Bernard Doran
Joseph Mueller
Vincent Raab
Gerald Punches
Gene Forgit
Clarence Christie
Fred Kellar

Many thanks are extended to all of the above.

PLEASE NOTE: The VPB-111/VP-21 Veterans Association charges no dues. Our operations are totally supported by the generous contributions of our membership and by the sale of our squadron products. The association comes under section 501(C) 19, of the Internal Revenue Code as a “Not for Profit” organization. As such, contributions are legitimate tax deductions. Please make your contribution checks payable to the “VPB-111/VP-21 Veterans Association” and forward them to the Treasurer, Leland Ledford, at 127 Pete St., Waterloo, SC, 29384-4647.

A MESSAGE FROM THE STOREKEEPER:

There is still time to find that holiday gift suggestion by clicking on the “Small Stores” tool bar on the www.vp-21.org Association website.

Thanks, Carter

TAPS:

It is with deep regret that I inform you of the passing of our following shipmates:

- Neil Fullet: Passed away on 17 November this year. His affiliation with VPB 111/VP 21 is unknown.
- Bob Wolpert: Passed away back in 2009. He served with VPB 111 during WWII as a Naval Aviator in the Pacific theater where he flew PB4Y-1 aircraft until VJ Day. Bob was awarded ten Air Medals, including the Distinguished Flying Cross.
- Carroll (Duke) Dubuc: Passed away 19 August, 2012. He served in VP21 as a LTJG from '56 to '58.
- Bill Weber: Passed away on 12 October. No other details are available.
- Captain John William Orrill: Passed away 24 October, 2012. He was XO and the CO of VP 21 from '64 to '66.

- LCDR Wilbur Trautman: Server in VP 21 from '59 to '62. He passed away on 2 October, 2012.
- Waldo Bales: Served in VPB 111 during WW II and acted as a gunner in PB4Y-2s in the South Pacific. He flew missions over Borneo and other related hostile areas. He was awarded Air Medals for his bravery in battle.
- Stanley H. Carris: Served in VPB 111 during WWII. He flew ASW missions in B24s off the coast of North Africa and France, as well as, the Pacific theater flying in PB4Y-1s. He passed away in July of 2012.
- John C. Gutterman: Passed away on 4 May, 2006. He served with VPB 111 during WWII and VPB 21 from '47 to '51 during the Korean Conflict, as well.
- Paul Spaethe: passed away on 12 July, 2009. He served in the US Navy as an AOCA. No other details are available.
- Kermit Clay. Served in VPB 111. No other details are available.

May they rest in peace.

Sick Bay:

- **Mac McGhyhy** is recuperating from an infection which he received from a twelve week hospitalization stay.

Your prayers are requested.

A MESSAGE FROM THE WEBMASTER:

I encourage all members to send me your biography/profile info with photos. We consider biographies to be of significant importance to our site. We want to hear from you and learn about you. Contact me if you need or want help.

Thanks,
Smitty

WELCOME (BACK) ABOARD:

Ron Novay has been found. He's in good health and spirits, and his friends can reach him at 731-609-0298.

Welcome home.

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