



# VPB-111/VP-21 VAGABOND NEWS

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## **A MESSAGE FROM THE LEFT SEAT:**

Time for another update on the status of the Brunswick Naval Museum. And this is a good one. In my last report I said that we were still waiting for the sale to be finalized. Not anymore. As of 29 December, the Museum officially owns the former NASB chapel (actually the bank owns the building but the deed is in the Museum's name). This would not have been possible were it not for the generosity of the members of our VPB-111/VP-21 Association. It was our contributions that allowed the Museum to continue to pursue acquiring the building during the past few years. For all of you who have contributed and/or become members, I again say thank you. For those of you who have not yet done so, I hope that you'll consider the Museum in your future charitable giving plans. It's a 501(3)c organization so you get a tax break.

As part of the acquisition, we also own the Memorial Garden where the names of 90 of our Wing 3/5 shipmates, who gave their lives while flying operational or training missions, from NASB or deployed sites, are enshrined.

Currently, the Museum is open every Wednesday from 1000 to 1600 and on Sunday from 1300 to 1600. It will also be opened at other times by request. On Veterans Day we had the grand opening and over 250 people came. If you're in the area, please visit. If you live in the area and would like to be involved with the Museum's operation, please give me a call (207-725-6522).

For those of you who shop on Amazon, here's an easy way to contribute to the Museum, and it won't cost you a cent. First go to [SMILE.AMAZON.COM](http://SMILE.AMAZON.COM). A window will open that will permit you to select the Museum. If you don't see it on the list, start typing Brunswick Naval Museum. When it appears, click on that and you will be brought to your regular Amazon sign-in page. That's all you have to do and Amazon will provide the Museum with a small contribution based on the cost of your purchase. The money comes from Amazon with no additional cost to you. See you at the Museum.

Fly safely,

Bill

## **A MESSAGE FROM THE ON-LINE COORDINATOR:**

Every time we send out a mass emailing to the membership we continue to receive an inordinate number of bounced emails due to the member not updating his email address with us. Please take this opportunity to seriously look at the Email Roster that is provided to all members that have an email address on file with us to see if you see a shipmate's name listed under the LOST/BAD section of the roster, and if you have a current address for that member please forward it to [DDwyer1@Maine.RR.com](mailto:DDwyer1@Maine.RR.com) .

## **A MESSAGE FROM THE STOREKEEPER:**

They're back! With thanks to a new vendor the "scrambled egg" design on our handsome and popular P-2 "Two Turning and Two Burning" ball cap is again available for only \$25. Visit our VPB-111/VP-21 website at [www.vp-21navy.org](http://www.vp-21navy.org) and click onto the Small Stores tool bar to bring up photos and a price list of Association memorabilia treasures. Finally, we still have a limited inventory of the 2015 Pensacola Reunion Ball Caps that feature the separate and unique VPB-111 and VP-21 units that identify our historic legacy. These treasures can be yours for a modest \$20 that includes shipping and handling. Place your order now before we exhaust our supply of this limited edition item. For further information or to place your Small Stores order, contact Storekeeper, Carter Nute, at (352) 335-1293 or by email at [ccnute@cox.net](mailto:ccnute@cox.net).

## **DONATIONS RECEIVED:**

The following persons have generously contributed to our organization's fund. Their contributions are greatly appreciated.

- James A. Diemer
- Richard R. Cattrysse
- Harold J. Vaughn
- Eugene T. Sullivan
- William Kearney
- Raymond Gaus
- Les Raye

**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.

## **TAPS:**

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

- **Robert E. Nelson:** of Tequesta and the Villages, FL, passed away 23 October 2015. He served in VP21 from '57 to '60 as an LT and retired as a Captain after 31 years of service in the Navy.
- **Edwin E. Chambers:** 70, passed away 7 February 2015. He served in VP21 in '64 as an AO2.
- **James Daignault:** Served in VP21 from '66 to '69 as an SN.
- **George W. “Doc” “Santa” Docteur:** Passed away 6 September 2015. He was 84 years old. He enlisted in the United States Navy, serving in VP21 from 1951 – 1955 as an AOAN.
- **Buford “Charles” Blair, Jr:** age 84 of Rome, Georgia, passed away 17 March 2015. He was a veteran of the United States Navy having retired in 1967 with 20 years of service. He served in VP21 from '65 to '67 as an AEC.
- **CAPT Engelbert G. Pezzei USN (Ret):** Passed away in early June 2014. He was a LCDR and PPC of crew 5 while he served in VP-4 from 1962 to 1964. He graduated from the School of Naval Warfare at the Naval War College in June of 1967. His later tours included duty as the Navigation Officer aboard USS Forrestal CVA-59 and as Security/Admin Officer on the staff of Gen. A.M. Haig, Jr. US Army Supreme Allied Commander Europe.

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