



VPB-111/VP-21 VAGABOND NEWS

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A MESSAGE FROM THE LEFT SEAT:

Carter has provided his preliminary report regarding the 2017 reunion in Jacksonville. As you can see, it looks to be a very interesting and entertaining one. I just want to add that it's not too early to start planning for it. I hope to see many of you there.

As usual, when we sent out our last newsletter in February, we ended up losing contact with several of our members as the result of their having changed addresses and failed to notify us. If you are in contact with any of the following, please let me know or contact them and have them let me know at blocke21@comcast.net or by mail at 255 Mere Point Road, Brunswick, ME 04011-7723.

William Carignan, Homer Knightstep, Fred Barr, Woodson Wright

Fly safely, Bill

REUNION 2017:

Save the dates – 1 thru 5 May 2017. Plans are underway for our biennial reunion in Jacksonville, FL in conjunction with the annual Maritime Patrol Association (MPA) Symposium to “Honor the Past & Forge the Future” with our VP Community brethren. This is a first class gathering of Maritime Patrol alumni.

VPB-111/VP-21 Veterans will join other symposium participants for community leader presentations about our rich MPA heritage, current operations, and future programs. Following morning lectures we join the Tech/Expo Luncheon with industry partner exhibits in the VP-30 Hangar followed with tours on P-8 aircraft, flight simulators and training facilities. For those reunion attendees not attending professional symposium activities, an optional visit to a popular Jacksonville area shopping mall is offered.

The daytime symposium activities conclude in the evening with a sumptuous MPA Heritage Dinner that features a notable guest speaker (2016 speaker was Admiral Harry Harris, USN – Commander, U. S. Pacific Command), induction of community leaders into the MPA Hall of Honor, and presentation of the Pilot, NFO, Enlisted Aircrew men, CPO and Maintainer of the Year Awards.

Other VPB-111/VP-21 reunion activities in the initial planning stage include a possible visit to historic St. Augustine, FL, the oldest city in the U. S.; a brewery/winery tour; and an optional dinner at Whitey's Fish Camp (an eclectic local favorite restaurant).

A VPB-111/VP-21 Reunion room block with a hot fresh breakfast buffet is being established at the Hilton Garden Inn, Jacksonville/Orange Park. More detailed information to follow. **So save the dates 1 to 5 May 2017** for what promises to be another outstanding gathering with your association shipmates!

Cheers, Carter

SICK BAY:

Word has recently been received from the daughter of Captain Latta who was both Skipper of our Squadron and the CO of NAS Brunswick. She passes this on about his recent health problems.

He had an infection in his aorta, passed out, fell and broke his back. He is 87. He was in rehab, with little success. Ended up getting pneumonia and everything else you can catch in a hospital, poor guy. He is home now, but bed ridden.

Those of you who knew him might want to pass that on to others. He was a very popular skipper of both the squadron and CO of Brunswick. I know people will want to pray for his recovery.

A MESSAGE FROM THE ON-LINE COORDINATOR:

Every quarter after we send out the Vagabond News and Squadron Email Roster to our email recipients, we are seeing an increasing number of returned emails showing that a former recipient no longer has a correct email address on file with us. To highlight the magnitude of this problem, here are those members (11) that just since January no longer have valid email addresses on file with us. Too, there are dozens more on the email roster sent out to all email recipients of the newsletter. If you have current email contact information for these members, AND/OR those on the Email roster “bad email section”, we sure would appreciate it if you passed it on. Thanks, Dan

Gary Brandt
Charlie Brown
Tom Girtman
Don Griffin
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DONATIONS RECEIVED:

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

Bill Locke
Joseph Sheehan
Judith F. Ramsden

TAPS:

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

- **John David:** Served in VP 21 from 1961 to 1963. He was an AT-2.
- **Dave Stotler:** Passed away on March 20, 2016. He served in VP-21 in the late fifties and the early sixties. Dave's wife was employed at the Base Supply back in the early 1960's. They were married at the Chapel on NAS Brunswick, ME on 20 May 1961. Dave's wife sends her regards as follows: " Take care all. Oceans of Love, Joyce Stotler".
- **James Daigneault:** This article is intended to serve as a correction to a gross error in the previous newsletter pertaining to the passing of James Daigneault. James is presently still alive. On behalf of the VP 21 Board of directors, I wish to apologize for this outstanding error.
- **Jenaro Corcino:** Tony served in VP-21 from 1963 to 1967. He was an AM-S2. He retired from the U. S. Navy following 24 years of distinguished and decorated service, later retiring from NARF at NAS Jacksonville.
- **Albert Guay:** Resided in Dresden, ME. He served in VP 21 from 1964 to 1966 as an AT1.
- **Richard L. Rinestein:** Passed away on 31 January 2016. He was an AA who served in VP 21 from 1949 to 1952.
- **Richard Denslow:** Was an AE2 who served in VP 21 from 1963 to 1967. His passing occurred on 21 November 2014. Richard lived in Mansfield, OH.
- **Joseph Walsh:** Passed away on 30 January 2014. He lived in Hanover, PA.
- **Peter F. Goebel:** Served in VPB-111 from 1943-1945. He lived in Glendale Heights, IL
- **James T. Samuel:** Passed away on 2 May 2016. He served in VP-21 as an AK1 from 1955 to 1957. He lived in Wilmington, NC.
- **Alexander Radsky:** Passed away on 6/28/14. He served in VP21 from 1954 to 1957 as an ATC.

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