

VPB-111/VP-21

Veterans Association

Seventeenth Reunion



BRUNSWICK, MAINE • SEPTEMBER 15-19, 2021



VPB-111/VP-21 Lineage

Established	Bombing Squadron ONE HUNDRED ELEVEN (VB-111)	30 July 1943 in Norfolk, VA
Redesignated	Patrol Bombing Squadron ONE HUNDRED ELEVEN (VPB-111)	1 October 1944
Redesignated	Patrol Squadron ONE HUNDRED ELEVEN (VP-111)	15 May 1946
Redesignated	Heavy Patrol Squadron (Landplane) ELEVEN (VP-HL-11)	15 November 1946
Redesignated	Patrol Squadron TWENTY ONE (VP-21)	1 September 1948
Disestablished		21 November 1969 at NAS Brunswick, ME

PB4Y-1 Liberator



1943

PB4Y-2 Privateer



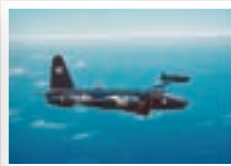
1945

P4M-1 Mercator



1950

P2V-6 Neptune



1953

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The VPB-111/VP-21 Veterans Association is a non-profit fraternal and historical association devoted to the reestablishment of contact with shipmates of the past, to strengthen the camaraderie among its members, to record and preserve the memories and incidents of the Association, to preserve the memory of our departed shipmates, and to promote the comfort and welfare of its members and survivors.

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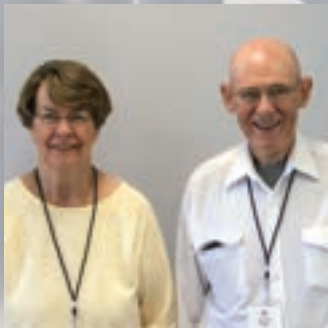
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2021 Reunion Group

The reunion group with the picturesque Maine scenery in the background.





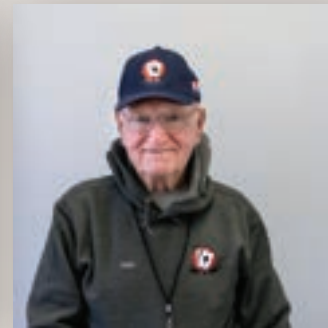
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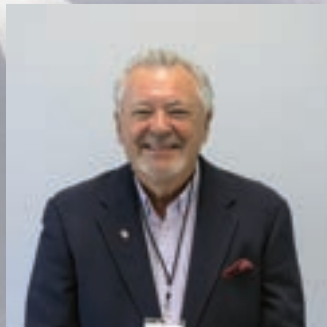
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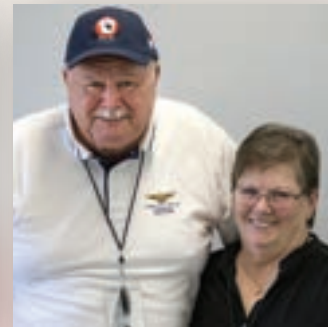
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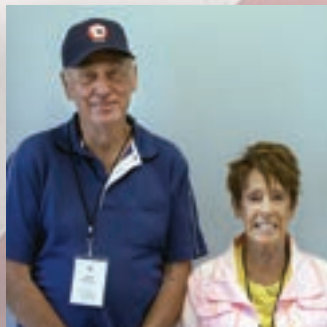
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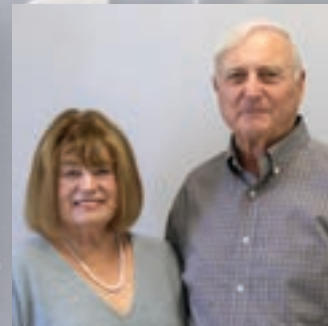
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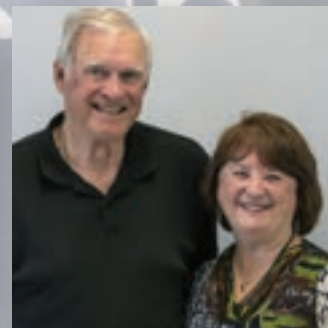
Bob & Judy Savage



Jim & Michele Stark



Larry & Joann Sutton



Zeke & Sue Thram

Not Pictured:
James Joslin



Check-in: Hospitality Suite

Our Association reunion started off on Wednesday the 15th with a very lively 'Meet and Greet' at the Residence Inn in Bath, Maine. Everyone had the opportunity to introduce themselves while renewing old friendships and making new ones. All while enjoying some adult beverages. During the remainder of the Reunion, much socializing and periods of good fellowship were conducted in the hospitality room and in the hotel lounge.









Tour of the Maine Maritime Museum

The main event on Thursday was an outstanding tour of the Maine Maritime Museum in Bath and a three-hour ride on their boat "Merrymeeting." The weather was spectacular and the fact that a generous benefactor picked up the entire tab made the trip all the more enjoyable.











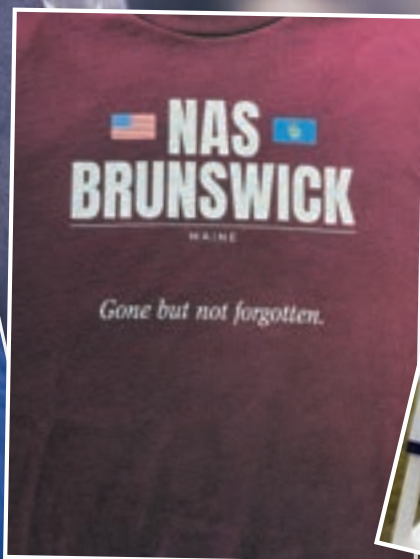


Our day at the Brunswick Naval Aviation Museum

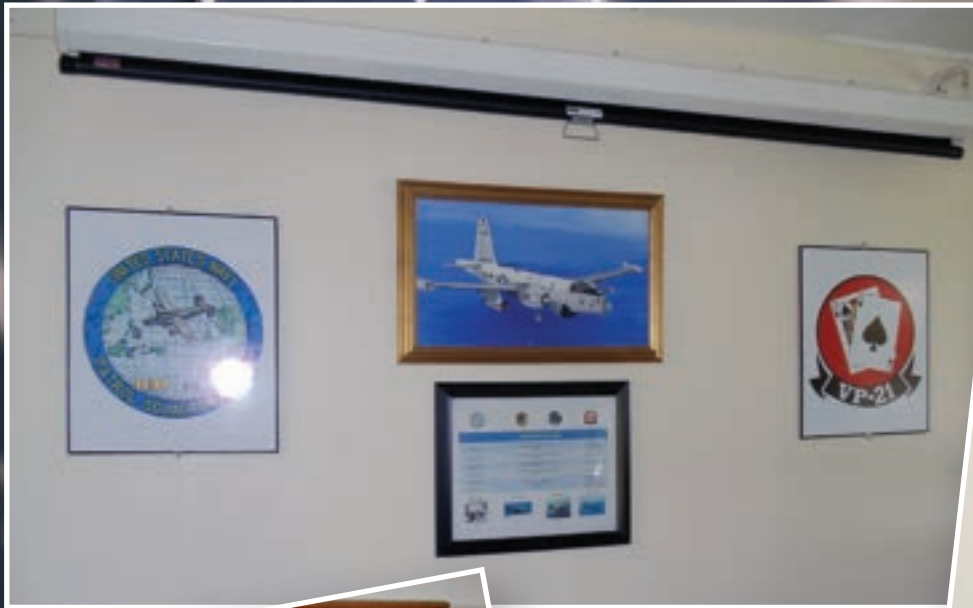
On Friday we met at the Brunswick Naval Aviation Museum (BNAM) where we had exclusive use of the facilities for a tour, our business meeting, and our Two-Bell Memorial Service. It was no surprise that your board of officers was reelected.

The news from our business meeting is that Tiny and Mary Ledford have volunteered to coordinate our 2023 reunion that will be held in Charleston, SC. We hope to see you all there.













Fair winds and following seas.

The Two Bell Ceremony

The toll of the ship's bell reminds us of the reverence we owe to our departed squadron mates.

And to those who guard the honor of our country upon and under the sea, in the air and on foreign soil.

In memory of those who lost their lives while serving with patrol bombing squadron one hundren eleven/patrol squadron twenty one. They will continue to live in our memories and be forever young.

Also in memory of our squadron mates who have left our ranks since we last met in Jacksonville, FL in 2017.

ALBERT ACKER
ROBERT AMBUGEY
MARLYN ANDERSON
NICK ARMEDA
JACK ATTIG
JAMES AYRES
HARVEY BARKER
GRADY BARNETT
TOM BERGSTROM
WILLIAM BIZZELL
JOHN BLAZIER
GEORGE BLUE
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JAMES GIRTMAN
LARRY GOFORTH
KENNETH GREEN
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MICHAEL HENRY
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WILLIAM HOOPER
JOHN HORSEFIELD
RAY HUNT
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EDWARD KENNEY
WILLIAM KERNAN
HOMER KNIGHTSTEP
ROBERT LETSON
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ANTHONY MARCANTONIO
JOHN MCGIVAREN
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JOHN SWOBLAND
DAVID TERRY
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JASPER WATTS
RICHARD WEBB
KENT WEBER
BRUCE WILLEY
KENNETH WILSON
MELVIN WILT
EDWARD WINKLER
DON ZENGER

Let this be a reminder of the friendship they provided to us.





NASB Reunion Activities and Banquet

Saturday was the big day at the BNAM. Except for a short rain shower, the weather was good for the lobster bake under the tents in the Museum parking lot. A total of 820 attended. Cook's Lobster and Ale House did a fantastic job of providing for the crowd.

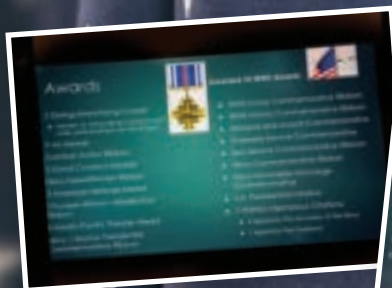
There was a very interesting "Flag Panel" with three active duty flag officers including VADM William Moran, former Vice CNO who was also the guest of honor.

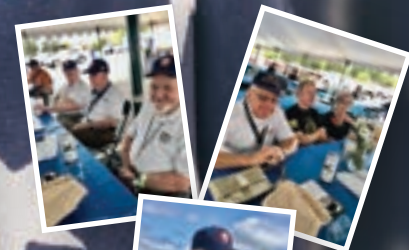
Other events that were available were a presentation by a Pearl Harbor survivor, and the opportunity to visit five Navy aircraft (a P8 Pegasus, the last two P3 Orions still in service with the Reserves, and two T45 Goshawks). There was also a golf tournament for those who were interested. All in all, it was a fantastic reunion.













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AND FOLLOWING SEAS
UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN







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I ask the help of God in making that effort great enough.

