



PHOTO MEMORIES OF VP-44 1953-1956

NAS NORFOLK, VA.

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The Breezy Point Seaplane Base and the home of VP-44,
Hangar SP-2, at the arrow. 1954



The VP-44 Flight Line on Breezy Point.

The R5D parked with our P5M-1's was part of VR-22, which was also housed in SP-2. 1954.



Weekend SAR Duty

The SAR duty aircraft tied down on the **ramp** and ready to go. 1954.



Weekend SAR Duty

Getting ready for launch. Quite a breeze. Notice the flags. 1954.



VP-44 Beach Shack

That's VP-56's 5 Boat in the background. 1954.



CC-10, a brand new P5M-2.

At the time I was 2nd Tech on this crew. Early 1955.



Wash your windshield, Sir?

The 2nd Radioman cleans the cockpit windshield. Early 1955.



Launching CC-10

The wheels are being cleared as part of the launch process . Early 1995.



ASW Training Operations.

Training exercise with one of our subs, SS 566, the USS Trout . Early 1955.



Returning after a mission

The Breezy Point Control Tower in the background . Early 1955.



On the beaching buoy.
Waiting for the wheels. Early 1955.



Part of Crew 10 after the mission.

Left, 1st Tech, Lemaster, 1st Radioman, Jim Sebring, and unknown. Early 1955.