

# Pelican Poop Sheet

Volume III

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## Welcome

Some of you will be getting this newsletter for the first time and the committee and I want to welcome you aboard. You will find plenty of Squadron information on our web site [www.vp44goldenpelicans.com](http://www.vp44goldenpelicans.com). I have over 450 email addresses that this newsletter goes out to, and over 600 names in the grand roster. The email addresses are divided into groups (LM-##) to help me track those emails that kick back, plus I have to please the Spam controls at AOL. If you do not want to receive these newsletters let me know and I will delete you from the database. **Please** keep me informed if you change email providers, I'm a one man office at this end and need all the help I can get to keep a good working roster and database.

## Another source for missing Shipmates

Gene, thanks for the newsletter. I was checking and see that you are listed on the Navy.togetherweserved.com web site. Do you think other VP-44ers would be interested in this also. If so, you might mention it in the next newsletter. HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU AND YOURS. I retired from the FAA on 12/31.

<http://navy.togetherweserved.com>

CDR Leo McGinty, USNR(ret)

Some of the shipmates I haven't found throughout the years are LT Randy Haven, (Excellent PPC), C.D. Smith AT1, Junior Manes AT2, and Donald J. Day AO2. All of these were early 60s personnel. This request is from Ray Beck, you can email him at [chief\\_beck@yahoo.com](mailto:chief_beck@yahoo.com)

Gene I am looking for J.C.Lynch AMH2,(scrappy) in 1963 from VP-44 . If you could put me in touch with him via e-mail/ Land line I would appreciate it. I understand he retired from the Navy on the west coast. But that is all I can find out.

Thank You

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VP-44 1959/60 to OCT 1963

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## **MAY 1-3, 2008 REUNION DATES SCRAPPED ...** **REVISED DATES SET FOR** **OCTOBER 23-25 IN PENSACOLA!**

Response was low and comments ranged from – “We’ll be there!” to “Just too soon” – so we are jumping into Fall in Pensacola. Please put these dates on your calendar and send us a reply email if you can attend.

To save on printing and postage, we will plan to send as many registration forms as possible via the internet, so be on the lookout and spread the word. If you know of publications where we can post our dates and contact information, please send info and help us get the word out!

### **HOST HOTEL: CROWNE PLAZA, *Downtown Pensacola***

Rates: \$139 Single/Double

### **The tentative schedule of events is as follows:**

- Thursday, Oct 23—Golf & Deep Sea Fishing Optional  
Activities  
Welcome Reception & Heavy  
Hors D’ oeuvres
- Friday, Oct 24-- Heavy Continental Breakfast in  
Ready Room  
Day at NAS Pensacola to include  
Museum Tours, Base Tour  
Group Lunch. We are working on  
Special Tours for our folks!  
Dinner on Own Friday Evening
- Saturday, Oct 25-- Heavy Continental Breakfast in  
Ready Room  
Area Tours to be Determined.  
Ideas include an Outlet Shopping  
Tour and Lunch at Foley, AL;  
a boat site-seeing cruise; a tour  
to other area bases.  
Dinner/Dance at Hotel

If the Blue Angels are practicing in Pensacola that week, we will advise early enough to include this in your travel schedule. Practice sessions are normally scheduled on Wednesday mornings and are followed by autographs and talk time

with the pilots at the Naval Aviation Museum. This is a great way to “see the show” without going through the rigors of the huge Fall Air Show at NAS. Many of you have contributed to the “seed” fund which helps defray phone, printing, postage and web costs. ***Thanks very much for your support!*** If you

have not yet contributed and would like to, please send checks made out to  
AVCAD NAVCAD, 707 Crooked Oak Drive, Pensacola, FL 32514.

**Finally, please reply to this email if you plan to attend!**  
**Questions or Comments? Contact Jodi at 850.473.0804. Please note new  
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### **P3 on Youtube**

Thanks to Captain Word

Fairly well tells the story, even though it leaves out the most critical message: why one might have to buy the crew a case of beer.

The Stones can even make Maritime Patrol seem glamorous!

<http://youtube.com/watch?v=55JXNDgCtLc>

### **2008 Mini Reunion**

The dates have been set for the mini reunion this year, September 7-12 in Pigeon Forge, TN. You can check the home page at [www.vp44goldenpelicans.com](http://www.vp44goldenpelicans.com) for hotel information and things to do. You can stay the whole week or come in for a few days, I personally will be there for three nights. My plans are to stay at the Holiday Inn and will have the Pelican Shop set up for business off and on during my stay. The good thing about mini reunions is there is nothing planned, it's up to what ever you want to do, by your self or with others. We can set times and places for those that want to meet up at a later time, once we know who is coming and where you are staying. I or Jeff Snavely [snavelyjj@yahoo.com](mailto:snavelyjj@yahoo.com) can be the go to contact as to where you are staying and when you will be arriving. Hope to see a lot of you in September, there's plenty to do and see in the area.

### **VP\_44 Grand Roster**

I have been working on a Grand Roster of Squadron Shipmates for the last six weeks and now have a working copy. I used various rosters from committee members and those that signed into the VPNAVY web site and our own web site. To protect everybody's privacy Ray Beck our web master has it under the protected roster on the home page. I will tell you how to access it, but first some simple rules. If you "do not" want your name or some of the information after your name on the roster please let me know and I will delete it. Those who want to add information please let me know as I have the "master" copy at my house and will send it to Ray to upload to the home page. We will use this so Shipmates can find missing friends from days past, we already helped a

couple. I am also looking for more so if you don't see somebody you have contact with that is not on the roster, please let them know to send in their information.

To access the grand roster, go to our web site [www.vp44goldenpelicans.com](http://www.vp44goldenpelicans.com)

Click on "*Members please sign-up for the protected roster.*"

At the bottom of the roster page where it says: "*Enter Password Protected Area.*"

User Name is: [pete](#)

Password is: [pelican](#)

Click on: "*Click here to download grand roster.*"

I hope those of you without internet access can get a friend or family member to look the roster up, as its over 50 pages long and changing all the time. I will print it out for you if need be but I will ask donation of \$5.00 to the association to cover printing and mailing cost.

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