



The Patroller

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From the President

Welcome to the inaugural edition of “The Patroller”!

Our readers who were stationed at NAS Brunswick between 1958 and the base closure in 2011 will know that statement is historically inaccurate as “The Patroller” was the official newspaper of NAS Brunswick during period. That rich heritage – coupled with a strong desire to preserve it – inspired the museum’s Board of Directors to name our quarterly publication “The Patroller”. The intent of this publication is threefold. First, we seek to inform readers of our progress in growing the museum into a first-rate attraction that preserves the rich heritage of NAS Brunswick and the tens of thousands of Sailors, Marines, government civilians, and their families who served there. Second, we’ll use this medium to inform our readers of our community events and fundraisers. Finally, we’ll share nuggets of NAS Brunswick’s history.

The Brunswick Naval Museum & Memorial Gardens (BNMMG) was formed in 2009 and has made significant progress toward achieving our vision. In our eight years of existence, we have:

- * Taken ownership of the former NAS Brunswick Chapel
- * Launched a capital campaign that has secured more than \$60,000 in pledges to finance the renovation of our facility and equip it with museum infrastructure
- * Retained an architect to plan and design our facility renovation

- * Created a timeline exhibit of the history of NAS Brunswick and its squadron, including numerous donated artifacts

- * Built a high-fidelity flight simulator that offers the chance to fly a Corsair, Neptune, Orion, Hornet, or other aircraft. The simulator is our capstone STEM exhibit and encourages youth to explore the science of flight

I hope it is clear to all readers that we are on a steady growth vector, but we need your help to accelerate our rate of growth. Here’s how you can help. First, please become a member or corporate sponsor; this is our principal source of revenue for our General Operating Fund and pays our energy and maintenance bills. Second, please consider making a pledge to our capital campaign; this is our principal source of funding for the renovation of our facility and conversion into a first-rate museum as depicted on the final page of this newsletter. Finally, please help us to spread the word to your friends and shipmates who may not be aware of the progress we have made. Forward this newsletter, “Like” our Facebook page (@bnmmg), or visit our website at

www.brunswicknavalmuseum.org.

We are on a great vector – and look forward to your continuing support.

KNHZ forever,

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Museum News

Brunswick Naval Museum & Memorial Gardens Names Ready Room In Honor of VPB-111/VP-21

The Brunswick Naval Museum and Memorial Gardens is pleased to announce the naming of the “VPB-111/VP-21 ‘Blackjacks’ Ready Room” in recognition of the squadron’s contribution of more than \$30,000 to the museum since its inception. VP-21 was stationed at NAS Brunswick from May of 1954 until the squadron was disestablished in November of 1969 and flew the Lockheed P-2 “Neptune” maritime patrol aircraft during that time frame.

Retired CDR Bill Locke, who served two tours in VP-21 and currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the museum, stated “the veterans of VPB-111/VP-21 were thrilled to learn that the legacy of their squadron will be preserved forever in the Brunswick Naval Museum & Memorial Gardens. NAS Brunswick will always be near and dear to our hearts, and we are thankful to have had the opportunity to contribute to the preservation of its rich heritage through our contributions to the museum.”

Many men served heroically in VPB-111/VP-21 during the ASW campaign against German U-Boats in the North Atlantic, the sea control battle against the Imperial Japanese Navy during the Marianas Campaign in the Pacific, and in the Cuban Missile Crisis during the Cold War. However, VP-21’s most famous alumni is likely LT Irving Hallmark Glick. LT Glick reported aboard VP-21 June 30th, 1960 and went on to serve as a P-2 Patrol Plane Commander in VP-21 until the squadron’s disestablishment. Upon VP-21’s disestablishment, LT Glick was ordered to VP-30 for transition training in the P-3A

“Orion” and reported to VP-10, where he continues to serve to this day. LT Glick’s official biography can be found at <http://www.vp-21navy.org/GLICK/>, and his service record is on display at the Brunswick Naval Museum and Memorial Gardens.

Thirty-four individuals and corporations have pledged \$500 or more to the museum’s “Wheels Up” capital campaign and are recognized on the museum’s “Wall of Honor”. The capital campaign has amassed more than \$60,000 in pledges to date, and squadrons are encouraged to band together in a pledge drive to name a room or exhibit in a similar fashion as VP-21 to preserve their legacy at NAS Brunswick. Room naming thresholds are listed on the museum diagram below, and a copy of a capital campaign pledge card can be found on page 9 of this newsletter.



VP-21 “Blackjacks” Logo

Events Calendar

2017

24 August: “Save The Planes” fund raiser at Flight Deck Brewing Company, 11 Atlantic Avenue, Brunswick. 6:00 P.M. start; the Blue Angels will be present, and a portion of all profits will be donated toward the renovation of the P-2 “Neptune” and P-3 “Orion” static display aircraft aboard Brunswick Landing.



26 August: VP-92 10th Annual Reunion at Brunswick Naval Museum & Memorial Gardens

26-27 August: Great State of Maine Air Show, Brunswick Landing. Museum will be open for tours on both days.



20 October: 242nd Navy Birthday Celebration with Casco Bay Navy League at Brunswick Naval Museum & Memorial Gardens; more details to follow soon!

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TBD: 50th Anniversary Commemoration of two VP-26 aircrews lost in combat during the Vietnam War.

10-12 August: 2nd Biennial NAS Brunswick Reunion; more details are available on page 10 of this newsletter and at <http://nasbreunion.org>.

Become a Member

Help Preserve Brunswick's Naval Heritage Membership Enrollment Form

Enclosed is \$_____ for membership at the following level.

- Flightline \$50
- Flight Crew \$100
- Squadron \$250
- Wing Commander \$500
- Admirals' Club \$1,000 (or more)

Memberships are valid for one year starting with the first of the month after signing up. All members will receive a membership card and decal. Squadron members will also receive a Naval Museum commemorative coin. Admirals' Club & Wing Commanders members will receive the coin and recognition of their support on the web site and on the quarterdeck in the museum lobby.

*BNMMG is a registered 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization.
Membership dues are tax-deductible as allowed by law.*

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

We will not share your personal information.

E-mail _____

Are you a veteran? Please add service information

Mail to:
BNMMG Membership,
179 Admiral Fitch Ave,
Brunswick, Maine 04011

“Wheels Up” Hall of Fame

The following people and organizations are recognized for their generous contributions to our “Wheels Up” Capital Campaign:

“Triton” Club (\$10,000 or more)

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“Poseidon” Club (\$5,000 to \$9,999)

CAPT John Chapman, USN (Retired)
CAPT John Evans, USN (Retired)
CDR William Locke, USN (Retired)
AZ1(AW) & Mrs. Jeffrey A. Smat, USN (Retired)
Ms. Deborah Orrill

“Orion” Club (\$3,000 to \$4,999)

COL William & Suzanne Bushnell, USMC (Retired)
CAPT & Mrs. John James, USN (Retired)
CAPT & Mrs. Sean Liedman, USN (Retired)
CAPT & Mrs. Mark Patrick, USN (Retired)

“Neptune” Club (\$1,000 to \$2,999)

Mr. Albert Boothby
CAPT Guy Edward Buck, USN (Retired)
Mr. John Briley
CDR & Mrs. Brian Daniels, USN (Retired)
CAPT Charles Gerhan, USN (Retired)
Mr. Donald Heichel
CAPT Charles Mull, USN (Retired)
Mr. J. R. Phillips
RADM Harold Rich, USN (Retired)
Mrs. Ann Snyder

“Corsair” Club (\$500 to \$999)

Anonymous Donor
Avery Family Gift Trust
Mr. John Binder
Eversource Energy
AW1 Marc Frattasio, USN (Retired)
CAPT Russell Frederick, USN (Retired)
LCDR Joe Grace, USN (Retired)

“Wheels Up” Hall of Fame

“Corsair” Club (\$500 to \$999) – Continued:

LT David Graham, USN (Retired)
CDR Robert Kanewske, USN (Retired)
Mid-Coast Energy Systems
MOAA Southern Maine Chapter
Dr. James Moshier
CAPT Herman Nichols, USN (Retired)
CDR James Oikle, USN (Retired)
AWCS (NAC) Read Rich, USN (Retired)
CAPT & Mrs. Andrew F. Smith, USN

as of July 1st, 2017

We need your support to help us achieve our vision of becoming a first-rate museum.
Please use the form below to document your pledge to our capital campaign.

BNMMG Pledge Giving Form to support the Brunswick Naval Museum & Memorial Gardens **“Wheels Up Capital Campaign”**

In consideration of the gift of others, I/we contribute or pledge which may be paid over a five-year period
or the total sum of:

(written out) _____ dollars **\$** _____ (numeric) **to be paid:**
herewith or in payments: -Annually, -Semi-annually, -Quarterly, -Monthly over -years beginning

We wish to name/memorialize unit opportunity- _____

Name & address printed- _____

Contact phone & email- _____

Signed & date- _____

Please fill out and mail to **179 Admiral Fitch Avenue, Brunswick, ME 04011**

NASB Reunion

Naval Air Station Brunswick



The second biennial Naval Air Station Brunswick Reunion will be held on August 10-12, 2018 at the Brunswick Naval Museum and Memorial Gardens. Our first reunion in 2016 attracted more than 250 attendees, and we are looking to build upon that success. Early registration for the reunion will open soon, and reunion merchandise is available for purchase on the reunion web site at <http://nasbreunion.org>. Photos of merchandise samples follow:



Corporate Sponsors

The following companies are recognized for their generous contributions to our Corporate Sponsorship Campaign:

Platinum Club (\$5,000 or more)

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Gold Club (\$2,500)

-

Silver Club (\$1,000)

-

Bronze Club (\$500)



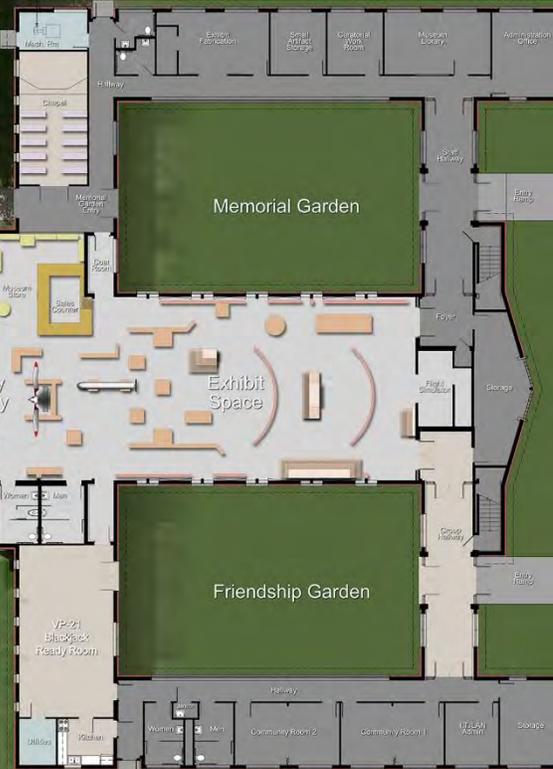
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Planned new front entrance



Donor Naming Plan



Naming Gift Amounts	
Exhibit Space.....	\$250,000
Entry Lobby.....	\$150,000
Brick Entry Plaza.....	\$125,000
Collection, Care and Purchase Endowment.....	\$75,000
Education Endowment....	\$75,000
Garden Care Endowment	\$75,000
Museum Store.....	\$50,000
Flight Simulator.....	\$50,000
Chapel.....	\$25,000
Community Rm 1.....	\$20,000
Community Rm 2.....	\$20,000
Admin Office.....	\$20,000
Library.....	\$15,000
Exhibit Fabrication Shop...	\$15,000
Artifact Storage.....	\$10,000
Curatorial Work Room.....	\$10,000

Note: Donors of key gifts may select the name of designated gallery or room. Individual, Family, Squadron or Corporation names are possible.