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A MESSAGE FROM THE LEFT SEAT:

As all who attended will attest, the 2011 reunion in Charleston, SC was a resounding success. Tiny and Mary Ledford did an outstanding job of coordinating the reunion and of acting as the Host and Hostess. All the events were outstanding and the Embassy Suites were fantastic. The facilities were great and the free drinks every evening certainly didn't hurt. Although all the events were wonderful, the dinner cruise on the final evening was especially noteworthy. The ambience, service and food were all of five star quality. A good time was had by all. Herm Schmidt, our Webmaster, will be placing photos on the site in the near future.

As for business news, Dick Webb, our Treasurer has decided to retire. Dick has been a mainstay, nay, THE mainstay of the Association for the past 22 years. It is with deep regret that we accept his decision. I'm happy to say that he will stay on as a director and personal advisor. Tiny Ledford (actually his wife Mary) has agreed to take on the responsibility of keeping the Association's books. Thank you, Dick, for your many years of devoted service, and thank you, Tiny and Mary, for helping to keep our group functioning.

As usual, there was discussion regarding the next Reunion. Three locations were mentioned – Virginia Beach, Philadelphia, and Jacksonville. Since the meeting broke up without a final decision, I have, as your chairman, made the choice and selected Virginia Beach. Bill Kearney has graciously agreed to coordinate the event. More information will be forthcoming. One final note: If you move, please let us know. We don't want to lose you.

Have a great summer.

Bill

DONATIONS RECEIVED:

The following named persons have generously made contributions to our organization since the last issue of the newsletter:

GENE L. FORGIT

DONALD McFADDEN

WERNER F. MUNDT

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Thanks to each of you for helping to keep our organization airborne.

Dick

PLEASE NOTE: The VPB-111/VP-21 Veterans Association charges no dues. Our operations are totally supported by the generous contributions of our membership, and by the sale of our squadron products. The association comes under section 501(C) 19, of the Internal Revenue Code as a “Not for Profit” organization. As such, contributions are legitimate tax deductions. Please make your contribution checks payable to the “VPB-111/VP-21 Veterans Association” and forward them to the Treasurer, Richard S. Webb, 219 Montoya Drive, Lady Lake, Florida, 32159-8642.

TAPS:

It is with deep regret that I make mention of the passing of our following shipmates:

- Dolores Watt. Wife of Chief Watt. No details are available.
- Bob Robar. No details are available.
- Wilbur L. Paris. Served in VPB-111 in November 1944. He was a Lt (jg) and the PPC of crew #16. No other information is available.
- Tony Singra passed away on 7 February of this year. No other details are available.

May they rest in peace.

WELCOME (BACK) ABOARD:

No lost sheep were rounded up this quarter.

From the Storekeeper:

“Association Small Stores sales were brisk during our Charleston Reunion. We still have an ample supply of an incredible book, *The Story of One Eleven*, about our rich VPB-111 heritage as a Navy PB4Y squadron that served in England, North Africa and the far Pacific during World War II. We also have a related book, *Low Level Liberators*, that tells the story of Patrol Bombing Squadron 104 in the South Pacific during World War II. Both books sell for \$29 each and each tell incredible stories about the brave young men who fought valiant battles in these marvelous flying machines. These and other gift items may be viewed on the Association Website at www.vp-21.org. For further information or to place your order, contact Storekeeper, Carter Nute, at (352) 335-1293 or by e-mail at ccnute@earthlink.net.”

Thank you,
Carter

FROM THE ON-LINE COORDINATOR:

Having worked with the online Email roster all these years, I finally asked myself, where do all of our Email members call home? So, having a few moments, I decided to categorize where the Email Roster membership currently lives. That said, it was a lot easier to figure out where we do NOT live. . and that'd be in the states of Hawaii, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, and South Dakota where none of our Email members call those states their home: As for the rest of you?? Here's where you call home:

From the Online Coordinator:

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|---------------|----|-----------------|----|
| Alabama | 5 | Missouri | 5 |
| Alaska | 1 | Montana | 3 |
| Arizona | 8 | Nebraska | 4 |
| Arkansas | 3 | Nevada | 5 |
| California | 19 | New Hampshire | 9 |
| Colorado | 6 | New Jersey | 6 |
| Connecticut | 6 | New York | 12 |
| Delaware | 3 | North Carolina | 16 |
| Florida | 69 | Ohio | 17 |
| Georgia | 11 | Oregon | 3 |
| Idaho | 1 | Pennsylvania | 24 |
| Illinois | 17 | Prov. Of Quebec | 1 |
| Indiana | 9 | Rhode Island | 6 |
| Iowa | 2 | South Carolina | 11 |
| Kansas | 7 | Tennessee | 11 |
| Kentucky | 4 | Texas | 19 |
| Louisiana | 1 | Utah | 2 |
| Maine | 29 | Vermont | 2 |
| Maryland | 13 | Virginia | 31 |
| Massachusetts | 10 | Washington | 5 |
| Michigan | 11 | West Virginia | 2 |
| Minnesota | 4 | Wisconsin | 11 |
| Mississippi | 4 | Wyoming | 1 |

Perhaps, next quarter, time permitting, I'll get into the master Snail Mail roster and do the same. Mean time?? When changing Email address or Service Provider, don't forget to notify the association/me at DDwyer1@Maine.RR.Com. Your failure to do so will result in your becoming 'lost' to the association.

Dan Dwyer

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