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- Intruder Reunion, Pensacola 2014
- Old Havelock Jet Getting New Paint
- Intruder Refurbished at Pacific Coast Air Museum

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A MESSAGE FROM THE IA PRESIDENT

Hello Intruders! What a Great Reunion! Pensacola made us all feel so welcome!

I am pleased and honored to serve this august body of battle proven warriors and true patriots. I will work hard for you.

Our April gathering in Pensacola has been much lauded, and those who planned it and ran it have been much praised for the exceptionally fine time had by all. In this first *Windscreen* following that event, you'll read a few more details you might not have known, and for those who could not join us, please look at your calendars and being NOW to put the 2016 Reunion on your "bucket lists".

REUNIONS

I want you who did not get to Pensacola to know that you missed a heck of a great gathering, with the right combination of Pomp and Fun. We have selected San Diego for 2016, and there is already a bit of a ground swell for P-Cola again in 2018 - but we won't get too far out in front of ourselves quite yet. We want the West Coast Intruders to capitalize on proximity and good weather, and join us in large numbers. Dates are being sorted and we'll announce them soon.

NEW OFFICERS AND BOARD POSITIONS

- USMC General Officer MG Marty Post & Pat joins Tim Beard as a Marine Side Mentor
- New VP is Bob Braithwaite, aka BUZZARD. He hustled with the P-Cola Team and has been a great companion in thought as we continue to more tightly integrate all intruders.
- New Volunteer for Windscreen LtCol Ken Waidelich - WADS is an A-6E Green USNA 1981 Chem major and A-4-experienced as a Marine reservist, and Delta 7....7 series aircraft based in NYC.
- A new position is a Capital Area Director, and Captain Jeff 'JD' Davis currently at J8 Deputy slot in the 5 sided wind tunnel has stepped up for that role.
- Chuck Reeves is now leading Marines West, Bo Boswell remains Marines East, George Cook is Marine Enlisted, and I hope we are closing in on a relief for Lurch Joyner to lead the large Hampton Roads Intruder contingent.

FINANCES

We had our first Audit late July, courtesy of RADM Randy Mahr and J.D. Davis. They found Geoff Swanberg's years of effort to be virtually flawless, and noted our fiscal health and frugality of expenses. Gratefully, Geoff continues as Treasurer, and Pete Young stays as Secretary, John Thornell as Historian. Clyde once asked to give up his Membership role-but we all voted against doing so, and his request was denied.

A-6 PLANE CAPTAIN PROGRAM

I wish we were further along. There have been some encouraging offers to assist locally, but what we still need is a nationwide leader, to manage the data and coordinate with local POCs. To say we are uneven is an understatement, so getting some sort of baseline we can establish then manage to is the goal. It really begs for a volunteer who is an optimist and gives great phone. One whose job or retirement involves some regional travel is

helpful but not required. I am hoping with your help to get the word out and let's flush out a willing leader from our midst to take this from concept to functioning program. I have been approached by a few enlisted Intruders who have shown a real interest to do the hard work of cleaning, painting and maintaining, but we owe them a bit of structure to get things rolling.



T. Ladson "T Lad" Webb

TRIBUTES

The installed Intruder Tribute in Pensacola was stunning to all attendees. John Smith of Laser Images has put fact, images and artistry together in a most impressive manner. His handicraft is his pride as well as our pride, and he was made an IA member by YAR at our April Tribute Dedication.

Dave Williams and David 'PAPPY' Pappenhausen have helped open the door for discussions at the Seattle Museum of Flight, which has agreed to accept one of our Intruder Tributes next calendar year, as they expand their building to bring 'Viceroy 502' indoors. Similar efforts to place Tributes in the Smithsonian Udvar-Hazy Museum and the Virginia Beach 'Flight Deck' continue, with some adjustments probable at each site to conform to artistic standards they have previously set in place. Standby for updates via 'Intruder 99s' and future Windscreen Issues.

We still consider Tribute locations based upon multiple parameters; these include unfettered public access, nearby presence of a static A-6, estimated number of annual visitors and a supporting community. The estimate remains that we have raised nearly sufficient funds for three additional Tribute displays, presuming we can stay consistent in our design to avoid additional design and set up charges.

WEBSITE

'Cactus Jack' Jordan keeps plugging as our Webmaster, and he shared his top 5 near-term goals:

- Create a fresh homepage for the website
- Continue to work on a new "Where are they?" locator for every A-6 built (almost complete)
- Continue to ensure Officers have no problems with the "New" email program
- Manage the database of members - to include the 650+Marine additions
- Assist the Membership Director with managing new/renewal members within the database
- Have updated the email program used to receive emails via the website, and it is a far easier one to use and manage
- Increase mutual website 'Links' with other naval aviation related organizations

QUASI FAREWELLS

With Larry YAR Yarham having served as our IA President for 6 years, we simply cannot thank Larry enough for his unrestrained zeal in promoting the Intruder family, through-out reunions and the much-applauded *continued on page 5...*

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FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Intruders,

Let me echo T Lad and congratulate all in attendance on one of the best Reunions I've attended anywhere or anytime. It was great to see so many old friends, and a pleasure for me personally to work on the Reunion Planning Committee under Mike Vogt's direction and to interact directly with the rest of the Team -- Mark Miller, Kerry Shanaghan and Nancy Fetterman. As always in the A-6 world, it was a team effort and everyone pitched in where needed to get the job done -- and it certainly didn't hurt that all our meetings were held in the CAVU Bar at the Crowne Plaza. Hopefully, San Diego will be another smashing success. Don't hesitate to volunteer your efforts if you live in the area as I think you will find it a rewarding effort.

I am also very honored to serve as the new VP of the IA and to work with T Lad on continuing the excellent work of our predecessors. I was a little leery of this opportunity when Vulture Carr first discussed the possibility with me, as the last time he offered me a "career enhancing" tour, I ended up out of the cockpit and in APW at HQMC!! However, as it looks like I can do this one from Pcola, I was happy to pitch in and look forward to helping T Lad keep the train on the tracks.

I'll close by piling on to T Lad's comments on membership -- we all need to work that issue. It was amazing to me to be getting calls from Intruders right in Pensacola asking for tickets at the very last minute because the first they knew of the Reunion was when the Banner went up over Palafox Street!! Considering the number of Reunion 99s that went out in some form or fashion, there are clearly an awful lot of Intruders out there that have dropped off the net. For those of us still on the net, we all need to reach out and ensure everyone is aware that the IA is up and functioning -- and that we need those who have lost contact to get on our mailing list and join the IA. Our Webmaster, Cactus Jack Jordan and Steve Foster who ran the Marine A-6 Mailing List for many years (Thank You Steve!!), are working feverishly to get that Marine mailing list blended into the current IA list. If anyone out there has up-to-date Squadron or other A-6 email lists, don't hesitate to pass them onto Cactus Jack. I think it is a given that the more people we can stay in contact with, the more folks that will eventually join the IA and come to the Reunions.

SF/Buzzard

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Intruders:

With an evidently highly successful Pensacola reunion behind us, (T Lad covers that and all the "adds" to our volunteer management team), I want to start with a "thank you" to former Marine Ken Waidelich ("Wads") for stepping up and taking on the *Windscreen* Editor position -- and then thank Steve McCaslin for his outstanding support over the years as the Editor. Ken, we appreciate your willingness to help very much and heartily welcome you "onboard."

In our last issue I used most of my column to start to focus on active duty admirals who've come out of our community who are in leadership positions in our Navy today ... and so to continue:

Mat Winter is the Program Executive Officer for Unmanned Systems in the Naval Air Systems command. He flew the Intruder with VAs 85 and 34 before becoming an AEDO (Aircraft Engineering Duty Officer). As an AEDO in the Acquisition Community he has been involved with JSOW (Joint Standoff Weapon) system, the JSF (Joint Strike Fighter ... now the F-35B for the Marines, C for the Navy), the Tomahawk program, and he headed the Precision Strike Weapons PMA. Mat has been announced as the next commander of the Navy Research Lab.

Kevin Kovacich was, until early this past spring, the commander of Carrier Strike Group 12 aboard *Theodore Roosevelt*. He left TR in April and is now serving with the Joint command, AFRICOM. I can only imagine how his hands must

be full these days. "Komrade" first flew A-6s with the Eagles of VA-115 aboard *Midway*, then served as an instructor in VA-128 before transitioning to the *Tomcat*, ultimately commanding VF-211 and then CAG-8.

Joe Kuzmick has been the Commander of Commander, Strike Force Training Pacific - Carrier Strike Group 15 (the old CarGru 1) since last September. Kuz flew A-6s with VAs 34 and 115 before transitioning to *Prowlers*, where he commanded VAQ-128. After his CO tour Joe was selected for nuclear power training after which he served an CVN XO tour and then commanded *Mount Whitney* prior to his carrier, *John C. Stennis*.

Mark Leavitt has been the Commander of the Naval Air Forces Reserve for the past year, also serving "addu" as the Reserve Deputy for Dave Buss. He became an LSO while flying A-6s with VA-34, served as a VA-42 instructor and then was the CAG-7 "paddles." As a Reserve officer he commanded VR-56, TraWing Two's reserve component and was the reserve component commander of Navy Region Midwest.

In closing, I, again, want to thank Ken Waidelich for stepping up and taking over *Windscreen* from Caz. Caz: you've done yeoman's duty for a LONG TIME and I hope I can speak for every member of the Association when I, most sincerely, thank you for your outstanding efforts. We will miss you, but I expect you have a worthy successor.

Best regards to all,
Tim

DEPARTING



CAPT Brian K. Bryans, USN (Ret)
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 William T. Patton



Intruder Association Financials for 2014

As of 30 June 2014

INCOME

Dues\$9,630

EXPENSES

Web Site\$1,925
 Credit Card Fees.....\$1,020
 Postage, Mailing Services\$163
 Windscreen.....\$2,299
 Supplies\$3,755
 Memorials\$280
 Business Registration.....\$25

Contracted Legal Fees.....\$150
 Reimbursement\$1,010
 Total Expenses\$10,627

ACCOUNT TOTALS

Operations\$29,199
 Midway RR.....\$6,348
 Whidbey Gateway.....\$9,555
 Gateway Flags.....\$1,671
 Scholarship Fund.....\$2,045
 Intruder Tribute\$96,848
 Total All Accounts.....\$145,666

IA PRESIDENT ...continued

Intruder Tribute initiative. Larry is quick to share the limelight with others, but it was Larry's personal drive and commitment that got this from 'concept' to 'reality' to 'funded' and 'in place' in The National Naval Aviation Museum. Larry has had many encouragers and helpers, but none so effective and impactful than John Smith of Laser Images. Fortunately, Yar and Jim will continue to project manage the remaining Tribute productions and locations/installations. Larry gets our great thanks, but not a true 'farewell'.

The degree to which fund raising was easy and gentle speaks to the vision and connectedness each of us has felt to this incredible Tribute. If you have not yet gotten to Pensacola, go there and see this beauty that speaks to our mission, our history, our brethren and a community that put and kept the word 'ATTACK' in the forefront of Naval Aviation for over 30 years.

Steve CAZ McCaslin has been producing professional quality Windscreen issues as long as I recall, and I am always anxious to sit and read each new issue cover-to-cover. I am very pleased that CAZ has found a new Windscreen editor, WADS, as mentioned above, but CAZ remains an active IA member, so our farewell is just a thank you and not a farewell.

FAREWELL

Harry Spies did pass away, so our new Marine West Director, Chuck Reeves has big shoes to fill. Our prayers and thanks go to Harry's family and we feel his loss on our Board.

MEMBERSHIP

Recently, we were frustrated to learn that our website automated renewal reminder notifications process is unreliable. Please take a moment before you finish reading this edition, to log on and verify that you remain a member in good standing, and while there, consider an early renewal, so you don't fade away unexpectedly. Also, please carefully examine your data and ensure that your current email and snail mail addresses are correct.

We remind each other to call upon shipmates, squadron mates and friends to remind them to stay current as members, as well as to get them to our Reunions, so they can share in the joys of friendship we have enjoyed so recently. We each are aware of Intruders who do not appear in our midst, and we genuinely wish to have them together with us. Will you help me keep passing that word?

Our time as Intruders encompasses many of the best and proudest moments of our lives. Let's remain committed to keeping those relationships vital, and reach out to all Intruders.
 T Lad

LARRY YARHAM RECOGNITION

In recognition of Larry Yarham's outstanding leadership and significant contributions to the Intruder Association during his tenure as President, the board has decided to honor Larry with the granting of a lifetime membership.

Larry's vision and perseverance during the rebuilding of Midway Museum's Ready Room Five resulted in "Ready Five" becoming the highlight of the ship's tour. When dignitaries come aboard, the Intruder Ready Room is where they are first escorted. Larry's leadership was again a major factor in play during the 2010 West Coast Intruder Reunion and formal dedication of "Ready Five" on Midway.

Following these herculean endeavors, Larry personally

tackled the complex task of visualizing, then creating the first of several Intruder Tributes. The Intruder Association recognizes, with pride, their historic content, their beauty of execution, and their sheer visual impact. The installation and dedication of the initial Intruder Tribute was the centerpiece of the largest Naval Aviation reunion ever recorded in Pensacola.

Larry continues to lead the efforts to establish sites and complete additional construction of tributes 2, 3, 4... (+++??). With an eye for style and a hunger for ensuring that our great history is well told, Larry keeps it at 594 Continuous.

Larry, from the entire Intruder Association Board of Directors and your many friends and admirers, thank you and BZ!

FROM THE EDITOR

New *Windscreen* editor to take the reigns

This is my last issue as the editor of the *Windscreen*. I took it over in 2004 and we have gone from using a power point format and making a .pdf to its current 16 page magazine format. It has been a true privilege and a lot of fun to put this biannual newsletter together.

While I am the name/face most associated with this I do have to say that I am not alone. Each issue is actually put together by Stephanie Davis, our managing editor. I collect and proof the articles but she is responsible for the layout and the graphics. She is the one that makes the *Windscreen* look like a professionally done publication...because it is. Also, a big thanks to the contributors to each issue. It is your stories that make it interesting to read twice a year. I also want to thank Larry Yarham and Tim Beard too. Not only did they give me free reign with what goes in to each issue, they also proofed the final draft before it went to print.

I will be turning it over to Ken "Wads" Waidelich after this issue. Here is a little about Wads:

He is a 1981 graduate of the United States Naval Academy where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry along with his commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps.

He completed primary flight training at NAS Whiting Field, FL and then transferred to NAS Meridian, MS where he received his "Wings of Gold" following completion of jet training. Afterwards, he received orders to fly the A-6E Intruder at MCAS Cherry Point, NC. Upon completion of A-6E training at Marine All Weather Attack Training Squadron 202, he was assigned to the Moonlighters of Marine All Weather Attack Squadron 332.

Wads spent two tours of duty as a Moonlighter – a total of Eight years in the unit which were only briefly interrupted by a quick ten month tour to attend the 1987 class at the USMC Amphibious Warfare School in Quantico, VA. During his active duty career, he flew more than 1500 hours in the Intruder, trapped aboard 5 different carriers, and deployed four times to the Far East – Japan, Korea, and the Philippines.

In the squadron, he held various leadership positions including Aviation Safety Officer, Nuclear Safety Officer, Assistant Operations Officer, and Director of Safety and Standardization. In 1990, he was briefly attached to Marine All Weather Attack Squadron 224 and deployed to Southwest Asia as part of Operation Desert Shield before returning to the Moonlighters for his final WEST-PAC deployment.

When the Marine Corps retired the Intruder in 1991, Ken began his civilian flying career with Delta Air Lines. At the same time, he entered the Marine Reserves at NAS Willow Grove, PA. There, he flew the A-4M Skyhawk for Marine Attack Squadron 131 before becoming the Operations Officer for Marine Aircraft Group 49 – a position which he held until his retirement in July 2001.

At Delta Air Lines, Wads is currently based at John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York as a Captain on the Boeing 737. In this aircraft, he has flown more than 5,000 hours as pilot in command. He is also rated as Captain on the Boeing 757, 767, and MD-88. He has served Delta as a Flight Operations Manager and as Chief Pilot in charge of the administration of 1000 pilots at JFK.

Wads and his wife, Sabrina, live in Carlisle, PA where they are the owners and proprietors of Harvest Hunt Farm, LLC. At their horsemanship training academy, Wads is developing a unique and exciting seminar in which he uses his own horses to teach today's leaders how actions and non-verbal communications skills can be used to inspire and motivate others.

Locally, Wads is the Vice President of the Board of Directors for the Central Pennsylvania Conservancy – an organization that promotes water and land conservation. He was instrumental in restoring the Ironmaster's Mansion – a historical building located in the Pine Grove Furnace State Park. He has also served on the Cumberland County Airport Study Board, and stays very active within the community. Wads can be reached at kwaidelich81@comcast.net.

Thanks again for all of your support and I am sure that Wads will receive the same support and encouragement that I did.

Intruders forever,
Caz

► 2014 SHOW SCHEDULE

MARCH

15	NAF El Centro Annual Air Show	NAF El Centro, CA
21-22	LA County Air Show	Lancaster/Palmdale, CA
23	Auto Club Speedway Flyover	Fontana, CA
29-30	Wings Over Texas Air Show	NAS Kingsville, TX

APRIL

05-06	Sun 'n Fun 2014	Lakeland, FL
12	Thunder Over Louisville	Louisville, KY
26-27	Fort Worth Air Power Expo 2014	NAS Fort Worth JRB, TX

MAY

03-04	Spirit of St. Louis Air Show	St. Louis, MO
10-11	Vero Beach Air Show	Vero Beach, FL
17-18	Rhode Island Air Show	North Kingstown, RI
21	USNA Air Show	US Naval Academy, MD
23	USNA Graduation Fly-Over	US Naval Academy, MD
24-25	New York Air Show at Jones Beach	Jones Beach, NY
31	Deke Slayton Airfest	La Crosse, WI

JUNE

01	Deke Slayton Airfest	La Crosse, WI
07-08	Latrobe Air Show	Latrobe, PA
14-15	The Great Tennessee Air Show	Smyrna, TN
21-22	Milwaukee Air and Water Show	Milwaukee, WI
28-29	Dayton Air Show	Dayton, OH

JULY

05-06	National Cherry Festival Air Show	Traverse City, MI
12	Pensacola Beach Air Show	Pensacola Beach, FL
19-20	Defenders of Freedom Air Show	Offutt AFB, NE
26-27	Thunder Over Utah Air Show	St. George, UT

AUGUST

02-03	SeaFair Boeing Air Show	Seattle, WA
16-17	City of Chicago Air and Water Show	Chicago, IL
23-24	Duluth Air and Aviation Expo	Duluth, MN
30-31	Cleveland National Air Show	Cleveland, OH

SEPTEMBER

01	Cleveland National Air Show	Cleveland, OH
06-07	Selfridge ANGB Air Show	Selfridge ANGB, MI
13-14	Star-Spangled Air Show	Baltimore, MD
20-21	NAS Oceana Air Show	NAS Oceana, VA
27-28	JB Pearl Harbor-Hickam Air Show	Pearl Harbor, HI

OCTOBER

04-05	MCAS Miramar Air Show	MCAS Miramar, CA
11-12	San Francisco Fleet Week	San Francisco, CA
18-19	Memphis Air Show	Millington, TN
25-26	NAS Jacksonville Air Show	NAS Jacksonville, FL

NOVEMBER

01-02	Wings Over Houston Air Show	Houston, TX
07-09	Blue Angels Homecoming Air Show	NAS Pensacola, FL

San Diego

**INTRUDER REUNION
2016**

The Intruder Association National Reunion is planned for San Diego in 2016. Watch the website and future editions of the newsletter for details.

OLD HAVELOCK JET GETTING NEW PAINT

By Drew C. Wilson, Havelock News. Reprinted with permission.

A high visibility and historic Marine all weather attack jet is getting a facelift in time for a September reunion of affiliated pilots and mechanics.

The A-6E Intruder on display off Tourist Center Drive since 2005 is getting a restorative paint job just in time for a reunion of Marine All Weather Attack Squadron 533.

“It’s lost its luster,” said Jim Stuart, curator of aircraft for the Eastern Carolina Aviation Heritage Foundation and a Havelock commissioner. “It was pretty drab looking.”

The aircraft, on loan from the National Museum of Naval Aviation in Pensacola, Fla., has been on display in Havelock since June 19, 2005.

“By contract, we have agreed to maintain the aircraft in a presentable condition,” Stuart said.

Paint on the plane, Bureau Number 164378, has deteriorated such that it needed to be refurbished, Stuart said. The airframe had minor cracks and corrosion from being exposed to the weather for nearly a decade in Havelock. Prior to that, it had been on display in Newport News, Va., and sustained considerable deterioration, Stuart said. The aircraft was brought to Cherry Point where volunteers from a Naval Aviation Depot repair unit donated labor to restore it.

Vince Miller, of McGowan Painting Contractors in Greenville, said his crew would be working on the plane’s new paint job for another week.

Stuart said the work is mostly cosmetic and will improve the plane’s appearance for motorists passing along U.S. 70. The city of Havelock is paying \$28,500 for the work.

“If we could have towed it onto the base and contracted FRC to do it, my rough estimate is that it would have cost us \$50,000 to do it there,” Stuart said. “We don’t have that kind of money. We do, but we’re not going to spend it on an airplane.”

The plane is one of 693 A-6s that were in service between 1963 and 1993 for both the Marine Corps and Navy. The A-6E on display in Havelock has the paint scheme of Marine All Weather Attack Squadron 533, whose members will be meeting Sept. 5 to 7 for a reunion in Havelock.

The reunion for 1969-70 crew from the Vietnam era includes a tour of Cherry Point, lunch at Miller’s Landing, Steak and Shrimp Night at VFW Post No. 7315 in Havelock, and a banquet at the Havelock Tourist and Event Center.

For more information about the reunion, call the reunion headquarters at the Holiday Inn Express in Havelock at 447-9000, or call Jerry Callaway at 303-469-9896 or 303-946-7893 or email him at j2callaway@q.com.

Editor’s note: By the time this goes to production the reunion discussed will already have occurred.



How MARINES BECAME AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE INTRUDER ASSOCIATION

By Rupe Owens and Charlie Carr

Many moons ago, Ted Been, a BN with VA 42, decided that possibly after many happy hours at the Back Bar Oceana O'Club that it was time to form an Intruder Association (IA) encompassing all Naval Service Intruders. One of his first requirements was to solidify the Navy both at Oceana and Whidbey. With that in progress he captured two Marine Intruders in order to bring help and encourage Marines into joining the association. Bo Boswell and Steve Dumovich readily accepted. As word spread through the Marine squadrons more and more signed on to become members.

At a late 1990s Tailhook, Charlie "Vulture" Carr was asked by the IA Board to fill the VP slot. RADM "Rupe" Owens and CAPT Bill "Westy" Westerman, Chair and deputy, respectfully introduced him at the Hook meeting and he walked out VP of the IA. His boss was a Whidbey Captain (ret) who was the IA President and resigned about a month later and, as a result, Vulture became President. GQ had not quite piped but, because the wire diagram indicated that the position Bo Boswell filled was one down from the VP so, yikes, Bo was now VP. You can imagine the interest this caused the IA board?

The next IA reunion was to be in San Diego and an IA Officers meeting was to be held prior to it for reunion requirements and IA business. The issue was how to adhere to the bylaws and still get the Marines out of one of the top spots. We could go on with various discussions that occurred but the final outcome was that Bo got thrown under the SATS loader and reverted back to his old post, Marine Rep.

So the hierarchy, on staff, was still in flux with the IA having a Chair, Deputy and President. No VP. This worked well enough for a time, however, it demanded resolution the by laws required. Rupe, with Westy, asked Vulture to a meeting in a congenial bar in Va. Beach. The meeting was held and after a beer or two we reached a resolution. We would have an election: the VP would be a Marine who, unless he fell on his sword, would fleet up after end of the president's tour. This was proposed and agreed to by the IA at the next meeting.

Elections were held and Larry Yarham was elected President while Bruce "Gator" Byrum elected VP. Through all this, Marines continued to sign on to the IA and achieved about 33% of total membership. Marine support for projects like Ready Five on Midway and the Intruder Tribute continues to be timely and forthcoming.

Today, as the recent IA reunion at Pensacola has illustrated, the IA is very much alive and Marines are a large part of it. Since Ted Been, Bo and Steve, Marines are supporting the IA with:

- IA Board Flag/Gen MGEN Martin Wiley Post
- VP Robert Buzz Braithwaite
- Five other Marines filling billets
- Yes, Bo is still on staff here as Marine East DIR.

Bottom line, a superior organization run by very competent Navy and Marine Intruders. If you haven't yet signed up, go to the Intruder Association website soonest and do so.

Rupe/Charlie

INTRUDER ASSOCIATION REMEMBERS



This past Memorial Day, May 26, 2014, the Intruder Association participated in a wreath laying ceremony at the Vietnam Memorial. Representing the members of the Association were Tom Irving, USMC pilot, Joe Ahrens, USMC Maintainer, and Geoff Swanberg, USN B/N..

INTRUDER REFURBISHED AT PACIFIC COAST AIR MUSEUM

Submitted by: Charley Joe Taylor, Commander, USN (Ret)-Pacific Coast Air Museum Guest Speaker Coordinator & Marketing Team Member and Mark Fajardin, Sr. - Director of Aircraft Acquisitions & A/C Restorer & Intruder Association Member.

When A-6E Intruder Buno 155595 flew from NAS Alameda to nearby Charles M Schulz, Sonoma County Airport on June 24, 1994, she became the first aircraft flown to the Pacific Coast Air Museum, joining less than a handful of aircraft in those early years. Now, more than 30 aircraft call the Pacific Coast Air Museum in Santa Rosa, California home. Each one is fulfilling its new mission to educate and inspire the next generation of aviation professionals. Intruder 595 is a combat veteran of Vietnam and Desert Storm and has almost 7,000 flight hours in her log book. Assignments included the following Navy Attack Squadrons;

VA-128, VA-165, VA-145, VA-115, VA-196, VA-52, VA-34, VA-65, and her last squadron VA-155.

155595 recently appeared at the Museum's annual *Wings Over Wine Country Air Show* on August 17th & 18th after a complete, single handed, restoration by Mark Fajardin, Sr. The Intruder's new paint scheme is Dark Ghost Gray, circa 1991, and is complete with an Alpha Strike bomb load of eighteen Mark 82 and two Mark 84 inert General Purpose bombs. In the near future, she will be in VA-155 markings as Silver Fox 403. Mark's work involved 334 man hours from May 19th through August 15th, which also included restoring 20 inert bombs and assembling / "loading" them on the A-6E. Mark's goal was to complete the restoration prior to the Air Show, and that goal was met just 48 hours before show time. 595 was towed from the Museum to the Air Show flight line for her open cockpit display, and throughout the air show, she

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A-6E INTRUDER BUNO 155595

amazed and delighted the crowds. Intruder 595 continues to serve PCAM, which is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the acquisition, restoration, safe operation and display of historic aircraft, preserving aviation history, and promoting an educational venue for students and the community.

Mark has performed eight aircraft restorations and 2013 celebrates his 20th year with PCAM. Last year he restored our USMC AV-8C, Harrier Buno 158959, and his recent efforts in acquiring not only the inert MK-80 series bombs, but also the Fuses, Booster Adaptors, Wires, Ejector Racks, MER's, and soon, an entire EA-6B Prowler resulted in Mark being named the Director of Aircraft Acquisitions.

Charley Joe Taylor, Commander, USN (Ret) is the Pacific Coast Air Museum Guest Speaker Coordinator & Marketing Team Member and Mark Fajardin, Sr. is the Director of Aircraft Acquisitions & A/C Restorer & Intruder Association Member.



Mark Fajardin



INTRUDER REUNION AND TRIBUTE DEDICATION, PENSACOLA 2014

Every two years the Intruder Association gathers for a Reunion to Preserve the Legend and celebrate the 30+ years that the A-6 flew the Medium-Attack / Night / All-Weather mission for Navy and Marine Corps Aviation. While normally held on an alternating East Coast / West Coast rotation, the decision was made this year to hold the Reunion in Pensacola; a more neutral site that has an unmistakable draw for all Naval Aviators as the recognized home of Naval Aviation. In addition, the 2014 Reunion served a double purpose as it was held in conjunction with the dedication of our first Intruder Tribute. This was accomplished with flair and the Tribute is now proudly displayed next to the A-6 Intruder that resides in Hangar Bay One at the National Naval Aviation Museum (NNAM) aboard NAS Pensacola.

The Reunion Planning Committee (RPC) formed approximately 18 months in advance of the anticipated execution timeframe. As noted above, a Pensacola location was in large part driven by the Association's desire to present and dedicate the very first Intruder Tribute to the NNAM. As the key to the whole reunion, efforts commenced with drumbeat meetings conducted by the Mike Vogt, RPC chair, with CAPT Bob Rasmussen (NNAM Director) to ensure the Tribute met his specifications to be displayed in the Museum. Once those issues were resolved, negotiations began on hold-

ing our key events at the NNAM. Despite budget limitations, LTGEN Thiessen (Naval Aviation Museum Foundation (NAMF)) CEO and CAPT Rasmussen intervened and petitioned successfully to allow the Reunion's main events (Tribute dedication and banquet) to be conducted in the NNAM Blue Angel Atrium. This was key to a successful reunion, not only due to the tremendous atmosphere provided by being in the Museum, but also because of the size crowd that could be accommodated which became much more of a challenge for the RPC than originally anticipated.



The RPC initially began planning for an estimated attendance of 200-300 based on the three prior reunions. This proved to be highly inaccurate, as the draw of returning to the home of Naval Aviation proved to be much greater than anticipated with a final attendance of 937 members of the Intruder family. As registration grew, more local hotel accommoda-

tions were required, which cascaded into increased recurring requirements for bus transportation to Reunion HQ at the Crowne Plaza; but, in the end, all were accommodated. The RPC attributes this unexpectedly high attendance to several factors: (1) the lure of a "sentimental" return to Pensacola was huge, (2) good advance advertising through shotgunned "99" e-mails and Windscreen articles, (3) the first Intruder Tribute unveiling, and (4) a much larger USMC turnout than in the past.



Some 1980s and 1990s VA-65 Intruders: l-r are Rear Admiral Don Quinn, Vice Admiral Dave Buss, Mike Murphy, Charlie Hautau, John Snedeker, Jim Gigliotti, Glenn Krummel, Rear Admiral Mark Guadagnini, Admiral Fox Fallon, T Lad Webb.

Once all the planning was done, it was time for the actual event. Intruders started to filter into town as early as the weekend prior with many taking the opportunity to get in some beach time prior to the Reunion. Wednesday was an unofficial start to the Reunion with a Blue Angel hosted event on their flight line to observe the weekly practice show. The Thursday Registration and Welcome Aboard gathering in the Ready Room at the Crowne Plaza Grand Hotel officially kicked off the Reunion and was a big hit. A special thanks goes to the Pensacola Crowne Plaza Hotel for accommodating all our requests before and during the Reunion.

The Reunion "Ready Room" exceeded expectations, as the "Queen" of the Ready Room, Mark Miller, and his staff of Stash En-

signs and 2/Lt's ensured there were plentiful liquid refreshment choices, munchies and closed loop A6 video media provided by multiple sources to entertain the crowd. The Ready Room continued to thrive as a gathering place throughout the Reunion with coffee and morning doughnuts to get the day started going through to the wee hours of the morning with adult beverages flowing freely (sometimes a little too "wee" as we made arrangements to exceed the hotel-dictated closing hour every night). Overall reaction to the Ready Room seemed to be very positive and is a direct reflection on the hard work of Mark and his merry band of Stashes.

Friday's events provided a multiple choice of options from tours to boat rides. However, clearly the best attended event was the Golf tournament with over 100 golfers. Kerry "Shans" Shanaghan was the RPC's Golf Coordinator (and it must be mentioned, handled all the polo shirts, which were also a big hit) and he and the folks at AC Read put on a spectacular tournament. While a touch of rain on the last couple of holes ensured everyone was a little damp for the post game festivities, it did not stop anyone who thought they were in the running for a prize from finishing his round!! To cap off the day, the Flight Jacket Happy Hour was held at that old downtown stomping ground, Seville Quarter. Ticket sales to this venue had to be cut off at 700 due to Fire Marshall Codes -- but it is suspected a few more folks than that made it into this fun event.

Saturday was clearly the big day starting with the Tribute Dedication at the NNAM in the afternoon. Our Tribute Dedication speakers MGEN Charlie Bolden and VADM Dave Buss provided just the right tone and personalization in their remarks. MGEN Charles "Panther" Bolden USMC (Ret) an A-6 pilot with over 100 combat missions, Astronaut with four Space Shuttle missions, and the current NASA Administrator led off the dual Navy / Marine Corps speaking duo for the Tribute Dedication. VADM Dave Buss, Commander Naval Air Forces representing the Navy side then spoke to complete the ceremony. The "Air Boss" is a B/N and the last of the A-6 Squadron Commanders on active duty having commanded the VA-34 'Blue



Intruder Tribute.

Blasters' in '95-'96. With the Tribute in the foreground of the Speakers and an A-6 parked on the "Flight Line" right outside the Atrium, it was a moving an appropriate ceremony. Even the weather cooperated as it was a dark and rainy – perfect for the mighty Intruder looking in.

After the Tribute Ceremony, all moved on to cocktails on the Hangar Deck while the Atrium was being reset for the Banquet. Thanks to the coordination work with the City done by Nancy Fetterman, the Mayor of Pensacola and NAS Pensacola CO stopped by to welcome the Intruder family to Pensacola. This just formalized the very warm welcome we got from Pensacola to include one of our banners hanging over Palafax Street for the entire week. Following the cocktails, it was on to the main event and formal end of the Reunion – the Banquet. Admiral Joe Prueher USN (Ret) and A-6 pilot supreme, was the Keynote Speaker. His last tour

of duty was as CINCPAC and he then served two Presidents as Ambassador to the People's Republic of China. His remarks were very well appreciated by the crowd and helped remind everyone of why this Community is still so special. All three speakers' videos are available for review through the IA website.

Many people and organizations helped make this Reunion the success it was. Of significance, *continued...*



CAPT Bob Rasmussen, USN (Ret) and IA President T. Ladson Webb at CAPT Rasmussen's retirement from the National Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola, FL.

PENSACOLA, 2014 *continued*

Naval Aviation Schools Command and Marine Aviation Training Support Group Twenty-One collaborated to provide a combination of 14 ENS/2LT's to assist management of registration, shirt distribution, Ready Room bar management and stocking, and banquet (emergency) response management. These volunteers filled mandatory manning requirements that would have otherwise required RPC/IA "volunteers" or local short-term hires. This solution was win-win: the JOs learned a lot through F2F discussions with veteran attendees, and the IA saved money and aggravation. Some of them were in the room when VADM Buss gave us an update on Naval Aviation at the Business Meeting Saturday morning – truly Aviation 301 for these young officers.

The IA provided the RPC "seed money" to cover planning and up front expenses, which were closely managed by Bob "Buzzard" Braithwaite the RPC Treasurer. This



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allowed us to get ahead of the game to lock on required events / locations and lay in proper stocks to prevent any liquid "shortages" at the Ready Room. Once all our funding came in from the various registration fees – and thanks to Mark Miller's hard nose negotiations with our suppliers that ensured we could return any unopened supplies for cost – all IA seed money was returned and the Reunion ended up well in the "black".

Each member of the Reunion Planning Committee brought unique talents and background to the table. Our planning strategy was straightforward and readily understood: Plan the Reunion using the same thorough "cover the waterfront" criteria we used in combat strike planning. This rigor enabled contingency development, and forced us to consider our options "if the Prowler doesn't make it, or we lose the MIGCAP". RPC membership and positional assignments:

- CAPT Mike Vogt - RPC Chair/Strike Lead
- COL Bob Braithwaite - Lead USMC Rep; Reunion Treasurer
- CDR Mark Miller - Ready Room Coordinator; NASC/MATSG 21 stash ENS/2LT manager
- CDR Kerry Shanaghan - Reunion Shirt Coordinator; Golf Tournament Coordinator
- Ms Nancy Fetterman - Lead Pensacola business/media/elected officials/Chamber of Commerce coordinator.

The comment "Best Ever Reunion" was heard many times during and after the event. Many helped to make this Reunion a resounding success but it was truly the large number of Intruders that showed up for this event that made it such a smash. Getting to see so many of our old flying friends in one place and tell all the old stories one more time in such a great location was what made this event one to be remembered. Hopefully, we can repeat this performance in San Diego in 2016. See you there!!

IA MEMBERS AT TAILHOOK



Intruder Skippers



Intruder Association is flush with cash. l-r are John Griffing, Clyde Cain and Chuck Zangas.

★ Membership Report

Membership report

We currently have 912 active members. Our webmaster has recently combined the Marine non IA members into our data base. We would like to see all of those Marines join the Association, which would make us all the stronger. We signed up new members and renewed others at the IA booth at Tail Hook.

We still have over 600 Intruder brothers who have drifted away. I am going to get the list to the webmaster so he can post it on the web site. We will send a 99 when it gets posted and ask you all to look at it and get after the folks you know on there.

V/R Clyde Cain

Membership Chairman



Welcome Aboard

NEW MEMBERS

Mark C. Arbogast.....	New Martinsville, WV	Jimmie Lindt	Lillian, AL
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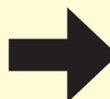
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