

Waldo L. Born
Pensacola Pre-Flight Class 13-47

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First name	Initial	Nickname	Last name
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<u>13-47</u>	<u>5/26/49</u>	<u>V-102</u>	<u>C506718</u>
Pre-flight class no. - Date rec. wings - Naval Aviator no. - Mid'n file no.			
<u>UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR</u>			
Present occupation			
Still flying? <input checked="" type="radio"/> yes <input type="radio"/> no (circle)			

Highlights of Midshipman career First preflight class start at PNS; Played football PNS + JAX (at PNS trip to Mexico city to play Univ. of Mexico); Much time in parks during Sec. def Louis Johnson's tenure; only spent 3 mos in fleet as mid'n before Commissioned; started advanced when cabinass opened.

Highlights of professional career (service and/or civilian) Two tours night attack + night /AW fighters both with nuclear weapons delivery capability; tours T&E (VX-5) and Flight Test center PAX. Joint/combined tours Korea + DSA Santa Rosa; Cdr AG Santiago (shipboard tour 3 1/2 months); over 6000 hours in 35 different aircraft types. after retired, MBA + Ph.D. in second career as University Professor of finance.

Memorable and Humorous

Memorable experience: Pre-Flight Class 13-47. FIRST class to start at PNS.

letter to Lou Ives

June 11, 1996

It was really good to see and visit with you and all the other Flying Midshipmen at PNS. Those are enjoyable, and Peg likes them also. I was amazed that so many showed up in Pensacola. Attendance at this reunion had to be twice as large as that held at Mustin Beach O'Club some years ago (I believe it was in connection with the 75th anniversary of Naval Aviation). I wish we could have arrived a day earlier and stayed a day longer but I had to fit the reunion between two hard time commitments. Peg and I enjoyed seeing and visiting with old squadron mates/friends and new friends, too. I particularly like the joint meeting time with ANA because it provides an opportunity to remain abreast of what is currently the Navy Programs and Policies. I get a little involved with the local ROTC Unit and area Recruiting so it is helpful to be aware. Last year in Arlington, I was intrigued by joint service flight training plans and this year some have come to fruition.

I am always interested in the machines in the Museums. There were two at PNA, an F2H-3 and an A-4E. I thought the Big Banjo might have been one in VF-31 (my old squadron). It turned out that I had BuNos all around it in my log book, but not that one. I know part of the history of the loaded A-4E suspended in the foyer of the Museum. When the first Echos came off the assembly line at El Segundo, 4 went to VX-5 at China Lake (I was then attached to that Sqd.) and 4 went to the A-4 RAG at Lemoore. VX-5 got 149655, 657, 658, and 659 (log book entries from Dec. 1962 to March 1964). The A-4 RAG got 149656 (the one in the foyer of the National Museum of Naval Aviation), 660, 661, and 662.

I recall Gus Kinnear commenting at the Banquet regarding a complete Flying Midshipmen file on all members. I think ?? I remember completing a form and sending it in, but I am not sure. From Gus's comments I gathered that you keep the files. I would appreciate you sending me whatever it is I might be remiss in providing. I have enclosed a stamped, self-addressed envelope for your convenience. You'll probably have to copy some material and I've included a little compensation; and keep it – you'll probably need change in the future for some other soul looking for information. You shouldn't have to put your own funds in support of the effort. It is enough that you give your time.

It was great seeing you again and we look forward to next year. Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,



Waldo Born



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left to right: Jurgen "Jerry" Miller, Alexander B. "A. B." Wilson, Art Barrie,
Bob "Pee Wee" Hancock, and Waldo Born

"mini group grope"

Pensacola

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