



**VC-8**

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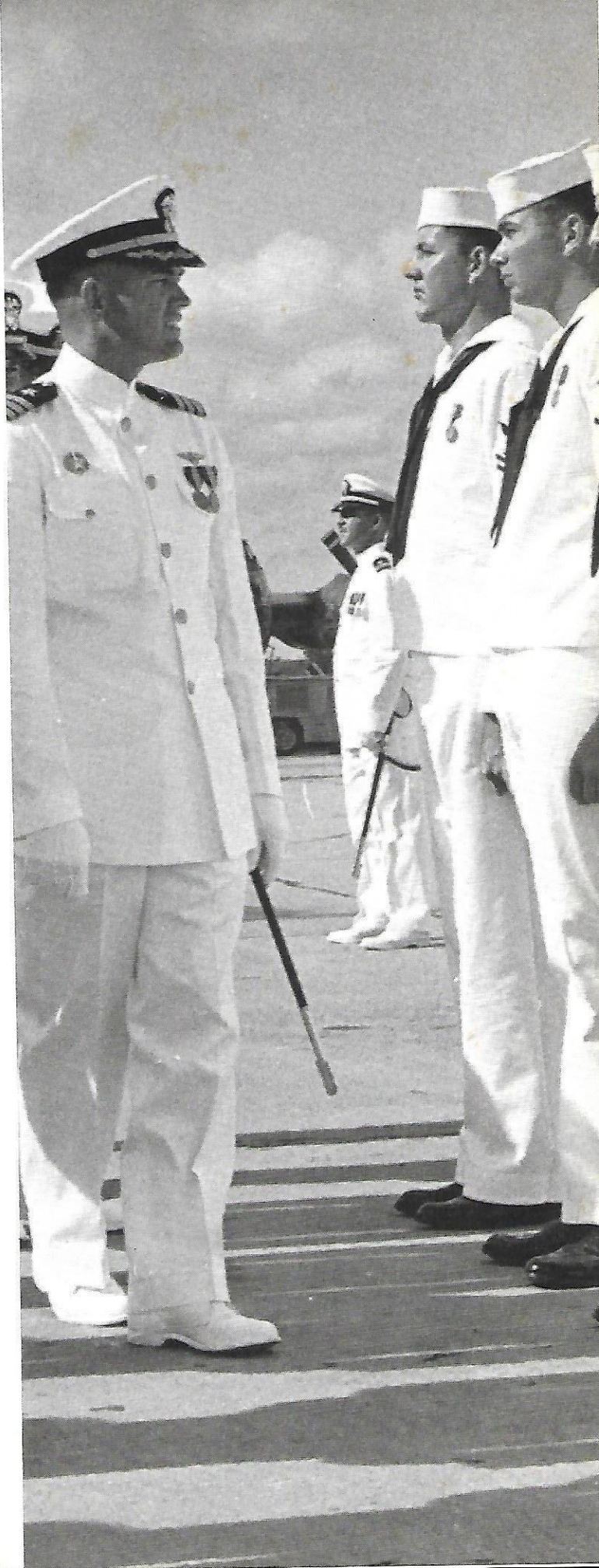


*Fleet  
Composite  
Squadron  
Eight  
Cruise  
Book*

*1968*

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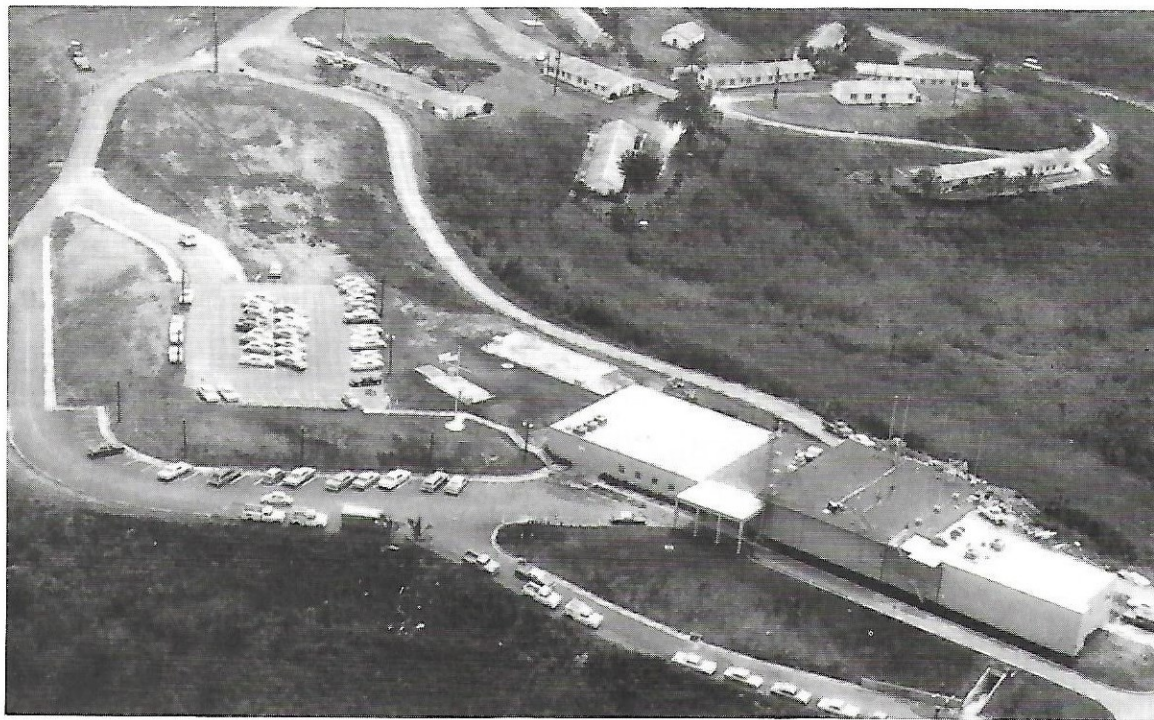
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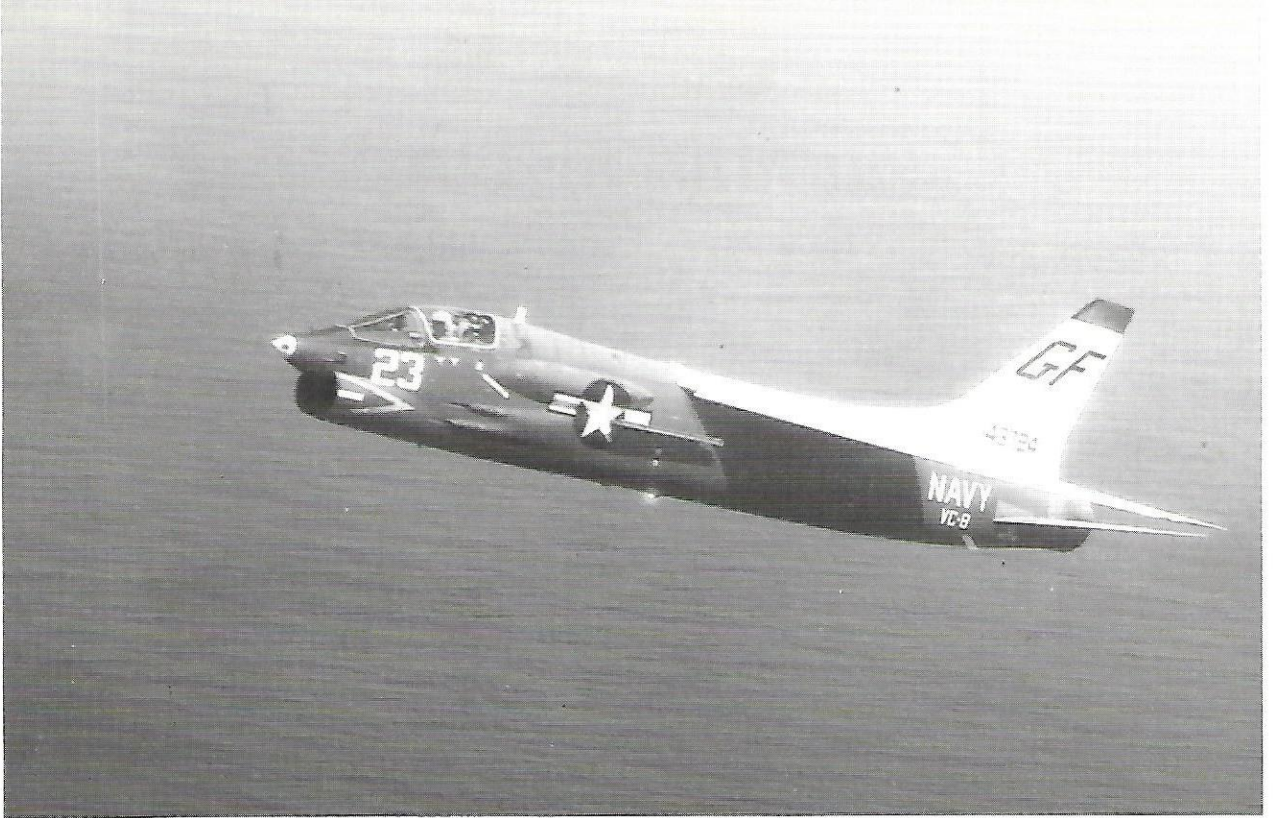


Captain W. D. Dietz

The mission of the Commander, Atlantic Fleet Weapons Range/Commander Fleet Air, Caribbean is to command and control assigned activities and coordinate their efforts in the direct support of fleet weapons systems training and of readiness of the operating forces and other activities as designated.

The Atlantic Fleet Weapons Range Headquarters





## *Skipper's Message*

In the years to come I am confident your cruise in Fleet Composite Squadron EIGHT will be remembered on many occasions and in many ways.

I have observed you assuming an ever increasing workload in support of the Atlantic Fleet Weapons Range. Each and every task was met with enthusiasm and executed with dedicated professionalism. The teamwork, support and technical know how always reflected in your ability to get the job done.

The high state of aircraft readiness, the accumulation of 20,000 plus accident free flight hours, the launching of the 1,000th BQM-34A target at AFWR, the winning of the Ofstie Athletic Excellence Trophy for the third consecutive year, the high percentage of advancements, the high reenlistment rate and you as the VC-8 team will be foremost in my memories.

I thank each and everyone for their most sincere and dedicated efforts in making VC-8 the best in the fleet. It has been the most enjoyable and rewarding cruise for me because you made it that way.

Smooth sailing until we meet again.

*M. E. Smith*

# Commanding Officer



*CDR Maurice E. Smith*

Commander Maurice E. Smith came to the squadron in November of 1964 and served as executive officer under three skippers, Cdr Fosdick, Cdr Geer and Cdr Foxgrover. On April 29, 1967 he took the helm as our commanding officer.

During the course of a sailor's naval career, whether he stays in for two years or twenty, he serves under a variety of commanding officers. Some are remembered as twentieth century Captain Blighs, others seem as though they had walked out of the pages of Herman Melville's novel "Moby Dick". Not many have the qualities our skipper has. He is a good commanding officer and is liked and admired by the entire squadron.

In the realm of command it is difficult to issue orders and administer discipline and be liked at the same time. This is a very special gift and we have been lucky to serve under one so gifted.



# *Executive Officer*

As set forth in the VC-8 Instructions the executive officer's duties are to carry out the policies of the commanding officer for total management effectiveness. He is responsible for maintaining a top level of operational and material readiness, a high state of discipline, safety and morale. The list of duties continues on and on to the point of being staggering. With a quiet, reserved manner that makes one think of the quote "Walk softly and carry a big stick" the XO maintains a high percentage of efficiency here.

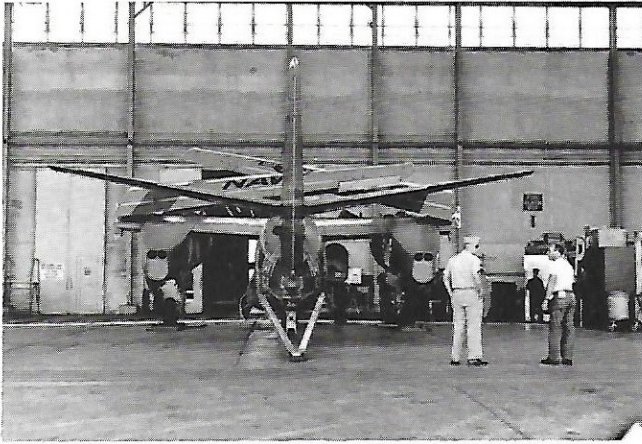


*Cdr. Durwood E. Lashbrook*

In November of 1965, at the rank of lieutenant commander, Durwood E. Lashbrook reported aboard. Since that time he has served in all departments of the squadron. He assumed the duties of executive officer from Commander Richard Norton in February of this year.



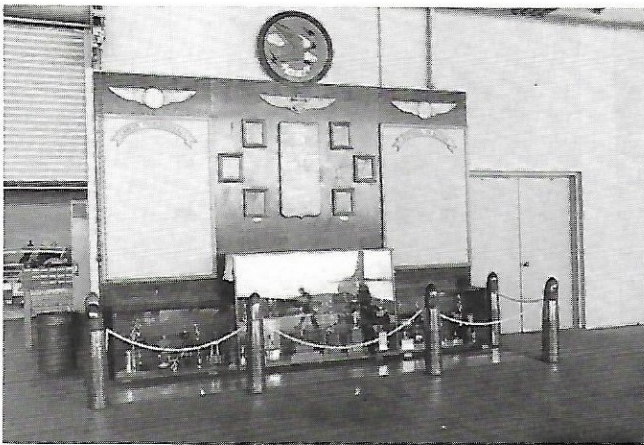




S-2 in hangar for check



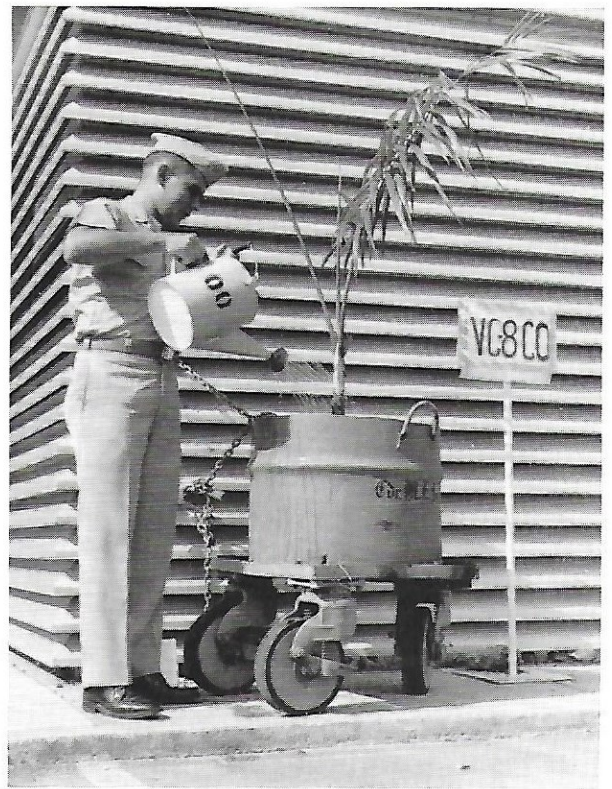
Flight crew replaces old sign with VC-8



Quarter Deck in the new hangar

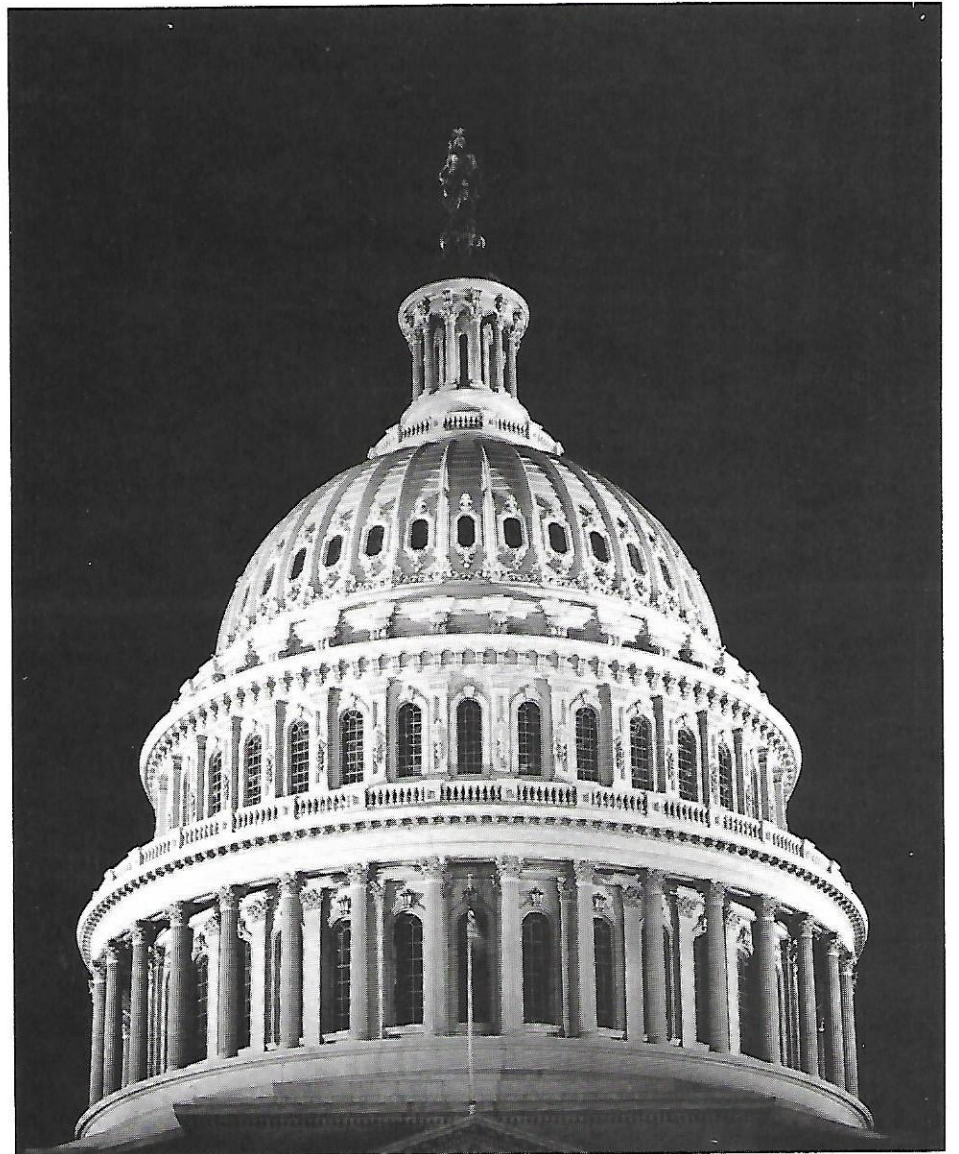
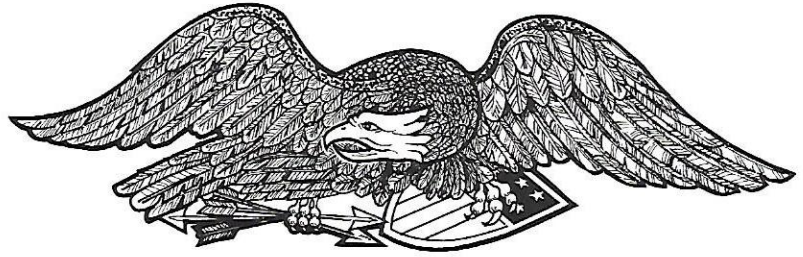


VC-8 softball team fans



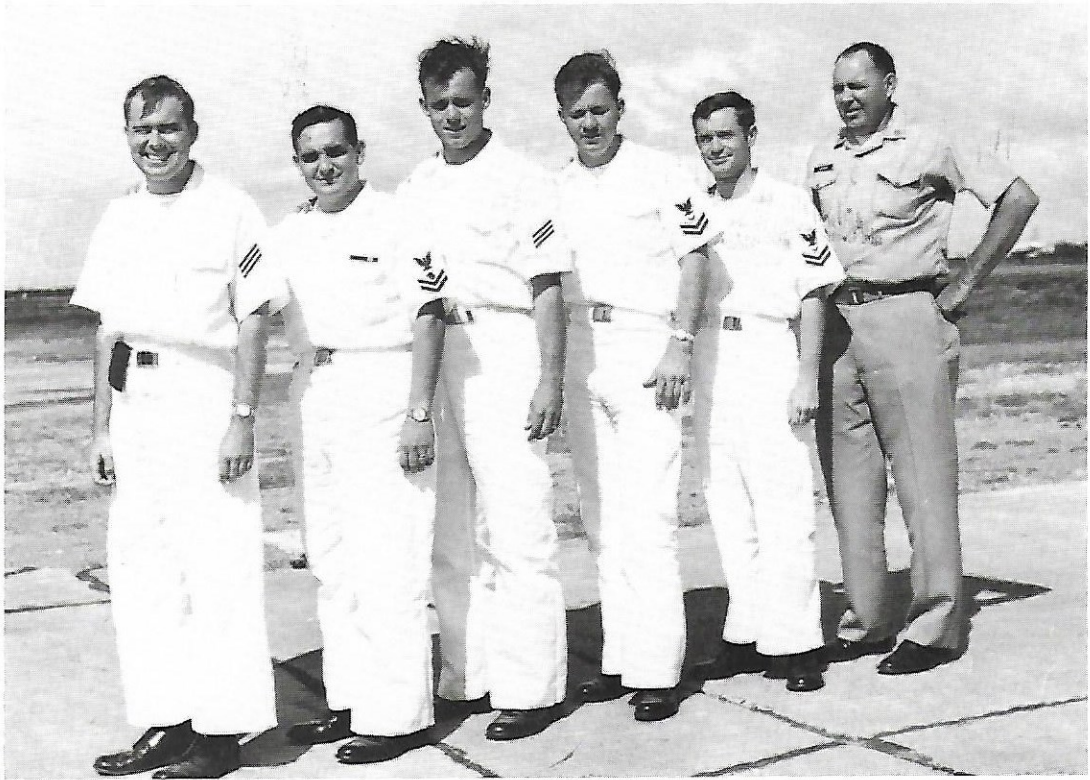
Ens Watkins, caretaker of CO's tree





*ADMINISTRATION*

# *Administration*



W. G. Moffat, R. F. Guevin, K. C. Saxion, J. L. Stollings, D. A. Fulk, J. D. Hoffman.

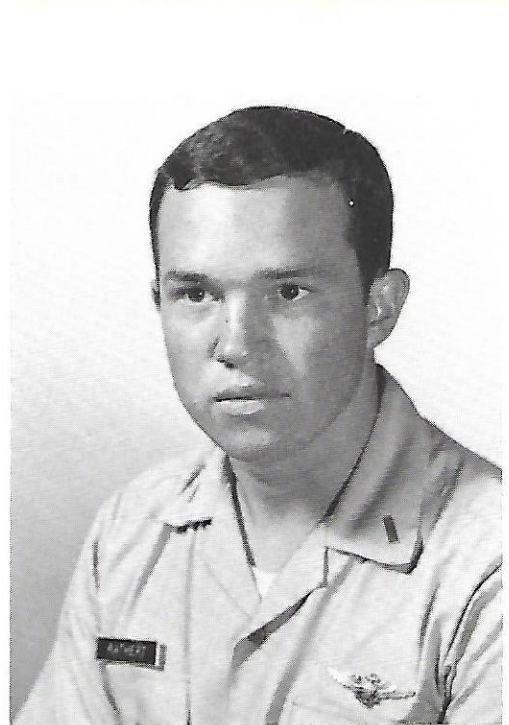


LCdr R. C. Jones, Admin. Officer

It takes miles of paperwork to run a squadron of this size and this is the office where it is done. They handle all in coming and out going correspondence, maintain all directives and naval publications and keep officer records. With one original and five copies for every piece of correspondence that leaves this office, this is bureaucracy at its best.



R. E. Beidler works on the POD.



Ens P. F. Rathert Asst. Admin. Officer

Rigid adherence to administrative routine.



# Personnel



R.L. Presley, G.P. Dunn, P.J. Sudol,  
S.E. Wos.

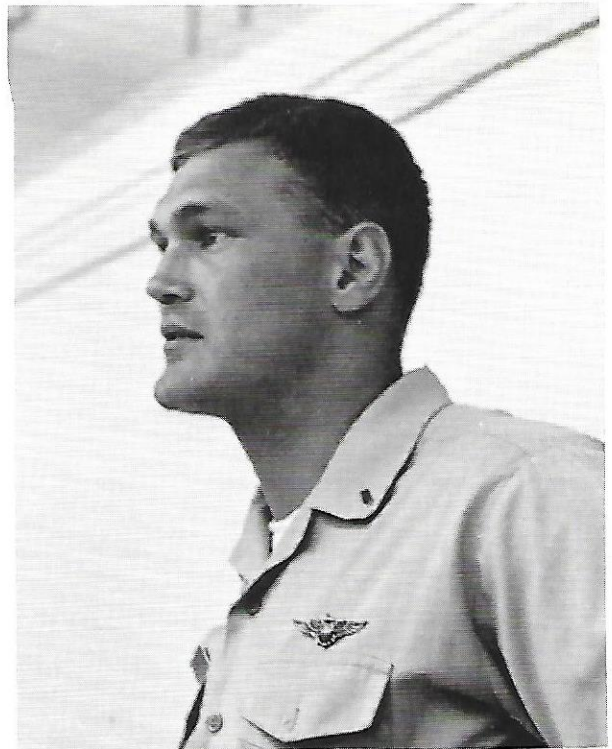
This is the first office you see when you check-in and the last when you check-out. Here is where you find the caretakers of your service record; that little brown folder that tells who and what you are. It is their job to see that your folder is accurate and kept up-to-date. They can tell you how much leave you have on the books, where your next tour of duty will be and how to request anything from the Bureau. If you want to ship over you have to come to this office to do it.



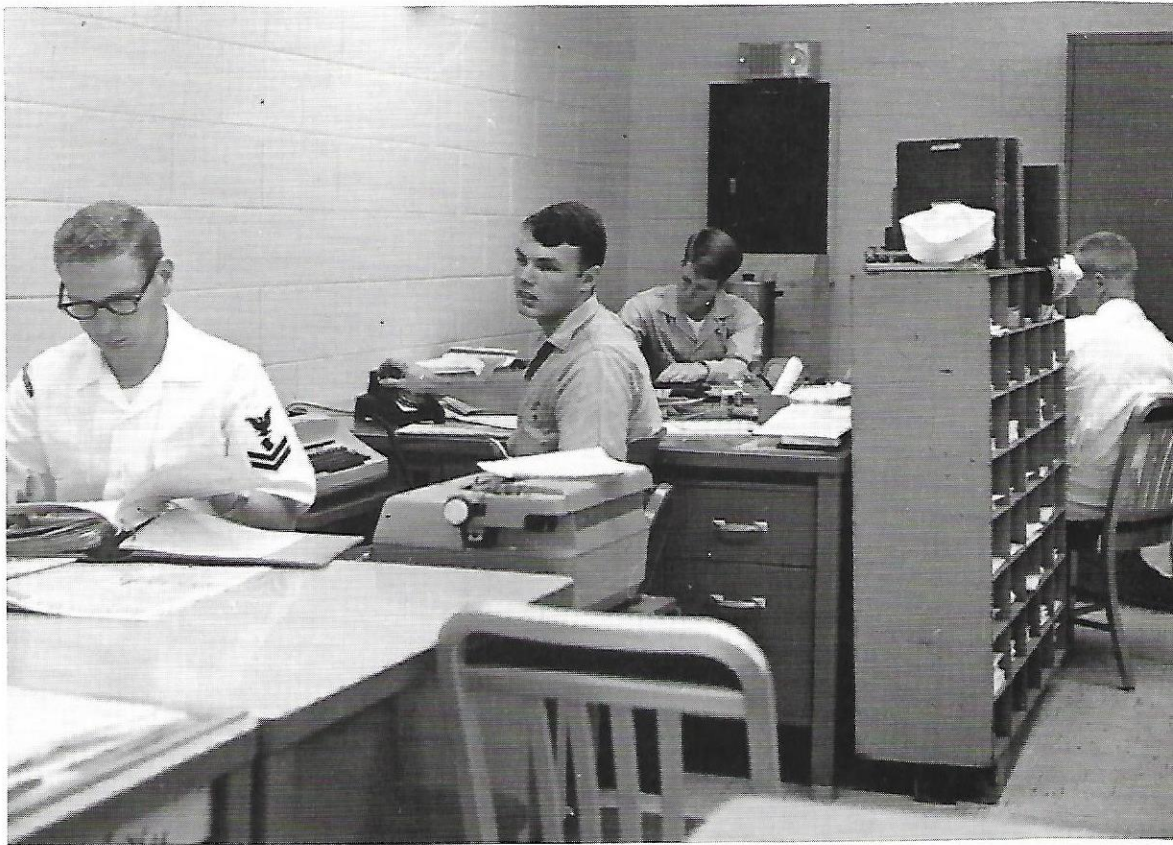
Lt. N.S. Markoff, Personnel Officer



G.P. Dunn, office supervisor

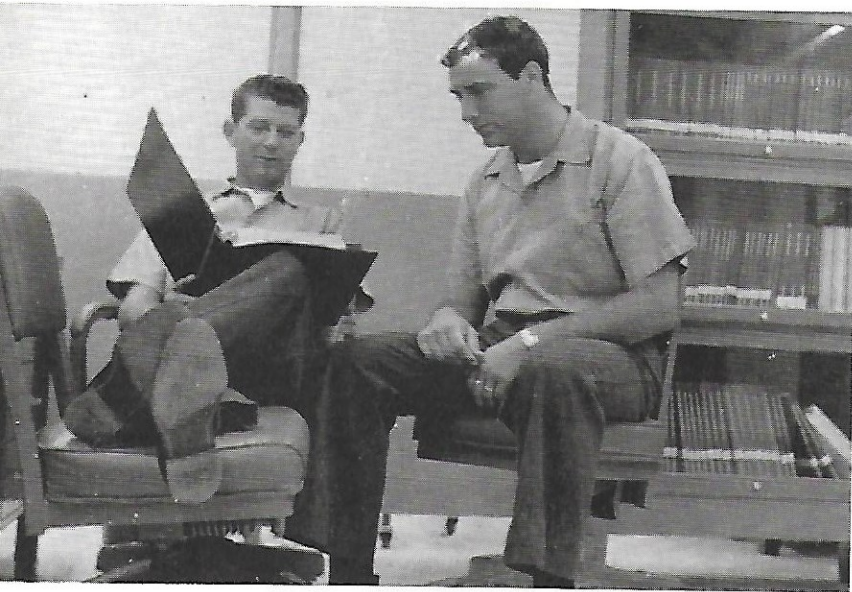


Ltjg. D. Woltz, Asst. Personnel Officer



P.J. Sudol, J.C. Eaton and R.W. Yost working on service records.

# *I & E And Career Counselor*



J.E. McGee points out opportunities of a career in the Navy to H.W. Hicks.

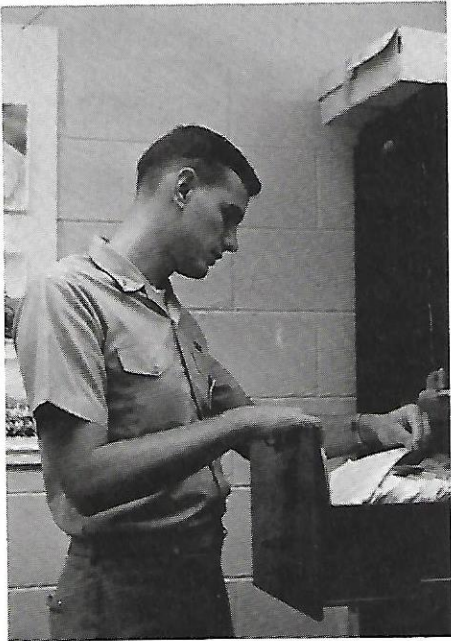
In order to be advanced in rate you have to complete correspondence courses which are obtained in the I and E office. If this office does not have the particular course you need they will order it for you. After your test is completed it is corrected here and the proper entry is made in your service record.

The career counselor is the "Shipover Man". He is the one who has the information you want to know if you want to make the Navy a career. He also advises personnel on civilian opportunities, V.A. benefits and available funds for schooling.



W.G. Moffat helps R.S. Sharper

# Public Affairs



Ltjg R. L. Sapp, Public Affairs Officer

A full time public affairs office is a new thing for our squadron. In fact it is almost unheard of in most squadrons in the Navy. It is the responsibility of our PAO to publicize squadron activities and prepare command presentations. All of the explanatory slides used in the command presentation are painted by the PAO artist. The cruise book was also a project of this office.

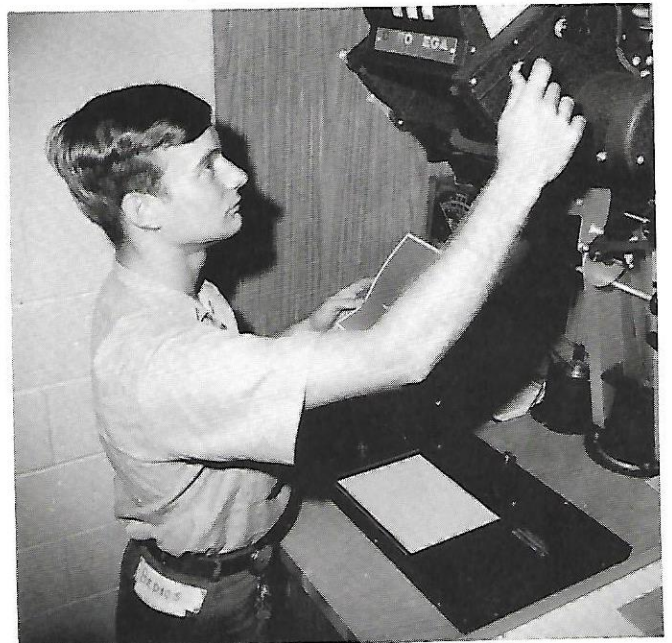
XO and artist R. Comstock



C. A. Finley working on cruise book



Finley assists NavSta PAO with tour



W. A. Bedics does cruise book photo





Back row: H.V. Zancanata, MAA W.V. Moore, R.W. Wikberg, W.V. D'Angelo. Front: S.P. O'Rourke, R.A. Civitarese.

What military organization could survive without a first lieutenant division? This is where you will find the men who do the job no one else wants to do. They clean. It is up to them to see that the decks, ladders, heads, and etc, at the hangar and the barracks are spotless.

## *Bks. 1st Lieutenant*

The great hunter O'Rourke



Civitarese mans his broom





Back row: L.J. Meyers, P.D. Flood, J. T. Sheerin, B.L. Prendergast's, Ltjg R. Wurster.  
 Front: R.J. Mathison, J.J. Pimentel, W.R. Moore.

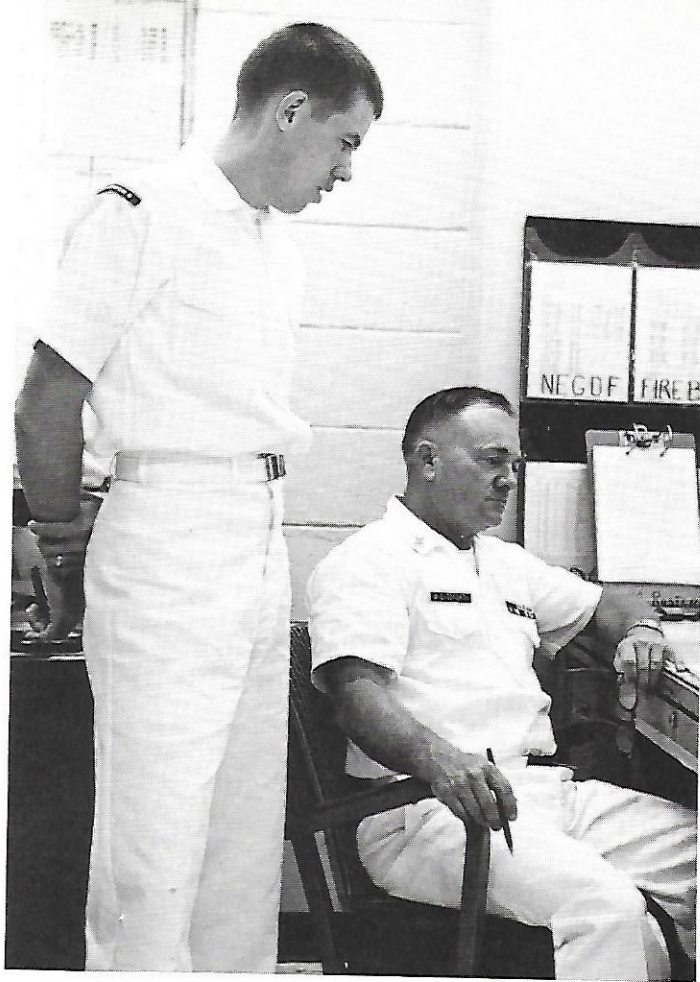
## *Hangar 1st Lieutenant*



L.J. Meyers, L. Love (Mail Clerk)  
 P.D. Flood.



J. T. Sheerin and W.R. Prayner paint  
 yellow lines on new parking lot.



E. W. Riley and W. C. Goforth talk over squadron conditions.

As the senior enlisted man in the squadron the leading chief maintains a liaison between the executive officer and squadron personnel. He is the one who insures that everything runs smoothly. He also sees that a strict adherence is kept to uniform regulations.

The assistant squadron duty officer assigns personnel to duty sections and makes sure watches are properly assigned. He checks men in and off of leave and helps the leading chief with operational duties.

## *Leading Chief And ASDO*

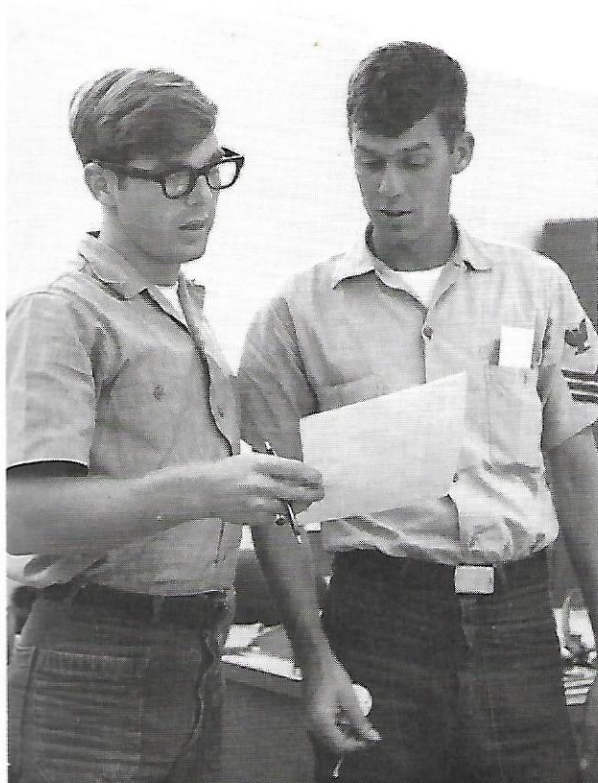
### *Duty Driver*



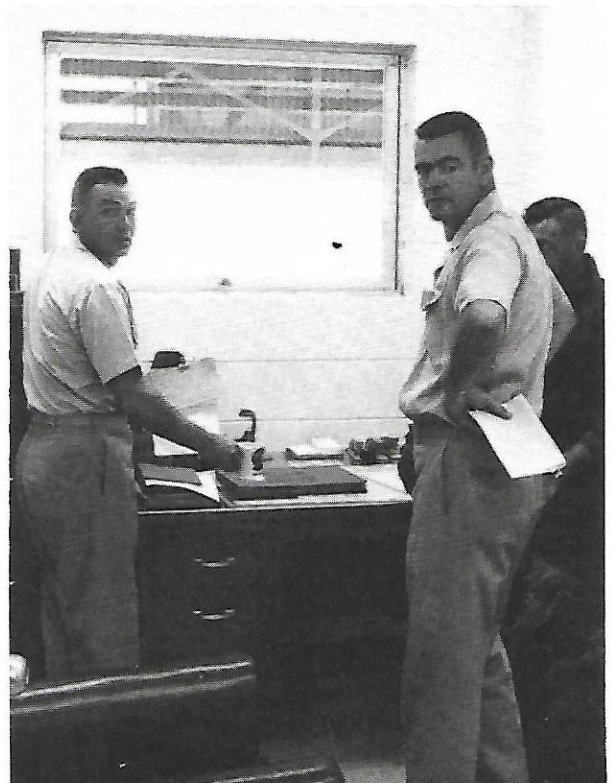
# Operations



Lt. Liguori, Training Officer  
Ltjg Bradford, Asst. Targets  
Lcdr Miner, Targets Officer  
Ltjg Garfield, Asst. Flight Officer  
Ltjg Petrick, Communications  
Ltjg Hale, Navigation  
Ltjg Feaser, Asst. Training Officer  
Ltjg Cole, Logs and Records  
Lt. Turner, Flight Officer  
Lt. Dickinson, Flight Officer  
Seated:  
Lcdr Rylee, Operations Officer



M.E. Freeman explains training form.

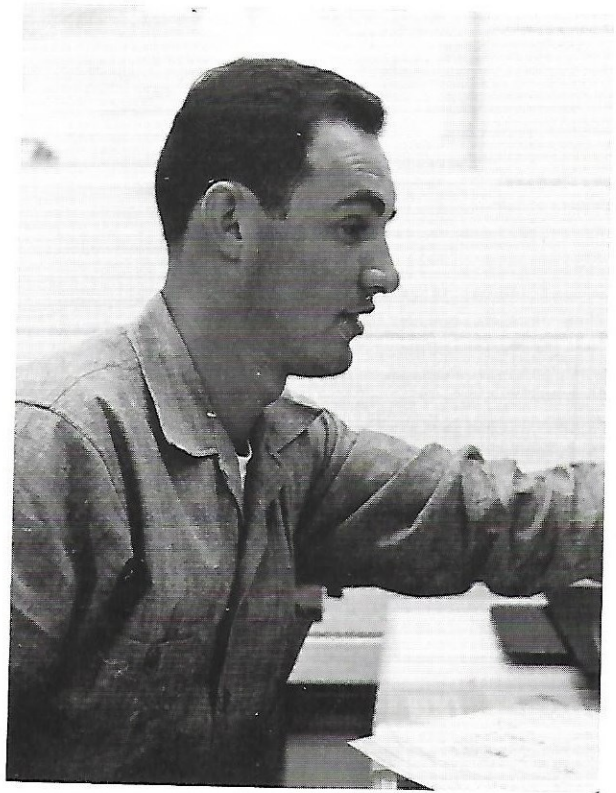


C.O. and LCdr Currie and LCdr Bartz

# Communications



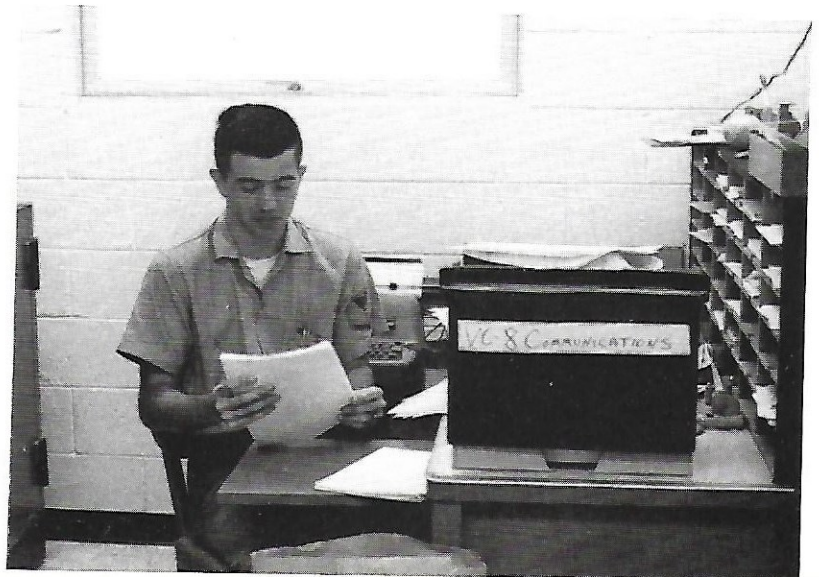
B.J. Mayfield prepares flight advisory

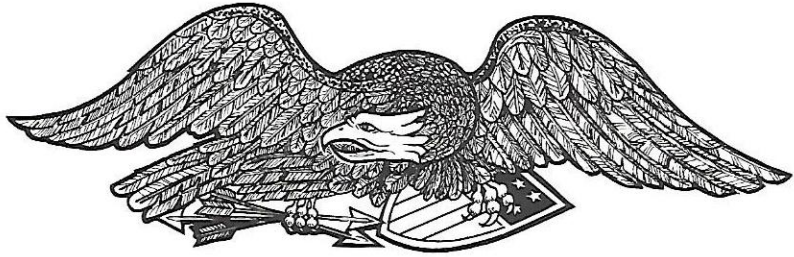


B.J. Mayfield, L.J. Ordoñez, J.M. Kelly

This is the office responsible for handling classified and unclassified messages for the squadron. For an average week these men handle and process over 150 messages. During operation "Springboard" this number increased to 500.

J.M. Kelly files messages





*MAINTENANCE*

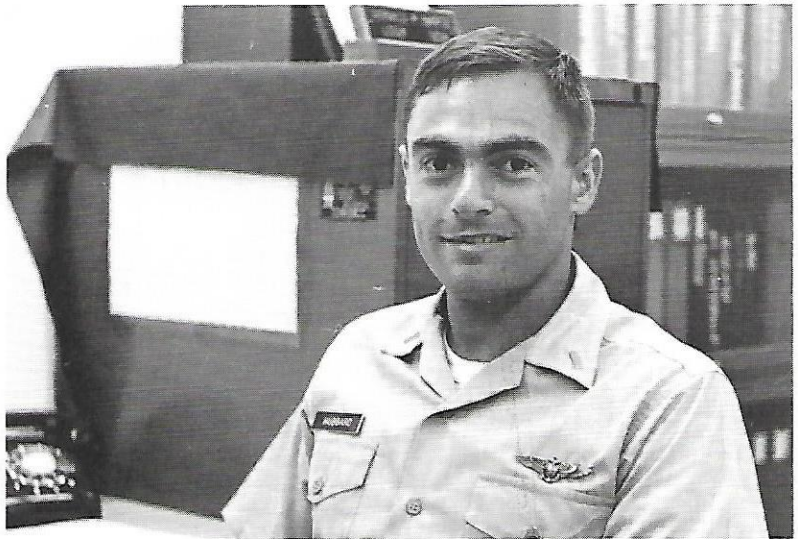


A rare photograph. The entire line crew together at one time.

## *Line Crew*

It is the men of the line crew who insure that our planes are in top flying condition. When they go through the routine of a pre-flight they check for such things as hydraulic pressure, structural defects, LOX pressure, and tire wear.





Ltjg Hubbard, line division officer



Starting an F-8 Crusader

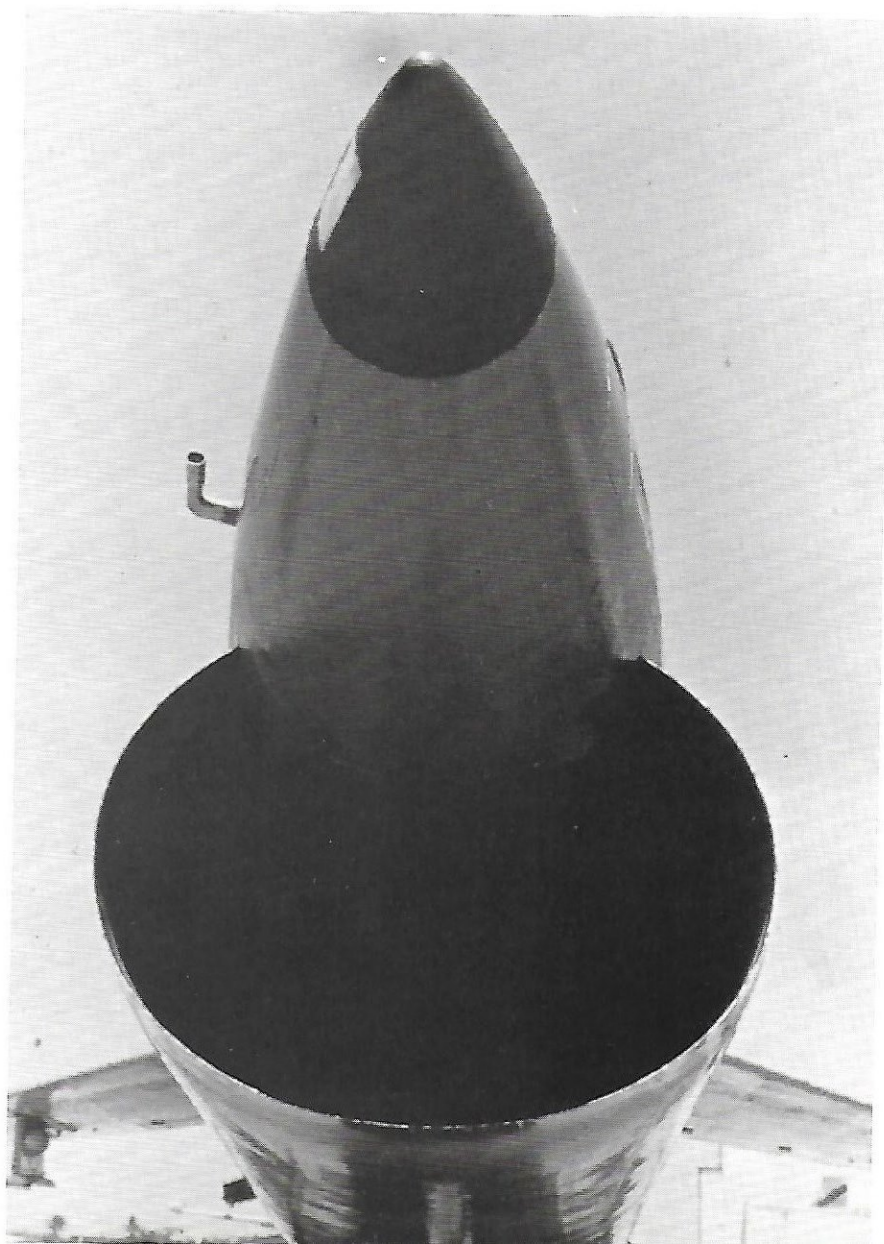


G.F. Picha and S.P. O'Rourke  
checking a starting pod.





T.H. Thompson starts tow tractor





M.R. McHughes prepares to send Ltjg Sapp out.



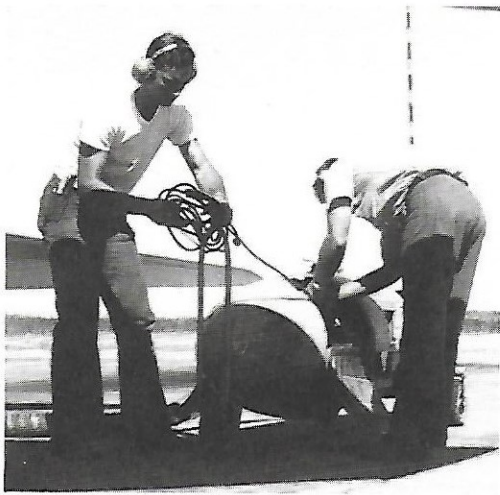
Flight line from rear



QF-9J Cougars



The F-8 Crusader flight line



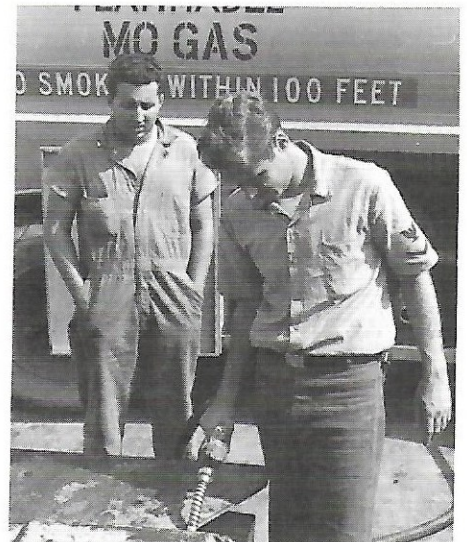
Line Crewmen work with mobile air starter. These units were replaced by a built-in "Wells Air Start Unit" on the new hangar's flight line.



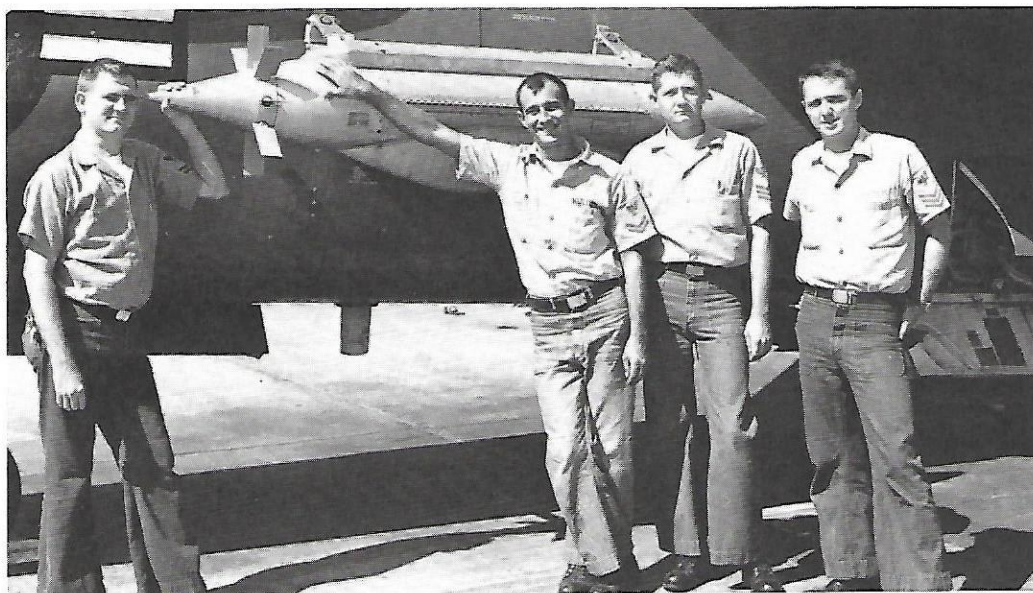
The A-4 Skyhawk ready and waiting to go.



Ready to pull plug



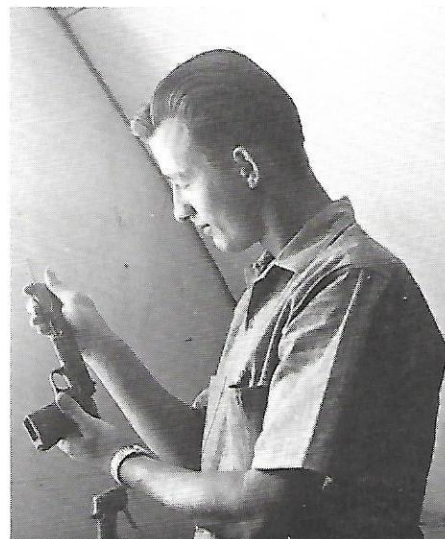
Equipment fueling



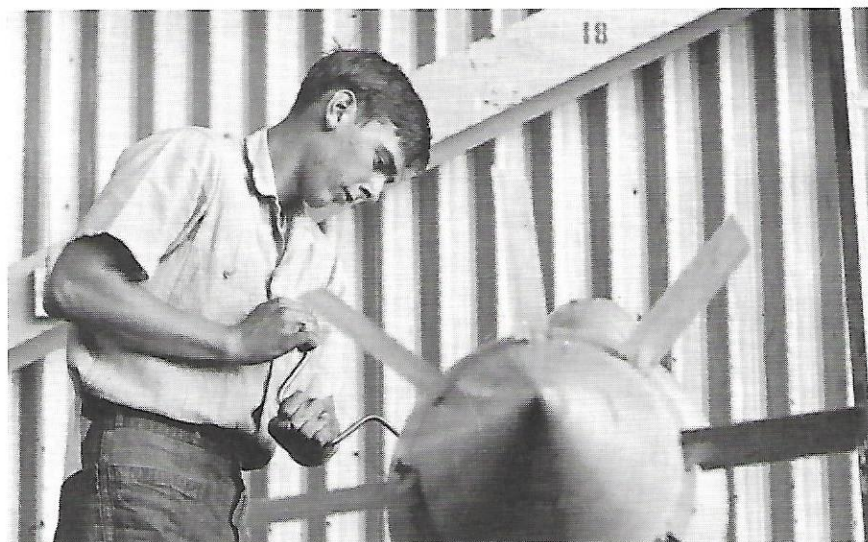
P.S. Cahoon,  
D. Kulikowski,  
D.D. Sanders,  
W.R. Rykman

## *Ordinance*

This shop repairs and maintains the tow targets used by our pilots in the F-8 Crusaders and S-2C Trackers. They also maintain the reel equipment used for the tow lines. Small arms are kept in top working order here.



J.R. Carr inspects 45.



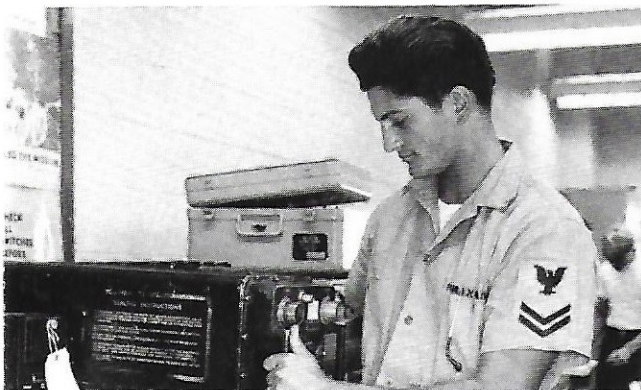
T.L. Hamilton works on TDU reel for F-8 Crusader. The TDU is towed by the F-8 and the reel is used to bring the target back to the plane.



N. C. George, E. L. Freeman, J. C. Scanlon, R. M. Craig, L. W. Wilkes, D. W. Cook.

## *Avionics*

This shop performs routine organizational maintenance on radio, navigational and radar electronic systems. Electronic discrepancies are isolated to a defective component by a small group of line trouble shooters. This defective component is then sent to the shop for repair or replaced.



V. J. Principe works on black box.



D. W. Cook takes a breather after working on QF-9.

# Electric Shop



From top, left to right: W.E. Bowser, R.A. Horveath, J.P. Hoffmayer, H.R. Hedman, L.F. Womack, J.A. Schrieber.



A.E. Philipps and M.W. Grove.

This shop provides general maintenance and repair of the electrical systems such as the lighting of instruments, automatic stabilizers and navigational equipment.



H.R. Hedman and R.S. Roomsburg update the AE's status board.

# Power Plants & Check Crew



Wednesday morning training lecture to men of P/P.

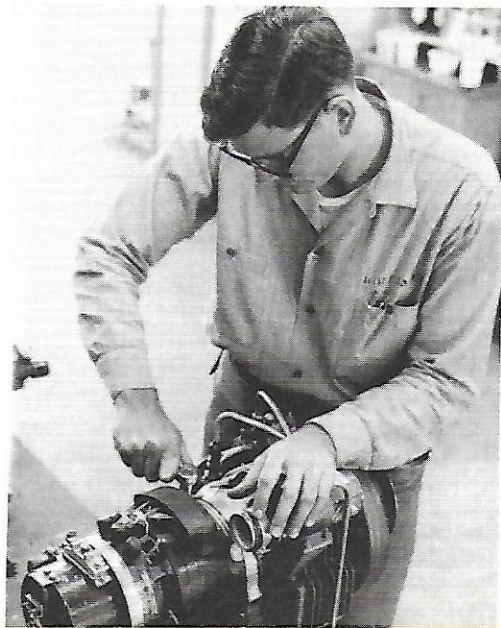


Back row: T.H. Marsh,  
T. Elliot, R. Carlton,  
C. McBride, I. McGee,  
G.L. Meher, A. Cassata.  
Front: J.L. Bells  
J.P. Hoffmayer, J.A. Abril,  
D.J. Sawyer, K.P. Bedore.

C.D. Hodges works on F-8



Hoffmayer repairs generator



Power Plants, Check Crew and Airframes are three shops that work closely together. Power Plants break down and rebuild engines and repair fuel systems. Check Crew performs scheduled maintenance on aircraft and check structures and related electric and hydraulic systems. Airframes performs non-scheduled maintenance, such as downing discrepancies.



Stripped down Crusader

## *Airframes*

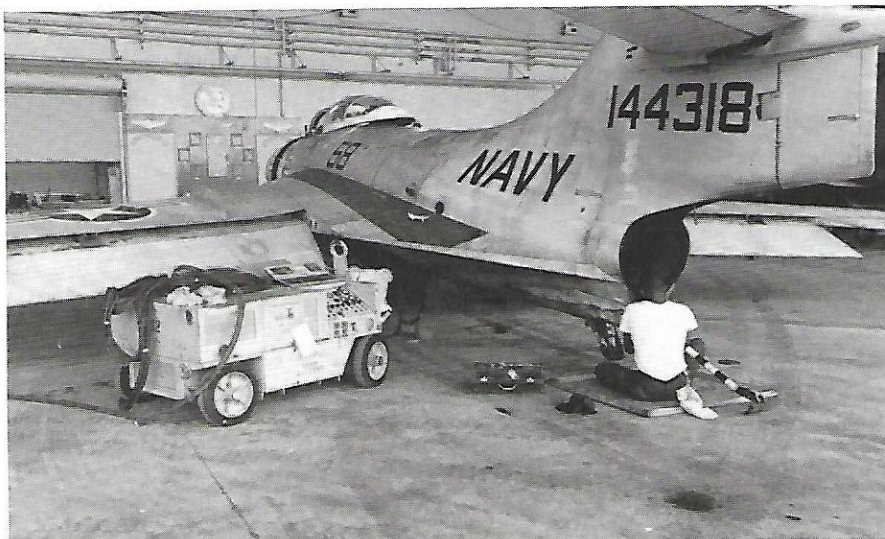


Back row:

R. J. Tucker  
J. P. Fleming  
D. E. Ansell  
E. Dum  
C. E. Pennington  
M. W. Storm

Front:

C. McBride  
W. K. Smith  
E. A. Moler  
I. McGee



Repairing F-9 tailhook





Back row:  
 G. Criswell  
 E. J. Schlicht  
 A. Spata  
 E. I. Currie  
 T. W. Davies  
 G. W. McPike  
 Front:  
 J. Brandon  
 R. M. Mays  
 M. DeVilbiss  
 E. J. Roberts  
 T. Bonanno  
 G. Capie

## *Maintenance Control*

How many flight hours does the generator on the port engine of P-2 number six have? Go down to the Maintenance Control Office and ask. It's their responsibility to keep an up-to-date record of all the wear on our aircraft. It is also this department that controls all the work done by the shops in the aircraft division.

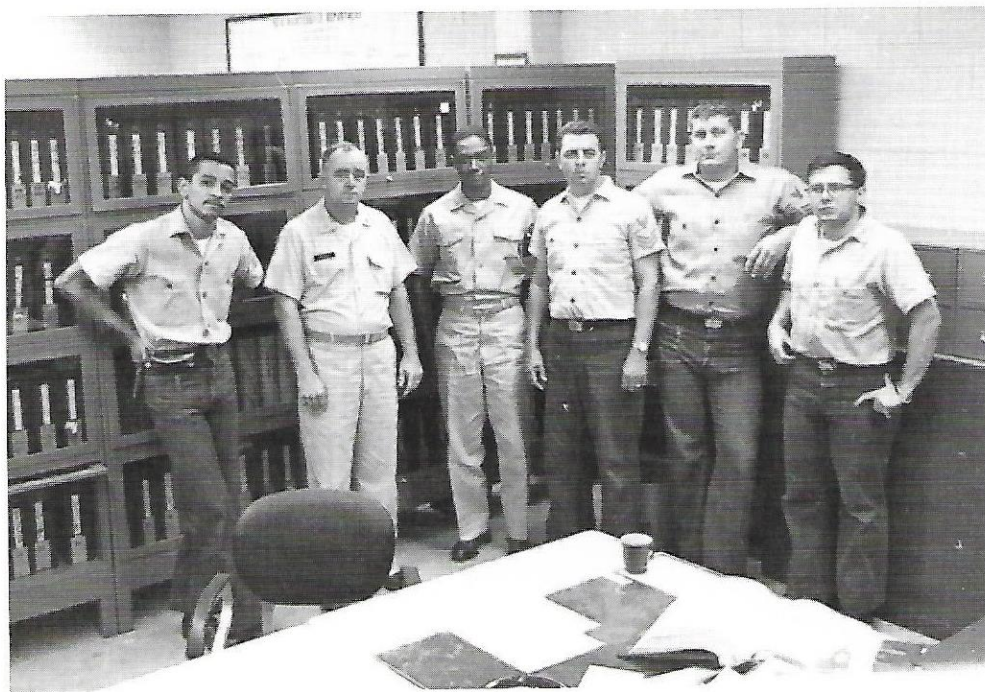


Always a busy routine.



Roberts checks Mays and DeVilbiss out in the preparation of aircraft log books.

# Quality Control



E. V. Barial  
J. W. Woerner  
R. N. Sayles  
D. E. Ansell  
D. A. Vance  
(Tech Librarian)  
R. J. Charbonneau

# Material Control

Back row:  
V. R. Rister, T. V. Johnson,  
T. J. Richard, J. R. Johnson.  
Front:  
B. J. Hoffsetz, G. Erickson



# Parachute Riggers

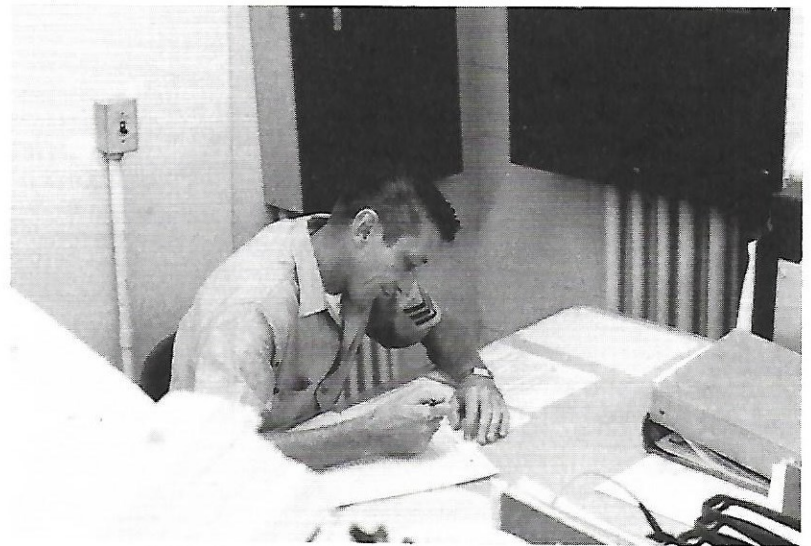


Back row: D.E. Burdge, L. Delaware, R.L. Cook, J. Hernández-Díaz  
Front: J.A. Songer.

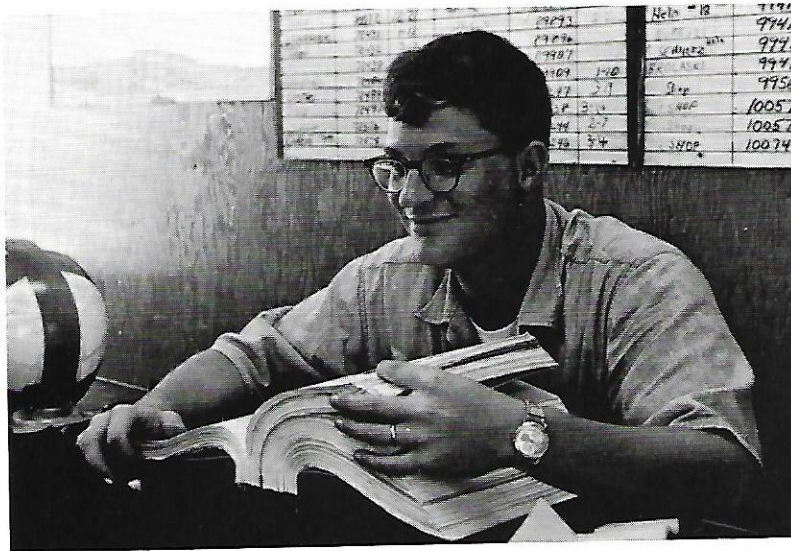


J.W. Shilling

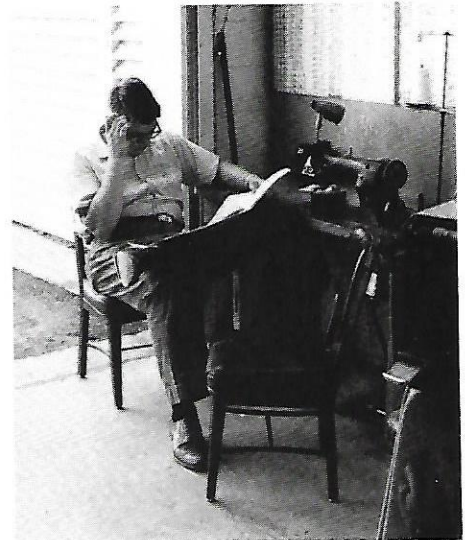
The responsibility for pilot's gear, air crewmen's gear, all parachutes and survival equipment goes to the PR men. If a pilot was forced to bail out of a disabled aircraft and his chute didn't open this would be the shop where he would file his complaint.



J.A. Songer and D.E. Burdge taking inventory



The striker, J.F. Satinsky, studying



Break time for J. Gleason

Before a pilot gets a chance to see if his parachute is going to work, his seat would have to eject him out of the disabled aircraft. The AME shop makes sure this safety device is in top working order.

Back row: J.B. Gleason, K.L. Venable, W.P. Grant,  
Front: D.J. Morrison, L.E. Bond, R.V. Calaway



K.L. Venable checks an ejection seat.

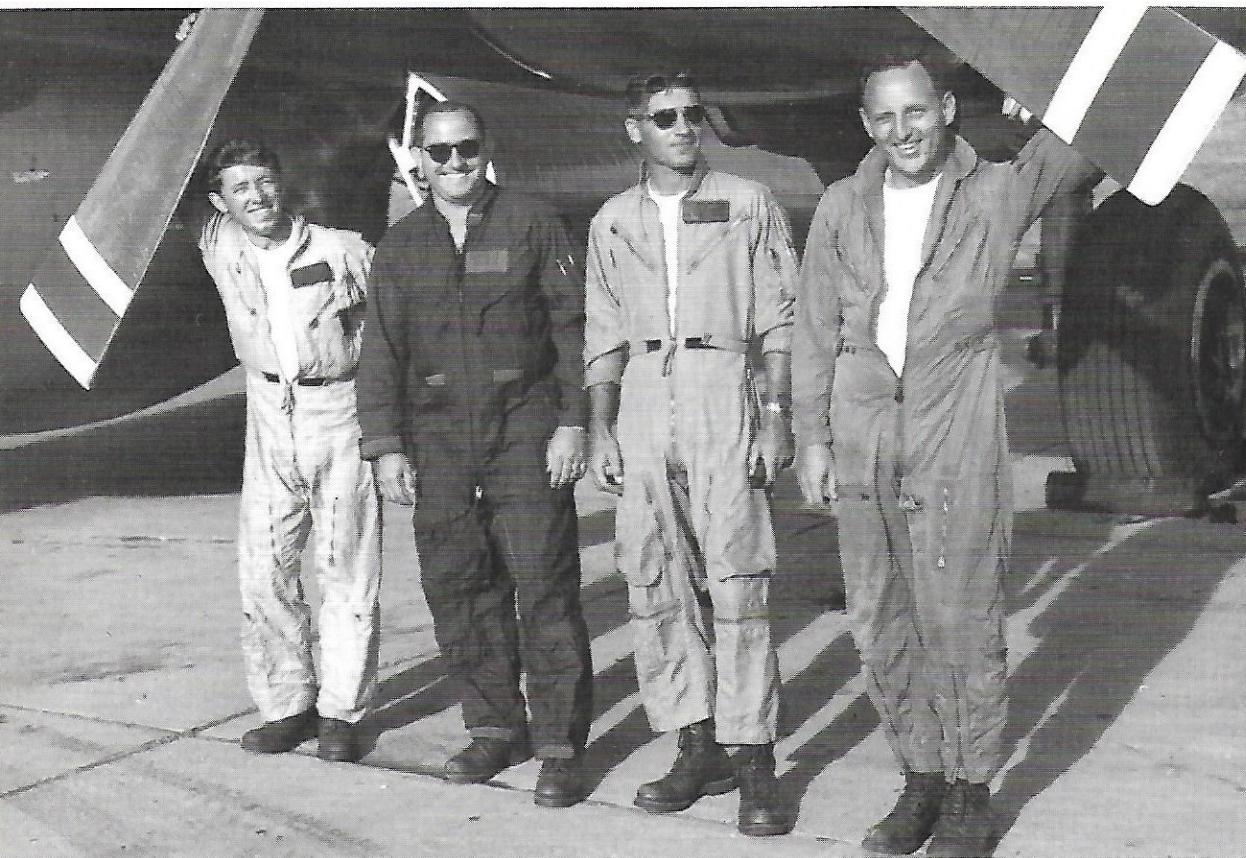


## *Aircraft*

## *Structural Mechanics*

# *Flight Crew*

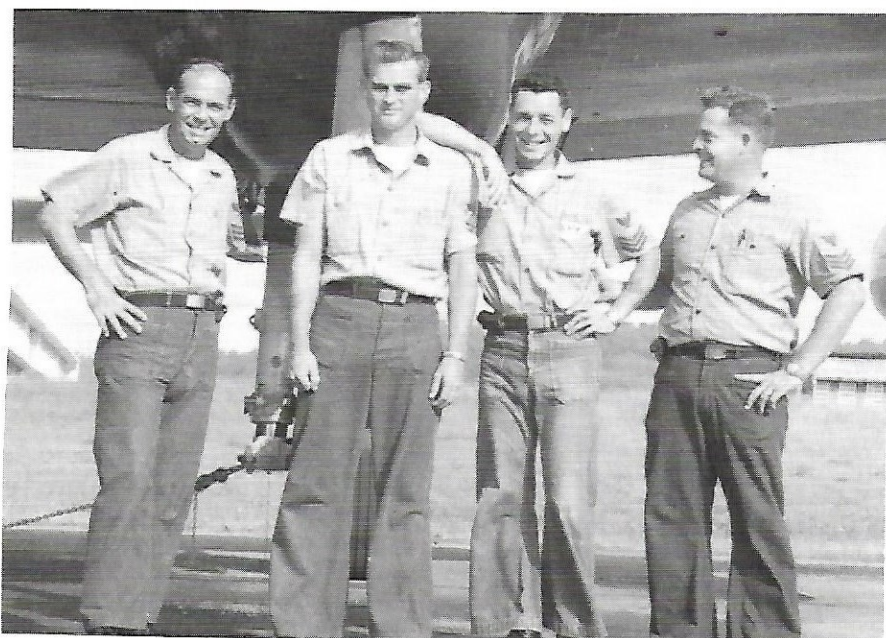
## *Crew One*



E.J. Koger, L.E. Synder, D.E. McMahan, C.D. Hicks

## *Crew Two*

R.H. Jordán  
D.H. Sevener  
J.P. Kaib  
F.F. Blackburn





## *Crew Three*

P. G. Perry, J. W. Berry  
F. F. Cockrell, W. A. Toth.

## *Crew Four*

K. R. Sublett, R. G. White,  
G. N. Thompson, W. L. Burnette.



*Crew  
Five*

S.F. Tedesco  
G. Castro  
G.A. Seidel



*Crew  
Six*

L.M. Williams  
D.P. Overacker  
W.E. Brolaski  
E.P. Callahan





*Traker Crew*

R.D. Smith, R.W. Cameron, A. Heemer, P.D. Lincoln,  
R. F. Bafus.



*Helicopter Crew*

R. L. Satterfield, M. Roy, K.L. Dickey, R. Schultz,  
R.A. Pontin, M.J. Reiley, J.W. Atkinson, J.L. Burrus  
L.A. Witt.