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U. S. NAVAL AIR STATION
GLENVIEW, ILLINOIS

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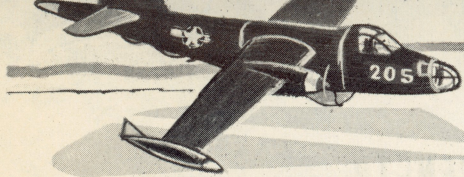
From: Chief of Naval Air Reserve Training
To: Commanding Officer, Antisubmarine Squadron 721
Via: Commanding Officer, U. S. Naval Air Station, Seattle, Wash.

Subj: Letter of appreciation

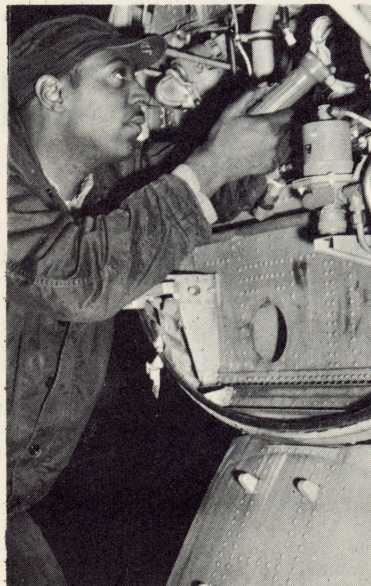
1. Twice in the history of the Naval Air Reserve Training Command, Weekend Warriors have been called upon to back up the active forces in time of stress.
2. Records of the Korean conflict attest to the importance of Naval Air Reservists in that crucial period. Their individual courage and professionalism reaped dividends never before realized from a peacetime training program.
3. Today, the Berlin crisis and other world tensions have forced our Commander in Chief to order a limited call-up of reserve forces. Thus, once again the Naval Air Reserve program has proven to be the nation's "term insurance."
4. Please express my deep and sincere appreciation to the officers and men of your command for the patriotic devotion to duty which has maintained the readiness of your squadron for this emergency. In the face of possible separation from family and loved ones, these citizen volunteers of today are truly "twice citizens."
5. Although you leave our command to report to a fleet commander during this active duty period, I assure you that we are standing by to help both the fleet commander and you in every way possible to make this transition period as smooth and effective as you want it to be.
6. God speed, good hunting and happy landings.


A. W. Mc KECHNIE

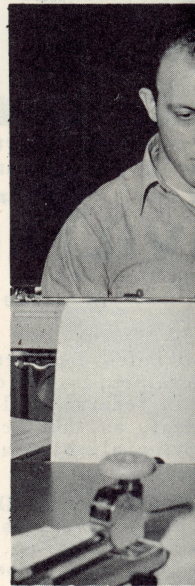
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*CDR Bobbie R. Allen
Commanding Officer*



*Fred Majors, ADJ2
Aircrewman*



*Anthony S. P.
Aircrewman*

Recruiting Officer Reports

**Manpower Levels
Limit Readiness**

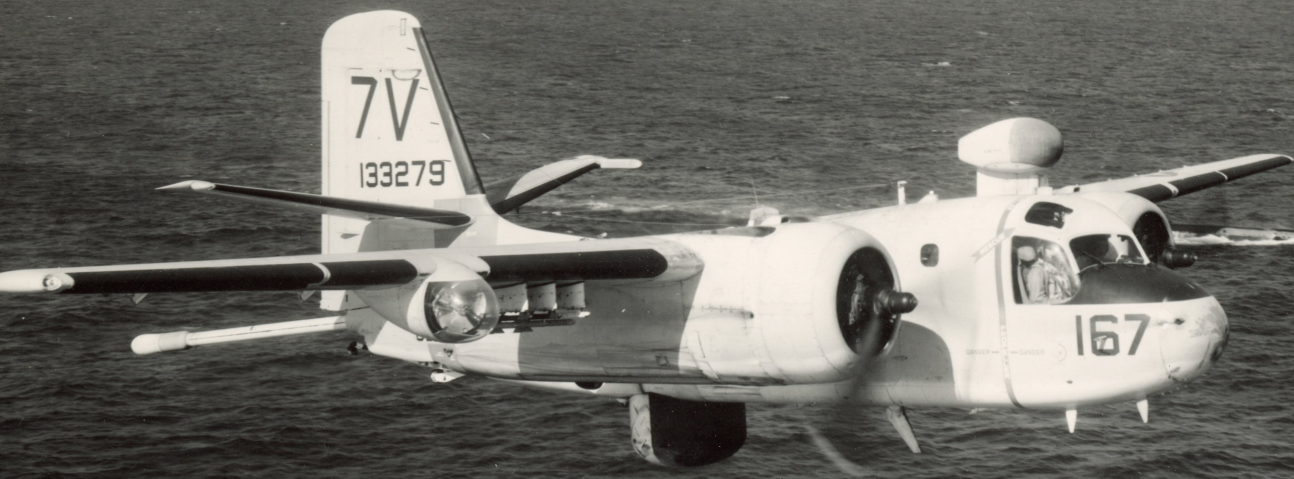
Results of recruiting efforts since the beginning of the new fiscal year, July 1, to November 1 have been reported by NAS Recruiting Officer, CDR J.C. Higginson. During the four months contacts furnished by squadrons led to the enlistment of 49 reservists, and squadron rolls lost a total of 421 enlisted members during the same period, a result of orders to active duty, transfers to the inactive status pool, and discharges.

Lack of contact leads to prospective applicants has seriously handicapped efforts of station recruiters. CDR

RADM Martin

**Activated at
VS-721 Repo**

Personnel of Anti-Submarine Sq
October 1 at the Glenview naval air
30 to take over permanent quarters
in Hangar 1 with NAS Seattle's VS-89



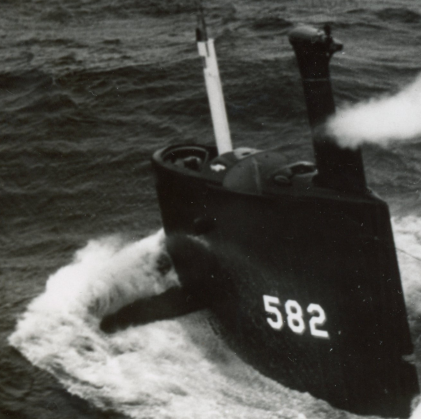
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J.W. JAMES C.O.

SUB. DIV. 33

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CAPT W.F. Dawson, RADM W.A. Stuart, COMFAIR Whidbey; CAPT T.F. Pollock, COMFAIR San Diego; VADM C.E. Ekstrom, COMNAVAIRPAC; CDR W.C. Ring, C.O., VS-891 and CDR B.R. Allen, C.O., VS-721 engage in discussion.

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COMNAVAIRPAC Visits VS-721, VS-891

Vice Admiral C.E. Ekstrom, Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, visited VS-891 and VS-721 aboard the station on December 11. While the admiral conducted an informal working inspection, members of his staff met with squadron officers to talk over their Pacific Fleet commitments and activities. VADM Ekstrom expressed pleasure concerning the progress and performance of the recently activated squadrons.











CHIEF OF NAVAL AIR RESERVE TRAINING

U. S. NAVAL AIR STATION
GLENVIEW, ILLINOIS

19 JUN 1962

Dear Commander Allen,

Your letter of 7 June has been received and I must apologize for my lateness in answering. As Captain Eppert has informed you I have enjoyed ten days leave and upon returning left immediately for Washington, D.C. As you can imagine my personal mail has backlogged, hence my answer to you has been delayed.

I can well appreciate your anxiety for your troops in the change of the home port situation. The outstanding contribution that personnel of VS-721 made during the "Berlin Build-up" is recognized by those serving in all echelons of the Navy. You can rest assured that all efforts to provide you and your men with the benefits that they are entitled to are being worked out with the Chief of Naval Personnel. This includes travel by privately owned vehicles for those who require same. I know that the plan of certifying "No Government Air Available" for transportation of your squadron has been discussed with you.

Since there will be no other means of government transportation available, I am confident that the Chief of Naval Personnel will permit other methods of travel with reimbursement.

I am looking forward to seeing you upon your return to Glenview.

Sincerely,

W. I. MARTIN
Rear Admiral, U. S. Navy

Commander B. R. Allen, USNR
Commanding Officer
Air Anti-Submarine Squadron 721
U. S. Naval Air Station
Seattle 15, Washington



CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

13 July 1962

Dear Commander Allen,

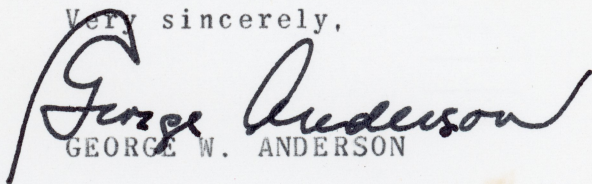
It has been with tremendous pride and admiration that I have observed the magnificent performance of duty of our Selected Reservists since their call to active duty last year, and I want you and the officers and men of your squadron to know how much a grateful Navy appreciates your many contributions to our military posture and, in turn, to our national security.

Your accomplishments have been cited by many, many people. Not only have senior naval commanders praised your efforts, but also members of Congress who have been privileged to observe the highly professional manner with which you assumed your manifold responsibilities. Seasoned news correspondents, many of whom have covered military affairs for years, have been highly laudatory in their numerous stories about both ships and squadrons; this is indeed a tribute to your proficiency, skill, and dedication. In addition, your performance demonstrated to our entire populace the fact that our Naval Reserve system is sound and well conceived and immediately responsive to the needs of the United States when emergencies arise.

I am keenly aware, however, that your families also share, and rightfully so, in the accolades you have received. We are truly mindful of the additional responsibilities they have had to assume and of the many sacrifices they have made while you served on active duty. The spirit in which they, too, carried out their duties is an inspiration to all of us and a vivid example of true patriotism.

Winston Churchill once said, "To be a Reservist is, indeed, to be twice a citizen." This great leader knew whereof he spoke. Now, as you prepare to leave the service and resume your careers in civilian life, we who owe so much to you salute you proudly. "Well Done!"

Very sincerely,


GEORGE W. ANDERSON

CDR Bobbie R. Allen, USNR
Commanding Officer
Air Anti-Submarine Squadron 721
Naval Air Station
Glenview, Illinois

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

WASHINGTON

JUL 12 1962

Dear Commander Allen:

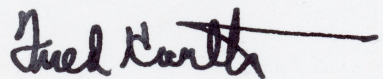
Before the Reserve officers and men of your command are released from active duty, I would like to have you inform them that their services and sacrifices have earned the gratitude of an appreciative Navy and Nation.

Without the call to active duty of our forty Reserve Crews and eighteen Air Anti-Submarine Squadrons, the Navy's build-up of forces could not have been accomplished within the time frame imposed by Berlin. As the President stated, the recalled Reservists have made a valuable contribution in preventing hostilities.

I would appreciate having you tell them that there are three things about the Reserve recall of 1961 which we in the Navy shall never forget -- the magnificent response of our Naval Reservists, their superb performance, and their unselfish acceptance of sacrifice.

There is no additional pay for patriotism. There is no extra compensation for unselfish sacrifice. There is only the satisfaction of knowing that the challenge was willingly accepted and the job was extremely well done. You, your officers and men, are entitled to that satisfaction.

Sincerely yours,



CDR Bobbie R. Allen, USNR
Commanding Officer
Air Anti-Submarine Squadron 721
Naval Air Station
Glenview, Ill.

