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WE HAVE SIX NASFL WWII PERSONNEL PRESENT TODAY:
LT. DAVID WHITE, FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR; GEORGE LORD, GUNNER'S MATE;
ROY J. URBANEK, GUNNER; FLOYD JOHNSON, GUNNER; WILLIAM R. MILLER,
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In memory of: Jack Cawley, Rob Taylor,
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John Garneau, Mary Gill,
John Fish and Joe O'Brien.

Maureen Campbell Clark & Kenneth,
in memory of Walter R. Parpart, Jr.

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FOURTEEN NAS AIRMEN MISSING



Units of Navy, Army, Coast Guard Scour Sea For Lost NAS Aircraft

Combined units of the Navy, Army, Coast Guard, and even RAF planes based at Nassau joined today in the greatest air and sea search in this area's history as authorities pushed efforts to locate five missing torpedo bombers from the local Naval Air Station.

Scouring practically every mile of open water off the Florida coast were six planes from the Third Air Force 120 planes from the Navy Air Advanced Training Command and aircraft from the Air Transport Command, the Boca Raton Army Air Field, The Coast Guard and the RAF in Nassau. In addition dozens of Navy and Coast Guard surface craft joined in the hunt.

The search was being directed from the Coast Guard Headquarters of the Seventh Naval District in Miami. A reliable source from that office said at 1 p.m. no trace of the missing planes had been

found, but that the search would be continued until all hope had been abandoned of finding the 14 fliers in the planes

Late reports indicated that the bombers had made radio contact with shore stations shortly before they ran out of gas and were forced to land on the sea. The planes however were unable to give positions due to navigational difficulties. The most intensive search is being centered around the last known position of the craft, Coast Guard officials explained. Despite unfavorable ditching conditions at sea last night, officials were hopeful of locating survivors. The big torpedo bombers are considered the best ditching planes in the Navy although they will remain afloat only a few seconds. If uninjured, the survivors should have been able to take to rafts, officials declared.

US Navy Flight 19 Memorial Service
5 December 2013
Naval Air Station Fort Lauderdale Museum

68th Anniversary 5th of December 2013 **US NAVY FLIGHT 19 MEMORIAL**

Bugler Assembly by Robert Young, US Army (Ret)

13:00 *Welcome by Director Kent George and Deputy Director Douglas Webster of the Broward County Aviation Dept.*

M.C. Donald Prichard, Vice-President of Naval Air Station Fort Lauderdale Historical Association: Background History of Flight 19.

Presentation of Colors by Stranahan High School Marine Corps JROTC Color Guard.

“Pledge of Allegiance” Trilogy by Frank Loconto, RCA recording artist, Host of CountryLine TV.

Invocation by Ron Perkins, Seafaring House Chaplain.

“The Lost Pilot” poem by author David Plumb, Associate Professor, Lt.j.g., Vietnam.

Acknowledgement of Veterans present.

Guest Speakers:

Jack Seiler, Mayor of Fort Lauderdale.

Jim Naugle, retired Mayor, City of Fort Lauderdale.

Chip LaMarca, Broward County Commissioner.

Lt. David White USN (Ret), Search for Flight 19.

Commander Tom Melville USN (Ret), from Everglades Council Navy League.

Recognition and tribute of the 95 servicemen who died while training at NASFL, including the crew of Flight 19 and the Mariner rescue seaplane.

Reading of the names of Flight 19 and the PBM Mariner crewmen, by Dr. Anthony Atwood, of the future Miami Military Museum.

Sounding of the bell, by VFW Commander Ray Rivera, USNR WWII & Korea.

Placement of Wreath by Stranahan High School Marine Corps JROTC Color Guard.

TAPS, performed by Robert Young.

Thank you for coming here today in remembrance of the brave men and women who have served in the defense of our beloved United States of America. May their sacrifice be remembered always by free men and women in this great land. We strive to bring to our community, especially the young, this historic Museum as an education center, tourism site and tribute to our heritage as Americans.

Refreshments by Everglades Council Navy League

*Thanks for attending,
Allan F McElhiney, President*

Flight 19 Commission: Allan McElhiney, Dr. John D. Bloom, Jr., Deborah Hamilton, Dorothy Riser, Minerva Bloom, Ray & Larry Rivera, John Casey, Richard Haddad, and Don Fallon.

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