

VPB106Crew3 Tail Number 59563



**STANDING L TO R: AOM2 Ernest L. KITCHEN (2nd Ordnanceman), ARM3 Harold E. CAPEN, JR (Seaman Gunner), AMM3 Doyle T. MORGAN (Seaman Gunner - 3rd Mechanic), AFC1 Roy H. BLANTON, JR (Air Bomber), ARM1 Joseph J. REITER (1st Radioman), AMM2 Arthur J. GEORGE (2nd Mechanic), ARM2 Paul DAVIS (2nd Radioman) and S1C Baeuran R. O'KANE (Seaman Gunner).**

**KNEELING L TO R: ENS Robert D. DECKER (Navigator), LCDR Howard F. MEARS (Pilot), ENS Vernon H. CARLSON (Co-Pilot) and not pictured was AMM1 Raymond B. McCABE (Plane Captain)**

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(Below is the email received from Jeff O'Kane on 3 May 2021)

**To the Family of Doyle Truman Morgan,**

**My name is Jeff O’Kane, from Bakersfield California. I found your web page [Gmeeks.com](http://Gmeeks.com) and saw you had researched the loss of Doyle Truman Morgan and made a post about it.**

**I am the Great Nephew of Beauran O’Kane, who was the tail gunner aboard the same flight and was killed on 6/1/1945 with your family member. In crew picture, back row, far right. I have been attempting to locate your family for 3 years now.**

**My family has been researching the loss of these great men as well. We have made some incredible discoveries, that will hold great importance to your family.**

**3 years ago, we were able to locate the declassified report for this mission. And from the 29 pictures in that report along with location supplied, have been able to determine the crash location of this plane.**

**All of our research has been passed on to DPAA (Defense Department POW/MIA Accounting Agency) and in 2019 were able to provide enough location data for the agency to list the search for this plane to “Active Pursuit”. I have been driving this agency to locate the plane and return the remains of these soldiers, if they can be located.**

**I have a TREMENDOUS amount of information to transfer to your family! As the report and pictures were a revelation in my family, I believe they will be to yours as well. We offer everything at no cost. We are just a family trying to return our fallen soldier, ever after 76 years.**

**I can be reached at [1 \(661\) 364-7552](tel:16613647552) or at [btowntaz@hotmail.com](mailto:btowntaz@hotmail.com). I will list my news reports and proof of efforts below. I hold great hope this message reaches your family. Do not hesitate to contact me. Your family will be the 11th reached, out of the 12 missing men aboard this plane!**

**Sincerely,  
Jeff O’Kane**

Links to more information:

War Birds Tales from above

Fire on #3:

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/fire-on-number-three/id1540616436?i=1000515986073>

Video Trailer for the plane search:

<https://youtu.be/VjuYkfLcB8U>

Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/VPB106Crew3/>

News interviews around 2007 (My Father Mike O’Kane, Great Uncle Clyde, and Bob Renfrow, Beauran’s childhood friend):

<https://youtu.be/WKbUblMkvds>

News interview 2018: [https://youtu.be/PCmxVBWu\\_lo](https://youtu.be/PCmxVBWu_lo)

News interviews 2019:

[https://www.facebook.com/1653784261552979/posts/2356964951234903?sfn\\_s=mo](https://www.facebook.com/1653784261552979/posts/2356964951234903?sfn_s=mo)

<http://bakersfieldnow.com/news/local/local-family-makes-progress-in-their-search-for-wwii-plane>

[https://www.bakersfield.com/news/a-family-s-story-the-search-for/article\\_8531ce42-d595-11e9-ba0e-cfa1fd2b1221.html](https://www.bakersfield.com/news/a-family-s-story-the-search-for/article_8531ce42-d595-11e9-ba0e-cfa1fd2b1221.html)

<https://www.stripes.com/news/veterans/the-search-for-59563-family-believes-they-know-where-wwii-navy-plane-went-down-1.598980>

Interview of Victor Walters Port Waist gunner VPB-111:

<https://youtu.be/glf62WYZpuY>

Interview of Edward Sruba, tail gunner VPB-111:

<https://youtu.be/KzskBYdXYw4>

**DPAA Information:**

<https://dpaa.secure.force.com/dpaaProfile?id=a0Jt000001EhO0KEAV>

**Pacific Wrecks Inc. write up:**

<https://www.pacificwrecks.com/aircraft/pb4y-2/59563.html>