

# **Class 3411**

**Convened Sep.1934. Graduated 16 Feb. 1935**

**A lot of history is attached to the sheet identifying these 11 men. There is also another photo on the reverse side of the identity which shows 11 men + a CPO so I am not certain the reverse photo is same class 11. Listed IAW marked photo.**

**1.) James Allen Mills; 2.) Morton Lew Lewis; 3.) Wm. Romaine Cate; 4.) Kenneth John Glaser; 5.) Luther Wilbur Jones; 6.) Woodrow Freeman House; 7.) Burnell Clark Champ; 8.) Wanda Burton Cole ; 9.) Wm. Clifton Bass; 10.) Walter John Cook; 11.) Samuel Larison Taylor**

**Instructors: LaVeree Cowell Aerog1C; Ass't. Alfred B. Bowman SGT USMC**

## **NOTES:**

**Morton Lew Lewis Retired as LCDR from the Navy. A Clipping from St. Paul, Minn. dated 7 Jul. 1959 says: "Space Explorer M.L. Lewis, a balloonist who attained heights of more than 80,000 feet, was killed yesterday when making tests in a gondola three feet above the ground. Lewis was struck by a 15 pound pulley which broke loose and fell 65 feet into the open basket gondola in which he was working.**

**Lewis had been flight engineer for Winzen Research, Inc. of Minneapolis since he left the Navy two years ago. He and Commander Malcolm Ross made the first television pictures from a balloon on record breaking flight of 34 hours and 29 minutes over North Dakota on July 28, 1958."**

**Burnell Clark Champ AGC retired. dead IAW Jul. 1977 Newsletter.**

**Wanda Burton Cole retired from Navy. Lived in California. Died about 1966.**

**Walter John Cook. Captured on Wake Island by Japanese. POW. Retired from Navy as LCDR. Names of Class 11 supplied by Cook. His official class picture was in his possessions when he was captured on Wake Island and lost. He reconstructed the information from records he had left at home before his capture. Cook sent the data to Bob Case who had negatives made and reproduced.**

**During LaVeree Cowell's stay at Lakehurst, he wrote the Aerographer's Manual, He prepared most of it at any rate. The station had a multilith and the work was time consuming. This manual was used in its entirety by Class #12 in 1936, probably piece meal by class # 11 during the early part of their stay at Lakehurst.**

**It is suspected that LaVeree Cowell started the "Rho Dammit Rho" Fraternity of Aerology Alpha. Cook wrote that all eleven members were initiated into the Club by LaVerre Cowell, that class was the Big Wind Chapter. Class # 12, carried cards, and we called ourselves the "Adiabrat Chapter". The mystery of this Fraternity group for Aerology was brought to light by Bob Case (Class # 12) early in 1981; Cook's letter, regarding the "Big Wind Chapter" sheds light on the subject, the cards were printed by the Multilith machine. Ask Jessie Grow about the Multilith room, he spent hours and hours working there around 1940 or 1941 (think it was getting worn out about that time!)**