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NWSA WEBMASTER - TURNOVER



Turnover of the NWSA Webmaster position and been completed. Due to some medical issues, I have recently developed, it is thought wise to turn over Webmaster responsibilities at this time.

We are VERY FORTUNATE to have not one, but TWO qualified and willing individuals that have stepped forward and offered their

skills and time.

I have been working closely with both **AGC Charles "Cap" Casperson, USN RET**, and, **xAG2 Gary Cox, USN Rel**, and believe we are ready for turnover at this time.

**Continue to send your eMail to:
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It has been my extreme pleasure to be allowed to serve as the NWSA Webmaster and want to thank all concerned for their support!

Sincerely,

Mahlon Trenz

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BRAVO ZULU FOR NWSA WEBMASTER MAHLON TRENZ

AGC Mahlon Trenz USN RET took the almost dormant NWSA website through the growing pains of change into a state of the art showcase for this association. With his knowledge of current website strategies, he opened the site to the prospective scholarship students that the association had never before been able to reach.

His work toward reaching unattached Met/Oceano/AG community by using pictures of classes from Lakehurst schools and "teases" on the website of items from the current Aerograph has been innovative and should prove a positive step for the organization.

NWSA member Trenz has deserved special recognition for his work. *AGCM Charles R. Jordan USN RET*

Mahlon has been the life's blood of the associations website. Directly resulting from his appreciation that the Internet is a great tool for enhancing communications he employed his considerable technical skill to keep the website current and operating 24X7. According to Mike Gilroy, Chair of the Associations Scholarship Committee, "Without Mahlon, the scholarship program would not have been able to attract the number of quality applicants we have enjoyed recently. He is always responsive and shows real passion for making the website a good tool for the entire membership. Mahlon was instrumental in the recent redesign of the website and it is now easier to use and projects a very professional image. We all are in his debt"

LCDR Mike Gilroy USN RET

BIO OF NEW WEBMASTER xAG2 GARY COX USN REL

My enlistment in the U.S. Navy ran from January 1968 to January 1972. After 'A' School at Lakehurst I was assigned to NWSED Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico in the Fall of 1968. During my tour at Roosy Roads I rose to the rank of AG2 and became a section leader, thanks to the support and encouragement of **CWO4 Everest Whited** and **AGC Gerald Short**. Next, I was assigned to the U.S.S. Enterprise, but first was sent back to Lakehurst for Upper Air 'C' School. I went onboard the Big 'E' in November 1970 while she was at the Newport News Shipyard getting a refit and left her 300 miles south of Columbo Ceylon in December 1971, seven months of which were spent on-station in the Tonkin Gulf. The upper air program was my primary responsibility onboard. During my time on the Big 'E' I had the distinct pleasure of working for **AGCM Eugene Cleary** and **AG1 Fay Crossley**, among others.

Because of the skill and professionalism of the Navy forecasters I was privileged to work for, I decided to try to become a university-educated meteorologist after my enlistment.

I graduated from St. Louis University in May 1976 with a B.S. in Meteorology. About six months after graduation I was offered a Meteorologist Intern position with the National Weather Service in Cheyenne, WY, in part due to the experience and training received in the Navy. While working in Cheyenne I took graduate courses in Atmospheric Science at the University of Wyoming. In 2004 I retired from the National Weather Service as a Senior Meteorologist and promptly went back to our local community college taking courses in webpage authoring, design and programming languages. In addition to the NWSA website, I currently maintain a website for a local mental health group and for an agricultural foundation in Topeka, KS. My wife, **Mary**, and I have been married 33 years. She is a nurse practitioner. We have two sons aged 22 and 29.

Submitted by xAG2 Gary L. Cox USN REL



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Articles and letters may be submitted in many formats, typed or handwritten and forwarded by email, or USPS. Unfortunately, I am not able to translate data from MSWorks, MAC or APPLE software. Articles may be forwarded to my email. E-mails are preferred since I can copy and paste and will not have to re-type the submission.

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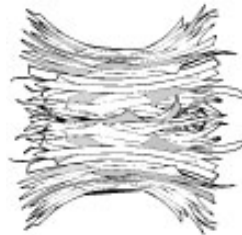
CORRECTION

On the cover of the August 2010 edition of the Aerograph, a logo had an error. The USS Cabot was commissioned as CVL-28.



Mea culpa

AGCM Charlie Jordan USN RET



LETTERS

I found the article entitled FLEET WEATHER CENTER SAN DIEGO (which includes reference to FLEET WEATHER CENTER NORFOLK therein) interesting. In an exchange of e-mails

between "old-timers", I sent the following which you might find interesting:

I assumed command of the Fleet Weather Central (FLEWEACEN or FWC), Norfolk in July 1979. A few months later, the name was changed to Naval Eastern Oceanography Center (NEOC). I remember when CNOC directed the name change; we had to change the large sign on the outside of the building. There were large blue letters: "Fleet Weather Central". The Admin Officer, **Ted Lemond**, arranged to have the new name placed on the outside of the building. It turned out that the new title would not fit on only one line in the space available, so the new name had to be "split" into two lines. The outfit that had the contract to place the new letters added the words: "Naval Eastern" above the words "Fleet Weather Central" the first day—in preparation the second day to remove "Fleet Weather Central" and add (below) "Oceanography Center".

Therefore, for about 24 hours the sign on the building read:

"Naval Eastern Fleet Weather Central"

I couldn't resist having a picture made of the sign at that point and sending it to CNOC at Bay St. Louis, MS to see if "this is what you meant?" Of course, I am not sure the folks at NOC Hq had the same sense of humor we had at Norfolk—as they did not seem to appreciate the picture.

Therefore, I was the "last" Commanding Officer of FLEWEACEN Norfolk - until this recent "reorganization" Of course, there have been a number of earlier FLEWEACENS—at Shanghai, Khabarovsk, Vladivostok, Kodiak, Port Lyautey, etc. Don Cruise surely can add to that list.

Submitted by Captain John Lincoln USN RET

I CAN RECOGNIZE MORE THAN A FEW FACES

Does anyone recognize these people congratulating **Master Chief Ganschow** on his retirement?



WELL DONE—A.W. Ganschow, AGCM, and his wife bid farewell to coworkers at the Aerographer's Mates schools before they leave for permanent residence at Corpus Christie, Tex., following his retirement ceremonies here.

AGCM Mel Harder USN RET

CENTENNIAL SUGGESTION

We are only about seven years away from "celebrating" 100 years of aerology/meteorology/oceanography/geophysics (whatever) in the U.S. Navy. I believe (again Don Cruse can verify) the first aerology division in OPNAV was formed in 1917 -- and placed, for administrative purposes, within the Bureau of Navigation and in an office with the Navy "pigeon handlers." I guess it could be said that we have come a long way since then. Over the next seven years, it might be an interesting "project" to gather bits of history and stories of general interest to include in a special issue of the Aerograph in 2017. I always look forward to seeing the Aerograph—I appreciate your (and contributors) efforts

Submitted by Captain John Lincoln USN RET

INFORMATION ABOUT LT GEORGE BUIE USN RET

Daisy and I recently went down to Dowling Park, FL "The Advent Christian Home" checking on LT George and Francis Buie and to take them a few Fuji Persimmons. They are a favorite of Francis. A little over a year ago, Francis was admitted to the nursing home with Alzheimer's. She looks good, but did very little talking. George tells me that she is in one of the advanced stages. He spends most all the daylight hours with her, and nights in their home about a quarter of a mile away. He is a long time player of bridge and this is his only

recreation or personal time playing a couple times each week.

Chief Johnson and I did a sit down talk with George and Francis during early 2007 and ginned up an article which was published in an Aerograph during late 2007 or early 2008. My purpose of this note is seeking information of who is the oldest "living" aerographer and to possibly, with your help and knowledge, doing an article for the Aerograph showing the five oldest living people from our Navy Community.

There is a picture of his "A" school class # 4019 in session from 01 August 1940 to 26 October 1940 on the website.

Also, if you have an extra Christmas card or just a note of encouragement, please send it to them at:

George & Francis Buie
10446 233rd Road
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A Little More Information About Shipmate George Buie

(I) talked with George last evening to wish Him and Francis a happy 69th Wedding Anniversary. He had just arrived home from visiting Francis, nine hours each day, in the nursing home. They were married on December 5th, 1941 in Jacksonville, FL at the new Navy Air Station (NAS Jacksonville) and left on their honeymoon to his home in Mississippi. Then, we know what happened on December 7, 1941. George was upset trying to get back to Jacksonville, because he had not carried his uniform, and had to return immediately to his duty station.

When Chief Johnson first contacted George, he gave him a guest membership to NWSA. George said that he really enjoyed reading the Aerograph, but found himself dwelling too much in the past; therefore, he did not renew his subscription. George was very much appreciative of the necrology listings that I had copied from the NWSA Website and provided to him.

Last evening I was able to obtain the below information from George:

Born: July 17, 1921

Enlisted: October 04, 1939

Boot Camp: Norfolk, VA...some of his basic training was onboard the USS Ranger (CV-4)

First Duty Station: USS Ranger (CV-4) homeported in Norfolk, VA and the ship did patrols along the east coast from Canada to South America looking for German Submarines. When he reported aboard, he was assigned to V-3 Division as a blue shirt. The berthing compartment was shared with people from the photo and weather offices. He became interested in becoming an Aerographers Mate when some of the folks would return to the berthing compartment and talk about their duties.

He started requesting to the Weather Officer and the Division Chief to select him as an AG Striker. During December 1939, they selected him and that is the month and year that George entered into the Navy Weather Community as an Aerographers Mate, Striker.

AG "A" School: He was a member of Class # 4019 (Class #19) that convened on August 01, 1940 and graduated on October 26, 1940. George graduated number one in the class and was advanced to AG3 and was given his choice assignment at the new Naval air Station being built in Jacksonville, FL.

Rest of his story is available in one of the Aerographs that was published in late 2007 or early 2008.

Received an e-mail from CDR Don Cruse and he is checking out Bill O'Neil as being the eldest living Aerographer being about 95 years old.

My recommendation for this project was to recognize five or so currently living people that has been in our Navy Weather Community, as a weather person, the longest either officer or enlisted.

Submitted by AGCS Lloyd Corbett USN RET

DATA REQUEST

I am looking for information to be used for an article that will be published in a future Aerograph. The data will be used honoring the oldest living and the longest serving person(s) in the Naval Weather Service Community.

So far my research has turned up; **LT Bill O'Neil** as the oldest living person in our community, in his mid 90's, and is currently living in Fort Belvoir, VA.

LT George Buie as the longest serving member of our community and is living in Dowling Park, FL. He became a striker onboard the USS Ranger (CV-4) in November 1939 and attended AG "A" School as a member of Class 4019 (Class 19) from August to October 1940. George was born in 1921.

The second oldest and longest serving member in our community may be **Vic Milford** (Age 91/AG"A" Class 20). I was told that before a person could attend "A" school they had to have been a striker.

Please provide any data for this article to:

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EX AG RICHARD KANE

Not sure if I have sent you anything about EX AG Richard Kane if not thought you might be able to use the following about him at it was printed in his High School Alumni News Archbishop Curley, Baltimore MD

Rich first became interested in the weather at a young age growing up on the shores of the Chesapeake Bay and that interest in weather intensified while working as a commercial fisherman and crabber in his teenage years. Rich is a 1970 graduate of Curley who then attended Essex Community College prior to entering the United States Navy (Naval Weather Service) in April 1973. He spent over six years in the Navy with tours of duty at the Fleet Weather Central/Joint Typhoon Warning Center, Agana, Guam, and at the Fleet Numerical Weather Central, Monterey, CA, and finally at

the Naval Weather Service Environmental Detachment, Patuxent River, MD. It was after his tour in the Navy that he finished his college education, receiving a BS in meteorology from the Pennsylvania State University in 1982 and a MS in 1985. He then entered the National Weather Service in June 1985 and had tours of duty as Meteorologist Intern in Greensboro, NC, a Meteorologist Forecaster in Albany, NY, a Meteorologist/Forecaster in Washington D.C., and the Science Operations Officer in Blacksburg, VA. In October 1996, he became the Warning Coordination Meteorologist at the National Weather Service Office in Pittsburgh, PA.

Currently, he is the Meteorologist-in-Charge (MIC) of the National Weather Service (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) Office in Pittsburgh, PA., a position he sought since his days as a weather person in the U.S. Navy. Rich tells us: "It is an interesting yet challenging job. The field of meteorology in general and weather forecasting specifically is ever changing as new techniques, methodologies and computer resources continue to improve. It is a challenging, yet a rewarding experience to guide an office of professionals through change. It is also rewarding to be part of a government agency dedicated to serving our users and most importantly to carry out our primary mission of saving lives and protecting property."

When asked how Curley prepared him for his life and career, Rich said: "I think a combination of my total catholic education and my parents' influence provided me with a strong foundation to continue to strive for higher educational opportunities as well as, helped me to develop a strong work ethic. ... Curley provides an excellent foundation for anyone to continue into college and provides the inspiration academically and religiously to build upon."

On Groundhog's Day 2009, Rich was inducted into the National Meteorologist Hall of Fame in Punxsutawney, PA.

Rich lives in Moon Township, PA with his wife and children. You can email him at Richard.Kane@noaa.gov.

Submitted by AGC FAY Crossley USN RET

Information Dominance Corps Warfare Insignia



Naval Enlisted Cutlass



INFORMATION DOMINANCE WARFARE PIN

"The Information Dominance Corps will create a cadre of information specialists, who come with individual community identities and unite to be managed as a corps, developed as a corps, and to fight as a corps," said Vice Adm. Jack Dorsett, deputy chief of Naval Operations for Information Dominance. "This warfare pin represents a command identity for the Information Dominance Corps."

The Information Dominance Corps will consist of more than 44,000 active and Reserve Navy officers, enlisted and civilian professionals who possess extensive skills in information-intensive fields to develop and deliver

dominant information capabilities in support of U.S. Navy, Joint and national warfighting requirements. These fields include information professional officers, information warfare officers, naval intelligence officers, meteorological and oceanography officers, space cadre officers, aerographer's mates, cryptologic technicians, intelligence specialist, information systems technicians and civilian personnel."

The new officer insignia is a two and three-quarter inches by one and one-eighth inches, gold matte metal pin showing a background of ocean waves, a crossed naval officer's sword and lightning bolt with a fouled anchor and globe and will also be available in a miniature size.

The enlisted insignia is a two and three-quarter inches by one and one-eighth inches, silver oxidized metal pin showing a background of ocean waves, a crossed naval enlisted cutlass and lightning bolt with a fouled anchor and globe and will also be available in a miniature size.

Additional information is provided in NAVADMIN 058/10

Florence van Straten (1913-1992)



For over 30 years, a stalwart of the Navy's meteorological service was a tall, slim, reserved woman known informally as "Flossie." Florence van Straten began that association during World War II, when the requirements for accurate weather support led to significant advances in atmospheric science. Van Straten played an important role in that effort, and continued to refine

the developing science of naval meteorology after the war.

As U.S. participation in World War II began to gain momentum, it became clear that the service of women in the armed forces was critical, and in 1942 the Navy created the WAVES (Women Accepted for Voluntary Emergency Service). One of the earliest volunteers was van Straten, who was immediately assigned to the Naval Aerology Service.

Aerology is an old Navy term for meteorology. At that time, weather officers were known as "aerologists" and enlisted weather specialists were known as "aerographers," a term still in use today for the Navy's enlisted meteorological and oceanographic specialists.

During the early years of World War II, the critical need for weather in support of fleet operations in both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters greatly stressed the small contingent of specialists in the Navy, so women were welcomed into the Aerology Service.

Van Straten, who had received a doctorate in chemistry from New York University in 1933, was included in a group of 25 women with advanced degrees sent to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to take classes in meteorology. Ultimately about 100 women became qualified aerologists during the war. Most provided aviation forecast services at naval air stations in the

U.S., but van Straten was sent to the Daniel Guggenheim Airship Institute to do research on wind gusts and develop better methods to forecast velocities. By 1943, van Straten had been assigned to the headquarters staff, the Aerology section of the Bureau of Aeronautics, where she worked in the Operational Analysis Section. Here she compiled extensive analyses of the effects of weather on naval operations, from both historical sources and more recent naval actions. These "lessons learned" studies were published under such titles as "Weather and Naval Warfare" and "Weather and Amphibious Warfare."

These documents provided examples of how military forces were able to use weather conditions to their advantage, but they also provided examples of engagements where the weather was ignored, to the detriment of the participants. The battle of the Coral Sea in May 1942 provided a superb example. The American fleet used the clouds and precipitation of a trailing frontal system to provide cover, slipping out to attack the exposed Japanese naval force and then disappearing again into the heavy weather. In this way they were able to sink the Japanese aircraft carrier Shoho, seriously damaged another carrier, and shoot down numerous enemy planes. But when they departed the frontal zone to operate in fair weather, they immediately lost the carrier Lexington.

For the most part, though, U.S. forces understood the value of accurate forecasts. In late 1942, the chief of naval operations wrote: "The skillful forecasting of weather conditions has been an important factor in the conduct of many campaigns in the present war. Our successes in the Solomon Islands, North Africa, Sicily, and the Aleutians were due in no small part to the competence of Navy aerological officers."

Van Straten's academic credentials also served to make her a good liaison to the civilian meteorological research community, keeping an eye out for advances in forecasting techniques and observing technology that would assist naval aerological units.

Eventually van Straten's analytical mind turned towards more pressing needs and she moved into the aerological research and development department. Here she assessed and prioritized fleet requirements for new meteorological equipment and worked with the supply department to ensure required equipment was delivered to the most tactically significant locations. In this capacity, she was instrumental in the pioneering efforts to develop automated weather observing stations, including the floating buoy station known as the NOMAD.

"With pride or shame," she later wrote with characteristic dry humor, "I must confess that I am responsible for the acronym: navy oceanographic meteorological automatic device."

Another area that interested van Straten was the impact of atmospheric conditions on the accuracy of the recently developed radar technology. Operators knew almost nothing of the ability of the atmosphere to

sometimes reduce radar distances due to refraction, or to concentrate the energy into ducts that travel hundreds of miles.

"At least once during World War II," van Straten wrote, "a U.S. Navy task force opened fire with its 16-inch guns on units of the Japanese fleet that were 400 miles away."

In addition to her work in understanding these phenomena, van Straten began investigating the possibility of using tactical radar to identify weather systems. An early application of this was that carriers frequently identified storm centers on their radar and headed towards them to get the headwind necessary to support aircraft launches off their decks.

Van Straten also focused her attention on fog forecasting and the impact of atmospheric conditions on new infrared sensors.

After the war ended, the Navy's aerology department was significantly reduced, and many of its members took civilian positions. Like many specialty areas, though, women were discouraged from applying. The prevailing attitude was that while woman had provided valuable assistance with the war effort, their peacetime job was in the home.

Van Straten's unique abilities and accomplishments made her an exception to the rule. She switched to the inactive reserve, ultimately rising to the rank of commander, and continued to work for the newly renamed Naval Weather Service as a civilian atmospheric physicist. From 1948 to 1962, she headed the technical requirements section, describing her position as the "application of environmental factors to military operations." After her retirement in 1962, she continued to serve as a consultant to the Naval Weather Service until 1973.

During her post-war years, van Straten applied her keen intellect to refining upper atmospheric sensors like the radiosonde and constant altitude balloons, investigating the possibility of weather modification, and developing techniques to forecast radioactive fallout. Most importantly, she was instrumental in the introduction of computer processing to meteorology in the Navy.

Florence van Straten's contributions to naval meteorology paved the way for the thousands of women who today serve as officers, sailors and civilians in the Navy's meteorological and oceanographic community.

For additional reading, see:

Improbable Warriors: Women Scientists and the U.S. Navy in World War II by Kathleen Broome Williams, Naval Institute Press, 2001

America's Weather Warriors: 1814-1985 by Charles C. Bates and John F. Fuller, Texas A&M University Press, 1986

Weather or Not by Florence van Straten, Dodd, Mead and Co., 1966

FLEET WEATHER CENTER SAN DIEGO

Subject: San Diego Active Duty Weather Change of Command

Date of Command Establishment 5 Nov 2010

New command's name Fleet Weather Center San Diego

New skipper's name CAPT Todd Monroe

The Navy is consolidating maritime, aviation, and afloat weather services to the Fleet. In an effort to streamline operations, gain manpower efficiencies, and establish larger footprints in Fleet concentration areas while maintaining quality of service to the Fleet, the Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command (NMOC) will be establishing two premier Fleet Weather Centers in San Diego, CA. and Norfolk, VA.

Navy weather forecasting in the Pacific Region will be based in San Diego, when NMOC establishes Fleet Weather Center San Diego (FWC-SD) on Nov. 5, 2010. Weather services will be consolidated and provided across the Third, Fifth, and Seventh Fleet areas of responsibility through a phased approach to be complete by September 2011. The Pacific weather center stand up is the second part of a two-prong consolidation of Navy weather services worldwide. Fleet Weather Center Norfolk, Va., established on Oct. 29, is the home of Navy weather forecasting for the Atlantic. "The consolidation of our weather services helps make better use of Navy resources while ensuring continued superior weather support to the fleet," said Rear Admiral Jonathan White, Commander, Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command.

Fleet Weather Center, San Diego, located at Naval Air Station North Island (NASNI), will bring together three separate commands under one roof; Strike Group Oceanography Team, San Diego, Naval Maritime Forecast Center (NMFC), previously located in Pearl Harbor, and Naval Aviation Forecasting Detachment (NAFD), San Diego. The command will be housed in the building that has been home to various elements of Navy meteorology and oceanography since 1994. Forecasters and observers of the Strike Group Oceanography Team deploy with carriers and amphibious ships while NMFC has had responsibility for general maritime forecasting in the Pacific and for routing ships around hazardous weather. Naval Aviation Forecast Detachment, San Diego has provided forecast weather for flight operations throughout the Pacific. "We are honored and humbled by the trust that has been placed in us by the Navy oceanography enterprise, and by the responsibility we have to Fleet safety and mission success," said CAPT Todd Monroe, prospective Commanding Officer for Fleet Weather Center, San Diego. While the new FWC in San Diego will be the primary base for all Pacific weather forecasting, some forecasters and weather offices will be located in other parts of the Pacific region. The Joint Typhoon Warning Center, which the Navy has operated in conjunction with the U.S. Air Force since 1945, will remain in Pearl Harbor. It is the Department of Defense agency responsible for issuing tropical cyclone warnings for the Pacific and Indian Oceans. Fleet Weather Center, San Diego will also operate other remote detachments and components at key locations in Pearl Harbor, Bahrain,

Atsugi, Japan, and Fallon, Nevada. Naval Aviation Forecast Detachment (NAFD), Pearl Harbor will provide joint aviation services in Hawaii with the Air Force, based at Hickam Air Force Base. The NAFD partnership with the Air Force will be similar to one that has been in place at Sembach, Germany, since 2007. Fleet Weather Center, San Diego is the ninth name change for the Navy weather operation in San Diego since Navy weather was established there in 1944. "The change to the new center will be seamless to operational commanders. We will continue to ensure safety at sea and to enable decision superiority for our forces and our allies with our forecasts, analysis and recommendations," White said. The Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command directs the Navy's meteorology and oceanography programs, maintains the Navy's atomic clock for precise time and tracks the positions of the stars for navigation. The command is comprised of approximately 3,000 officer, enlisted and civilian personnel stationed around the world. Naval Oceanography enables the safety, speed and operational effectiveness of the fleet by illuminating the risks and opportunities for naval and joint forces posed by the present and future natural environment. The Naval Oceanographic Operations Command, parent command of Fleet Weather Center, San Diego, is the Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command's operational command.

Peter J Weigand

Submitted by CDR Bernard Cohenour USN



If you haven't heard or read, CDR Marty Nemcosky suffered a major stroke early Wednesday morning, January 13th. Editor Charlie Jordan has printed information that we have received from Fay Crossley, Hampton Roads Chapter Secretary for your information. If you would like to receive updates as they are issued, please let me know and I will send an email or snail mail if you are not on line – updates will be posted on our website. The messages are also posted on our website.

Please keep Marty and his family in your prayers.

I want to take this opportunity, personally and on behalf of the NWSA, to thank **AGC Mahlon Trenz** for his devotion to our website. Because of a medical problem, Mahlon has had to step down from the position of our webmaster. Before doing so, however, he found two very capable members to step up to the challenge. **AGC Charles "Cap" Casperson** and **xAG2 Gary Cox** have

volunteered to be co-webmasters, and Mahon will provide any support they might need as they move into that position. Mahlon has worked long and hard to bring the website to its current state, and I once again thank him for his dedication to the NWSA.

This will be the last issue of *The Aerograph* before we head for Virginia Beach to attend **ALMOST HEAVEN - #37**, so be sure to use the reunion and hotel registration information in this issue to sign up if you haven't already done so. I talked to Marty Nemcosky on the Monday before his stroke and he said things were moving along well and the Hampton Roads Chapter would be going into overdrive soon for the final push to April 27 – three days after Easter. An invitation to the reunion has been extended to Rear Admiral White, CNMOC, and I have sent a letter to CNMOC Command Master Chief Edwards to get information on the Command Sailors of the Year.

You have been and will be reading a lot about the NWSA Scholarship Program. Please read all the information you see and let us know **your feelings** about the program and how you think it should be going. There is a survey concerning the scholarship program in this issue and on the website. Please complete it and give us your opinions. You can contact me at any time and I will be sure the appropriate members get your information and questions.

As always, my email and snail mail boxes are always open. I look forward to hearing from you.

CWO4 Bill Bowers, USN RET, President



The Committee is gearing up to the 2011/2012 Selection process. A refreshed application and instruction have been posted to the website and the committee is communicating with several Universities about this year's opportunity. We encourage all members to pass the word to anyone you know who is studying Meteorology, Atmospheric Sciences or Oceanography. We expect this year selection to be very competitive.

The Scholarship Program is at a pivotal juncture and the committee is looking for feedback from members. Please visit the NWSA website and take a few moments to complete a brief survey regarding the program. Your responses will be used to help inform the committee and Executive Board regarding the future of the program. This is your chance to have a voice in the process without going to a reunion.

<http://www.navalweather.org/scholarshipsurvey.html>

If you wish to communicate directly with the committee send an email to: nwsascholarships@navalweather.org or call Mike Gilroy 425 418 8164.

Finally, We want to thank those who responded to the fund raising efforts this year. So far nearly \$2,000 dollars have been received. While this is short of our hopes we do appreciate the support. We hope that now

with the holidays are being over many of our 500 members will take a moment and send in a contribution to support the scholarship fund. We can only insure the programs longevity if we support it with regular donations.

Submitted by LCDR Mike Gilroy USN RET

SCHOLARSHIP SURVEY

Greetings from your Scholarship Committee! If you have read the Aerograph or attended a recent NWSA reunion you should know that a lot of good things have been happening with the associations Scholarship Program. The committee members Ed Frandle, Dr. Marty Martinez and myself are pleased to be serving and feel we are making the program an effective implementation of the scholarship fund resources. It is good work and it is clear that our funds are really helping some future Meteorologist and Oceanographers.

Based on the experiences in the past 3-4 years, we have been going through some continuous improvement steps to add structure, increase our visibility with universities with great academic programs, streamlining our application process, while making more use of the website <http://www.navalweather.org/> and of course asking our members to donate to the fund. These steps seem to be working and last year we had an unprecedented number of qualified applicants.

This work has prompted the committee to look over the horizon to develop some recommendations for the long term viability of the Naval Weather Service Association Scholarship program. The committee has been discussing the future of the program with the associations Executive Board but we want to reach out to a broader base of our members. We know it is difficult to get to reunions but it is important that others have a way to provide feedback in this important program.

We want to ask you to visit the website and take a short survey regarding the Scholarship Program. The survey will be active from Jan 15th to March 1st. We will summarize the results and use them to make our recommendations to the Board at the upcoming reunion in Virginia Beach.

We will also publish the results in an upcoming Aerograph. The survey can be found at <http://www.navalweather.org/scholarshipsurvey.html>

Please take the survey only once. In addition to the survey you can provide comments to the committee by emailing to nwsascholarships@navalweather.org

If you know a member who does not have Internet please print the survey and provide them a paper copy or help them complete it online using your computer.

We want to thank you for your time and hope you find this as our sincere attempt to include you in the Scholarship Program.

Finally in an update regarding our 2010 fund raising effort we can report receiving a little over \$1500 dollars since the mailing of donation envelopes in November. We hope that with the holiday season behind us that

more of our nearly 600 active members will choose to support the Scholarship Fund. Donations may be sent at any time to our Secretary-Treasurer.

LCDR Mike Gilroy USN RET Committee Chair



CDR EDMUND J. STONSKI USN RET

CDR Edmund J. Stonski USN RET, 90 yrs old entered the Navy with a degree in physics, but at some point went to NPG School and graduated with degree in meteorology. Served in WW II, Korean War, and Vietnam. Retired 1968 with 26 years service. Write-up said he served 6 years at sea as a Met Officer.

Submitted by CWO4 Mel Harder USN RET

AGCS WILLIAM A. CROGHAN USN RET

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Submitted by AGCS JOHN SHAY USN RET

AGCS ROBERT HICKS USN RET

From FRA Magazine

Bob Hicks last Duty was NSFA. He retired and went work at the Geophysics Division, Point Mugu. He and I worked together on different projects. He was a great guy and a good friend. He died from colon cancer.

Regards, Bob Mackie

Submitted by AGCS John Shay USN RET

AGCS MIKE EVANICK USN RET

Evanick, Mike, age 86. Originally of McKees Rocks, PA, lived many places including Mendota Hts., MN and Olympia, WA. Survived by **Alice, wife of 64 years. Seven children, John (Sandy), Gloria (Buddy) Ferguson, Linda (Patrick) Schmidt, Marie (Robin) PanLener, Julie Padelford, Jo (Eric) Borchers and Roger**; eleven grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. A retired Navy senior chief petty officer and pioneer in high-altitude balloon research. Mike was also a gardener, golfer and musician who played with the Puget Sound Button Box (accordion) Group. We will never hear a polka or waltz without thinking of him. He died peacefully at home with the support of his family and Providence Sound Home Care and Hospice.

We did not have a conventional funeral for Mike. On November 13, we will have a celebration of his life, hopefully around a bonfire in daughter Jo's backyard in Lakeland, MN, with all of his children, some of the grandchildren and great grandchildren, and friends. Food, laughter, music, dancing, and tears.

written by daughter Gloria Ferguson.

Submitted by LCDR Earl Kerr USN RET

Yes, Mike was a Senior Chief Aerographer's Mate. He grew up in a suburb of Pittsburgh, and I grew up one of a

family of 1 on a farm in South Dakota. We both knew hard times when we were young, so appreciated the security of life in the Navy. I was a WAVE. We were both stationed at Hutchinson Kansas Naval Air Station. Met in April of 1945, and were married on December 19 of that year.

Our first child, Johnnie, was born at Lakehurst, NJ in January of '47. From there, Mike went to Guam. I went back to SD until he got housing on Guam. He was in a typhoon squadron. When other women's husbands were home tying down the quonset huts, mine was flying in the storm. :-)

When we came home from there in '49, he was sent to Miami where daughter Gloria was born, then to Trinidad, for a year or two. I really didn't care for Trinidad, especially not when we lived in Port of Spain. When we were able to get housing on the base, it was better. We lived at Tumon Bay, right near the water. Daughter Linda was born on the base there.

Then we hung around Norfolk, VA from maybe '53 to '58 where he was on various ships, including the Franklin D. Roosevelt. Daughters Reecie in '55 and Julie in '58 were born in the hospital at Portsmouth. Virginia was a pretty good place to live, and we had lots of friends there.

Next was the Office of Naval Research in Minneapolis. This is where the ballooning came in. It was an absorbing and nerve-wracking part of his career. This is where he retired from the Navy, and then got the same job as a civilian in Civil Service, working for Winzen Research in high-altitude ballooning and traveling to many places. We lived in a suburb of St. Paul, Mendota Heights, kind of out in the country, with a big yard and good schools. At one time we had children in five different schools. Our two youngest children were born there, Jo Ann in '61 and Roger in '64.

When he retired from Civil Service, Mike decided that we shouldn't live in MN any more and we started looking around for some place else. Tried Arkansas and Missouri, but weren't impressed. So, in August of '79 we moved out here to Washington. One of the great advantages is being near Ft. Lewis and Madigan.

Mike's health has been going downhill for quite a while. He had four open-heart surgeries. The cancer appeared in the fall of '08. He had a laryngectomy, but the cancer spread further. In April of this year, the doctors said they could do no more for him, and he was under Hospice care here at home until he died early in the morning of October 7.

Johnnie lives in Kent, and Roger in Bremerton. Gloria, Reecie and Jo in MN. Linda in California and Julie in North Carolina. They have all been very helpful during this difficult time, taking vacation from their jobs and coming to stay here to help. Johnnie has served time in the Army and Roger in the submarine Navy.

At this time, I am planning to sell this house and move back to Minnesota. Have a lot of work to do to get it ready to sell.

Mike did not want a funeral. He has been cremated and I will keep the ashes until I die, and then the children can mix the ashes, and do with them whatever is appropriate at that time.

I hope this long email hasn't been too boring to read!

Alice Evanick

AGC ROBERT M. HYDE USN RET

Robert M. Hyde, 84, a resident of Kingsland, Ga., and a former resident of Las Vegas, passed away Thursday, April 29, 2010, at his residence in Kingsland. Robert was a native of Bridgeport, Conn., and had been a resident of Kingsland for the past six years. He was retired from the U.S. Navy after 20 years. He was a member of the Shrine, Moose Lodge and Fleet Reserve in Las Vegas. Survivors include his children, **Mitchell Lindsey** of Keystone Height, Fla., **Sherry Hood, Ricky Lindsey and Iris Neal Godwin**, all of Jacksonville, Fla., and **Barbara Strawn** of St. Augustine, Fla.; a sister, **Marion Ferris** of Monroe, Conn.; and several grandchildren.

Submitted by AGC Alan Davis USN RET

We best remember Chief Hyde from our days behind the fence at Fort Meade, when he was AG1 USN. It is also worth remembering that **Bob & Vashtie** worked very hard as part of the NWSA reunion committee for Annual Reunion #11 in 1985 in Las Vegas. Do not know where he was stationed when he was advanced to AGC.

Submitted by CDR Don Cruse USN RET

CWO ORTHA COLUMB USN RET

Ortha Irene Columb, 76, Warrant Officer USN (retired) passed away peacefully in her home on November 2, 2010. She was born April 6, 1934 in Franklin, VT.

After retiring as a meteorologist from the Navy, Ortha pursued a very successful career as a million dollar salesperson/broker for several years for local real estate firms. Her interests included piloting single engine aircrafts and boating.

She is survived by a lifelong friend, **Barbara A. Lyons** of Pensacola, FL; brother, **Douglas Columb**; nephew, **Richard Columb** and several nieces and nephews.

Submitted by AGCS John Shay USN RET

AGC DUANE M. PAUL

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Submitted by AGCS JOHN SHAY USN RET

I called the telephone number listed in the B LIST and spoke to Duane's girl friend. Date of passing is 7/16/10, age seventy years. Duane had suffered from lung cancer and it finally beat him.

Submitted by CDR Don Cruse USN RET

AGC ROBERT LUKE, USN RET

I doubt you would have known him, but he retired about 12 years ago and has headed up NOAA's Voluntary Observing Ship Program for the past 9 years.

He suffered a massive heart attack while in Washington for a meeting this morning. Luke was 51, and is survived by a wife and two children.

Submitted by AGC Tim Kenefick USN RET

Chief Luke retired from the Navy around 1988-1989 I think. He then worked for the National Weather Service for the past 9 years as the Supervisor of the Voluntary Observing Ship Program. He suffered a massive heart attack Friday Morning October 22, 2010, while attending a NOAA meeting in Washington DC.

October 26 services are to be held at the First Baptist Church in Poplarville, MS.

Submitted by AGC Fay Crossley USN RET

NATIONAL MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Submitted by AGC Fay Crossley USN RET

LCDR EDGAR M. CHASE USN RET



On Sunday, October 24, 2010, of Clinton, MD. Beloved uncle of **Scott, Paul, Bruce Chase** and **Laura Kurtzman**; great-uncle of **Ashley, Emily, Kevin, Danny, Tommy, Andy and Joey**. Preceded in death by his brother **Glenn H. Chase, Jr.** Graveside

service and interment at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA, on Friday, January 28, 2011 at 9 a.m., (assemble at administration building by 8:30 a.m.). In lieu of flowers, please make donations in memory of Lcdr Edgar Chase to the USNA Class of 1953 Stadium Plaza Maintenance Fund (#683800). Donations should be sent to the United States Naval Academy Foundation, P.O. Box 64740, Baltimore, MD 21264-4740.

EDGAR M. CHASE

Edgar M. Chase, 80, a retired Navy lieutenant commander who later became director of the air pollution control division for Fairfax County, died Oct. 24 at Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring MD, after a heart attack.

Cmdr Chase, a Clinton resident, worked for Fairfax County from 1973 to 1991. He enlisted in the Navy in 1947, and his last active-duty assignment, in 1973, was at the Fleet Weather Facility in Suitland. He served in the Korean and Vietnam wars.

Edgar Manly Chase was a Baltimore native and a 1953 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis. In 1970, he received a master's degree in meteorology from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA. He was a member of the Maryland Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

He had no immediate survivors. By Lauren Wiseman

Submitted by CDR Don Cruise USN RET

AGCS RICHARD E. DENNIS USN RET

Retired Senior Chief Petty Officer Richard E. Dennis passed away at home in Milton, Florida on Tuesday,

December 7, 2010. "Rich" was born and raised in and around Marshall, Missouri. He first enlisted in the United States Navy in 1957 at age 17, and went on to eventually serve over 28 years on active duty, retiring from Naval Air Station Whiting Field in 1992. During his military service, Rich served around the world, including stations in Alaska, Morocco, Key West, and two years in Antarctica.

After retiring, Rich settled in Milton and was very active in the Fleet Reserve Association, Bob Sikes Branch 210. He served several terms as both a FRA branch officer and board member. Rich was a voracious reader throughout his life, and also enjoyed watching baseball, bass fishing, and bird hunting. He is survived by two sons, **Timothy (Julie)** of Crawfordville, Florida, and **Paul Damon** of Milton, Florida; step-daughter **Trudi Shouse** of Kansas City, Missouri; a sister, **Cecilia Morgan** of Oak Grove, Missouri; and a granddaughter, **Whitney Dennis**. He is also survived by nephew **Jim Morgan (Paula)**, nieces **Denna Kelley (Mark)**, and **Kelly Bradley (Tim)** all of the Kansas City, Missouri, area, and several cousins.

In accordance with his wishes, Rich will be interred with a graveside ceremony at 11:00 am, Friday, December 17, at Barrancas National Cemetery in Pensacola, Florida. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Fleet Reserve Association, Bob Sikes Branch 210, youth activities fund.

Submitted by AGCS John Shay USN RET

CARMEN ANBRE

Carmen Ambre had a stroke last July and died two days later in Pearland TX. She was the wife of **Dave Ambre**. Dave was a Navy LT Met Officer when he married her in Rota Spain. When he left the Navy as a LT in 1978 they moved to Pennsylvania where he worked for ACC for a few years. Then they moved to Houston TX where Dave did a career with Universal WX, retiring two years ago. They had two boys, **Paul and Mike** who graduated from SMU and have families of their own. Their daughter, **Lisa**, is a teacher in Pearland.

Dave and Carmen paid a visit to Rota as Carmen had family there. Dave is listed in the Bellinger List Non Member. His address is correct.

Submitted by CDR Elmer Erdei USN RET

AGCS/AW GEOFFREY DILLE USN RET



Geoffrey Alexander Dille, 56, of Sulphur, LA died Saturday, December 18, 2010 in Estherwood, LA.

Mr. Dille was born in Houston, TX and was raised and educated in Indiana. Mr. Dille proudly served the United States Navy from the Vietnam War to the Persian Gulf War; retiring as AGCS (AW/SW) after twenty years. Throughout the course of

his military career, he traveled internationally, having lived abroad.

Mr. Dilles' true love was flying; he was a private, commercial, ATP Pilot and a flight instructor. He also enjoyed riding and training horses and sailing.

Mr. Dille was a member of the VFW, AOPA and the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd.

He leaves to honor his memory, two daughters, **Christine Alexis Dille Rivers** and husband **Kyle Jon** of Cookeville, TN and **Rebecca Suzanne Dille** of Bloomington, IN; one grandson, **Jacob Miles Rivers** of Cookeville, TN; three sisters, **Ellen McAdon** of Sulphur, **Claudia Dille** of Indianapolis, IN and **Martha Knight** of Cleveland Heights, OH; numerous nieces and nephews and the mother of his children, **Catherine Dille** of Bloomington, IN.

Dad's Duty Stations: May 1975 Enlisted. 1975 - Lakehurst. 1976 - July 1978 Nimitz (after weather school), July 1978 - January 1980 NAS North Island (NAVOCEANCOMFAC), Jan/Feb 1980 - January 1981 Chanute AFB "C" School, February 1981 NAS North Island (NAVOCEANCOMFAC), January 1983 - January 1985 Tripoli @ 32nd Street (made chief 83/84), February 1985 - January 1987 Okinawa Amphibious Group One 7th Fleet White Beach, February 1987- July 1990 NAWS China Lake, July 1990 - July 1993 Ranger Desert Shield, Desert Storm, and Somalia, July 1993 - May 31, 1995 Pearl Harbor Naval Pacific Meteorology and Oceanography Center CINCPAC, Retired May 31, 1995

Daughter, Christine Rivers

Submitted by AGCS Lloyd Corbett USN RET

I first met Chief Dille when he reported to NWSED China Lake, California as the Chief Petty Officer in Charge (CPOIC). At that time, I was the Range Meteorologist for the Naval Weapons Center (NWC), China Lake. As a team, we provided real-time weather and climatology data to project managers in support of their project. Also, we served as tour guides taking groups of people to see the Little Petroglyphs that are located onboard the Center.

He was relieved by AGC Randy Landis as the CPOIC, and reported onboard the USS Ranger (CV-61) as the Leading Chief. During his tour of duty as CPOIC, I thought that his support of NWC was much above the previous Chief, I was able to write him up for the Naval Achievement Metal and it was awarded to him by the NWC Commander.

He transferred from the USS Ranger and served for a period of time at FWC Pearl Harbor, HI before going into the Fleet Reserve. He moved the family to the Phoenix, AZ area and a bit later, I was able to get him hired on as a contractor working weather support for the Range Meteorology Office.

Back in those days, he was a pilot and a member of the on base flying club. Once, we rented a plane and flew Daisy's brother from China Lake to Bakersfield, CA to catch a flight home. I remember another time when he tried to get me to fly in a Jnyokern Airshow with him.

They were making bomb runs on a target using sacks of flower to see who could hit the target.

Submitted by AGCS Lloyd Corbett USN RET

AGCS JAMES T. GREGO USN RET



James Thomas Grego, age 78, passed away on September 27, 2010 in Corpus Christi, Texas.

James was born November 17, 1931 in Pennsylvania. He served for the U.S. Navy. James retired from Texas A & M Corpus Christi. He was a member of St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church.

He is preceded in death by his parents **Michael and Pauline Grego**, brothers **Michael V.**

Grego, Joseph Grego and a sister **Elizabeth Petruska**. He is survived by his wife, **Rosalina Grego**; his daughter **Aurora (Allen) Lewis**; granddaughters **Rosie (Shane) Burlingame, Cindy Brewer**; great granddaughter **Aliyah Burlingame**; great grandsons **Devin Burlingame, Mark Corona**; great granddaughter **Jisselle Moran** all of Corpus Christi, Texas; sister **Marion Vanko** of McAddo, Penn and a brother John **Grego**.

A Rosary will be recited prior to the Memorial Mass on Friday, October 1, 2010 at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

A Memorial Mass will be held at 12:00 p.m. on October 1, 2010 at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church.

AG1 LARRY WALKER SR. USN RET

Larry Duane Walker Sr. age 82 of Logan, Ohio passed away Tuesday December 7, 2010, at the Pickering House, Lancaster, Ohio, after an extended illness. Born February 22, 1928, in Haydenville, Ohio, he was the son of the late **Robert Hayes** and **Jessie Amy (Jeffrey) Walker**.

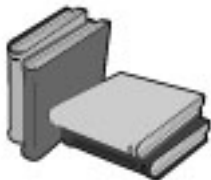
After sixteen years of service in both the US Navy and the US Army, Larry retired from the US Navy in 1961. During his time of service, Larry served during WWII, the Korean War and for the NSA. He was a member of the Mingo Lodge #11, Past Exalted Ruler of Logan Elks, Commander and Life Member of DAV, Life Member of Amvets, Life Member Korean War Veterans, Member of the VFW, Member of the American Legion, Fleet Reserve Association, Naval Weather Service Association and Past President-Hocking County Deputy Sheriff Association. Larry retired from the Citizens Bank of Logan, Ohio, where he worked as an Assistant Vice President.

He is survived by two sons, **Larry D. "Pete" (Kathy) Walker Jr.** of Logan, Ohio and **John (Merrilee) D. Walker** of Grove City, Ohio; three daughters, **Linda D (Danny) Searls** of Ocala, Florida, **Janet E. (Mike) Steward** of Union Furnace, Ohio, and **Amy I. (Jeff) Bartlett** of Sunbury, Ohio; a special friend and former

wife, **Norma Jean Mason** of Logan, Ohio, many grandchildren and many great grandchildren.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by seven brothers, **Orval G, Wayne, Merle W., Robert E., Edgar M., Charles H.** and **Donald H. Walker** and one sister **Thais Jeanette Hutchinson**.

A funeral service was held at 11AM, Friday, December 10, 2010. At the Roberts Funeral Home, Logan, Ohio. Burial followed in Shaw Cemetery, Falls Township, Hocking County, Ohio



CHAPTER NEWS



LONE STAR CHAPTER

We had our Semi Annual meeting in Fredericksburg, TX during the weekend of November 5-6. The locale, (outside the DFW area) was chosen in an attempt to get

more attendance from the general membership and to some degree, it seemed to work. However, the increase in attendance from South/Central Texas was more than offset by the decrease in attendance from North Texas. It would seem that we have yet to find a locale to significantly increase attendance at meetings.

In attendance at Fredericksburg were:

Mel Bourn and Pat (DFW) Normally attend meetings anywhere

Mike Fastow and Jeanine (Wimberley TX)

Charlie Jordan and Ann (Abilene TX) Normally attend meetings anywhere

Marty Martinez and Eli (Houston TX) Normally attend meetings anywhere

Jim Maxwell and Suzanne (DFW) Normally attend meetings anywhere

Joe McKinzie (DFW) Normally attend meetings anywhere

Bob Plante (Fair Oaks Ranch TX)

Gerald Shultz and Terri(DFW) Normally attend meetings anywhere

Charlie Weisman and Jocelyn (Franklin TX)

Arlene Stalvey (Visiting from Stratford CT)

As you may note, we had only three members attending that do not normally attend meetings in the DFW area. Those traveling from DFW had a drive time of about 4 hours. Mike Fastow and Bob Plante were the only members that had less travel time to the meeting than those who have regularly attended meetings in the DFW area. We have now had meetings in Corpus Christi, San

Antonio and Fredericksburg in attempts to lure more members to our meetings by offering locations with less drive time. We have been unsuccessful in all attempts.

It is understood that individual circumstances preclude any travel by some of our members but for you others, what can we do to get you to participate in the Chapter?

We are certainly open to suggestions.

Now that I have gotten that off my chest, I will review our meeting in Fredericksburg:

Most of us arrived on Thursday or Friday and enjoyed spectacular sightseeing opportunities from Enchanted Rock to the endless museum and shopping experiences to be had in Fredericksburg. On Friday evening, 14 of us dined at the Auslander Restaurant (renowned throughout Central Texas for its German cuisine). Everyone was pleased with the quality, quantity, atmosphere and relatively inexpensive choices from the menu. Should you have an opportunity to visit, I'm sure any one of us would recommend that you sample the Auslander.

On Saturday, we convened our meeting at the Quality Inn Motel where most of us were staying. **Harry Hale**, our President was unable to attend due to a death in the family so the Sec/Treas **Joe McKinzie** conducted the meeting. He reviewed our Spring meeting and under old business gave a recap of the NWSA annual reunion that we hosted in Irving TX. Many positive comments were received from attendees verbally or by later emails and it is generally accepted that the Reunion was a resounding success. We had been concerned that we may not have sufficient income from the Reunion to cover our expenses but were pleasantly surprised. Prior to the Reunion, NWSA provided \$750 in seed money to help defray up front expenses and we were not only able to repay the seed money but double it to \$1500 and put \$250 into our Chapter treasury. Our experience showed that \$750 was insufficient to cover up front expenses and at our June meeting, it was voted to provide the \$1500 to help the hosts of future reunions.

While attending the Reunion, we were able to recruit some new members to the Chapter: Namely, **Robert VanHoven**, Friendwood TX; **Mike Johnson**, Meeker OK; **Billy Wilson**, Pasadena TX, and **Jim Nelson**, League City TX. Unfortunately, none of these were able to attend this meeting but three reside in the Houston area where we have a few other members. Perhaps, a future meeting in the Houston area would be appropriate. Additionally, since the Reunion, I have been contacted by two other ex-AG's interested in becoming members (**Curtis Arnold**, Arlington TX and **Dale Howe**, DFW area). I responded to these two queries but to date have heard nothing further from them.

Under New Business, the Sec/Treas noted a significant increase in workload as a result of an effort to acquire Non-Profit or Tax exempt status for the Chapter. During the Reunion, our Past-NWSA President promoted an effort for Chapters to acquire this status so that the Tax Exempt status could be used for future Reunions. At his

behest, the NWSA Sec/Treas applied for such status for the Lone Star Chapter whereupon, the State Comptroller contacted the Chapter Sec/Treas, informing us that we were late in submitting initial and annual tax forms. The required forms were submitted but were repeatedly rejected and this month, were informed that we owed more than \$1,000 in estimated taxes, penalties and interest on the amount due. The Sec/Treas then visited the local Comptroller Field Office where he was assisted in the proper completion of the required forms. He was informed that with the submission of the correct forms, we would probably be found to owe nothing but would still be required to make annual submissions to avoid future taxes and penalties. We are presently waiting with bated breath, in hopes that we will not be required to pay since the amount sought is in excess of our total treasury accumulated over the entire four year existence of our Chapter.

Also under new business, the NWSA Aerograph Editor proposed that we buy an ad in the upcoming Hampton Roads Reunion pamphlet. Not yet knowing the cost of such ad, it was proposed, seconded and approved that we would spend up to \$100 for a full page ad in the pamphlet.

Nominations were opened for Secretary/Treas and President for the coming year. **Gerry Shultz** was elected President and **Mel Bourn** elected Sec/Treas with terms of one year to take effect immediately on conclusion of our meeting.

There being no more business, the meeting was adjourned. The date and location of our Spring meeting will be announced by our Sec/Treas.



Submitted by LCDR Joe McKinzie USN RET, Outgoing Sec/Treasurer



SOUTHEAST CHAPTER

Prez LT Todd McDonald USN RET
 1st VP AGCS Steve Turco USN RET
 2nd VP AGC Bobby Johnson USN RET
 Sec/Treas AGCS Frank Andrews USN RET

Southeast Chapter held the fall meeting on October 26th at the Golden Corral. Members attending were **AGCS Frank Andrews (Sec/Treas)**, **AGCM Joe and Rhonda McGarr (Past President)**, **AGCS Steve Turco**, **1st VP**

(Acting President), **AGC Bob & Charline Johnson**, **2nd VP**, **AG1 Ed & Ruth Ann Frandle**, **AGCM Bob Bentley**, **LCDR Dick & Marsha Pritchard**, **AGCS Barry & Jocelyn Brockman**, and **LT Todd and Cheryl McDonald (President Elect)**.

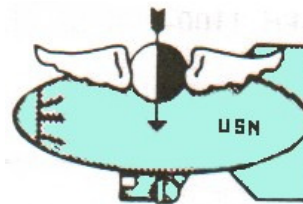
Special guest was **AMES Norbert Greinke, USN Retired**. Mr. Greinke was my guest and he was helping me with my wheelchair. Still under the weather since my surgery and heart attack and require assistance. After a great dinner at the Golden Corral, we elected **LT Todd McDonald** as our new president. **AGCM Joe McGarr** had to step down as president due conflicts with his job. Other business taken-up was the selection of date and location of our annual Christmas Party. It will be held at the Fleet Reserve Branch # 91 on the 9th of December. Notice will be sent out to members and former weather service employees. Each year we have had a great time at our Christmas Party. Additional discussion was regarding the return of the Weather Centers at San Diego and Norfolk. What will be next, will we see NWSA'S return?

During recent contacts for the meeting and Christmas Party, I found that we had lost another member our group. On the 22nd of September, AGCS Frank Smith passed away after a battle with cancer. In the past I would have passed along this information but when Frank passed, I was in the hospital following surgery and a heart attack. Our prayers go out to Maria.

There will be a Weather Feast held at University of North Florida February 2011. More detail will be sent out to members in January.

Submitted by AGC Bob Johnson USN RET

AIRSHIP CHAPTER



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 Chaplain Marie Garrity
 Sunshine Ann Bucher

The Airship Chapter had their Christmas Luncheon at the Captain's Inn in Forked River. It was nice to be together and catch up on how each one has been doing. President **Bill Suydam** began the meeting with thanking all for attending. **Gene Merrill** presented the treasurer's report. His correspondence list included a call from **Winnie Dunning** wishing all a Merry Christmas. A motion was made and approved to place an ad in the 2011 Reunion Booklet. With no further business, Bill adjourned the meeting. Chaplain **Marie Garrity** offered the blessing prior to our meal. Attendees included: **Bill and Joan Suydam**, **Al and Jane Parisi**, **Gene and Carol Merrill**, **Rod and Pam Elliott**, **Mike and Marie Garrity**, **Ann Bucher**, **Toddy McGayhey and son Frank**, **Henry and Bobbie Losch**, **Charlie and Carol Moffett**, **Bob and Lucille Wiorek**, **Norman Macomber and Lois Wanzor**. It was very nice to see Lucille, who has been sick as well as Lois and Norm, whom we have missed.

Hello Everyone from **Ray and JoAnn Bierly, Lisa and Bill** are flying us north for Ray's birthday and some family festivities. We leave this Thursday, December 9th, returning Wednesday, December 15th. We each are the best person in the world at one thing: BEING OURSELVES. Merry Christmas Love and Light.

In talking with various folks, I discover the following: **Bill and Joan** will be going to their son's for Christmas as they went to their daughter's for Thanksgiving.

Gene and Carol will be heading to Hawaii for a few months.

Mike and Marie are blessed to have grandchildren and I believe Marie said great grandchildren.

Toddy had a bumper crop of tomatoes this year. **Frank** said he had just eaten the last two. Frank is adjusting to his retirement.

Henry said "it is a long time from August to May". He waits for Blue Grass time.

Bobbie speaks often to **Harry Whitworth** in FL. He misses his dear **Patsy**. He will be returning to Lakehurst for Christmas. Then will head back to FL.

Lucille has been sick but is happy to up and out. **Bob's** eyesight is no better. They are happy to have the help of their daughter and granddaughter. Their son has been home off and on to help out.

Rod and Pam are preparing to leave for VA for Christmas, then have a second Christmas and New Years in SC before heading to Orlando for two weeks. They will be going down the west coast, over to Ft. Lauderdale, up to Vera Beach before returning home the end of January.

Happy New Year's and Good Health to All
Submitted by Reporter Pam Elliott



NORTHWEST CHAPTER

The following members and guests **Frank and Mark Baillie, Jim Black and Louise Ogle, Ken Boden, Dan Collins, Dick and Barbara Gilmore, Earl and Lynn Kerr, and Thomas and Sharon Southworth** are up and

well enough to travel as they attended the last meeting, and we hope, also survived the Holiday Season.

Thomas and Sharon Southworth's daughter has had breast cancer, and their son has been in the hospital with a heart attack. Thomas has high blood pressure which is under control with medication. **Dan and Marilyn Collins** did an eight day Road Scholar program in Colorado where they rode three steam and three diesel trains and learned a lot about Colorado's early history and some of its characters. **Mark Baillie** has been getting his dad Frank to do more exercising and taking him to museums. After the meeting they were heading to the Museum of Flight at Boeing Field in Seattle, WA. **Ken Boden** receives a lot of enjoyment from his dog with a squeaky toy as it runs around the house. When it gets outside it covers his 11 acres in about ten minutes but will not cross the creek that segregates about two acres of the property. **Jim Black**

is having a go around with his doctors to try and find out why he can't strengthen his muscles. His throat doctor confirmed no more new growth, and then gave him some special medication for his cough (probably Jack Daniels). His companion **Louise Ogle** mentioned that Jim will be 89 shortly, and the only person older in the chapter is **Fred Olson**. **Earl and Lynn Kerr** have been back to Rochester, MN to visit a daughter-in-law and say goodbye to an old friend. They returned with a pickup full of equipment for another relative. They have recently done some camping in the Okanagan and discovered that one of their big husky dogs actually got cold when the temperature dropped to 41 degrees. Our next meeting moves to the south end of Puget Sound and the date will be dependent on any unusual snow fall.

Submitted by LCDR Dan E. Collins USN RET



POTOMAC CHAPTER

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Another Christmas past, another new year begins, and our chapter looks ahead to several social gatherings as well as a sensational 37th NWSA annual reunion in a favorite spot. HRC reunion committee was able to book us into the same hotel that we thoroughly enjoyed earlier. For me looking offshore at Lynnhaven Roads generates memories of painting ship while at anchor there—SOPA refused to permit my old four-piper permission to enter Hampton Roads and moor at NOB until we painted over normal war color with darker grey.

POTCHAP CALENDAR

(This is included here because it facilitates chapter coordination)

- 14 Feb Valentines' Day
- 21 Feb Presidents' Day
- 22 Feb Washington's Birthday
- 24 Feb Flag Day
- 04 Mar PotChap luncheon meeting at National Harbor on the Potomac
- 13 Mar EDST begins
- 17 Mar St.Patrick's Day
- 20 Mar Spring begins (equinox)
- 15 Apr Newsletter deadline
- 17 Apr Palm Sunday
- 24 Apr Easter Sunday
- 27 Apr to 01 May 37th annual NWSA reunion in Virginia Beach
- 01 May Labor Day
- 08 May Mothers' Day
- 21 May Armed Forces Day
- 30 May Memorial Day

In early October another group lunch was held at Leisure World in Maryland where **Bob Ducharme** currently resides. Former workmates at NSA Fort Meade caught up on news in a lovely venue: **Tom & Gladys Beasley,**

Glen & Mona Anderson, Jim Dacy, Jim Romano, and **Don & Marge Cruse.** Despite vision problems caused by macular degeneration, **Duke** volunteers for Meals On Wheels serving twenty-seven elders in his community (he does NOT drive).

In late October **Jim & Rosalie Romano** and **Don & Marge Cruse** joined the RAF Chicksands annual reunion group in Branson MO, where we were housed in the Lodge of the Ozarks (again). We followed the usual tourist routines, seeing shows and logging sea duty in the Branson Belle. From Branson we visited briefly with **Neil & Jean O'Connor** near Jackson MS while en route to the museum in Pensacola with a load of books being donated to the Emil Buehler Naval Aviation Library.

The interment of **Bob Freeman** on 03 November at Arlington National Cemetery took place on a pleasant but chilly day. His grave is on a knoll beneath a sweet gum tree. A huge group of mourners observed the ceremony. Later **Richie** made a trip to Texas and spent Thanksgiving with her daughter Beverly in RI. **John Weaver**, Beverly's husband continues to reside with Richie and guard for her, pending wife's relocation to Maryland.

Charlie Miller lost his wife **Doris** suddenly in late October. They were in high school together in the Amish part of PA and got married when he came home on boot leave. After completing his NAVY twenty, Charlie was employed at Goddard in the Nimbus Program, then worked for Louis Allen and **Bill Dehn**.

Still living alone on her Ohio farm is **Ruth Case** and her four cats. Daughter **Lynn** drives up from Columbus each weekend to care for her, and Upper Sandusky Council on Aging assists her with Meals On Wheels. **Bob Case** was one of my instructors at Lakehurst as Aerographer First Class. He later salvaged a bunch of class photographs when the school moved to Chanute AFB; and he was always a strong supporter of NWSA.

According to Navy Times, four sailors have been selected for commissioning in the "Seaman to Admiral" program for Oceanography. They are **AT2 Meredith A. Ansley, AG2 Jeremy D. Crocker, AG2 Heather M. Pickett, and STG1 John T. Plant**. Congratulations! From that same source we learn that four officers were selected for lateral transfer into Oceanography: **Thomas M. Freismuth, Michael J. Harris, Bethany E. McDonald, and Cassandra M. Sisti**. We wish them well.

PotChap member and former chapter president **Elroy "Mac" McLeod** is engaged to **Richele Sprague**, a NAVY widow, and their marriage is scheduled to take place on May 28 in St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Prince Frederick Maryland. I'm sure that our entire chapter membership will be there, Mac.

Flip Coyne-McDonald returned to home base in San Carlos CA after visiting family in Houston. She is being encouraged by her family to relocate but is far too happy in California. The peninsula is indeed a beautiful part of the world as I recall from brief duty with ZP-33 on NAS Moffett Field.

North of San Francisco Bay we learn that **Dick Herman** remains on the Binnacle List after breaking his leg. Every Sunday he continued to act as a docent in the USS HORNET (CV-12) Museum located on what used to be NAS Alameda. We heard this from Dick's Walnut Creek neighbor via **Bill & Iris Arnold**. NPGS classmates were **Bill, Dick, Bob Balestri, Fred Sims, Dick Slusser**, and others.

At Christmas **Hazel Hudock** heard from **May Lilek's** daughter that a stroke has disabled May, who lives in Severna Park MD. Our attempts to contact **Dorothy & Joe Meeks** in southern MD have been unsuccessful. Can anyone help?

According to **Juanita Myers** she has acquired a replacement Jack Russell terrier and named him "Jazzy." In mid-November **Walt & Alice Cottrell** returned from an extended visit to Kissimmee FL where his daughter & family reside. **Will & Ella Gould** braved the mid-December blizzard in WI to attend a grandson's wedding...and survived! **Jim Romano** zigs back & forth to Myrtle Beach where his rental property has turned to worms. At the same time, **Rosalie** is driving to NJ where her elderly mother needs assistance.

Tom Beasley reported the arrival in MD of **Jim "Gordo" & Della Welch**, whom we thought were still in SC. This is an interim move, pending the sale of a house in Pasadena MD, before they relocate to San Angelo TX. Della has a daughter there. **Ed Carlstead** has firmed up his plan to gather his entire clan in Tantallon MD in February...dodging the big holiday travel crunch we all hate.

Work has begun on the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial in Washington DC. It will consist of a star-shaped granite reflecting pool at its center, surrounded by three walls of laminated glass and four bronze sculptures.

According to their newsletter, The Piper, our Escort Carrier Sailors and Airmen Assn is on the web and Facebook at <http://escortcarriers.com>. The next annual reunion will take place in September in Myrtle Beach. ECSSA is an umbrella organization designed to bring together former crew members of ships without similar newsletters and reunions.

Don Bryner tells us that both **Dick Pritchard & Will Gould** are agitating him to attend the next Ice Reconners Annual Get-Together in VaBch. **Don & Marcie** have spent thirty happy years in the boonies of PA...with occasional ventures to garden spots such as Point Barrow AK.

There was recently a high level of activity at **Vince & Robby Roper's** home caused by the arrival of a new grandson...**Henry Stephen Roper**, on 02 January. He is **Peter & Alison's** first child, born at Johns Hopkins Bayview. **Carl "Beetle" & Pat Bailey** have celebrated their 50th Anniversary. Congratulations to all!

Taking a break from their world travels & cruising, **Ken & Joyce Smith** spent Christmas week at Myrtle Beach with sons and families. In the new year we're hoping to

have them join us at a periodic Leisure World lunch when we all visit **Duke Ducharme**.

Tiny Hortch noticed a published obituary on **Ed Chase**, USNA'53, who passed over the bar on 24 October but no PotChap member took notice. He was NPGS classmate of **Vince Roper** among others. Ed was eighty years old. The passing of **Dawn Taylor** nearly passed us by until **Rich & Helen Kelley** read it in the Annapolis Gazette. She was the daughter of **Karen Cline**.

Visitors to Boston in the spring will be able to board USS CONSTITUTION in Charlestown, now that the \$12 million renovation is complete. She has been returned to her 1812 appearance. Marge and I fondly remember our last visit to the ship and the shoreside museum.

We read in FRA TODAY that the Gulfport MS Armed Forces Retirement Home is again welcoming residents. Hurricane KATRINA wrought havoc in August, 2005, causing 400 residents to evacuate. Many of them came to WashDC to live in the AFRH facility. The home dates back to 1834 when the Naval Asylum was established in Philadelphia...in 1880 the name was changed to Naval Home. In the late 1960s the modernized and expanded home moved to Gulfport. There is no annual budget appropriation from Congress to operate the Gulfport and WashDC homes. I can remember chipping in a few nickels from my pay when I shipped into the NAVY; and that still continues. Fines and forfeitures imposed on NAVY personnel are added to the supporting trust fund. We look forward to seeing many friends & shipmates in Virginia Beach in April.

Submitted by CDR Don Cruse USN RET

enjoyed by all, despite the disappointment of a small turnout.

The January SOCAL Chapter business/luncheon was held on the 6th, at the ADM Baker Navy Golf Course Restaurant. Attendees were **Al Marchmont, Morrey Summey, Al Hassen** with **Arlene Seek, Carl and Phyllis Drake**, and **David Rue**. The meeting was called to order by **President Al Hassen**. Various items of business were discussed, including the planned Valentines Day Champagne Brunch planned for February.

MEMBER ACTIVITIES: **Carl and Phyllis Drake** celebrated their 52nd Wedding Anniversary with a trip to Oahu, Hawaii. They both had a wonderful time. This trip was followed by a Thanksgiving visit. They drove over to Las Vegas to send the holiday with their son, **Patrick Drake**.

Recently received from **Jim Vollmer**, who now resides in Milpitas CA.: "Seasons Greetings to all! I hope this finds you all well and in good spirits this Christmas season. It's been a strange year for me, I was ill when I wrote last year's missive and got worse through the winter. In early March, I was diagnosed with lung cancer, it was later found to be a non-malignant abscess and was treated with antibiotics. But for a few weeks it was a wild ride through the medical maze! The up shot being I quit my job and moved back to Milpitas. Renting out the house to **Mark Laree**, one of Sue's Sister's Boys. Sue continues as the star sales lady at Macy's, but is thinking of retiring in February 2-11. The rest of the family is doing fine. Son **James**, and wife **Dawn**, had a second son in August – a boy named **Ryan**. Sincerest wishes that you and yours have a safe and productive year. The Volmer Family"

The Chapter has received information that **Leona Lee** recently passed away. She was the wife of **Melie Lee**. **Melie** was one of the old time Weather Guessers who lived in the San Diego area, and was an active Chapter Member until he passed away several years ago.

From **John Rodriguez**: My wife and I were invited by Japan Maritime Self Defense Force (MSDF) to participate in their Kankanshiki (the equivalent of San Diego's Fleet Week) parade. We departed San Diego early Friday morning, October 16th, flying via San Francisco and arriving in Japan (Narita) mid-afternoon on Saturday. After clearing customs and immigration, we caught the shuttle bus to Yokohama and then took the Yokosuka line to Yokosuka. Knowing that her brother would not be home until late, we ate dinner at the shopping mall outside the station before grabbing a taxi to her home. We then had a nice hot soak and retired. The next day (Sunday) we went to the base to do some necessary shopping. Monday, we visited with old friends: **Vice Adm Sugimoto, C-in-C Self defense Force, JMSDF, Yokoska**. We also met with **Capt. Nakajima Commander Sea Systems Center Yokosuka** and **Commander Yamawaki**. Wednesday we visited Yokohama and their big zoo, Zoorasia. **Fuji** was quite involved with their zoo exchange program and

SOCAL CHAPTER



President Al Hassen
Vice Pres Fred Farnsworth
Sec/Treas Morrey Summey

The SOCAL Chapter extends to all belated Holiday Greetings and the wish of a healthy, happy, and prosperous New Year.

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES: The last chapter event for 2010 was the Annual PARADE OF LIGHTS Dinner held on Sunday, 12 December 2010 at TOM HAM's LIGHTHOUSE RESTAURANT. **John Rodriguez** organized the event. The other attendees included **Al Hassen** with **Arlene Seek, Morrey Summey, Bernie** and **Delores Cohenour, Steve** and **Huuri Smith, David** and **Lois Rue**, plus a prospective new Chapter member **Dwight Koehen** who was accompanied by his wife. Two couples from John's tax group had to cancel due to illness. **Al Marchmont** had also planned to be there, but had to cancel at the last minute. The evening was highlighted by the spectacular view of the lighted ships and boats steaming around the bay. The evening was

helped them obtain the first Okapi's to be exhibited in Japan. She also was very essential in their obtaining many other species for their exhibits. Friday and Saturday (23rd and 24th) we had dinner with several retired JMSDR members we have known over the years. Sunday (25th) meant an early rise and travel to the base to catch our ship (CHIHAYA) for the parade. She is a deep sea rescue vessel and fairly new. The day was cloudy but we lucked out with no rain. Ships from several other bases as well as helicopters and fighter jets were part of the display and flyovers. We both, along with her elder brother, thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. The next day we learned that one of the ships from the parade on its way back to its home port of Kure, had a collision with a Korean container ship which had crossed to the wrong side of the channel. Luckily there were no serious injuries or deaths but the bow of the Japanese destroyer was severely damaged.

Tuesday (10/27) we had dinner with several friends at a French restaurant in Yokosuka. On Friday we went to Tokyo and paid our respects to CNO in Ichigaya. We also had a long session with Vice Admiral Takashim, Vice Chief of Staff, Joint Staff and RADM Masakazu Kaji, Chief of Staff, Commandant Kure District. After that we met Captain Manabe, a person we first met as a newly commissioned Ensign.

Sunday (10/31) we departed by the Shinkan express train to northern Honshu. Our first overnight stay was at the resort area of Oga. We really had a time on that part of the trip. After debarking the train, we were supposed to travel by bus over a mountain to reach our destination. However we ran into an early winter snowstorm and they closed the road for winter. We had to reverse course back down the mountain and then circle around the base before arriving at our hotel 2 hours behind schedule. The next day the bus ride to Akita provided some spectacular scenery and the bus driver kept stopping to point out waterfalls and other areas of interest and beauty. We next proceeded to Aomori. From there we made a day trip to Ominato and met with VADM Sansei Izumi, Commandant Ominato District, both old friends. We then returned to Yokosuka Friday. Saturday I packed my bags for my return trip. Sunday morning Takubin picked up my largest for transportation to Narita airport. Sunday evening we went to Yokohama to have dinner with two retired admirals and their wives whom we have known for years. The next morning (Monday 11/9) I caught a train from Yokosuka to Narita and returned to Sa Diego. Fuji remained in order to attend high school and college reunions and to see other friends, returning to San Diego Thanksgiving Day. All in all a most enjoyable and satisfying trip.

Morry Summey braved the elements and traveled to Herndon VA to visit his East Coast Daughter, **Marilyn** for the Christmas holidays. As a Christmas gift to the family and to make a complete family reunion, he brought his West Coast Daughter **Martie** and all her family. It was a terrific family reunion, with the only drawback being the

absence of two of Marilyn's offsprings and their spouses. Even so, we enjoyed time spent, and we were able to do a good bit of sight-seeing in the D.C. area. The snow held off, but we were still quite cold with the below normal temperatures along with some very cold winds.

Recently the chapter received a letter from **George Bernstein**. He began the letter apologizing for not being able to attend meetings due to declining health, no longer being able to drive, and a lack of transportation. He added the following: "I don't know if it is of interest to our weather buddies but prior to joining the weather service, I was attached to Torpedo Squadron 8 as an aviation mech on the Hornet. During the Battle of Midway my entire squadron was shot down and after arriving in Pearl after the battle, I was transferred to the Enterprise. I requested to be assigned to the weather unit and thankfully it was approved. Last June I was in a charter flight to Midway Island (restricted to the public) for a commemoration ceremony. There were 21 Japanese Zero fighter pilots on the flight. One of them had shot down 5 of my squadron's planes. Our meeting was televised in Japan and Hawaii. Don't know if this is newsworthy for the weather people but it was an unusual event in my life."

Al Marchment has recently returned to the SOCAL Chapter membership rolls, after an extended absence. He has also rejoined the NWSA, in fact becoming an active member. When he returned to the Chapter, he reported that his wife was suffering from severe Alzheimer's Disease. He recently reported that his wife, **Bonnie**, had passed away. The Chapter extends great sympathy for his loss. *Submitted by LCDR Morry Summey USN RET*



CENTRAL COAST CHAPTER

President Harry Nicholson
Sec/Treas Glenn Handlers

Carl Thormeyer's monthly climate report for his Marina observing area shows temperature and Precipitation was near normal for Oct. 2010. In an exchange of ideas with Carl for the fall weather, I voiced an opinion it seemed warmer than usual as I had not lit off my wall heater pilot light till after mid Nov. when previous years the pilot light had been turned on before the end of Oct. Carl wrote Nov. 2010 in Marina CA again demonstrated the rapid transition from mild autumn to brisk winters that we experience here on the central coast in Nov. Although the month overall was only 1.1 degree below normal, the 9 degree cooling for the first half to the second half of the month was dramatic. The mean temperatures for the first half were 56.8 and the 2nd half was 47.6

Carl's end of year account for Dec. shows the average Minimum temperatures for Dec. were 43.7 degrees while the previous month of Nov. was 42.4 degrees. We had 17 days with Precipitation in Dec. which dropped 3.34 inches of rain for the month which is above normal. I

surmise all this rain releasing latent heat was a factor in the warmer than normal minimum temperatures.

My commissary encounters this past quarter which is a source of news found me seeing **B. J. Ensley** on 20 Oct then 6 Nov. **Charlie Workman** and the last of Nov. **Dave Barlow**. Like **Pat Nicholson's** commissary encounter of a few months back, both B.J. Ensley & Dave Barlow were familiar faces but their names were not remembered.

B.J. worked at Fleet Numbers when I retired there in 1991. Awhile back, before B.J. retired from FNMOC, he had planned moving back to NC when he joined the retired club. It seems he sold his home in Salinas before retiring then decided to buy another home in Salinas and stay in CA. B.J. was AG1 when he left the Navy and went to work as a Civilian for Fleet Numbers.

Charlie Workman was stationed on Guam when **Elmer Erdei** was there. One typhoon flight out of Guam found both Charlie and Elmer on the flight that stopped for fuel one night at Midway when I was stationed there and I chatted briefly with them. This was probably in the summer of 1962.

Dave Barlow is AGCS USN Ret. and I failed to put a name to his face also as it had been a few years since talking to Dave.

All 3 friends mentioned here have been dropped from the B-list they having never been members of NWSA. The Well Weathered Wives Club was sponsored by **Madge Williams** with **Harry and Pat Nicholson** helping. **Bill Schramm** was again the M.C. The gathering was moved to the Barbara McNitt Ballroom due to a scheduling misunderstanding.

Pat Nicholson told me to take her tally list on the table to use as a guide in reporting who attended the party this year. So all the names being checked off that list all 48 folks attended the WWW 2010 Christmas Party.

Tom and Mary Callahan with Toms mother **Drucilla Keller** who is now 101. Some of Drucilla's secrets to longevity is to accept all social invitations and swim on a weekly basis. **Don & Dori Chin** attended. True I failed to make the rounds and greet many friends and don't recall seeing Don and Dori. **Michael & Ann Cumming**. Michael is Royal Navy CDR Ret. **Don Edgren and Marjorie J. Purcell**. **Ron and Peggy Englebretson** happened to be at the same table **Gloria** and I were at and I didn't recall meeting them before. When **Bill Schramm** asked for volunteers to sponsor the 2011 meeting Ron volunteered. **Mike Gilroy** our new local chapter member who moved from Washington last summer. **William and Dorothy Groscup**. **Glenn & Dolores Escobar-Hamilton** were at the same table with Gloria & I. Dolores likes history so we had a nice chat. They live in San Jose. **Herb & Barbara Hansen; Sam Houston; Zane & Gloria Jacobs; Jack & Valerie Jensen; Mary Kalinyak; Barbara Lewitt; Don & Carolyn Mautner; Dean Morford; Harry & Patsy Nicholson; Marjorie Petit; Charles & Carol Roberts; Ralph & Dorothea Sallee.**

When Bill Schramm opened the evening celebration. After our meal, Bill introduced the next CO of FNMOC as **Captain Erika Sauer** who I believe takes over next August, she being current XO of FNMOC. A brief parting chat with Erika reveals our weather support on Guam has been done away with the Third Fleet HDQ. is moving from Pearl to San Diego. **Bill and Mary Ann Schramm**. Bill as MC again this year read how our Congress has changed the 12 days of Christmas and this spoof was to me more interesting than the skit we have acted out in previous years. Whoever wrote the changes to the 12 days of Christmas as political satire is a genius. Bill tossed an idea at the group of perhaps having WWW luncheons in place of the annual gathering in Dec. or perhaps as a supplement during the year. A hand vote seemed about 50/50 in agreement with such a suggestion, so Bill said he will investigate the idea a bit more. As the Monterey Chapter of NWSA has not held regular chapter meetings in the past to elect local officers so are about as laid back as any local chapter in the NWSA. Perhaps local WWW members could attend luncheons while those who live out of our area would still attend a Christmas party and the local meetings could be combined into a local NWSA chapter meeting as well as WWW meeting?

Warren Thompson; Carl Thormeyer; Ace Trask & Beverly Morford; Dick and Mary Ward from Roseville; **Forrest & Madge Williams** with Forrest tickling the ivories on the Piano for our musical entertainment when we sang Christmas Songs.

Ralph Wrenn & Marilyn Cole: Of all the members attending Ralph and I go way back to FWC Norfolk, VA 1949 when Ralph was my Section Leader.

And that seems to be all the local news available for the beginning of the year 2011. I really hope the political winds blow strongly from a different direction in 2011 than the past two years.

Submitted by AGC Zane E. Jacobs USN RET



PENSACOLA CHAPTER

President: Pat O'Brien
Sec/Treas: Steve Deola

The Pensacola Chapter had its winter gathering at the Angus Steak House back on Dec 7th 2010. There was a good turnout, and everyone had a good time. The "White Elephant" exchange is always the highlight of our December get together, and this year, **Gene Witsman** (a new member no less) drove away with a nice bedpan. How's that for a "welcome aboard. Others in attendance included **Dick and Elizabeth Tokryman, Bernie and Le Bauer, Greene and Marion Hawkes, Dave and Jane Driggers, Ken and Barbara Overholt, Bob and Elspeth Lloyd, Bill and Joyce Mitchell, Howard and Shirley Graham, Dave and Jerrie Dunlap, and Steve and Betsy Deola.** The Deolas, Mitchells, and Gene

Witsman were first-timers at a Chapter gathering, and we're excited to have them as new members. Back in September, **Chuck Warner** and **Charles Keefe** attended the fall gathering. Charles came down from up near Montgomery, Alabama (a good 2 hour plus drive) to attend our meeting. He's an old shipmate of **Greene Hawks**, and they had a great time trying to recollect names of old shipmates. Pat O'Brien's sister-in-law reported that **Chuck Warner** was hospitalized in December with a bad ticker and wasn't doing well. However, **Pat** and **Steve Deola** ran into **Bernie Bauer** and **Chuck** at Denny's, in January, while having breakfast. Chuck is doing well. He's now a member of the zipper club having had by-pass surgery. He said his carotid arteries were blocked, but the good Lord must have furnished him with enough blood vessels to carry blood to the brain. He said he'd mostly likely be a genius if the carotids were functioning normally. He still has his sense of humor. The **O'Briens** continue to stay busy playing golf and traveling. In October, Libby traded in her Dodge Caravan. It was a great van, but it had 165,000 miles on it, and she felt it was time for a newer car. She purchased a 2009 Dodge Journey, and it didn't take her long to put it to the test of another trip. She and Pat traveled up to Norfolk and Virginia Beach to spend a few days with family and friends. Pat celebrated his 68th birthday while there with his youngest son, Sean, and his family. The weather didn't cooperate for Sean and Pat to go out fishing for stripers, but they did manage to play a round of golf at the Red Wing Course. They also got to visit with **Marty Nemcosky**, **Doris Steponick**, and **Chuck and Eileen Fifield** at lunch one day. From Norfolk, they headed up to Baltimore to attend Pat's 50th high school reunion. Pat saw a lot of OLD faces, and said he was grateful that each of the attendees was wearing a picture ID. From Baltimore, they traveled north through central Pennsylvania and southwestern New York on their way to Simsbury, CT, to visit with Pat's daughter and her family. They were going to continue north to Vermont and New Hampshire to see the fall foliage, but Pat's daughter, and **Jim and Joan Futtner**, told them they had missed the peak time for fall viewing. Therefore, they stayed in Connecticut, and Jim and Joan acted as their tour guides and chauffeured them around for a couple of days viewing the scenery. Pat and Libby both agreed that colors were awesome even if it was past the peak time. On the trip home, they stopped in Delaware to play a round of golf and to check off another state in which they have played the game. From Delaware, they traveled to the outskirts of Elizabeth City and spent a day and night with **Dave and Jane Driggers**. In November, Pat's oldest son, and wife came up from Orange City, Florida to spend Thanksgiving. Pat also got to see his oldest granddaughter who came down from Michigan. In Dec. he and Libby celebrated their 16th wedding anniversary on Christmas Day. A few days later they traveled north to Evansville, IN, to visit with Libby's youngest daughter and her family. In January, Libby and her oldest

daughter took a 4-day cruise out of Mobile, AL, to celebrate her daughter's 50th birthday. **Gene Witsman** writes that he's just laying low and doing his preparations for this year's travel season commencing the end of March. **John Shay** sends his blessings. He continues to spend time checking his eyelids for light leaks, but one day while up and about looking for something, he found a couple of photos from years past.



They include **Capt. Harry Englehart**, **LCDR Bob Buttrick**, **AG1 Art Ulrich**, **AG1 Al Holaso**, and **John**. **John** thinks they are from the 1973-74 timeframe.



Howard and Shirley Graham took a cruise with their traveling companions, Bill and Linda from down the street, on the Carnival Elation out of Mobil on the 15th thru 20th of November. This cruise satisfied a number of occasions; their friends' 46th anniversary was the 15th of Nov, Howard's birthday was the 25th of Nov and Linda's the 22nd. They have taken this cruise a number of times because if you take advantage of the sales Carnival frequently have, it is very inexpensive. And the Elation is a beautiful ship. Howard and Shirley left Pensacola on December 22nd and traveled to Charleston, SC to spend Christmas with daughter Tracy and husband Ken, and grandkids, Danielle and husband Mark, and Charles and wife Valerie. Since this was the first Christmas both Danielle Ulrich and Charles are married it was decided to get a

cabin and the whole family spend Christmas in the mountains of NC and maybe have some snow. Be careful what you ask for - how often have you heard that. It started snowing Christmas Eve night and didn't stop until the following Monday about noon. The cabin is 17 miles from Ashville. The news reported 5-7 inches of snow in Ashville; on the mountain where the cabin's is located, there was at least 15 inches and more like 18 inches of snow. It was spectacular, like a postcard picture or a Christmas Card scene. Even though they were marooned for a coupla days, the cabin was roomy and comfortable. Howard says it will take until about the 25th of May before Shirley thaws out. **Denny and Helen Maljevac** just spent some time visiting their son Mike and his family in Jacksonville while Mike was on semester break from Florida State College. Helen continues to stay busy with her needlework. She recently donated 125 knit hats during a winter clothing drive sponsored by a local law firm. She has already started on her next 125 for next year's drive. Denny is managing to stay out of trouble by volunteering at the local hospice and also at his church. Their next trip will be to Pennsylvania in the spring to attend their 50th high school reunion.

82. Steve is a life member of the NWSA, and would like to hear from old friends, check the listing in the B. Listing.

The 50/50 raffle was won by **Fay Crossley**. \$30 Paid for his dinner, but not **Bob Daigle's**.

An exceptional prayer for Marty and his family and a blessing was given by **John Chubb**, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance lead by Ted Lemond.

After meal orders were given to our fantastic waitress the meeting was called to order by Vice President Ted Lemond at 415pm.

The Secretary's Report from the 3 October 2010, was sent to all members. Motion was made by John Chubb and Seconded by Bob Daigle to forgo the reading of the minutes again. Motion passed.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Bob Daigle, Savings \$1404.43, checking \$3402.14 giving a total of \$4806.57. A motion was made to accept the report by **Bob Steiner** and seconded by **Chuck Fifield**, Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS...REUNION.....

A reunion planning meeting #7 was held Sunday 1/9/11 from 3PM to 510PM. In attendance were: **Marty Nemcosky, Doris Stepaniak, Bob and Carol Daigle, Frank Muscari and Fay Crossley.**

As a Review....Responsible persons assigned or volunteered for the following positions.

Reunion Chair: Marty Nemcosky Chuck Fifield is backup.

Banquet and Picnic Food Co-chairs: Ive Chubb, Doris Stepaniak and Eileen Fifield.

Registration: Bob Daigle and Fay Crossley

Hospitality: Chuck Fifield

Hospitality food, Eve Muscari

Decorations: Joan Akers, Doris Stepaniak has volunteered to help Joan.

Program Booklet: Marty Nemcosky with Fay Crossley assisting.

Publicity: Fay Crossley with Marty Nemcosky assisting. (most routine military papers have been completed, only local papers remain.)

Golf: Ted Lemond and Jack Salvato

(Marty contacted Titleist they will not be providing free stuff to us)

Entertainment: Marty Nemcosky

Chief Master at Arms: Ted Lemond has been fingered for this duty, and Frank Muscari is to provide him with badges, clubs, belts handcuffs to control the Mob

Banquet Program Emcee: Chuck Fifield

(part of the program should be a portion devoted to 100 Anniversary of Navy Air, part to Oldest AG, ((?? Will sailor(s) of the year be there))

Tote Bags etc: **Mike Joern**

(Members Are encouraged to find around 200 pencils, pins, letter openers and the like that could be put in the bags, Many banks, tour groups might be able to help.)

Thanks to Bab Steiner, Fay Crossley, Mike Joern for beating the bushes for stuff.)

HAMPTON ROADS CHAPTER

President Marty Nemcosky

Vice President Ted Lemond

Treasurer Bob Daigle

Secretary Fay Crossley

Social Coordinator Frank Muscari

VA Hospital Coordinator Joan Akers



Minutes of the Meeting Held at Cagney's Restaurant 16 January, 2011

In attendance: (19) **Doris**

Stepaniak, Dan and Carmen Lee, Mike Joern, John and Ive Chubb, Frank Muscari, Ted Lemond, Marilyn McDonald, Richard Dempsey, Chuck and Eileen Fifield, Bob and Carol Daigle, Steve and Sylvia Shafer, Bob and Jessie Steiner and Fay Crossley.

HRC Members started gathering about 3:00 PM after everyone was seated, Doris gave an update as to the condition of Marty Nemcosky. Marty is still unable to talk, his right side is still totally paralyzed. He is able to communicate some and can let people know that he understands. His children will all be in Virginia Beach by the end of Monday the 17th. The family continues to ask that no contact from the Navy Family be attempted at this time. Doris will let us know when such efforts are considered appropriate.

Doris also reviewed the information for the reunion Marty was taking care of those items have been divided among other committee members for processing. Much of the information was obviously well organized so the task should go smoothly.

New Members **Steve and Sylvia Shafer** were introduced by Vice President **Ted Lemond**. Steve had a interesting career from the late 50s to his retirement in

The Booklet was discussed; all seems to be going well. We are going to have to SCAN the ads to the printer and that will have to be tested, Fay will give it a try. We have 3 full page ads and at least 8 \$10 adds. Obviously more are coming, remember you can put your own business card in the booklet, or a birthday note to your wife/husband, just make it fit on a business card. More ads are coming. It was decided the HRC would pay for a Cagney's business card to be in the booklet.

Donna MacNulty is our coordinator at the hotel.

The attendees are listed on the NWSA Web Page, thanks to the Web Master(s). Go to the NWSA site and click on #37 reunion and then click on attendees. Only 7 so far. Fay will update through the Web Master once a week or more often as the names come in.

The Order form is on the Web Site for buying caps, cups and paying for raffle tickets and the like. It will also appear in this Aerograph. The Room Raffle has been organized with the hotel and it is acceptable by them. There was some concern about number of days of the raffle, but HRC will cover that concern.

Bob Daigle was concerned about the money, would there be a profit or would we be in debt. In 2000 we grossed about \$5000 and HRC was able to donate \$4000 to the Scholarship fund. So it is hoped we will show a profit again. Which means HRC members should surely attend the reunion and badger far flung friends to head east as well.

Doris was brought up to date on Joan's plans for center pieces on the banquet tables. Fay and Donna have around 25 milk glass flower vases, not sure about what Joan had planned for flowers. Joan was planning on putting a tag under one seat at each table, that person would get the flowers and vase. Doris will contact Joan about helping out.

Marty will check with the Hotel about having a TV and DVD player in the Hospitality room. Frank has many "oldies but goodies" tapes that will surely come in handy when there is a lull in the Sea Stories.

Silent Auction items were discussed. They should be of high quality or something that is surely to be of Navy or Weather interest. There is a real need for someone to donate an Afghan, there is always one to bid on and that tradition should continue. So anyone having one or can knit like there is no tomorrow, let us know soonest.

Printing of Name Tags has begun. Bob Daigle is sending Fay names, and events paid for and the STATE from which the attendees are coming from. HRC name tags will have HRC on them. The name tags will be placed ON the tote bags as they are stuffed a few days before the reunion starts.

Tote Bags were discussed, one bag would be used for COUPLES but double goodies would be placed inside. The name tags would be attached to the tote bag and for easy passing on to attendees.....

Chuck Fifiel reviews with the meeting (1/16) attendees, the committee responsibilities and names and changes that might be required. At this general meeting Chuck asked if there were any serious problems, I've Chubb

was concerned about the listing of her as Promotional Coordinator, which was confusing, so the title has been deleted, but she is still going to help with stuffing tote bags. There were no other concerns. Chuck asked that everyone review their committee responsibilities and be prepared to give a detailed update at his home on Sunday January 30 at 3:00PM. Information concerning this meeting will be sent to HRC members by separate email.

Mike Joern gave the group a presentation concerning the items that he has in the works for Tote Bags and gifts. Mike has a handle on this extensive program. He will inform Fay of any problems as he will not be able to attend the 1/30 reunion meeting.

The regular January election of Officers was brought up and it was thought best to postpone this until after the reunion. So until the July meeting of HRC, officers as listed above remain the same.

Because of Joan Akers having little time for the V. A. and now with Doris unable to help with this effort, Vice President Ted Lemond will do the coordination with the V. A. Hospital in Hampton.

Our usual April Quarterly meeting would be unproductive for the Reunion loose ends effort, so the meeting was changed to March 27, 2011, 3:00 pm at our usual watering hole, Cagney's.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Marty Nemcosky and his family. Marty suffered a severe stroke on 1/12/11. We are thankful that he has by his side his companion and our exceptional HRC member Doris.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to **Floyd Akers and wife Joan**. Floyd is gravely ill. He is on oxygen most of the time and under Hospice care.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Walker family. **Larry Duane Walker Sr.** age 82 of Logan, Ohio passed away Tuesday December 7, 2010. Obituary is contained in the Aerograph.

From the President's Desk:

Marty gave me the following on 1/10/11....."Reunion Revelers are reminded that the Theme of #37 reunion is Beach Party. Dress is very casual. Bikinis are authorized for the Sexy Senior Singing Group only however. Moon is expected to wear his usual coat and tie. So, unless you are planning on going to church Sunday, or have other activities requiring Formal Wear, I suggest you leave them home, pack light." Marty will be thrilled to see the reunion banquet hall filled with Beach Going folks.

From the Secretary's Desk:

Walker information sent to Aerograph Editor. The Web Master(s) for NWSA have been very helpful in helping get order forms on the web page. Also they have made a Reunion Attendee section on the #37 portion of the web, and we will update that at least weekly or more often as reservations flood into the Daigle Office. A Silent Auction form was prepared for approval, this will be tabled until the 1/30 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made to adjourn by Ted Lemond, seconded by Bob Daigle and passed about 530pm.
Respectfully submitted by AGC Fay Crossley USN RET



TRAVEL VIA THE MOON

You had a long flight from that outstanding vacation. You've landed back in the USA (only one hour from home) via rented car, and you have arrived at the baggage belt that will *eventually* send your bags to you. Never could figure out why in most European airports, **your bags beat you to the carousel**, but here in the US you can plan on a wait of 10 to 15 minutes....and you know, **YOUR** bags will be the last ones dropping on the belt. And of course, you know too that if there are *two* chutes the bags will come down, you will *always* pick the one furthest from you....which means that although you have been standing close to the carousel, someone (hopefully only 1 or 2) will gradually slide in front of you and you won't be able to see the bags coming at you. And so, the baggage tango begins. You were smart enough to put some large yellow or orange ID tag on your and your bags, so maybe your luggage will stand out from the other 100 bags your size and same color ... but, the bright tags are probably on the up or bottom side from you and you can't see them anyway. Well, while waiting you *could* go and get a baggage-cart ... course, that will cost you ... unlike in most foreign countries where they're **free!**

Well, someone decided they had enough of that "waiting" problem" and they are willing to share that with you – for a fee, of course. If you'd like a \$25 (or less) gizmo to put on your bag that will tell you when it's approaching, you can stand off to the side from the other sweaty passengers and make some calls on the cell-phone, or read the hometown newspaper, or just gloat over those other poor folks waiting for their bags.

The SECRET ... a wireless transmitter that looks like any other baggage tag, but has an off-on switch that you can turn in before giving it to the airline check-in agent when you get on the plane at the beginning of your travel. There is no battery usage until it turns itself on when it is within 90 feet of you at the baggage carousel. You have a receiver in your pocket that looks like a key-fob and you turn that receiver on as you walk into the baggage reception area. When your bags come down the chute and get within 90 feet of you, your magical tag starts beeping and blinking; and you can elbow your way to the edge of the belt and pick up your long-lost bag. Worth a try? Easy. On your computer, just type easy2pick into a Google search page. You'll find a number of pages of sites where you can buy it. And, you're on your way for less nuisance of waiting for your luggage. **One other method:** Travel **First Class** and some airlines will insure that you are not only the first ones off the airplane

at your destination ... but your baggage is the *first* bags into the carousel ... of course, that *may* cost a little more than a \$25 tag.

Flying **WEST** on your next travel trip? Recently confirmed that Japan hotels/travel/restaurants are **still expensive** - and more than USA travel ... but just slightly further south, Taiwan is unbelievably cheaper for those same items that almost everywhere in the US. Temps, too, are like Florida, Georgia and even now in December, you can expect 55-60 degree highs in Japan (they will call it 12-15 which is C rather than F) and 3-5 degrees higher in Taipei. Lots to see in both countries but don't drive in Tokyo. In Taipei go to the top of the "101", the 2nd highest building in the world (last year, the highest). The elevator takes 30 seconds to get you up there. Plan **now** to *enjoy* ... **TRAVEL**.

Submitted by AGCM Moon Mullen USN RET



First, I would like to wish everyone A Happy New Year! I don't know how we arrived at 2011 so fast, but here we are! I'm still enjoying my job as your Secretary/Treasurer. I'm also still learning something new everyday so the job keeps me on my toes! I'm pleased to say that we have two new life members. We are blessed to have 388 of the life members still with us. As of this writing, we have 584 active members. As a reminder, please let me know when you depart for your winter/summer temporary address. We pay 50 cents for each Aerograph returned undeliverable.

I hope everyone is planning to attend the NWSA Reunion #37 in Virginia Beach in April. The Hampton Roads Chapter is planning a fantastic reunion. It will be great to renew old friendships and hopefully make a few new ones. Hope to see you there!!

NWSA Secretary/Treasurer Libby O'Brien

“.....IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN....”



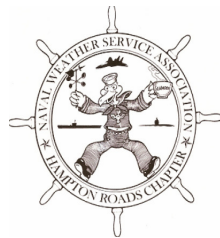
TIME TO SEND IN YOUR #37 REUNION BOOKLET ADVERTISEMENTS

#37 promises to be an exceptional reunion, but to pull it off we need sponsors. That is where each club can be of help. Buy an ad in the one-of-a-kind Reunion Booklet.

Business card size will run \$10. If you have a small business, this is a good buy. #37 would like to see those with businesses to sign up for the \$10 business ad, or just a comment on a personal level. A quarter page ad will cost \$20. Half page advertisements are \$40 and a full page ad is \$80. Most Chapters get full page ads, which is appreciated. Please send your advertisement and payment to:

Bob Daigle
3101 MONTOUR CT.
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. 23453-5547
PHONE: 757-468-3741

Thank you for your support:
#37 reunion planning board, and SEAMOOR.



ALMOST HEAVEN - #37

NAVAL WEATHER SERVICE ASSOCIATION

2011 REUNION - APR 27 - May 1

hotel reservation information sheet

The Virginia Beach Resort Hotel appreciates the opportunity to host the NWSA reunion. They look forward to having us with them. The Hotel is where the Chesapeake Bay meets the Atlantic Ocean, and offers a unique waterfront location to compliment any meeting or conference. Each of their 295 spacious two-room suites provides a separate sleeping room and living area with wet bar, microwave and refrigerator. Additional, each room offers a private covered balcony. The hotel has an extensive private beach, restaurant, gift shop, health club, indoor and outdoor pools as well as the use of a world class tennis facility. Meeting areas are uncomplicated and all on one floor.

To see this fine facility, check out their web site at: www.virginiabeachresort.com

Attendees arriving at the Norfolk International Airport may want to take advantage of the hotel shuttle service. The cost is \$12 per person and attendees are to make reservations with the hotel for this service at the same time they make their hotel reservations. Remember to ask the registration representative for further information and be ready to give your flight dates, times and carrier. The Hotel offers what many consider to be the best Sunday Brunch in Virginia Beach. When making your reservations with Hampton Roads Chapter, you are asked to give us an indication that you would like to enjoy this Brunch. The cost is normally about \$28. The hotel has indicated if we can assure them of a set number that would attend, there could be a cost reduction.

All hotel reservations are to be made by phone. Call 1-800-468-2722. Mention to the reservation representative that you are with the Naval Weather Service Association reunion scheduled for April 27, 2011 through May 1. Price for the hotel suites are \$112 plus 13% tax. Be sure to get a confirmation number when making those reservations.

HRC hopes #37 can be compared to our #26. We look forward to serving you.

ALMOST HEAVEN #37

Climatology

Dates:	HI/LO/precip	Records: HI/LO
4/27	70/51/.11	93/37/1.41-1898
4/28	70//51/.11	93/38/1.50-1895
4/29	71/52/.11	92/38/1.44-1986
4/30	.71/52/.12	93/52/2.40-1953
5/01	71/52/.12	94/58/2.80-1886

Past Two Years

	2009	2010
4/27	89/64/ 0	65/52/ .11
4/28	85/61/ 0	62/44/ 0
4/29	70/53/ 0	72/41/ 0
4/30	64/52/ 0	84/54/ 0
5/01	83/62/ 0	90/66/ 0



"ALMOST HEAVEN NWSA # 37"

CONVERGENCE ZONE VIRGINIA BEACH RESORT HOTEL and CONFERENCE CENTER, VA

Apr 27 - 1 May 2011

Wednesday, April 27

1200 - 1730 Registration (Second

deck lobby)

1300 - 1730 Hospitality Room open (Horizons Lounge)

1500 - 1700 First exec. board meeting (EX Board Meeting Room 8th deck)

1730 - 2030 Reception (Sunset Room) 2030 - 2330

Resume Hospitality/Registration

Thursday, April 28

0700 - 1100 Hospitality Room open

0800 - 1100 First General Meeting (Conf Room near Hospitality Room)

1130 - 1900 Riding Tour of Virginia Beach (Box Lunch en route to Military Aviation Museum - Dinner at your pleasure in Town Center) 1300 - 2330

Hospitality Room open

Friday, 29 April

0700 - 1230 Hospitality Room open

0730 - 1230 Golf Tournament

0900 - 1230 Riding Norfolk tour

1230 - 1500 Hotel deck party deli buffet (Sunset Room)

1600 - 2300 Hospitality Room open

1800 - 2230 Virginia International Tattoo

Saturday, April 30

0700 – 1230 Hospitality Room Open
0800 – 0900 CNMOC Briefing
0900 – 1030 Second General Meeting and Auction
1130 – 1530 NAVSTA Norfolk tour including NMFC.
Lunch on base.
1730 – 1830 Pre-banquet no host cocktails
1830 – 2030 Banquet and Program
2030 – 2230 Dancing

Sunday, May 1

0800 – 1130 Hospitality Room Open
1000 – 1500 Brunch served at hotel's restaurant, the famous "Trade Winds" perennial winner of "Best" in Virginia Beach

Program Overview for Navy Weather Association Reunion #37

Updated on 4/8/10

Virginia Beach Resort Hotel and Conference Center, estimated number of guests: 100-125 people Visit

**Thursday, April 28, 2011,
11:30 AM - 7:00 PM**

\$54.00 per person, - Riding Tour of Virginia Beach, and Military Aviation Museum of Virginia, with a Boxed lunch included plus Free Time at Town Center

RIDING TOUR OF VIRGINIA BEACH

Board the motor coach with your tour guide to enjoy beautiful views of the Atlantic Ocean and the Chesapeake Bay and learn about the history of Virginia Beach, the largest city in Virginia. See the historic lighthouses and the First Landing Cross at Cape Henry where the English colonists first came ashore in 1607 and learn about the famous Battle of the Capes which took place during the Revolutionary War.

Ride down the resort strip and past the Tidewater Veterans Memorial, a unique structure which pays homage to veterans everywhere.

MILITARY AVIATION MUSEUM OF VIRGINIA

Enjoy a visit to Virginia Beach's newest attraction, the Military Aviation Museum, located at the Virginia Beach Airport, this museum is home to one of the largest private collections of World War II and Korean War era fighters, bombers, trainers and seaplanes.

Many aircraft have been fully restored to their World War II condition and are available for flight demonstration, static display or movie production or commercials. The Fighter Factory in is the aircraft recovery and restoration component of the museum dedicated to the preservation of historical aircraft before they are lost forever.

Enjoy a guided tour of the galleries as well as a gift shop which is stocked with all things flight related. A box lunch will be provided en route to the Museum

FREE TIME AT TOWN CENTER

Visit "downtown" Virginia Beach, the beautiful new Town Center area. With an eclectic mix of shopping, dining, entertainment and living options covering 17 city blocks, Town Center is fast becoming one of Hampton Roads' hottest destinations. Grab a bite at a local eatery or a

national restaurant. Shop at popular brand retailers and upscale boutiques. Perhaps you will enjoy dinner and a brewery tour and tasting at Gordon Biersch Brewery, or visit Royal Chocolate to taste handmade chocolates made with real Belgium chocolate. There are many varied options here, something for everyone. There will be plenty of time to browse and shop and pick up an early dinner before heading back to the hotel.

Package Price: \$54.00 per person

Friday, April 29, 2011, 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM
Riding Norfolk Tour, Nauticus, The National Maritime Center, and Battleship Wisconsin

**Lunch may be a deli buffet
\$35.00 per person, inclusive.**

RIDING NORFOLK TOUR

Board the motor coach with your tour guide to learn about Norfolk's colorful 325 year history as you ride through the lovely historic district and restored areas. View the stately homes along the Hague, old St. Paul's Church, the Moses Myers House, the Chrysler Museum of Art, MacArthur Memorial, the historic Freemason District, Nauticus: The National Maritime Center, the Battleship Wisconsin, the restored waterfront area, as well as many other points of interest.

Downtown Norfolk has undergone a complete transformation in the last decade and features the beautifully renovated Town Point Park with the Armed Forces memorial, brand new \$34million cruise terminal, waterfront condos and state of the art shopping area.

NAUTICUS, THE NATIONAL MARITIME CENTER BATTLESHIP WISCONSIN

Visit Norfolk's exciting downtown waterfront TO tour Nauticus, the National Maritime Center. Nauticus is a unique and thriving campus of visitor attractions that explores the economic, naval, and natural powers of the sea. Features here include a series of ingenious interactive exhibits, shows, and theaters with various films.

Also housed here is the Hampton Roads Naval Museum, one of ten museums officially operated by the U.S. Navy. Highlights of the naval battles and exhibits of detailed ship models, artwork, and memorabilia are showcased in the museum.

Additionally, Nauticus has partnered with NOAA, to promote scientific and environmental literacy and to inform the public about NOAA's programs and activities. The first NOAA Education Resource Center at Nauticus that opened in June 2005. This one-of-a-kind Center provides educators with curricula, fact sheets, CD-ROMs, and other tools that facilitate their instruction of science disciplines (including weather, oceanography, and Chesapeake Bay ecology). The center also stocks current NOAA program and office information for the general public. A permanent exhibit at Nauticus was unveiled by NOAA in 2005, Science on a Sphere is an innovative system that uses high-speed computers, projectors, and advanced imaging techniques to create

the illusion of a six-foot, rotating Earth suspended in mid-air.

A true highlight of your visit to Nauticus will be a tour of the battleship Wisconsin, one of the famous Iowa-class ships. This great ship saw action in WWII, the Korean War and most recently in the Persian Gulf War. Wisconsin is permanently berthed beside Nauticus where it is accessed by a connecting walkway. Explore the main deck and recently opened portions of the interior to learn about this famous ship, those who fought and served on board and the role that this mighty warship has played in the defense of our nation.

Package Price: \$35.00 per person, inclusive.

FRIDAY EVENING EVENT,

6:30 PM - 10:30 PM

(Performance times are 7:30 PM - 10:00 PM; guests should be seated by 7:00 PM)

\$69.00 per person, inclusive. Premium Center Seats.

VIRGINIA INTERNATIONAL TATTOO

Board the coach to visit the Scope Convention Center in downtown Norfolk to enjoy the Virginia International Tattoo. Evolving from a 17th century tradition, the Virginia International Tattoo is a ceremonial performance of military music by massed bands and is the largest show of its kind in the United States. Presented annually in Norfolk, the Tattoo is an exhibition of marching bands, massed pipes and drums, drill teams, gymnasts, Scottish dancers, choirs and more. Each year, a cast of over 700 artists from many different countries creates an unforgettable spectacle under one roof for four breathtaking performances.

Package Price: \$69.00 per person, inclusive.

Premium Center Seats.

Saturday, April 30, 2011, 11:30 AM - 3:30

PM - Naval Station Norfolk Tour, Lunch included on Base, Navy Weather Station (Pending Availability and Approval)

\$39.00 per person, inclusive. Lunch Included.

NAVAL STATION NORFOLK TOUR

Board the motor coach with your guide to tour the Norfolk Naval Base, which is part of Naval Station Norfolk - the largest naval installation in the world. Home port to 78 ships, ranging in size from aircraft carriers to submarines, 26 aircraft squadrons comprised of 133 aircraft and headquarters of the Atlantic Fleet, this naval complex occupies over 8,000 acres of land and is home to more than 100,000 military personnel.

Your tour will take you past the 14 piers and through the Naval Air Station. You will also drive by the historic homes built for the 1907 Jamestown Exposition on "Admiral's Row" which now house the flag officers.

LUNCH INCLUDED ON BASE

Lunch will be included for your group at one of the clubs on base.

NAVY WEATHER STATION

A visit will be arranged to the Navy Weather Station (pending availability and approval). Or, a visit to an

active duty ship may be substituted (pending availability and approval).

Package Price: \$39.00 per person, inclusive. Lunch included.

THE PACKAGE PRICES INCLUDE:

Motor coach transportation, tour guide service, admissions as listed, meals as listed, taxes and meal gratuities. Gratuities for guide and driver are not included, and are at the discretion of the individual. Prices are based on a minimum of 35 people per tour.

Please inform all participants who do not show for their tour that they will not be refunded their money.

Last minute participants will be accommodated on a space-available basis only, and ticket prices on site will be an additional \$3.00 per person.

All itineraries are subject to change. Every attempt will be made to include all sites mentioned within this itinerary.

Boarding times will be fifteen minutes prior to listed departure times in front of the Virginia Beach Resort Hotel and Conference Center.

PLEASE NOTE: Any guests requiring special arrangements (dietary, physically disabled) must make us aware of their needs in advance, otherwise, we will not be able to guarantee that they will be accommodated. Those guests with physical disabilities should have someone traveling with them to assist physically. Phillips DMC staff and motor coach drivers cannot accept responsibility for lifting guests in and out of coaches.



**NAVAL
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ASSOCIATION**

ALMOST HEAVEN #37

FIRST EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Wednesday 4/27 - 1500 - 1700 - free

The meeting will be held in the Executive Board Meeting Room on deck 8. All NWSA officers and committee chair persons plus Chapter representatives should be present.

MEET AND GREET - RECEPTION

Wednesday 4/27 - 1730-2030 - \$30

Come meet with the other early birds, in the Sunset Room. Enjoy some very heavy hors d'oeuvres (and call it dinner), plus a beer or two or a glass of wine. Other non-alcoholic beverages will be available. This is a great chance to meet with "old" friends and see what they have been doing over the past year.

FIRST GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 4/28 - 0800 - 1100 - free



The first general meeting will be held in the Chesapeake Room near the Hospitality Room. All dues paying members are encouraged to attend.

RIDING TOUR OF VIRGINIA BEACH

Thursday 5/28 - 1130 - 1900 - \$54.00 per person.

Hop on a bus that will take you on an extensive tour of the Water Ways around Virginia Beach. Learn about the history of the area. See the Lighthouses and the First Landing Cross at Cape Henry. Box Lunch will be provided and is part of the cost. The Revolutionary War Battle of the Capes will be reviewed. The tour will stop at the Town Center where you will shop and have dinner on your own in one of the many fantastic dining spots, before you are brought back to the hotel. Long day, but worth the chance to see it all.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday 5/29 - 0730 - 1230 - \$40 per person.

This year's event, will take place at the Little Creek Golf course. One of the premier courses in Virginia. Don't miss this one there is to be surprises at every hole.

RIDING NORFOLK TOUR

Friday 5/29 - 0900 - 1230 - \$35 per person.

You will be visit the Nauticus Maritime Center and see highlights of naval battles, ship models and memorabilia. NOAA's Science on a Sphere is a new innovative system that uses computers and projectors along with advanced imaging to create illusions on a rotating Earth suspended in mid-air. You will visit the Battleship Wisconsin and go below decks (we hope) to visit the various offices including the Weather Office.

HOTEL DECK PARTY LUNCHEON

Friday 5/29 - 1230 - 1530 - \$20 per person.

If you remember the Deck Party from the 2000 Magnificent reunion, you are in for a treat again.

VIRGINIA INTERNATIONAL TATTOO

Friday 5/29 - 1830-2230 - \$69.00 per person.

You will be taken to the Scope Convention Center to enjoy the ceremonial military music that we all have enjoyed through the years. From 17th century

tradition, the Virginia International Tattoo is, in a word, AMAZING. We are so thrilled that the timing was such that you will be able to take part in this event. The cast of over 700 will keep you at the edge of your Premium Center Seats. (Don't miss this one)
SECOND GENERAL MEETING and CNMOC

BRIEFING

Saturday 4/30 - 0900 - 1030 - Free.

Please attend this more important and informative meeting. The NWSA future may be riding on the meeting outcome. Come early for good seating in the Chesapeake Room near the Hospitality Room on deck 2. It is planned that the meeting will be followed by a Live Auction.

SECOND EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Saturday 4/30 - 1030 - 1130 - Free

The meeting will be held in the Executive Board Meeting Room on deck 8. All NWSA officers and committee chair persons plus Chapter representatives should be present in order to iron out the plans for the next reunion and other important issues.

NAVAL STATION NORFOLK TOUR

Saturday 4/30 - 1130 - 1530 - \$39.00 per person.

A guided tour of the Norfolk Navy Base will start off this amazing trip down many a memory lane. You will pass 14 piers where many of you surely remember boarding your ships after a night on the town. Lunch will be included at one of the clubs on base. You will be given a tour of the Navy Weather Station and a visit to one of the ships in port.

BANQUET, PROGRAM AND DANCING

Saturday 4/30 - 1730 - 2230 - \$40 per person.

The evening gala will start off with No Host Cocktails followed by dinner and dancing. You are going to love the Entertainment.



NAVAL WEATHER SERVICE ASSOCIATION

ALMOST HEAVEN - #37

2011 REUNION - APR 27 - May 1



The following items are for purchase from the Hampton Roads Chapter. The money received goes to help defray the costs of Reunion #37. Please help to support this worthy cause. This form is to be completed as well as Tour Planning/Reservation forms. Hotel Reservation form is also required through the Conference Center.

Name: _____

Address: _____
Phone : _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____
50/50 Tickets (\$1 each, 6 for \$5) _____ total tickets= _____

Hotel Room Raffle (\$5 each ticket) _____ total tickets= _____

Polo Shirts (S, M, L, XL @ \$20 - XXL and XXXL are \$22.

WHITE ____, NAT ____, GRAY ____, BUTTER ____, WINE ____, LT BLUE ____
(NAT is light tan or off white, BUTTER is soft yellow, Wine is dark red) _____ at \$20 or \$22 each= _____

T-Shirts (S, M, L, XL, XXL) _____ at \$9 each= _____

Ball Caps _____ at \$10 each= _____

Additional Joe Mugs (one free with Registration) _____ at \$2.50 each= _____

HRC NWSA #37 Golf ball/Tee Set _____ at \$14 each= _____

Hospitality Beverage Tickets _____ at \$0.50 each= _____

(1 ticket for Soda and Water, 2 for Beer, Wine, coffee is free)

TOTAL: _____

(can be combined with Reservation Check but NOT hotel reservations)

MAIL this form and check payable to HRC to:

Bob Daigle
3101 Montour CT
Virginia Beach, VA 23453-5547
Phone: 757-468-3741



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Please Provide us with: Your Name: _____ Your Spouse or Guest name: _____

*More Guests: _____
 Address: _____ Phone #: _____ Email Address: _____
 Emergency Contact _____ Contact Phone #: _____
 Panning to Arrive: _____ Planning to Depart: _____
 We will be staying at Conference Center: _____ Another Hotel: _____
 At Camp Grounds: _____ With Family or Friends: _____
 Reservations are due by April 1, 2011 for the events. For hotel reservations see additional form.*

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- Registration Fee (required and non-refundable)** _____ at \$20 each = _____
(Includes a Tote bag full of goodies)
 - Welcome aboard reception** _____ at \$30 each = _____
(WED 4/27 - Sunset Room 1730 - 2030)
 - Tour of Virginia Beach** _____ at \$54 each = _____
(THUR 4/28 - 1130-1900 lunch included dinner on own)
 - Golf Tournament** _____ at \$40 each = _____
(FRI 4/29 - 0730 - 1230 JNAB Little Creek - !prizes!
 - Tour City of Norfolk** _____ at \$35 each = _____
(FRI 4/29 - 0900 - 1230)
 - Deli Buffet in Hotel Sunset Room** _____ at \$20 each = _____
(FRI 4/29 - 1230 - 1530)
 - Virginia International Tattoo** _____ at \$69 each = _____
(FRI 4/29 - 1830 - 2230 premium seating for a fantastic event)
 - Naval Station Norfolk Tour** _____ at \$39 each = _____
(SAT 4/30 - 1130 - 1530lunch at one of the clubs)
 - Banquet, Programs and Dancing** _____ at \$40 each = _____
*(SAT 4/30 - 1730 - 1830 - No host cocktails.
 1830 - 1930 Richmond Buffet See Hotel Cuisine
 1930 - 2030 Program
 2030 - 2230 Dancing and Entertainment (Roberto will wow you)*

TOTAL: _____

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Medical Center
Hampton, VA. 23667

October 14, 2010

Mr. Marty Nemcosky
CDR Ret.
President of Navy Weather Service Association
4721 Red Coat Road
Virginia Beach, VA 23455-4708

Dear Mr. Nemcosky:

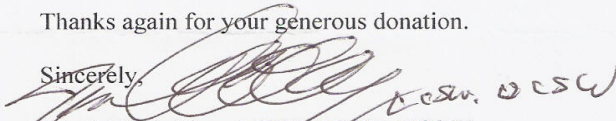
I am writing to enthusiastically thank you for your generous donation of essential hygiene items for the homeless veterans that we assist in the Healthcare for Homeless Veterans Outreach program at the Hampton VA Medical Center; Ms. Joan Akers recently delivered these donations to our offices.

Our program performs outreach throughout the entire Hampton Roads region visiting at least nine different outreach sites per month so that we can locate and assist homeless veterans where they are at. We have provided assistance to over 1000 veterans who are either homeless, or at risk for homelessness, in just the past fiscal year. The assistance we provide ranges from helping veterans to access immediate medical care, to helping them enter residential treatment programs, attain disability benefits, transitional housing or even permanent, supported housing.

The items that you provided are distributed directly to the homeless veterans, often on the streets. These items are crucial in helping homeless veterans to restore their hygiene, nutrition, self confidence and to present appropriately for job interviews and other essential appointments. Providing these items also helps us to build trust with veterans in the community who may be initially wary of the Veterans Administration, and of asking for help.

Thanks again for your generous donation.

Sincerely,



Marti Chick-Ebey, MSW, LCSW, DCSW
Homeless Coordinator

Attached is a letter Hampton Roads Chapter received from the VA, for helping with their efforts to help the homeless VETS. If you have a spot in the next aerograph that needs some filling we would like for NWSA to see what we are doing. Primary effort goes to Joan Akers our VA Coordinator.

Submitted by AGC Fay Crossley USN RET



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Entered Service _____ Left Service _____ Highest Rate/Rank _____ Date
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