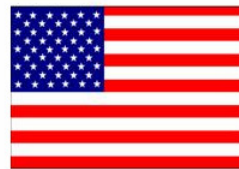




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## President's Report

For those who attended Reunion #37 in Virginia Beach, this goes without saying but the Hampton Roads Chapter provided an outstanding reunion under very trying circumstances. The Reunion Committee Chairman, Marty Nemcosky, suffered a stroke and passed away before a lot of the final reunion arrangements were complete. Marty had been very much dedicated to putting on a reunion to remember and through the efforts of his shipmates and their spouse's, it turned out to be just that. Congratulations to all those who put out such effort to see Marty's dream to its fruition.

Everyone that I asked has accepted my request to fill appointed positions for this year. (See page 2 for this year's slate). Although it is early in my tenure as President, all seems to be going smoothly and the organization is running itself with the indispensable help of our great Secretary/Treasurer, Libby O'Brien. How did we ever get along without her?

The 2012 Reunion Committee Chairman, Earl Kerr, has been keeping me informed of preparations and progress for Reunion #38 in Colorado Springs. We are still about 9 months out but everything appears to be shaping up for one more in a string of great reunions. Alan Davis is busy already preparing for Reunion #39 in Las Vegas. As most of you know, these next two reunions are being held in areas that have no local Chapter for support and individuals are doing all the grunt work, mainly by remote control.

I urge everyone to contact the Reunion Chairmen to volunteer any support that you can and be sure to sign up to assist at registration and in monitoring the hospitality rooms. If nothing more urgent happens than what already has (and I hope it doesn't), my future Presidents Reports will be just as brief as this one. Have a good summer ya'll.

*Submitted by LCDR Joe McKinzie USN RET  
 NWSA President*

### NEW BOOK

Click on [www.elderberry4u.com](http://www.elderberry4u.com) and read excerpts from my book I just had published.

Al and Maureen Berry



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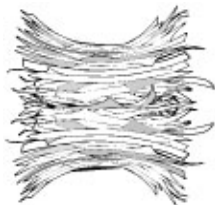
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**LETTERS**

**USS WASP CV-7  
 Spring 1942  
 Replenishment of Malta**



Dear Don,

I think I may have mentioned to you that the retired meteorologists and oceanographers who served in NATO posts have a reunion about every 18 months. We are having one such reunion from 21 to 28 May 2011. I wonder if maybe you have a summary of the two runs the USS Wasp made to fly off spitfires to Malta early in WWII. I know you mentioned that when you returned to Malta a few years ago none of you who were wearing USS Wasp baseball caps had to buy drinks. Anyway, I would be pleased to share, on your behalf, your story with our colleagues, if you agree. Those USN types who have made reservations to attend are: **George & Diana Delano and Neil & Jean**

**O'Connor**, in addition to **Janet & me**. Others planning to attend are from UK, Italy, Netherlands and Canada. I hope you are well – and that you have completed your move to Virginia. I hope we can get together one of these days. Janet & I depart for her house in France on 19 April and we will return to Virginia on 18 June. During that time, we will go to England to visit Janet's family and then fly to Malta for the reunion – then back to England for a weekend and then back to France.  
 Best regards, *CAPT John Lincoln USN RET*



Regarding Malta cruise in CV-7, it took place in spring 1942 when Malta was literally pulverized by Luftwaffe—not a long distance flight for them so more bombs fell on Malta than on London. FDR was asked by Churchill for assistance in ferrying a/c to supplement nearly non-existent fighters still operational on Malta. CV-7 had far greater hangar deck capacity than, for example, HMS EAGLE (48 vs 16). Malta was strategically crucial as RN submarine base (choked off supplies to Rommel). Our Aerology gang consisted of **LT S. W. Betts USN, Caerog Leo Abraham Lee, Aerog2/c "Horrible Harry" Watson, Don Cruse, Ken Fairbrother, and about three strikers: Ed Rorabaugh & Len Melkus & Joe Stecko. Skipper was CAPT "Blackjack" Reeves USN.**

WASP steamed from NorVa home port to UK in company with WICHITA & usual DD screen, was met off Irish coast by Sunderlands & HMS EDINBURGH. Continued to Scapa Flow secure anchorage, coordinated signals, wx, tactical details with Home Fleet, offloaded VS-71. and VS-72 to airfield on northern Scotland. Retained VF-71 and VF-72 on board for voyage. LT Betts & Cruse visited HMS K G V for wx broadcast info. Then steamed to Irish Sea off Greenock, were taken in tow by large tug up River Clyde (with crew at flight deck parade) to mooring in Glasgow (visibility in coal smoke less than length of flight deck).

Bomb craters on dockside structures impressed us. New Mark V Spitfires landed outside city at Renfrew Field and were dollied to WASP on special rigs—only small wing-tip fittings were removed for transport and hoisting aboard. Struck 47 a/c below and wedged them into hangar deck—projecting 20mm guns proved to be a problem for V-2 Div personnel. Many of us encountered same eye-level problem while navigating hangar deck during darken ship.

In company with HMS RENOWN and our own DD screen WASP steamed off Biscay to Gibraltar, transiting strait at night. Substituted RN DD screen at Gibraltar,

proceeded to launch point about halfway to Malta and launched VF to clear flight deck followed by Spits—each had engine started on hangar deck before being hoisted by after elevator and pushed by hand to aftermost position on deck.

Most pilots were Flight Officers or Flying Sergeants. Pilot revved engine until six men on each wing could no longer hold a/c, then Spit started slowly forward into the wind.

WASP was making max speed in calm conditions so wind across deck was at minimal acceptable limit. One Spit went off the bow and was crushed by ship's bow, remainder proceeded to Malta assisted by small belly tank with extra avgas. Each Spit carried minimal ammo due to weight restriction. Upon arrival Malta most Spits were quickly destroyed by Luftwaffe. WASP returned to Gibraltar but before continuing home was ordered back to Glasgow.

Churchill requested WASP make a second attempt to replenish Malta with fighters. FDR concurred, so we repeated our previous routine. WASP V-2 Div personnel managed to sling two additional Spits in overhead spaces so we loaded 49 for second voyage. Unfortunately our starboard propeller was dinged while being backed into river, necessitating sea trials first night at sea to ensure ship could make sufficient speed without structural damage.

On this voyage we met HMS EAGLE near Gibraltar—she was loaded with additional a/c for Malta—she was sunk on next voyage into Med.

Preparations on Malta had been made to receive another batch of Spits so revetments were ready when these a/c arrived. Likewise, all hands were ready to refuel, arm and launch them. Hence, when Luftwaffe arrived the new Spits held Field Day. It was later interesting for WASP visitors to Malta for 60<sup>th</sup> Year Commemoration of WW2 ending in Med to learn that avgas was supplied to Malta in ten-gallon tins transported by submarine!

While launching these Spits one a/c dropped external fuel tank inadvertently and was landed back aboard WASP. Sgt Pilot Smith was later deck launched at Gibraltar. His other option had been to fly to internment somewhere in Africa.

CV-7 retrieved VS-71 and VS-72 from Scotland and returned to NorVa in early April. Churchill sent his oft-quoted message: "Who said a WASP cannot sting twice!"  
*Submitted by CDR Don Cruse USN RET*

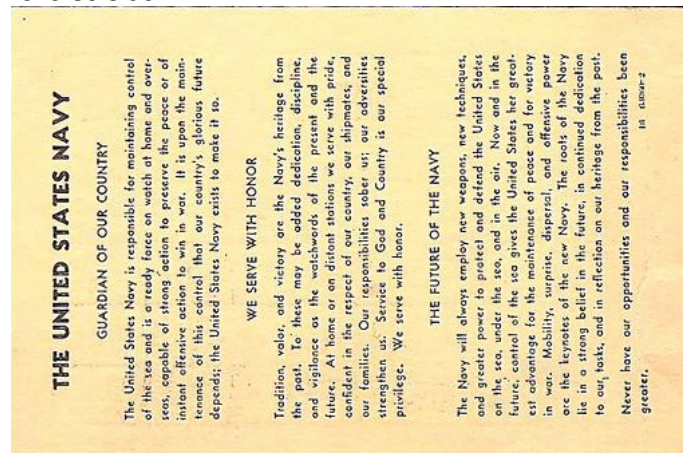
### REMEMBER THE LIBERTY CARDS?

I know there are \*some\* others like me that recall the Liberty Cards we had to carry when we left the base years ago. My recollection of the time frame is early 1950's to early 1960's.

I was rattling thru some olde files and the attached was in there. This particular Liberty Card was issued during some temporary assignment at Norfolk, VA (mem'ry failure will not permit me to recall WHAT that assignment was!):

ARMED FORCES LIBERTY PASS		SERVICE USN	DATE ISSUED MAR 19 1959
LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE INITIAL SHAY, JOHN S.			CARD NO.
SERVICE NO. 499 40 31		GRADE—RATE AG1	
ORGANIZATION—INSTALLATION—BASE RECSTA, NAVBASE, NORFOLK, VA			
TIME LIMITS APR 19 1959			
SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF ISSUING OFFICER N. J. ... .., ... .., USN			
DD(N)-345 1 April 1950		IG-63060-1 GPO	

Also notice the card had the bottom part printed on the reverse side.



ahhhh, Memories! While stationed in Port Lyautey Morocco (1959-61), you had to show your ID card \*AND\* Liberty card going OUT the gate and also coming IN the gate. Plus those that used the EM (enlisted club) Club, had to have a liberty card to go in to have a couple cool ones!

Anywhere the Shore Patrol was (including off base) and they approached you -...- you had to produce your ID card \*AND\* your Liberty Card.... Otherwise you got a FREE ride back to your command/ship!!!

*Submitted by AGCS John Shay USN RET*

### AG's and FLYING TIGERS

I just hung up from our fonecon, Charlie. Thank you so much for Don Cruse's contact info. After I interview Randall Richardson on the Big Island, I'll get back to you with a story for the Aerograph.

As I explained during my fonecon, I'm a former Marine Corps weather gesser currently volunteering my time at the Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor. I went through A School in the summer of 1956 and went back to B school in 1963. Got selected as a WO the same year. In 1966, we were losing so many Marine Corps officers in Vietnam, the Corps promoted virtually all of us Wos to second lieutenants (that's not exactly true but the requirements were relaxed a bit; (we had to fog a cold mirror and were given three chances to do that!). Got promoted out of the weather business in 1970 and went

into the communications and signal intelligence business. Retired from the Corps in 1986. Second career with Northwest Airlines. Retired from them in 2000. But back to the Aviation Museum.

We are creating a Flying Tiger exhibit at the museum around a P-40 that we acquired through the kindness and generosity of Fred Smith, founder and CEO of FedEx. In researching the Flying Tigers, I learned about the three Ags who joined the original Flying Tigers **Aerog 2/c D.A. Whelpley, Aerog 3/c A.W. Fritzke and Aerog 3/c R.S. Richardson.**

I spoke with Randall's sister, Jean, who is with him on the Big Island. Randall suffered a stroke a few months ago. She said though that he is alert and doing well but can't hear too well. She said that he would love to talk with a fellow weatherguesser. I hope to get some great historical, weather-related info from him for our exhibit when I visit him either later this month or in August. (Jean said that she and Randall are returning to their ancestral home in Tenn in Sept.)

Through on-line research, I learned that Don Cruse had been a classmate of Randall's in 1941. So I was trying to get a contact number without success for Don. When I failed, I thought perhaps that he had "checked out of the net." But you clarified that for me. Thanks again for the info. Will get back with you later.

Aloha and Semper Fi –

Gary Meyers

LtCol USMC Ret

P.S. An aside that only a weather guesser would appreciate. We used to have a SNCO in Marine Corps weather named Robert Rocke. Rocke always initialed everything with the ☐hunderstorm symbol since it approximated his initial. He always said that when he died, he wanted his survivors to put the thunderstorm ENDED symbol on his tombstone. I don't know if Rocke ever died and if so, if his wishes were fulfilled. But I will always remember what he wished for.

### **Soon, Too Soon**

**Long ago I was a Sailor. I sailed the Ocean blue.**

**I knew the bars in Singapore, the coastline of Peru .**

**I knew well the sting of salt spray, the taste of Spanish wine,**

**The beauty of the Orient...Yes, all these things were mine.**

**But I wear a different hat now, Jeans & T-shirts too.**

**My sailing days were long ago...With that life I am through.**

**But somewhere deep inside of me...The sailor lives there still.**

**He longs to go to sea again, ... but knows he never will.**

**My love, my life, is here at home, And I will leave here never.**

**Though mind and body stay ashore...My heart's at sea forever.**

*Submitted by LCDR Bud Horn USN RET*

### **EARLY FEMALE AGC**

A comment regarding the latest publication – Page 4 LETTERS submitted by **AGCS Lloyd Corbett** – in reference to the two females he mentioned, unfortunately I can not add a lot but the spelling of Webber is correct – I was stationed with **Merilou E. Webber** in the 1951-55 era at N.A.S. Norfolk and N.A.S. Barbers Point, Webber was AG2 then. I returned to civilian life and Webber stayed for a career 22 years – I had lost contact until she retired and settled in the North Texas area, she lost her life to cancer in 2005. Thanks for remembering her. Please transmit this to Corbett.

*Submitted by LCDR Joe McKinzie USN RET*

### **THE FORGOTTEN WAR: KOREA 60<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

June 25, 1950: North Korea crosses the 38<sup>th</sup> Parallel, invading South Korea.

July 27, 1953: Peace Treaty signed at Panmunjom. 38<sup>th</sup> parallel reset as boundary between communist North and anti-communist South.



A navy corsair plane catches wingtip and crashes into the sea ahead of the carrier USS Boxer in takeoff accident in the Sea of Japan on May 22, 1951. The carrier altered its course to miss wreckage and pilot, Lt. Oliver Droege of Kansas City, Mo., was rescued unhurt by helicopter.

*Submitted by AGCM Bob Lee USN RET*

### **U.S. NAVY RIF**

June 24, 2011

The Day, New London, Conn. | by Jennifer McDermott

So many Sailors are choosing to stay in the Navy rather than take their chances in a struggling economy that now the Navy will decide who gets to stay.

Sailors completing their first enlistment are staying in the Navy at a rate of 72 percent. There is no room for them to move through the ranks because not enough people are leaving.

This summer, the Navy will convene a retention board to review roughly 16,000 records and choose 3,000 sailors to leave the service earlier than they had planned. With more than 270,000 enlisted sailors serving today, that means 6 percent of the force will be evaluated and 1 percent separated.

Sailors with nuclear training will be spared because the Navy needs to retain their technical skills and because the number of these Sailors is generally in line with the number of submarine jobs the Navy has to fill.

Officers, however, may not be spared.

The Navy will convene a second board in August to choose about 240 commanders and captains for early retirement, possibly including some submarine warfare officers. The Navy cited high retention and low attrition as the reason for this review as well.

"The reason that we are letting people go is because they are not leaving the Navy on the projected rate that they normally do," Adm. Gary Roughead, chief of naval operations, said earlier this month at a military strategy forum. "People are in the Navy to fill specific jobs. So it's not as if I can keep people just because I want to."

Personnel costs have the highest inflation rate because of pay and benefits. The service has to live within its means, Roughead added.

The Navy is overmanned in 31 of its 84 ratings, or jobs for enlisted sailors. The retention board will consider selected third class petty officers through senior chief petty officers in the 31 specialties, who have more than seven but fewer than 15 years of service as of Oct. 1. One-third will be in aviation jobs.

None of the 31 specialties is submarine specific. Lt. Cmdr. Kyung Choi, spokesman for the commander of the Submarine Force, said the personnel requirements for the submarine force have not changed.

But some of the Sailors serving on shore at submarine bases, either assisting the chaplain or providing career counseling and maintaining personnel records, could be affected. Both kinds of specialists are assigned to the Naval Submarine Base in Groton.

This is the first time sailors with lower levels of experience have been reviewed by a retention board, although some more senior Sailors were previously considered by a board.

Some in Congress question the Navy's plan. The House Armed Services Committee said in its recent report on the defense authorization act that it was concerned by the Navy's request to reduce its ranks.

"The Navy has been challenged over the past several years as sailors deployed as individual augmentees to overseas contingency operations to execute non-traditional Navy missions, which has drained needed

manpower from the fleet," the report said, adding that the committee would "closely monitor" the Navy's reduction of manpower and the impact on operations and requirements.

U.S. Rep. Joe Courtney, D-2<sup>nd</sup> District, and a committee member, said the impact to southeastern Connecticut should be lessened by the fact that nuclear-trained Sailors are exempt.

He said there is "obviously an economic backdrop" to the retention issue since both recruitment and retention numbers went up after the financial collapse.

The board will first look for any indicators of poor performance, such as past punishments for disciplinary offenses, then base decisions on the Navy's quotas for each job, said Lt. Matthew Allen, spokesman for the chief of naval personnel.

Sailors in the crowded jobs were given the chance to apply for other Navy jobs that are short-staffed. Those who are told to leave the Navy this summer must do so by June 30, 2012. They will be eligible for benefits and pay for people who are involuntarily separated, such as employment assistance and help relocating for those stationed overseas.

*Submitted by LCDR J.E. Kerr USN RET*

## POSTCARD FROM GERMANY



One of my favorite cities in northern Europe. Small but with great food and really friendly people. Today, I was with a delegation from the ship and we went to city hall to meet the mayor. They fed us and it was all great. The strawberry torte was so rich (*that*) I was near culinary ecstasy.

*Submitted by AGC Tim Kenefick USN RET*

## BALLOON SUPPORT

This article talks about support provided to The National Scientific Balloon Facility (NSBF) during 1992 by the Range Meteorology Office and Executive Resources Associates (ERA) at the Naval Weapons Center, China Lake, CA. At this time, NSBF was releasing balloons from Daggett, CA that carried scientific instruments from there to a landing point in the high plains of

Texas/Oklahoma. Meteorological data provided were to assist in go-no-go decisions for the release of the balloon. The float altitude of the balloon was 150,000 feet carrying a payload weight of 1,600 pounds. At launch, the package (balloon, parachute and payload) was 906 feet long. The balloon had 26 miles of seams, 16 acres of fabric and was inflated with enough gas to be 604 feet long at float altitude and the maximum diameter of the balloon would reach 518 feet.

Folks from the NSBF attended Range Commanders Council –Meteorology Group (RCCMG) Meetings that were sponsored by the Range Commanders Council for the Department of Defense. They provided the group with updated data learned from their support and research.

In 1982, the sponsorship of the National Science Foundation was transferred to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and NSBF became a separate entity under the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research (UCAR). In 1987, the NASA contract to operate NSBF was awarded to the Physical Science Laboratory under the auspices of New Mexico State University.

The NSFB had the following three fold Mission:

1. Plan and develop facilities and provide operations service to meet the approved ballooning requirements of the scientific community.
2. Perform the necessary research and development to meet future scientific ballooning requirements.
3. Provide consulting services in the field of scientific ballooning.

The types of research for which balloons are used:

Cosmic Ray Studies; Gamma Ray and X-Ray Astronomy; Optical and Ultra-Violet Astronomy; Infrared Astronomy; Atmospheric Sciences; Magnetospherics; Micrometeorite Particles

During the first 25 years of operations, the facility launched more than 1700 balloon and the field of ballooning had a dramatic increase in the demand for service, sophistication, and lift requirements. The average payload increased from 407 pounds in 1964 to 5000 pounds by the early 1990's and the average balloon volume increased from 2.8 million cubic feet (MCF) with requests for support requiring balloons to 30 MCF being routine.

*Submitted by AGCS Lloyd Corbett USN RET*

## THE SUN TAKES A RARE HIATUS



*This Week, 1-8 2011*

*Health and Science News*

Sunspot activity may be entering a lull for almost the first time in 400 years, offering scientists a rare chance to gauge how solar conditions affect Earth's climate.

"This is highly unusual and unexpected", Frank Hill, a researcher at the National Solar Observatory, tells Angence France-Press. Three

new NSO studies suggest that the sun's fluctuating magnetic field may soon become too weak to produce sunspots, those dark regions on the solar surface that normally wax and wane every 17 years. The sun should reach the peak of that cycle next year, but its recent calm "weather" – including slower surface wind patterns and fewer solar flares – could signal it's entering a period of relative dormancy. That would mean less solar radiation reaching the Earth. The last time sunspots disappeared, in 1645, their absence lasted for 70 years, during which Earth experienced a frigid period known as the "Little Ice Age". Hill says there's not "enough evidence either way" to say whether that dip in the suns magnetic activity caused the Earth's cooling. But he says the coming sunspot hiatus will be a "splendid opportunity" to figure out how the sun's weather affects our climate.

*Submitted by LCDR Joe McKinzie USN RET*

## SHIFT COLORS

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*Submitted by AGCS Lloyd Corbett USN RET*

## Radfo – Mothballed or Blackballed

After registering, I had to miss the Virginia Beach Convention. **Capt Bob Titus**, the original author of Radfo, handed out a few business cards on Radfo. He had talked to the representative of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Fleet and as expected, they are committed to a DTRA model called HPAC and would not even take a card to check out the update. As this was a fun time reunion, it was apparent that this wasn't the time and place for a serious discussion but now it is.

You all may recall that Shipboard Radioactive Fallout model – Radfo in the blue paper back from the early 80's. I revived it in the mid 80's and used it as a presentation to the Society of Professional Engineers in Phila. During the last 4 years, from the info gathered from 911 and my previous modification, this has been upgraded to a 16 color Google Earth display and projected upper winds and soundings from the RUC model. All the possible advanced techniques and adapted for different cities for a real time simulation. A fter communicating with DTRA, I decided that to incorporate these methods into their model may be disruptive to their model and certainly vice versa. Just as we have all seen a few meteorological forecasting models, it is better to keep these independent and serve as a cross check.

The NAVY as well as the Strategic Air Command STRATCOM are committed to the HPAC model that is funded by a continual grant which you could see they

protect. I have made the following points to Bob Titus for reference:

1. They left the foundation of the true verified model assumptions by Bob Titus who is also an eye witness and consultant to the Nevada Tests.
2. They have way too few particles and wind levels to accurately depict reality.
3. It has not been available for the public, only military.
4. Reports indicate that it is rarely run as an exercise.
5. It isn't city case sensitive.
6. It was an all inclusive model that really was an extensive to a low level radiation release from a Nuclear Power Plant.
7. The latest was they are in an update process.

If any active NWS personnel or recently retired have run this model, please advise by contact at [buddygraph@hotmail.com](mailto:buddygraph@hotmail.com), [info@radfo.info](mailto:info@radfo.info) or call 215-766-8488. All the talent from your active duty can be used again as the most important forecast you have ever done by verifying the model winds, upper air charts to cross check and noting shifting winds by upper air circulations should put a confident level on our radioactive plume forecast.

The Navy is not now responsible for your decision but you are to your friends, relatives and neighbors. We will hope that some funding would be available to you as the public becomes aware that they have nothing available to them. All of you NWS personnel, programmers and engineers are asked to review our new entire model assumptions by the website [www.radfo.info](http://www.radfo.info). Our first commander & chief has plenty to say on such a nuclear attack as seen in this intro article with some other references you might want to check out. Sample runs and then the complete Radfo Model link development is at the bottom of the intro page. After review, you will see our concern and why we want to present the best model possible to you all and possible bring it back home to your Navy.

*Submitted by LCDR 'Buddy' McCloskey USNR RET*



## SECRETARY'S DESK

Minutes of the Executive Board and General Membership Meetings at Reunion #37

Due to space constraints in the Aerograph I will highlight important items discussed and approved at the executive board and general membership meetings.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Executive Board Meeting held Wednesday 27 April 2011. The meeting was called to order by the President Bill Bowers at 1510. A moment of silence was held in memory of **Cdr Marty Nemcosky, Jr.** The minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Executive Board meeting held in Dallas were distributed and approved as presented. **Earl Kerr** requested the 2012 reunion be discussed at the first general meeting. **Moon Mullen** was unable to attend meeting therefore **Bill Bowers** presented the

slate of officers for 2013. Bill Bowers was nominated for President. Nominees for 2<sup>nd</sup> VP are **Mike Gilroy** and **Harry Nicholson**. Nominees for 2<sup>nd</sup> VP are **Alan Davis** and **Dennis Ruth**. The Secretary/Treasurer has another two year appointment. Nominations will be accepted from the floor. Mike Gilroy gave a report from the Scholarship Committee. He announced that **Marty Martinez** (*See Remembrances...ed.*) had to step down due to personal reasons. **Ed Frandle** has agreed to stay on the committee. There were 13 applicants this year. The committee has recommended two \$5,000 award to two recipients. Mike also provided a brief summary of the possibility of turning the Scholarship Funds over to the American Meteorological Society (AMS). He will provide a power-point presentation at the 2<sup>nd</sup> general membership meeting Saturday morning. Mike stated that if the proposal is approved, he would like to see funds transferred by the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2012. The treasurer's report was given. In available funds, there is \$2,723.18 in the General Fund, \$2049.30 in Scholarship Fund, and \$9258.11 in Life Membership Fund. In CD's there is \$149,698.09 in Scholarship Fund and \$30,661.05 in the Life Membership Fund. **Lloyd Corbett** has completed his search for the oldest members of the association. They are **LT William F. O'Neil**, **AGC L.R. (Mike) Rhine** and **LT George F. Buie**. A motion was made and passed to have the Secretary mail letters of acknowledgement to each member. **Joe McKinzie** proposed the Secretary/Treasurer contact a tax attorney to get guidance for the Chapters on submitting 990N for tax purposes. The proposal was not acted upon. A motion was made to increase the SOY cash award to \$200 per sailor. Motion was passed and the Secretary/Treasurer was tasked to make it happen. Meeting was adjourned at 1615.

1<sup>st</sup> General Membership Meeting held Thursday 28 April 2011. The meeting was called to order at 0815 by the President **Bill Bowers**. The Master-At-Arms, **Ted Lemond**, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. The invocation was given by the Chaplain, **Alan Davis**. Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> general meeting at Dallas were distributed and accepted as written. **Chuck Fifield** gave a report from the Hampton Roads Chapter regarding the reunion. He stated scholarship donations would be accepted on behalf of **Marty Nemcosky** and **Floyd Akers** and were to be placed in a box at the memorial table in the hospitality room. **Earl Kerr** gave a report on Reunion #38 which will be held 16-20 May 2012 in Colorado Springs. The reunion will be held at the Crown Plaza Hotel. The hotel rates will be \$109 for an interior room and \$119 for a room with a view. These rates do not include taxes. Breakfast is included in the cost. By registering early, before the end of April 2012, you will be eligible for a room upgrade. A drawing will be held to determine the winner. Earl asked for volunteers who could be there a day early to assist in setting up for the reunion and any last minutes items that need attention. Our two new webmasters were introduced. They are **Gary Cox** and **Chuck Casperson**. **Mahlon Trenz** had



to step down as webmaster due to medical reasons. The Scholarship Committee recommended two awards of \$5,000.00 each be given to **Aaron Hill**, a University of Washington Junior and **Reginald Johnson**, a high school senior. Mike will give a power point presentation at the 2<sup>nd</sup> general meeting regarding transfer of scholarship funds to the American Meteorological Society. **Alan Davis** offered Las Vegas as the site for Reunion #39. He will work with contractors but will need help in getting everything ready. The Monterey Chapter agreed to assist. **Harry Hale** and **Don Cruse** are in the process of transferring historical data. Meeting was adjourned at 0940.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> General Membership Meeting Saturday 30 April 2011. The meeting was called to order at 0930 by the President **Bill Bowers**. The invocation was given by the Chaplain **Alan Davis**. The Necrology was read by **Alan Davis**. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all. The minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> general meeting were read by the Secretary and were approved as read. The Finance Committee led by **Chuck Steinbruck** audited the Secretary/Treasurers books and reported that everything was clear, concise and accurate to the penny. **Mike Gilroy** announced that **Ed Nelson** was asked to be on the Scholarship Committee to replace **Marty Martinez**. Mike Gilroy presented a power point presentation on transferring the scholarship funds to AMS. A discussion was held on the feasibility of transferring the funds to AMS. A recommendation by the membership was to have a termination clause in the contract in case NWSA decides funds are not being used in the association's best interest. The Executive committee will act on this proposal. The 2013 Slate of Officers were elected and are as follows: President, **Bill Bowers**, 1<sup>st</sup> VP **Mike Gilroy**, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP **Dave Leib**. The Secretary/Treasurer will remain in office until 2014. The membership thanked the Aerograph Editor, **Charlie Jordan** for all his hard work and dedication in getting the Aerograph to print. A recommendation was made to recognize **Mahlon Trezn** for his hard work and dedication as the webmaster. Mike Gilroy agreed to put something together. **Chuck Fifield gave** a report on behalf of the Hampton Roads Chapter for the support and help received from everyone. Meeting was adjourned at 1045.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Executive Board Meeting Saturday 30 April 2011. The meeting was called to order at 1050 by the President **Bill Bowers**. The executive committee voted to approve the transitioning of the scholarship funds to AMS with the understanding that the concerns of the membership regarding the termination clause be incorporated in the contract. **Mike Gilroy** will contact his AMS POC regarding the contract. The NWSA President will be the one signing the contract. Approval was given to award two \$5000.00 scholarships to **Aaron Hill** and **Reginald Johnson** as recommended by the scholarship committee. Approval was given to reimburse the Secretary/Treasurer for payment to Network Solutions, host of the NWSA website. **Mike Gilroy** was authorized to purchase an overhead projector up to \$500 for NWSA

use. **Tom Miovas** stated he has a pass down log on CD's for future reunions. Meeting was adjourned at 1110. *Submitted by Secretary/Treasurer Libby O'Brien*



## REUNION #37 REDUX Virginia Beach VA

### To all NWSA Members, friends and associates,

On behalf of my brothers and sisters (all seven of us), I want to thank all of you who donated to the NWSA Scholarship Fund in memory of my father, Marty Nemcosky. Weather was always a way of life for us growing up because of our Dad; when the other kids were running inside from the storm, we were running outside to the carport to watch it. While weather was Dad's life, it also played out in the end. On the night he died, when in the hospital room, the biggest most impressive thunderstorm moved overhead. I checked the radar (of course...I'm Marty's daughter) and the storm was a blip, right over the hospital. "Dad's clearing the air!" Later in middle of the night, my brother and I went outside to check the storms path and while standing outside the hospital, the clouds literally parted and the moon glowed in all its glory. Just minutes later, by the time we got upstairs, my father had passed to the other side. He will be missed so much by so many.

My family was honored to be invited to the NWSA #37 Reunion (Marty's Dream) in Virginia Beach recently and had the pleasure to meet some of you. I was overwhelmed how heartwarming and loving your whole group is. It was obvious why this organization was an important part of my father's life. I hope I get to visit with you again sometime soon. Again, our most sincere thanks to you all for your donations. Keep the dream and the love going!

Warmest Regards, *Rose Nemcosky Hibbetts*

### JOE MCKINZIE PRESENTS PLAQUE



## JOAN AKERS RECEIVES FLOWERS



### REUNION #37 REPORTS

#### REGISTERED ATTENDEES and VIPS:

Joan Akers HRC...Terry Bevans WY...Melvin Bourn TX...Bill Bowers FL...Carol Bowers FL...VIP Nachar Bouti...Paul Brandt AL...VIP Nathan Burks ...Norman Canfield MD...Roy Canfield...Charles "Cap" Casperson...CA...Lori Casperson CA...John Chubb HRC...Ive Chubb HRC...Kathy Clark VA...Frenchy Corbeille WI ...Barbara Corbeille, WI...Bev Costa NC...Bob Costa NC...Gary Cox WY...Fay Crossley HRC ...Donna Crossley HRC...Don Cruse VA..Marge Cruse VA...Bob Daigle HRC Carol Daigle HRC ...Alan Davis NV...Dick Dempsey HRC...David Driggers FL...Jane Driggers FL...Phil Duncan NC...Vinnie Duncan NC...Thomas Dunham PA...Diann Dunham PA...Rod Elliot NJ...Pam Elliot NJ...Larry Field WI...Carol Field WI...Chuck Fifield HRC...Eileen Fifield HRC...James Futtner CT..Joan Futtner CT..Mike Gilroy CA ...Will Gould MD...Ella Gould MD...Harry Hale TX...Jeannie Hale TX...Mel Harder NC...VIP Rose Hibbetts...Marvin Hungate AL..Michael Hyytinen SD...Shirley Hyytinen SD...Cathy Jankowski PA...Ron Jankowski PA...Mike Joern HRC...Jim Kelly CT...Tim Kenefick SC...Earl Kerr WA...Lynne Kerr WA...Wayne Ledbetter GA...Betty Ledbetter GA...Carmen Lee HRC Dan Lee HRC David Leib AZ Ted Lemond HRC Martie Locke CA..Frederick Martin FL...Virginia Martin FL...Buddy McCloskey PA...Marilyn McDonald VA...Jessica McGuire CT...Joe McKinzie TX..Tom Miovas PA...Mary Ann Miovas PA...Speedy Monroe WV...Kay Monroe WV...Frank Muscari HRC...Eve Muscari HRC...Moon Mullen CA...Nadine Mullen CA...Ed Nelson HRC...Ruth Nelson HRC...VIP Mick Nemcosky...VIP Anita Nemcosky...VIP Allison Nemcosky...Harry Nicholson CA...Pat

Nicholson CA...Kim O'Brien VA...Sean O'Brien VA...Pat O'Brien FL...Libby O'Brien FL...Patricia Partestus TX...Frank Patrick FL...Jeri Patrick FL...Dennis Pauly HRC...Susan Pauly HRC...Nina Pesce NY...Sam Pesce NY...Pete Peterson NM...Diane Peterson NM...Lewis Pittel MD...Ruth Pittel MD... John Raley GA...Carol Raley GA...Marilyn Roberts CA...Jim Romano MD..Rosalie Romano MD..Robbie Roper MD...Vince Roper MD...Virgil Sala OH...Ann Salvato HRC...Jack Salvato HRC...Bev Scott HRC...Steve Shafer HRC...Sylvia Shafer HRC...Joyce Smith SC...Ken Smith SC...Barbara Snyder HRC...Dan Snyder HRC...Dave Sokol VA ...Harriett Sokol VA...Chuck Steinbruck HRC... Louise Steinbruck HRC...Bob Steiner HRC...Jessie Steiner HRC...Tony Steiner HRC...Doris Stepaniak HRC...Morris Summey CA...Carol Taylor PA...Bob Titus NV...Sylvy Titus...Al Upton NC...Ellen Upton NC...Peter Weigand MD...Marcia Weigand MD.. Harry Whitworth FL...Bob Wright PA...Larue Wright HRC...Ralph Wright HRC...VIP Sharon Young ... Gene Zeigler OH...Joann Zeigler OH

### FINAL REPORT ON 37<sup>th</sup> NWSA REUNION HAMPTON ROADS CHAPTER NWSA

PLANNING: Early is best. Marty began his planning prior to the 35<sup>th</sup> Reunion held in Jacksonville where he offered the Hampton Roads Chapter NWSA as host for the 37<sup>th</sup> Reunion to be held in Virginia Beach.

The early stages of the planning took place in June 2009 at a meeting of the Chapter. General guidelines, possible tours, special events and the broad outline of the direction and schedule of what, where, when, and how we wished to proceed was discussed and we were off on the on the way to "Almost Heaven". Over the next few months Marty with his sidekick Doris explored the many ideas proposed by the membership forming the basic plan that we would follow.

Sunday January 10, 2010 at the Chapter meeting Marty outlined his plan of attack, Committee Chairs were selected and/or volunteered, and our ideas began to form a reality. Over the next 15 months eleven meetings were held by the various committee chairs including three with the General Membership. During the meetings every item that we could think of regarding the Reunion was discussed, sometimes heatedly, but in the end we achieved consensus. One thing we did not anticipate was Marty's stroke. We were devastated when we received the word in January 2011 of Marty's condition that would lead ultimately to his death. Marty was meticulous. He had put together a team that he knew would be capable of handling just about any eventuality. We gathered together and decided that we would conduct this Reunion just as Marty wished. It would be the best of all the rest and it would be 'Almost Heaven'.

The team came together as one, we worked as one, thought as one, planned as one and our goal was to make this Marty's Reunion. That was the thought that sustained us and our goal was to be true to Marty's wishes.

#### EVENTS ON SITE:

Registration: Under the Chairmanship of Bob Daigle was a smooth operation. Bob was ably assisted by his wife Carol and any minor glitch was resolved expeditiously.

Hospitality Room: Under the Chairmanship of Eileen Fifield assisted by Eve and Frank Muscari, Bob Steiner and the man of the hour, Fay Crossley was the centerpiece of the four and a half days. Beverages were always available, food was plentiful and varied, and good fellowship prevailed. NWSA Historian Harry Hale brought tons of books, pictures and stories. There were exhibits related to the field of Naval Weather, including a surface map analyzed in November 1945 by AGC Floyd Akers. Another event that took place in the room was a live auction of 35 items (all sold). This was a break from tradition as all previous auctions were silent this one definitely was not silent.

Reception – Meet and Greet: This cocktail party was very well attended and was the event that kicked off the planned events. Finger foods were plentiful and the bartender was more than competent.

Deck Party Luncheon: Again, as with the Meet and Greet this event was well attended, so well in fact that fewer tables were sent up than needed. This minor glitch was corrected promptly as the hotel staff set up the extra tables.

The Banquet: As with all reunions, this was the cherry on top of the sundae. Attendance was outstanding (nearly all who registered attended the banquet). Doris with members of the Nemcosky family were recognized and thanked. Joan Akers with members of her family were similarly recognized. We were honored by the attendance of this year's Shore Sailor of the Year and the Sea Sailor of the Year. After dinner was concluded, we were entertained by the fabulous Sexy Seniors Chorale Group. They brought down the house. Roberto provided the music for our dancing pleasure until the stragglers drifted out to the strains of 'Good Night Ladies'.

Meetings: Both general meetings were well attended. The Executive Committee meetings were cordial and the business of the Naval Weather Service Association was attended to.

There was a mix-up in communications as to how the set up of the room for the Second General Meeting was to be but as weather folks are known for their flexibility it posed no problem.

Hotel: Every room had a view of the ocean so we all got to see the sea. There were some difficulties with the hot water, a boiler problem. A few last minute adjustments were required with the General Meeting Room. The staff was quick to act on any discrepancy brought to their attention. All in all it was a great place to hold a Reunion, this the third time Hampton Roads Chapter has

used this facility for a reunion. They, also provided a nights stay to be raffled off.

#### EVENTS OUTSIDE THE HOTEL:

Tour of Virginia Beach: The participation on this tour exceeded our minimums. Attendees taking this tour had a great time but voted to shorten it as the Virginia Air Museum was a great deal more than they expected. Nothing but positive responses was voiced by the participants.

Golf Tournament: The Golf Tournament had a few glitches including a change in venue but they were overcome. Mother Nature provided a gorgeous day for golf and the golfers all had a great outing, weather-wise.

Tour of Norfolk: This tour which included a visit to the battleship USS Wisconsin proved to be a hi-light. Those that served in Norfolk were amazed at how much it has changed over the years.

Virginia International Tattoo: The seventy plus attendees of this event were overwhelmingly positive of this, the signature event of the Reunion. We had a few seat changes that had to be made because of a mix-up in ticket distributions but nothing major.

Naval Station Tour: The comments received concerning the dining in the galley were humorous but the greatest excitement was the visit to the Fleet Weather Central, yes that is it what it is named today (a continuing circle). The way that the weather business in the navy has evolved, the increase use of technology, weather updates every 30 seconds, it just floored them. The interactions that occurred between the active duty sailors on watch spoke volumes of how we are in awe of them and how they are in awe of us, dinosaurs who have gone before.

#### BANQUET OPENING COMMENTS:

Welcome to "ALMOST HEAVEN" the 37<sup>th</sup> annual reunion of the Naval Weather Service Association. This event is taking place because of the dream of one man "Marty Nemcosky".

This is Marty's reunion, dedicated to him and his dream – his driving ambition was to make this reunion the best of all the rest – his energy, organizational skills his ability to work with all equally, to surround himself with talented people but most of all his enthusiasm for the Naval Weather Service Association inspired all of us honored to be members of Marty's team.

This reunion is not a memorial to Marty – for to have a memorial one must be away from us – Marty is with us tonight in spirit as he will always be with us in spirit wherever, whenever and however naval weather guessers congregate.

Ladies and Gentlemen please indulge me for a moment. I would ask that you bow your heads, close your eyes and reflect on a happy moment that you spent in Marty's company – thank you – now one last request

CHARGE YOUR GLASSES

TO MARTY

## SOME REUNION PICTURES



**I DON'T CARE WHAT THEY SAY!!  
THESE GUYS LOOK LIKE THEY ARE  
GUILTY OF SOMETHING!!**



**ARE YOU SURE THIS IS THE GALLEY?**



**WONDERFUL MEMBERS HAVE DINED**



**THEN DANCED THE NIGHT AWAY**



**AGC Jackie L. CRISS, USN ~ FRA TAPS List**  
*Submitted by AGCS John Shay USN RET  
and AGCM Marty Bonk USN RET*

**CDR RAYMOND PEARSON TENNISON  
USN RET**



CDR Raymond Pearson Tennison, US Navy (Ret.), 88 of San Antonio, formerly of Silsbee, Texas, passed away Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at a San Antonio hospital. He was born August 22, 1922 in Silsbee, Texas to Thomas and Addalee Tennison. Raymond served in the U.S Navy for 30 years holding every rank from Seaman up to and including Commander. He traveled the globe with his family and made many wonderful friends. He loved his career and always had wonderful exotic stories to tell. He was preceded in death by his wife of 64 years, **Ninette** and his daughter **Marie Jones**; his second wife, **Jean**; and brother, **Thomas Tennison**. Survivors include his son, **Raymond Tennison, Jr.** and wife, **Marilyn** of Tacoma, WA; daughters, **Dinah Morgan** and husband, **Ed** of Kerrville, TX, **Annette McFarlin** and husband, **Rusty** of San Antonio, TX, **Terry Elsakka** and husband, **Tarek** of Dubai, UAE; 11 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren; brother, **George Tennison** and wife, **Elise**; sister, **Elizabeth McClelland** and husband, **Robert** of Silsbee, TX; and sister-in-law **Marie McDonald**. A Memorial Service will be held Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 1305 Roosevelt Dr. Silsbee, TX. Inurnment with full military honors will be Thursday, May 5, 2011 at 2:00

p.m. at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, 1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd., San Antonio, TX.

*Submitted by LCDR Mike Gilroy USN RET  
LCDR Joe McKinzie USN RET*



### **CAPTAIN HARRY J. ENGLEHART USN RET**

Captain Harry J. Englehart, age 81, of Pensacola passed away on April 26, 2011. He played football and graduated from the University of Miami of Ohio with a BS Degree in Math and Naval Science. He earned a post graduate degree in Meteorology and Oceanography while stationed in Monterey, California. He was a Naval Veteran of 26 years. He received his wings in 1953 and completed over 350 aircraft carrier landings. Notable achievements included serving as the staff Meteorologist on the USS Enterprise, Chief Meteorologist of the Pacific Fleet in Hawaii, and he was the Commanding Officer of the NAS Fleet Weather Center in Pensacola.

After retiring, he developed a family business, Wild Rapids Waterslide from 1979-1985. Harry loved going to church, crabbing, video taping family, traveling, golfing, playing cards and playing cribbage. He was unselfish, genuine, caring, had a great sense of humor and loved entertaining family and friends. He was a member of St. Thomas More Church for over 35 years. Harry is preceded in death by his wife **Donna Smith Englehart**. He is survived by his wife **Mary Ann Englehart**; five children, **Terry (Alain) Englehart, Jeff (Crissy) Englehart, Andy (Kandi) Englehart, Michael Englehart, Amy Englehart Brown**; eight grandchildren, **Sarah and Peter Vierthaler, Parker and Rylee Brown, Joanna, Natalie, Bryn, and Adam Englehart**. Visitation will be Sunday, May 1, 2011, from 5pm till 7:00 pm at Oak Lawn Funeral Home. Services will be held at St. Thomas Moore Catholic Church at 10:00 am on Monday, May 2, 2011 with burial to follow at Barrancas National Cemetery.

*Submitted by AGC Fay Crossley USN RET  
LCDR Bruce Dewald USN RET*



### **LT ROBERT LEE DONEY USN RET**

Bayfield resident Robert Lee Doney died of natural causes Saturday, March 26, 2011, in Durango. He was 70. Mr. Doney was born Jan. 19, 1941, to **Rodney and Edith (Reinke) Doney** in Deadwood, S.D. He spent his entire childhood in Deadwood, graduating from high school in 1960.

After graduation, Mr. Doney enlisted in the Navy. During his 22½-year naval career, he was stationed at Rota, Spain; Bay St. Louis, Miss.; and California; as well as many other destinations. He retired from the Navy in

1984 as a lieutenant. His then-wife, **Debora Doney**, still was enlisted in the Navy. He moved with her as she was stationed in El Centro, Calif.; Whidbey Island, Wash.; and San Diego.

In 1999, Mr. Doney moved to the Bayfield area. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and watching game shows and San Diego Chargers football games.

Mr. Doney is survived by his sons, **Drew Taylor** of Grand Junction, **Ryan D. Doney** of Bremerton, Wash., and **Michael L. Doney** and **Robert R. Doney**, both of Bayfield; a daughter, **Linnea L. Doney** of Pensacola, Fla.; and four granddaughters, with one more expected in May.

Cremation will occur at Hood Mortuary in Durango, and his ashes will be buried in Deadwood, S.D.

*Submitted by LCDR Mike Gilroy USN RET  
And LCDR Joe McKinzie USN RET*

### **ROBERT (BOB) H. LANGMADE**

born July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1924 to **Pearl Louise and Robert Grover Langmade** in Phoenix, Arizona, died May 29<sup>th</sup> after a 10 year fight with cancer.



Robert attended Phoenix Union High School, graduating in 1942. He entered the US Navy April 1943 and served as an aerographer in the Aleutian Islands near Alaska. At the end of WWII he married his high school sweetheart and continued his education graduating from Phoenix Community College. Together they enrolled at the University of

Colorado, both graduating in 1949 with degrees in Architectural Engineering. Upon returning to Phoenix, Bob first went to work for Truscon Steel. Latter he started the Norman S. Wright Company here in Phoenix opening offices throughout the Southwest where he eventually became President, and continued working until May of this year. Bob was also instrumental in starting both Metal Form Manufacturing, a manufacturer of HVAC products with worldwide distribution, and Longmeadow Properties. His children are now managing all of these companies. Throughout his life Bob was an active part of the community, a member of ASHRAE, the Optimist Club, and a Leader of Boy Scout Troop 22. He was also an avid tennis player, an outdoorsman, and a dedicated father. His wife **Beatrice** of 64 years, three children **Dale, Dan, and Dianne** all residing in Phoenix, and five grandchildren survive Bob.

*Submitted by BTCM Robert N. Smithson USN RET*

### **AGCS CAMILO (MARTY) MARTINEZ, USN RET**



Dr. Camilo- Amado (Marty) Martinez USN (Ret). Dr. Martinez was born on February 18, 1935 in Harlington, Texas. He is preceded in death by: his parents, **Amado Martinez, Sr. and**

**Bricelda Cano Martinez**, son **Amado**, siblings **Elida de la Fuente and Rene**. He is survived by his wife **Elida Davila Martinez**, sons **David and Mario**, and daughter **Teresa**, 8 grandchildren, 6 great grand children and sister, **Maggie Ramirez**. Amado graduated from HHS in 1953 and joined the Navy in 1955 retiring in 1976 as Senior Chief Aerographer (Meteorologist). He served on 3 carriers, 1 DE and several overseas stations including Rota, Spain and Buenos Aires, Argentina. While in the Navy he attended University of Maryland and Old Dominion University. After retiring he continued to pursue a higher education. He attended and earned a BA and MA at Pan American University and a PhD at Texas A&M College Station. He taught at PAU, CCSU, A&M Universities and Texas Tech University, from which he retired in 1998. While in the Navy, he acquired a love for reading. Prior to extended deployments, he would go to garage sales in search of books to buy and take along on cruises. After retiring and attending school, he read all that was required for his classes. He promised himself that, upon his retiring from teaching, he would read for pleasure and that he did. While as a student and professor, Dr. Martinez was President of The Historical Honor Society, was faculty advisor to The Colombian Student Association, Young College Republican, Student's LULAC, and Faculty advisor to the first Hispanic fraternity in the United States Omega Delta Phi. He also served in various positions in the Lubbock, TX City Government, provided history sessions in Mexico's history during Fiestas Patrias and keynote speaker for "El Grito", Mexico's declaration of independence celebration. In 1985, he and two other professors represented the White House during Hispanic Awareness month in Corpus Christi, TX. Amado managed to accomplish much during his lifetime. For his positive achievements he always credited God, Jehovah, and his dear wife, Elida. Without a doubt he experienced some failures, for them he always assumed full responsibility. Senior Chief Martinez had the privilege of serving as National Treasurer for the USS Kitty Hawk Veterans Association and as a member of the Scholarship Committee for the Naval Weather Service Association. He was, however, most proud of being a Member of East English Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Visitation will begin at 1:00 PM Sunday June 12, 2011 at American Heritage Funeral with funeral services at 2:00 PM. Interment will be held at Houston National Cemetery on Wednesday, June 15, 2011 at 12:30 PM

*Submitted by LCDR Joe McKinzie USN RET*



**LOUISE OGLE**

Our mom, Louise Ogle, was born October 22, 1928. She was the sixth of Louis and Josephine Schoenstein's nine children. A third-generation San Franciscan, Mom was proud of her family's historic pipe-organ building business.

Louise met the love of her life when she was a lovely and lively 17-year old. Quentin Ogle, who served in Burma during WWII, had just moved to San Francisco. His Irish charm captured Louise's heart. They married in 1948 and nine months later the children started arriving. Over the next 14 years Mom and Dad had seven kids in three batches: the first two "big kids," the two "middle girls," and the three "little kids."

Louise was a career Air Force officer's wife and mother with all that entailed in the 1950s-70s: packing up the family every one to two years to move across states and continents, and facing long and repeated periods of separation from Dad (Berlin wall crisis, Cuban missile crisis, Vietnam war). Our beautiful mom exercised her way back to 113 pounds after each birth, and she was a skilled social hostess for her husband's career.

Mom's glass was always half full. When we were cranky on long road trips she'd tell us, "Count the telephone poles!" When we tired of perpetual dishwashing she'd encourage us to "enjoy the colorful soap bubbles!" Restless? "Go outside and run and jump and swing from trees!" She loved the happy noise of her children.

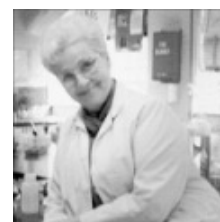
After Dad's retirement, Mom began braiding colorful wool rugs again and traveling with Dad to sell them at craft fairs. They welcomed guests to their home overlooking Sinclair Inlet, and were active in military retirement groups and their Catholic church. Mom turned the "empty nest" in Port Orchard into the Ogle Bed & Breakfast, drawing on her skills as chef, social director, and homemaker.

Her strong, happy marriage ended when Dad died in 1994. But she lived her final 17 years with enthusiasm – new friends, a new home in Shoreline to be closer to her children, a return to her long-ago passion for dancing (Dad? Not so much), visits with her San Francisco siblings, travel, and finally a move to a spacious apartment in Merrill Gardens on Queen Anne. She died on June 23 at her home, after six weeks of Hospice care and more 24-hour support and love and company than most people find in a lifetime.

She is survived by her children **Douglas (Peg), Therese (John), Suzanna (Larry), Shelly (Bob), Jonathan (Cathy), Colette (Steve), and David**; her grandchildren **Martinique and Christopher**; her companion AGC **Jim Black USN Ret**; six of her eight siblings; and nearly countless nieces and nephews. (Remembrances can be made to the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose, or to Sacred Heart Shelter on lower Queen Anne.)

You're a good Mom, a light heart, a sweet soul. And don't worry: we're all okay.

*Submitted by AGC Fay Crossley USN RET*



**CORNELIA C O'NEILL**

Cornelia Creel O'Neill, age 83, former research chemist and retired chemistry teacher died on Thursday, June 9, 2011, of congestive heart failure. She was born Cornelia Tilford Creel on September 15,

1927, at Fort H.G. Wright on Fishers Island, NY, the home of her maternal grandfather, Major General George Cameron. Born into an Army family, Mrs. O'Neill traveled to various Army outposts until her father, Buckner Miller Creel II, retired. Mrs. O'Neill graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in Staunton, VA, where she was class valedictorian and won a scholarship to study chemistry at the College of Notre Dame of Maryland in Baltimore, MD. Mrs. O'Neill graduated from the College of Notre Dame in 1948 with a degree in chemistry. Upon graduation, Mrs. O'Neill became a full-time research chemist at Edgewood Arsenal in Aberdeen, MD. In August 1950, Mrs. O'Neill married **Thomas H.R. O'Neill** of Bel Air, MD. As a Navy wife and mother, Mrs. O'Neill gave up her research career to devote her time and energies to her husband and family. Settling down in Falls Church, VA, she started teaching chemistry at J.E.B. Stuart High School after her husband retired as a Navy captain in 1970. Her teaching career spanned more than two decades with her retiring in 1992. She earned a Master's of Science degree in chemistry education from American University in 1974. Mrs. O'Neill was instrumental in developing the Fairfax County consumer chemistry curriculum, which introduced students to chemistry as it impacted their daily lives. Mrs. O'Neill created student scholarships at both J.E.B. Stuart H.S. and the College of Notre Dame to assist underprivileged students committed to studying physical or life sciences. Many owe a debt of gratitude to Mrs. O'Neill for either her generosity or her Socratic teaching style. Those students who truly wanted to learn chemistry requested Mrs. O'Neill since she was known for rigorous college preparation. In addition to gardening and reading, Mrs. O'Neill enjoyed being a miniaturist. Her collection of dollhouses and miniature scenes filled up her house and were critically acclaimed within the Northern Virginia miniaturist community. She enjoyed traveling when she could and especially enjoyed her travels to the British Isles and Europe. Her husband of 36 years, **Captain Thomas H.R. O'Neill** predeceased her in 1986. She is survived by five children: **Thomas O'Neill** of Staunton, VA; **Marianne Demsky** of Elkridge, MD; **Claire O'Neill** of Catonsville, MD; **Sheila Kretsch** of Falls Church, VA; and **Douglass O'Neill** of Burke, VA. In addition to numerous nephews and nieces, she will be missed by her three brothers, one sister, and eight grandchildren.

*Submitted by CDR Don Cruse USN RET*

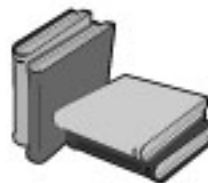


### JESSIE STEINER

On Monday, July 11, 2011, our beloved **Jessie Mae Glover Steiner**, loving wife of **Robert James Steiner**, went to be an angel for God, to

watch over those she loved and cherished. Jessie was a resident of Parksley, VA, and passed away at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Nassawadox, VA. Born on August 23, 1942 in Jackson, TN, she was a daughter of the late Jesse Glover and Nellie Earlean Graham Jones. Jessie was a member of Grace United Methodist Church. She held several jobs, but was most recently a homemaker, to which she devoted much of her time. She greatly enjoyed playing Bingo, and would go to great lengths to find a 'game'. As she and her husband moved around due to military obligations, if she ever knew of a soldier who would be alone for any holiday, she would open her door to them to be with her family for a wonderful meal and time of celebration. That was just her way! Jessie had a very large family, which meant everything to her. Other than her husband, her family includes four children, **James Robert Steiner and wife Lori** of Murfreesboro, TN, **Lisa Steiner-Pitts and husband Elwood** of Richmond, VA, **Tammy Steiner** of Vista, CA, and **Katherine Steiner Fisher and husband John** of Lottsburg, VA; thirteen grandchildren, **R.J., Misty, Samantha, Tony, Elwood, Jr., Edison, Ethan, Eli, Jessica, Crystal, T.J., Allie and Faith**; nine great-grandchildren, **Hayleigh, Austin, Rebecca, Camdon, Cassidy, Isabelle, Nathan, Cali and Robert**; four sisters, **Sue, Becky, Yvonne and Sissy**; and many nieces and nephews and their families. Other than her parents, she was predeceased by a great-granddaughter, **Dawn Ashlyn**; a sister, **Novie**; and a brother, **Bubba**. Jessie had an extremely strong faith in God, and greatly loved all of her family.

I saw this the other day; and the older I get, the more this seems to apply:  
***Life is short, occasionally bend the rules, Forgive quickly, Kiss slowly, Love truly, Laugh uncontrollably, And never regret anything that made you smile.***  
*Submitted by AGCM Charlie Jordan USN RET*



### CHAPTER REPORTS



### NORTHWEST CHAPTER

Sunday, May 22, 2011 11:35 PM.

We have this day held our regularly scheduled meeting at Denny's on the I5 corridor. There were a total of 13 of us present and we had a serious discussion about whether or not we should continue being a viable NWSA chapter. I arrived with two important factors gleaned from our meetings in Norfolk - (A) the only real requirement for continuance was to hold two meetings per year and (B) it is important that the children of the veterans take an active role in keeping veteran organizations viable. There are four really good places for us to hold our meetings scattered around the Puget Sound which permits rotating the travel time so having two meetings per year is rather easy to accommodate.

**Frank Baillie** has a very wonderful son, **Mark**, who lives with Frank and insures that he takes his Meds as prescribed. So, prior to the meeting I had a heart to heart chat with Mark and explained that under the present circumstances, the only way we would be able to continue as Chapter would be for him to take over as Secretary. Mark has been to quite a number of our meetings and really understood our predicament thus he did volunteer to be the Secretary and if necessary both the Secretary and the Treasurer. The vote to continue was 12 to 1 in favor of continuing. Our next meeting will be an outdoor event in late summer at the home of **Dee Berrian**, widow of CDR Berrian. The Berrian place is sufficiently large as to have room for a foul weather parade and they have three very loyal children who will be there to help Dee with the execution of the pot luck meal. Who said that old dogs can't learn new tricks!

It should be noted that the Treasurer (**Jim Black**) has marginal health but has no intention of giving up the assignment. Further he is aware that I wish to use our Not-for-Profit bank account for Reunion 38 and has offered to help in what ever task he can.

Cheers to all – Earl

*Submitted by LCDR Earl Kerr USN RET*

From the Binnacle List, we have learned that **Gary Fisher** went to the hospital on January 10, 2011, and in late March it was determined that he had a massive infection of the L2 and L3 Lumbar vertebrae area. During his illness he went from 202 lbs to 164 lbs, and his wife **Louise** basically ran the farm by herself. He is now doing fine and the two of them will be doing more recreating by themselves and with their family. **Bob Coppo** has regained about 75% vision in his left eye and should be up to a full 100% shortly. **Jim Black's friend Louise Ogle** spent five days in the hospital and before leaving the doctor told her daughter that she must have someone with her 24 hour a day. At the May 22nd meeting **President Earl Kerr** explained to the chapter that to maintain a chapter only requires two meetings a year with a president and secretary/treasurer. After serious discussion the group voted to continue the chapter but limit meetings to two or three a year. **Frank Baillie's son Mark Baillie** relieved **Dan Collins** as

Secretary of the chapter. **Jim Black** continues to workout three days a week in the gym to build up muscle strength. **Ken Boden** took a week to drive slowly from Spokane, WA to the meeting but made several stops to visit on the way. He also advised that Air Force and Army lodges are considerably less expensive than the Navy Lodges. On Mother's Day, **Dan and Marilyn Collins** had dinner near Spokane, WA with Marilyn's daughter and her fiancé, returning home the next day. **Dick and Barbara Gilmore** recently purchased a new iMax computer with 27 inch monitor. It can run windows and most of the things they had on the old computer. Dick commented how much easier it is to make one phone call to get problems solved. They recently had their home recarpeted, all 19,000 sq ft. Dick described having to live up stairs for a day like moving to Japan. **Earl and Lynn Kerr** attended the Virginia reunion with about 100 people attending the final banquet. Earl, while visiting NAS Norfolk tried without any luck to convince the folks at NWC that you can't forecast anywhere in the world without people on the ground. He and Lynn visited old friends in Annapolis, MD, and then toured West Virginia and Tennessee before heading home. In August **Bob Coppo and Dorothy Hutt** will be going to Alaska and visit relatives in Palmer, AK. Later they will drive to San Diego, CA to board a Holland Line ship for a 15 day cruise to Hawaii and back. On the way home, they will visit relatives in Mesa, AZ and Las Vegas, NV. Dorothy has lived in Hawaii, and in the 60s worked in the Hickam Field exchange. **Thomas and Sharon Southworth** went to San Diego, CA to celebrate a fathers 90th birthday. We are not quite sure who's friends they were visiting but they also stopped in Amarillo, TX, Albuquerque, NM, Prescott, AZ, San Diego, CA again, Baldwin Park, CA, Monterey, CA before head home. If you ask them they might tell you how you can leave the congested freeway south of Seattle, WA, go over to Hwy 99 to make better time and acquire a \$350 ticket. **Frank Baillie** is taking his medicine to eliminate bleeding while breathing. He recently gashed his arm but is doing fine now. His son Mark is working a 4 to 4 shift at the Bremerton Naval Base where they have installed guns on a carrier that shoots eight rounds a second at incoming missiles, but the ship has to return to port to reload the gun.

*Submitted by Dan E. Collins, LCDR, USN, Ret*



## PENSACOLA CHAPTER

**Gene Witsman** on the road again and sends this. "Tonight sitting in my small camper listening to the rain beat on my roof and the thunder. I remember a long time ago that someone said it was impossible to have thunderstorms in the north? Well, let me tell you--I saw



thunderstorms last year at Inuvik, NWT. That's really up north!! Anyway, after staying a couple of days in Fairbanks will head south to Anchorage for a few days then east through Dawson City, YT to Whitehorse then to Glacier NP and then?????"

The O'Briens are traveling again. Here is their report. **Pat and Libby O'Brien** have been on the road again. They traveled north to Evansville, Indiana, on the 18th of April, to visit with Libby's youngest daughter and her family. Evansville was hit with tornadoes the week before their visit, and the remnants of their destruction were still very visible. The O'Briens experienced no tornadoes, but it rained the four days they were there, and the town received 15 inches of rain in the month of April. On those times when the rain stopped, Pat would sloop his way over to the ponds which dot the golf course. There he managed to catch brim, crappie, and bass on a fly rod. He was in heaven. From Evansville, they traveled east to Virginia Beach for Reunion #37. They had a great time there. Pat saw shipmates he hadn't seen in quite a few years. One was **Terry Bevins**. He and Pat were stationed together at FWF London in the late 60's. The others were a bit more recent. He hadn't seen **Mel Harder, Frank Muscari, and Bob Wright** since the early 80's. Pat had no problem recognizing Mel and Frank, but he would never have recognized Bob without a name tag. In fact, even with the name tag, he had to ask Frank if it was the same **Bob Wright**. Pat missed seeing **Frank Patrick and Dan Snyder**. They evidently popped into the hospitality room one day when he and Libby were out and about. Another old face that was wonderful to see again was that of **Bev Scott**. Pat fondly remembers all that Bud and Bev did to make life more bearable for the young guys in OA Div. aboard the USS Nimitz in the mid 70's. Pat's youngest son, Sean, and his family reside in Virginia Beach, and Pat and Libby spent a lot of time with them. Sean joined his dad and Libby for the golf tournament at Lake Wright on Friday, and Sean and his wife, Kim, were guests at the banquet on Saturday evening. On Sunday morning, Pat and Libby headed to Shiloh, N.C., with **Dave and Jane Driggers**. The O'Briens were invited down to spend a few days, and Dave and Jane proved to be the ultimate host and hostess. They have a beautiful place on the Pasquotank River. On Monday, **Chuck and Eileen Fifield** joined us for the afternoon. Sea stories were evidently on the menu. A great deal of reminiscing took place. They had a great visit. Jane never stopped cooking, and Dave and Pat got to play golf a couple of days. Following their stay with the Driggers, the O'Briens headed back to the Norfolk area and spent a couple of days with **Paul and Mollie Reese**. The Reeses put on one whale of a Cinco de Mia party even if it was seis de mia. Mollie was an AG many years ago. Her name then was **Ussery**. At Suitland, one of her jobs was a courier delivering maps and wx forecasts to places around Washington D.C. She remembers her Master Chief, **Buzz Buzzanco**, telling her if she ever encountered any trouble to get in

the trunk of her vehicle. My question to Buzz would've been, "How and when do I get out?" After leaving Norfolk, Pat and Libby headed north to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point to spend the night and play golf the next day. The Academy Course which was quite challenging and due to slow play, the round had to end at number 11. There were four groups backed up on that tee, and according to the marshall, there were two groups on every hole up to #16. It was the right time to leave. Their next stop was Simsbury, CT, to visit with Pat's daughter and family, and more specifically to attend her graduation from Physicians Assistant School in Springfield, MA. Pat's oldest grandson, Craig, finished his second year at Tufts University and was home during the visit. While in Simsbury, Pat and Libby got to visit with their friends, **Jim and Joan Futtner**. The Futtners had to leave #37 early because Joan was under the weather. We're glad to report she seems to be doing much better. The Futtners took the O'Briens up to the Mohegan Sun Casino for a second visit. That's quite a complex. When they left Simsbury, they headed to Fort Gordon, GA, to attend the graduation of one of Libby's grandsons from one of the Army's Signal Corps' Schools. From there they headed home. The trip lasted 30 days and covered 4,337 miles. Pat heard about another old shipmate, **AGCS Charles Ferguson**, through Fergie's correspondence with the Sec/Treas. Pat was sorry to hear that Fergie lost a thumb and forefinger to cancer. Fergie said it makes golf all that more difficult. Like **Terry Bevins**, Pat and Fergie were stationed together in London in the late 60's. The O'Briens will be home for about a month before heading to Miami to embark on the Oasis of Seas. They're taking a 7-day cruise into the Caribbean with Pat's daughter and family. You can see that the O'Briens are enjoying retirement.

As for me, I'm still here in P-cola, working, eating, sleeping and ...well you get it. I was recently in Missouri for my nephew, Sgt Vincent Deola, (sigh) USAF and his now wife Jordan Collins wedding. It was held at the Bristle Ridge vineyard. A beautiful piece of countryside in Warrensburg, MO. Quite the place. I was relieved when I found that her family is as 'fun' (read 'weird') as ours. They are now enjoying a brief honeymoon in the heart of Kansas City, at least a whole hour away by car. I need to figure something out with this 2000 accent I have. The little things are starting to pile up. I may be forced to go to...(DON'T DO IT....shut up inner Steve) the KIA dealer for that seemingly too good to be true \$6000 for your trade in. Well, that's all for now. My mind works like lightning, one brilliant flash and it's GONE *Submitted by Steven Deola, AG1, USN RET*

## LONE STAR CHAPTER

The Texas Lone Star Chapter of the NWSA regularly meets monthly at various restaurants in the Fort Worth/Dallas area. Occasionally, we (known as the Lunch Bunch) will venture to another city some distance



away. Everywhere in Texas is "some distance away"! One member of our Lunch Bunch is Charlie Jordan, Editor of The Aerograph. Charlie lives in Abilene 151 miles away and we try to get to Abilene a couple of times a year for lunch. Harry Hale, National

NWSA Historian lives even further away from Fort Worth at 317 miles. Harry and Jeanie regularly attend lunches and meetings.

The Lone Star Chapter held its Semi-Annual meeting on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011, In Arlington, Texas at Ryan's Restaurant's Meeting Room with 13 members attending. After lunch the meeting was called to order by Chapter President **Gerald Shultz**. Secretary/Treasurer **Mel Bourn** presented some chapter facts along with a map showing the location of all 26 members of the chapter. My, Texas is a large state! The greatest concentration of members (12) is in the Fort Worth area with Houston members (8), 276 miles away! Our fall chapter meeting will be held in the Houston area.

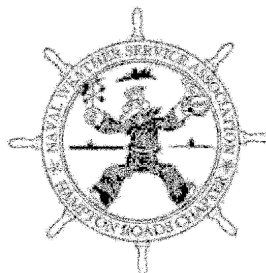
Under new business, National President, **Joe McKinzie** presented information concerning developments at the Virginia Beach Reunion, specifically the future of the scholarship fund and who will administer it. It's quite certain that it will be the AMS. Additionally, Joe discussed the location of the next reunion, Colorado Springs and further away, Las Vegas in two years. Chapter officer nominations were held with **Curtis Arnold** nominated for the Secretary/Treasurer position and **Mel Bourn** nominated for the office of Chapter President. Further nominations will be called for and elections held at the fall Semi-Annual meeting in Houston. The meeting ended with a group picture.



From left to right: **Robert VanHoven, Remy VanHoven, Terry Shultz, Gerry Shultz, Suzanne Maxwell, Jim Maxwell, Jeanie Hale, Larry Kennaley, Harry Hale, Joe McKinzie, Curtis Arnold, Patricia Partesius. Mel Bourn: Inset**

Our chapter has lost another member, Marty Martinez of Houston. While he was still in good health, Marty attended most all of the chapter functions. (*His obituary may be seen in the Remembrance Section of this issue of The Aerograph*)...ed

Submitted: AGCM Mel Bourn USN RET



## HAMPTON ROADS CHAPTER

President	Chuck Fifield
Vice Pres	Bobby Steiner
Treasurer	Bob Daigle
Secretary	Fay Crossley
	Frank Muscari
	Joan Akers
	Frank Muscari

Social Coordinator  
VA Hospital Coordinator  
CMAA

Minutes of the Meeting: (Summer meeting and 4th celebration meeting) Held at The Chubb Ranch - Eastville Virginia 02 JULY 2011

In attendance: (35) **Frank and Eve Muscari, John and Ive Chubb, Bob and Carol Daigle, Ted Lemond, Marilyn McDonald, Todd Alspaugh, Kayla Alspaugh, Jack and Ann Salvato, Greg and Jacqui Salvato, Fay and Donna Crossley, Bob and Jessie Steiner, Bev Scott (with grandkids - Rachel, Hamad and Zackery), Kathi Clark, Pat Scott, Dennis and Susan Pauly, (with grandkids - Laurun and Emme Rench), Salmer (ret YNC) and Polly Garland, Jeffrey Rathz, Dan and Carmen Lee, Pam Gallion and Rassie Baker.**

Folks started gathering at the Chubb home around noon. Crabs were ready about 1245 so everyone started eating. The crabs were fantastic, as were the many specialty dishes that everyone brought. If anyone went hungry there surely was no excuse. There were many salads, falling off the bone ribs and BBQ pork. The hot dogs were great (what is a picnic without a hot dog.) Desserts were out of this world as well. After everyone got their fill, and got caught up on news, a brisk game of Croquet was played, someone said Bob Daigle was cheating!!

At 3:30 the meeting was called to order by Vice President **Bobby Steiner**. A blessing was given by **John Chubb**, and the Pledge Of Allegiance was led by the Vice President. A thankful group of Americans were glad to be able to gather for the occasion.

The Secretary's report was transmitted to all Email members. A motion was made by John Chubb and Seconded by Frank Muscari to accept the minutes as sent. Motion passed. Sure beats reading all that at each meeting, the Secretary thanks HRC.

The Treasurer report was given by **Bob Daigle**. Savings \$1405.23 and Checking \$2006.26. Motion was made by John Chubb and Seconded by Frank Muscari to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion passed. The Treasurer also reported, on 9 June he and President FiField went to the bank and changed over the signature cards on the accounts. Mr. Daigle also reminded members and those present, that HRC dues should be paid. Each person dues is \$5 a year. There are no family dues nor life membership dues. The Treasurer was able to sell a

couple of #37 hats. Bob reported all money from the reunion had been sent to NSWA. HRC owes no more. The VA. Coordinator was not available to give a report, but **Ted Lemond** has been assisting and has collected our usual donation of toiletries and asked that more donations be brought to the next meeting. VP Steiner also added that now is the time to collect winter coats and gloves for the homeless that are supported through the VA. He also suggested the homeless need small bags to carry their stuff in. Small back packs and the like are needed. Please bring as much as you can to the next meeting.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

The CMAA position for the HRC chapter was discussed. It was brought up at the last meeting and many felt such a position would be a benefit to the Chapter. The CMAA would organize pledges, make sure a flag was always at the meetings, keep order if needed. **Dan Lee** made a motion seconded by Bob Daigle that Frank Muscari be the CMAA. Motion was passed. However, to officially make this part of the HRC framework, a change to the by-laws must be approved. John Chubb graciously agreed to rewrite the by-laws to reflect this change. Bob Daigle sent the current by-laws to John for review and changes. These will be presented at the next meeting. But, the new by-laws will also be e-mailed to the membership prior to the meeting.

The reunion Album was discussed. Some minor additions are still pending with a major effort on going to complete the upgraded roster, which will be a part of the Album. Fay Crossley asked that anyone having Tour handouts from the reunion also get them to him. Bob Daigle is working on a picture of the FWC building.

The error in the Beacon containing Marty as contact point for HRC has been corrected. POC was Victoria Bourne at the Pilot. Someone said they saw the correction has been made in the latest Beacon.

The membership was reminded of the possibility of a new venue for our meetings. Cagney's, though it has been great, may be getting stale. Along with the new venue idea is also an idea of THEMES for meetings. These could be about anything, western, navy history (books uniforms since it was difficult to come up with a plan. The next meeting date will be forthcoming after an executive board meeting is completed. Membership will be advised.

It was also discussed that HRC might want to try to have gatherings that are NOT meeting oriented. Go to a baseball game, maybe a cruise on the Rappahanock, a trip to points of interest in the region, or Memorial Day celebrations at other groups like the American Legion.

The concept of the American Legion was reviewed by IVE Chubb. They are extensively involved in Boy Scout activities, do fund raising to help vets and it is a good organization. IVE is an officer at their American Legion near Eastville. (It should be noted, though, many clubs have a reputation of just a socializing group, others do have worthy undertakings). The FRA club in Virginia Beach is another such club....our own Dick Dempsey is

a contact point.) HRC might be able to take part in these clubs and others to help them with their fund raising and activities.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

It was suggested HRC send a letter to FWC Norfolk prior to each meeting, giving the information about the meeting and invite FWC employees to meet with HRC as our guests. This was prompted due to a meeting of President Fifield and the CO of FWC **Capt. Nicely** in late June. Capt. Nicely extended an invitation to HRC to visit his facility. This possibility will be discussed at the Executive Board Meeting.

The Vice President advised everyone to check into getting new ID cards without SSN on them. This service is now available. It is suggested that everyone do this as well as Drivers Licenses.

The Shuttle Shirts that NASA was selling on line was discussed by the Vice President. He will coordinate any shirt delivery to Wallops, but it appears shirts will be mailed to everyone that ordered them at their PO address. Bob checked with the Wallops PX and they thought the use of Wallops was more of a credit to that PX for the sales than anything else.

A gift package was presented to the Chubbs for hosting yet another fantastic picnic.

#### FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

We were sorry to have Doris miss our picnic, her family was in town.

Ralph and LaRue Wright were hoping to attend, but had to cancel at the last minute. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

At 4:45PM a motion to a Adjourn was made by Frank Muscari and seconded by Ted Lemond. Motion passed and everyone went back for seconds at the food bars.

*Submitted by AGC Fay Crossley USN RET*



## SOCAL CHAPTER

President Bernard Cohenour  
Vice Pres Ed Smith  
SEC/TREAS Morry Summey

**Morry Summey** was admitted to Sharp Hospital of June 29th for gall bladder surgery and was released on July 7th. He is currently recovering at home. If anything serious occurs we will inform you immediately.

The July SOCAL Chapter business meeting/luncheon took place on Thursday the 7th at Admiral Baker Golf Course Restaurant. In attendance were **Al Hasse & Arlene Seek, Al Marchment, Bernard & Dolores Cohenour, David & Lois Rue** and **John Rodriguez**. John will contact Bill Bridge to see if we are still going to have our usual Labor Day Picnic.

#### MEMBER ACTIVITIES

**John & Fujii** have been busy again with the Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force (JMSDF) and their Training

Cruise. Three ships departed Japan on June 24th heading due East to avoid any problems with the Fukushima and Sendai runoffs and debris fields before turning Northeast to their first destination - Anchorage. They reported encountering floating houses and cargo containers. Leaving Anchorage they proceeded Southeast to visit Vancouver and Seattle. They then sailed South with the flagship and the Admiral stopping at San Francisco while the other two ships continued on to San Diego arriving on June 23rd. That same afternoon they attended a reception at the Japanese Friendship Garden in Balboa Park after which eleven of the newly commissioned came to our home for drinking and relaxation. They returned to their ship around midnight. Luckily they had arranged for return transportation so I didn't have to drive them myself.

The following evening (24th) we attended the shipboard reception for an evening of dining, drinking relaxation and renewing some old acquaintances. Saturday morning (25th) Fujii had arranged for a private shipboard reception for about a dozen youngsters from our Yacht Club. At noon, the Yacht Club hosted a luncheon for the Admiral, he had flown down from San Francisco the day before, plus the two ships Commanding Officers (one of whom had been entertained at our home as a newly commissioned Ensign) plus 17 other ships crew and newly commissioned. His two CO's told us they were free that evening (hint, hint) so I picked them up at their ship at 6 o'clock along with a LCDR we had entertained when he was newly commissioned and who hadn't let us know he was a crew member. After dinner and an evening of reminiscing I drove them back to their ship about 1 A.M.. Fujii and I then had to get up at 6 A.M. to see them off. From here they proceed to Panama then Veracruz. After that it's Tampa. then Norfolk for a 6 day stay with side trips to Annapolis and D.C. From there it's up to Halifax then back to Panama, Chile, Peru, Mexico and Hawaii returning to Japan the end of October. Our younger daughter will be visiting from Sacramento the end of August until early September. Members have expressed a desire to keep up the Parade of Lights dinner in December. Join us, your more that welcome. More in the next Aerograph.

*Submitted by AGC John Rodriguez USN RET*



## CENTRAL COAST CHAPTER

Pres. Harry Nicholson  
Sec/Tre Glenn Handlers

**Carl Thormeyer's** monthly climate report for his Marina observing area shows Temperature and Precipitation for April 2011 was rather dry with below normal temperatures much of the month. One exception to that

was 1 April with a high of 81 Degrees. Light patchy frost took place 29 & 30 April in Marina. I saw frost in my back yard those mornings here in Seaside.

In June 1991 I retired from my last paying job at Fleet Numerical Oceanography Center which was renamed Fleet Numerical Meteorology and Oceanography Center in 1993. I worked 19 years at FNWC/FNOC and retired at age 65.

19 April 2011 I received an invitation to attend the FNMOC 50th Anniversary and Military Construction Ribbon Cutting ceremony at 0900 this 19th day of May 2011. The skies were overcast and temperatures around 50F at 0900 this morning and I was happy to be wearing a long sleeve shirt and jacket with side pockets to put my hands in. Participants and Military attire prescribed by the Command was Summer Whites. I looked at the Sailors wearing short sleeve white shirts in 50 degree overcast weather and gave thanks the wind was just a whisper. I watched **RADM Jonathan W. White** who is Commander, NMOC being piped aboard and taking his seat prior to **Congressman Sam Farr** of the CA 17th Congressional District being piped aboard and wondered if the Admiral would turn blue from the cold. He must have Neanderthal ancestry as he seemed to bask in the chilly weather. Neanderthals of the last ice age through forensic analysis were determined as being highly resistant to cold weather. So I guess any common sense regulations such as Uniform of the Day being with sweater or jackets will not be forthcoming in future such ceremonies.

It has been over 15 years that I had not been on the compound of FNMOC and all the old WW II buildings that were still there in 1991 have all disappeared and many other buildings have sprung up in support of this unique Navy Forecast Center . It is being enlarged by another 14,000 Square feet thanks to Rep. Sam Farr's proposals to congress.

As long as we are on the Monterey climate my first pass through this area was in Jan.-Feb. 1945 for a week or two enroute from the Camp Hood, TX 17 week Infantry Basic course to the Philippines. That was winter time so I did not notice any climate differences. The next time in the Monterey area when summer was involved was when I came from Guam and attended a 5 week Upper Air school in Lakehurst NJ then was sent to the Naval Post Graduate School for duty in April 1954 to install GMD 1-A gear for Met student training. Coming from the tropics to the Monterey weather was a rude awakening as summer never seemed to happen that first year here. The Ocean Upwelling effect on the close onshore temperatures is a shocker to folks who are accustomed to warm weather in the summer months.

According to Carl's Climatology report May was very cool with well below normal temperatures and slightly above normal rainfall for the second year in a row. Also there were no days of fog where visibility reduced to ¼ mile or less. Colder inland temperatures was the major factor for less fog.

Sunday 12 June came in with a low coastal overcast condition and chilly weather. Temperatures were around 55 to 60 degrees when midday found Keiko & Glenn Handlers once again manning the picnic grill at Archer Park in Monterey for our annual summer picnic gathering. I will list those who attended the picnic as Glenn's list shows them.

**Don & Carol Mautner, Glenn & Keiko Handlers, Erika Sauer** who assumes CO of FNMOC in August, **Zane & Gloria Jacobs** (Gloria felt well enough to make it this year). **George & Mary Haltner, Mary Kalinyak, Barbara Lewitt, Dean Morford, Forest and Madge Williams, Harry & Pat Nickelson** (thanks Pat for double checking the list to make sure I knew who all was at the picnic), **Bill & Mimi Schramm & Mike Gilroy.**

Mike was renting a bank owned home in Salinas and it was sold so he was scrambling to find another place to live and was looking at the Pacific Grove area.

Earlier in the month I had talked to Carl Thormeyer who has weekend forecast TV appearances to make and Carl said he could not make the annual picnic as he gets up at 0230 to prepare for his TV forecast on Sunday's. Retirement for some seem to increase the work load. As all us old retirees can tell you who anticipate such, there never seems to be enough time to do the things we want to do then the lights turn off for us and the next generation advances. The cycle of life in all ways goes on and that is true throughout the Universe.

Carl Thormeyer's June climate observations show a much wetter month than normal and below normal temperatures. A recent exchange of Egrams with a Hawaiian cousin reveals his family loves artichokes. With that in mind & knowing we are near the artichoke capital of the United States, when I went to the Commissary 2 July I looked at the artichokes and they were poorly looking. The sign said they were frost kissed which some folks prefer & accounted for the frizzy brown tips. I wonder how the chokes became frost kissed as no frost was recorded in June & only short periods of fog with visibility less than 1/4 mile in 4 of the June days. At any rate each of these to me sad sack artichokes were priced at \$2.98 each. I wonder what they sell for in Hawaii. An Egram from a cousin who is native Hawaiian shows the chokes are cheaper in Hawaii. Go figure.

Mike Gilroy is having a farewell luncheon toward the end of July so it would appear he is retiring and moving south to the San Diego Area. And that is the way it is the summer of 2011 in our area.

*AGC Zane E. Jacobs AGC USN RET*



**Travel by Moon**

**Travel  
via the Moon**

It's that time of the  
year.....vacationtime!

Bags are all packed, travel arrangements are completed, hotel reservations all confirmed, passports are current (plus at least 6 months) and you're off to a part of the world you haven't seen....but now, that makes you

wonder...do we need a Visa? Certainly, if you used a travel agent, they would advise you which countries do/do not require a Visa...or you can send email [www.travel.state.gov/visa](http://www.travel.state.gov/visa) and get a list of all countries..Russia, China, Brazil..yea and costs can be \$15-170 for **each** passport. **Some...but not ALL countries** allow you to get a Visa (or pay extra tax) at the border .... And others may just refuse you entry. Do your homework !

Don't you hate it when you finally get on the plane and you go to the "overhead" over your seat (and on the other side) and it's all filled up with other peoples bags. People who get on the plane before you quite often will just open those overheads.....way before their seats in the back of the plane.....and put their carry-on bags in, over your seat leaving no room for yours. **Don't** go back further to seats behind yours looking for empty room to fit your bags! When the plane lands and everyone gets up to leave, you can't walk backwards past the other passengers to get your bags 10-15 rows back...you will be waiting till every one else gets off so you can get your bags. What choice do you have? Check them instead of carrying on the plane, or if you find no room above your seats, ask a flight attendant to help.....they may even put your bag in business/first class where there often is more room, or, they will check them for you and you will get them with the regular check baggage on arrival. 18, 21 or even 22in.bags *should* fit in most overhead bins, but they will **not** fit under the seat in front of you. Unless you're thinking of not paying for bags at check-in, do plan ahead and save time and *heartache*.

This was mentioned before....you're planning a trip to another part of the world than your home-state....**call your credit card company** that you will be using (the 800# is on the back of the card) and **tell them** where you are going and when. They will note these areas and dates and **will NOT** close your account because your credit cards were stolen.....going to an ATM or bank while traveling only to find out it **will NOT accept your credit card** is a great way to ruin your entire trip. Yes, you can call long-distance if this happens, but calling them before leaving is cheaper !

And remember, using a **credit union** credit card rather than your local bank credit card will only cost you 1% of foreign money charges.....the bank will charge you 3 to 3-1/2 % on your statement when you change for that foreign money.

A couple of other "safety" tips....going thru TSA. Put your wallet, money clip and change in your jacket pocket along with your shoes....no jacket?...put your wallet inside your shoe before putting on the tray thru the x-ray. Push your purses/tray thru the x-ray *just before* you walk thru the screener so those trays with your valuables are not sitting on the other side for someone else to pick up and carry away. At airport baggage claim, have a distinctive color attached to your bag so it "looks different" than all the others....and stand near the chute where the bags come down so you can identify your bags right away and pick them up.....standing faraway

from that chute gives someone else the chance to get the “wrong bag” which might be yours. In the hotel, leave the TV on when you leave the room...people will think someone is in there and less likely to try getting in...or leave the Do Not Disturb sign on when you leave the room or leave the light on in the bathroom with the door ajar. It'll be a great trip..*Enjoy*

*Submitted by AGCM Moon Mullen USN RET*

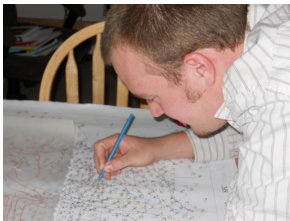
## Scholarships

### SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Before sharing with you some great news about our program, we want to take a moment to recognize **AGCS Retired, Dr. Camilo Martinez, PHD** for his service to the Association's Scholarship Committee. “Marty” passed away recently after a brief illness. He was a great supporter of the scholarship program and was a valued member of the committee. He devoted considerable time to a continuous improvement effort that resulted in a better program. Each year, he contributed a thoughtful review of applications and insightful comments and recommendations during the annual selection process. We will miss his participation and want to express our thanks and best thoughts to his Family.

#### 2011 Selection Results

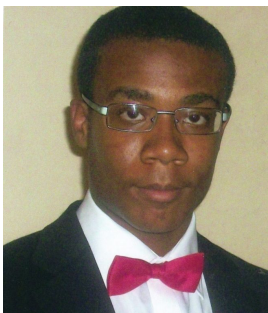
If you have been following the committee news this past year in the Aerograph and on the website it should come as no surprise that our scholarship program continues to flourish with another excellent pool of bright and well qualified applicants. This year the committee recommended awards for two students in the amount of \$5,000.00 each. This approach was intended to align our award process with that of the American Meteorological Society's. The Executive Board approved this approach and we are pleased to announce our two selectees for 2011/2012:



**Aaron Hill**

University of Washington Undergraduate.

Described by a nationally renowned Professor as the “best student in the program”. Analyzing a Surface map by hand!



**Reginald Johnson**

High School Senior

PERFECT SAT and ACT scores! Will be attending Cornell University  
Reginald Johnson plans to become an operational meteorologist

### Scholarship program to be administered by the American Meteorological Society

We are also pleased to announce that the Board and General membership approved the committee's proposal to enter into an agreement with the AMS to run our program beginning as early as 2012. A survey conducted on the NWSA website showed overwhelming support for this decision with 85% of the respondents voting “yes”. Please visit the website learn more about the details.

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

The bottom line is that our named scholarship program should live on for some time with two awards being given each year. The scholarship committee will continue to function but will shift its efforts toward fund raising. To donate please download this form:

[http://www.navalweather.org/images/NWSA-Scholarship\\_Donation\\_form.pdf](http://www.navalweather.org/images/NWSA-Scholarship_Donation_form.pdf)

If you have questions or concerns feel free to contact your committee at: [nwsascholarships@navalweather.org](mailto:nwsascholarships@navalweather.org)

*Submitted by LCDR Mike Gilroy USN RET*

### BIN LADEN BURIED AT SEA ABOARD USS CARL VINSON (CVN-70)



**NAVY TIMES** By [Andrew Tilghman](#) - Staff writer  
Posted Monday May 2, 2011 13:27:09 EDT

While most Americans slept Sunday night, a quiet at-sea burial ceremony took place for Osama bin Laden aboard the Navy carrier Carl Vinson off the coast of Pakistan. Bin Laden's body was dumped into the water off the northern Arabian Sea after an Islamic ritual that included the ceremonial washing of his body and wrapping him in a white sheet. His body was placed in a weighted bag, and a U.S. military officer read “prepared religious remarks,” which were in turn translated into Arabic by a native speaker, an official said.

"After the words were completed, the body was placed on a prepared flat board, tipped up and the deceased's body was eased into the sea," said a senior intelligence official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The 50-minute ceremony ended about 2 a.m. Eastern time, which was midday aboard the carrier. Bin Laden was killed hours earlier in a firefight with U.S. forces. Defense officials said bin Laden was buried at sea because Islamic rites require bodies to be buried within 24 hours of death, and the military did not know of any countries that were willing to accept the body for a land burial. Experts speculate that U.S. officials feared any land-based burial site would become a gathering point for al-Qaida supporters.

The intelligence official said bin Laden's identity was confirmed in several ways. First, a woman who said she was bin Laden's wife identified him by name to the troops conducting the raid on the Pakistani compound. Second, CIA specialists compared photos of the dead body to known pictures of bin Laden and were "able to determine to 95 percent certainty that the body was bin Laden," the intelligence official said. And an initial DNA test of the body showed a "virtual 100 percent match" to known bin Laden family members whose DNA is on file with U.S. intelligence officials. It is unclear whether further proof of bin Laden's death, such as photographs, will be released, the intelligence official said. The intelligence official declined to say whether an autopsy was conducted but said bin Laden clearly died in a firefight with U.S. special operations forces.



"This shore is an unusual spring.  
We ain't had but two inches of dust!"

### CUMULUS MAMMATUS

From Broadside by Jeff Bacon

"What are those clouds?"  
"Occluded clouds."



Cumulus Mammatus (NOAA photo by George A. Mikulan, Gibsonia PA)

Thus ended my first real weather conversation. I was a new officer on the bridge, and was trying to learn how to "tell weather" from the Navigator, the official expert in all natural phenomena (according to the ship's SORM, anyhow). It took me a decade and a Masters Degree in Meteorology to realize he had no idea what he was talking about.

But I did learn something. I learned that I should be a weather guy, because they have the coolest words. They get to say things like "cumulus mammatus".

They get to replace normal words with techno-geek terminology. A "storm" becomes a discussion of Saffir-Simpson (for hurricanes), Fujita (for tornadoes), or Beaufort (for wind and seas). No thunderstorm can be observed without mention of the K-Index.



### SUSAN SOHLER 101 YEAR OLD AG

Susan Sohler, 101, an Evansville resident, served in the Navy's WAVES (Women Accepted for Voluntary Emergency Service) for two years during World War II.

She said she got a Bachelor's of Art in Education degree in 1931 from Wayne State College in Nebraska but wanted to help with war effort. So, she worked for the Weather Bureau in Seattle, Wash., where the weather forecasts were secret, before joining WAVES.

"They didn't want enemies to know what the weather was like," she said.

In WAVES, she worked as an aerographer and took hourly weather observations, decoded weather information and plotted maps at Ottumwa (Iowa) Naval Air Station.

"It was fun and also hard work," she said.

She also said the nation "wasn't as hectic as it is now," but there weren't as many opportunities for women in the military.

Still, she said she took advantage of her G.I. Bill and worked as an accountant in San Francisco after the war.

*Submitted by AGCS John Shay USN RET*

## TEXAS CLIMATOLOGISTS

Speaking of index, there are a ton of index terms in weather. They are mainly used to distract the audience when the weather guy isn't really sure what the forecast is. When backed into a corner, he (or she) will inevitably come up with an index to get out of the jam: the Heat Index, Lifted Index, SWEAT Index (no, really, it is an actual term), Total-Totals Index, Wind Chill Index, and my personal favorite, the Modified Surf Index, or MSI.

The formula for coming up with the Modified Surf Index is so complicated and so hard to explain that it has been reduced to a simple number so that everyone can understand it, kind of. If the number is too high, you can't do certain things like perform well deck operations or conduct amphibious landings. Entire exercises have hung in the balance as everyone waits to hear the MSI value. It is the ultimate power trip for a forecaster, and because no one understands how it is computed, he is bullet-proof.

Not that being a forecaster is easy. You have to have a tough hide if you go into the business.

But for every negative there are plenty of positives. There are windows in the weather office, for one thing. And once an hour someone gets to go topside and "take an observation," which is weather terminology for "hang out in the signal shack." If nothing else, there comes a time in every weatherman's career when it is appropriate to say, "Back off, man...I'm a scientist."

So now, when someone asks me, "What are those clouds?" I don't panic. I can reach into my bag of scientific terminology and describe what they see, and I can do it in Latin. I can do that.

But usually I just tell them they're Occluded Clouds. It sounds better.



### FIRST F-35C TO MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST

*Navy Times,  
July 6 2010*

The first F-35C test aircraft has left

Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Md., for the first volley of carrier-suitability tests at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J.

CF-2, the second test aircraft delivered by Lockheed Martin to the Navy, arrived at Lakehurst on June 25 and was flown by test pilot Lt. Cmdr. Eric "Magic" Buus. While there, the airplane will be used for jet blast deflector tests, including deck heating, deflector panel cooling and other aspects. Shipboard testing is scheduled for 2013.

But this isn't exactly how things were planned, and this change-up, unlike others that have dogged the Joint Strike Fighter program, isn't something to worry about. Originally a different test aircraft, CF-1, was supposed to head to Lakehurst first. However, tests earlier this

summer went better than expected, allowing a change of plans, said Cmdr. Victor Chen, a Naval Air Systems Command spokesman.

"F-35C testing is currently ahead of schedule, allowing previously unplanned testing on CF-1 to eliminate the requirements that caused it to be the only aircraft that could support initial (jet blast deflector) testing. With both aircraft able to support, the decision was made to keep CF-1 at the F-35 integrated test facility at NAS Patuxent River in order to perform a software upgrade, modify flight test instrumentation and execute flight test points, which it did on its first Pax fly day," Chen said.

Two test aircraft are expected to go to Lakehurst later this summer for more carrier-suitability tests, including catapult launches and roll-in and arrested landings.

## NAVY HAS SPIKE IN COMMANDING-OFFICER FIRINGS

Washington Post, Published: June 17 2011

By [Craig Whitlock](#)

The Navy has fired a dozen commanding officers this year, a near-record rate, with the bulk getting the ax for offenses related to sex, alcohol or other forms of personal misconduct.

The terminations, which follow a similar spike in firings last year, have shaken the upper ranks of the Navy, which has long invested enormous responsibility in its commanding officers and prides itself on a tradition of carefully cultivating captains and admirals. Over the past 18 months, the Navy has sacked nine commanding officers for sexual harassment or inappropriate personal relationships. Three others were fired for alcohol-related offenses, and two on unspecified charges of personal misconduct. Combined, they account for roughly half of the 29 commanding officers relieved during that period. [Adm. Gary Roughead](#), the chief of naval operations, called the increase in firings "bothersome" but said the Navy was duty-bound to uphold strict behavioral standards, even when commanders are off-duty. He attributed the rise in part to the revolution in communications and technology, which has made it easier for sailors and their families to snoop on one another and then instantly spread the word - even from once-isolated ships at sea.

"The divide between our private and professional lives is essentially gone," Roughead said in an interview. "People can engage in the debate - does it really matter what a commanding officer does in their personal life? We believe it does, because it gets right to the issue of integrity and personal conduct and trust and the ability to enforce standards."

Capt. Donald Hornbeck, commander of a destroyer squadron attached to the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson, was fired April 23 while deployed in the Arabian Sea after Navy officials said they found evidence of an



"inappropriate personal relationship." Four days later, the Navy dismissed Cmdr. Jay Wiley, the commanding officer of the USS Momsen, a destroyer, citing "misconduct," according to a Navy statement. As a general rule, being fired as a naval commanding officer is a career-ending move that leads to retirement.

Military officials did not elaborate on the alleged transgressions. The Navy Times newspaper, citing an anonymous naval source, reported that Hornbeck was found to have had a relationship with another officer's wife and that Wiley's problems involved alcohol and inappropriate behavior with a sailor under his command. Neither Hornbeck nor Wiley responded to requests for comment.

April was a particularly tough month for Navy commanders. On April 11, Cmdr. Timothy Murphy, a squadron commander at Whidbey Island Naval Air Station in Washington state, was fired after he was cited by police for [driving under the influence](#), according to a Navy statement. Two other commanders were sacked the same month for on-the-job performance woes. None of the fired Navy commanders named in this article responded to requests for comment submitted through Navy public affairs officials.

The Navy is not the only military service dogged by poor performance in its upper ranks. The Army has relieved or disciplined three brigade commanders this year who were en route to - or returning from - war zones in Iraq and Afghanistan.

[One case involved Col. James H. Johnson III](#), commander of the 173rd Airborne Brigade, whom the Army fired in March for "inappropriate conduct" after his wife accused him of carrying on [a long-term affair](#) with an Iraqi mistress and repeatedly visiting her in Europe, according to an Army statement and divorce papers. Johnson declined to comment through an Army spokesman.

"It would be silly to say I wasn't concerned," Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, the Army chief of staff, told reporters recently. He said the Army was considering amending its command selection process to rate officers based on feedback from subordinates and peers, instead of just superiors.

The Navy's rash of firings has stirred special anxiety, however, with some officials and analysts characterizing the problem as a leadership crisis. Since January, the Navy has booted a dozen commanding officers and temporarily removed a 13th, pending an investigation. At that pace, the Navy will match the record total of 26 commanders it fired in 2003.

"It's a phenomenally high number," said [Norman Polmar](#), an Alexandria-based naval historian who has been an adviser to several top Navy officials. "There is something seriously wrong." He said the trend is a clear sign that the Navy's screening process for promotion is flawed. "Perhaps we don't have the best and brightest," he said. "It's also the naval leadership's responsibility," he said, to ensure that commanders are qualified and to articulate appropriate standards for officers. Navy

officials said they have been consistent and rigorous in holding their commanders responsible.

In a telephone interview, [Navy Secretary Ray Mabus](#) said he didn't think the firings illustrated a broader problem, noting that only a tiny percentage of the roughly 1,500 commanding officers in the service have been affected. About 285 of those commanders are in charge of ships and submarines; the remainder oversee various agencies in the Navy. "We hold absolute standards of conduct, and if you breach those, you're going to be relieved," he said. "But I don't see a pattern, and I don't think it's an epidemic in that sense."

After the record number of sackings in 2003, the Naval Inspector General conducted a review of terminations over the previous five years. Although the review found that personal misbehavior was the largest single cause, it found "no systemic factors relating to the increase," such as shortcomings in the Navy's promotion system. Some officers and analysts suggested that the rash of inappropriate relationships stemmed from the Navy's continuing adjustment to the presence of women on ships. "Many commanding officers didn't deal with women when they were junior officers, and now they have to," Polmar said.

The Navy opened its entire surface combat fleet to women in 1994 and began training [female officers to serve on submarines last year](#). Overall, women make up about 15 percent of the active-duty Navy. But Roughead, the chief of naval operations, scoffed at the idea that gender integration was to blame. "I've never heard anybody say, 'I wouldn't have strayed if there were no women on this ship,'" he said.

Of the 29 commanding officers fired since last year, three have been women. Cmdr. Mary Ann Giese, the commanding officer of the Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station in Bahrain, was relieved of command Aug. 21 after a Navy investigation found that she had engaged in "inappropriate relationships" with sailors. The two other female commanders were terminated for excessively harsh leadership styles. Capt. Etta Jones, commander of the USS Ponce, was fired April 23 after a sailor called an anonymous Navy hotline to report a "hostile command climate" while the warship was in the Mediterranean Sea to support the war in Libya. [Navy investigators found](#) that Jones endangered two sailors with a loaded weapon, failed to prevent hazing and cultivated "a hostile work environment permeated by verbal abuse, fear and intimidation." The Navy also had to intervene on the USS Cowpens, a warship operating in the Pacific, after sailors complained that their commander, [Capt. Holly Graf](#), was verbally abusive, forced them to take timeouts like toddlers and created an "environment of fear and hostility," according to a Naval Inspector General report. When the Navy dismissed her in January 2010, officials concluded she had subjected the crew to "cruelty and maltreatment."

Staff writer Greg Jaffe contributed to this report.

**Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me; I want people to know 'why' I look this way. I've traveled a long way, and some of the roads weren't paved.**  
*Will Rogers*



*Submitted by Jeff Bacon, Broadside Cartoonist*

**If you were around in 1919 and came upon the following poster**



**I mean seriously, wouldn't you just keep drinking?**

*Submitted by AGCM Bob Lee USN RET*

A preacher was making his rounds on a bicycle, when he came upon a little boy trying to sell a lawn mower. "How much do you want for the mower?" asked the preacher.

"I just want enough money to go out and buy me a bicycle." said the little boy.

After a moment of consideration, the preacher asked, "Will you take my bike in trade for it?" The little boy asked if he could try it out first. He told the preacher he hadn't ridden a bicycle in a long time and wasn't sure he could still ride one. The preacher told him, "Just keep trying. It'll come back to you."

After riding the bike around a little while, the little boy said, "Mister, you've got yourself a deal." The preacher took the mower and began to crank it. He pulled on the rope a few times with no response from the mower.

The preacher called the little boy over and said, "I can't get this mower to start." The little boy said, "That's because you have to cuss at it to get it started." The preacher said, "I can't cuss. It's been so long since I became a Christian that I don't even remember how to cuss."

The little boy looked at him happily and said. . . . .

"You just keep pulling on that rope. It'll come back to you."

*Submitted by AGCM Charlie Jordan USN RET*



**NWSA REUNION #38  
 COLORADO SPRINGS COLORADO  
 16 to 20 May 2011**

Planning for the hotel, tours and dinning options are well underway for Reunion 38. The selected hotel is the Crowne Plaza which is located in Southern Colorado Springs, just off Interstate 25. Getting to Colorado Springs is very straight forward. For those who will drive, I-25 runs north and south and I-70 goes east and west, but does go through Denver. The COS airport is only 10 minutes away from the hotel and the hotel has a free pick-up and return for those people who will be using this airport. The Denver airport is only about 1 hour driving time from the hotel and there is a direct shuttle which will provide transportation to/from the hotel. The "Colorado Springs Shuttle" will cost about \$50 each way and discounts are available. We have placed RV information on our Web site. It should be noted that

Cheyenne Mountain State Park is new and has RV sites. The park is located some 5 miles to the south of the hotel and is ideally suited for ease of journey to the hotel.

The hotel is medium size and details about the hotel are available at <http://cpcoloradosprings.com>. We have made arrangements for two different rooms. The regular rooms will cost \$120 per night and those situated around the pool cost \$131 per night. We get one room upgrade to a suite and this up-grade will be a reward for some lucky member who checks in early. A famous NWSA person will select a random number for the early check in. There will also be a traditional room raffle to be held at the banquet for one registration guest. The hotel will provide a complementary full breakfast buffet for our members. The Hospitality Room is large and the hotel will provide free coffee. The hotel has lots of parking for both cars and larger vehicles. Finally, the hotel is within easy walk of shops and local restaurants.

Given that there are no NWSA members living in the Springs, we are asking those who can arrive early and can be available on Tuesday, 15 May, to do so, and help with the final preparations. We already have had lots of help from lots of folks and more folks have said they will be on the early bus. The local Visitors Bureau will have available goodie bags and all sort of things for stuffing the bags. We will be armed with a detailed Excel spread sheet which will have a list of all the players, the events, the individual selections, the tickets for events, eating reservations, raffles, and name tag components. The big deal is to get all of these items carefully sorted out and individual bags filled for each member. We also need to make a Commissary and Refreshment run to near by Ft. Carson. There will be a sign up sheet for the folks who will be volunteering for Hospitality Room duty. As another reward for such good service, we have scheduled a luncheon trip on Wednesday, May 16 to Old Colorado City.

#### Tours and Events

We hold a reunion to join together, have fun and on occasion tell a few old stories. We are going to Colorado to see the rugged snow capped mountains and take in some of the most spectacular sites in this part of the world. We will be using a "school bus" for most of the side trips to keep the cost down. However, we will use a regulation tour bus for the big trip to the Royal Gorge. The many costs have not been quoted on the NWSA Registration form because of the anticipation of inflation for next year. The next Aerograph will have the prices inserted into the Registration form.

First up will be a **Walking Tour of Old Colorado City** which is located some 3 miles from the hotel and has a Wild West atmosphere. There are Unique Shops, Galleries, a Historic Museum and numerous good places to eat. We will have a knowledgeable person give us some hints on what to see, where to go and for dining suggestions prior to departure from the hotel. The cost will be for the transportation only and dining will be up to the individual.

The **Tour to the Royal Gorge Bridge** will be with Gray Line and will include a pre-paid lunch. People taking this tour will be able to see the Red Rock Canyon and the Royal Gorge. The waters of the Arkansas River have eroded the canyon to a depth of some 1055 feet and the view from the bridge is awesome. There are train tracks running along side the river and when observing a regulation train, the cars look like those of a toy train. The Spanish knew about the Royal Gorge area in 1642. On Friday we were hoping to have a **Tour of NORAD**. This visit may have to be deleted due to concerns about security. In the event that we must schedule a substitute we will make a **short trip to Manito Springs**. There, one can taste the mineral waters which made Manitou famous, one of a kind shops, galleries and a variety of dining. In Manitou, there are cliff dwellings which can be explored and one can get a real sense of what living was like for the Ancient Anasazi. This impressive edifice will show some of the mysteries of the Native American culture. Both of these two tours will be for the cost of transportation and as before, eating will be an individual responsibility. We will again get a local person to give some guidance before leaving the hotel as to what can be seen and the restaurant options.

On Friday night we will be bused to the Flying W Ranch for a **Western Grub Night in the Steakhouse**. It is a true-to-life working spread where folks of all ages can get the feel of the old west. If we get there early, they have a regulation Happy Hour with finger foods and traditional bar drinks. The food options include a Steak Dinner, BBQ Ribs or Chicken. After the meal there will be Western entertainment and foot stomping cowboy music. Cost will include both transportation and a food selection.

On Saturday, there will be a **tour of the AF Academy Cadet Chapel**. It is a truly magnificent structure which can be seen across the valley from I-25. We are working on getting permission to have our bus be able to drive up to the Chapel and obtaining a free guided tour. After the Chapel visit, the bus will travel to the **Garden of the Gods**, where one can observe the wonders of Nature. There will be time for taking lunch at the Balanced Rock Café. These two sites and are down right picturesque so do bring along your camera. Again, as before, eating will be an individual responsibility. Cost will be for the transportation.

Ironically, we have not scheduled a trip up Pikes Peak, which is some 14,115 feet above sea level, simply because of concern that a number of our members may have a propensity for altitude sickness and not even know it. In the event that Pikes Peak is a must for this reunion, there are options. Several companies offer trips up the mountain which can be traversed via coach or the Cog Railway. There are three variations for coming down the mountain – Coach, Cog Railroad or on a bicycle. We can help you make reservations or simply wait until your arrival and call one of several companies offering Pikes Peak trips.

The events taking place within the hotel are listed on the 2012 Program and are generally self explanatory and traditional. The Reunion is still a long way off and it is reasonable to assume that there will some changes. The major items are on contact with a 9/11 clause, which was initiated to give us a certain amount of protection. The lesser items will be dealt with as required. Attempting a Reunion without having a hometown does present some challenges.

*Earl Kerr, Reunion Chairman*

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5:30 PM	7:25 PM
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**COLORADO SPRINGS TO (DIA) DENVER  
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

<u>DEPART CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL</u>	<u>ARRIVE DIA</u>
5:45 AM	7:40 AM
7:45 AM	9:40 AM
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1:45 PM	3:40 PM
4:45 PM	6:40 PM

**Reunion 2012 PROGRAM  
38rd Annual Naval Weather Service Association  
May 16 – 20th in Colorado Springs**

**Tuesday, 15 May**

1300-1700 Reunion Preparation (With Coffee) in the Hospitality Center

1400-1530 Commissary and Refreshment run to Ft. Carson

1700-2100 Hospitality Center opens for limited use

**Wednesday, 16 May**

0700-1500 Hospitality Center open & Reunion registration

1030-1400 Old Colorado City visit (Briefing before departing)

1430-1600 First annual Executive Board Meeting in Room \_\_\_\_

1700-1900 Welcome Aboard Party (No Host) in Room \_\_\_\_

1900-2200 Hospitality Center opens & Reunion registration

**Thursday, 17 May**

0700-1730 Hospitality Center open & Reunion registration

0900-1030 First NWSA Membership Meeting #1 In Room \_\_\_\_

1030-1700 Royal Gorge Tour

1800-2000 Pizza Gathering on the Patio

2000-2200 Hospitality Center Late Night Open

TBA Audit Committee meets with Secretary-Treasure Libby O'Brien

**Friday, 18 May**

0700-1630 Hospitality Center Open & Reunion registration

1000-1800 ??Manitou Springs visit or NORAD trip??

1800-1930 Western Grub at the Flying W Ranch

2000- 2200 Hospitality Center Late Night Open

**Saturday, 19 May**

0700-1200 Hospitality Center opens

1000-1400 Air Force Academy Chapel tour & Lunch at Garden of the Gods

1430-1600 NWSA Membership Meeting #2 in Room \_\_\_\_

1600-1700 Second Annual Executive Board meeting in Room \_\_\_\_

1800-1900 No Host Cocktail In Room \_\_\_\_

1900-2300 Reunion Banquet In Room \_\_\_\_

**Sunday, 20 May**

0630-0900 Hospitality Center Close Out (Take Time to enjoy the Rocky Mountains)

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**Navy Weather Service Reunion**  
**May 15 – 21, 2012**

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**MAY 15-20, 2012**

## REGISTRATION FORM

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 Name(s) preferred for badge(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E Mail \_\_\_\_\_  
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### FEES AND CHOICES

Registration Fees: Member \$20 **Non-member \$25** Spouse/Guest \$5.00 each		= \$ _____
Old Colorado City Tour Assume 25 Folks	How many _____ X \$TBD	= \$ _____
Welcome Aboard Party (no host bar)	How many _____ X \$TBD	= \$ _____
Royal Gorge Tour 20 Persons Minimum	How many _____ X \$TBD	= \$ _____
Pizza Gathering On the Patio	How Many _____ X \$TBD	= \$ _____
Manitou/NORAD Trip Assume 20 Folks	How many _____ X \$TBD	= \$ _____
Western Grub @ Flying W Assume 30 Folks, BBQ Beef or Chicken @\$30 = _____		= \$ _____
or Kansas City Strip @ \$35 = \$ _____		= \$ _____
AF Cadet/Garden Gods Assume 30 Folks	How many _____ X \$TBD	= \$ _____
Banquet Program - Select your Entrée(s) for Saturday, Orange Roughy # _____		= \$ _____
Vegetable Wellington # _____, Flat Iron Steak # _____	X\$38	= \$ _____
~~~~~TOTAL AMOUNT THIS SECTION		\$ _____

### CAPS, CUPS, TICKETS

NWSA Caps, @ \$TBD	How many _____ X \$TBD	= \$ _____
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NWSA 38 extra coffee cup @ \$TBD	How many _____ X \$	= \$ _____
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**Will volunteer to help with (please check when you might be available – roster to be posted early)**

- Hospitality room for May 16 \_\_, 17 \_\_, 18 \_\_, 19 \_\_, 20 \_\_ Note my Trips Above! \_\_
- Registration desk for May 16 \_\_, 17 \_\_, 18 \_\_ Note my Trips Above! \_\_



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