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**The U.S. Postal Service Has Announced That The USPS Bulk Mail Processing Center In Abilene Texas Is Being Closed**

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## CONGRATULATIONS REAR ADMIRAL JOHNATHON W. WHITE Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command

Rear Admiral Jonathan W. White was born in Panama City, Fla. His father was a World War II Army Air Corps veteran who was awarded the Purple Heart, and his mother supported the war through her work in Oak Ridge, Tenn. His passion for Oceanography and the Navy began at age seven, thanks to the influence of a Navy Diver who lived next door.



White graduated from the Florida Institute of Technology in 1981 with a Bachelor of Science degree in oceanographic technology. After working at sea as a civilian oceanographer on board a seismic survey vessel, he was commissioned through Navy Officer Candidate School in 1983, and assigned as a surface warfare officer to *USS John L. Hall* (FFG 32) in Mayport, Fla.

White joined the oceanography community in 1987. Since then, he has had operational shore assignments at Jacksonville, Fla.; Guam; and Stuttgart, Germany, where his joint duty included maritime operations officer for Special Operations Command Europe, and strike plans officer for U.S. European Command during Operation *Allied Force* in Kosovo and Serbia.

White's sea tours as a naval oceanographer include Commander, Cruiser Destroyer Group 12 as staff meteorology and oceanography (METOC) officer, Tomahawk Land-Attack Missile strike officer, and flag navigator. He completed a Mediterranean deployment on board *USS Saratoga* (CV 60), and deployed aboard *USS Wasp* (LHD 1) for Operation *Uphold Democracy* in Haiti.

White has commanded Naval Training Meteorology and Oceanography Facility, Pensacola, Fla., and was the 50th superintendent of the United States Naval Observatory. Other milestone leadership tours include serving as executive officer at the Naval Atlantic METOC Facility, Jacksonville, Fla.; and as executive officer at Fleet Numerical Meteorology and Oceanography Center in Monterey, Calif. He also served on the staff of the Oceanographer of the Navy (CNO NO96) in Washington, D.C.

White graduated with distinction from the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif., earning a Master of Science degree in meteorology and oceanography.

In November 2007, he assumed duties as chief of staff, Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command. He was ceremoniously made an honorary chief petty officer and promoted to the rank of rear admiral in October 2009. Subsequently, he assumed command Nov. 13, 2009.

White wears numerous personal and unit awards, which are all a tribute to the great Sailors, Marines, Airmen, Soldiers and civilians he has worked alongside throughout his career.

*From the Editor: I was concerned that I might be reprinting a story that I had run a few years old when RADM Jon White was selected to be CNMOC with info off the internet that was being recycled through the system.*

*I requested further info from the posters, then additionally wrote CDR Don Cruse for help.*

“Don;

I received two emails. One was from Bud Horn and the other was from Marty Bonk. Each of these emails stated that Jonathan White had been selected for RADM. I thought that I had published that – or seen it before. So I searched for Naval Biographies. In RADM White’s bio, I found that he had been promoted to RADM in 2009. I emailed Marty and Bud, asking them if there was something that I didn’t know. So far, no answer.

I really don’t want to waste time and space on something that is not worthy of the Aerograph. Am I right? Charlie”

*Don replied with the following information that both answered my question and proffered additional information to consider.*

“Back again, Charlie. I’m all updated now and slightly embarrassed ... forgot that Jon White had to be promoted to RDML before he could take over as CNMOC in relief of Titley. So your scuttlebutt proves to be true ... in that White was just promoted to RADM preparatory to becoming Oceanographer & Navigator of the Navy. He will relieve Titley (again) as Titley retires this summer and begins looking for a job on civvie street. Both of these gents are absolutely tops ... smart as hell ... real performers. We are fortunate to have them in our Navy.

There remains some degree of mystery in our community regarding White’s recent promotion to two stars. It can only be that Titley set the precedent ... previous two stars as Oceanographer were submariners or some other Line officer who was approaching retirement.....not 1800 officers (Special Duty Officer (Oceanography)). There is strong feeling that David Titley was hoping for three stars and continued Navy assignments (reminiscent of Gaffney).....and he is held in such high esteem in OPNAV that it could still happen. Remaining question right now is who will be selected RDML and relieve Jon White as CNMOC Don”

*“My thanks to CDR Don Cruse, LCDR Bud Horn, and AGCM Marty Bonk for their information and assistance.  
AGCM Charlie Jordan, Editor*

\_\_Dear Abby\_\_ “I joined the Navy to see the world. I've seen it. Now how do I get out?”

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## BINNACLE LIST

**The roster of those medically unable to perform their duties.**



### Mrs. Dottie Shay

(wife of AGCS John Shay) was seriously injured in an auto accident. She is in a recovery/rehabilitation mode.

Hi

Dottie is still \*STABLE\* and is still in the REHAB facility: She is in Room 345  
Dorothy Shay  
Room 345  
8475 University Parkway  
Pensacola, FL 32514  
Thank you for your Prayers and Thoughts about her recovery

If you want to send a card, suggest you send them here to our 'CASTLE' and I will hand carry them to her daily when I visit her. Our snail-mail address is: 4960 La Ventana Court, Pensacola, FL 32526-3437”

Submitted by AGCS John Shay USN RET



## LETTERS

## MY APOLOGIES

Captain Ennis;

*I certainly want to extend my deepest apologies for overlooking your previous email to me with the information concerning Marines in Aerology.*

*We, the USN members of NWSA certainly want the Marines, many of whom we were schooled with AGs, to be members of the NWSA. I'll certainly pay more attention to the incoming mail destined for the Aerograph.*

*Your information is posted below and I hope that Libby O'Brien, NWSA Sec/Treas will include the names and addresses of the Marines that are doing well in the next Bellinger List.*

*AGCM Charles Jordan, Editor*

Charlie, I finished reading the recent newsletter twice and failed to see the information I sent to you about some Marines passing on.

Below is the message you sent to me indicating the information would be published in the next edition of the newsletter.

These Marines knew many members of the NWS, if fact many of your members were instructed at Lakehurst by some of these Marines.

We have a list in the Marine Corps similar to the Ballinger List with all the names (over 450) and information of present and former Marine Weather Service Personnel. I sent a message to them indicating the below information would be published in the NWS newsletter and I would forward a copy of the newsletter to anyone interested. However, to my dismay it was not published. Now this could be an oversight on your part because I know your task is not an easy one. I hope this is the case.

Over the past few years I have been approached on numerous occasions by senior members of the NWS to see if there is any possibility of Marine Weather Service personnel joining the NWS organization. I have suggested this at our reunions and there was some interest however, not publishing this information does not encourage Marines to be part of your membership.

Thanks for your consideration on this matter.

Don Innis

Capt. USMC Ret"

**Bud Langdon MGySgt** died 2010 in California after a successful career in the accounting business and a long retirement. Bud attended the 1<sup>st</sup>. USMC Weather Service in Las Vegas in 2003 and he looked good however, illness prevented him from attending the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reunions. Bud and I served together a number of times and continued to stay in contact with each other after retirement. Bud was a good friend and also one of my mentors.

**Gordon Cox CWO-4** died around 2007 in California. Gordon had been ill for a number of years and was unable to attend any of the reunions and his niece and

wife were care givers for him during his last few years. Gordon and I also served together and he also was one of my mentors and was truly a great Marine and forecaster.

**Rubenstein, Sgt.** has passed on but I have no additional information on him.

**Jack Mitchell, GySgt** also attended the 1<sup>st</sup> USMC Weather Service Reunion and unfortunately Jack passed on shortly there after in 2004. Jack and I served together in Iwakuni Japan in 1958 and again in 1960 at Cherry Point. Jack retired in the late 60's after a tour of duty in Viet Nam. Jack and I lost contact with each other but renewed our friendship at the 1<sup>st</sup> reunion.

**Ben Peltzer, Captain** died in the late 80's. Again Ben and I served together in 1959 and again in 1970. I relieved Ben as the OIC of the Cherry Point Weather Office in 1970 when Ben was transferred to HQMC and became the Director of the USMC Weather Service.

**Perry, LtCol** passed away around 2008 in California.

**Edward Clark GySgt** died around 2009. No other information available.

On the positive side the following Marines are alive and doing well:

**George Glawson CWO-2** now lives in New Jersey and vacations in Florida during the winter months

**Jack Watts Capt.** Jack still lives in New Bern, NC and is doing well.

**Lee Halverson Capt.** lives in California and is a CPA doing tax returns and whatever. Lee is also in charge of the 4<sup>th</sup> USMC Weather Service Reunion which is planned to be held in San Diego, Ca or Las Vegas in June 2013.

**Phil Humble MGySgt**

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## FORECASTING FOR NORTH ATLANTIC ANTISUBMARINE AND OTHER OPERATIONS DURING WORLD WAR II

LCDR Norman L. Canfield, USNR (Ret.)

This personal chronology is by a guy who enrolled at the University of New Hampshire in 1938 with a goal of becoming a weather forecaster upon graduation. Then the U.S. Weather Bureau or airlines were the only obvious potential civilian employers. But the Japanese attack at Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941 changed all that.

### First Navy Active Duty Assignments

In March 1942 I was one of 14 newly-commissioned Ensigns who, along with a similar number of civilians and about 100 U.S. Army Air Forces Cadets, started a 9-month concentrated graduate meteorology curriculum at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). The ten of us Ensigns who graduated in November 1942 were ordered to various offices and stations. In my case it was Naval Air Station (NAS) Bermuda where the Officer in Charge (OIC) of the weather office was **LT**

**Henry Silsby** and the Chief Aerographer's Mate (CAerM) was **Lester From**.

At that time NAS Bermuda was strictly a seaplane base, mainly home to PBY (Catalina) and PBM (Mariner) squadrons. The airport at the eastern end of the island was an Army Air Forces base but later in 1943 also was home to at least one Navy PB4Y-1 (Liberator) squadron. In addition to daily forecasting for antisubmarine patrol operations planning and preflight briefing of flight crews, weather duties included regular briefing of American Export Airlines PB2Y (Coronado) contract crews for flights to Puerto Rico, Trinidad, New York City and elsewhere. This function included preparation of "flight folders" which later became an International Civil Aviation Organization requirement for postwar transatlantic commercial flights.

A favorite recollection of my work in Bermuda is a successful exercise that took place not very long after my arrival. A raft with survivors from a torpedoed ship was located north of the island but weather precluded aircraft visual search for at least three days. My seemingly hopeless task was to estimate where the raft would be when the weather improved. I parlayed repetitive hours of surface map study with what little oceanography was taught at MIT and every other reference I could find into delineating an area to search when visibility improved. As I recall it was the second day of searching when the survivors were sighted and a surface ship notified. It was a "Wow!" moment for me when the flight crew returned and told me of the successful sighting.

A really impossible task arose a little later. After one in a series of regularly scheduled North Africa bound convoys of combatant surface ships encountered a deep closed low pressure area to the east of Bermuda, several LCIs (Landing Craft Infantry) capsized. We could have warned the "black shoes" at the collocated Naval Operating Base (NOB) but they had never contacted the NAS weather office about anything. After the ship losses things went to the other extreme. NOB added a full weather briefing prior to departure of each convoy. The sparse observational coverage and limited forecasting ability at that time, of course, required an active imagination and the briefing sometimes seemed to approach science fiction. Usually I was the one who took the stage to deliver the best week-long transatlantic forecast I could come up with.

As the 1943 Atlantic hurricane season was coming to a close, I received orders for my next assignment.

#### **NAS Squantum, Massachusetts**

Frankly I was astounded about the transfer to Squantum in two respects: (1) not only was I going back "stateside" but I was going back to the Boston area that I'd just left eleven months earlier, and (2) I would be OIC of the weather office on an active NAS at the ripe old age of 21.

My predecessor had already left but the transition went quite smoothly thanks in no small measure to **CAerM**

**Joseph Finn** who had arrived a few months earlier after duty on Guadalcanal in the South Pacific.

Antisubmarine patrols were of the near shore variety carried out by two SBD (Dauntless) squadrons. Throughout my tour these two squadrons were outnumbered by fighter, torpedo, and other SBD squadrons completing operational training prior to assignment to aircraft carriers. There were numerous special project flights also requiring weather briefings. An occasional "customer" was **RAADM Richard Byrd** of polar exploration fame.

Meanwhile, throughout 1944, new aircraft carriers, battleships, and cruisers were being outfitted and staffed at the nearby Charlestown Navy Yard and its South Boston Annex prior to going to sea. At various times, I received phone calls from Aerographer Mates aboard each type of ship asking if I could come help them get organized. It turned out that mainly they needed an officer to confirm to their ship's officers what their duties were, the equipment they needed, etc. I was glad to help and apparently did so effectively. This routine was readily understandable in the case of the one enlisted weatherman aboard a battleship or a cruiser. But in the case of carriers, the AerMs would report weeks before the aerological officer showed up so the AerMs would be reporting to officers with, shall we say, limited knowledge. September 1944 brought what I like to think was my best forecast of World War II. Beginning at least seven days before a hurricane swept northeastward across southeastern New England, I made it a point to brief personally the Executive and Operations Officers every day about the storm and its likely significant impact on NAS Squantum. At first virtually nothing was done, but preparations eventually began and all planes were flown inland before the hurricane arrived to do some damage to the NAS main hangar.

With another hurricane season in the record books, apparently it was time for my next transfer. Those orders would return me to supporting really long-range antisubmarine patrol bombing squadrons.

#### **Headquarters, Fleet AirWing Seven (FAW-7)**

FAW-7 headquarters was collocated with Royal Air Force Coastal Command 19 Group in Plymouth, England with squadrons of multi-engine aircraft at several bases from the southwestern coast of England to Northern Ireland. The antisubmarine patrol areas assigned to the joint command not only covered the English Channel and the Irish Sea but also extended southward to the Bay of Biscay and westward far out over the North Atlantic Ocean.

The main base for three U.S. Navy PB4Y-1 squadrons was NAF Dunkeswell, about 60 miles northeast of Plymouth, where the CAerM was **John Murphy**.

**CDR Clifford MacGregor** had been on duty around the northern North Atlantic seemingly forever and had been senior aerological officer for FAW-7 from its beginning. Earlier he had been a polar explorer in his own right. He was a larger-than-life character in every way imaginable

and more than a few tales had been told about him. So this 22-year-old LT wondered what he was getting into. Actually I was received with utmost cordiality. In only two or three days, **CDR MacGregor** explained clearly and efficiently what I needed to know and then he was on his way home for a long-overdue and well-deserved leave.

The other FAW-7 weather officers were detailed to the NAF to help with the sizable 24/7 briefing load. Five AerMs and I manned the headquarters weather office (half a Quonset hut) and for me it was always a seven-day work week. Weather map and forecast coordination discussions with NAF forecasters continued at least twice daily for the duration of the war in Europe.

*Submitted by LCDR Norman L. Canfield, USNR (Ret)*

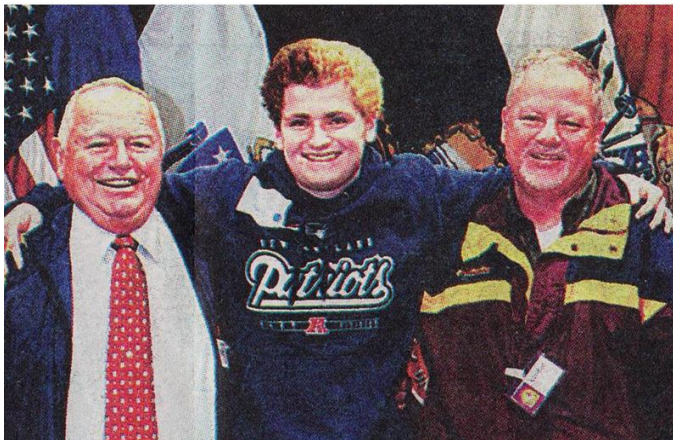
### HARD TIMES

Yesterday it was sourdough pancakes for breakfast, topped with **last year's** maple syrup followed by Canadian Walleye for dinner (from the freezer, of course), then today we had to subsist on New York steak from last year's whitetail deer. All that coupled with the fact that I bought too many bananas last week and in order to prevent their turning brown, I had to put together a banana cream pie.

Surely things will get better somewhere down the line, hopefully sooner rather than later.

*Submitted by Captain Frenchy Corbeille USN RET*

### 3<sup>rd</sup> GENERATION OF FUTTNER ENLIST IN THE NAVY



On Thursday, March 1, 2012, **Brian Futtner** (center), the son of **Henry** and **Linda Futtner** and the Grandson of **Jim** and **Joan Futtner**, all of East Hartford CT became the Third Generation of the Futtner Family to enlist in the United States Navy. Brian's dad – far right – served in the Navy from 1982 to 1988, serving as an Electronics Technician.

Grandfather Jim, at left in the photo retired from the Navy in 1977 as an Aerographer's Mate (weather Observer/Forecaster). Brian (whose hair is dyed in school colors for the EHHS Hornet Swim Team) enlisted under the Navy's Delayed Entry Program and will leave for Recruit Training in November.

Upon completion of Recruit Training Brian plans to attend the Navy's Nuclear Training Program in Charleston SC.

*Submitted by CDR Don Cruse USN RET*

### MEDICAL CARE FOR A RETIRED CAPTAIN

Our primary care physician moved out of the area so we had to forge a relationship with a "new" one. Brillion had only one from which to choose, a female physician assistant, so we went to the clinic in Chilton, only 12 miles away, where there were several from which to select. Barbara was the first to need help and she opted for a Heather Day. Several months later I came due for an annual "Wellness Check" and I made an appointment with a name and photograph I saw on the clinic wall. Barbara insisted I really should have gone with Heather Day - said I would definitely like her. With a good deal of trepidation, I switched my appointment to Heather Day.

Now if your wife urged you to get with a female physician, you, like me, would fully expect that female to be a less attractive specimen, probably an axe handle in width, and not especially photogenic. I sat in a little room with a nurse, answered a lot of questions, and then the nurse left, leaving me to my thoughts. I was thumping my foot and wondering how this was all going to go, when the door opened and in walked this statuesque beauty queen with long auburn hair, same color all the way to her scalp. She was not only quite pretty, but well proportioned, and I thought she must be another nurse. Wrong! She is the physician! I immediately decided that Barbara was right - I really would be happier being seen by Heather Day!

It was an hour and fifteen minutes of questions, answers and story telling and I know I never had a better visit with a medic. The only downer is that I will not be eligible for another wellness check until March 2013. Almost makes me want to get sick just so I can go see her again. She did not even gasp in horror at my standard answer to their standard question - "Have you ever felt suicidal?"

Like, have you ever wanted to kill yourself? My answer: "No, no, no, never. I have only felt like killing somebody else, never myself."

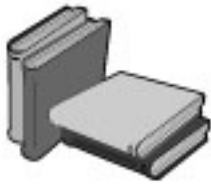
When it got around to exercise, I told her I walk 3 1/2 miles every day. She asked if I ever run and to that I responded "No - I prefer to turn around and shoot". She had a good laugh over that and went on to tell about how she runs in marathons. And she became endeared to me for life when she agreed that venison from any of the ungulates is organically grown health food with no fat, and that meat from all of the wild critters is highly desirable table fare.

If you can find somebody equivalent to Heather Day to look after your health needs, you will be happy and healthier longer. I try not to overdo it in thanking Barbara for recommending her.

**FREEDOM IS NOT FREE**

Frenchy sends with Warm Regards

*Submitted by Captain Frenchy Corbeille USN RET*



## CHAPTER NEWS



### PENSACOLA CHAPTER

President Bernie Bauer  
Secretary/Treasurer: Bob Kell

The Chapter had a meeting/get together at the China Sea Buffet in Milton at 1300 on March 18. The following members were in attendance: **Bernie Bauer, Steve Deola, Al and Helen Atwell, Dick and Elizabeth Tokryman, Larry and Nancy Warrenfeltz, Arnold (Bill) and Barbara Pruitt, Ed and Gerrie Marsch, Denny Maljevac, Howard and Shirley Graham, Dave and Jane Driggers, Bill and Joyce Mitchell, Ken and Barbara Overholt, Pat and Libby O'Brien, and Bob and Sherry Kell.** Newest members of the Chapter are **Bob and Sherry Kell.** At the meeting, **Bernie Bauer** was elected President and **Bob Kell** took over as the Secretary/Treasurer. **Dottie Shay** (wife of **John Shay**) continues to be in and out of the hospital and rehab since their auto accident a few months back. Please keep her and John in your prayers. **Bernie, Pat and Libby** are anxiously awaiting the start of the Blue Wahoo's baseball season (Pensacola's AA baseball team). They have season tickets. **Dave and Jane Driggers** will be making their summer migration to North Carolina. **Rose Frazier** had surgery on her foot and is doing well. Her sister **Theresa Gastel** and youngest son have moved to Milton. Theresa is working at GE in Pensacola. Rose's 14 year old son Timothy is finishing the eight grade with all A's (well done, Timothy). Rose's mom, **Irma** is living in the guesthouse. Arthur is doing fine and we hope to see him at the next meeting. My son Chris was in the hospital for about three weeks. My stepson, **Chris** had surgery on March 19. Both are doing well. The **O'Brien's** have stayed close to home these past three months, but that's all about to change. They did travel to Evansville, IN, to see Libby's youngest granddaughter baptized, and Pat has a float-fishing trip planned for late April on the New River in West Virginia. In May, Pat and Libby will head north to Olivet, MD, for a memorial service in honor of Pat's late sister's brother-in-law. From there, they will head west to Durango, CO, to join up with their dear friends **Jim and Joan Futtner** and **Diane Mielcarz.** They'll be taking a train from Durango up into the mountains to spend a couple hours in Silverton, CO. Following this venture, the crew will head to Colorado Springs for reunion #38. In late August Pat and Libby will be heading to Dublin, Ireland. They are

hoping to get tickets for the Naval Academy and Notre Dame football game on September 1<sup>st</sup>. More on this trip next issue. Pat and Libby continue to enjoy their time on local golf courses, and Pat had the pleasure of meeting two fellow AGs in his senior golf league: **Ernest Gherdes and John Shea.** Pat was stationed with John at Chanute AFB in Rantoul, Illinois, between 1983-1985. It just goes to prove that sometimes it is a very small world. Pat doesn't know much about Ernest other than the fact that he was an AG1 before becoming an officer. Both of these gentlemen will be invited to the next meeting of the P'cola Chapter. A couple of other fellows from Pat's past showed up at our local Chapter meeting in March: **Bob Kell and Larry Warrenfeltz.** Pat knew that Bob Kell and his wife, **Sherry,** had move moved back to Milton, FL, and expected to see them, but he was quite shocked to see Larry and his wife Nancy. They hadn't crossed paths since being stationed at NavEastOceanGen Norfolk in the early 80's. At the end of March, the O'Brien's had the pleasure of joining **Dave and Jane Driggers** at their home in Pensacola for a lovely evening of hors d'oeuvres, drinks, dinner, and lively conversation. Pat maintains contact with **Paul Lyon and Jerry Dufford** via the internet. Paul has had more medical issues than he cares to talk about. Duff is doing well and back to playing golf. **Gene Witsman** expected to be at our March meeting, but he was unable to attend due to an injury. As Gene put it, "Due to my graceful movements I had to visit the surgery room last Tuesday and get some repairs and preventative maintenance to my right shoulder. Tore my rotator cuff completely and the bicep muscle's attachment point. Got two new pins at each location. Anyway, I can't yet drive too far so I didn't make it to the meeting. I guess I will have to figure out what I am going to do about my annual wanderlust trip this year too, because the only movement allowed with my arm is by a physical therapist for the next 8 weeks!" The next meeting is scheduled for June 10 at 1300 at Sonny's 630 N. Navy Blvd in Pensacola. Thanks to **Gerrie Marsch** for obtaining the location.

*Submitted by AGCS Bob Kell USN RET*



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### CHAPTER CALENDAR

May 19 Armed Forces Day  
May 28 Memorial Day  
June 14 Flag Day  
June 20 Summer begins  
June 16 PotChap Picnic  
July 4<sup>th</sup> Independence Day

July 15 Inputs The Aerograph  
Sept 03 Labor Day  
Oct 12-20 Fleet Reserve Association National  
Reunion celebrating their 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Reno NV

## ROSTER CHANGES

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This quarter began with our responses to requests from the NWSA#38 hosts for assistance with the Reunion Program Booklet and other stuff. **Tom & Maryann MIOVAS** agreed to complete the RPB task. Prospective attendees at #38 from PotChap besides the **MIOVAS** family include **ROPERS, CRUSES, WEIGANDS** and Jim & Gerri **LANGEMO**. It is possible that Jim & Rosalie **ROMANO** will be able to join us but Rosalie's mother just passed away in NJ. That impacts their family calendar. All hands are primed and ready to lend a hand with reunion hospitality chores. Jim **ROMANO** has already fulfilled his annual "reunion caps, shirts & cups" responsibilities for #38.

Jim is also heading up a reunion committee for the RAF CHICKSANDS group and that now looks like it will be held near BWI Airport 18-22 October. There will be interesting trips to see NSA Museum on Fort George Meade and the Baltimore Inner Harbor. We hope to see a few N A V Y people in attendance.

News from the Naval Observatory (Bob **FREEMAN**) says that CNMOC at Stennis Space Ctr, RDML Jonathan **WHITE**, USN, has been selected for RADM and will be relieving RADM David **TITLEY**, USN this summer. This move normally presages a season of musical chairs in the command. For those people who read NAVY TIMES you are already aware of the new name Oceanography is part of – the Information Dominance Corps. This means that METOC has become mashed together with Public Affairs, Intelligence, and wotever.

We should congratulate the following officers who have recently laterally transferred to Oceanography: Chuck **BROWDER**, Stephen **FLEET**, Richard **ILCZUK** and Trisha **KUTKIEWICZ**. No, I will not comment on those Polish names or Editor Charlie will scalp me.

Yes, by the time we gather in Colorado Springs to compare forecasts and favorite brands of beer, it will be time for the N A V Y to reveal annual selections for personnel promotions to AGCM – closely followed by AGCS and then AGC.

Once again PotChap had to cancel planned mid-winter dinner meeting—this one in Glen Burnie MD. It must be a sign of old age but our sign-up sheet consisted of only six names—very reminiscent of similar efforts last year. Can we blame lack of participation on teevee or Google or Facebook or.....

Moving to "people news" it is reported that Richie **FREEMAN** had to slip her Philippines visit to the end of the year due to living accommodations. She spends lots of time in RI, NC and VA where she has family. Of course Maggie **HALMINSKI** does the same—starting in Amelia Island, progressing northward via Raleigh to Rehoboth Beach DE.

Others who seem to be always on the road or on a cruise are Ken & Joyce **SMITH**; and serious RV people are Tom & Maryann **MIOVAS**. Serious FL timeshare people are Jim & Rosalie **ROMANO**. We have Elroy & Richele **McLeod** who wintered in San Diego with family members, then toured FL. In early March Mac called to obtain the **O'BRIEN** telephone number as they were approaching Pensacola—yes, they did make contact. Tom **BERKERIDGE** is a frequent traveler too—not always when required for his tour guide business. At present he is about to end a European river cruise on the Rhine.

When Leo **HORTCH** moved from southern MD to York PA he remained with his son and family. It was necessary to modify the house to provide Leo with his own apartment but he loves being with grandchildren & children. Down in TX we find Jim "Gordo" & Della **WELCH** succumbing at long last to the call of the IT world, with all of its time-consuming attractions. They actually bought a PC. Oh yes, we still have a few holdouts—Al & Bobbi **ZAHNLE** come to mind.

Ray **CHAPPELL** remains on the Oceanographer's staff at NavObsy but is at present detailed to a personnel study group somewhere. He informs us that the NAVICE skipper, Denice **KRUSE**, has retired and moved to Dept of Homeland Security – her relief is CDR John **SIMMS**, USN. Several other retirements that have occurred: RDML Jeff **BEST**, CAPT Fred **TETTLEBACH**, CAPT Corey **SPRINGER** & CDR Raymond **CHARTIER**. From Glen Burnie MD Tom & Gladys **BEASLEY** and friends periodically drive over to Leisure World near Silver Spring to lunch with Duke **DUCHARME** who does not drive. His macular degeneration has ruined his eyesight. Once in a while Will & Ella **GOULD** gather a few of us for a lunch feast at Jerry's Seafood in Prince Frederick MD. It's hard to beat.

Another group that meets regularly in various interesting spots for lunch to recall their duty with the NATO MCMG (call them Mini M&Ms) consists of John & Janet **LINCOLN**, Dave & Harriett **SOKOL**, George & Diana **DELANO** – plus some USAF persons. The group also included a couple from Canada recently. Fond reminiscences are from a recent reunion of the group in Malta.

## CHAPTER OFFICERS MEET

The Andrews AFB golf shack was the meeting spot on 3/23 for a short session to check signals on NWSA#38 plus a few business items. Will & Ella **GOULD** and Mac & Richele **MCLEOD** also sat in on the meeting. Major financial items consisted of our \$80 to NWSA38 for RPB and \$500 to NWSA Scholarship Fund. Vince & Robby **ROPER** will host chapter picnic at their hacienda.



Will & Ella announced that April 2<sup>nd</sup> would be their 59<sup>th</sup> anniversary. They were preparing for house guests from out west: Jack & Lucille **WINTERS**.

Good news from Hazel **HUDOCK**—her youngest son, Father Paul, has been promoted to Monsignor in the West Virginia Diocese. His duty station is in Wheeling where he remains primary assistant to the bishop and handles recruiting throughout the Diocese. Hazel now resides in Wheeling.

#### **ECSAA REUNION**

This is for Aerological personnel who served in escort carriers: Next annual reunion of Escort Sailors and Airmen Assn will be held in Hotel Arizona, located in Tucson, 17-31 October, 2012. Details on web page: <http://escortcarriers.com>.

*Submitted by CDR Don Cruse USN RET*



#### **SOCAL CHAPTER**

Pres	Bernie Cohenour
Vice Pres	Steve Smith
Sec/Treas	Morry Summey

It is Reunion Time once again, so it is off to Colorado Springs, and another great get together.

#### CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

The Chapter's annual Valentines Day Champagne Brunch was held on Sunday, 12 February 2012 at the Admiral Baker Navy Golf Course Restaurant. We had eleven attendees, which included **Morry Summey, Al Hassen accompanied by Arlene Seek, Bill Bridge with his next door neighbor, Bob Clark with Shelia Brought Shelia's Mother and Bob's Mother. Bernie and Dolores Cohenour** completed the group, and also Delores organized the event. These brunches are one of our favored events, and everyone enjoyed a great outing.

The April quarterly business/luncheon meeting was held on Thursday, 5 April 2012. Once again, the location was the Admiral Baker Navy Golf Course Restaurant. Attendees were **Bernie and Dolores Cohenour, Morry Summey, David and Lois Rue, Steve and Wamuri Smith, Al Hassen, and Carl and Phyllis Drake**. The request for proposed Chapter nominees was discussed, and turned over to the Secretary for action. Comms with USS midway Museum in regard to rehabbing AG spaces, note that rehabbing is currently on hold. Due to current tour is not in vicinity of AG spaces. Possible a future endeavor. Scheduled future events include the quarterly business/ luncheon meeting in July, and the annual Labor Day picnic in September.

#### MEMBER ACTIVITIES

**Steve and Mamuri Smith** had a wonderful visit with family in Monterey CA. Their puppy, Bisquit, made the trip also. She and cousin Jono became best friends. RUFF, RUFF! **Bernie and Dolores Cohenour** took an AMTRAK trip from San Diego to Portland and back. Travel was made all the better with wine tasting and

evening movie on board. **Morry Summey**, with daughters **Martie and Marilyn** are planning a motor trip to the Colorado Springs Reunion. On the way they will stop for a couple of days in Provo, Utah to visit Marilyn's daughter **Becky** and her husband. From there they go to Colorado Springs and the Reunion. For the return Marilyn has to fly home to Virginia, but Morry and Martie will make a leisurely drive to San Diego, via New Mexico and Arizona.

*Submitted by LCDR Morry Summey USN RET*



#### **AIRSHIP CHAPTER**

President	Rod Elliott
Vice President	Al Parisi
Sec/Trea	Gene Merrill
Reporter	Pam Elliott
Chaplain	Marie Garrity
Sunshine	Ann Bucher

Spring has arrived in the Toms River-Lakehurst area and the Airship Chapter is preparing for the Annual Spring Luncheon at the Captain's Inn in Forked River. Our group is smaller in attendance with each gathering. And now for some news:

**Gene and Carol Merrill:** They just recently returned from a two week Caribbean Cruise. They had a great time, but really missed their annual trip to Hawaii. Plans are already underway to return to Hawaii for a few weeks next year. The Airship Chapter annual Spring Get Together is Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, and they are looking forward to sharing a special time with their shipmates. Mean while they are planning on celebrating Carol's 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday this coming November. Having family spread out all over the country makes early planning a necessity. Their son, Richard continues with Chemo therapy for brain cancer and they ask that you keep him in your prayers. God bless America and keep our service people out of harm's way.

**Mike and Marie Garrity:** Since our last Newsletter there hasn't been much of a change or happenings with the Garrity's' & sometimes that is a good thing. Mike & I both live with some discomfort from arthritis & just some signs of aging. But, we wake up & give thanks for each new day. No more babies have been born & no desires from our family members to increase the size of their families. I think the economy certainly plays in their decision. I'm sure all of you have felt the pinch of the rising gas prices along with food prices & just about everything in between? We are thankful that all of our gang is healthy & working thus paying their bills. Perhaps there are a few back aches & sore muscles while preparing their yards & homes for springtime. We who live here on the East Coast have been blessed not to have those terrible tornadoes & severe storms that have been felt across our country. But, thinking about how the crime rate has increased everywhere is sure a concern no matter where we live. Times have sure changed. But, I place all my faith, hope & wishes in God & always live each day to the fullest that he allows me.

And so from our home to yours, we send our best wishes & prayers that each of you are doing well.

**Ray and JoAnn Bierly:** Decided the slogan for 2012 would be delve into 2012 which is what we have been doing. The first project has been the inside of the house for we needed to 'release' some furniture, paint three rooms and make other small repairs. Well, the 'delving' sent Ray to the hospital with a lung infection. Our daughter called to say it was the first time she felt her father was happy to be there. He was happy!! He had his computer, his cell phone, clean underwear, lots of visitors and didn't have to be putting the house back together. I was in charge of all that. Ray came home after 6 days when the family room was done. Now we are having the outside worked on. Just like when he was 'aboard ship'.

We are flying to N.J. June 13th through 18th for our granddaughter's high school graduation. Life is moving right along. It is said it doesn't go fast enough when we are children and too fast as we get older. How true!!! Enjoy the summer. ay it be filled with lots of 'Moments to Remember'.

**Toddy McGayhey:** There were 17 visitors at Toddy's home to celebrate her 96th birthday. They included immediate family, four of her first cousins, two couples from the Airship Chapter of the Naval Weather Service Association which my father belonged to for many years, and some family & friends. It was great to see all today. I know that you're being there made the day for my mother. Teresa (her granddaughter) stopped by on the way home from work and said that Grandma could not stop talking about how nice everyone was to come to see her. This is a note from her son Frank Jr. It was a wonderful day and Toddy looked so happy. She received a "ton" of M&M's, her favorite candy. And said she could not remember anyone giving her a birthday party.



**Rod and Pam Elliott:** As usual, we are busy as ever. Pam does water exercises at the Y two days a week then goes to Cardiac Rehab after lunch on the same days. She continues with Credit Union training and Board of Director duties. Rod attends most training functions with her. They are just completing Spring Break week with granddaughter and son-in-law from VA. Boy, a 10 year old can wear out two 70+ year old grandparents. We had a blast showing them our neck of the woods.

**Happy Spring, Summer and good health from each Airship Chapter Member!**

*Submitted by Reporter Pam Elliott*



## CENTRAL COAST

President Harry Nicholson  
Sec/Treas Glenn Handlers

This quarterly starts out with the death of **Sam Houston**. His obituary also has a picture of Captain Sam in Uniform but my system seems unable to copy that picture so I forwarded the obit from the paper to Charlie Jordan who assured me he would run it in the May issue of the Aerograph.

**Lloyd Bellinger**, shortly after retiring from the USN, started compiling a list of all of his Navy friends and asked for their input to his list. Around 1967 I contacted Lloyd after seeing his list at Point Mugu, CA from a Warrant Officer named Taylor and sent in a few addresses of my Navy friends and each year till Lloyd turned his list over to a group of folks at Lakehurst around 1974 who got together and formed the NWSA I supported him with a few bucks to help with postage. When NWSA was formed in Lakehurst the first annual gathering of NWSA was to take place at Pensacola FL. The flyer that went out soliciting members to join NWSA dropped first names from Lloyd Ballinger's list. I wrote a letter of protest to the Secretary at that time about deleting the identifying names from Lloyds list and finally relented and joined NWSA in 1978 or 1979 as I recall attending the annual meeting in 1979 here in Monterey. Imagine my surprise to once again upon receipt of the Nov. 2011 Issue of the Bellinger list to see all first names dropped. I also see in the Feb. 2012 Issue of the Aerograph if anyone is interested those names have been added to an online version of the B List. It seems a majority of folks feel that hard copy of the written word is on its way out so everyone can be expected to use the online method of communicating within the NWSA. Now I wonder how much longer the NWSA will survive before it is disbanded.

**Carl Thormeyer's** Jan. 2012 report showed 5 days below freezing took place at his thermoscreen in his Marina Back yard with one day down to 25 F. Microclimate changes are significant as where I live in Seaside is less than 5 miles as the crow flies from where Carl lives and there were no days that I observed here in

Seaside where we had below freezing temperatures. Though I do not keep track of daily temperatures there is only one period of time I can recall where we had below freezing temperatures that lasted 3 nights in a row and that was 31 Dec. 1989 through 2 Jan. 1990 and many water pipes burst those nights when temperatures went to at least 23 degrees F.

Our seasons start 1 July each summer and from July 2011 through Feb. 2012 our temperatures have been below normal and precipitation only 46% of normal. One has to go back into the 1880's to find a drier 3 month period of Dec.-Feb. than the one we just had. The climate is a changing for sure.

Carl Thormeyer's report for March shows above normal precipitation. The normal is 2.46 Inches and we had 3.21 Inches. This brings our season up to 60 % of normal. We had 12 days in March with rain, rain showers and drizzle. I heard thunder two days here in Seaside and though it is unusual for thunderstorms to happen on the coast in our area we occasionally get some. Temperatures were slightly below normal which is 53.1 and we had 52.3. It seems the upper Middle West has had a much warmer winter than normal. That seems to be the news from the Monterey chapter this quarter.

*Submitted by AGC Zane E. Jacobs USN Ret.*



## HAMPTON ROADS

President	Chuck Fifeid
Vice President	Bob Steiner
Treasurer	Bob Daigle
Secretary	Fay Crossley
Social Coord	Frank Muscari
VA Hosp Coord	Joan Akers
CMAA	Frank Muscari

### HRC Member Activity and News

**Capt Chuck Steinbruck USN RET:** The avid sports fan attended part of the March Madness in Richmond watching the CAA Basketball Tournament. ODU won but one game though. Louise and Chuck will attend #38 then head for an Alaskan tour and cruise.

**AGC Fay Crossley USN RET:** Visited **CDR Don and Marge Cruse USN RET** and found their new digs to be fantastic. Give them a call before stopping in for a visit, they are on the go all the time. Fay's nephew **Kent Crossley** (retired Army COL) enjoyed Don's history lesson. Fay and Donna also visited **ADM John and Ive Chubb USN RET**, they are doing fine, wow, talk about being on the go.

**AGCS USN REY Bob Daigle:** During much of March, Bob and Carol traveled to Florida, went on a cruise and visited family after the cruise. They hope to do it again one day. Bob gave a brief review of the cruise and especially enjoyed the tour of the ship, which cost him \$150 but it was well worth it.

**AGCM USN RER Michael Joern:** Is constantly busy with his "civilian" job. During a recent business trip to Mississippi he sent back the following: "I visited with

**RDML White, COMNAVMETOCOM.** It was announced earlier this week that he will be promoted to **RADM White** and will relieve **RADM Titley** as Oceanographer AND Navigator of the Navy sometime this summer. Time to be determined; based upon **RADM Titley's** pending move/retirement. **RADM Titley** may have the opportunity to assume command of another organization - like **RADM Gaffney**.

**AG1 USN RET Frank Muscari:** Is also busy with wife Eve. They have been on roads trips visiting family and friends. Their son was involved in an accident but will be okay.

HRC Member Retires again

**AGCS USN RET Bobby Steiner,** will retire from the contract job at Wallops Island on 5/1/2012.

Bobby joined the U.S. Navy on 25 February 1959. He attended basic training Naval Recruit Training Station, Great Lakes IL. Upon graduation in early May of 1959, he was assigned to NATTC Memphis, TN. to attend AQ (Aviation Fire Control Technician) School. Not a good classroom student, great in the lab (practical electronic skills) mutual agreement to send him to sea. Reported aboard the USS WASP CVS-18, home ported in Boston MA., in August 1960. Applied for the STAR Program and reported to AG"A" School, NATTC Lakehurst, NJ In May of 1961. Advanced to AG3 upon graduating "A" school in September of 1961 and entered Radiosonde "C" School October 1961. Bobby, reported aboard USS Boston CAG-1 home ported in Boston, MA. November 1961. On to Staff duty in the Environmental Sciences curriculum at the Naval Post Graduate School, Monterey, CA. in May of 1963. Future assignments included NWSED Adak, AK (10/65-5/68), FWC Norfolk, VA. (6/68-5/70). AG "B" School, NATTC Lakehurst, NJ (6/70-10/70), Antarctic Support Activities (CTF-73 Detachment "C", NAS Norfolk, VA. (1/71-9/73), NWSED Patuxent River, MD. (9/73-6/77), USS Forrestal CV-59 (7/77-6/78), Commander Sixth Fleet, Staff Meteorologist (9/78-12/79), USS Tarawa LHA-1 (1/80-7/81), NOCD Kadena, Okinawa, Japan (9/81-12/83), FWC Pearl Harbor, HI. (1/84-12/85), FNOC, Monterey, CA. (1/86-2/89), Transferred to the Navy Retired list on 1 March 1989.

Since retiring from the US Navy Bobby worked as a flight forecaster at NOCD NAS Willow Grove, PA. NOCD/NLMOB NAS Patuxent River, Md. As a Met Tech at NWS Vollens/Lynchburg, Va. and NWS Saint Paul Island, Alaska. He then worked in various positions in the civilian community in and around Richmond, Va. Since December 1999 he has been employed as a contract meteorologist at NASA Wallops Flight Facility, Wallops Island, Va. Bobby lost his wife Jessie in July of 2011, he plans on doing some traveling and taking it easy for the next year or so, and then he may start a new life in another location. Congratulations Senior Chief, couldn't be happening to a better and more deserving shipmate.

HRC Board Meeting

Held at Kelly's in Chesapeake March 4, 2012

The officers of HRC meet prior to each scheduled Membership Meeting in order to outline the plans for the meeting. All officers were at the 03/04/12 meeting except **Frank Muscari** who was traveling to Florida for a class reunion.

Old Business: 1. **Bob Steiner** will review our plans for a social outing to Wallops in August. 2. Joan Akers will read a letter she received from the VA hospital thanking her and HRC for their donations. We will also collect funding for a donation to the Salvation Army at the 4/15 meeting. Dues will be collected. **President Fifield** will contact the Weather Facility at Norfolk to set up a possible way to honor the Sailor of the year from that facility.

New Business: 1. Review of NWSA (AMS) scholarship procedures. 2. HRC AD and money have been sent to Reunion#38. 3. Review of Wright 90th birthday. 4. Aerograph delivery review. 5. Possible nominations for NWSA officers. 6. Who is attending #38, so far, **Fifields, Steinbrucks, Steiner, Muscaris**.

(Attachment 14 is full minutes of that meeting)

#### Minutes of the Meeting

Held at Cagney's in Virginia Beach  
(Spring Meeting - April 15, 2012)

In attendance: (23) **Chuck Fifield, Pat Scott, Kathe Clark, Dan and Carmen Lee, Ted Lemond, Marilyn Mcdonald, Ive Chubb, Ralph and LaRue Wright, Frank and Eve Muscari, Bob Wright, Chuck and Louise Steinbruck, Jack and Ann Salvato** (who celebrated their 12th anniversary by coming to the HRC meeting), **Joan Akers, Nachov Boutin (Joan's grand daughter) , Fay and Donna Crossley and Bob and Carol Daigle**. Regrets were received from **Da Silva, Joern, Shaffer, Harder, Paulty and Steiner**.

Copies of listed attachments can be obtained by contacting HRC secretary and requesting they be mailed.

Prior to official start of meeting:

1. Attachments were passed around the meeting room. They were; 1 - a copy of our AD for #38 booklet, 2 - Ralph Wrights 90th birthday pictures, 3 - HRC Spring Board Meeting pictures and 4 - pictures of the Paulty Ranch House foundation dig, (why Dennis and wife couldn't attend meeting).

2. The Prayer was given by **Chuck Steinbruck**.

3. The Pledge was led by **CMAA Frank Muscari**.

4. The 50/50 which netted \$45 to the winner **Chuck Fifield** (he graciously donated the winnings to our one time extra charity function that was requested by Frank Muscari (the Salvation Army)

The Meeting was called to order by **President Chuck Fifield** at about 335 PM.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

1 A motion was made by **Frank Muscari and seconded by Ted Lemond** that the secretary report be accepted as transmitted via Email to the Membership. It was approved.

2. **Bob Daigle** gave a treasurers report which showed HRC to have \$3383.65 in Checking plus Savings.

3. **Joan Akers** read letters that she has received from the VA Hospital and the Virginia Beach SPCA for her and HRC efforts to help those organizations. They are attachments 5, 6, and 7.

4. **Bob Steiner** passed along through **Bob Daigle** an update concerning the Social Outing planned for 20 August to Wallops Island. Members are to indicate their TENTATIVE intent to go to the outing through the Secretary. Tentative plan is to go to Wallops at least the day before the tour, staying at the Navy Lodge or other hotel facilities. Gathering at a designated area and boarding a tour bus. More information will be forthcoming but please let us know if you are going to want to go.

5. The tour to the FWC Norfolk office is on going and President Fifield will get information on that tour soon.

6. The president read a letter he received from our extra charity project last year of collecting cans for an Eagle Scout Project. Our can drive that was held on 10/9/2011 has produced fruit. Ben Jumper sent a thank you note March 6, 2012. The cans were used to create a bronze plaque as part of his Eagle Scout effort. The project has been approved and Ben awaits his ceremony to become an Eagle. Thanks to all that helped with the project. Ben's note and pictures will be part of these minutes. Fay will attend the Honor event on 4/21 as HRC representative. (attachments 8, 9, 10 refer)

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. The membership is encouraged to inform NWSA their willingness to receive the Aerograph by Email, rather than Snail mail. Editor Jordan has difficulty with so many bulk mailings.

2. A discussion concerning the review and update of the HRC Roster was completed. The next phase will be for each person willing to do so, to take one page of the current roster and check each entry and also to attempt to gather more names that aren't listed. Those willing to do this are to contact the Secretary and Roster page(s) will be mailed to them, upon correcting the page(s) they are to be sent back to the Secretary.

3. Anyone interested in being considered for NWSA officer(s) are to contact President Fifield ASAP. 757-549-2803.

4. A quick survey was conducted to see if Membership was using the NWSA Web Site. 1 to 2 were using it on a daily or weekly basis, while 3 or 4 used the site once a month. The rest of the membership at the meeting use the site seldom. (next meeting we will try to come up with suggestions to improve usage.)

5. Chuck Steinbruck reviewed the scholarship program. NWSA gives all funding to the AMS, who in turn awards scholarships. It was felt this would increase the amount of money awarded to deserving students. Applications are on the NWSA Web Site.

6. So far **Fifields, Steinbrucks, Steiner** are attending #38.

7. An opportunity comes up now and then for one time day observers being required. This is through the National Weather Service in Wakefield. Fay has asked them to contact him when there is a requirement so HRC members might be able to take advantage of the perks. Fay will send out notices as they are received. AGCS ret Daigle and AGC ret Crossley were official weather observers at a Norfolk Tides game (They beat the O's 6 to 4) on 4/4.

8. Joan Akers was provided a newspaper clipping concerning VA homeless shelters. The VA Hospital in Hampton has lost funding for their safe house. Joan will contact the VA and see where HRC can help with an effort to restore the funding or whatever might be required. (attachment 11 refers)

9. Fay is in contact with **AG1 USN ret Bernard Killinger**, in the hopes we can be of assistance to him and that he might enjoy coming to a meeting now and then. Bernard retired in 2005 and now lives in Gloucester VA. (Attachments 12 and 13 refer)

10. An article was found in the Williamsburg paper requesting help getting donations to the VA Hospital from that area. The Secretary responded to the article, it is hoped it will be fruitful and we will get more stuff to take to the VA. (Attachment 15 refers)

11. HRC would like to start collecting Biographies from its members. Please write about your Navy history in chronological order. Try to keep the effort to one page. Send these to the Secretary, maybe we can make a book or something.

12. The next Board meeting will be held on the Eastern Shore. The Secretary will come up with some dates and places and get that info to the Officers.

13. The next HRC meeting will be our Annual Picnic at the Chubb Ranch. More information will be forth coming. It will be Saturday July 7. Start time is 1230 PM until whenever, plan on bringing your best grub. Please contact Frank Muscari if you CAN or CAN NOT attend. 757-587-0555 or [fdmas1@verison.net](mailto:fdmas1@verison.net)

14. Joan Akers has a friend that is in need of work. He will do odd jobs and is very reliable. If you need some help give Joan an call. 757-420-5901 or [dunroming@cox.net](mailto:dunroming@cox.net)

15. At the end of the meeting the total collection for the Salvation Army stood at \$150, but there is still time for you to donate. Contact Bob Daigle with your contribution, channels will be open until 4/21. Call Bob at 757-468-3741 or [bedraggle@cox.net](mailto:bedraggle@cox.net) Next meetings special charity will be Hospice (we hope to help those that have helped **Bev Scott** though some rough times)

16. **Marilyn and Ted** will be hosting a party in Pungo late Sept or Early Oct, more information will be coming.

17. If you plan to attend the June 8-12/2012 OPSAIL event on the Eastern shore, Ive Chubb has information and possible rooms. Contact the Chubbs at 757-624-5469 or [jchubb@verizon.net](mailto:jchubb@verizon.net).

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

**Bev Scott** called the Secretary in late February to say she was doing fine and thanked HRC for the out pouring

of good thoughts during her hospital stay and recovery. Bev is under Hospice Bridge care. Joan Akers visited Bev and called once, interrupting Bev's card game. Bev's daughters Pat and Kathe attended the 4/15 meeting to deliver a letter and card from Bev...."to my Dear Friends: I'm so sorry that I cannot be there with you today, I'm with you in spirit. You all have been such good friends to both Bud and myself. I thank you for the great memories and companionship through the years. Enjoy your time together today and I hope to join you next time you meet. Love Bev" (Attachment 16 refers)

**CWO4 USN ret Mel and Marty Harder**, Marty's follow up exam 3/7/12 were very encouraging. They were unable to attend the 4/15 meeting due to a birthday part for Marty. We wish to extend a Happy Birthday to her as well. Remember them in your thoughts and prayers.

**AGCS USN ret John Shay** wishes to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers extended to his Wife Dorothy. Dorothy continues to be in the Rehabilitation facility, John visits daily. Very slow improvements have been noted.

**AG1 USN ret Bob Wright**: Will be heading back to PA on 4/20, but he promises to come back to HRC for meetings. Fair winds and following seas Bob.

**AGCM USN ret Chuck Fifield's wife Eileen** was unable to attend the meeting, she was just tuckered out from all the traveling they have been doing lately, and more to come. Keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

At about 430 PM a motion was made to adjourn by **Bob Wright and it was seconded by Frank Muscari**. Motion passed. However, folks lingers chatting and telling sea stories until 600PM.

*Submitted by AGC Fay Crossley USN RET*

## RETIRED WHITE HATS POEM

OLD SAILORS SIT  
AND CHEW THE FAT  
ABOUT THINGS THAT USED TO BE,  
OF THE THINGS THEY'VE SEEN  
THE PLACES THEY'VE BEEN,  
WHEN THEY VENTURED OUT TO SEA.

THEY REMEMBERED FRIENDS  
FROM LONG AGO,  
THE TIMES THEY HAD BACK THEN.  
THE MONEY THEY SPENT,  
THE BEER THEY DRANK,  
IN THEIR DAYS AS SAILING MEN.

THEIR LIVES ARE LIVED  
IN DAYS GONE BY,  
WITH THOUGHTS THAT FOREVER LAST.  
OF BELL BOTTOM BLUES,  
WINGED WHITE HATS,  
AND GOOD TIMES IN THEIR PAST.

THEY RECALL LONG NIGHTS  
WITH A MOON SO BRIGHT  
FAR OUT ON A LONELY SEA.  
THE THOUGHTS THEY HAD

AS YOUTHFUL LADS,  
WHEN THEIR LIVES WERE WILD AND FREE.

THEY KNEW SO WELL  
HOW THEIR HEARTS WOULD SWELL  
WHEN OLD GLORY FLUTTERED PROUD AND FREE.  
THE UNDERWAY PENNANT  
SUCH A BEAUTIFUL SIGHT  
AS THEY PLOWED THROUGH AN ANGRY SEA.

THEY TALKED OF THE CHOW  
OL' COOKIE WOULD MAKE  
AND THE SHRILL OF THE BOS UN'S PIPE.  
HOW SALT SPRAY WOULD FALL  
LIKE SPARKS FROM HELL  
WHEN A STORM STRUCK IN THE NIGHT.

THEY REMEMBER OLD SHIPMATES  
ALREADY GONE  
WHO FOREVER HOLD A SPOT IN THEIR HEART,  
WHEN SAILORS WERE BOLD, AND  
FRIENDSHIPS WOULD HOLD,  
UNTIL DEATH RIPPED THEM APART.

THEY SPEAK OF NIGHTS  
IN PIG ALLEY AND GUT  
ON MANY A FOREIGN SHORE,  
OF THE BEER THEY'D DOWN  
AS GATHERING AROUND,  
TELLING JOKES AND SEA STORIES GALORE.

THEIR SAILING DAYS  
ARE GONE AWAY,  
NEVER AGAIN WILL THEY CROSS THE BROW.  
THEY HAVE NO REGRETS,  
THEY KNOW THEY ARE BLESSED,  
FOR HONORING A SACRED VOW.

THEIR NUMBERS GROW LESS  
WITH EACH PASSING DAY  
AS THE FINAL MUSTER BEGINS,  
THERE'S NOTHING TO LOSE,  
ALL HAVE PAID DUES,  
AND THEY'LL SAIL WITH SHIPMATES AGAIN.

I'VE HEARD THEM SAY  
BEFORE GETTING UNDERWAY  
THAT THERE'S STILL SOME SAILING TO DO,  
THEY'LL SAY WITH A GRIN  
THAT THEIR SHIP HAS COME IN  
AND THE GOOD LORD NEEDS A GOOD CREW.

*Author Unknown*

*From "The Iowan", a newsletter provided by sailors with  
a history with the USS IOWA (BB-61) ...ed.*



**BUD LANGDON MGYSGT USMC died 2010**

**GORDON COX CWO-4 USMC died 2007**

**RUBENSTEIN, SGT**

**JACK MITCHELL, GYSGT USMC Died 2004**

**BEN PELTZER CAPT USMC died late 80's**

**PERRY LTCOL USMC Died around 2008**

Submitted by Captain Don Innis USMC RET

**EDWARD CLARK GYSGT died around 2009**

Submitted By Capt Don Innis USMC RET

**AGCM DAVE REMINGTON USN RET**

Submitted by AGCM Marty Bonk USN RET

**Philip T.Hall, AGC USN RET**

I relieved him on the USS Tripoli in 1970...

Submitted by AGCM Marty Bonk USN RET

**AGC JAMES WAYLON STONE USNR RET**



James Waylan Stone, AGC USNR Ret - From Waverly PA to Waverly Ohio, Jim Stone crossed over the bar in March 2012. Records are difficult to get from sources, but various reports indicate Jim passed away between the 13 and 27th of March 2012

Jim was born in northeastern PA in the small town of Waverly. We first met and served with him in Oct 1955 when he was promoted to AG2 as a TAR at NXX (NAS Willow Grove PA). At the time, Jim and his beloved Marge (Marjorie) lived nearby in Abington PA, a small town in northeastern Philly area along route 611. Jim would be the first to acknowledge that he was not fond of driving, but the short drive to Willow Grove became a daily chore on the watch-bill with 2 consecutive days on and 3 off. As an AG2, Jim was authorized to sign DD-175's but as many early forecasters, was not comfortable with briefing pilots on enroute weather. He preferred taking care of office supplies and the supply cabinet was considered "his domain".....heaven help the person who would make a mess inside this "off-limits" area. In the 1960's, rules for TAR (Training and Administration of Reserves) members on active duty, who were permanently assigned to all USNR bases, were changed. These active duty reserve enlisted members could be transferred to other reserve bases in the USA. Jim was transferred to the TAR base in Olathe Kansas where he was promoted during that tour to AGC. The small compliment at these bases of usually 1 AGC, 1 AG1, 2-3 AG2's and 2-3 AG3's was now over-

compliment with 2 AGC's, allowing Jim to request transfer to FBT....the only Naval Base that does not have a 3-digit identifier starting with N (examples: NGU (Norfolk), NKX (Miramar), etc)) Jim retired at Floyd Bennett Field.

Having always lived in apartments or USN housing where available, Jim and Marge decided to move into a housing development called Bristol Acres owned by a religious group in Waverly Ohio. Applicants could purchase a small home for a very low price, but they would never own the home. It was always owned by the religious group. When Marge passed away in December 2005, Jim decided to give the home back to the group and for no additional money he was entitled to move into a small apartment on the premises and in the future if he needed additional "home-care", he would be moved into a smaller apartment but would have no additional cost for meals and in-home care and monitoring. Three years ago Jim was moved into this facility and all communications with outsiders was terminated.

After 15 years as Secretary/Treasurer, Jim was replaced at the Wisconsin reunion in Sept 2008.

Jim was one of the first few chiefs who began this organization at NAS Lakehurst NJ with meeting number one of the NWSA. He was saddened by the vote of the 34th reunion and soon after discontinued all communications with previous friends and members of the NWSA.

For all of his service to the military and the Naval Weather Service Association, he will truly be missed as he goes to join his closest friend, Marjorie.

*Submitted by AGCM Moon Mullen USN RET*

## **CAPTAIN WILLARD S. "SAM" HOUSTON JR USN RET**

1923 ~ 2012

Sam Houston died on January 16, 2012 at the age of 88 in his home at the Park Lane in Monterey CA. "Capt Sam," as he was known to many, spent his life in service to his country, church, and community.

Houston was born in Los Angeles in 1923. He joined the U.S. Navy

in December, 1941, just days before the attack on Pearl Harbor. He served in the Pacific Theater before being sent to officer training at the California Institute of Technology and midshipmen's school at Notre Dame, Indiana. Houston earned his Master of Science degree from the Naval Post Graduate School, Monterey, in 1953, and his doctorate in Meteorology from the University of Stockholm in 1963.

As a meteorologist, Houston was instrumental in developing modern weather forecasting technology including pioneering the use of weather satellites and computers. While serving as commanding officer of the Fleet Weather Center in Pearl Harbor in 1969 he made use of classified information to redirect the Apollo 11



splashdown, for which he received the Navy Commendation Medal. The Commendation cited his decisive action in saving the lives of the astronauts. Captain Houston retired in 1976 as Director of Naval Oceanography and Meteorology. After retirement Houston worked as a computer consultant for Ocean Data Systems in Tehran, Iran and as a wind energy consultant in Monterey County.

Houston married his high school sweetheart, the former **Jean LeZotte** of Eagle Rock, California, in 1945 and was happily married for 64 years until her death in 2009. Sam Houston died confident and unafraid having lived as a faithful servant of Jesus Christ all his life. He is preceded in death by his wife, **Jean Houston**, and two brothers and two sisters. He is survived by his sister, **Betty Sundin**, of Whittier, California; and his three daughters: **Carol H. Mack**, of Newbury Park, California; **Marylee Bytheriver**, of Eureka, California; and **Wilma Houston White**, of Park Ridge, New Jersey; eight grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, January 20, 2012 at the Park Lane, 200 Glenwood Circle, Monterey. Memorial donations may be sent to the Monterey Bay Aquarium, where he served as a volunteer guide for 22 years.

*Submitted By Zane Jacobs USN RET*

CAPT Houston was the 2nd CO of FNMOC, and served as such from 1970-1974. Please pass the below information on to the CO, XO, TD, and others as appropriate. I have copied the retiree list on this email.

*AGC Zane Jacobs USN RET*

## **AGCS GERALD "JERRY" EDWARDS USN RET**



On the 21st of December 2011, Jerry pulled into his last port. Gerald N. Edwards - AGCS retired Navy, also known as "Chief Ed" and just Jerry. Jerry's journey through life began on the 13th of May 1937, when he was born to **Gordon** and **Ann Grace Edwards Loiancano** in Utica, New York. He was one of four

children including his brother, the late **Ronald (Bonnie) Edwards** from Long Island, NY; his twin sisters, **Darlene (Don) Hermes** from Rhode Island and **Dolores (Don) Huitt** from Colorado. On March 16, 1955 Jerry joined the U.S. Navy, where he found his passion for weather while stationed at Lakehurst Naval Air Station in New Jersey. His career in the Navy took him across many seas and many continents including Antarctica; one of his favorite places being New Zealand. He was honored to be one of the men that were aboard the aircraft carrier the U.S.S. America and ice breaker U.S.S. Edisto. On March 3rd of 1956, he married **Janet M. Tulloch** from Iliion, NY and celebrated their 55th year of marriage this

year. In 1957 he became a father to **Barbara Edwards Delventhal**, where he eventually became like a father to Stan **Delventhal** as well. He has two grandchildren, **Jason (Jill) Delventhal** and **Jenea Delventhal**; two beautiful great-grandchildren, **Grace Delventhal** and **Carson DeLauter**. In 1959, he became a father again to **Gerald "Jerry" A. Edwards**, who is also proud to say that he works as an engineer for the Department of the Navy in Charleston, SC. In 1977 Jerry retired from the Navy and eventually settled in Elmore, Ohio. Through his journey and travels he has been blessed with a dear brother-in-law and friend, **Richard Tulloch** and his wife **Marguerite**. Jerry was also blessed by his dear friends, who are considered family including, **Pat Thatcher** and the late **Jack Thatcher** from Angier, NC; **Bill and Betty Williams** from Baltimore, MD. Jerry's passion in life was his family, his home, and the love of golf. With Jerry's love for family, in lieu of a funeral service, he would want his family and friends to celebrate Christmas joyfully with their families. A celebration of joy for Jerry's life will be celebrated with his family and friends on his birthday in 2012 on a golf course by the water.

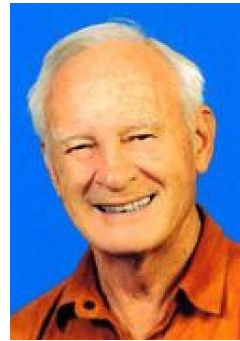
### CAPTAIN RALPH A. ZETTEL USN RET



Ralph Zettel, 87, of Maplewood WI passed away on November 1, 2011, at Ministry Door County Medical Center. He was born on June 11, 1924, in Maplewood to **Anton and Frances (Fagen) Zettel**. Ralph received his Bachelors Degree in mechanical engineering from Marquette University and his Masters Degree in oceanography and meteorology from the U.S. Navy Post Graduate School in Monterey, California. Ralph served his country as a career navy man from 1941 to 1968. He had six commands and retired as a captain. On May 29, 1948, he married Mary Engeldinger in Maplewood. In 1974, Ralph and his wife returned to the family farm in Maplewood where they were active in the community. He was a member of the Forestville-Maplewood Lions Club, the American Legion, and had served as commissioner of the Maplewood Sanitary District. Ralph also coordinated the building of the pavilion at the Maplewood Baseball Field. Survivors include his wife; three children, **Stephen (Bette) Zettel, Libby, MT; Deborah (David) Miller, Scottsdale, AZ; Monica (Edward Schaefer Jr.) Zettel Schaefer, Chandler, AZ;** five grandchildren; one great-grandson; one brother, **Marcus Zettel**; two sisters, **Theresa Worachek; Mary Ann (Groomer) Davis**. Ralph was preceded in death by his parents; and one sister, **Helen Schmelzle**. Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday November 5, 2011, at Holy Name of Mary Catholic Church in Maplewood with **Rev. Anthony Birdsall** and Deacon **Paul Zenefski** officiating. Burial will be in the Holy Name of Mary Church Cemetery with veteran's honors.

### ROBERT HASBROUCK CARTMILL

Robert H. Cartmill passed away 18 September 2011 at his home in Slidell LA. He was 84 years old. A native of Tulsa OK he had lived in Slidell for the past forty years.



Robert was an honor graduate of the Naval Academy (1949) where he was on the wrestling team. He served as an officer in the NAVY and was a veteran of the Korean War. He later earned a PhD in meteorology from the University of Oklahoma.

His broad work experience included engineering, hydrology, meteorology, teaching and farming. After retiring from

NASA's Earth Resources Laboratory, he worked as an investment adviser and later wrote a book, *The Next Hundred Years, Then and Now*, comparing predictions made at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries. Robert served as an adjunct professor of meteorology at the University of New Orleans. He was a long-time supporter of UNO, where several scholastic awards bear his name.

*Submitted by CDR Don Cruise USN RET*



### TRAVEL VIA THE MOON

OK, we're out of those tiny little soaps and the small bottles of shampoo we collected on last year's vacation... so that means it's time to plan for the upcoming year. Hotel reservations, car trips/rentals (both with **AARP** at check-in) and one more thing that we often don't remember until the day we leave.....*medications* and what we can do to stay *healthy* while away from home. Will you need any vaccinations where you're going? You can easily check that by visiting Centers for Disease Control on the computer at [www.cdc.gov/travel](http://www.cdc.gov/travel). And don't wait till the last minute to check.....some must be taken 3-5 weeks before leaving. Your daily medications should be in your "carry-on" bag...not your suitcase...and TSA wants you to put them in their original bottles....but if you just put all the morning meds in one big original bottle with your name on it and mark it **AM**.....and the evening meds in a bottle marked **PM**.....TSA doesn't care and they go right thru their scan. Depending on the countries you're going to, your hometown medical care like *Medicare* or *Tricare* probably will **not be valid** at hospitals or local doctor offices.....Visa, MasterCard and American Express **can be used** to pay for those charges (just know the limits for those cards). If you are in an accident that requires that medical treatment, if someone else is to blame for the accident, contact police and those countries with



socialized medicine will cover the bill(s), but be sure the police notify the hospital of that fact.

Some other "cautions" we often don't think of...door handles on the plane when going to the bathroom....tray tables at your seat. jet-lag for the first day or two (don't plan a lot of activity the first day and get to bed early that night). Purses and shoulder bags should NOT have all your earthly possessions in them...lighten up to preclude that sore shoulder 3-4 days later....and **you do have a listing of your medications (and your spouses)** in your wallet just as your spouse has a listing of **yours and hers in her purse.**

Now that we're in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, no one carries a lot of cash anymore....your credit card at the ATM removes that danger. And remember, always use your **Credit card from your Credit Union** at the ATM.....a credit union will only charge you 1% foreign exchange fee for the cash you get from the ATM....bank cards for Visa, M/C, etc will charge you 3-4%. If for some reason you do have a lot of cash with you and you don't plan to carry it with you every day...**DO NOT put it in that small safe in your hotel room**...leave it at the check-in counter down in the lobby....there are many people who know the combination to your room safe! You can also put the "don't enter"(bother) sign on the doorknob after the maid has cleaned your room.....then, no one will come into your room when you're gone...yes, it's been known to happen. Many of the high-price hotels do have "security cameras in hallways on your floor...or leave the TV on when you leave the hotel which tells people that "there is someone in that room"....good idea to leave the TV on all night long too – makes a great "night-light" in a strange bedroom, or certainly leave the bathroom light on when going to sleep.

And *most important*, you are ready to stock-up on those little soaps and shampoo bottles again. It's gonna be a **great holiday.....Enjoy!**

*Submitted by AGCM Moon Mullen USN RET*

### A BIT OF HUMOR

The preacher was wired for sound with a lapel mike, And as he preached, he moved briskly about the platform, jerking the mike cord as he went.

Then he moved to one side, getting wound up in the cord and nearly tripping before jerking it again.

After several circles and jerks, a little girl in the third pew leaned toward her mother and whispered,

"If he gets loose, will he hurt us?"



## THE YEAR OF THE CHIEF

*04/ 03/2012 Navy News by MCC Terrina Weatherspoon*  
The United States Navy Memorial hosted the official kick-off of the Year of the Chief and the 119th birthday celebration of the chief petty officer during a ceremony April 2.

For the first time in history, the Navy Memorial is casting a spotlight on the history, heritage and contributions of chief petty officers.

The guest speaker for the event was **Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Jonathan W. Greenert**. Remarks were also given by both **Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) (SS/SW) Rick D. West** and former **MCPON James L. Herdt**. Former MCPON Duane R. Bushey was also in attendance.

"The chief is the center of gravity," said Greenert. "There is not a seaman, petty officer or officer out there who cannot turn and say, 'I had a chief petty officer take care of me and get me where I am today.'"

The ceremony was attended by chiefs from across the nation who came not only to be a part of the official kick-off, but also to see the Memorial transformed into a Chiefs' Mess, resplendent with history and memorabilia spanning 119 years.

"We are becoming a part of history today," said West. "I see retired veterans in our midst and I am proud to carry on down a path they've laid for us so long ago. I couldn't be more pleased to be spending this day with representatives from so many commands. To stand in front of a sea of fouled anchors as your MCPON, and know that we are as much making history as we are a part of it ... I am truly humbled."

After the ceremony, guests were invited into the Memorial for the cake cutting. Visitors were then encouraged to walk through the Memorial, which has been decorated to reflect historical uniforms, anchors and other iconic symbols from the colorful heritage of CPOs.

"Happy birthday chief petty officers, you've earned it," said **Greenert**. "Absorb the moment, have a great year, remember your legacy and what got you here."

**West** added his expectations and appreciation for chiefs serving today.

"You are bold and accountable, executing the Navy's mission wherever you are, and developing the next generation of Sailors," West said. "Thank you shipmates

- including those who have gone before us and those who are no longer with us - you have served your country well and will continue to do so as long as we sail the seven seas."

## NAVY CHIEFS

An excellent sailor tribute to our Chief Petty Officers...and quickly add an Attaboy for their very subtle and tactful contribution to the leadership training of JO's (Junior Officers) as they take them under their wings and provide daily "suggestions and guidance"....hope their very effective methods and positive influences have not been compromised by the DOD trend to the PC BS culture of today....CB

### "CPO Standards"

Contributed by: Mike McCaffrey, Admiral (retired USN)  
**Never forget this, a Chief can become an Officer, but an Officer can never become a Chief. Chiefs have their standards!**

Recollections of a Whitehat.

"One thing we weren't aware of at the time, but became evident as life wore on, was that we learned true leadership from the finest examples any lad was ever given, Chief Petty Officers. They were crusty old bastards who had done it all and had been forged into men who had been time tested over more years than a lot of us had time on the planet. The ones I remember wore hydraulic oil stained hats with scratched and dinged-up insignia, faded shirts, some with a Bull Durham tag dangling out of their right-hand pocket or a pipe and tobacco reloads in a worn leather pouch in their hip pockets, and a Zippo that had been everywhere. Some of them came with tattoos on their forearms that would force them to keep their cuffs buttoned at a Methodist picnic.

Most of them were as tough as a boarding house steak. A quality required to survive the life they lived. They were, and always will be, a breed apart from all other residents of Mother Earth. They took eighteen year old idiots and hammered the stupid bastards into sailors.

You knew instinctively it had to be hell on earth to have been born a Chief's kid. God should have given all sons born to Chiefs a return option.

A Chief didn't have to command respect. He got it because there was nothing else you could give them. They were God's designated hitters on earth.

We had Chiefs with fully loaded Submarine Combat Patrol Pins, and combat air crew wings in my day...hard-core bastards who remembered lost mates, and still cursed the cause of their loss...and they were expert at choosing descriptive adjectives and nouns, none of which their mothers would have endorsed.

At the rare times you saw a Chief topside in dress canvas, you saw rows of hard-earned, worn and faded ribbons over his pocket. "Hey Chief, what's that one and that one?" "Oh hell kid, I can't remember. There was a war on. They gave them to us to keep track of the campaigns." "We didn't get a lot of news out where we were. To be honest, we just took their word for it. Hell

son, you couldn't pronounce most of the names of the places we went. They're all depth charge survival geedunk." "Listen kid, ribbons don't make you a Sailor." We knew who the heroes were, and in the final analysis that's all that matters.

Many nights, we sat in the after mess deck wrapping ourselves around cups of coffee and listening to their stories. They were light-hearted stories about warm beer shared with their running mates in corrugated metal sheds at resupply depots where the only furniture was a few packing crates and a couple of Coleman lamps. Standing in line at a Honolulu cathouse or spending three hours soaking in a tub in Freemantle, smoking cigars, and getting loaded. It was our history. And we dreamed of being just like them because they were our heroes. When they accepted you as their shipmate, it was the highest honor you would ever receive in your life. At least it was clearly that for me. They were not men given to the prerogatives of their position.

You would find them with their sleeves rolled up, shoulder-to-shoulder with you in a stores loading party. "Hey Chief, no need for you to be out here tossin' crates in the rain, we can get all this crap aboard."

"Son, the term 'All hands' means all hands."

"Yeah Chief, but you're no damn kid anymore, you old coot."

"Horsefly, when I'm eighty-five parked in the stove up old bastards' home, I'll still be able to kick your worthless butt from here to fifty feet past the screw guards along with six of your closest friends." And he probably wasn't bullshitting.

They trained us. Not only us, but hundreds more just like us. If it wasn't for Chief Petty Officers, there wouldn't be any U.S. Navy. There wasn't any fairy godmother who lived in a hollow tree in the enchanted forest who could wave her magic wand and create a Chief Petty Officer.

They were born as hot-sacking seamen, and matured like good whiskey in steel hulls over many years. Nothing a nineteen year-old jay-bird could cook up was original to these old saltwater owls. They had seen E-3 jerks come and go for so many years; they could read you like a book. "Son, I know what you are thinking just one word of advice. DON'T. It won't be worth it."

"Aye, Chief."

Chiefs aren't the kind of guys you thank. Monkeys at the zoo don't spend a lot of time thanking the guy who makes them do tricks for peanuts.

Appreciation of what they did, and who they were, comes with long distance retrospect. No young lad takes time to recognize the worth of his leadership. That comes later when you have experienced poor leadership or let's say, when you have the maturity to recognize what leaders should be, you find that Chiefs are the standard by which you measure all others.

They had no Academy rings to get scratched up. They butchered the King's English. They had become educated at the other end of an anchor chain from Copenhagen to Singapore. They had given their entire

lives to the U.S. Navy. In the progression of the nobility of employment, Chief Petty Officer heads the list. So, when we ultimately get our final duty station assignments and we get to wherever the big Chief of Naval Operations in the sky assigns us, if we are lucky, Marines will be guarding the streets, and there will be an old Chief in an oil-stained hat and a cigar stub clenched in his teeth standing at the brow to assign us our bunks and tell us where to stow our gear... and we will all be young again, and the damn coffee will float a rock.

Life fixes it so that by the time a stupid kid grows old enough and smart enough to recognize who he should have thanked along the way, he no longer can. If I could, I would thank my old Chiefs. If you only knew what you succeeded in pounding in this thick skull, you would be amazed. So, thanks you old casehardened unsalvageable son-of-a-bitches. Save me a rack in the berthing compartment."

Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass. It's about learning to dance in the rain.

*Submitted by LCDR Bruce DeWald USN RET*

## **AEROGRAPHER'S MATES VARYING DUTIES**

### **FROM FWC MANUS TO FWC MANILA**

This vignette is another in our series illustrating the Aerographer's varied duties and duty stations. Most of the following is based on personal recollections of **Allan "Ole" Youngquist** of Class 28, Primary Aerographer School on NAS Lakehurst.

Ole shipped into the USN right after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor from his home town of Oneida, IL. He admits to being another old farm boy. From Lakehurst he served at NAS Miami (Opa-Locka) and NAS Deland FL, a satellite field of NAS Jax. But after arriving Quonset Point he learned there was a Navy plan to place an Aerographer on every ship of reasonable size. He drew the short straw.

The allowance was one AerM3c in USS SAKATONCHEE (AOG-19) but AerM2c Youngquist was detailed to the ship anyhow. Another young AerM went aboard AOG-20. By the way "G" stands for gasoline and this class of tanker would normally serve ships in harbor. Nevertheless, in a few weeks AOG-19 and AOG-20 had steamed to SW Pacific war zone and were busy transporting whatever needed transporting. Ole stood QM watches rather than providing weather services to the crew.

While AOG-19 was in Seadler Harbor in the Admiralty Islands, Ole seized an opportunity to visit USS TANGIER (AV-8) and explained to **CDR Arnold True** his predicament. CDR True welcomed the opportunity to acquire the two AOG weather guys. While he was staff Aerologist, ComPatForSeventhFleet he was also tasked to establish FWC Manus. So Ole spent a year and a half in FWC Manus where the skipper was LCDR Ted Harding.

To better support the fleet(s) the Navy was establishing Fleet Weather Centrals wherever there was a need. We

believe FWC San Francisco may have been the first but soon there were many in both Pacific and Atlantic theaters. Some, like FWC Brisbane and FWC Chungking had short lives. Others like FWC Pearl and FWC Guam grew and grew, and their responsibilities increased steadily.

At the end of 1943 Ole was transferred to Staff, ComSeventhFleet, embarked in USS WASATCH (AGC-9), then swinging on her hook in Leyte Gulf. The fleet Aerologist was **CDR Tony Danis**. Soon the Army was landed in Lingayen Gulf and began the systematic liberation of thousands of POW personnel who had been under Japanese control for thirty-seven months or longer. Finally the Army and Filipino guerillas reached Manila and freed the city from Japanese control.

Ole was ordered to return to Manus and scrounge essential items that would facilitate the establishment of FWC Manila. His C47 refueled at Peleliu and Biak before reaching Manus, which is a small island off the northeast coast of New Guinea. The flight to Manila was in a C46 which landed on a blacktop road because Nichols Field was not yet secured. This began an interesting and unique phase in the lives of AerM1c Youngquist and his shipmates—a phase that lasted until autumn 1945.

The initial location selected for FWC Manila was a three-story building in the Affable Private School of Medicine which was in need of repair. Nearby was the 40-acre Santo Tomas Catholic University, a walled campus. The Army was busy processing approximately 2,500 American civilian prisoners who had been housed at Santo Tomas. These were the survivors of approximately 5,000 captured.

For many years Ole maintained close friendships with a few of the liberated prisoners—and with some of his shipmates who served with him in this unique tour. He still has many fond memories.

When an Army colonel requisitioned the FWC building it became necessary to cooperate with the Army weather people on Fort McKinley and set up in a series of quonset huts built in the shape of an "H." Once construction was complete, the communicators were placed in the center of the "H." Instead of subsisting on K rations the Navy was permitted to chow down with the Army. But billets were still in squad tents frequently wet and muddy.

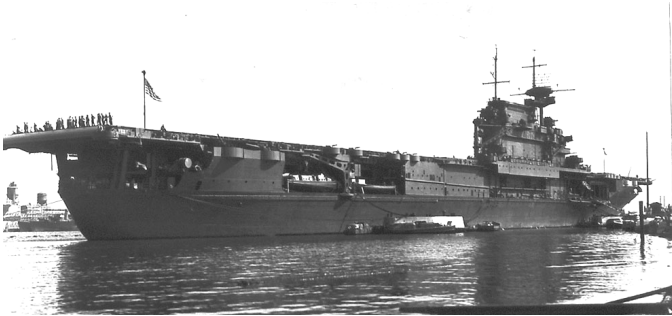
**CAPT Ross Kellerman** took over as skipper of FWC Manila. It was he who ordered Ole to Samar for duty with the South China Sea Force in September 45. This began another dangerous venture. Obtaining transportation had become a crapshoot as our forces began heading back home. First the weather team boarded an overcrowded USCG cutter, then moved with their gear to LST 1069. The LST was loaded with a company of Seabees and all of their heavy equipment, including pontoons lashed port and starboard. It was typhoon season. Heavy weather while en route to Okinawa carried away one pontoon. Instead of finding refuge in Okinawa, the LST found the island battered

down. The ship continued westward toward its destination—Shanghai—in the typhoon.

The fleet units established Naval Operating Base Shanghai and a small Aerological Office were organized in a warehouse. However, orders were vague, the mission poorly defined, leaving our AerM personnel and the officer in charge mainly waiting to return home. Major emphasis was being placed on repatriation of American prisoners. After three months Ole joined the eastward migration across the Pacific. He was discharged at NAS Minneapolis in December 1945 as AerM1c USNR.

*Compiled and Submitted by CDR Don Cruise USN RET*

## LEST WE FORGET



**May 1942 (exactly 70 years ago) The USS Enterprise CV-6, at Ford Island HI, was preparing for the upcoming Battle of Midway, - one of the Navy's greatest battles**

## April 12, 2012 FOUR FEET DEEP IN HAIL



Sure, everything's bigger in Texas. But 4 feet of hail from one storm? That's what the National Weather Service, the Texas Department of Transportation and a local sheriff say happened Wednesday in an area north of Amarillo when hail piled up in drifts so wide they cut off a major highway.

The National Weather Service office in Amarillo even posted a photo on its Facebook page, but that wasn't enough to convince skeptics.

Serious do not think this is 100% hail!!!!" commented one person.

"It's a lite dusting of hail on some damn rocks," said another person, referring to the image of a firefighter standing next to what could be taken for boulders.

"I can assure you we do not have big rocks like that in West Texas," Krissy Scotten, a spokeswoman for the weather service office in Amarillo, told msnbc.com. "That was 4 feet of ice" that was compacted by rain and floodwater across a wide area, she added.

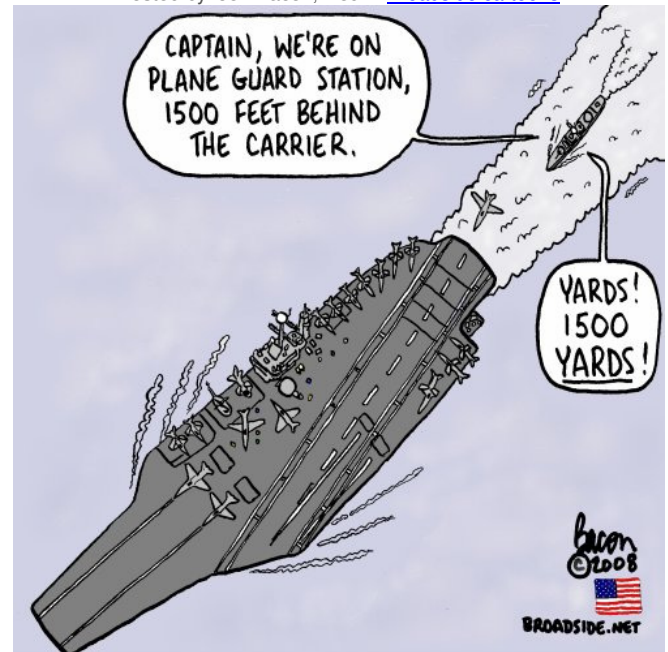
"It was actually the rain/water that caused the drifts," Scotten said. "Anytime you have hail accumulate 2 to 4 feet high and get over three inches of rain, no matter how it occurs, it's pretty incredible." As for the darkish color, "we're very dusty around here" due to drought so the hail quickly darkened, Scotten said. The image, she added, was sent by the Potter County Fire Department and the firefighter seen in it is standing where meltwater had cut through the hail.

The Texas Department of Transportation confirms it was deep hail dumped by a storm that dropped visibility to near-zero at times. "Heavy rain and up to 4 ft of hail has US 287 blocked north of Amarillo," it tweeted Wednesday afternoon.

The local sheriff concurred as well. "You're looking at four foot deep" hail in one stretch, NBC affiliate KAMR-TV quoted Brian Thomas, sheriff of Potter County, as saying. "This was just one of those weird storms that just sat here and came down extremely heavy in this one area." Amarillo TV station Pronews 7 even shot video of flash flooding triggered by the pea-sized hail and several inches of rain.

## BROADSIDE CARTOON

Posted by Jeff Bacon, filed in [Broadside cartoons](#)



Why C.O.s don't get much sleep



Mrs. Connie Ulrich  
 LCDR Michael Whitehead, USN RET  
 AG1 May Belle Wilder, USN RET  
 AG1 Darrell, Williams, USNR  
 LCDR Steve Woll, USN

I hope everyone is as excited about going to Colorado Springs as I am. Pat and I were there several years ago but looking forward to our return trip. Earl and his crew are working very hard to make this another fantastic reunion. I'm looking forward to seeing old acquaintances and hoping to meet some new ones. I'm happy to report that we have two new Life Members and our membership count is at 546 members. If you are unable to make the Colorado Springs reunion, I hope you'll make it to Las Vegas in 2013. I'm enclosing a list of Life Members with no known addresses. If you have any info on these members I would certainly appreciate any news you can share with me. Thanks! Hope to see you in Colorado Springs.

**FINANCE STATEMENT MARCH 2012**

<b>Checkbook Balance</b>	\$12,424.74
Operating Funds	3,190.50
Scholarship Funds	890.00
Life Membership Funds	8,344.24

<b>USAA CD's</b>	\$141,907.35
Scholarship Funds	111,399.52
Life Membership	30,507.83

**LIFE MEMBERS – NO ADDRESS**

- Mr. John Beach, xNAESU
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- AGC Jim M. Brown, USN RET
- Mrs. Mary Ann Haley
- AGC Dan Hewins, USN RET
- AG1 W. B. "Red" Johnson, USN RET
- AGCS Tom Lilley, USN RET
- AGCS(AW) Dave Lunch, USN RET
- Mrs. Pamela Mason
- Mrs. Mary McCartney
- Mr. Bill F. McMillan
- Mrs. Fran Morris
- Mrs. Lois Mullins
- AGCS Ray Nelson, USN RET
- CWO Mike O'Brien, USN RET
- xAG1 Joseph Reichl, USN REL
- Mrs. Virginia Reynolds
- Mrs. Theresa Rockwell
- AGC Don Savage, USN RET
- Mrs. Ramalee Stewart
- Lt William J. Thomte, USN RET



**NWSA REUNION #38  
 COLORADO SPRINGS COLORADO  
 16 to 20 May 2012**

As posted previously, Reunion 38 will be held in Colorado Springs at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. There are a number of really good ways to get to COS. First there is the airport at Colorado Springs (COS) and the hotel has a free van to pick up guests. Then there is the Denver Airport (DEN) some 71 miles North of Colorado Springs and for which there are regular \$50 shuttle runs to/from the hotel. There are discounts available for the shuttle. Drivers using the Interstate can use I-70 going East/West and I-25 going North/South. The Crowne Plaza Hotel is located about two blocks east of I-25 on exit 139, Circle Drive. Folks are reminded that the hotel has a van that will take people to places within reason and that there is generally little reason for a car at this hotel. People who do wish to have a car can rent a Hertz at the hotel for less money than would the same vehicle cost at either airport.

The hotel is situated right in the city and it is an easy walk to many stores, shops and restaurants. The regular rooms cost \$120 and the better situated rooms cost \$131 per night. There will be a room Raffle (\$5.00/Ticket) where the winner will have their room paid for by the proceeds of the Raffle. The winner will be selected at the banquet. The hotel has a good size Hospitality Room and will provide free coffee. Additionally, folks who stay at the hotel will have breakfast included like that we enjoyed in Dallas. The hotel has lots of parking for both cars and larger vehicles. The nearest RV Park is the Cheyenne Mountain State Park, Ph 719-576-2016. The park is some five miles south of the hotel.

We will have the Hospitality Room available on Tuesday, 15 May so that those who can make the trip a day early can complete the items that are need prior to the real event which starts on Wednesday 16 May. There is one room up-grade available for some lucky group who will

arrive on Tuesday to help us with all the preparations that would otherwise be worked by a local NWSA chapter. Some random process that does not include me will be used to make the selection! The local Tourist Bureau will have a large number of items available for us to stuff into the goody bags including of course the bags themselves. The big challenge will be to take the Excel file generated by Dick Gilmore and stuff the bags with the individual requirements for each registered member. Included in the workday is the need to for someone who can make a run to the local commissary and booze store. It is of note that we have five boxes of all sorts of paper plates, cups, tickets, etc. left over from previous reunions. Fay Crossley went to a lot of work to generate a complete inventory of these leftovers. It will probably be a real exercise just to get all that sorted out to determine what if anything will need to be purchased for Reunion 38.

There has been a whole lot of effort made trying to get a variety side trips. Both Tom and I made trips to COS to get an idea of which ones were suitable for NWSA. The Tourist Bureau will be sending the COS Visitor Guide to the registered members so that information is available prior to making the trip.

On Wednesday we will be taking vans for a walking tour of Old Colorado City which has a Wild West atmosphere. There are unique shops, galleries, a historic museum and numerous good places for visitors to obtain lunch. The cost is for transportation only and dining will be up to the individual.

On Thursday there will be a major trip to visit the National Sand Dunes National Park and several near by Indian missions and ruins. The Indian part of this trip is not a usual tourist stop however the bus driver will have real history when explaining these ancient sites. The trip will stop for lunch at one of several places along the way. The cost is for transportation and admission to the Sand Dunes Park.

On Friday we will bus to near-by Manitou Springs. There, one can taste the mineral waters which made Manitou famous. The Indian tribes such as the Utes, Cheyenne, Arapahoe and other plains tribes wintered here. This place was universally declared to be a "Weapons Free Zone". There are numerous one-of-a-kind shops, galleries and a variety of dining. There are also Indian Cliff Dwellings where one can get an idea of what life was like for the Ancient Anasazi. The price for this trip is for transportation.

On Saturday the main attraction of all the trips will be a visit to the Air Force Academy Cadet Chapel which is a most magnificent structure. The gleaming towers of this chapel can be seen from across the valley from I-25. Lunch is available at the Balanced Rock Cafe in the Garden of the Gods. The "Rock" garden has been sculpted by years of erosion. Bring your camera as these two places are among the most picture places in the United States. The price is for transportation only. The food selected for this Reunion will be a bit of departure from the last few reunions. The Welcome

Aboard Party will feature Pasta Salad with two different sauces. The theme for Thursday night will be Tacos on the Patio. On Friday night, vans will take us to the Flying W Ranch for Western Grub Night at the Steakhouse. On Saturday, there will be a traditional happy hour. The Banquet Meal will be a traditional served meal which will be a selection of Steak, BBQ Ribs or Chicken. After the meal there will be Western Entertainment and cowboy music. The entire program will last about 2 hours.

The concept of having a reunion at a location where there is not a local chapter does add challenge points. Also, the cost of transportation has risen significantly since we first made our inquiries. While Pikes Peak is a major attraction for COS, it was not selected for fear of having altitude problems. The mountain, which dominates the view to the West of COS, is some 14,115 feet in elevation. Those who seek real adventure can ride down the hill on a rented bicycle. There are several different ways in which individuals can make their own arrangements for Pikes Peak. All of the people that we have contacted in and around COS have been very helpful and welcome the opportunity to provide us with a very unique Colorado experience.

*LCDR Earl Kerr USN RET, Reunion Chairman*



## **SPECIAL GUESTS**

### **METOC SAILORS OF THE YEAR**

*These excellent sailors will attend our NWSA Reunion #38 in Colorado Springs CO (...Ed)*

#### **AG1 SCOTT DOUGLAS BELT**

Aerographer's Mate First Class **Scott Douglas Belt** was born May 29, 1976 in Okinawa, Japan. He enlisted in the Navy on May 13, 1996 and attended Basic Recruit Training in Great Lakes, IL with follow-on orders to AG-A1 School located on Keesler AFB, MS.

Upon graduation from AG-A1 school in November 1996, his first duty assignment was to the Naval Training Meteorology Facility (NTMOF) Pensacola, Florida. During his tour from November 1996 to July 2000, he advanced from AGAR to AG2, qualified as a weather observer and recorded over 4,000 surface weather observations.

During his second tour of duty, from July 2000 to June 2003, he served as an assistant forecaster at the Mobile Environmental Team (MET) Rota, Spain where he advanced to AG1 and earned his Enlisted Surface

Warfare Specialist (ESWS) onboard the USS Porter (DDG-78). He also deployed onboard the USS Arleigh Burke (DDG-51), supported 5 NASA STS Missions and supported NSWU-2 during SILENT WARRIOR in Antalya, Turkey.

After completing his MET Rota sea duty tour he reported to AG-C1 School located at Keesler AFB, MS in June of 2003. AG1 Belt graduated in February 2004, and then reported to the Naval European Meteorology and Oceanography Facility (NEMOF) Naples, Italy. While stationed at NEMOF, from February 2004 to April 2006, he qualified as a Theater Area Forecaster and Command Duty Officer while also performing the duties of Command Fitness Leader and Command Financial Specialist.

AG1 Belt accepted orders to stand up the new Naval Aviation Forecast Detachment (NAFD) in Sembach, Germany in May of 2006. While stationed there became the first Naval Forecaster to qualify as a Production Supervisor at the 21st Operational Weather Squadron and was the 2008 Naval Oceanography Operations Command Shore Sailor of the Year.

In May of 2009, he transferred to the Naval Oceanography Anti-Submarine Warfare Center, Stennis Space Center, MS. He immediately assumed the role of Leading Petty Officer of 20 Sailors and has deployed with 3 Strike Groups and has supported numerous DESRON and Theater Anti-Submarine Warfare Exercises.

Petty Officer Belt's personal awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (6 awards), Navy Good Conduct Medal (5 awards), and multiple service and campaign awards.

He is married to **Simona Strianese** of Naples, Italy and they currently reside in Diamondhead, Mississippi.

#### **AG1 RICHARD ALBERT LEHMKUHL JR.**

Aerographer's Mate First Class **Richard Albert Lehmkuhl Jr.** was born 26 Sep 1974 in Panama Canal Zone, Panama to a US soldier and his young bride. After many PCS moves due to his father's career in the US Army, he graduated from Lawton High School in Lawton, Oklahoma in May of 1992. On 29 May 1996, SR Lehmkuhl reported to Recruit Training Command Great Lakes, Illinois, for active duty in the United States Navy. In 2006 he earned a Bachelors of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies from Norfolk State University. After basic training he reported to Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, MS, in August of 1996 where he attended Aerographers Mate AG-A1 school. Upon graduation, he reported for duty to USS Enterprise (CVN-65) where he served as a Surface Weather Technician, Observation Quality Control Petty Officer, and Damage Control Petty Officer. While onboard he deployed to C6F and C5F AORs, advanced to Aerographers Mate Second Class in 1998, and earned designation as Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist (EAWS).

In July 2000, Petty Officer Lehmkuhl transferred to Commander Second Fleet in Norfolk, VA. While onboard C2F, Petty Officer Lehmkuhl participated in

numerous multinational and joint exercises including JTFEX, SOCEX and BALTOPS. Additionally he was recognized as operations Sailor of the Quarter, earned the Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist (ESWS) qualification onboard USS Mount Whitney (LCC-20), and advanced to Aerographers Mate First Class in 2002.

In August 2003, he reported to Kessler Air Force Base for Aerographers Mate AG-C1 school. Upon graduation, he reported to NAVLANTMETOC Detachment, Keflavik for his first tour as a Forecast Duty Officer and Command Duty Officer. In 2005 he reported for sea duty once again at Strike Group Oceanography Team (SGOT) Norfolk, VA. While stationed there he deployed on USS Bataan (LHD-5), and was assigned TAD to USS Underwood (FFG-36) and USS Enterprise (CVN-65) to assist with METOC services on short notice trips. Additionally he was assigned as Leading Petty Officer of Admin Division.

In January 2009 Petty Officer Lehmkuhl reported to Naval Maritime Forecast Center (NMFC) Norfolk, VA. He immediately volunteered for a high visibility trip to the Arctic Ocean onboard the USCGC Healy (WAGB-20) for a joint science mission between the National Science Foundation and the Navy METOC community. In February 2011 Petty Officer Lehmkuhl volunteered for a short notice IA billet to Al Udeid, Qatar in support of Combined Forces Special Operations Central Command (CFSOCC).

AG1 (AW/SW) Lehmkuhl's awards include: Six Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation ribbon, five Flag Letters of Commendation, four Navy Good Conduct Medals, Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal, NATO Medal, National Defense Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Overseas Duty ribbon, two Sea Service Deployment ribbon, the Navy Arctic Service ribbon, and the Sharpshooter Rifle ribbon.

Petty Officer Lehmkuhl has a wife of five years, Heather Warne Lehmkuhl, a son, Richard Warne Lehmkuhl, and a daughter Taylor Kaylynn Lehmkuhl.

*Submitted by AGCM Tom Miovas USN RET*

#### **SCHEDULED MUG FOR REUNION #38**



**SHUTTLE SERVICE  
COST: \$50 EACH WAY**

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**(DIA) DENVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT  
TO COLORADO SPRINGS**

DEPART DIA	ARRIVE CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL
8:30 AM	10:25 AM
10:30 AM	12:25 PM
2:00 PM	3:55 PM
5:30 PM	7:25 PM
8:00 PM	9:55 PM

**COLORADO SPRINGS TO (DIA) DENVER  
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

DEPART CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL	ARRIVE DIA
5:45 AM	7:40 AM
7:45 AM	9:40 AM
11:15 AM	1:10 PM
1:45 PM	3:40 PM
4:45 PM	6:40 PM



OK - Folks it is time to fish or cut bait regarding how much stuff we move forward to future reunions. For Reunion33, we received one box and summarily forwarded one box. Now we have received four boxes of stuff from Reunion 37. Some boxes contained lots of plastic bowls and serving items i.e.. heavy. The cost to ship box 1 was some \$25.50. Items like rolls of double tickets have a greater shipping value than say Styrofoam cups. The simple philosophy is to nearly run out of things during the party and be most careful not to buy in big lots just because big lots have smaller unit costs.

**Allen** and I have been in communication regarding his Reunion39. He has lots of experience to from a concept of the hospitality room but attempting to hold one now in a very different circumstance will be a challenge. I here in assume that much of the items for Reunion39 will be purchased in one form or another. I am of the opinion that half of the non-consumables like plastic chip bowls and big service spoons, etc. should be shipped to Reunion40 if such a concept has been formed. This action would then reduce the expected surplus from Reunion 38 down to the two boxes that Allen and I have been discussing. There is no problem for us to store the non perishable items here if that will prevent some sort of solution.

I just don't want to forward items who's value is less than the shipping cost. There are Goodwill drop off's in most cities and it may be time to reduce our baggage?? Please give this some thought.

Thanks - Earl

**38<sup>TH</sup> NAVAL WEATHER SERVICE ASSOCIATION  
2012 REUNION PROGRAM**

**May 15 – 20<sup>th</sup> 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

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

1700-1900 Welcome Aboard Party (No Host)

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 \_\_\_\_\_

1030-1800 National Sand Dunes and Indian Ruins Tour

1800-2000 Tacos on the Patio

2000-2200 Hospitality Center Late Night Open

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

**Friday, 18 May**

0700-1630 Hospitality Center Opens

1000-1400 Manitou Springs Visit

1700-1930 Western Grub at the Flying W Ranch

2000- 2200 Hospitality Center Late Night Open

**Saturday, 19 May**

0700-1000 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)

**HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME**





**HOTEL RESERVATION FORM**  
**Navy Weather Service Reunion**  
**May 15 – 21, 2012**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:**

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Check In:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Check Out:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Credit Card Number and Expiration:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NUMBER OF ADULTS:** \_\_\_\_\_  **1 King Bed**  **2 Double Beds**

**Reservation Cutoff Date: April 30, 2012**

**Room Rate: \$109 + \$10.25 Tax = \$119.25**

**(Reservations made after April 30, 2012 may not be confirmed at the above rate)**

**Poolside rooms are available at a rate of \$119 plus tax**  
**(please check box to block your pool room)**

**Individuals must guarantee the reservation with a credit card or the reservation will not be held. The credit card will be used for guarantee purposes only and will not be charged prior to arrival.**

**RESERVATIONS MAY BE MADE BY:**  
**PHONE 1-800-981-4012 or 719-576-5900**  
**FAX 719-576-0507**  
**OR E-MAIL [reservations@hggcos.com](mailto:reservations@hggcos.com)**

**Please identify that you are with the Navy Weather Service Reunion and use group code N8Z when making reservations.**

**Crowne Plaza Colorado Springs**  
**2886 South Circle Drive**  
**Colorado Springs, CO 80906**



**38<sup>th</sup> NWSA REUNION**  
**Colorado Springs, Colorado**  
**MAY 15-20, 2012**  
**REGISTRATION FORM**



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name(s) preferred for badge(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E Mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 In Case of an Emergency Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone/E Mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 Will stay at Crowne Plaza Yes  No  We will be at the following location \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Number if Different from Above (-----) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Planned arrival date \_\_\_\_\_ Departure date \_\_\_\_\_

**FEES AND CHOICES**

**Registration Fees:** Member \$25 \*\*Non-member \$30\*\* Spouse/Guest \$5 each      =\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Old Colorado City Tour** Assume 25 Folks      How many \_\_\_\_\_ X \$13      =\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Welcome Aboard Party** (no host bar)      How many \_\_\_\_\_ X \$14      =\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Sand Dunes + Indian Ruins** 30 Persons Minimum      How many \_\_\_\_\_ X \$30      =\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Tacos On The Patio**      How Many \_\_\_\_\_ X \$15      =\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Manitou Springs** Assume 30 Folks      How many \_\_\_\_\_ X \$12      =\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Western Grub @ Flying W – Dress: Western Casual (Boots and Jeans)**  
 Assume 30 Folks - BBQ Beef or Chicken@\$30 =\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Kansas City Strip @\$35 =\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**AF Cadet/Garden Gods** Assume 40 Folks      How many \_\_\_\_\_ X \$12      =\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Banquet Program – Dress: Western Casual (Boots and Jeans)**  
 Select your Entrée(s) for Saturday: Chicken Marsala # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vegetable Wellington # \_\_\_\_\_, Flat Iron Steak # \_\_\_\_\_      X\$40      =\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT THIS SECTION \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**CAPS, CUPS, TICKETS**

**NWSA Reunion #38 Caps**      How many \_\_\_\_\_ X \$17      =\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**NWSA Reunion #38 Shirts, Size M, L, XL,**      How many \_\_\_\_\_ X \$20      =\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**NWSA Reunion #38 Shirts Size XXL**      How many \_\_\_\_\_ X \$23      =\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**NWSA Reunion #38 extra coffee cup**      How many \_\_\_\_\_ X \$6      =\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Orders for 50/50 tickets @ \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5**      How many \_\_\_\_\_      =\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Beverage tickets @ \$1.00 each, 6 for \$5.00**      How many \_\_\_\_\_      =\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Hotel Room Raffle Tickets @\$5.00**      How many \_\_\_\_\_ X \$5.00      =\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT THIS SECTION \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

(Check No \_\_\_\_\_) Please make check payable to Northwest Chapter NWSA and mail to:

Earl Kerr  
 15375 Deception Road  
 Anacortes, WA 98221-9740

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! \_\_



# From the Secretary/Treasurer's Desk

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