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President's Report

Well that's it from here. Hope to see all of you at Nashville. Get your reservations in early.

Respectfully,

Jim Maxwell, AGCS, USN(RET)

We are closing in on our 41st reunion to be held in Nashville, Tennessee on the 13th through 16th of April. Looking forward to a large turnout. LCDR Earl and Lynne Kerr, along with Berl Meyer, AG2 USN(Rel), have been working hard on this reunion. From what I've heard, looks like a fun time is in store for all attendees. A tentative schedule and more information are available on the NWSA website. Please try to attend.

We are "STILL" in need of two folks to fill the two most important positions or jobs in our Association. Those positions are Secretary/Treasurer and Editor of the "Aerograph". We will be pushing hard at the reunion for nomination's to replace these two important individual's. Gary Cox has said that he would like to step down at this reunion or in the near term as Editor. Libby O'Brien's multi-year term as Secretary / Treasurer will expire at the 2016 Reunion. We need to nominate and elect her replacement at this reunion. So please, someone out there take that step forward. If you have any questions about either of these positions, please E-Mail or call Libby or Gary.

Kudos to LCDR Mike Gilroy who oversees our scholarship program. Although he could not attend the American Meteorology Society (AMS) annual meeting held this year in Phoenix, Arizona, he was able to recruit LCDR Chris Moren, USN(Ret) and another former 1800 officer Mike Wooster to represent the NWSA. Both gentlemen were already attending the AMS meetings representing their corporation GST (Global Science and Technology, Inc). They were able to attend the breakfast meeting with our scholarship recipient Tyler Bell, a student at Oklahoma University. Beside "Thank You" to Mike G., Chris, and Mike W. a "Thank You" must also go to Donna Hernandez, the Development and Student Program Manager with AMS for her part in planning of all scholarship events.

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<http://www.navalweather.org>

Attention on Deck!

Now is a good time to begin receiving your Aerograph by email or downloading it from www.navalweather.org

We are committed to serve our membership in the best manner and want to reassure anyone who prefers a printed copy that they will continue to receive one in the mail. It is important that we hear from you if we are to be able to provide the most effective service.

There are three ways to receive your Aerograph:

1. Via: email (quicker and in color)
2. Via : regular USPS mail (slower and in black and white due to costs)
3. 3.Via: the website (always available, avoids large email files, color)

Currently we mail over 339 print copies per edition! This takes considerable effort to produce and cost to the association. Please help us by updating your preference by emailing (Aerographpreference@navalweather.org) or by sending the Secretary-Treasurer a card or letter confirming you wish to continue receive a printed copy in the mail(now or when you renew your membership). See form on last page.

Thanks from your Aerograph TEAM!



Welcome Aboard to our newest life member AGC(AW/SW) David J. Bollinger, USN RET! He is life member #472. Our membership is now at 493 with 381 of those life members. Our e-mail list for the Aerograph is now at 203.

I hope those who are able to attend will be at the Nashville Reunion in April. Earl Kerr and his team are working very hard to make this a successful reunion. Even if you're not a Country Music fan, Nashville still has a lot to offer. Sure hope to see you there, April 13-17th.

Please keep me posted on any changes or corrections that need to be made on your records. My files are only as good as the info I receive from the members.

Please consider taking the job of Secretary/Treasurer. It is a very rewarding and interesting job plus you get to meet all the members either in person, by the internet or by mail. I have held the position since 2008. Even

though I enjoy the position, it's time for me to sit back, relax, play golf and enjoy retirement with my husband.

Now that the scholarship funds from the USAA CD's have been dispensed the job will be a whole lot easier. Please think about it and consider supporting your NWSA by stepping up to the plate!! My term expires in 2016.

I hope everyone had a very nice Christmas and looking forward to a happy and healthy new year. Hope to see you in Nashville.

Finance Statement 31 December 2014

Checkbook Balance	\$12,069.73
Operating Funds	4,214.28
Scholarship Funds	410.00
Life Membership Funds	7,445.45
USAA CD's	\$32,105.23

Submitted by Secretary/Treasurer Libby O'Brien

EDITOR'S DESK



My wife and I are looking forward to Reunion #41 in Nashville and all the sights and sounds of "Music City". Earl and Lynne Kerr deserve a heartfelt "Bravo Zulu" for taking on another reunion in a city located far

from their own. xAG2 Berl Meyer has been a big help, since he lives in Louisville, KY.

The NWSA website over the past year has had over 10,700 sessions with 6700, or 63%, of those being by new, first-time visitors. Eighty seven percent of our viewers were in the U.S., principally in Lakeland, Chesapeake, Burlson, San Diego, Washington and Norfolk. With respect to the 13% of foreigners who viewed the website, 1-2% each of those were in Australia, Brazil, Japan, the Philippines and the United Kingdom. All totaled over the past year we have had viewers from 105 counties across the globe.

In a lighter vein:



The cut-off date will be **Monday, 27 April 2015** for the May issue of The Aerograph
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NWSA Officer Election

Shipmates,

As you no doubt know the NWSA reunion is just around the corner. We will meet in Nashville Tennessee, Music City USA , April 13-17, 2015. At this reunion we will hold an election for Secretary Treasurer. Our current S/T Elizabeth (Libby) O'Brien will be relinquishing her position at the 2016 reunion. At this time I am requesting each chapter to solicit their members and nominate all interested in becoming our new S/T. Elected member will take office at the 2016 reunion. Keep in mind that I will need to contact each nominee to confirm that they will accept, if elected.
Nominating Committee Chairmen

Thomas M. Miovas, AGCM USN Retired

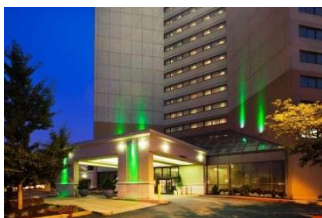
Notification of AD's from Chapters

Please note all NWSA reunion AD's should be sent to me, either via email or mail to my home. All AD checks should be sent Northwest Chapter. Earl is the banker and I will be putting the booklet together.

Thomas M. Miovas, AGCM USN Retired



REUNION #41 -- NASHVILLE 13 to 16 April, 2015



The hotel is the Holiday Inn Opryland/Airport: <http://www.holidayinn.com/hotels/us/en/nashville/bnao/p/hoteldetail>. We are scheduled for 13-16 April, 2015 with pre & post availability.

Well the arrangements are mostly completed except for obtaining the number for folks taking tours, getting hats, etc. We do have plans in place for some really great folks who will gather on Sunday, 12 April to get the basic necessities together so that the reunion can begin on Monday morning with some semblance of order. One real task is getting the goodie bags loaded with individual specific items like name tags, "freebies" and where applicable, purchased items. We do need to purchase a variety of supplies for the Hospitality room like beer and chips. We still plan on going to The Inn near the Opry Land Resort for supper and perhaps entertainment.

On Monday morning we will try to insure that we have hot coffee and donuts in the Hospitality Room. It is of some comfort to know that there are several Restaurants nearby including the Waffle House, Jack in the Box and Ruby Tuesday. The First Executive Board meeting will take place in the "Occee" Room. The next event is a "Discover Nashville" tour. This trip will go by many of the real Icons of Music City and does include walking tours of the Ryman Auditorium. The knowledge gained on this trip may give folks ideas of where else to go. Please remember that Tennessee is tobacco state and the Honky Tonks may be smoke filled. There will be the usual Welcome Aboard Party to follow. Most people would consider this meal to be "sufficient" supper.

On Tuesday the First General Meeting will take place in the morning and in the evening there will be supper which will be sufficiently early for the folks going to the Opry. Folks not going to the Opry are welcome to take part in this meal. In some cases, members may have their own Show Ticket – we will endeavor to obtain transportation for them.

Wednesday: The Jackson Showboat Luncheon has been withdrawn due to bad publicity and possible over commitment.

On Thursday, our final day, there will be a Bus Tour of the Town of Franklin narrated by Ex-AG Berl Meyer. This will include a guided tour of the battle field which was one of most horrific in the Civil War. This includes a tour of the houses that played a part in the battle – The

Carter House and the Carlton Plantation. The town of Franklin is great example of Main Street restoration with charming shops, places to eat, and boutiques. In the afternoon there will be the second General Membership meeting. There will also be the second Executive Board meeting. The best is frequently last and in this case we will have The Cocktail Hour. A Southern Buffett will follow with entrainment provided by the Singing Senior Ladies. Please remember that this will be a "country" event and those small Mini Pearl price tags will be provided to anyone who wished to attach one to their Straw Hat.

Everyone is reminded that it is our generous participation in purchasing Chapter Ad's, 50/50 tickets, Beverage Tickets, Room Raffle Tickets, additional Coffee cups with Logo, and Ball Caps with Logo, go to support our Scholarship Fund. Given that Nashville does not have a local NWSA chapter, and there a number of things for which we need volunteers to keep the Hospitality room going and to protect the Donation can. Sign-up sheets will be located in prominent locations to help remind folks that it "our" Reunion. Please get involved as it is the folks who help are the ones that make this event happen.

One last item – This reunion is open to all folks who wish to come to our reunion. We welcome participation from those who have served all over this world with their spouses and Guests. I am particularly concerned when looking at the Bellinger list of former weather people and see a "Mrs" and no associated Sailor! Our reunion is "Lady" friendly – particularly if you can carry a tune. Join us if you dare.

Earl Kerr, Reunion Chairman for Reunion 41

NWSA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

I want to thank all who have continued to support our scholarship fund. The Association can be very proud of our two annual awards. We are supporting the education and development of real meteorologist and atmospheric scientists. The program that the AMS is administrating is exceptional.

The best and brightest apply to the AMS and the Society's reviewers are well versed in the current academic needs and accomplishments that will result in success for the students. Hopefully you have seen the short articles and pictures of the students who have been selected for our awards and take pleasure knowing that we are making a difference. Below is an accounting of the fund:

American Meteorological Society

Naval Weather Service Association Scholarship

2011-2014			
Date		Amount	Balance
	GIFT Receivable 1032-00	\$15,978.93	\$15,978.93
12/22/2011	Contribution	\$38,427.00	\$54,405.93
10/1/2012	Contribution	\$39,820.00	\$94,225.93
7/20/2012	Scholarship	-\$5,000.00	\$89,225.93
7/20/2012	Scholarship	-\$2,500.00	\$86,725.93
Jan-Dec 2012	Interest Earned-Santander Money Mkt	\$155.52	\$86,881.45
10/1/2013	Contribution	\$41,774.07	\$128,655.52
7/18/2013	Scholarship	-\$5,000.00	\$123,655.52
7/18/2013	Scholarship	-\$2,500.00	\$121,155.52
7/18/2013	Scholarship	-\$2,500.00	\$118,655.52
Jan-Dec 2013	Interest earned-Santander Money Mkt	\$155.61	\$118,811.13
9/25/2014	Contribution	\$40,010.30	\$158,821.43
7/18/2014	Scholarship	-\$5,000.00	\$153,821.43
7/18/2014	Scholarship	-\$2,500.00	\$151,321.43
Jan-Dec 2014	Interest earned-Santander Money Mkt	\$152.91	<u>\$151,474.34</u>



2013 NWSA Scholarship Recipient Tyler Bell (center), Mike Wooster (l) and NWSA member Chris Moren (r) at 2015 AMS Meeting, Phoenix
Submitted via LCDR Mike Gilroy, USN RET

MY BEST EXPERIENCES WHILE ON ACTIVE DUTY

This feature in the AEROGRAPH is intended to provide a forum for member to tell their stories and remind others of their experiences. Because our diverse membership has service which spans over 70 years the forum will be organized in decades. Please indicate the decade that the experience occurred so we place it correctly in the article. Please try to be brief (250 words or less), or send in a photo with a caption. If your submission does not make it in the next edition of the AEROGRAPH it means we were limited by space and printing costs. It will be included in a future edition. We will also post them immediately on the website. We prefer to receive submission by email but you can mail them in to the Editor if you are still using an old typewriter for correspondence. For information please contact Mike Gilroy or Gary Cox at aerograph@navalweather.org

**Biographies Wanted!
(Before it is too late!)**

Daisy and I attended the grave side service for LT George Buie recently. . What I take away from his service is how important it is to have a BIO of you for the family, especially for the person

responsible for writing the OBIT. No one knows your story as well as you do!!!.

Another subject... Daisy and I attended the last two NWSA Reunions at Las Vegas and Pensacola and noted the number of times that people talking/trying to recall where or if their paths had ever crossed. They seemed to know each other but could not put a finger on the when and where. I have discussed the idea with a couple of NWSA Members about making a list of their duty stations with dates and duties. The finished product could be placed in a database on a laptop computer at each reunion.

While attending my grandson's Boot Camp Graduation at Great Lakes last September, he introduced me to a couple graduates that were going into the Aerographers Mate career field. I think that we should establish an honor wall about the NWSA at the "A" School. Also, look into the possibility of an NWSA member, in the Chicago vicinity, working with the chain of command at NTC obtaining the names of those folks coming into our community. A welcome aboard letter could be developed and mailed to each person while they are still in Boot camp.

Submitted by AGCS Lloyd Corbett, USN RET

What is a Biography?

It is simply the history of a lifetime. It narrates the most important facts of someone's life, his or her childhood, adolescence, military service, wars he or she lived through, educational background, professional life, marriage, children, and most outstanding achievements. Also, it tells anecdotes, memories, trips and dearly cherished moments. It is our most precious legacy to Shipmates. AGCS Corbett suggests that BIOs be about 150 words and archived on CD/DVDs.

U.S.S. Holder (DD-819) Challenging the Russians

.We were enroute to Venice, Italy for a four-day visit. A full gale was blowing and the sea was rough. About midnight, we received a message to refuel and proceed to the Bay of Solomons, Libya, to monitor a Russian carrier.

U.S.S. Stormes (DD-780) was assigned to lifeguard duty for the refueling operation. As Holder was approaching the oiler, with waves breaking over the 01 level, Stormes sent a flashing light signal, "You have permission to surface". Once the coast of Libya was in sight, I ordered live ammunition up to the merry-go-rounds of 5"/38. Far removed from any possibility of support from the 6th Fleet units and in a tight situation, I voiced that there would not be another "Pueblo Incident".

Although this precaution proved unnecessary, the Russians were definitely not pleased with Holder's presence.

Submitted by CAPT Ace F. Trask, USN RET.

BINNACLE LIST



Kathi Clark of HRC broke her neck several weeks ago and doing pretty well considering, she will require PT and to wear a brace for several more months.

Dolores Cohenour had her second eye surgery for cataracts on 8 January 2015.

Patti Straten had rotator cuff surgery January 28.

Mel Bourn has recently had cataracts removed from both eyes and can see his feet again (no laughing).
Jim Maxwell will be going through a second surgery to install hardware soon. Hopefully all the pain will be gone then.

DO YOU DO FACEBOOK?

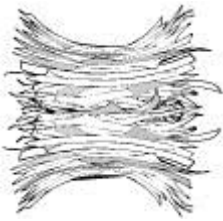
(You must be logged into Facebook to access either site.)

Find Facebook's Navy AG group here:

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/34563272172/>

Find Facebook's Navy METOC Officers here:

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/98578891936/>



LETTERS

Looking for a Shipmate

Just had a flash back of a William (Bill) Kelly/Kelley who was aboard USS Okinawa LPH-3 in 1970-71.

Couldn't find him listed on line, 'n thought he might be in your group. He was from Pottstown Pa, and I heard he went back there. Where he's at now I've no idea.

If you've his contact info pls fwd this to him. If he wants to return the inquiry I'll be happy to say hello.

V/R

T.L. Kircher tomkircher@sbcglobal.net

Looking for Chanute 'A' School Classmates

Hello, I'm trying to find out the names of the aerographers I went to A school with. I was there July 1985 to Sep. 1985.

Is there any way you could send me that info if you have it. I've been trying to get a small reunion with some of the AG's I served with.

Thank you very much,

Maureen Kean k9kissz@msn.com

Looking for a Class Roster

Looking for class roster for the Air-Ocean Environment Course (no class number) that was completed on 8/2/1968.

Tks.

Alan D. Baker navyweather@comcast.net

A Brief List of Old, Obscure and Obsolete U.S. Navy Jobs

(They left out Coxswain and others, still interesting.)

<http://news.usni.org/2014/12/03/brief-list-old-obscure-obsolete-u-s-navy-jobs>

U.S. Navy enlisted personnel—unlike those in the other services—wear their jobs on their sleeves. A Marine machine-gunner wears similar collar rank as the rest of his fire team; unless you ask him, or see his military occupation in his file, one could never know his job specifics just by looking at his uniform. Not so ...

Cool Technology



Shark Drone

(Source: MC3 Edward Gutierrez III/[U.S. Navy](http://www.usnavy.com))

http://www.pixable.com/article/u-s-navy-completes-testing-on-ghostswimmer-an-underwater-shark-drone-ghostswimmer-13698?utm_medium=viral&utm_source=email&track_src=SHEMMOB19

Thought you would find this interesting. Although the USN is saying that it will be for hull inspection and other peaceful uses, I see great potential in other ventures.



USS Zumwalt (DDG 1000): The Future Is Getting Closer (Pictorial)

<http://intercepts.defensenews.com/2014/06/zumwalt-ddg-1000-the-future-is-nearly-here/>

Above 3 submitted by LCDR Bruce DeWald, USN RET

U.S. Military Campgrounds and RV Parks Complete information, maps and reviews for your computer:

http://www.militarycampgrounds.us/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=4:milcamps-dir&catid=67&Itemid=7

Submitted by AGCS Lloyd Corbett, USN RET

CLIMATE CHANGE WEEKLY #148: HUNDREDS OF RECORDS FALL DURING COLD SPELL

Published November 24, 2014

Mid-November 2014 has been a time of record-setting temperatures and snowfall. Hardly anyone in the United States can avoid it, and even if your locale hasn't experienced record cold itself, somewhere in your region has. This is not how global warming is supposed to work.

The United States has experienced an unusual amount of record-breaking cold weather and weather-related phenomena

in 2014. Early in the year, in large part due to the polar vortex, hundreds, if not thousands, of American cities and towns experienced multiple days of record-setting temperatures – both record lows and record-low high temperatures.

This odd weather continued into the summer. In July, record lows or record-low high temperatures were set in cities across the nation, including in Atlanta, Baltimore, Dallas, and Pittsburgh, as well as in states from Minnesota to Alabama and Florida. The streak continued into September, when 246 record-low high temperature records were broken or tied between September 1 and September 10 alone.

Jacksonville, Florida recently joined hundreds of other cities in the nation that have, since November 10, witnessed record lows – a low of 24 degrees broke the 141-year-old mark for November 20 by six degrees.

Weather Bell Analytics reports:

An astounding 226 million Americans will experience at or below freezing temperatures (32°F) on Tuesday as well – if you venture outdoors.

More than 85% of the surface area of the Lower 48 reached or fell below freezing Tuesday morning. All 50 states saw at or below freezing temperatures on Tuesday.

Record lows from Idaho to Nebraska and Iowa south to Texas and east through the Great Lakes, the eastern 2/3 of the US will shatter decades-long and in some cases, century-long records. Temperatures east of the Rockies will be 20–40°F below climate normals.

Compared to normal, temperatures over the past several days have dropped off a cliff – to 10°C below climate normal – more anomalous than even during the polar vortex of early January.

And Boston.com reported 1,360 cities and towns set daily-low maximum records over the past week.

On one night in mid-November, every state in the nation, including Florida, Hawaii, and Texas, had one or more locations reporting at or below freezing temperatures, and 85 percent of the nation saw freezing temperatures. This is mid-November, not mid-winter.

And let's not forget about snowfall. Buffalo, among other Great Lakes region cities, is experiencing "Snowpocalypse," a phrase I'm copywriting if possible. More than six feet of snow fell in Buffalo in less than 48 hours, with three or more feet threatening to fall by the end of the week. This is more than the city typically gets annually.

By November 3, areas in Maine, which typically accumulate less than a foot of snow for the entire month of November, had already received two feet of snow. Not to be outdone, on November 1, South Carolina experienced its earliest snowfall since official records began in 1886. The previous earliest snowfall recorded was on November 9, 1913.

Indeed, snow currently covers more than 50 percent of the country, more than twice the coverage the United States usually experiences for mid-November.

The records keep falling and climate models keep getting it wrong.

SOURCES: [CNN.com](#); [Weatherbell.com](#); [Boston.com](#); [Climate Depot](#)

Submitted by LCDR Bruce DeWald, USN RET

Travel via the Moon

Depends what you're reading, gift-giving, black Friday, or Cyber Monday, walking through the Mall--and you saw all kinds of names for those coming holidays. But the one you should be concerned with if you're planning on travel in 2015 is: **get the planning done NOW** for that trip you've been thinking about in 2015! *Why* so early? Because the prices and add-on offers of many discounts are flowing from those advertisers between now and March and then **the prices go up**, starting in mid-March through September. Just get on the computer and select the company you want to go on that trip with, *Royal Caribbean*, *Viking*, or just select anyone of the companies that offer some type of trip to the area you want to go to in 2015. **Warning:** you will get numerous advertisements soon after you select this method of finding a company asking you to try "this" country, or this trip, and the advertisements seem non-ending, but you can just *delete* those ads you don't care about. The important thing is **start planning NOW !**

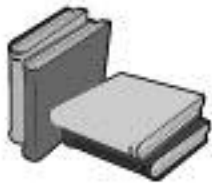
OK, now you selected the company and country you want to go to. How are you going to get there? Next item to be choosing is the *airline* that will get you there for the least cost! Do you have frequent flyer miles in your account, or maybe a stop-over flight that costs less, or maybe a chance to upgrade to better seats for very little money? These are all the next selections to look at now because: **Again, the prices will be going UP.**

Most aircraft fly at the same speeds and if you plan right, you should leave the US at night, fly over-night and land at your destination the next day, so aircraft type doesn't make any difference. The new 787 has lower inside pressure and more humidity, so it may be of comfort to some travelers, but if Wi-Fi, the movie that is playing in your direction this month, or the amount of space your seat has if any of those are very important, check with each airline (on the computer) and pick the one you want *with the best price.*

And finally, that little thing that fits in your carry-on bag **called a passport.** It just ruins your whole day when you get to your departing gate (or TSA) and you remember that little book you need to get out of the USA and also to get into the countries you're going to, is back home. With some airlines, it will cost you to rebook your flight on a following flight, if you can even get on a flight that will get you to your destination in time to get on your cruise, or your hotel on time without another penalty. Get the passports out *as soon as you start to pack.* And just before you put it in your carry-on, open it up and check the date it **expires.** Some counties require that there are at least 6 months remaining on the expiration date, or they *won't let you in the country!* If it's getting close to that expiration send NOW and get a renewal. Renewal cost and the place to send it to can be found at most large post-offices. Passports last for years, so if it's getting close, DO IT NOW and there's no more worry for another 10 years. And you will be using it again later this year or next year.

Where are we going? Paris, Peru, Japan, Germany, Switzerland, Jamaica, Nova Scotia, New Jersey -- Oh, they let us in now without a passport – just don't tell them you're from New York. If you have any doubts about some new area you want to go to, stop in at your local book store and buy a book on that country. It's gonna be great – **Enjoy**

Submitted by AGCM Moon Mullen USN RET



CHAPTER NEWS



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HRC SPRING FLING
January 4, 2015



AT The Lucky Oyster



\$125+/- was collected for the meeting charity and will be sent to Saint Mary's Infant Home Kempsville Cr. Norfolk Va.. 757-622-2208.

Treasurer's report was given, motion was made and seconded to accept the report as read, motion passed. HRC has a total of \$3108.19.

OLD BUSINESS:

1...BINNACLE LIST...Members are asked to keep HRC officials in the know about their own or anyone that is connected with HRC illnesses, injuries or the need for our special thoughts and prayers.

Kathi Clark: Broke her neck several weeks ago and doing pretty well considering, she will require PT and to wear a brace for several more months.

Ann Salvato: Reports were sent to the membership. Ann is doing well and will be in Rehab for about two weeks.

Donna Crossley: Still dealing with knee issues.

Bob Steiner: asked for prayers for his nephew, Steven Hobbs who is dealing with a brain tumor.

Eve Muscari: Still dealing with back and leg pain, often severe, she has a doctor's appointment the 17th to see about hip replacement.

Doris Stepaniak: we are thrilled to report that she is brace free and has been released from the health facilities.

Howard Lee: Has suffered through some colds and other problems but is totally healthy now.

Steve Shafer: Will be having a right shoulder replaced soon.

John Stroade Shay: Pensacola Florida, managing fairly well, goes to Mass daily, exercises routinely, but still dealing with Spinal Stenosis.

Eileen Fifield: Doris will give her a call.

Ron Alford: Fay will check in with him.

2...USS Wisconsin BB64: **Dennis Pauly, Frank Muscari** and **Bob Daigle** are working hard to get something accomplished with this project, but it is felt by the HRC membership if substantial progress isn't made soon we should abandon the effort. Dennis is in contact with John Ellickson Norfolk City BB64 project manager and Julie Mansfield Norfolk BB64 Volunteer coordinator. They will meet soon. They will tour the ship. FWC has no staff members assigned to the project, Bob Daigle will check on this. There could be a possibility the ship would require us to paint and refurbish the spaces, are we willing to do that. Also will serve as tour guides (question was for the wx office only or entire ship).

3...Reunion 2017...after much discussion, the final vote to host the 2017 #43 reunion did not pass. We will not present our proposal to the #41 reunion. (Enclosure 1 is filed as it might be useful in the future)

4...**Charles Fifield** passing, 11/8/2014. Wake and funeral well attended by HRC membership. Letter received from Eileen ((See Enclosure 5)) Flower funding of \$79.00. ((See Enclosure FOUR)) Letter was sent to Eileen on 11/29/14 concerning Eileen's

Winter Meeting – January 4, 2015

In attendance: (18) **Ive and John Chubb, Frank and Eve Muscari, Bob and Carol Daigle, Doris Stepaniak, Howard Lee, Steve and Sylvia Shafer, Bob and Tammie Steiner, Fay and Donna Crossley, Dan and Carmen Lee** and **Louise and Chuck Steinbruck.**

REGRETS received from:

Kathi Clark...Dealing with broken neck, she will be fine.

Dave Milot...busy.

Ed Nelson....at Trader Joe's

Bob Wright...working

Dennis and Susan Pauly...sick.

LaRue Wright...sick.

Jack Salvato...tending to Ann's needs

Grace was given by **Chuck Steinbruck** about 3:10 PM.

The meeting was called to order about 330PM, by President **Bob Steiner**. The Pledge of Allegiance, was led by **Frank Muscari**. A get well card was signed by all in attendance and Doris will mail it to Ann.

Motion was made by **John Chubb** to accept the Secretary report from the October Meeting as sent to the membership, it was seconded by **Bob Steiner**...motion carried.

continued association with HRC. ((See Enclosure EIGHT))
 5...HRC Chicken Dinner gathering 10/24/14. (See Enclosure SIX))

NEW BUSINESS

- 1...Elections:
 - a...Vice President: Nominations came from the floor, and **Frank Muscari** was elected.
 - b...Secretary: **Fay Crossley**
 - c...Social Coordinator: **Frank Muscari**
 - d...V. A. Hospital Coordinator: **Joan Akers**
- 2...Reunion #41 (Nashville)
 - a...\$80 ad fee. (Will be sent as soon as info is received as to where to send the money and ad.
 - b...AD (See Enclosure TWO)
 - c...As of this time, **Chuck Steinbruck and Louise** will attend as well as **Fay Crossley**.
- 3...For The Good Of The Order:
 - a...**Bob and Tammie Steiner** have 1 year anniversary 2/28/15.
 - b...**Fay Crossley** has birthday 3/15.
 - c...**Dan Lee** suggests that military retirees that might have hearing problems, if they want to be tested and possibly be fitted for hearing aids they should call the Portsmouth Hospital Audiology department and set up an appointment...757-953-2800 or 2801. Dan says it is a great deal and now he can hear Carmen much better.
- 4...Spring Meeting: Will be held at the Providence Square Grill. ((See Enclosure THREE)) Because of Reunion #41 and Easter, the date has been moved to the 29th of March, a Sunday, usual time. The President and Secretary will schedule a board meeting if required.
- 5...The Spring Meeting Charity will be The Judeo – Christian Outreach, 1053 Virginia Beach BLVD, Virginia Beach, VA. 23451 – 757-491-2846.
- 6...Passing of Capt. Bill Pine, info to Aerograph. ((See Enclosure Seven))
- 7...New Direction for V. A. support....Coordinator Joan Akers gave the following Email report: I finally got to talk with Marty today (12/17) and they have a sort of new project going. They are setting up apartments and housekeeping for our homeless. So what they need right now is things like sheets, pillow cases, pillows, blankets, bed spreads, pots and pans, dishes, bowls, silverware, dish towels, regular towels, anything you could use to set up housekeeping. And eventually they will need furniture but she will let me know when so at that time if you need to get rid of any chairs, tables, etc, she will let me know and I will pass the word. Right now they also desperately need cleaning things, All the polish, and scrubbers, toilet cleaners and brushes and scrub brushes. You know, whatever you use to clean your house. –contact Joan for more information on how to help.
- 8...Membership was asked if anyone want to volunteer to be NWSA Aerograph Editor, Gary has the thing well organized and it should be easy. If so, they should contact Gary Cox directly.
- 9...Motion was made and passed to make Eileen Fifield an HRC life member.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting, motion carried at 452PM.

Copies of any enclosure can be requested from Fay Crossley, fdcross@charter.net.

Submitted by Fay Crossley, HRC Secretary
Editor: HRC's news edited slightly...full version available at <http://www.navalweather.org/nwsahamptonroads.html>



SOCAL CHAPTER

Pres	John Rodriguez
V. Pres	David Rue
Sec/Treas	Morry Summey

Welcome to 2015! The SOCAL Chapter continues for another year, as the member rolls decrease, along with every dwindling attendance at our meetings, as well as social events.

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

The annual PARADE OF LIGHTS dinner was held on Sunday, 14 December 2014 at the Bali Hai Restaurant on Shelter Island. **Dolores Cohenour** organized the get-together. Chapter attendees were **Bernie & Dolores Cohenour, Bob & Sheila Clark,** and **Morry Summey**. In addition, Bob & Sheila brought their daughter, son-in-law, and their new grandson.

The January luncheon/business meeting was scheduled for Thursday, 8 January 2015 because the first Thursday was New Year's Day. An informal meeting was held with **Bernie & Dolores Cohenour, Morry Summey,** and **David & Lois Rue,** in attendance.

MEMBER ACTIVITIES

BERNIE & DOLORES COHENOUR: Dolores had her second eye surgery for cataracts on 8 January 2015. Grandson Brian is beginning to crawl and starting to talk.

MORRY SUMMEY: Morry is pleased to report that his grand new great-granddaughter arrived in Utah on 29 November 2014. This was followed by a great-grandson who joined her on 20 December. Those happy parents live in Houston, TX. In February 2015 we move to North Carolina where another great-grandson is expected. New subject: Morry is planning to attend the NWSA Reunion in Nashville. TN with daughters Martie & Marilyn.

DAVID & LOIS RUE: David had to have surgery on his hip. He is back on his feet and doing well.

Submitted by Morry Summey SOCAL Sec/Treas.



PENSACOLA CHAPTER

President	Larry Warrenfeltz
Sec/Treas.	Ed Straten



Greetings,

On Dec 13th, the Pensacola Chapter met at the beautifully decorated home of **Ed and Patti Straten**. In addition to our host and hostess, we were joined by their daughter, **Kim, and son-in-law, John Warrick**, both retired CT Master Chiefs. The following members attended: **Bernie Bauer, Pat and Libby O'Brien, Al and Helen Atwell, Greene and Marion Hawks, Larry and Nancy Warrenfeltz, Denny and Helen Maljevac, John and Gay Lynn O'Hara, Ed and Gerrie Marsch, Ken and Barbara Overholt, Elspeth Lloyd, Dick and Elizabeth Tokryman, and Dave and Jerri Dunlap**. We had a wonderful get together which included a lot of eating, drinking, the telling of sea stories, watching Navy beat Army (for the 13th consecutive time) in the annual Army-Navy Football Game, electing new officers, and conducting our annual "White Elephant" gift grab which resulted in many steals and squeals. And **Gay O'Hara** was the lucky winner of the door prize, a beautiful Christmas wreath. All great fun!

New Chapter Officers: **Larry Warrenfeltz and Ed Straten** were kind enough to step up and take over the reins of running the Chapter from **Bernie Bauer and Pat O'Brien**.

Ed and Patti Straten had a busy month of parties. In addition to the NWSA party, they attended the NETC Christmas Party held at the Airport Holiday Inn, Pensacola. Every year this party is a lot of fun and an excellent lunch and Ed won a \$50 gift certificate to a downtown bistro. He can't wait to try this place. Ed also attended the NSTC annual Christmas party at the Oyster Bar in Perdido Key. Again a great lunch but dirty Santa was not the best. Ed won a book lock box which...look out...may be re-gifted next year. And Ed and Patti also enjoyed the annual New Year's Eve party at their daughter Kim's home in Pensacola featuring great time, wonderful music, excellent food and best of all, ringing in the new year with friends and family. Patti is sad to see December come to an end after having so much fun. She will be facing rotator cuff surgery January 28. Let's all wish her well. And a speedy recovery for Ed's sake

Nancy and Larry Warrenfeltz covered more than 2500 miles on a Christmas time journey to Maryland, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. Departing Pensacola less than 48 hours after Larry was fitted with a new prosthesis, they were very glad to avoid ice and snow during the 11-day sojourn. Rain, fog, and low visibility are not fun, but it's a lot better than slipping away. It is always nice to be with family at Christmas. After celebrating the holiday with son, daughter-in-law and grandkids and Nancy's family in PA, four generations of Warrenfeltzes gathered at Larry's brother's home in Martinsburg WV on the Saturday after Christmas.

After a request to members for their latest and greatest information, **Stroade** response was; "Sorry, but not mentally

active at age 80+ and memory is slipping off somewhere DAILY". Its okay happens to the best of us.

Pat and Libby O'Brien spent a week at Orange Beach, Alabama, in November. They were at their timeshare for seven days with Libby's sister and brother-in-law. While there, Pat got in some fishing, and he and Libby got in a round of golf. The weather cooperated for five of the seven days. The other two days had the effects of a cold frontal passage that dropped the temperature markedly. Brrrrrr. There weren't many people walking the beach those two days. In December, Libby went with her daughter to Dayton, OH. Pat stayed at home and smiled a lot. Pat's oldest son, Patrick, came up from Deland, FL, and spent time with them over the holidays. He wasn't too impressed with the weather. He stayed bundled up most of his time here. It's evidently much warmer in Deland. The O'Briens celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary on Christmas Day. After exchanging Christmas gifts with each other and their sons, they headed to Callaway Gardens in Georgia; the place where they honeymooned 20 years ago. It was a really special day all around. Happy Anniversary to the O'Briens.



Arthur and Rose Frazier were very busy throughout the month of December playing Santa and Mrs. Claus! They were at "North Pole" for the Polar Express events at the Milton Train Depot and museum. They also visited many kindergarten classes at 3 local elementary schools, a couple of churches, Bowling alley/entertainment complex, a hospital in Pensacola and a homeless shelter in McKinney, TX! There were lots of whispers about "the real Santa" as they left many of the locations! They left Milton on the 22nd after school got out and drove to Arkansas, Oklahoma, then McKinney, visiting family at 6 different stops. Both Rose and Arthur ended up sick with bad head colds and sinus infections through the New Year. Their son, Timothy, didn't get sick until the Sunday before school was back in session. He still hasn't missed a day this year, though. Timothy is a Junior at Milton High School and continues to excel in his academics and the band. This winter they will be busy with Indoor Percussion practices and competitions, church functions, and preparing for a spring break trip to Europe with the school. Isn't there a song about Europe in the springtime? Hope to see lots of pictures.

Submitted by Ed Straten, Sec/Treas.

LONE STAR CHAPTER

President	Curtis Arnold
Sec/Treas.	Jim Maxwell



Mike Fastow is slowly recovering from his 9th spinal surgery, has steel rods from his shoulders to his butt. **Wife, Jeannine** recovering

from chemo for Uterine cancer and being treated for bladder cancer currently. Both still doing their normal thing, but just moving a little slower. Still caring for their disabled son who lives with them, along with the 15 kittens who moved in from across the street, because the food at Fastow's buffet for their cats, was better than they were getting!!

Curtis Arnold, spent 2 hours in the Emergency Room on Christmas Day getting 5 stitches to close up his thumb. He got his thumb in the wrong place while cutting up a sweet potato. Curtis says he will have dandy scar to make up good stories about. He is about to start his volunteer tax assistance for this year. The AARP-VITA group provides volunteers, training and computers to do free tax preparation at Arlington's Libraries. This will be his 4th year.

James and Lolis Steinbeck are back from several trips and/or cruises that they went on this past year. A little Navy news about their youngest son, Edgar Delacerda and his family (wife and 4 children). We are planning a trip later this year to catch a cruise from Beijing, China to Singapore, then flying over to Guam to visit their son and family at Thanksgiving. Edgar is a career Navy sailor of 22+ years and hopefully counting on 30 years. He is a Senior Chief (AMCS) in charge of a helicopter squadron maintenance department assigned on the Andersen Air Force Base in Guam. I guess they needed him there because they gave a "waiver" for all his dependents (normally 4 total for overseas assignments, but he has 6 total). He just shipped over there last November for a three year assignment. He was previously on the USS Nimitz CV-68. They report great fishing and scuba diving. All the kids are getting certified. James and Lolis are already certified and have been for the past 20-30 years. The Thanksgiving visit should be packed with plenty of activities and lotsa fish.

Pat Partesius and Mel Bourn have a new Great Granddaughter Annabelle born on 28 September 2014. Annabelle's parents are Lauren and Ryan Wheelan. Lauren is Pat's Granddaughter. Mel Bourn's granddaughter Samantha, who lives in Fayetteville, NC, recently returned from Australia where she had been visiting her sister. She had a 9 hour layover in Dallas, so her Uncle Mike (Mel's son) picked her up at the airport and after a brief nap for Samantha, Mel, Pat, Mike, and Kim (Mike's wife) all got together for brunch in Frisco, TX where Mike lives. Finding the airport from Frisco turned out to be a bit of a puzzle, but Samantha was finally returned to American Airlines who flew her safely home. Mel has recently had cataracts removed from both eyes and can see his feet again (no laughing).

Lastly, **Jim Maxwell** had spine and back surgery in December, with good results for the most part. He will be going through a second surgery to install hardware soon. Hopefully all the pain will be gone then.

We will see you in Nashville soon!

Submitted by Jim Maxwell, NWSA Pres.



The NWSA SE Chapter held its annual Christmas Party/Winter Meeting on December 18th at the home of our president. We had a good turnout and a great dinner. The dinner was the Christmas Ham and Turkey with trimmings. Each guest also contributed their special POT LUCK.

The following member attended: **LT Todd and Cheryl McDonald and daughter Mya; AGCS Steve and Cherry Turco, AGC Bob and Charline Johnson, AGCS Frank and Jane Andrews, LT Fred and Lina Bergman, Chuck Bergman, CSM Dewey and Lisa Walker with granddaughter Breanna, CDR Harry Solsorh, AGC Ed and Virginia Morgan, AGC Sal and Susan Maggadno, and our special guest Mr. Eric Gedult and Loretta** (recently retired from Training and Ops at the Professional Development and METOC Center at Yokosuka Japan). Mr Gedult provided the Chapter a brief look at the current developments at Yokosuka and its long range look in the future.

We passed out our Elephant Gifts and had a drawing for the two door prizes that had been donated. We then followed that up with a 50/50 drawing raising funds for office expenses. The 50/50 winner was Charline Johnson and her half of the prize of \$30, she donated it back to the general cash fund.

We enjoyed dinner with all the Christmas trimmings and special thanks goes out to our host LT Todd and Cheryl McDonald. Also we would like to give special thanks to everyone that brought their special POT LUCK dishes.

Everyone had a great time and we will be looking forward to our 2015 Christmas Party.

Submitted by AGC BOB JOHNSON, (Jacksonville)



SOUTHEAST CHAPTER

Pres.: LT Todd McDonald
 1st V.P.: AGCS Steve Turco
 2nd V.P.: AGC Bob Johnson
 Sec/Treas: AGCS Frank Andrews



CAPT Julius F. Steuckert, USN RET

August 10, 1916 to September 15, 2014

Julius Frederick Steuckert, age 98, of Hacienda Carmel, passed away September 15, 2014. He was born in Hayden, AZ on August 10, 1916. Julius graduated from John Francis Poly

Technic High School and received an engineering degree from the U.S. Naval Academy Class of 1940. He was married to Mabel Marie Miles in September, 1942 in Honolulu, HI. Julius' Naval career spanned 34 years over three major wars, WWII, Korea and Vietnam.

He is survived by his sister, Margaret Kilty; sons, James and Thomas and daughter-in-law, Kim Steuckert. He will be buried and services will be held at Arlington National Cemetery early next year. Julius was born to Henry Stanford Steuckert and Pomposa Lorona Lorona. His father died in 1929 when Julius was 13 and Pomposa moved the family to Los Angeles, where he grew up selling newspapers on the streets at the height of the Depression.

He joined the Navy in 1935 as an enlisted man and was assigned to the Battleship Maryland. After a year he passed the test to enter the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis. He graduated with the Class of 1940 and was assigned to the USS Raleigh based at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. He was a Pearl Harbor survivor. The Raleigh was attacked and sunk on December 7th. He later was assigned the new Cruiser, USS Houston. He was instrumental in saving the Huston off Okinawa when it was bombed and torpedoed. He received the Bronze Star for his action. After WWII he participated in the Korean War and later he entered the U.S. Navy Meteorology Department, tending to his family

He had a passion for painting and after retiring in 1969 he studied under local artist John Cunningham. He loved playing golf and would always play on Saturdays with his regular foursome. He was a loving father, an officer and a gentleman and will always be a hero in our hearts
Arrangements were under the direction of The Paul Mortuary, Pacific Grove, CA.

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep,
Its own appointed limits keep.
Oh hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!, Amen.
Published in *The Monterey Herald* on Oct. 27, 2014

Besides being a Pearl Harbor Survivor and served in the fleet during WWII, before joining the what became the Naval Weather Service, he commanded at least four major NWS commands---- CO, FWC Port Lyautey; CO FHFF Miami; CO FWC Kodiak and CO FWC-JTWC Guam. He was the Curricular Officer USPGS Monterey as well. I understand there are only 12 known graduates of his Naval Academy Class of 1940 still living.

Submitted by CAPT George DeLano, USN RET
CAPT Steuckert's complete obituary was not available for the November 2014 Aerograph, only a notice of his passing. Editor.



**CAPT William D. "Bill" Pine,
USN RET**

Passed December 4, 2014 at Age 75

Virginia Beach - It is with deepest sorrow that we announce the unexpected passing of Bill Pine on December 4, 2014, age 70. Bill, a 30-year Veteran of the U. S. Navy, served two tours in Vietnam, held numerous Commands, and retired in 1995 as a Captain. A graduate of the University of Wisconsin, Bill went on to earn

four Masters Degrees.

Upon retiring from the Navy, Bill pursued a career in Public Health Administration, culminating in a Vice Presidency with Westminster Canterbury. An avid outdoorsman with a sense of adventure, Bill earned Eagle Scout and later served as a Scout Leader. With a strong sense of duty and community service, Bill served as a Paul Harris Fellow, MJ1, in the Rotary Club of Hampton Roads for 19 years.

Bill was predeceased by his parents, Don and Mary Pine; and brother, Captain (Ret) John Pine. He is survived by his wife Pam; son Christopher (Kristen); daughters Charleen (Jeff) and Jessica (Karl); grandchildren Wyatt, Zoe, Hannah, Cole, Lauren, Cason; numerous Nieces and Nephews; Brother-in-Law Roger Gallup; and his dearest friend Richard Pettruny.

A man that never met a stranger and was always willing to extend a friendship, share his zest for life, his spontaneous and witty personality, and sense of humor will be missed by all who had the pleasure of his friendship and love.

A service to celebrate Bill's life was held on December 10th at the H.D. Oliver Funeral Apts., Laskin Road Chapel, Virginia Beach. Interment was in Eastern Shore Chapel Cemetery with full military honors. Condolences may be offered online at www.hdoliver.com.

Submitted by Fay Crossley, HRC Secretary



**LCDR Willard G. "Will" Gould,
USN RET**

March 10, 1929 to December 8, 2014

On Dec. 8, 2014, Willard Gene Gould of Prince Frederick, Maryland, loving husband of 61 years to Ella Faith Mulligan Gould, passed away at the age of 85. A native of Alpha, Illinois, he was the son of the late Percy J. and Mary Elizabeth Gould. He was preceded in death by his brother Thomas Gould and sisters Merideen Andree and Carol Spence. He is survived by his wife Ella Gould, his brother Jerry Gould, his son David Gould (Cheryl), his daughter Debra Gould Krehbiel (John), and his son Derrick Gould (Penny). Willard was the loving PopPop to 14 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Willard will be remembered as a "self-made man". He enlisted in the US Navy after high school graduation, and through hard work and perseverance, he rose through the ranks and eventually retired as Lieutenant Commander. After retirement, he continued to pursue other careers including meteorology and gunsmithing. He also enjoyed many hobbies including golfing, traveling, wood crafting, and gardening. He was an active member of the following organizations: NWSA (Naval Weather Service Association), the American Legion, the DAV, and the MOAA.

Submitted by Jim Romano, POTCHAP Pres.



**AGCM Charles E. "Chuck"
Fifield, Sr., USN RET**

April 1, 1938 to November 8, 2014

Charles E. "Chuck" Fifield, Sr., 76 passed away Saturday, November 8, 2014 at Sentara Heart Hospital, Norfolk, Virginia. Chuck was born in Portland, Maine on April 1, 1938.

In 1955, he joined the United States Navy and served proudly for nearly 35 years, retiring as Master Chief Petty Officer in late 1989. His career travels took him to Africa, England, New York, Washington, D.C., Florida, California, Guam, New Jersey, and Alaska, as well as almost everywhere in between, before finally settling in Virginia in 1977.

At the time of his death he was a resident of Chesapeake, Virginia. Chuck's second career was as a counselor for the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, an organization dedicated to providing financial assistance and support for Navy and Marine Corps servicemen and their families. He retired after ten years of service dedicated to those wonderful people whom he greatly admired and respected.

His many interests included coin-collecting, Roman history, reading, preparing tax returns, wine-tasting, playing bridge and travelling the world. He was a member of Knights of Columbus, Council 8240 located in Chesapeake, Virginia. Chuck also did volunteer work for Meals on Wheels and delivered Holy Communion to those with infirmities.

He is survived by his wife, Eileen M. Fifield of Chesapeake, VA; his son, Charles E. Fifield, Jr. and his wife, Beverly and their daughter Lauren of Virginia Beach; his daughter, Doreen McAndrews and her husband Larry, and their children, Jessica, Paul, Kristin, Kevin, and Kathryn; and great granddaughter, Kenna McAndrews, of Williamsburg, VA; his brother, Eugene Fifield and his wife, Elaine, of New Hampshire; his sister, Patricia Grenier and her husband, Donald, of Nashua, NH; his step-son, Joseph Quinn, and his wife Jennifer, and their children, Pete, Billy, Mary, and Rose, of Ashburn, VA; his step-daughter, Kathleen Cook, and her husband, Mark, and their children, Kristin, Tommy, Timmy, and Kelly of Chesapeake, VA; his step-daughter Anne Bonner, and her husband, John, and their sons, Mike, Chris, and Danny, of Centreville, VA. He was predeceased by his wife, Nancy A. Fifield; his sons, Wayne C. Fifield, Dennis K. Fifield, and Timothy J. Fifield; his sister, Irene M. Grass; and his brother, John A. Fifield.

A Christian Wake Service and a Knights of Columbus Chalice Ceremony was held on November 12th at H. D. Oliver Funeral Apts., 1416 Cedar Road, Chesapeake, VA 23322. A Funeral Mass was held on Thursday, November 13th at Saint Stephen, Martyr Roman Catholic Church. Memorial contributions may be made to Saint Stephen, Martyr Roman Catholic Church, 1544 S. Battlefield Blvd., Chesapeake, VA 23322 or to the Food Pantry at Prince of Peace Catholic Church, 621 Cedar Rd., Chesapeake, VA 23322. Online condolences may be made at www.hdoliver.com.

Submitted by Fay Crossley, HRC Secretary



**AGCM Victor A. Corbelli, USNR
RET**

May 20, 1943 to November 6, 2014

Victor A. Corbelli, 71, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, Nov. 6, 2014. Memorial service: Monday, November 10th at The Mount in Keller, TX.. Memorials: American Cancer Society.

Victor was the youngest son of 14, born to Carlo and Domenica Corbelli. He was married to his high school sweetheart for 51 years. Victor loved his family. He loved fishing, sports and traveling with his wife. Victor was a retired master chief petty officer in the U.S. Navy Reserve and received an honorable discharge after 33 years of service. His wife, Barbara, and a grandson, Carl Corbelli, preceded him in death. Survivors: Children, Greg and wife, Amanda, and Mark

Sr.; grandchildren, Cheryl-Lynn, Mark Jr., Noah, Elijah and Sophia; and a large extended family.

Published in *Star-Telegram* on Nov. 9, 2014

Submitted by Charlie Jordan and Curtis Arnold,
Lone Star Pres. and Sec., respectively



**AGC William E. "Pops" Lake, Sr.,
USN RET**

September 25, 1940 to October 3, 2014

William E. Lake, Sr. "Pops", age 74, of Matthews, NC passed away on October 3, 2014, at Presbyterian Matthews. Mr. Lake was born on September 25, 1940 in Fairmont, WV. He was the beloved son of the late Kenneth Lake, Sr., Willa Stroud, and stepfather Francis Stroud.

Mr. Lake was a graduate of CPCC and a Navy veteran who served in Vietnam. He achieved the rank of Chief Petty Officer and was a meteorologist while serving his country. He was a member of the Indian Trail VFW and the MG Car Club.

Mr. Lake enjoyed spending time with his wife Joyce, three children, two grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren, and driving with the top down in his Corvette and his MG. Everyone who met Pops loved him. His family and friends miss him dearly. Our world is not the same without Pops in it.

Survivors include his wife Joyce Lake, their children William Lake, Jr. and wife Candy Lake of Indian Trail, Shawn Lake of Matthews, and Kimberly Lake Parker and her husband Jimmy Parker of Matthews, his grandchildren Christa Strawn and her husband Brandon Strawn of Monroe, Amanda Parker of Charlotte and his great-grandchildren Avery Strawn of Monroe, and Kendall Young and Kaydence Young of Charlotte. Also surviving are Mr. Lake's brother Kenneth Lake, sister Nancy Lee Hill and husband Frank Hill, his aunt Nancy Rose Springer, and his stepbrother Ervin Stroud.

The funeral was October 7th in Weddington, NC, with burial immediately thereafter at Forest Lawn East Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, the American Diabetes Association or the American Heart Association. Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Funeral Home, Weddington Chapel. Online guestbook is available at www.heritagecares.net.

Submitted by LCDR Dennis Ruth, USN RET



Donnie Gene Barnett

September 26, 1932 to October 21,
2014

Mr. Donnie "Don" Gene Barnett, 82, of Clemmons, NC, formerly of Springfield, VA, passed away on Tuesday, October 21, 2014 at the Kate B. Reynolds Hospice Home. Mr. Barnett was born on September 26, 1932 in Oklahoma to the late Teddy Glenn Barnett and Olive Drew Barnett.

Don served in the United States Air Force. He received a B.S. Degree in Meteorology and Geography from Oklahoma State University. He then went on to receive a Master's Degree in Management from the University of Oklahoma. Don worked for the Department of Defense for 32 years. He was a member of the World Meteorological Organization.

Compromise on NDAA Passed and Signed into Law

FRA Today, January 2015

Congress passed, and President Obama signed, a shortened version of the FY 2015 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) in early December. The final bill was a compromise on key provisions important to FRA members. The final bill provides the following:

- A smaller-than-requested increase in pharmacy co-pays (\$3 increase) for retirees under age 65 that took effect when bill was signed into law;
- A one-percent annual pay increase for active-duty personnel and reservists;
- A one-percent reduction for one year in Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH). (The Administration requested and the Senate version of the bill included a five-percent cut over three years.);
- A mandatory pharmacy home-delivery program for retirees under age 65 that takes effect on January 1, 2016;
- A small reduction in the commissary subsidy that is not expected to impact prices;
- Elimination of the requirement that each 90 days of creditable time toward Reserve early retirement must be completed within the same fiscal year;
- Protection from the one-percent COLA cut extended to service members who joined the military after January 1, 2016 (in lieu of January 1, 2014 in the previous law); and
- Improvements to sexual assault provisions.

FRA will continue its efforts to advance FRA-supported provisions that were dropped from the final bill as it was hurried through the approval process.

Looking Back...

Thanks to the hard work of AGCM Tom "Moose" Miovas, USN RET, we now have access on the NWSA's *Aerograph* (Restricted) webpage to copies of the *Aerograph* dating back to July 1977. The following information and article were taken from the February 1985 *Aerograph*. This article will be the first in a nostalgic series...Editor.

1985's officers: Flip Coyne-McDonald, Pres.
Phil Case, 1st V.P.
Bob Frazier, 2nd V.P.
Moon Mullen, Secy-Treas
Alan M. Zahnle, Aerograph Editor
Bill Geitz, Museum Committee
Herb Goodland, 1985 Reunion Las Vegas

Don took a great interest in all sports. He especially enjoyed bowling and softball. He was an avid runner and completed 4 marathons. He also enjoyed riding his bicycle and rode across the United States on two separate occasions.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Barnett was preceded in death by his sister, Mary Haxton. Mr. Barnett is survived by his wife, Janice Barnett of the home; one daughter, Belinda Pontow and husband, Trent of Florida; one son, Alan Barnett and wife, Bonnie of Clemmons, NC; two grandchildren, Erich Pontow and wife, Robin of Arizona and Piper Pontow of Florida; one sister, Glenda Simpson and husband, Ray of Texas; three brothers, Richard Barnett and wife, Dale of South Carolina, Clarence Coldwell and wife, Edna and John Coldwell and wife, Linda, all of Oklahoma.

A funeral service was held Friday, October 24, 2014 at the Lutheran Church of the Epiphany in Winston-Salem with Pastor Laura Wind officiating. A private committal service was held following the service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to Hospice and Palliative Care Center, 101 Hospice Ln., Winston-Salem, NC 27103 or an organization of the donor's choice. Online condolences may be made at www.hayworth-miller.com.

Don Barnett was a long-time civilian employee with Fleet Weather/Navy Ice Center, Suitland, MD. He was the resident sea ice guru, a wonderful man and great friend.

See the video/photo tribute at www.hayworth-miller.com

Submitted by LCDR Dick Pritchard, SE Chapt.

David E. Canaway

June 28, 1924 to December 17, 2014

David E Canaway, 90, passed away peacefully at Haven Hospice in Orange Park on Wednesday Dec. 17, 2014. He was born in Cambridge Massachusetts on June 28, 1924.

David spent 24 years with the [U.S. Navy](#) and was a signal man during the D-Day invasion in Europe. David was also a long time member of the [VFW](#) and the American Legion also serving a tour as Commander. After another tour of duty as a civilian with the Civil Service at the Naval Oceanography Command, he was retired with 46 years in the service of the Government of the United States on March 3rd 1989. During this period, he was a Weather Observer and Forecaster at Cecil Field.

He then retired to his garage where he built automobiles, trucks and small toys and then moving on to working clocks of all different types. He was the most happy in his shop.

He is survived by his son, David III and daughter, Susan; one grandchild, Scott; and two great-grandchildren. Also surviving David are four step-grandchildren: Roy, William, Ronnie, Barbara; 10 step-great grandchildren: Michelle, Jennifer, Joey, Michael, Jennifer, Joey, Michael (passed), Kristi, Kyle and Cody; 2 great-great step grandchildren: Jennifer and Albert; and a host of loving friends.

Inurnment services were held Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at Jacksonville Memory Gardens, 111 Blanding Blvd, Orange Park, Apostles- Lot 65B with full military honors. Arrangements by HARDAGE-GIDDENS HOLLY HILL FUNERAL HOME, 3601 Old Jennings Rd, Middleburg, FL. Please post words of comfort at www.hollyhillfunerals.com. Please Sign the Guestbook @ Jacksonville.com
Published in the Florida Times-Union from Jan. 10 to Jan. 11, 2015

Submitted by LCDR Wayne Ledbetter, former Commanding Officer at Cecil Field.

The only NWSA chapter reporting in the February 1985 Aerograph was Potomac's, with Jim Romano as President. Name sound familiar?

Some articles in the Feb. '85 issue: Lessons from History: Weather's First Women; Looking at Japan's WWII Weather Services; Colors; In the Spotlight: Warren H. "Yag" Crawford's Career **and**:

Breaking Japan's WWII Weather Codes

By John Fuller

In the mid-1930s, Pan American Airways pioneered commercial aviation across the Pacific with its Martin M-130 flying *Clipper* boats.

Because the *Clippers* could not make it from Hawaii to the Philippines or China without refueling, Pan Am developed a support facility on Wake Island in 1935. In addition to constructing a hotel and a radio navigation facility, Pan Am's Wake Island manager, George Bickwell, became a "meteorologist".

Each day he arose at 4:30 a.m. A half-hour later he got his men up. Then he setup his theodolite for the 1800Z upper-air observation. By 5:15 a.m. there was usually enough light to track his balloon. As soon as his observations were logged, he radioed them to San Francisco.

Bickwell's observations, as well as weather data collected by Matson Ocean Liners under contract with Pan Am, were used by Pan Am's chief meteorologist, William Clover, to forecast the *Clipper* runs. Still, there was a small number of weather reports from the western Pacific.

Coded Weather Broadcast

The Japanese weather service had developed a good reporting network. For some years, their weather data was transmitted regularly from the mandated islands of Bonij, Mariana, Caroline and the Marshalls. The Japanese felt resentment to all things American during the 1930s. That resentment was reflected in the fact that, shortly after Pan Am's trans-Pacific flights began, they ceased to broadcast weather data in clear international code.

In early 19306, the Japanese continued to broadcast regularly from their mandated islands. But their broadcasts were in code unintelligible to Pan Am's meteorologists. The new code's sole purpose was to deny weather data to the hated Americans.

Pan Am soon sought help from U.S. Navy intelligence. Presently, John Cooke, an expert radioman trained by the Navy not only in meteorology, but also cryptography and the Japanese language, was detached to Guam. He became Pan Am's radio operator in charge. To everyone but Cooke, the new Japanese weather code was gibberish. After a week of analyzing the code, he broke it.

Pan Am began retransmitting weather reports from all the Japanese-held islands to Pan Am's facilities in Honolulu and California in international code. A vast area of the world's weather map, which had gone blank, was blank no longer. The Japanese began changing the hours and radio frequencies of their transmissions, but it presented no great obstacle to Cooke.

A short time later, some 1,600 miles west of Guam, at Sangley Point in the Philippines, Navy Aerographer's Mate 1st Class Harry Cook went to work on the Japanese crypto-

graphical code. He was evidently unaware of John Cooke's work.

In late 1939, the Japanese began crypto graphing all weather reports for their mandated islands, plus selected shipping.

Codes Broken

Serving aboard the aircraft carrier *Langley*, Cook was given access to the encrypted Japanese reports. Cook had an uncanny memory for anything numerical. For example, he memorized logarithmic tables and the serial numbers of all hands aboard the *Langley*. Within a month, Cook had deciphered the Japanese codes. The key clue having been furnished by the increase in radio traffic from Japanese ships making special weather reports on a typhoon threatening Guam.

Right up until they invaded the Philippines on Dec. 8, 1941, the Japanese never changed their weather coding scheme. As a result, a number of weather reports from the western Pacific were available and passed to the Navy's weather central at Pearl Harbor in a much tighter U.S. Navy code.

When the Japanese attacked the Philippines, Cook was assigned as a section leader to the Navy's 21-man Fleet Weather Central at Cavite. Another section leader there was AEROG 1/C Zemo C. Tarnowski.

After the central was demolished by Japanese bombers Cook, Tarnowski and other Navy weathermen eventually made their way to Corregidor. They set up shop again. Pibal runs were made twice daily, while synoptic surface observations were taken each six hours for encrypted transmission by Cook as the fleet "broadcast" back to Hawaii.

Corregidor Falls

When the Japanese finally overran Corregidor in early May 1942, Cook and Tarnowski were captured, after having been pressed into duty as riflemen and machine gunners in defense of U.S. positions.

With the interrogation by the Japanese inevitable, the Navy weathermen decided that because of this crypto work, Cook had to be shielded at all costs.

As it turned out, Tarnowski was the only enlisted weatherman interrogated on Corregidor. His interrogator was a captain who not only spoke English very well, but was a meteorologist. They wanted to know how the Americans had been drawing weather maps containing Japanese weather data. After three days of harsh interrogation, including twice being led out for execution by a busy firing squad, Tarnowski satisfied the captain, and the Japanese general in charge, that the meteorological data was the responsibility of their commanding officer. He also convinced them that the commander had escaped in the U.S. submarine *Spearfish*, two days before Corregidor's fall.

In early June 1942, Cook, Tarnowski and the other prisoners were forced to march along Manila's Dewey Boulevard. The "victory parade" was photographed for home consumption in Japan. By train and forced march, during which any prisoner unable to walk was shot, bayoneted, or decapitated, they were herded south to a prison at Cabanatuan.

At Cabanatuan, the Japanese formed the prisoners into 10-man squads to cope with escape attempts. Should anyone escape, the remaining squad members would be executed. Among the Navy weathermen it was decided that should anyone want to escape, he had to notify the others and all would plan to escape together. But their physical condition

from a Spartan diet of rice balls and seaweed precluded any escape attempts.

Hoping to get word to, or perhaps even contact his Filipino wife, Cook volunteered for a work party—only to be executed later on Mindanao Island.

Umeda Bunsho Prison

In November 1942, Tarnowski and about 600 other prisoners were shipped to Japan, in an unmarked transport. Wearing khaki shorts, short sleeve shirts and sun helmets, they were off-loaded in a snow storm onto the dock at Shimonseki. Their summer apparel was so that they could be sprayed with disinfectant. Then came a seven-hour trip to Osaka, where 450 of them were marched to a three-story warehouse that became the Umeda Bunsho prison. It was to be Tarnowski's home until the war ended.

Tarnowski was not at Umeda Bunsho long before he was "elected" the American camp commander, following the death of the commanding officer. He is believed to be the only weatherman in uniform to have been "elected" commander of

Americans in a prisoner-of-war camp. A born leader imbued with integrity, Tarnowski was often severely beaten by the Japanese when summoned by the camp commander to defend his men for infractions of the rules.

But Tarnowski survived. After the war, he went on to a splendid career in the Naval Weather Service. Retroactively made an officer during the time he was in Japanese prisons, he rose to the rank of commander (O-5). He had a final brief stint as the commanding officer of the Fleet Weather Central at Pearl Harbor before retiring in 1965.

As a footnote to Tarnowski's story, while at Umeda Bunsho, a work detail brought him word that another "balloon buster" was a prisoner working in an adjacent rail yard. It was later established that he was an Aerographer's Mate 1st Class who had been captured on Wake Island. His name was Walter Cook.

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Program for Reunion 41, Nashville, Tennessee, April 2015

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Sunday April 12

1200-1700 Early Arrival and Program Facilitators in the Tennessee Room
1800-2000 Dinner at The Inn at Opryland, No Host

Monday April 13

0700 – 1600 Hospitality Room Opens and Reunion Registration, Tennessee Room
Coffee and Donuts In Hospitality Room and there are several Restaurants near by
0900-1030 First Annual Executive Board Meeting Occee Room
1200-1800 Grayline City Tour Lobby Door
1800-2000 Welcome Aboard Party Hermitage Room
2000-2200 Hospitality Room Opens and Reunion Registration, Tennessee Room
TBA Audit Committee meets with Secretary-Treasurer Libby O'Brien

Tuesday April 14

0700-2200 Hospitality Room Opens, Coffee and Donuts, Tennessee Room
0900- 1030 NWSA Membership Meeting #1 Tennessee Room
1700-1800 Military Meal Hermitage Room
1815 Transportation to the Grand Ole Opry Lobby Door
2200 Hospitality Room Closes

Wednesday April 15

0700-2200 Hospitality Room Opens, Coffee and Donuts, Tennessee Room
1100-1500 General Jackson Showboat Luncheon Cruise Lobby Door
2200 Hospitality Room Closes

Thursday April 16

0700-1600 Hospitality Room Opens, Coffee and Donuts Tennessee Room
0900-1500 Tour of Franklin Battle, Shops, Lunch (no Host) Lobby Door
1500-1600 NWSA Membership Meeting #2 Tennessee Room
1600-1700 Second Annual Executive Board Meeting Tennessee Room
1800-1900 Cocktail Hour and Gathering Patio - Weather Permitting
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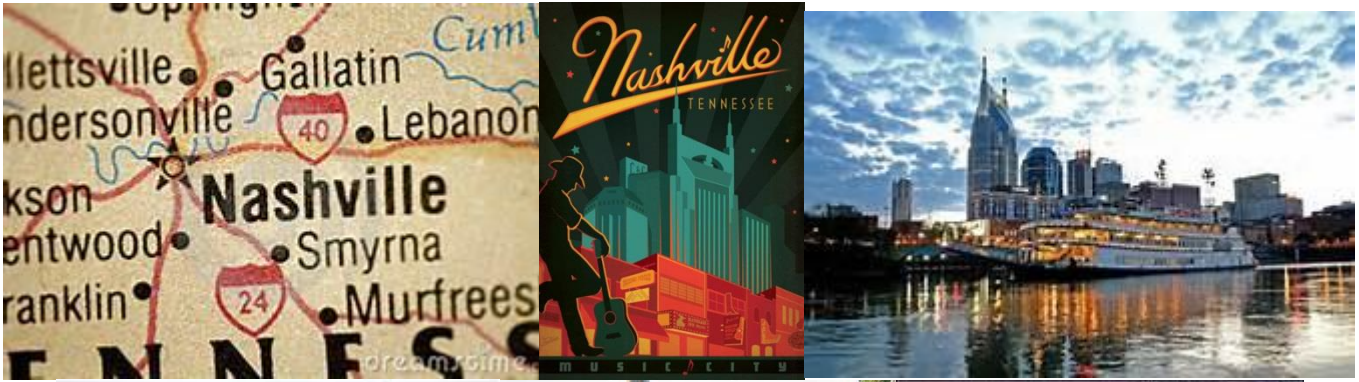
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