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## President's Report

I have one correction to make in my article in the February Aerograph. Carol and I actually got to hold two new GREAT-Grandsons. We're not quite old enough for Great-Greats yet.

I really don't like to keep repeating myself because there are only so many ways you can say the same thing. Although the Association is running smoothly, it is only because of the dedication of a few people in important positions. Two of those positions are Secretary/Treasurer and Editor of The Aerograph. Please read my articles in the last two issues.

One new thought for this issue is that of future officers for the Association. Having had the honor of serving as your president in 2008, 2010 and 2012, I had no problem saying yes when I was asked to serve the 2015-2017 term of office. That is because I knew that with a good Secretary/Treasurer and Aerograph Editor, the President's "job" really wasn't that difficult. I'm bringing this up because Mel Bourn, our 1st Vice President, has informed me that because of health problems his participation right now is limited. (I'm a firm believer in the power of prayer, and I'm asking you to pray for Mel's condition to improve) We are now looking for members to serve as President and 1st Vice President from May 2017-2019.

I want you to know that Mel, Jim and I are available to serve you for the next year. If you have any questions, problems, or issues concerning the NWSA please let me know and we will do our best to help you in any way we can.

Bill Bowers  
NWSA President

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Reunion #42 in The Villages, Florida, is just about upon us. If we don't see you there we will be looking forward to #43 in San Antonio in 2017.

## Attention on Deck!

Now is a good time to begin receiving your Aerograph by email or downloading it from [www.navalweather.org](http://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)—now up to around 200 recipients this way.
2. Via: regular USPS mail (slower and in black and white due to costs)
3. Via: the website (always available, avoids large email files, color)

Currently we mail over 265 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](mailto: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 the next to last page.

Thanks from your Aerograph TEAM!



As I'm sitting here writing this I realized that our next reunion at The Villages is only 3 weeks away. WOW, how time flies.

Our membership is 456 down again from my last report of 461. I'm not sure what the reason for the continuing drop in our membership other than age and forgetfulness. On the bright side we did have 2 new members to join, AGCM Ingolf Suhmann and AG3 Peter Hentz. Their information will be listed on another of my reports in the Aerograph. Welcome Aboard to both!

I'm looking forward to the reunion and seeing old friends and meeting new ones. If you're unable to make this reunion please try to make the one next year in San Antonio. The dates and info will be made available at the May reunion.

Pat and I will be doing a lot of traveling this summer for grandchildren's graduations, one from College in Connecticut and one from High School in Virginia Beach. A granddaughters wedding shower in Indiana and her wedding in September. A memorial service in Maryland for a former brother-in-law plus a trip to Toronto to visit

with friends. That's the nice thing about being retired is we get to do a lot of traveling. If you're traveling this summer please be safe! Take care and God Bless.

Submitted by Secretary/Treasurer Libby O'Brien



## EDITOR'S DESK

Recently it was suggested that we add a "What's on your mind about the NWSA – Letters to the Editor" section to *The Aerograph* where members can propose "new ideas and possible future direction of our NWSA organization". Feel free to do that at any time and I'll post the submission in the existing 'Letters' section

If you feel strongly enough about a new idea or change in the NWSA's direction, the annual reunions are an ideal place to bring it up. A quorum of the association officers is usually present and the matter can be discussed and voted on at that time, then submitted to the entire membership...

In a whiter vein:



April 26<sup>th</sup> – Springtime in the Rockies

The cut-off date will be **Monday, 25 July 2016** for the August issue of The Aerograph

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#### Biographies Wanted! 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.

Submitted by AGCS Lloyd Corbett, 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](mailto:aerograph@navalweather.org)

### ICE

When I was in the Arctic in the mid-50s we had delivered our cargo to Shepherds Bay, Canada and were on our way out of the Arctic. The wind shifted and the polar ice pack came down onto Pt. Barrow, Alaska blocking our route around the point. Eighteen ships (MSTS and Navy) were stuck at Pt. Barrow.

One of the MSTS ships had not unloaded all of its 55 gallon drums of fuel and the residents of Pt. Barrow wanted it for the upcoming winter. The C.O. of the LST I was assigned to volunteered me to handling the unloading of the oil and delivering it to the northern beach at Pt. Barrow. I was the only person with a merchant marine background and presently assigned to the Navy. So my chief bos'n "Sandy" and I jumped into two contractor's "Mike" boats and started the unloading. We would load the oil drums from the MSTS ship onto the "Mike" boats, work our way through the ice fields to the beach, drop the ramp and the eskimoes would roll the drums up the beach above the high water mark. Their chief we named "Chief Burning Nose". All went well for a few days until the ice got to be too much and we had to stop the unloading.

Now it looked like 18 ships were going to winter over just north of Pt. Barrow. And while I was unloading the oil the C.O., again volunteered me to be the leader of the wintering over party, due to my background and I was single. WHOPEEE!! But the Navy managed to send up two ice breakers. They broke us out of the ice and we went around Pt. Barrow on 18 Sept. 1955; the latest in the year of any ship in history.

CAPT Ace T. Trask, USN RET

### BINNACLE LIST



Yesterday [4/10], Ann completed her 6 weeks, 5 days a week radiation therapy with chemo.

She has been deathly sick from the type of chemo used as well as from the radiation. From the chemo itself she is covered with burns all over her hands, arms and legs as well as the bottom of her feet. It's very hard for her to walk. Thank heavens this treatment is over and will take several weeks before she is back to her old self again.

We won't know the outcome of this round of treatment for about 6 to 8 weeks. Hopefully with enough prayers, both cancers will go into remission.

Thank you all for your thoughts, prayers and cards. They are so appreciated.

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Finally got in touch with Mary Dempsey, wife of Dick Dempsey. Dick was always pretty good about keeping in touch with me, even though he didn't do much with meetings and all. Dick has contracted Frontotemporal Lobe Dementia. He has lost much of his communication skills, difficult to understand him when he talks, motor skills are still okay as he still has the right to drive. He goes to bingo on Saturday morning some, goes to the FRA some. There isn't much in the way of help, he does use the Exelon Patch which is a drug for Alzheimer's.

Keep Dick and Mary in your thoughts and prayers.

Richard Dempsey  
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Submitted by Fay Crossley, HRC Sec.

### DO YOU DO FACEBOOK?

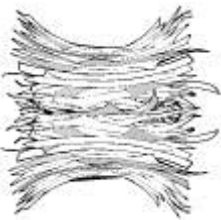
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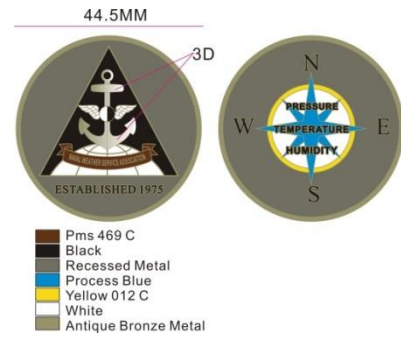
Find Facebook's Navy METOC Officers here:

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



### LETTERS

### NWSA Challenge Coin



Front on Left; Back, Right

The challenge coins are in and can be purchased. They are \$10.00 each which includes the shipping. However, we are asking Chapter Presidents to canvas their members to see how many are interested in purchasing the coin. It would be easier and most cost effective if we sent coins to Chapters in bulk. Of course, those members who do not have chapters will have their coin sent directly to them.

We have already been contacted by non-members but will give our members first choice to purchase.

There is no rush. We have 100 coins and I don't believe they will sell out fast.

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### NWSA Hats

The Hampton Roads Chapter of the Naval Weather Service Association is embarking on a venture to provide NWSA hats to members and any interested folks that have money. If the hats do okay, we might expand the selections to Sweat Shirts, Tee-Shirts, and maybe even jackets. We in HRC want to advertise our Association and perhaps bring more people into membership at the various chapter levels.

If you would like to buy one or more of the NWSA hats, the price is \$15.00 plus shipping which is usually \$4.00 per hat, but some savings can be shared if you buy more than one hat and have them shipped to the same address.

Send your order to HRC Treasurer AGCS ret Bob Daigle, 3101 Montour CT, Virginia Beach VA. 23453-



5547. Bob's phone number is 757-468-3741 if you have questions.

The hats come with basically the same embroidered logo just different colors and the hats are Red, White and Blue. See picture. When placing your order specify hat's color and number of hats you are ordering.

Comments and suggestions should be sent to HRC Secretary Fay Crossley via email at [fdcross@charter.net](mailto:fdcross@charter.net).

Fraternally, HRC membership



**NWSA T-Shirts on Sale by HRC**



Fay Crossley, HRC Sec



## **Rota Reunion Update**

**Save the dates! June 24th to June 27th 2016**

The Hampton Roads Chapter of the NWSA is expanding their sales to include Tee Shirts along with the Hats. Hat sales have been pretty good and we thank everyone that has bought them.

The Tee Shirts will be offered in WHITE, RED, LIGHT BLUE and NAVY BLUE. SIZES on hand "most of the time" will be Large, Extra Large and TWO X. Cost will be the same as hats, \$15 plus S/H which, for the hats have been running about \$4.00 each....S/H would be less if ordering more. Orders can be discussed and questions answered by contacting AGCS ret, Bob Daigle at..... [bcdaiGLE@cox.net](mailto:bcdaiGLE@cox.net)

Send your order to HRC Treasurer AGCS ret Bob Daigle, 3101 Montour CT, Virginia Beach VA. 23453-5547. Bob's phone number is 757-468-3741 if you have questions. We can only accept checks, please make them out to HRC and in MEMO section put what you have ordered.

For those wanting shirts with pockets and/or, Small, Medium and THREE X sizes, these will be handled as special orders and could take up to two weeks to get them in the mail. This is not to discourage you to order what you want. We just can't keep everything on hand. When an order is received we will let you know within a day or two if we have the item in stock and when it will be shipped or if there will be a delay and about how long that will be. If you have email please include that with your order, we like to keep our records straight and email makes it easy.

The plans for the Rota Reunion June 24-27 in Knoxville, TN are progressing nicely. As of mid-January, we have 16 families signed up and ready to reacquaint themselves with others from the BEST duty station the Navy had to offer - Rota, Spain. The members attending were stationed at NWS/FWC/NOCC/NEMOC Rota spanning the years from the mid-70s through the early 00s.

Some of the planned events include a meet and greet Friday eve, local winery tour, Saturday dinner and Sunday brunch in a group setting and a trip to Dollywood Sunday afternoon. Free time has been written into the schedule for those people that want to reconnect on a more personal level or those that may want to take in the beautiful scenery in TN.

If you were stationed at the weather office in Rota, SP and would like to attend, here is what is needed:

1. You can make reservations now for June 2016. If you decide later that you cannot make the reunion, you can cancel up to 24 hours before your expected arrival with no penalty.

2. Nothing will be charged to your card until you arrive.

3. The guaranteed room rate is only 346.85 (after tax) for the 3 nights which is very reasonable for the area in June. Individual nights are 115 for Friday/Saturday nights and 79 for Sunday night.

4. You must call the hotel (Ramada Inn - Pigeon Forge) at 1-865-428-0668 to make the reservations. You

must say you are with the "Rota Reunion" to get the reduced rate.

For more details or question please contact: AGC Dave Carroll USN Ret at: [retiredweaxman@comcast.net](mailto:retiredweaxman@comcast.net) or Mike Gilroy 425 418 8164 (Pacific time).

Submitted by AGC Dave Carroll, USN RET

### Inez "Toddy" McGayhey Turns 100!

(Party was held February 21<sup>st</sup>)

Widow of LCDR Francis J. "Mac" McGayhey, USN RET



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[Inez "Toddy" McGayhey Article](#)



Submitted by Frank McGayhey

[Sadly, Mrs. McGayhey passed on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Her obituary appears in the 'In Remembrance' section, Page 15. Editor].

### X-47B Unmanned Drone Launched and Recovered from USS George

H.W. Bush

(YouTube Video)

[https://www.youtube.com/embed/WC8U5\\_4lo2c?feature=player\\_embedded](https://www.youtube.com/embed/WC8U5_4lo2c?feature=player_embedded)

Submitted by AGCS Lloyd Corbett, USN RET

### Just a Minute Sailor

I know your time is up shortly and you plan to get out this outfit and move out to that civilian world where all that "bread" is just waiting for your pockets.

I know your wife is on your back because in the last 10 months, you have been deployed for seven months and on sea ops practically every week you have been in port.

I know you are sick and tired of trying to make ends meet on you lousy pay while your buddies in civilian life are making it good on the outside.

I know it's tough in peacetime to find any gung-ho spirit among civilians for that uniform you wear. No brass bands, no community enthusiasm for you and your shipmates.

*But let me tell you sailor. It's a helava lot tougher to wear that uniform in peacetime than it is in wartime.. In wartime everything is going for you and it makes being a patriot easy. In peacetime, you find most young people believe patriotism is corny. Not all, just too many.*

But it takes a man. A real man to be a patriot in days like this. Neither a lip-service patriot nor a check book patriot, But the real patriot, the man who has the guts to serve his country in these times. Underpaid, Overworked and Lonely.

*So tell me editor, where do you think you will find that pride. That unspeakable pride that comes only in the pride of wearing the uniform of your country.*

No amount of "bread" can give you that same pride in civilian life.

While conducting a "Strip Ship" after 58 years of marriage I came across this article, "Just a Minute Sailor".

Best I can remember it came out of a throw-away paper (penny saver) published in Long Beach or San Pedro California in the mid-sixties.

If I'm not mistaken the words still apply to today's sailors and families. If you have room, please publish.

Respectfully,

Submitted by AGC Charles Devine, USN RET

### Puddle Fishing

The rain was pouring and there was a big puddle in front of the door just outside the American Legion Post. A ragged old retired Navy Chief was standing near the edge with a fishing line in the puddle. A curious young Air Force officer came over to him and asked what he was doing.

"Fishing," the old Chief simply said.

"Poor old fool," the Air Force officer thought to himself, and he invited the old Navy Chief into the bar for a drink.

As he felt he should start some conversation while they were sipping their whiskey, the haughty Air Force Officer asked, "And how many have you caught today?"

"You're number eight," the old Navy Chief answered.

Submitted by AGCM C.R. "Moon" Mullen, USN RET

## WEP Bill in Congress

A bill to reform the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) has been introduced this Congress. H.R. 711, the Equal Treatment of Public Servants Act, was introduced by Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, Kevin Brady, R-TX.

The WEP reduces the Social Security benefits of local, state and federal retirees who worked in Social Security-covered employment (e.g., private-sector jobs) and who also receive a government annuity from their non-Social Security covered government employment (e.g. CSRS).

### What Does the Bill Do?

H.R. 711 reduces the WEP penalty on an individual's Social Security benefits. H.R. 711 affects those already being penalized by the WEP and those that will eventually be penalized by the WEP. It does not repeal the WEP.

### [Summary of H.R. 711, to Reform the Windfall Elimination Provision \(WEP\)](#)

"Over the years much talk has been going on with no action. This time there is some hope for passage. I encourage all Federal and Military Retirees to contact their elected representatives and ask them to support the passage of the bill. Armed Services people started paying into Social Security in January 1957...so if you retired from the military you are effected by WEP."

Submitted by AGCS Lloyd Corbett, USN RET



**Ambassador for Peace Medal**

## Embassy of the Republic of South Korea Seeks Korean War veterans to honor with the Ambassador for Peace Medal

### Are there any Korean War Veterans out there?

If you served, you may be eligible for the Korean Ambassador for Peace Medal. The medal is an expression of appreciation from the South Korean government to US service men and women who served in the Korean conflict.

If a veteran was a Navy service member and had served aboard a naval vessel, then he or she is eligible if the naval vessel was assigned into Korean waters during the 1950 to 1953 time frame. You can find this

information in the Veteran's Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, DD 214.

Criteria:

1. The Korean Ambassador for Peace Medal may be awarded posthumously. The next of kin, such as the spouse or descendants, may receive the Korean Ambassador for Peace Medal on behalf of a deceased Veteran. However, please understand that the highest priority for presenting the medal is given to veterans who are currently surviving.. The next of kin, such as the spouse or descendants may apply for the medal on behalf of a deceased veteran.

2. To establish eligibility, you need a copy of the Veteran's Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, DD 214. The DD 214 need not be certified or notarized, but it should be legible.

3. Lastly, there are no costs or fees to the family or to the veteran. There are no legal agreements that need to be met, nor any documents to be signed. This is an appreciation in the form of the Korean Ambassador for Peace Medal from the Republic of South Korea for the sacrifices, service and friendship of our American service men and women who served in the Korean War.

4. In order to apply for this commemorative medal, veterans or their family members need to contact the appropriate South Korean Embassy Consulate for application form or other means on how to apply:

Submitted by AGCS Lloyd Corbett, USN RET

## New Resources for Veterans

Please go to the following website <http://www.jobhero.com/veteran-career-guide/>

for resources for Career Resources for Veterans as well as the website

<http://www.socialservicesdatabase.com/veteran-job-search.html>

There are too many resources to attach. Please share this information with others who may be interested.

Submitted by AGCS Lloyd Corbett, USN RET

## Ship's CO on a Burial at Sea

[http://www.navy.mil/ah\\_online/deptStory.asp?dep=2&id=93060](http://www.navy.mil/ah_online/deptStory.asp?dep=2&id=93060)

Submitted by LCDR Bruce DeWald, USN RET

## About our Flag

This is so good. It should be seen by every American. Please pass it on. This is why all our Soldiers, Veterans, and Patriots choke up every time they hear Our National Anthem. Please pass it on.

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/YaxGNQE5ZLA>

Submitted by AGCS John "Stroade" Shay, Jr. USN RET,



## Looking for Shipmates

Looking for AG1 Don Perry married to Carol. Daughter Ashli. We hung with them in 1973-74. They went to Corpus Christie. We went to Monterey.,

Also looking for Dennis Kilroy, William (Willie) Shoemaker, Greg Schiller, Gene Roe, John Temple, and Ozaka? (we called him Ozzie). We were all in the upper air unit in GITMO in 1973-75.

Carlos and Mary Estrada [marym28@comcast.net](mailto:marym28@comcast.net)

I am curious if three individuals I was stationed with on Adak are members. If so, would you please say hello from me, and give them my contact email address?

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Donna Crenshaw

Wayne Riley

Tom Kircher AG1, Ret [tomkircher@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tomkircher@sbcglobal.net)

Looking for a shipmate. AG! Gary Hilton Leight, last time I saw him was as instructors at Chanute AFB, IL in 1985.

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## Travel via the Moon

A lot of travel in your plans for the next couple of months, but your biggest problem is motion sickness.

Well, how about a couple of tips that some folks with this problem use to make this less of a chore or even do away with the problem altogether.

Some folks visualize this as being on a ship in high seas, but it can happen to many in a car or a bus and to many in a plane, with or without turbulence. The effect may be dizziness, nausea or even vomiting for those with severe effects while many will experience only drowsiness, headache or cold sweats. Normally your eyes, muscles and the balance mechanism in your inner ear send messages to your brain about your movements.

The neural mismatch that causes motion sickness follows one or two patterns. The first is when your body experiences motion that your eyes can't see, like below deck on a rocking ship...everything in the room looks stationary to your eyes, but your body can feel the motion of the boat. The other mismatch occurs when your body is not actually moving, but your eyes tell you it is.

Whatever the reason, motion sickness is not fun!

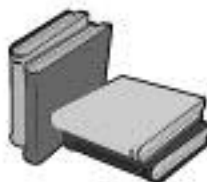
If you're planning, travel on an empty stomach, and on the plane, try to get an aisle seat near the middle of the plane where you don't see the clouds around you and turbulence is slightly less. The same on a ship...lower level and mid-ship doesn't move as much as upper levels, fore and aft. Avoid odors such as perfume, cooking or smoke. Fresh air is great and on the plane, turn on your air vent. And you certainly don't want to

read or watch videos while travel is going on. This may be the hardest part to do...avoid alcohol, although many people believe they feel a lot better with a couple drinks on that ship/plane.

Any finally, you did all of the above and you still feel motion sickness...well, go see "doc" and tell them about this problem (either the one at the drug store or your own doctor). They can recommend a prescription or something on the shelf at your nearby drugstore...caution...if you're the driver, or pilot, many of those prescriptions may cause drowsiness which also will be a problem.

The night before, get a good night's sleep, stay away from the alcohol for one day, and then, have a great day of travel...you deserve it.

Submitted by AGCM Moon Mullen USN RET



## CHAPTER NEWS



### HAMPTON ROADS

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Social Coord.	Frank Muscari
VA Hospital Coord.	Joan Akers
CMAA	Frank Muscari

## SPRING GATHERING OF EAGLES HRC



SHIRTS AND HATS 4 SALE

BUNNY'S RESTAURANT

.....4/17/16.....



BOB STEINER KNOWS HIS ORDER...THE LEES STILL THINKING



STEINBRUCKS BACK FROM EUR TELL PAULYS ABOUT THE ADVENTURE



NEWLYWED PAT SCOTT DIDNT BRING SISTER KATHI CAROL DAIGLE WANTS BOB TO SIT DOWN



TREASURER TELLS SHAFERS & DONNA CROSSLEY ABOUT 50/50



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## Minutes of the Meeting



**Held at the "Bunny's" - - Outstanding service by  
waitress "Breezy"  
(SPRING Meeting – April 17, 2016)**

In attendance: (14) **Pat Scott, Carol and Bob Daigle, Dan and Carmen Lee, Dennis and Susan Pauly, Louise and Chuck Steinbruck, Bob Steiner, Steve and Sylva Shafer and Fay and Donna Crossley.**

REGRETS received from:

...**LaRue Wright** – Fell and has neck brace  
...**Doris Stepaniak and Howard Lee** – visitors  
...**Dave Milot** – busy

Meeting called to order by **President Fay Crossley** at 3:20pm. 50/50 of \$20 was won by **Louise Steinbruck**. Louise then donated the winnings to the HRC treasury...Thanks Louise. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **President Fay Crossley** and the Blessing was given by **Capt. Chuck**.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1.....A report was given concerning the Hat sale, all seems to be going well and it is great to see the bank statement is about the same as it was for the last meeting. HRC is not making any money on the sales. Membership was reminded to sell hats.
- 2.....Coin Sales .....One coin was sold at this meeting, still have one left.
- 3.....Charity for this meeting is Wounded warrior program sponsored by **Steve Shafer**. Contact is Bill Graham – Wounded Warrior c/o The Wayne County Veterans and Patriots Coalition INC. 2973 HWY 117 South Dudley NC 28333
- 4.....Tee Shirt report....we have started to sell tee shirts, at the meeting Large and X-large were available in 4 colors, cost will be the same as hats. 2XL will be available in a week or so, and Special order for Small, Medium and 3XL will be available now. Special order for any size or color shirt with a pocket will be a slight increase in cost and when ordered the customer will be advised as to the cost.
- 5.....#42 reunion.....**Capt. and Louise Steinbruck** are going to represent HRC at the reunion. We think Chuck will look great in the Red hat and Blue shirt.
- 6.....**Dennis Pauly** wanted to give a final report on the Wisconsin effort, he was disappointed with the effort of the active duty navy at Norfolk, they went through 4 people in charge of the program in a year. The accessibility to the interior of the ship was going to be an issue. Dennis will keep his eyes and ears open and if he wants to get involved and needs HRC help he will let us know.
- 7.....Motion was made by Bob Steiner and seconded by **Dennis Pauly** to accept the Secretary's report as transmitted over Email,...motion passed.
- 8.....Treasurer's report was given by **Bob Daigle**, balance in Checking is \$955.34 and savings is \$2086.47

for a total of \$4041.81. Motion was made by **Steve Shafer** and seconded by **Dan Lee** to accept the report, motion passed

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 1.....By – Laws Explanation....
    - a.....change by laws to reflect changes in officer elections.....since officers usually continue on for many years. But, it was brought up the officer still must be nominated.
    - b.....do away with VA as an elected position, and make it a Volunteer or delegated position.
    - c.....**Capt. Chuck** suggested we look into changing the by-laws to have in place how HRC funds are to be distributed in the event of HRC disbanding. (Membership is asked to think about these issues which will be finalized in our FALL meeting in October....Summer picnic meeting is to have minimal official business)
  - 2.....The venue for Summer picnic...was discussed and **The Pauly's** will be hosting the event. Their home is about 35 miles from Suffolk, and about an 1 to 1.5 hours from the beach. Dennis pointed out that it was about the same distance to the Eastern Shore and there were no tolls. The picnic will be on Sunday 7/10 and start about 1PM....more details will be forthcoming. Motion was made by **Bob Daigle** and second by **Steve Shafer** that the Regular Summer meeting be at the Pauly home....motion carried.
  - 3.....**Carmen Lee** is walking on the 30th for a charity (Crisis Pregnancy Center walk for life), the membership donated to her efforts.
  - 4.....**Donna Crossley** invited the membership to a Pampered Chef event on Saturday 23 April.
  - 5.....**Dan Lee** suggested the summer charity be the Vet House for the homeless in Virginia Beach, and **Fay Crossley** suggested the FRA on Virginia Beach in the name of **Dick Dempsey** be considered. **Dennis Pauly** made a motion the Vet house be the summer charity and the FRA be the Fall charity...was seconded by **Steve Shafer**...motion carried.
  - 6.....**Bob Steiner** asked that for the October meeting, folks bring clothing for the homeless veterans and he will see it gets to the VA hospital. There was some talk about perhaps retrying to do the VA hospital Christmas party that was done some years ago, more discussion will be made concerning this at the October meeting.
- FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:
- .....**Kathi Clark** and family are going to Italy as a group in July. Bud and Bev would be thrilled.
  - .....**Capt. Chuck and Louise** had a fantastic trip on the River Cruise in Europe they got back from Amsterdam on 4/16.
- BINNACLE LIST**
- KATHI CLARK**....Pat said she has fallen a few times but seems to be doing okay, Kathi loves her new apartment.

**DORIS STEPANIAK**....doing okay....pacemaker working okay

**HOWARD LEE**....doing okay.....by-pass operation taking some time to get strength back

**ANN SALVATO**...lots of pain and sickness with chemo and radiation but it is over now.

**JACK SALVATO**....doing okay and coping.

**DICK DEMPSEY**.....Been awhile since talked with Mary.

**FRANK STROUT**.....doing okay still having some problems with minor bleeding.

**JOAN AKERS**.....tired.

**STEVE SHAFER**.....having an operation on arm this week.

**JOHN SHAY**.....was in hospital for a few days doing okay now.

**TAMMIE STEINER**.....fell and did some damage to her nose, but should be okay, she blacks out from time to time when her airway collapses.

We need updates on these and any additions please.

**DENNIS PAULY**.....had bad cold and sinus problems in December, all the sneezing and coughing affect his back and now he is dealing with Sciatic, but Chiropractor seems to be getting the upper hand with it.

It is requested that HRC members keep the secretary informed concerning THEIR or someone they know who might be having health issues

Copies of any enclosure can be requested from **Fay Crossley**, [fdcross@charter.net](mailto:fdcross@charter.net).

A motion was made by **Bobby Steiner** and Seconded by **Dan Lee** to adjourn the meeting, motion carried at 445 .

Submitted by Fay Crossley, HRC Secretary



### SOCAL CHAPTER

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

IT IS ALMOST TIME FOR THE NEXT NWSA REUNION. HOPE

TO SEE A LOT OF ATTENDEES IN MAY!!!

### CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

The SOCAL Chapter held its annual Valentine's Day Champagne Brunch on Sunday, 14 February at the Admiral Baker Navy Golf Course Restaurant. Our attendance was much better than usual. THE ADDED ATTENDANCE WAS GREATLY APPRECIATED. The list of attendees is: **Morry Summey, accompanied by his daughter Martie; Bernie & Dolores Cohenour** (who organized the event); **Bob & Sheila Clark**, with Sheila's mother; **David & Lois Rue**; and **John & Fujii Rodriguez**. **Bill Bridge** brought two guests. **Carl &**

**Phyllis Drake**, with their three guests, rounded out the group. Nineteen in total. Excellent weather, good food and spirited sea stories made it an excellent outing.

The April Chapter business/luncheon meeting was held on Thursday, 7 April 2016 at the Admiral Baker Navy Golf Course Restaurant. Attendees were **John Rodriguez, Morry Summey, Bill Bridge, David & Lois Rue**, and **Carl Drake & Phyllis Drake**. A very persistent Flu Bug prevented **Dolores & Bernie Cohenour** from coming out in the rain to attend. A short business meeting provided no material for the S/T report for the May Aerograph. Chapter officers were re-elected for another term of office. .

### MEMBER ACTIVITIES

There is very little to report from the SOCAL area. The weather here has been generally great, although we are getting a much needed rain, as this report is being prepared.

As stated previously, **Morry Summey and daughters Martie & Marilyn** will be the only SOCAL representatives at the reunion.

Submitted by Morry Summey SOCAL Sec/Treas.



### PENSACOLA CHAPTER

President Larry  
Warrenfeltz  
Sec/Treas. Ed Straten

Our chapter met on March 6, 2016, at Beef O'Brady's. This was another great lunch and meeting which was well attended. The following members were present **Larry and Nancy Warrenfeltz, Al and Helen Atwell, Bernie Bauer, Paul and Cheryl Belt, Dave and Jerrie Dunlap, Greene and Marion Hawks, Bob Jaques, Elsbeth Lloyd, Denny and Helen Maljevac, Ed and Gerrie Marsch, Pat and Libby O'Brien, Ken and Barbara Overholt, Ed and Patti Straten, and Dick and Elizabeth Tokryman.**

**Rose, Arthur and Tim Frazier** have been really busy the last few months. Tim applied to and was accepted to Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne, FL. He will start in the fall for a degree in Mechanical Engineering with a minor in Architecture. He has been really busy with band, doing Indoor Percussion, which finished the beginning of April and they finished first in their category. He has been studying hard, applying for scholarships and more. Rose and Arthur have been busy with all the paperwork, along with taking care of their mothers, and managing their NAPA pool leagues. They have the only

Senior/Disabled and Junior pool leagues within 200-300 miles. They are also busy with church activities and did a cruise to the western Caribbean with some other seniors from their church. They are now planning a road trip to the northeast, to include some family tree research in Ohio and Pittsburgh, PA; visiting Rose's relatives and Navy friend, Dave Carroll, in Pittsburgh, a quick run up to Niagara Falls then heading to the NAPA (North American Poolshooters Assoc.) Nationals in King of Prussia, PA. All three have qualified to shoot in the Nationals! Then Rose and Tim will head to Boston for another round of the Congress for Future Scientists and Technologists, before heading back to get Arthur and head towards home. They are doing pretty good health wise, trying acupuncture and chiropractic care to help with all the arthritis.

There is sad news from **Paul and Marie Lyon**. Their youngest son, Francisco Miguel, "Big Mike," Lyon, died suddenly, on 18 February, 2016 in his bedroom, at home, in Milton, Florida, from a massive heart attack. Mike was 41 years of age, and, was born in the Community Memorial Hospital, Toms River, New Jersey, on 8 September, 1974, during his father, Paul Sr.'s, tour of duty as an instructor at the AG Schools at NATTC, Lakehurst, NJ. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to the Lyon family.

**John Strode Shay, Sr.** reports he is still gleefully retired with no nooze.

**Nancy and Larry Warrenfeltz** were invited to the 2016 Distinguished Graduate Award ceremony at the Naval Academy on April 1. Their great friend and Larry's classmate and company-mate, Dr. Carl June, was selected as a Distinguished Graduate. As the class secretary, Larry put together Dr. June's nomination package. He was recognized for his ground-breaking research into a cure for leukemia. Carl is the second youngest distinguished grad of the Naval Academy. The youngest is NBA Hall-of-Famer David Robinson.

Since the ceremony was the Friday after Easter, Nancy and Larry decided to head north a week early to enjoy the Easter holiday with family. Even though Easter was in March, the weather in Pennsylvania was terrific and they greatly enjoyed the times with extended families—especially the PA grandkids.

Nancy and Larry missed the Villages Reunion. It was during the one week of the year that Larry works—the Florida High School softball championships. As the lead umpire evaluator for Florida, he was at the Dodgertown softball complex in Vero Beach working with the umpire crews assigned to the championships.

**Ed and Patti Straten** have been busy. They celebrated St Patrick's Day at Paddy O'Leary's at Pensacola Beach. This is a tradition for eleven years now and always a wonderful time. Patti traveled to Tampa to Four Green Fields for the Irish 1916 Easter Rising Centenary Commemoration which was very moving.



Ed retired March 31 from Naval Service Training Command and was feted with a luncheon at Maguire's where he was awarded congratulations from Governor John Kasich of Ohio, Senator Marco Rubio of Florida, and Rep. Jeff Miller of Florida as well as a presentation from Captain Wood, Officer Development at NAS Pensacola. Great pride and job satisfaction in assisting 1236 enlisted sailors achieve commissions in the Seaman to Admiral Program is Ed's legacy.



The following day he was honored with the prestigious Meritorious Civilian Service Award presented by Rear Admiral Evans.



Patti and Ed continued the celebration with a party at their home where friends and neighbors gathered to wish Ed well. This was followed by a fun two day outing at the Beau Rivage in Biloxi. They plan to cap the retirement with a 15 day Celebrity Cruise to the Panama Canal, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Columbia and Mexico. The cruise ends in San Diego, and they will fly to Las Vegas before finally returning home with lots of pictures! Let the adventure begin!

**Pat and Libby O'Brien** continue to play golf, work around the house, help out at the church, and attend Pensacola Ice Flyers' hockey games. Travel has been



limited lately, but that is about to change. They plan on trips to the Villages for the next NWSA Reunion, to Connecticut for a grandson's college graduation, to Toronto to visit Canadian friends, to Virginia Beach for a grandson's high school graduation, and to Evansville, IN, for a granddaughter's wedding shower.

Pat says he hopes to return in time to get the next input into the Aerograph, ha!

Submitted by Ed Straten, Pensacola Sec/Treas.



## LONE STAR CHAPTER

Pres.: Curtis Arnold  
Sec/Treas: Jim Maxwell

Not much happening down here in Texas. It has been really quiet, but that is about to end. We have been begun prelims for the 2017 NWSA Reunion to be held in San Antonio, Texas in April of 2017..

We held our Spring Meeting on April 16, 2016, with most of the discussion about the reunion. Our Meeting in June will be held in Abilene, TX, so our West Texas members don't have to travel to far, and we can begin narrowing down some of our plans for our hosted reunion.

**Curtis Arnold**, Chapter President and **Jim Maxwell**, Sec/Tres volunteered to remain in their positions for another year. The Chapter also voted and carried a motion to increase the Chapter Officer's length in service to 2 years to mirror the National Organization.

It was nice to see **Charlie and Ann Jordan** at this meeting after his fall and subsequent treatment for a head injury and several minor strokes. Both he and Ann are doing well. **Jim Maxwell** has recuperated very well from his second back surgery this year along with a knee replacement. Hopefully there are no more surgeries for a while.

We hope those of you attending the Reunion in the The Villages, Florida have a safe trip and a good time.

Submitted by Jim Maxwell, Sec/Tres



## LT Frank A. Baillie, Jr., USN RET

June 1, 1928 to March 14, 2016

Port Orchard, WA resident for 43 years, Lt. Frank A. Baillie Jr. (Ret.), passed away on

March 14, 2016. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Shirley (Lundy) and his son Bill. He was survived by his sons, Bruce Baillie and Mark Baillie, daughter Jennie Johnstone, 7 grandchildren and many great grandchildren.

A Navy weatherman for 27 years of service, he retired in 1973. He served overseas at Naval Base Guam; U.S. Marine Air Station in Tsingtao, China; Naval Base Yokosuka, Japan; NAS Keflavik, Iceland; and NAS Rota, Spain. Stateside he served in NAS Lakehurst, NJ; NAS North Island, San Diego, CA; NAS Whiting Field, Pensacola, FL; NAS Brunswick, ME. Sea duty included two tours each aboard the amphibious command ships, USS Estes (AGC-12) and the USS Eldorado (AGC-11) in China and the Korean War; Ocean Station Vessel PCE-885; and the USS Wright (CC-2), the national emergency command ship afloat out of Norfolk, VA. While stationed aboard the USS Estes in November 1952, he took part in "Operation Ivy," the first hydrogen bomb test at Eniwetok Atoll in the Marshall Islands of the South Pacific.

Following Frank's retirement from the Navy, he worked at the Federal Reserve Bank, Seattle, WA, retiring again in 1983.

He was a lifetime member of the Naval Weather Service Association; the Military Officer's Association; the China Marine Association; the Fleet Reserve Association; and the founder of the Northwest Chapter of the NWSA in 1992. Frank wrote a column for the NWSA newsletter, "Aerograph" until stopping for health reasons. Frank was an avid Seattle Mariner and Seattle Seahawks fan and attended many a ballgame in his lifetime.

Services were held March 29, 2016

Submitted by Earl Kerr, via Fay Crossley, HRC Sec.

Last Tuesday [3/29], Lynne and I attended a memorial for Frank. Sort of a small group as Frank had out lived most of his friends, piers and close relatives. Ken Boden and I sort of represented the Naval Weather Service. His story, many fine pictures, and Obit can be found at "RILL.COM".

Frank did a lot for NWSA and the Naval Weather Service in general. His Naval career included some real important events like being embedded with the Marines in China and being present during the Hydrogen bomb tests. He was well known within the Naval Weather Service and his smiling face will be missed by all that

knew him and had met him over the many years of his active life. -- Earl Kerr



**AGCS (AW/SW) Steven D. Butler, USN RET**

Passed March 7, 2016 at Age 48

AGCS (AW/SW) Steven D. Butler, Ret., 48, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family and close friends on March 7, 2016 following a courageous battle against pancreatic cancer.

A wonderful husband and father, Steve cherished his amazing wife Holly and adored his children Cameron, Chelsea, and Corbin; the love they shared was indescribable.

Steve served honorably in the U.S. Navy for 26 years as an Aerographer's mate, retiring in 2013 as a Senior Chief Petty Officer. During his 26 year career, Steve led and mentored Sailors at 12 different commands to include USS MIDWAY (CV-41), USS AMERICA (CV-66), ECRC FWD Camp Taji, Iraq, and Strike Group Oceanography Team Norfolk, VA. Steve enjoyed hunting, NASCAR, and most of all, Ohio State Football. He encouraged us to smile daily, have fun and make the most of life.

He will forever be in our hearts. Steve's Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date.

Please visit [Facebook.com/ScubaSteveMemorialFund](https://www.facebook.com/ScubaSteveMemorialFund) for updates. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Scuba Steve Memorial Fund. Donations can be mailed to: 3773 Frazier Lane Virginia Beach, VA 23456  
Published in *The Virginia Pilot* on March 13, 2016



**AGCS John L. Frazar, USN RET**

Passed February 10, 2016

On Wednesday, the 10th of February, 2016, Senior Chief John Leonard Frazar, Unites States Navy, Retired, passed away at his home in Midland, Texas.

John retired after serving 30 years in the United States Navy and retired from the National Weather Service after 25 years of employment. While serving in the Navy, he was on 28 different ships, served in the Vietnam War, Korean War, Bay of Pigs, and other emergencies. He received two letters of Commendation for his 50 years of service to his country from Presidents Bush and Clinton.

He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Celia "Ceil" Frazar. John was a loving husband, a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church and a member of the Knights

of Columbus. John always had a friendly smile and a kind word for everyone.

Funeral Mass was celebrated on February 23, 2016 at Chapel One Randolph Air Force Base. Interment was at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery with military honors. Please sign the guestbook at [www.colonialuniversal.com](http://www.colonialuniversal.com)

**AGC Thomas P. Morgan, USN RET**

September 17, 1941 to February 16, 2016

MORGAN Thomas Patrick Morgan, born in Willoughby, OH on September 17, 1941 passed away Tuesday, February 16, 2016. Tom served proudly as a meteorologist in the United States Navy for 24 years and upon retiring he perused a career in Real Estate, ultimately becoming a Broker establishing his own Real Estate Company

What gave him the most joy in life were his loving family, softball, hunting, fishing, racquetball, golf, scuba diving and traveling throughout Europe and the United States with his wife, Virginia. Tom was an avid softball player and over the years he and Virginia enjoyed many trips to Utah for the Annual Senior Olympic Games where he played in the softball league.

He will live forever in the hearts of many including his devoted wife Virginia, daughter Kimberly Wall (Tom), son Jay (Becki), his adorable grandchildren, Jackson and Berkley Morgan, and the many other family and friends that were such an important part of his life.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Luke Catholic Church, 1606 Blanding Blvd, Middleburg, FL 32068 on March 3rd. A celebration of life was held immediately following at the adjacent Rooney Hall. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Community Hospice of North East Florida.  
Published in the *Florida Times-Union* on Mar. 2, 2016.

**AG2 Ronald C. Gray, USN RET**

Passed December 8, 2015 at Age 72

GRAY, Ronald C. Age 72 of Kettering, OH passed away on December 8, 2015. He was born in Miami, Florida to the late Elijah and Marguerite Gray. Ronald retired from the United States Navy, where served as a weatherman for 12 years.

He was an active member of the Fleet Reserve Association, Branch #327, and a member of Community United Methodist Church in Riverside, OH. He was passionate about history, trains, and an active participant in church Bible studies. After he retired from the Navy he worked in the Federal Government and retired from civil service after many years.

In addition to his parents, Ronald was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley Gray. He is survived by his step-children, James (Shirley) Miller and Kevin (Karen) Miller; brother, Jon Gray; grandchildren, Evelyn, Nicholas, Emma, and Matthew; and many other loving relatives and friends.

A memorial service was held on Tuesday, December 22, 2015 at Community United Methodist Church in

Riverside Ohio: 339 Meyer Ave, Dayton oh 45431.  
Condolences may be left for the family at  
www.newcomerdayton.com

Published in *Dayton Daily News* on Dec. 20, 2015.  
Submitted by Bob Johnson, SE Chapt. 2nd V.P..



### **Beverly H. Costa**

Passed January 23, 2016 at Age 77  
Wife of xAG1 Robert Costa, USN  
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NEW BERN | Beverley H. Costa,  
77, of Fairfield Harbour, died on  
January 23, 2016 at Carolina East

Medical Center. She was preceded in death by her parents Douglas & Helen Stevens of Invercargill, New Zealand and seven year old son Scott N. Costa. She is survived by husband Robert N. Costa and sons Steven, Lumberton NC; Craig, Livingston, Scotland; Christopher, Virginia Beach, VA. Also, four grandchildren, Jennifer, Danielle, Drexel and Weslynn Costa.

Beverley was born in Kurow, New Zealand in 1938. Many of her early years found her living and working with her parents on a 63,000 acre sheep ranch and riding her favorite horse, Silver King, to a one room school house for years. Later, in high school, she showed an aptitude as a track athlete. Eventually she caught the attention of certain people who felt she could possibly compete on an Olympic level. Unfortunately, a debilitating respiratory condition ended her Olympic aspirations.

Bev then turned her attention to becoming a nurse and worked at Templeton Hospital in Christchurch until she met and married Robert, an American Sailor assigned to Operation Deep Freeze Antarctica. This union, of almost 54 years ended with her recent death. Bev's early years found her moving to various naval bases and to eventually assisting her husband in his academic career in Pittsburgh, Johnstown and Richmond; while at the same time being a mother to her four sons.

As her children matured, she began working in the retirement and brokerage industries. She also served as President of Rotary Grill Manufacturing for 18 years, a company that Bev and Robert started while living in Richmond, VA. In 2002 they retired to NC. She found Fairfield Harbour offered her a chance to become involved in such activities as the Garden Club, Yacht Club, CERT, Swim Aerobics, New Bern Women's Club, Down East Dulcimers and served as an Officer of DAV Chapter 40 Auxiliary. Bev also devoted much time, year round, as a team member of Relay For Life. For about the last eight years she had served as Team Leader. Along with her dedicated team members, they were able to raise sizeable donations in support of cancer research. In recent months her health required several extended hospitalizations. As usual, for her, she didn't complain. As she used to say when things were going

bad: "She'll be right in a fort-night mate." In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Relay For Life .

Services took place in Windber, PA with interment at St. Anthony Church's cemetery, following after the mass.  
Published in *Sun Journal* on Jan. 26, 2016.



### **Della A. Jack**

September 2, 1914 to  
December 7, 2015  
Widow of Max Jack, USN RET

Della Jack died this Monday, December 7, 2015, at her Hollister, California home with her children and care givers in attendance. Della and her husband, Max, a retired Naval Officer and meteorologist, made their home in Hollister in July 1968.

She is survived by her three children: Paula A. Villa, Max C. Jack II, and Gary C. Jack. Della was blessed with eight grandchildren.

Della was born in Amorita, Oklahoma on September 2, 1914. She grew up on the family farm and started teaching elementary school in a one-room schoolhouse near her home while going to college at Northwestern State University in Alva, Oklahoma, the first of her family to graduate from college. She married Max Jack on September 26, 1941, and shared a wonderful life until Max's passing in 1991. During World War II, Della worked for Beech Aircraft in Wichita, Kansas as an engineering copy editor while Max was stationed in the Aleutian Islands. Della and Max raised their three children during their twenty-seven years of service in the US Navy. Della retired from teaching in the Hollister public school system, was active in the California State Retired Teachers Association, and was a steadfast member of the Calvary Baptist Church. After Max's passing, Della managed her family farm in Oklahoma. Her family and friends will miss greatly, her presence, generosity and Christian soul Service was held December 15th at Lanman Funeral Home Chapel in Cherokee, OK with burial at Cherokee Municipal Cemetery.

Submitted by Frank McGayhey, (Above and Below)

I just learned of the passing of the widow of my father's Commanding Officer when he was stationed in London, England. Mrs. Della Jack passed away Dec. 15, 2015 at the age of 101. The Jacks were on the same ship that took us to England in 1963 and both Max & Gary, their sons, were at London Central (USAF Dependents High School) with me. Max & I graduated from London together in 1966.



**How Stealthy is the Navy's New Destroyer? It Needs Reflectors**

By David Sharp  
Associated Press  
Published: April 10, 2016



**USS Zumwalt (DDG-1000)**

BATH, Maine – The future USS Zumwalt is so stealthy that it'll go to sea with reflective material that can be hoisted to make it more visible to other ships.

The Navy destroyer is designed to look like a much smaller vessel on radar, and it lived up to its billing during recent builder trials.

Lawrence Pye, a lobsterman, told The Associated Press that on his radar screen the 610-foot ship looked like a 40- to 50-foot fishing boat. He watched as the behemoth came within a half-mile while returning to shipbuilder Bath Iron Works.

"It's pretty mammoth when it's that close to you," Pye said.

Despite its size, the warship is 50 times harder to detect than current destroyers thanks to its angular shape and other design features, and its stealth could improve even more once testing equipment is removed, said Capt. James Downey, program manager.

During sea trials last month, the Navy tested Zumwalt's radar signature with and without reflective material hoisted on its halyard, he said. The goal was to get a better idea of exactly how stealthy the ship really is, Downey said from Washington, D.C.

The reflectors, which look like metal cylinders, have been used on other warships and will be standard issue on the Zumwalt and two sister ships for times when stealth becomes a liability and they want to be visible on radar, like times of fog or heavy ship traffic, he said.

The possibility of a collision is remote. The Zumwalt has sophisticated radar to detect vessels from miles away, allowing plenty of time for evasive action.

But there is a concern that civilian mariners might not see it during bad weather or at night, and the reflective material could save them from being startled.

The destroyer is unlike anything ever built for the Navy.



**LaVerne Evelyn King**

February 6, 1925 to February 16, 2016

Wife of CAPT William R. King, USN  
RET

LaVerne Evelyn King, the wife of CAPT William R. King USN (Ret), went to be with the Lord on 16 Feb. 2016. She was born in Oconto Falls, WI on 6 Feb. 1925 and was married to Bill for over 65 years. They have three daughters, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

LaVerne was a grade school teacher and librarian. She helped start the chapel library in Rota, Spain, started the school library in Pittman Center, TN, which was subsequently named for her in her honor, as well as starting several church libraries. LaVerne volunteered over 900 hours for the Navy Relief Society. She loved being a Navy wife and survived 18 moves during their 30 year Navy career.

LaVerne suffered with Parkinson's disease for over 13 years but never let it stop her from being active, attending church activities, Tai Chi classes, playing bridge and working out at the YMCA.

She was inured in the Grace Lutheran Church Memorial Garden Columbarium on 27 Feb. 2016 after a Celebration of Her Life.

Submitted by her husband, CAPT William R. King, USN RET



**Inez "Toddy" McGayhey**

Passed April 17, 2016 at  
Age 100

Widow of LCDR Francis "Mac"  
McGayhey, USN RET

Inez "Toddy" McGayhey, 100, of Toms River passed away at home on Thursday, April 7, 2016.

Inez was a 1933 graduate of Toms River High School. She was a longtime member of the Presbyterian Church of Toms River and was an avid gardener.

Inez is predeceased by her husband Francis "Mac" and her daughter Patricia. Surviving is her son Frank and wife Paula of Toms River and her grandchildren, Teresa, Mary, and Thomas. She will be dearly missed by her extended family.

A religious service was held on Monday, April 11th at the Carmona-Bolen Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Ocean County Memorial Park, Toms River.

Besides a shape designed to deflect enemy radar, it features a wave-piercing "tumblehome" hull, composite deckhouse, electric propulsion and new guns.

More tests will be conducted when the ship returns to sea later this month for final trials before being delivered to the Navy. The warship is due to be commissioned in October in Baltimore, and will undergo more testing before becoming fully operational in 2018

## **Subcommittees Hold Hearings on Military Health Care Reform**

*FRA Today, April 2016*

The House and Senate Armed Services' Military Personnel Subcommittees (HASC-MP, SASC-P) recently held separate hearings on TRICARE and military health care reform. FRA provided statements for the record (available at [www.fra.org](http://www.fra.org)) at both hearings, welcoming the review, but stating our belief that TRICARE can be fixed, which is counter to the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission's final report. To strengthen our position, the statement cited FRA's recent online survey (January/February 2016), in which respondents were asked,

"It has been asserted in Congress that TRICARE is irrevocably broken. Would you support replacing TRICARE with a program that costs more, but offers a selection of benefits?" Nearly 90 percent (89.94%) responded "No."

The FRA statement also includes parameters for health care reform such as:

- The premium for retiree health care has, at least in part, already been paid with 20 or more years of arduous military service;
  - The current level of coverage for all beneficiaries contained in the existing TRICARE benefit should be considered the minimum for any new health care reform;
  - Quality care, regardless of beneficiary location, should be improved through reform, including advanced technologies such as DoD's new electronic health record (EHR) and telehealth capabilities;
- and
- The Defense Department must sufficiently investigate and implement other options to make TRICARE more cost-efficient as alternatives to shifting costs to TRICARE beneficiaries.

Members can use the FRA Action Center ([action.fra.org/action-center](http://action.fra.org/action-center)) to ask their legislators to oppose TRICARE fee increases and tell their legislators to amend TRICARE, not end it.

## **FY 2017 Defense Budget Includes Commissary Cuts, TRICARE Fee Increases**

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The Department of Defense (DoD) released its FY 2017 budget request (\$582.7 billion), which is only \$2.5 billion more than the current year's spending plan. House Armed Services Committee (HASC) Chairman Mac Thornberry (Texas) has already requested that the House Budget Committee provide an additional \$15 billion more than the request. While this will be the first budget since FY 2013 that is not limited to sequestration spending caps, there are still reductions and caps that are not good news for FRA shipmates. The budget includes a \$221 million cut in commissary funding and the Navy will be asked to strip \$7 billion from its budget and reduced end strength from 327,300 to 322,900 sailors. Marine Corps end strength has shrunk nearly 20,000 since 2009. President Obama has also asked for another round of Base Realignment and Closures (BRAC), which Congress has in past years rejected out-of-hand. The request provides a 1.6 percent pay increase in active duty pay.

As part of the budget plan, the Pentagon is again proposing to increase fees and co-pays for TRICARE, including plans to:

- Create a TRICARE-for-Life (TFL) annual fee of \$150 for new beneficiaries;
- Replace TRICARE "Prime" and "Standard" with new programs TRICARE "Choice" and "Select";
- Require all retirees under age 65 to pay larger enrollment fees;
- Increase pharmacy co-pays; and
- Increase deductibles for the new TRICARE Choice and Select programs.

Shipmates are urged to use the FRA Action Center ([action.fra.org/action-center](http://action.fra.org/action-center)) to ask their legislators to oppose these TRICARE fee, co-pay, and deductible increases.



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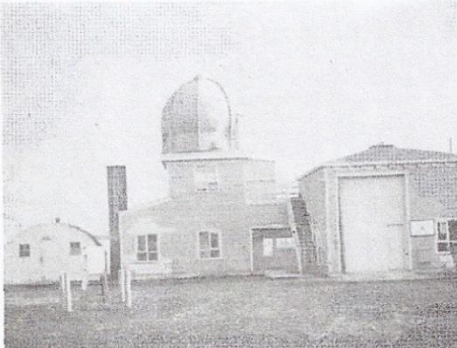
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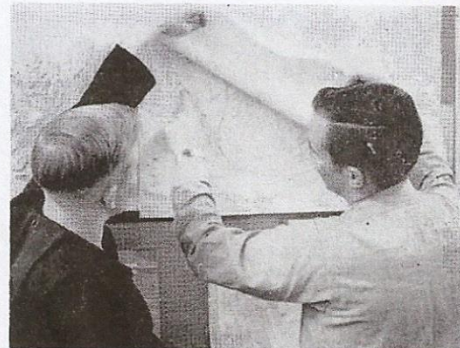
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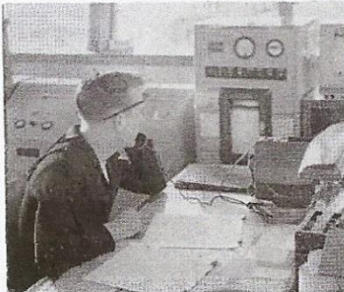
**LAUNCH PAD**—This building houses the equipment used to track weather observation balloons sent aloft. Inside the dome on top of the buildings is the electronic tracking screen.



**UP AND AWAY**—Another FWF weather balloon is on its way to gather local forecasting data.



**CHECKING CURRENTS**—D. C. Pritchett, AGAN (left), and J. J. McGee, AGAN, double check the direction of flow of upper air before distributing a new forecast.



**DATA RELAY**—Information on surface wind speed is relayed to the Control Tower from FWF's observation tower by G. V. Knight, AG3.



## Keflavik Weathermen Pilots' Best Friend

Since a sudden shower put out the first cave-age barbeque fire, man has been seeking a way to control the weather but has yet to be successful.

Through the years, since the hazards of the elements were first discovered, the human race has devised many different means of learning about the weather. In this age of technical advances in everything from mousetraps to moonshots, the weather has not escaped unscathed from scientific searching.

Although man has not yet found the secret of bridling the forces of the four winds, many scientific advances in weather forecasting allow him to get a good idea of what may be in store; come rain or come shine.

Here at Keflavik the round-the-clock air operations of civilian and military aircraft cause the 38 officers and men of the Fleet Weather Facility (FWF) and 24 employees of the Icelandic Weather Bureau to keep a watchful eye on the fluctuation of weather systems that may effect Iceland.

The men of FWF stand their 12-hour watches in four sections. During their watch they receive weather reports from the U.S., Canada, Europe, and ships and planes traversing the Atlantic. After compiling all the reports, FWF forecasters can determine how oncoming weather will affect the Keflavik flying schedule.

Local weather is checked by balloons sent aloft every six hours by FWF and the Icelandic Weather Bureau. A small transmitter attached to the balloons sends back information on pressure, temperature, and humidity. Wind speed is measured in the upper air by electronic tracking of the balloon's flight path.

Information gathered from local observations, runway conditions, and a three to four-hour forecast are continually displayed over FWF's closed-circuit television, "Weather Vision." Operational units such as 57th Fighter Interceptor Squadron's Alert Hangar and ready room, Patrol Squadron Twenty-One's ready room, Naval Station's Operations Control Center, the Control Tower, and the Flight Clearance Desk in the Terminal receive the closed-circuit TV.

In addition to their forecasting duties, the men of FWF brief all military pilots leaving Keflavik on prevailing weather along their flight plan right up to the present forecast over the field at their destination. The Icelandic Weather Bureau briefs all civilian pilots in the same manner.

As much as some Saturday afternoon car-washers and picnickers may argue, the weatherman makes very few mistakes in his predictions. At Keflavik's FWF an average of 750 observations are made every month. Out of this number only one third of one percent are not exactly precise.

FWF and the Icelandic Weather Bureau alternate forecasting the weather. The two facilities are always in complete accord on the forecast before it is relayed to other stations. The Icelandic Weather Bureau sends the forecast to the Central Communications Agency outside Reykjavik for distribution throughout Iceland and the world.

Until the day comes that man's genius finds a way to harness the elements we will have to take the snow and blow with the sun and fun. The old adage, "If you don't like the weather, wait five minutes; it will change," applies to Keflavik but you can be sure that the Fleet Weather Facility can tell you well in advance what the change will be.



**WEATHER INFO**—Two Canadian pilots are briefed by Z. Jacobs, AGC, on the prevailing weather conditions along the last leg of their journey home.



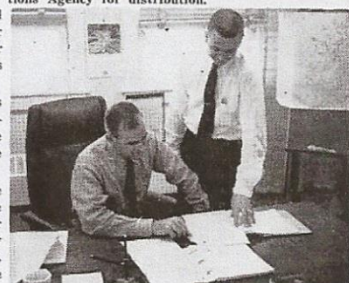
**READY . . . AIM . . . FIRE**—A. J. Orlando, AGAN, makes adjustments to FWF's electronic tracking screen prior to launching a weather observation balloon.



**NBC OR FWF**—Weather being broadcast over closed-circuit "Weather Vision" is being brought up to date by D. G. Wright, AGAN.



**ON THE WIRE**—Mr. Thrainn Thorleifsson of the Icelandic Weather Bureau sends the latest forecast over the teletype to the main Icelandic Communications Agency for distribution.



**PAPERWORK**—Cdr C. R. Hall, commanding officer of the Fleet Weather Facility (left) and LCdr J. J. Miller, executive officer, go over a report before it is forwarded to the National Weather Record Center in Asheville, N. C.

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