President’s Report  

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT  

As I write this portions of our government are shutdown. Your Association, like your Navy is not! There is a lot going on and we are over 500 strong! We have been hearing from some our members and chapters and I urge everyone to reach out and let us know how you are doing. Our website continues to be a great tool for finding out what is going on and gain access to Aerographs and our news! Check it out. If you are not a user of computers or the internet consider asking a friend, local chapter member or family member to show you the site. Our list of members who use the website and receive the Aerograph continues to grow. Nearly 200 members!!

Bravo Zulu’s are in order for Gary Cox and Libby O’Brien. They devote many hours to the Association making sure things are in place to serve our membership.

Our Pensacola chapter is working hard on the reunion preparations and I can’t wait to see everyone next April in Florida! It is going to be a blast! Please register early so that the Chapter can anticipate what will be needed for a successful party.

As a reminder, this year we are not printing and mailing the Bellinger list to those who receive the Aerograph via the U.S. Mail. This cost saving measure will help save a considerable amount of money and sustain the Association’s funds. If you want a current copy of the B-LIST please contact me and I will make sure you get one in the mail. Thus far I have received six requests for printed copies and they will be mailed in November so it appears we will be able to save some bucks. I want to challenge each member to take the B-LIST and select five former shipmates and contact them before January 1st 2014. Call or write to them and reopen those friendships that made our naval service so extraordinary! Let us know how it goes.

I received two wonderful letters from members, Leo Storch and Anna Marie Lea. They reminded me of two things. First, it is important that we remember the spouses of our shipmates, who have passed. They are important and, as we all did while on active duty, we must try to look out for our shipmates’ families while they were deployed. (See Anna Marie’s letter on the website).

The second thing was the reminder that our most senior members are now limited in the way they can participate or provide leadership. Leo’s letter was a call to action for younger members to lead. I accept this challenge and ask others to do the same (his letter is on the website).

I am a little behind on some of the things I hope to accomplish during my term, but plan to more devote time prior to the holidays. Please do not be shy to contact me with your questions, concerns or fresh ideas. My contact information is in the Aerograph.

Finally, please check to see when your membership expires and remember to renew.

To all, enjoy the autumn and have a fun and blessed Christmas season.
Mike Gilroy  

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http://www.navalweather.org
Beginning this November, the updated Bellinger List will be only widely distributed via email and to members on the website: www.navalweather.org. If you need a printed copy snail-mailed, please contact Mike Gilroy and one will be immediately provided. Contact info: (425) 418-8164 or migrola@gmail.com. This will save the NWSA roughly $500 a year in printing costs.

Attention on Deck!

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

A review of our printed edition mailing list suggests a lot of members may be getting duplicate copies, one by email and another in snail mail. The lists shows a number of our members use email and are used to getting documents electronically but still receiving a print copy. Help us refine our distribution.

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 dues to costs)
3. Via: the website (always available, avoids large email files, color)

Currently we mail over 339 print copies per edition! This takes considerable effort 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!

Time flies when you’re having fun, or so they say! Our current membership, dues paid up to date, is 525 of which 375 are life members. Of the 525 members, only 185 are receiving their Aerograph via e-mail. Our 3rd increment of scholarship funds, listed in my Finance report for the November Aerograph, will be mailed to AMS this month. The Pensacola Chapter is working hard to put on a class-act reunion in 2014. It’s the “40th” so we’re hoping for a good turnout. Information is available in the Aerograph and on the website. Since this will be the last Aerograph before the holidays, Pat and I wish everyone a safe and joyful holiday season.

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*Check will be sent to AMS in October for this amount

Submitted by Secretary/Treasurer Libby O'Brien

EDITOR’S DESK

For some time we have been posting the entire Aerograph on Facebook’s METOC group and Aerographers Mate group webpages. Due to concern expressed by some members that the Aerograph contains personal contact information (USPS and email addresses, and phone numbers) such information will be REMOVED from a separate and distinct version of the Aerograph posted on Facebook starting with this November issue. I apologize for any consternation the past policy has caused.

Since late September we have been running a program named Google Analytics on our navalweather.org website. This program produces a plethora of statistics. In the interval from Sept. 22 to Oct. 22 there have been 448 unique visitors to our website with 2656 page-views. Most of the visitors (596) were in the U.S. but several dozen or so were from Asia and a handful from Europe and South America.

In a somber vein:

Well, it’s that time again!! Gee, where does the time go? It seems I had just written an article for the August Aerograph and now I’m writing the November article.
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Message to the Membership Concerning Reunion #41
From J.E. Kerr, Reunion #41 Chairman

We have been investigating where to hold the 2015 Reunion. Branson was discussed most recently during the Las Vegas reunion. However, upon looking at the travel arrangements, it was decided during the July conference call to move the event to Nashville. This was due to the both airline and surface travel costs. Nashville has some 350 airline daily arrivals and most of the major US carriers stop there daily. There are 3 Interstate highways that converge at Nashville and the city is within 600 miles of 50% of the nation’s population. A number of our members have previously driven to Nashville and are prepared to do so for our reunion.

The local Visitor Center suggests that we have a mid-April event, as “Spring is lovely in Nashville”. We will steer around known major events and select dates based upon least costly hotel arrangements. We will be asking members to indicate which days of the week are either the best selection or should the cost of the hotel be the determining factor. Another factor is the distance from the hotel to the events we are interested. It should be pointed out that the School Bus company that we have used before has a facility in Nashville.

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There are a great many things to do besides the Grand Ole Opry. These include the County Music Hall of Fame, Andrew Jackson’s Hermitage, dinner of the General Jackson Showboat, a Dukes of Hazard place, and several Breweries. My “E” mail address is: k1937err@fidalgo.net and the post address is 15375 Deception Road, Anacortes, WA. 98221. I look forward to hearing from the members and especially if you have been to Nashville and have some “can’t miss” event.

Finally, can we canvas the group and determine two items:

1. Which days of the week are best, Wed-Sat, Sun.-Thur., or it doesn't matter?
2. Is the hotel cost more important than the start date, Yes, No, or it doesn't matter?

Thanks - Earl Kerr, Reunion Chairman for Reunion 41

MY BEST EXPERIENCES WHILE ON ACTIVE DUTY

This is a new feature in the AEROGRAPH that 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)

LT Fred Bergman, USN (Ret.), has said, "I cannot count the number of times family members have requested information on veterans that have passed". This is an attempt to help resolve that situation, spearheaded 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.

Basic Format

Name
Childhood
Education
Family Ties
Wife
Children
Life Events before joining the Navy
Military Assignments and Duties
Most Awarding Assignment
Events and Accomplishments
Life after the Navy

AGCS Corbett suggests that BIOs be about 150 words and archived on CD/DVDs. See Southeast Chapter’s news.

CAPT Charles H. Bassett, USN (Ret)
Biography, September 2013

I was born in the hills of West Virginia, in Weirton, November 20th 1932. I spent all of my school years except for the first three in Parkersburg, WV. High school was time of good memories I played in the marching band and on most weekends in my senior year I played bass fiddle in a five piece dance band. I was lucky enough to have a 1927 Nash to get around in.

I started my college career at the University of Kentucky where I played in the marching band and orchestra and Bass fiddle on the weekends in a swing dance band. I studied engineering and after two years the university said that on a music scholarship I should be music major. I finished college at West Virginia University and took a degree in Accounting. I met my wife to be, Gloria, at the University and we were married in 1956. We adopted two boys in the early 60's. The oldest, Chip, is now a retired Marine GySgt. And the younger, Jeff is in the construction business in Long Beach, Ms.

After college I was employed by the U.S.Steel Corp. as a works auditor. After a year with the company I decided it was time to move ahead of the draft and enlisted for Officer Candidate School and was commissioned in the summer of 1957.

The Navy offered me the opportunity to go to Postgraduate School and learn meteorology. I never have figured out the criteria for selection. After a year at PG school I was assigned for two years as a forecaster to COMBARFORPAC spending about half of my time at the Fleet Weather Central Pearl Harbor, my weather mentor was Dom Zizzi, and the other half on Midway Island where the early warning aircraft were based. Off watch I learned to sail. I liked the Navy and applied for augmentation to regular navy and was selected. I was off to sea, to the USS Epperson DD 719.
In Epperson, coming aboard as a JG, I had to work hard to catch up, I earned my surface warfare badge and qualified as Officer of the Deck underway and completed my tour as Gun Boss. An exciting event just after the Gulf of Tonkin incident was steaming at GQ for 24 hours around Hunan Island to see if we could draw fire, we didn’t. Then it was back to PG school in Monterey for two years and a degree in Oceanography. My next assignment was unique at the time. I was the first Officer in the Atlantic Fleet assigned to a flag staff of an ASW task group as the oceanographer. And my admiral, Eddie Outlaw worked his group according to the oceanographic situation. Following that sea duty I was assigned to FWC Norfolk as the Oceanographer working with Jim King, Dick Ward, Ace Trask, and Jim Koehr. Following that Norfolk tour I went back to PG School as an assistant curricular officer and associate professor of meteorology working for Jim Dedijan teaching lieutenant aviators basic meteorology. While there in Monterey I was able to get my private pilot’s license.

Next it was back to Norfolk as the XO with Frank Schatze, Chuck Fifield and Ted Lemond and then off to Naval War College for a year. My next assignment was as the financial manager for the Oceanographer of the Navy, Adm. Ed Snyder; most of that three year tour was heading a group to do the planning, budgeting and position papers for the move and consolidation of the Navy oceanography program at the Stennis Center in Bay St. Louis, MS. I then had a tour as Operations Officer at CNMOC at Stennis followed by command of the Naval Oceanographic Office.

After my tour at NAOCEANO I retired with 27 year’s service and went to work for Hancock Bank in Gulfport. There twenty years ago I met my present wife, Dale, a Mississippi lady. I worked as the Hancock Bank Property manager for twelve years and retired again. We lost our house and everything in it in Hurricane Katrina so I have nothing to refer to refresh my memory of names and faces. Except for that, life after retirement has been Trap shooting, making wood scale models and golf, but lately no golf because my neck is out of whack however, I did treated myself to a guided quail hunt for my 80th birthday last winter.

**BINNACLE LIST**

On 14 October, CWO4 Paul D. “Pablo” Lyon, USN RET underwent a complete right knee replacement. Denny Maljevac had to have eye surgery in September, and it’s great to report he is doing well. Elizabeth Tokryman is also doing well after undergoing knee replacement surgery.

xAG2 Ronald Jankowski, USN REL had had some major medical issues and may be looking at major surgery.

Submitted by Libby O’Brien, NWSA Sec/Treas.

**ADM John Chubb** suffered a fall from a ladder in mid Sept., which exacerbated a recurring back injury. He is undergoing physical therapy.

Sentara Norfolk General Hospital
600 Gresham Drive, Norfolk, VA.
Room number is 659
Phone number is 1-757-388-4659

Submitted by several HRC members
John can use both legs now! He said it is hard. He is still using walker. Next level cane! Continue prayers please!

Submitted by Ivy Chubb

Ann Salvato is home after her hospital and rehab stay. She is doing very well and the prognosis is excellent. She is now able to walk unassisted and her memory has returned to normal.

From Ann:
“My heartfelt thanks to everyone for the cards, gifts and prayers during my illness. It meant a great deal to me for all the thoughts shown to me. Thank you all. I am on the road to recovery.
See you all at the next meeting. I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.”

Regards,

Submitted by CWO4 Jack Salvato, USN RET

**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**

CDR Don Cruse’s Burial at Arlington

To those who may be interested we FINALLY received a date for Don’s burial at Arlington Nat’l Cemetery.
It will be November 15th at 3 PM. only took 7 ½ months.
About a week later I will be relocating to Colorado Springs to be near our daughter and family.  Marge Cruse

**USS LISCOME BAY CVE-56**

Most of our members know Don Cruse survived the sinking of the USS WASP CV-7, and the sinking of the USS LISCOME BAY CVE-56, on 24 November 1943. The following information is provided for those interested.

I recently found a copy of WORLD WAR II Magazine, September 2004. On page 50 there is an excellent article titled DEATH OF AN ESCORT CARRIER by James L. Noles, Jr. In the story, Aerographer L.D. Blakely is mentioned on Final page
Leo Horch’s Letter to President Mike Gilroy

Just finished reading an old letter from Lloyd Bellinger MAR 73 – came up with idea of collecting addresses of weather guessers in 1966. These retired were primarily WWII & Viet Nam vets, which had a lot in common. I would say the “Aerograph” is the most interesting reading we all hungered for! If this group age is the big reason they can no longer attend reunions. Of course health enters into that. So if this organization wishes to continue, the younger members will have to take over. I used to enjoy chapter meetings too. I am now 87 years old so am no longer able to do the travel to reunions. In the meantime I do enjoy getting the Aerograph and as Lloyd used to say -- “good luck and smooth sailing”.

AGCS Leo Horch, USN RET

Anna Marie Lea’s Letter to President Mike Gilroy

RE: NWSA Bellinger List 2013
Mr. Gilroy –
I received The Aerograph August 2013 issue on Aug. 31. Read it cover to cover on Sept. 1st.
I do not have a computer and am requesting the updated November 2013 Bellinger List be snail mailed to me in PRINTED copy.

Never read the Aerograph until after my husband, Duane A. Lea, died Aug. 26, 2003 of complications of Alzheimer’s Disease. Then I became a Life Member to keep up with the doings of some of the people Duane either worked with or knew in the world of meteorology.

His military service started in Air Force ROTC at Loyola University in Los Angeles. After leaving active duty he remained in Reserves till around 1967 with the rank of Captain. Thereafter he worked as a civilian at NWRF, Norfolk, VA until Sept. 1963 when we moved to Camarillo, Ventura County, Calif. and he worked until his retirement in Geophysics Division, Pacific Missile Test Center, Point Mugu [Dec. 1988].

Over the years he saw several Navy personnel of all ranks come & go at Point Mugu. Two are either mentioned or have writings in The Aerograph every issue or often – Moon Mullen, “Travel via the Moon”, and Frenchy Corbeille.

I have been to Alaska 4 times – I go on tours that specialize in finding various species of birds. Been to Nome & to Gambell on Saint Lawrence Island. To Anchorage, Homer & Seward.

And also a trip that included Denali Nat’l Park. Next time I go, I hope to get to Barrow.

So I truly enjoyed Frenchy’s writing a while back of his time in the Aleutians, and his recent writing of his & wife’s trip with a 5th wheeler to northern points of Alaska & their various breakdowns.

In 2003 the American Birding Association printed a book “Attu: Birding on the Edge” of various trips made to Attu organized by Larry Balch. The Navy still had sailors tending the light house during Larry’s organized tours. Those tours were not for the faint of heart – accommodations were remnants of old quarters & Quonset huts. Rain & freezing cold. But rare birds were seen there that come in from Asia – making them “countable” birds for anyone’s United States/North American bird list. I was surprised when Frenchy named some birds seen on his trip up into Alaska.

Sorry for the rambling. Duane was 73 when he died. Born March 1930. I am 78 as of this writing [Sept. 2, 2013].

Just wanted to request The Bellinger List in print.

I am going to see if my daughter can print Frenchy’s 7 page Newfoundland story. I was also there on a bird tour.

Anna Marie Lea

*Attu: Birding on the Edge, 1st Edition, 214 pages
Library of Congress Catalog No. 200310-304
ISBN No: 1-878788-31-0

TFL Information for Military Retirees

Nothing new from NARFE since congress was on holiday and just returned to Washington. This data was provided by the Fleet Reserve Association (FRA).

TFL Retirees to Pay 80% of VA Health Care Costs
September 05, 2013 | Terry Howell

TRICARE for Life beneficiaries are being notified that as of October 1st, military retirees (over age 65) who receive care at a Department of Veterans Affairs facility for non-service connected ailments will be required to pay the VA 80% of the TRICARE allowable charges. By law TRICARE, will only pay up to 20 percent. The remaining 80 percent is equal to the amount that Medicare would have paid if the beneficiary had used a Medicare certified provider.

This is not a new a new Law, it is a regulation that both agencies (TRICARE & VA) recently realized was not properly enforced for over a decade.

To avoid getting charged the remaining 80 percent, TRICARE and the VA are urging that you only seek care for service connected disability at VA health care facilities and seek care for all other medical services at a certified Medicare provider.

It is important to note that higher priority veterans will not be impacted by the enforcement of this rule. For example, veterans with VA disability ratings of 10 to 40 percent will continue to receive cost-free VA care for any condition. These veterans are only required to pay a co-payment of $8 on outpatient medications for non-service-connected conditions.
Veterans with service-connected ratings of 50 percent or higher are not required to make any co-payments for care at VA facilities.

Submitted by AGCM Lloyd Corbett, USN RET

Looking for Shipmates

I was stationed in Misawa in 76-77. My roommate in the barracks was an AG named Ken Mathis.

Anyhow, while stationed there I took a course in Meteorology offered by the University of Maryland instructed by a LT Mautner (sp) I got a “B.” Is he a member? He was a great instructor and inspired me to study science education. Changed my life basically.

And here’s one out of the blue. While serving as a National Park Service Ranger in Olympic National Park one of my notable visitor contacts was with a Naval Weather Service officer whose first name was Archer. We had a great conversation, but the one thing that stood out was his first name. I named my son Archer. If any of you know of him it would be fun to at least show my son a picture of who he was named after.

Thanks,
Ron Preston, former torpedo technician, now Park Ranger in the Rain forests of the Olympic Mountains. I work closely with the NWS office Seattle.

Forks, WA
jpreston@centurytel.net

Looking for Art Kapsalis

Last known duty station was in Der 324, Falgout 1967

Thanks for any info,
Pat Jackson ICC (SW) USN RET
pjackson@picusnet.com

Looking for Shipmates

Fellow AGs—I am trying to locate the following AGs/Officers that served at NAS AGANA during 1958 thru 1959:

Ed Norton - AG3, USNR Boston    Hank Wyatt - AG2
Ted Bourdan – AG1        Mike Coskey – AG3
Ronald Rice – AN, Rockland MA C.R. Sweet – AG3
George Cash – AN USNR   ?? Robichaud – AG2
Paul Kascyc (?) – Trenton, NJ   J. Monarch – AGAN
F. Lantieigne – AG3  Lanny B. Carney – AG3 USNR
Ike Sisson – AG3

Looking also for AGs/Officers serving aboard the LEXINGTON CVA-16 OA Division 1958 thru 1962:

Ray Mullensky/ski – AG2    William (Bill) Register – AG2
Jim Yantz – AN            Nick Wolfe – AN
Walter Jacobsen – AG3    Rusty Draper – AG3
R.G. Bingham – YN       J.W. Fair - (?)

I apologize and stand corrected on name spelling & rate/rank. Time and memory are fading this old salt. Any help will be greatly appreciated. You can e-mail me at kaylarjosh@hotmail.com or phone 407 898-0658 here in Orlando, FL. My best to all you mates. Stay safe, healthy & happy.

Respectfully, xAG2 Larry Alemi, NWSA Life Member

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Local 6 Hurricane TV Special: Surviving the Storms

I was interviewed by our local TV 6 Orlando station on my being involved in tracking hurricanes using a seismograph in 1953-54 while stationed at NAS, Jacksonville Fl. The interview can be found on line (Local 6 Hurricane special: Surviving the Storms). I was interviewed by Elizabeth Hart about 25 minutes into the program for about 3-4 min. It showed pictures of my weather map, seismograph equipment and what microseisms could be recorded. It might be interesting to post this on the Aerograph for our members to see. Dom Cruse, our former historian, wrote about this program in the November 2000, Vol. 24-4 issue of the Aerograph. Thanks, (the yellow strips of paper on the map were stations [where] we had seismographs)

Editor’s note: This program can be found at:

Submitted by xAG2 Alvin Berry, USN REL

Navy Hymn METOC Verse

I'm not sure it is known that the Meteorology and Oceanography community has a verse written for the Navy Hymn “Eternal Father”. There are over 100 verses, written by various authors for most of the communities in the Navy and Marine Corps. The verse shown below was written by then-LCDR Tom Donaldson and the OA Division on board the USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV-67) in 1988. It was submitted to the Chaplain’s Resource Board in 1989 to represent the METOC community. It turns out there are multiple verses written for some communities, and it is through community use, at Retirement or Change of Command ceremonies through which a particular verse comes to be associated with any certain community. The signature verse of Eternal Father and the verse written for the METOC community are provided below for your information.

Eternal Father, Strong to Save
Whose Arm Hath Bound the Restless Wave
Who Bids the Mighty Ocean Deep

Its Own Appointed Limits Keep
O Hear Us When We Cry to Thee,
For Those in Peril on the Sea

O Father, Whose Eternal Love
Spans Ocean Floor to Skies Above
From Raging Storms to Waters Still,
The Winds and Waves Obey Thy Will
O Hear Us When We Pray to Thee
For Those Who Forecast Wind and Sea

If anyone is interested in obtaining an 8 X 11 copy of the above verses, personalized for any occasion and suitable for framing, for a Shipmate or friend, send a request to tdonaldson5@gmail.com.

Submitted by RADM Tom Donaldson, USN RET
snacks. When you're making that reservation on the computer, just check out their e-mail address and send them an email asking if your room has a microwave & fridge. If not, query the extra room for "select" guests that have free snacks/lite-meals and the additional cost. Fridge and microwave mean you will want to go out to a local grocery store and get some of those goodies for your in-room meal, and always shop at the grocery store that offers a carry-out bag with the grocery store's name on it. Potential crooks are not looking or as interested in local people as they are for tourists.

Ever walk around town (even at home) and all of a sudden you have to find a restroom? You'll find that in many of the larger cities in other countries, you will have those "public toilets" and they charge to use them. A couple of solutions to this "gotta-go" urge is … if you're neatly dressed, you can usually walk into the lobby of most hotels (just like you're a resident there) and find a bathroom in the lobby…or, you see a McDonald's or other fast-food restaurant, just open the door and walk in, and there will usually be a restroom there…if you feel obligated you can always buy something to go.

Are you packing a health kit to take along, either in your carry-on bag or your suitcase? Stack up in a water-proof bag some band-aids, pain-killer pills, maybe a bacterial-cream and your daily medications. Since most pills you take have different shapes/colors, group all the morning pills in one larger empty pill bottle and mark AM. Do the same with evening pills and mark that bottle PM. Take 2-3 days extra long in each of the bottles. And of course you do have all of your medications (and your spouses) written down on paper and in your wallet (your spouse has that list too in her purse). You carry your meds in your carry-on bag…NOT the suitcase…you'll be going to the nearest pharmacy if your suitcase is lost or missing.

Taking my computer so all of the above info you have with you? Really, do you need that computer on this trip? Leave it at home. The old “paper-print” for your itinerary, address-book, and references are just as good as carrying that computer (particularly if you don’t have a protected and secured bag).

Finally, travel insurance. If you use it, get it thru someone other than the company you’re traveling with. If your travel company goes bankrupt, your insurance does too. Check www.travelguard.com for a list of those who offer travel insurance. A $2000 trip for a 30yr old may cost 80 bucks; but for a 65 old traveler, that same trip may cost double. Who cares…you’re going and you will. Enjoy.

.. Submitted by AGCM Moon Mullen USN RET

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**Travel via the Moon**

Just a couple days away from getting on that plane and enjoying that long-awaited (and planned) vacation? To insure they don’t charge you if you couldn’t get there because of health reasons or some other emergency, you didn’t make that hotel reservation until now. And you were lucky enough to find a hotel in one of your cities that has given you the option of paying a little more but includes at that extra price, the entrance to the more exclusive 24hr snack/lite-meal room and free drinks open only to special guests who are paying a little more than the standard rate. This service is only a consideration if you’re at this hotel three or more days. A micro-wave and small fridge in the room is a common higher-priced hotel accommodation that will do nearly the same for snack meals or...
NWSA SE Chapter held its Fall meeting at the Orange Park Golden Corral on Blanding Blvd.

We opened the meeting at 1915 hours after a great dinner, with information on our Christmas Party to be held at the home of our President on Friday the 13th of December. It will be a POT LUCK dinner and there will be White Elephant Gift Exchange and a 50/50 drawing. Details will follow via e-mail with directions and request for your input on the POT LUCK. Please keep the date open.

We also discussed about meetings in the near future being held south of Jacksonville, such as, Gainesville, The Villages, or Orlando at least once a year. We would have to select a sponsor for the meeting on a trial basis.

We discussed the decrease in members attending meetings and Christmas Party. If we do not change the trend, there just may not be a NWNS or this Chapter, or reunions.

We discussed the most recent reunion in Las Vegas NV and the numbers that turned out of it. Reunion #40 is scheduled for Pensacola FL in April 2014 and #41 is scheduled for Branson MO in 2015. We encourage everyone that can, attend the reunion in Pensacola, being held only 300 miles to the West.

We would like to bid for reunion #42 for Jacksonville in 2016 but must have all of our members willing to work to make it a success. Our most recent reunion held here was in 2009 and it was a success. We have a great number of things going for us, such as, some of the best beaches in the country. We should attract a large number of visitors. The President wanted to ensure that he has the members committed to the reunion being in Jacksonville. Decision will be made later by the President on bidding for the reunion in 2016.

We discussed several articles from the Aerograph and Shift Colors. These items are important to most of our members for they are retired military or currently still working as contract weather personnel. One thing that was important we obtained information on: 2014 pay raises for retired members.

Again, we appealed to our members to submit BIOGRAPHIES so that we can put them CD/DVD’s. You can keep them for a life time. Everyone should keep one with important papers. There is a page in the SHIFT COLORS that list everything you need to keep as important paper, remember, we live in Florida and some of us have to depart fast in front of a hurricane. The NWNS and NAVY are also looking for videos, photos and BIO’s of history events. If you need some help, just let the association know.

We would like to welcome our new members. xAG2 WAYNE HUNDEMAN from Sanford FL. He introduced his bride-to-be, MARINA RAZMETOVA. They are scheduled to be married on the 24th of September, then take a cruise to the Bahamas. We wish them the best and have a great cruise. We also introduced AGC BYFORD HALL and his wife LINDA. They are from Gainesville. We were scheduled two other couples; CDR HARRY SELSOR and LCDR DAVID BERRY but they couldn’t make it due to other commitments. We are looking for them at our Christmas Party in December.

We did an over review of our tax Form 990ez for tax period ending 6/30/2013 and our President signed the return for mailing. It indicated that we had $3,839 in our bank accounts at VYSTAR Credit Union.

We reminded everyone that they should contact VA so they can get a FREE check-up, eye exam and FREE glasses and above all FREE FLU shots, SHINGLES shots, and PNEUMONIA vaccinations. NAS JAX hasn’t received their FLU vaccination yet but is looking for it around the first of October.

Our members attending and guest were LT TODD & CHERYL MCDONALD, with daughter MYA, AGCS STEVE TURCO, AGC BOB & CHARLINE JOHNSON, with guest CINDY JOHNSON (niece), AGCS FRANK & JAN ANDREWS (all officers present). Other members present were AGCS LLOYD & DAISY CORBETT, AGC BYFORD HALL JR., xAG2 WAYNE HUNDEMAN, and guest MARINA RAZMETOVA, AGC TOM & VIRGINA MORGAN, and LCDR DICK PRITCHARD.

We closed the meeting at 2130 hours. We did pass out some copies of SHIFT COLORS and had the AEROGRAPH on hand for viewing. Additional details on Christmas Party will be sent out at a later date with map showing the direction of location. If you have any questions, call 904-777-4443 or use e-mail at bcjohjax@aol.com.

AGC Bob Johnson, 2nd VP, USN RET

HAMPTON ROADS
President \( \text{Chuck Fifield} \)
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Secretary \( \text{Fay Crossley} \)
Social Coord. \( \text{Frank Muscari} \)
VA Hospital Coord. \( \text{Joan Akers} \)
CMAA Coord. \( \text{Frank Muscari} \)

Minutes of the Fall Meeting
Held at Rib City Restaurant
Sunday October 6, 2013

In attendance: (19)
Ive Chubb, Jack Salvato, Ted Lemond, LaRue Wright, Dennis and Susan Pauly, Bob and Carol Daigle, Frank Shroul, Joan Akers, Fay and Donna Crossley, Howard Lee, Doris Stepaniak, Frank and Eve Muscari, Bob Steiner, Tammie Pierce and JoAnn Carter.

REGRETS received from:
Dan and Carmen Lee – on vacation in Nags Head
Steve and Syliva Shafer – family reunion in Michigan
George and Diana Delano – long trip –(“We were sorry to hear about Ann and John, as always, we really appreciate knowing what is going on in the HRC”)
Ruth Nickerson – under the weather – but “not much you can do to an old shoe” – Fay will contact her about January’s meeting.
Bob Wright – was planning on attending but called back to PA.

The venue, Rib City, was great. We enjoyed the restaurant and may try to go back again.

Pictures of the September 4, gathering of HRC members for a night out to support Cheryl Nelson were passed around for the members to see. (Cheryl is now Mrs. Virginia and will be in the International event in Jacksonville Florida in July 2014, if you would like to help her fulfill her dream – she is a Meteorologist – go to gofundme.com/3t1dn4 – thanks). Also a set of pictures were passed around of the Board Meeting that was held on 9/15. These pictures are part of the minutes.

Meet and greet started about 300pm, a blessing was given by Frank Muscari the CMAA, as dinner was served.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Doris Stepaniak in the amount of $40.

The meeting was called to order about 415pm by Vice President Bobby Steiner. The Pledge Of Allegiance was led by Frank Muscari the CMAA.

There was a brief review of the July meeting and the fantastic picnic at the Chubb’s house. A plaque was read that was made by Joan Akers giving ADM Chubb specific instructs on his dealing with trees and ladders. Ive also gave an update of John’s condition. He will be in rehab for about two more weeks and then be sent home where a visiting therapist will continue to help him. He is doing well and in good spirits Ive said.

Jack Salvato gave an update on Ann. She had suffered a TIA and went through some difficult moments. Jack committed the Car Dealership where they were at the time Ann was taken ill. Ann has spent some difficult time in the hospital, she had difficulty talking, didn’t remember Jack, and couldn’t walk. That is all behind her and she is improving with leaps and bounds and should be home in a week or two.

A review of the Pinnacle list was done to see if there were any others that were requiring our thoughts and prayers.

Treasurer’s report was read we have a balance of $3095.93. Mr. Daigle reported checks were sent and cashed to the Pregnancy Center (our last special charity) and Joan Akers (gifts for picnic hosts), the check to the BSA group for flag retirement has not been cashed as yet…Bob will call. The treasurer reviewed the IRS problems and HRC is basically awaiting direction from NWSA. The treasurer then started a collection for this meetings charity, VETSHOUSE in Virginia Beach. A check will be sent to them, this charity was suggested by Dan Lee. The secretary provides address to Mr. Daigle. There was a brief explanation as to what Vets House did and why they were deserving of the donation. This information can be found in Enclosure (8). A motion was made by Fay Crossley and seconded by Joan Akers to accept the Treasurers report…passed…

A motion was made by Frank Muscari and seconded by Frank Shroul to accept the minutes as sent via Email after the July Meeting. (Members are reminded if they would like a printed copy of the minutes Fay will mail them one upon request.)

OLD BUSINESS:
1…(Pungo Museum)...this project has been placed on hold until HRC can locate sufficient equipment and materials to adequately start to develop a working weather office at the museum.
2…Dennis Pauly gave an update on the efforts to help the USS Wisconsin to develop a weather office on the ship. He asked if anyone was interested in becoming a tour guide on the ship, only Dennis was interested. As a start to gather equipment and information to stock the Wisconsin Weather Office, Dennis had some good news. Terry Latham in MISS sent him a “psychedelic confuser”, did that ever bring back memories. Dennis asked that Mr. Daigle contact the Norfolk Fleet Weather Office and contact Jones and Delio about getting whatever they have as far as equipment and supplies.
3…The Fort Knox project was canceled, we thank the Terrizzis for the suggestion.
4…Some letters, email and calls have been done between Mr. Frank Chiococky of Amsterdam, Ohio. A copy of that exchange is contained in Enclosure (6)
5…The secretary is working to complete the Roster, only a few more names to check on and he will send it to the NWSA Secretary. Thanks to everyone that help with the project.
6…HRC had a night out event to support Rachel Dunn (Bud and Bev Scott’s granddaughter). Rachel is working on becoming a Meteorologist. She had sent an email giving HRC an update on what she is doing. See Enclosure (7). She continues to visit schools, work on scholarship applications and is excited about her future.

Some old business Enclosures
1…A thank you letter received by Treasurer from Accomack Pregnancy Center….our July charity.
2…Two thank you cards were received by President Fifield from the Wakefield Woman’s Club for HRC’s collection of empty toilet tissue rolls which are used to make Halloween and Christmas favors for nursing homes and shut-ins.
3…Letter from the then President of NWSA in reply to HRC concerns about coordination between chapters and the parent organization.
4…Copy of letter sent by HRC to the Scott Family for the generous contribution of two boxes of collectables and information that was sent to NWSA historian.

NEW BUSINESS
1…The next meeting for HRC will be held at Cagney’s on Sunday January 5, 2014. Primary purpose of the meeting will be election of Officer’s, for election are President, Treasurer and CMAA. The Treasurer and CMAA have agreed to continue for two more years, The Vice President has agreed to take over the President position. If there are others interested in these positions nominations will be accepted at the meeting. Also at the meeting the vacant VP position will be explained.


2. The Binnacle List was reviewed to see if it was up-to-date. Members are encouraged to contact the Secretary with information concerning our members, updates and information can be sent to keep everyone informed.

3. #39 reunion was not reviewed as planned, perhaps it will be at the next meeting.

4. There were no positive responses to the members that were going to $40 reunion...though there were some maybe.

5. Membership is urge to plan some HRC nights-out. We need to get together often and have fun.

6. The Charity for our next meeting will be the Disabled Veterans transportation system. Vets are given rides to and from appointments and hospitals and one thing that has been difficult to obtain is funding for Easy Passes....this was suggested by Bobby Steiner as he volunteers as a driver. Fay made a motion to accept, and Frank Muscari seconded the motion. It passed....Mr. Steiner will get required information to the secretary.

7. I've Chubb gave a briefing on the difficulties the American Legion is having with the IRS and the requirements for its members to have DD214s to prove eligibility. She urges HRC members to join the Legion so as to grow the numbers to fight this harassment.

8. Eve Muscari gave a briefing concerning Swedish Women's Educational Association. She asked that the secretary send out the information to the HRC membership. The event is 10/24.

9. Bob Daigle gave a briefing on the Vet Wreath ceremony at the cemetery in Suffolk it will be 12/14/13 at 930 am.

10. Dick Dempsey suggested HRC might be interested in getting t-shirts with the AG symbol on them. It was thought the cost was prohibitive. The information and order form will be kept if we want to look into this again. Enclosure (9).

Mr. Steiner introduced JoAnn Carter to the Membership, JoAnn is Tammie's sister.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

1. Marge Cruse: The official burial for Don will be 3pm 11/15, anyone wishing to attend, I will send them directions and all.

2. Donna Crossley: will have left hip replace in December or before, at Maryview Hospital in Portsmouth.

3. John Chubb: fell 9/20 and broke pelvis, in rehab, may be home in two weeks.

4. Ann Salvato: TIA, currently in rehab, could be home in a week or two.

5. Pauly Granddaughter Abigail premature birth early August but doing well after two stays in the hospital, now on soy milk.

6. Susan Pauly a five day stay in the hospital for Diverticulitis. Doing okay now.

7. Ruth Nickerson, was an active member of HRC 11 or 12 years ago, and would like to come to a meeting now and then, if someone would pick her up. The secretary will check on her and see if she can make the next meeting.

A closing prayer was giving by Frank Muscari Meeting adjourned at 530.

Submitted by Fay Crossley, HRC Secretary

SOCAL CHAPTER

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

The end of 2013 is fast approaching, so the SOCAL Chapter wants to extend early holiday greetings to each and every one of you.

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

The Chapter’s Labor Day Picnic was held on Saturday, 7 September 2013 at the home of Bill Bridge. Attendees were John Rodriguez, David and Lois Rue, Morry Summey, Bernie and Dolores Cohenour, and Bill Bridge. Bill also invited his next door neighbor and a guest. Despite the heat wave San Diego had been having, we were all quite comfortable on his patio.

The October Chapter Luncheon Meeting was held on Thursday, 3 October 2013. Attending were Morry Summey, John Rodriguez, Bernie and Dolores Cohenour. With such a small turnout, it was decided not to have a formal meeting. Instead, we discussed our usual Parade of Lights Dinner. It has been decided to no longer use Tom Hams, due to remodeling changes, and ever increasing prices. John Rodriguez and Dolores Cohenour will review other locations and make a suggestion by mid-November.

MEMBER ACTIVITIES

David and Lois Rue had to miss our October Chapter Meeting due to some sea duty. They sailed away on one of those cruise ships in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

Morry Summey plans to brave the elements on the wintry East Coast. He is planning a trip to Virginia in December to spend Christmas with daughter Marilyn and family.

Submitted by Morry Summey SOCAL Secretary/Treasurer

CENTRAL COAST

President Harry Nicholson
Sec/Treas Glenn Handlers

Howdy,

As July is the start of another climate year for the central CA coast we had near normal conditions for July. Average temperature is 65.3 degrees and this year we had one degree below average. precipitation averages .09 inches and we had .08 inches so July was slightly below average.

Our necrology list shows Anthony J. Klapp died 4 Aug. 2013 at his home in Pebble Beach CA. Many knew him as A.J. or Tony. Tony was born in 1936 in Iowa. He is listed in the Ames, Iowa State College Yearbook “The Bomb” in 1957. Unsure where Tony acquired a degree but he became a Naval Aviator and was mentioned in the Corpus Christi Times of 13
Feb. 1961 as being Lt.Jg. and having completed four week flight training in the P2V with orders to Patrol Squadron 31 at NAS North Island CA. Several years later he was a Lt at FWC Guam so probably finished a course in Meteorology at the Post Graduate School in Monterey CA before going to Guam. In 1970 he was Riffed as Lt. and went into the Naval Reserve program as well as being hired as a Route Forecaster in 1970 at NAS Alameda CA OTSR Division. As times changed Tony became a programmer and his last job from which I believe he retired as a contractor at DMDC with a DOD office on old Fort Ord CA in 2007. At that time he had also retired as Capt. USNR. After his 1st wife Sally died, Tony married a lady named Lucy. He had two sons by Sally and one of those sons’ lives in Pebble Beach CA.

Capt. Erica Sauer CO of FNMOC was relieved of command by Capt. John Okon 23 Aug. 2013. Erica’s next position was as Navy Deputy to NOAA at OpNav.

This desert climate is noted for small numbers. August’s average temperature is 60.4 degrees and we had 60.8. Precipitation average for Aug. is .14 of an inch and we had .23 of an inch so were slightly above average in both categories.

While shopping at COSTCO 17 Sep. I ran into Bob Sparks who retired from Fleet Numbers in 1995.

My local paper of 20 Sep. has two items of interest. The front page topic reads “Climate Report Struggles with Temperature Quirks.” Scientists and Statisticians dismiss seeming slowdown as a statistical mirage. For that segment of Meteorologists who subscribe to Global Climate warming being man made, the leveling off or slightly cooling since 1998 of Global Temperatures pose a problem which could be of acceptance that they might not have a handle on the changes in Climate. Then on page 6 of The Herald is an obituary for Joyce Slusser. There are bound to be some who read the Aerograph who remember Dick Slusser. Dick died a few years ago and now his widow has passed on.

Carl Thormeyer writes about Sept. being a dry mild month with lots of sunny days and no temperature extremes. Rainfall was above normal due to the first winter-season precipitation of the 2013-2014 run year, which bought heavy showers through the area the afternoon of the 21st. Totals were very spotty around the area, with Marina receiving the most on the Peninsula and away from the mountains. Heavy fog on three days was only half of normal.

The Monterey County Herald carried an obituary of Jim Clark who was well known in the NEPERF and NRL community of Fleet Numbers.

Monterey County Herald 5 Oct. 2013
Seaside – James R. Clark, a native of Los Angeles and a 51-year resident of the Monterey Peninsula, passed away peacefully at Community Hospital on October 2. Jim graduated from Sacramento State and UCLA. He also earned a Master’s Degree in Meteorology from UCLA. While attending a Newman Club meeting, he met his future wife, Carol DiStasi. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Jim was a Research Meteorologist for over 45 years. He served on the City of Seaside Planning Commission and the Board of Architectural Review. Jim was very involved in youth sports including a 10-year presidency of the Seaside Pony League. He umpired up to the semi-pro level and was instrumental in the lives of many local youth. He volunteered in the athletic department of Robert Louis Stevenson School. Jim enjoyed golf and following his retirement, he became an avid bicycle rider and member of the Monterey Velo Club. He regularly participated in 100-mile bike rides until the age of 75. Jim is survived by Carol, his wife of 55 years; his children, Mary Hazdovac of Pacific Grove, Joe (Jackie) of San Diego, Jim of Seaside, Elizabeth (Thomas) Vinolus of Aptos, Michael of Seaside, Claire of Marina and Eileen of San Diego; his sister, Joanne Thomason of Nubieber, CA; his grandchildren, John, Tony, Riley, Katie, Cassidy, Arianne, Jackson, McKenna and John Thomas and his great-grandson, Zachariah. Visitation will take place at The Paul Mortuary this Wednesday, October 9 from 5:00-8:00 PM with recitation of the Rosary at 7:00 PM. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at San Carlos Cathedral on Thursday, October 10 at 9:30 AM followed by entombment at San Carlos Cemetery and a reception at San Carlos Parish Hall. Memorial contributions may be made to Seaside Pony Baseball, c/o Joe Clark, 4685 MacArthur Court, Ste. 400, Newport Beach, CA 92660. Please visit www.thepaulmortuary.com to sign Jim’s guest book and leave messages for his family.

The first half of Oct. has been dry with warm temperatures. The Politics of Wash. D.C. are as usual, FUBAR. That is the news of the Monterey area for this time.

Zane E. Jacobs AGC USN Ret
more walking or playing golf until mid-November if she's lucky. Pat walking takes place on a golf course. In September, the O'Briens spent a week at Pensacola Beach with Libby's oldest daughter, Sandy. If you ever get there, Libby recommends eating at Peg Leg Pete's and having the Lafitte Oysters. Following their trip to the beach, they traveled north into Alabama and spent a few days with ten friends on Pine Barron Creek. Their host took Pat crappie fishing one morning, and Pat watched him catch all the fish. Back at the dock, Pat managed to catch two very small brim on his fly rod. After leaving Alabama, they had a couple of days at home before heading to Savannah for a reunion of the USS Nimitz Association. There they got to spend time with Jim and Joan Futtnor which is always fun.

At the reunion banquet, the president informed all hands the hospitality room at future reunions will be referred to as the Bud Scott Room. It seems Bud always referred to the hospitality room as the hospitality room, and the association officers thought it fitting they name the room for him.

After leaving Savannah the O'Briens went to Atlanta and attended the last day of the Fedex Cup golf tournament. That side trip was part of Libby's 39th (hal) birthday celebration. Pat managed to get away for some golf at the Bluewater Bay Golf Resort in Niceville, Florida, in October.

On 14 October, Paul D. "Pablo" Lyon underwent a complete right knee replacement. After 42 years of playing and refereeing basketball games at all levels, including semi-pro games, all of the running finally has taken its toll on his "ol' bod!" Hopefully, he will be able to get back on his feet, and, walk, "halfway normal," again, without the use of a cane, or, as it's been recently, a wheelchair! "Pablo" sends his best, to all of his former shipmates! Non Sibi Sed Patriae!!!

Denny Maljevac had to have eye surgery in September, and it's great to report he is doing well. Elizabeth Tokryman is also doing well after undergoing knee replacement surgery.

Kudos to Marion Hawkes for fashioning our reunion logo. We hope you will be as impressed as we are with the finished product.

Bernie Bauer and Pat O'Brien have renewed their season tickets for the 2014 season of the Pensacola Blue Wahoos.

This summer Dave and Jerrie Dunlap took a train trip to Reno for the USBC Nationals Bowling tournament. Neither of them had ever been through the Rockies except in a Jet Plane. They went from New Orleans to Chicago, and from there to Reno. On the way back they stopped in Denver and spent a few days with some of Jerrie's relatives. The scenery across country and through the mountains was magnificent. They took a side trip to spend a day at Lake Tahoe with friends and fellow bowlers from old Navy days. Jerrie fell in love with the area, and they intend to go back until the bowling balls are just too heavy to roll. Dave cashed in both doubles and singles. It was the most enjoyable trip they have been on for several years.

Submitted by AGCM Pat O'Brien USN RET

LONE STAR CHAPTER

President Charlie Jordan
Sec/Treas Curtis Arnold

The Lone Star Chapter continues our bi-monthly lunch meetings. The August lunch meeting at BJ's Restaurant in Arlington had 7 attending. Harry and Jeanie Hale, Jim and Suzanne Maxwell, Tom Scheidel, Bill Orvis and Curtis Arnold. Our next chapter meeting will be our Fall 2013 meeting at Pappadeaux's in Fort Worth October 26th where we will elect our 2014 officers and take care of regular chapter business.

Mel Bourn and Pat Partesius are back from their summer in New England, just in time for the weather to cool off in Texas. Harry and Jeanie are headed back to Seattle.

After hearing about our Fall Meeting at Pappadeaux's, Jim Nelson, now living in League City, between Houston and Galveston, sent in a note about his second retirement from Sealand/Maersk: "My retirement dinner was at Pappadeaux's and one of the attendees was Capt. Richard "Rich" Phillips of the movie "Captain Phillips" fame. He sat next to my wife and kept her occupied while everyone else kept me occupied. He is really quite a nice guy and humble. But after retirement I lost contact with him and when the news broke I was glad they all made it. I read somewhere that he asked the movie people to not name the movie after him because his crew did much more than he did. But they did what they wanted to do. When Sealand sold out to Maersk Lines about the time I retired, most of those ships were moved to a Middle East to Europe run. Some of those Officers weren't happy about that run and eventually looked around for something closer to home. Those Sealand/Maersk ships were excellent weather observing ships and the ones that remained flagged under the Stars and Stripes remain consistent reporting ships. Like missing the Navy after I retired, I missed the same from the civilian ships I serviced. I guess when salt water gets into you system, one can't get rid of it."

Our AG shipmate, Jesse Lofton, who lived in Fort Worth passed away October 12th.

Submitted by xAG2 Curtis Arnold USN REL

NORTHWEST CHAPTER

Pres. J. Earl Kerr
Secretary Mark Baillie

The Northwest Chapter held its annual fall meeting on 22 September which coincided with the arrival of fall. The Chapter can normally have a picnic for this event. However, the first real storm arrived here at the same time the Sun was moving to the Southern Hemisphere so the meeting was moved (in advance) to a great Mexican Restaurant. The number of attendees was small due to quite a number of folks being on one sort of medical alert or another.

The attendees were Bob Coppo and Dorothy Hutt, Dan and Marilyn Collins, Ken Boden, Earl and Lynne Kerr. Dee Berrian just had a gravity event off some furniture, Frank Baillie has early cold issues, Sharon Southworth just went in to surgery and Dick Gilmore is under doctor's orders, all of which reduced the attendance.

There were lots of remembrances of the great summer we experienced this year in the Pacific Northwest and how the storms have arrived early this year. Still there was time for the usual discussions about where we have been, both while in the
Navy and for travels since retirement. Dorothy related how she and a friend took passage on a freighter in the Far East which of course was quite a different from the ship travels that most of us had. Ken Boden and Dan Collins had quite similar Navy educations but at different times. With due consideration for the weather, the age of the participants and the problems, which prevented others from coming to the event, the meeting was a real success and we look forward to a winter gathering.

Earl Kerr, President of the Northwest Chapter
He has directed that his ashes be spread at sea by the Neptune Society.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in George's name can be made to The Veteran's Association of the USS Iowa (BB-61), 2916 N.W. Bucklin Hill Road No.169, Silverdale, WA 98383 (http://www.uss iowa.org/), and First United Methodist Church of Homosassa, Fla. (http://www.1umc.org).

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CAPT Anthony J. Klapp, USNR RET
Passed August 4th, 2013
Zane E. Jacobs, AGC USN Ret
(See Central Coast news for more info.)

AGC (AW/SW) Aaron P. Brewer
Passed July 28th, 2013 at Age 35
Fleet Weather Center Norfolk Honors a Fallen Shipmate

After a courageous battle with cancer, Chief Aerographer's Mate Aaron Paul Brewer passed away on Sunday, July 28, 2013, at Walter Reed National Medical Center in Bethesda, Md.

In his final days he was surrounded and supported by his wife Jennifer, daughter Taylor, sister Shannon, and family members and the Officers, Chiefs and Sailors of Fleet Weather Center Norfolk. A memorial service was held on August 1, 2013, at Naval Station Norfolk base chapel.


He attended Basic Training at RTC Great Lakes and upon graduation, attended AG-A1 school at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Miss.

Graduating in October 1998, he reported to his first duty station aboard the USS Wasp (LHD 1) in Norfolk, Va. Upon completion of his tour, he re-enlisted and returned to Keesler AFB to attend AG-C1 school.

As a newly minted forecaster, he transferred to Naval Atlantic Meteorology and Oceanography Detachment Chambers Field where he was promoted to the rank of Petty Officer First Class.

In March 2006 he reported to USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) as the OA Division Leading Petty Officer and deployed for 222 days in support of OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM.

In September of 2010 he was pinned to the rank of Chief Petty Officer and transferred to Fleet Weather Center Norfolk to assume duties as Division Watch Section ALPHA's Leading Chief Petty Officer.

He also held the positions of Training Department's Aviation Subject Matter Expert and the Educational Services Officer.

He married Jennifer Matzgannis-Brewer in May 2007 and they have one daughter, Taylor.

Chief Brewer was an accomplished athlete, an avid outdoorsman, and above all, a diehard Arkansas Razorback fan.

His unending professionalism, drive and unwavering faith left a mark on all who had the privilege to serve with him.

Submitted by Fay Crossley, HRC Secretary

AGC Wallace H. "Wally" Chamberlain, Jr., USN RET
September 18, 1935 to August 27, 2013

CHAMBRLAIN, WALLACE H.  "WALLY" JR. 77 - of Newtonville passed away August 27, 2013 at his home. Born September 18, 1935 in Hammonton, NJ, he graduated from Vineland High School. Wally joined the Navy in 1956 and served in several parts of the world from the Antarctica to the Philippines. He retired from the Navy in 1976 as a Chief Aerographers Mate / Meteorological Office Supervisor. He then worked for Statewide - Highway Safety in Folsom retiring in 2003.

Wally as an avid sports fan. He loved football and baseball, and for many years he officiated A.S.A. slow pitch softball in the Navy. He donated much of his time as a referee in the Folsom and Hammonton youth sports programs.

He was predeceased by his parents, Wallace Chamberlain Sr., and Margaret Chamberlain (nee Keck). He is survived by his loving wife, Elizabeth A. Chamberlain (nee Schellhas), his sons, Wallace H. Chamberlain III of Florida, Eric Chamberlain (Rhonda) of Hammonton, Pete Strickland (Yvonne) of Hammonton, Matthew Strickland (Heather) of Port Republic, his daughters, Lori Reynolds (Larry) of West Virginia, Tracey Hill and Cheryl Puterbaugh, both of Florida, his mother in law, Dorothy Schellhas of Newtonville, and eighteen grandchildren.

Burial occurred at Atlantic County Veterans Cemetery, 109 Route 50 in Estell Manor. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. James Lutheran Church, 1341 Mays Landing Road, Folsom, NJ 08037-9135 or to the Hospice of New Jersey Foundation 400 Broadacres Drive First Floor, Bloomsfield, NJ 07003. carnesalefuneralhome.com

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Submitted by AGC Joe Gogel USN RET via Earl Gustafson

AGC Daniel S. Massman, USN RET
Passed August 28, 2008
Life Member #132 of NWSA
Submitted by Dean Massman, his brother
A remembrance:

I was saddened to learn of the passing of AG1 Jesse Lofton. Jesse was my forecaster and I his observer in Kingsville Texas in 1973-74. There is often a special relationship that forms between watch standers and I really enjoyed all of our time together. Jesse showed me how to have fun and know when something was important and when something “just something”. I was so happy to have a few minutes with him at the reunion in Dallas and I will keep our experiences in my treasure chest of good times. “Hey Jesse! Time to wake up and put out the forecast!”

Mike Gilroy, NWSA President

AG1 Jesse Lofton, USN RET
Passed October 12, 2013
Submitted by LCDR Joe McKinzie, USN RET

AG1 Felix F. Kedzierski, Jr., USN RET
July 22, 1943 to June 27, 2013
MEADVILLE — Felix F. Kedzierski Jr., 69, of 340 Willow St., Meadville, passed away Thursday, June 27, 2013, at Crawford County Care Center, Saegertown, following a brief illness.

Felix was born in Elmira, N.Y. on July 22, 1943, a son of the late Felix F. and Alice C. (Glass) Kedzierski Sr.
He was a member of St. Brigid Roman Catholic Church. Until his health began failing, he attended daily Mass and would drive the elderly to weekday Mass.

After 25 years of service, Felix retired from the U.S. Navy as a meteorologist. He entered the U.S. Navy on Oct. 31, 1961, and served his country until his honorable discharge on Sept. 30, 1988. Felix was very proud of his service time. He loved the American Flag and all that it stood for. He took great pride in the Flag and pole standing in his yard. Following his retirement, he was employed by Radio Shack. Felix was a 1960 graduate of Langley High School, Pittsburgh, and a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2006. In his earlier years, he enjoyed golfing. Felix was an avid Pittsburgh Steelers and Pirates fan. He also enjoyed watching basketball and Turner Classic Movies. He enjoyed collecting eagles and would spend hours looking through catalogs for any kind of new gadget. Felix will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Felix is survived by a sister, Mary Ann Getchell of Meadville; two brothers, Michael Kedzierski and his wife, Karlyn, of Saegertown, Bill Kedzierski of Meadville, many nieces and nephews. He is also survived by many very special and close friends including June Furno and John Mottillo, both of Meadville. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Entombment with full military honors by VFW Post 2006 took place in St. Brigid Cemetery, West Mead Township.

AG3 Jeffrey S. O’Connor, USN REL
Passed August 3rd at Age 67

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- Jeffrey S. O’Connor, 67, of Rossville, a retired NYPD detective who loved singing and music, especially doo-wop music, died Saturday in Staten Island University Hospital, in Ocean Breeze.

He was born and raised in Dyker Heights, Brooklyn, and graduated from New Utrecht High School. He lived in his native borough until moving to Rossville in 2007.

He earned an associate’s degree from John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Manhattan, in 1965.
Mr. O’Connor served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War era, stationed in Puerto Rico. He was honorably discharged in 1969 and was a member of the Kells-Grennie Post, American Legion.

He retired in 1988 as a detective from the New York Police Department, and was a member of the Detectives Endowment Association and Lodge 120 of the Fraternal Order of Police.

Mr. O’Connor enjoyed music and singing. He sang bass in two Staten Island bands, Harmony for 25 years and The Expressions for 10 years. He also loved antique cars.

He was a parishioner of St. Joseph’s R.C. Church, Rossville.

FRA Today, In Memorial, October 2013
Submitted by AGCM Marty Bonk, USN RET

Articles

Raymond R. Delgado III
Captain, United States Navy
Commanding Officer
Fleet Weather Center, Norfolk

A native of Hollandale, Minnesota, Captain Delgado enlisted in the Navy in 1986 and reported to basic training in San Diego, California. He was selected and completed the Broadened Opportunity for Officer Selection and Training (BOOST) program in San Diego in 1987, earning a Navy Reserve Officer Training Corps scholarship. He attended Iowa State University where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Meteorology and was commissioned in 1991.
Captain Delgado's first Meteorology and Oceanography (METOC) assignment was Fleet Numerical METOC Center in Monterey, California, where he served as Command Duty Officer and Assistant to the Operations Officer. In 1994 he reported to the amphibious ship USS NEW ORLEANS (LPH 11) in San Diego, California, where he served as METOC Division Officer, earned his Surface Warfare Officer qualification and completed a Western Pacific and Indian Ocean deployment. From 1996 to 1999, he earned dual Master of Science Degrees in Meteorology and Physical Oceanography from the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California. He then went on to overseas duty in Rota, Spain where he served as the Fleet Liaison Officer at the Naval European METOC Center until 2001.

Captain Delgado's next assignment was at the Naval Oceanographic Office, Stennis Space Center, Mississippi, where he earned a Master's of Science degree in Hydrographic Science from the University of Southern Mississippi in 2002 and served as senior member of the Fleet Survey Team division. He then reported to Carrier Strike Group TWELVE in Norfolk, Virginia, embarked on USS ENTERPRISE (CVN 65), where he served as Staff METOC Officer, Navigator and Group Scheduler. During this tour he participated in certification of the first Navy ship rated exclusively to sail by electronic navigation, USS CAPE ST GEORGE (CG 71). He also deployed to the North Atlantic on board USS ANZIO (CG 68). In 2005, he reported as Executive Officer to the newly-commissioned Fleet Survey Team command. In 2007, he was assigned to the Commander, Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command (CNMOC) staff, at Stennis Space Center, where he served as Plans, Exercises and Theater Security Cooperation (TSC) officer. Captain Delgado assumed command of Fleet Survey Team from September 2008 to September 2010. Afterward, he was assigned as Staff Oceanographer and Current Operations Director (COPS) for Commander, THIRD Fleet, in San Diego until 2012. On 1 February 2013, he assumed command of Fleet Weather Center, Norfolk, Virginia.

Captain Delgado has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal with four gold stars, Navy Commendation Medal with three gold stars, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with one gold star and various campaign and service awards.

He is married to LaDonna Pillsbury of Farmington, Maine, and has two daughters, Cora and Faith.

Submitted by Bob Daigle via Fay Crossley, HRC Sec.
NWSA 40th Reunion in Pensacola, Florida

I’m very happy to report that plans for the 40th are coming along nicely. The hotel has been secured; the meals planned, and the tours scheduled. You most likely know that we’ll be using the Pensacola Grand Hotel as our meeting place. It’s located right downtown on Gregory St. It is easily accessible using Interstate 110. Take the Gregory St. Exit, and the hotel will be on your right. If you are flying in, the hotel provides a free shuttle service to and from the airport. Registration goodie bags will be available for pick up at the Lobby Bar in the hotel foyer. The hospitality room will be located on the 2nd deck at the room labeled Grand Central Station. Our welcome aboard party will begin at 1730 on Sunday the 27th. The party will include appetizers and a pay as you go bar. If you are looking to venture out of the hotel for meals, there is plenty of fine restaurants nearby. A list of these restaurants and their locations will be in your goodie bag.

We are planning on two tours:

The First Tour will be to historic downtown Pensacola on Monday the 28th. The tour will include a stop at Bartram Park and the Wall South. The Wall South is a replica of the Vietnamese Veteran’s Memorial Wall in Washington D.C. While there, we will conduct a two-bell ceremony for those shipmates lost last past year. Following the ceremony, the tour group will head to McGuire’s Irish Pub for lunch. The honor guard used in the two-bell ceremony will accompany us to McGuire’s. This will provide you with the opportunity to meet and talk with these fine young men and women. Afterwards, the tour continues with a stop at Joe Patti’s Seafood Market.

The Second Tour is scheduled for the National Naval Aviation Museum on Tuesday the 29th. It is aboard NAS and we are hoping the Blue Angels will be flying again come reunion time. If they are flying, the tour will include a mini air show. Tour participants will have special arranged seating at the airfield. If the Blues are grounded, and if it’s at all possible, we will visit the Blue Angel Hanger to view the aircraft and talk with the pilots before heading to the Museum. At 1100, the tour group will break for lunch at the Cubi Bar which is in the Museum. The tour continues following lunch. Before heading back to the hotel, the tour group will gather at a predestined place for a group photograph.

Other attractions:
Blue Wahoo’s Baseball Game
The Blue Wahoos are a double A baseball affiliate of the Cincinnati Reds. The team will be in town for a Monday night game on the 28th. A trolley will transport us from the hotel to the ballpark and pick us up following the game. The Wahoos will host the Tennessee Smokies, an affiliate of the Chicago Cubs. We are reserving a party deck for our group; however, we will need at least twenty-five people to attend the game in order to get the group rate. The group rate includes a discounted ballgame ticket, a Blue Wahoo hat, hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, coleslaw, and non-alcoholic drinks. The food and drinks will be provided for the first hour and a half you are in attendance. Our group will be recognized on the video board and welcomed via the public address system. We will also have a dedicated team representative to help us as needed. We hope you will consider this endeavor in your plans for Monday evening.

Casinos
Florida does not allow casino gambling; therefore, If you wish to gamble, you will need to go to Alabama or Mississippi. The Wind Creek Casino is about an hour away in Atmore, AL. It is owned and operated by the Creek-Poarch Indians. Another option is to travel west to the casinos in Biloxi, MS. A trip to Biloxi will take about two hours. If you are not driving, Good Time Tours, a charter bus service, offers day trips to some of the Biloxi casinos.

Fort Barrancas and Pensacola Light House
These two historic sites are located aboard the Pensacola Naval Air Station. Fort Barrancas is short for Fort San Carlos de Barrancas. It was built by the Spanish in 1797. The site became the home of the first U.S. Naval yard in 1821. Pensacola Light House was
built in 1859. It's a 177-step trek to the top of the light. Once there, you are afforded stunning views of Pensacola Pass (where Pensacola Bay meets the Gulf of Mexico), three forts, the Pensacola skyline, and the historic Navy Yard. The fully restored Keepers’ Quarters, built in 1869, is home to a museum and a gift shop. It is located at the foot of the light house.

**Pensacola Beach and Fort Pickens**
Visit Pensacola Beach for its old Florida feel with natural beaches, local hang-outs, first-rate fishing, and historic Fort Pickens. The beach is located about 7 miles east of the city of Pensacola, and Fort Pickens is at the western end of the beach. Fort Pickens is a part of the Gulf Islands National Seashore. The park entry fee is normally $11.00, but a car load of visitors can enter for $25.00. If you make this trip, you will surely delight in the white sands and crystal blue water of the Gulf of Mexico.

**Fishing**
There are many charter boats in and around the Pensacola area that will transport you into the Gulf of Mexico to fish for a variety of species. These boats come fully equipped, and the only thing you need to bring is something to eat and drink. The length of the trips varies, as does the cost. The most popular trip is one of 6 hours. It takes about an hour to reach the fishing grounds and an hour to get back to the dock; therefore, you'll get in 4 hours of fishing. The average cost of this type of trip will be approximately $125.00.

**Pensacola Climatic Conditions in April**
Expect high temperatures in the upper 70’s and nighttime lows in the upper 50’s. The average rainfall for is 3.89 inches. The average sea-water temperature is 71F.

**Historic Pensacola Village**
The Village is open Tuesday-Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tickets for Historic Pensacola Village may be purchased at the Tivoli High House Shop, located at 205 E. Zaragoza Street in Downtown Pensacola. For questions, contact the Tivoli High House Shop at 850-595-5993.

**Guided Tour Times: 11:00, 1:00, and 2:30.**
We offer guided tours of our historic homes and buildings three times daily at 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 2:30 p.m. Guided tours are part of admission ticket. Tours will last approximately 1 to 1.5 hours.

**Admission Fees**
- **Adult Ticket - $6.00**
- **Child Ticket (ages 4-16) - $3.00**
- **Discount Ticket - (Senior Citizens 65+, Active Military, AAA Member) - $5.00**

Visitors will receive an in-depth tour of the 1805 French-Creole Lavalle House, the 1871 Dorr House, the 1832 Old Christ Church, and the 1890 Lear-Rocheblave House.

**Guided Tour of the Barkley House**
Ticketed visitors to Historic Pensacola Village may now enjoy a 45-minute walking tour of a portion of the Pensacola Historic District and the Barkley House. Tour guides will lead guests past historic structures along Zaragoza Street, highlighting significant architecture and local history. Located on Pensacola Bay, the circa 1825 Barkley House is the oldest surviving example of a high-house in the city. Visitors will have the opportunity to learn about the Barkley family, catch a glimpse of Pensacola during the American Territorial Period and enjoy the vista of Pensacola Bay from this unique home. **Tours leave from the Tivoli High House at 2 pm.**

**Tours are subject to change due to renovation and repair, please contact us for the most current and updated information. You may contact the Tivoli High House Store at 850-595-5993 or our administrative office at 850-595-5985.**

**T. T. Wentworth, Jr. Florida State Museum**
Our flagship museum in the West Florida Historic Preservation, Inc. complex houses three floors of exhibit space. It is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Located at 330 South Jefferson Street. For questions, contact the T. T. Wentworth, Jr. Florida State Museum at 850-595-5990.

**There is no admission fee to the museum**

**Pensacola Children's Museum**
The Pensacola Children's Museum is located in the Arbona Building at 115 East Zaragoza Street. The Museum is on Zaragoza Street between Jefferson and Tarragona Streets, directly behind the Pensacola Cultural Center. The newest museum in our complex is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 until 4. It is a hands-on exploration of Pensacola history for ages 2 to 13. For more information, contact the Museum at 850-595-1559.

**Tickets are $3.00 per person over 12 months of age.**
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