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President's Report

As I begin my year as President of the NWSA, I would like to take this opportunity to "Thank" each and every member for his or her contribution(s) and dedication to our great association, the U.S. Navy's weather community (past and present), the U.S. Navy, and our Country. I am honored to serve as your President.

"Thank You" to the Pensacola Chapter for an eventful, to say the least, 40th Reunion in the home of Naval Aviation. Pat and Libby O'Brien planned and presented one of the best reunions in recent memory. It was a well-attended affair with over 140 attendees. I cannot continue without a special "Thank You" to each and every member of the Pensacola Chapter for going "above and beyond the call" during an epic rain event. Some 26 inches of rain fell in 24 hours, severe weather with an issuance of a Tornado warning in close proximity to the hotel, hotel water outages, and staffing problems due to widespread flooding. I think "Kudos" also go to the Crowne Plaza for their handling of a difficult situation. The Banquet staff did an exceptional job of putting on an excellent meal. The whole affair had been in jeopardy early in the day.

So, what are my priorities for our Association? I decided to keep it simple, so I have only two (2) priorities that I will work on.

Priority 1: Growth of the Membership - First, I would like to target those on the Bellinger List whose membership has expired by more than one year. We need to do a better job of retaining those members. Somewhere along the line we failed to communicate with them or we let them down in some way causing them to lose interest. I know that Libby and Gary have already been canvassing those members whose membership expired this year. We need to renew our efforts to target those shipmates in the 60's to early 90's. There are many from my era that have slipped through the cracks. Social media (i.e.: Facebook, etc.) has opened up many doors to locate people. It is a great resource and we should use it. I know Gary Cox, our Editor, has been exploring that avenue.

I am not sure what road to go down or how to accomplish this task, but I have arrived at a couple of thoughts:

A. Getting the chapters involved by canvassing their areas, making a concerted effort to contact these individuals. Get them involved in your chapter.

B. Designation of one individual on the East and West coasts and one in the Midwest/Plains as a Focal point to, for lack of a better word, recruit new members.

These are just two (2) ideas that I have had since the reunion. This is your association, what do you want to do? If you have any ideas please contact me via E-Mail, call me, or drop me a letter via snail mail. Growth is the life's blood of any organization, so please think about this.

Priority 2: Finding a replacement for Gary Cox, our Aerograph Editor, before the next reunion in Nashville. He's going to be a hard act to follow! Do you have skills on the computer, a talent for writing, and a desire to take on a challenging job? If so, contact Gary at (garycox@charter.net). I would like to find someone prior to the reunion, so Gary and his replacement have time for turnover. The Aerograph Editor and with the Secretary/Treasurer are the most important positions in the NWSA. It is our main source of communication!

I've rambled on long enough. If you have ideas that you would like to share, a story to tell, or just want to touch base with me, I'd really like to hear from you.

Respectfully,
James R. (Jim) Maxwell, AGCS (USN, RET)

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Attention on Deck!

Since November 2013, the updated Bellinger List has only been 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 mjgrota@gmail.com. This will save the NWSA roughly \$500 a year in printing costs.

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

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

There are three ways to receive your Aerograph:

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

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

Thanks from your Aerograph TEAM!



We promised you a memorable reunion at Pensacola in April but not the way it happened!! The record breaking rainfall of 26 inches on Tuesday was definitely not on the agenda. As former weathermen and spouses or significant others, we all weathered the storm very well. The only tour that was cancelled was the golf on Wednesday but we were very happy that was the only tour cancelled. We were very disappointed the Admiral

wasn't able to attend but because of the storm, the base was closed so his orders were cancelled.

Other than those two bumps in the road, the reunion was great. We couldn't have asked for a better turnout. We had over 140 attendees and I think everyone who attended had a good time. Let's hope for a good turnout in Nashville next year.

Since my last report we have two new life members, Mrs. Arlene Valenta, wife of deceased CWO3 Bernard Valenta, USN RET and AG1 Walter E. Foster, USN REL. Welcome Aboard! Our membership is now at 510 with 378 of those life members.

Our e-mail list for the Aerograph is now at 207. Please keep me posted on any changes or corrections that need to be made. My files are only as good as the info I receive from the members. Until next time, be safe.

NEW CHANGE TO THE NWSA CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

(Revised at the Pensacola Reunion 30 April 2014)

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

Section 2. Terms of Office

The officers of the NWSA shall serve for a term of two years. The President, 1st Vice President and 2nd Vice President will alternate years with the Secretary/Treasurer so there will be continuity in the organization. Officers Elect will be installed at the appropriate reunion banquet.

a. No Change

How this will work:

The President Elect for 2014 will serve a one-year term. The two year term for the President, 1st Vice President, and 2nd Vice President will be affective in 2015. Their term will expire in 2017. The Secretary/Treasurer elected in 2014 will serve a two year term, expiring in 2016, thereby having the election of the President and Secretary/Treasurer's offices expire in alternate years.

FINANCE STATEMENT 31 MARCH 2014

Checkbook Balance	\$9,402.11
Operating Funds	1,692.77
Scholarship Funds	941.00
Life Membership Funds	6,768.34
USAA CD's	\$69,267.18
Scholarship Funds	37,381.71
Life Membership	31,885.47

Submitted by Secretary/Treasurer Libby O'Brien

EDITOR'S DESK



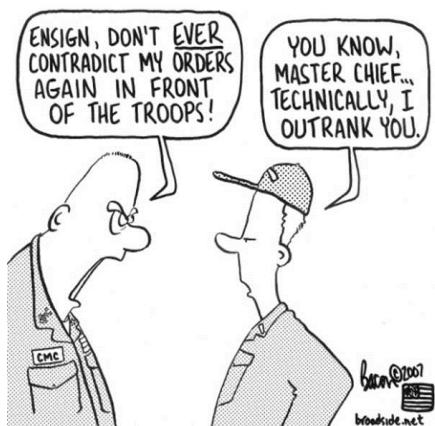
As Libby mentioned in her column, the email list for the Aerograph is now over 200. The Aerograph arrives weeks sooner if you choose this delivery method, as opposed to the printed, snail-mail option. The printed copy will always be available to those who prefer it.

Google Analytics continues to show that the NWSA website has a respectable following with almost 2600 visitors during the mid-April to mid-July interval. Sixty two percent of those visitors were new, typically visiting 4 different webpages. Webpages of AG School pictures were the most viewed, followed by necrology, Reunion #40 and the Aerograph, in that order. Only 1% of our visitors viewed the Aerograph (Restricted) webpage, which requires a member username and password.



July 13th – No, it's not snow!
(Pea to nickel sized hail)

In a lighter vein:



For reasons he never quite understood, the Ensign's first tour was a little "rocky."
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The cut-off date will be **Monday, 20 October 2014** for the November issue of The Aerograph
E-Mail Gary at garylcox@charter.net (This is a **NEW Email address!**)

USPS Address: xAG2 Gary Cox USN REL
1405 West 31st St.
Cheyenne, WY 82001-2435
307 632-0656 (Please leave a message on the machine, if we don't answer. I'll get back to you ASAP.)

ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

President: AGCS Jim Maxwell, USN RET

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Sec/Treas: Elizabeth O'Brien

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Association Committees:

2015 Reunion Committee:

Chair: LCDR Earl Kerr, USN RET

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Finance: CAPT Chuck Steinbruck, USN RET

AGCS James Maxwell, USN RET

AGC Charles "Cap" Casperson, USN RET

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- Earl Kerr- Past President
- Tom Miovas- Past President
- Jim Romano- 2nd Vice President
- Moon Mullen- Parliamentarian

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- Gary Cox- Aerograph Editor
- Cap Casperson- Webmaster
- Chuck Steinbruck- Finance Committee
- Lloyd Corbett- 1st VP

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



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

There are the usual extensions of the contact price for pre and post stay extensions. This hotel offers free transportation to/from the Airport and to local businesses. There is a city bus line in front of the hotel and there are several restaurants within walking distance. We have three volunteers from surrounding regions and Harry Nicholson has volunteered to be the keeper of the money associated with the NWSA registrations.

The Grand Ole Opry has a performance on Tuesday 14 April. We had discussed an evening on the General Jackson showboat, but due to a number of negative comments we will not have a scheduled event. Individuals who wish may of course make arrangements for their own event(s).

Due to the large number of Nashville attractions and music options, this reunion will have fewer organized events. Conversely, the relative ease and less costly transportation of just getting to Nashville will hopefully translate into greater participation than some of the

more recent events, not counting the Pensacola Reunion which was a tremendous success.

The Visitors Bureau has been of great assistance and based upon their experience, we do expect a good turnout for Nashville. Members who have had good experiences in Nashville may wish to submit suggestions for participation. More later when I get better organized.

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.

Earl Kerr, Reunion Chairman for Reunion 41

2014 NWSA Scholarship Recipient



Madison May

Name: Madison May
 Hometown: Colwich, Kansas
 Parents: Steve and Ruth May
 High School: Andale H.S., graduated 2010
 Undergraduate School: University of Kansas
 Major: hydrometeorology
 Awards/Acknowledgements: Dodge & Cox Sponsorship (Fall 2013 – Spring 2014)
 Presidential Scholarship at Hutchinson CC (fall 2010 to Dec 2011)

Interests: Concentration is in hydrometeorology and microclimatology; specifically how water and carbon interact in the lower atmosphere and surface.

Future goals: Madison ultimately would like to aid in agricultural drought monitoring and/or research on water use efficiencies of crops. She is also interested in pursuing a career that is more linked to hydrology.

See Madison's thank you letter to the NWSA at:
<http://www.navalweather.org/scholarship.html>

2014 NWSA Freshman Undergraduate Scholarship Recipient



Alex Tomhoff

Name: Alex Tomhoff
Hometown: Strongsville, Ohio
Parents: Don and Beth Tomoff
High School: St. Edward H.S., Lakewood, OH
Year Graduated: 2014
Undergraduate School: Pennsylvania State University
Major: atmospheric sciences

Interests: I am mainly interested in studying synoptic meteorology, forecasting and weather risk management.
Submitted by LCDR Mike Gilroy, Scholarship Chair

See Alex's thank you letter to the NWSA at:
<http://www.navalweather.org/scholarship.html>

Madison's and Alex's detailed press releases will become available sometime in October and will appear in the November Aerograph...Editor.

MY BEST EXPERIENCES WHILE ON ACTIVE DUTY

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

Biographies Wanted! (Before it is too late!)

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.

AGCS Corbett suggests that BIOs be about 150 words and archived on CD/DVDs.

INTRODUCTION TO VIETNAM

I was about to be transferred from Destroyer Squadron 22 as Chief Staff Officer to shore duty because I had been on sea duty onboard destroyers for about 5 years. The Commodore asked me to extend onboard because the squadron was to be deployed to Vietnam for 7 months. I said I would, but wasn't wild about it. It took 6 weeks to transit from Norfolk via the Panama Canal to Vietnam with stops at various Pacific naval ports for briefings.

Our station for 7 months was at the border between N and S Vietnam. We were to provide gunfire support for U.S. Marines. When we arrived "on station" the Marines gave us several targets. We provided accurate gun fire support for them. Then the Marines said "Welcome to the Tonkin Gulf Gun Club". Several minutes later we had explosions around the ship. That was the north Vietnamese shooting at us from their shore batteries, welcoming us to the area.

About two weeks later we got hit amidships in the vicinity of Mount 52 resulting in 1 KIA and 14 wounded. But in the next 6½ months we were successful in avoiding their gun fire and providing over 22,000 rounds of 5 inch 54 gunfire support.

Submitted by CAPT Ace Trask, USN RET.

A Sailor's Thoughts... (Or This is No \$%#@)

Some random and rambling, (but always true) thoughts drawn from many cruises and overseas port visits over the years. A bit of introspection from an "older" sailor.

A sailor will walk 10 miles in a freezing rain to get a beer but complain mightily about standing a 4 hour quarterdeck watch on a beautiful, balmy spring day.

A sailor will lie and cheat to get off the ship early and then will have no idea where he wants to go.

Sailors are territorial. They have their assigned spaces to clean and maintain. Woe betide the shipmate who tracks through a freshly swabbed deck.

Sailors constantly complain about the food on the mess decks while concurrently going back for second or third helpings.

Some sailors have taken literally the old t-shirt saying that they should Join the Navy. Sail to distant ports.

Catch embarrassing, exotic diseases.

After a sea cruise, I realized how much I missed being at sea. We are now considering a Med cruise visiting some of my past favorite ports. Of course I have to pony up better than \$5,000 for the privilege. To think, Uncle Sam actually had to pay me to visit those same ports 50 years ago.

You can spend two years on a ship and never visit every nook and cranny or even every major space aboard. Yet, you can know all your shipmates.

Campari and soda taken in the warm Spanish sun is an excellent hangover remedy.

E5 is the almost perfect military pay grade. Too senior to catch the crap details, too junior to be blamed if things go awry.

Never be first, never be last and never volunteer for anything.

Almost every port has a 'gut'. An area teeming with cheap bars, easy women and partiers. Kind of like Bourbon St., but with foreign currency.

If the Guardia Civil tell you to Alto, you best alto, right now. Same goes for the Carabinieri, gendarmes and other assorted police forces. You could easily find yourself in that ports hoosegow. Or shot.

Contrary to popular belief, Chief Petty Officers do not walk on water. They walk just above it.

Sad but true, when visiting even the most exotic ports of call, some sailors only see the inside of the nearest pub.

Also under the category of sad but true, that lithe, sultry Far Eastern beauty you spent those wonderful three days with and have dreamed about ever since, is almost certainly a grandmother now and buying her clothes from Omar the Tentmaker.

A sailor can, and will, sleep anywhere, anytime.

Do not eat Mafunga, ever!

Yes, it's true, it does flow downhill.

In the traditional crackerjack uniform you were recognized as a member of United States Navy, no matter what port you were in. Damn all who eliminated or changed that uniform.

The Marine dress blue uniform is, by far, the sharpest of all the armed forces.

Most sailors won't disrespect a shipmate's mother. On the other hand, it's not entirely wise to tell them you have a good looking sister.

Sailors and Marines will generally fight one another, and fight together against all comers.

If you can at all help it, never tell anyone that you are seasick.

Check the rear dungaree pockets of a sailor. Right pocket a wallet. Left pocket a book.

The guys who seemed to get away with doing the least, always seemed to be first in the pay line and the chow line.

General Quarters drills and the need to evacuate one's bowels often seem to coincide.

Speaking of which, when the need arises, the nearest head is always the one which is secured for cleaning.

Three people you never screw with: the doc, the paymaster and the ship's barber.

In the summer, all deck seamen wanted to be signalmen. In the winter they wanted to be radarmen.

Do snipes ever get the grease and oil off their hands?

Never play a drinking game which involves the loser paying for all the drinks.

There are only two good ships: the one you came from and the one you are going to.

Whites, coming from the cleaners, clean, pressed and starched, last that way about 30 microseconds after donning them. The Navy dress white uniform is a natural dirt magnet.

Sweat pumps operate in direct proportion to the seniority of the official visiting

Skill, daring and science will always win out over horseshit, superstition and luck.

We train in peace so that in time of war the greater damage will be upon our enemies and not upon ourselves.

"Pride and professionalism" trumps "Fun and zest" any day.

The shrill call of a bosun's pipe still puts a chill down my spine.

Three biggest lies in the Navy: We're happy to be here; this is not an inspection; we're here to help.

Everything goes in the log.

Rule 1: The Captain is always right. Rule 2: When in doubt refer to Rule 1.

A wet napkin under your tray keeps the tray from sliding on the mess deck table in rough seas, keeping at least one hand free to hold on to your beverage.

Never walk between the projector and the movie screen after the flick has started.

A guy who doesn't share a care package from home is no shipmate.

When transiting the ocean, the ship's chronometer is always advanced at 0200 which makes for a short night. When going in the opposite direction, the chronometer is retarded at 1400 which extends the work day.

If I had to do it all over again, I would. Twice.

When I sleep, I often dream I am back at sea.

Good shipmates are friends forever.

When asked what I did to make life worthwhile in my lifetime....I always respond with a great deal of pride and satisfaction, "I served a career in the United States Navy."

Amen

Submitted by AGCM Marty Bonk, USN RET, and others



USS Saratoga (CV-60) Underway in 1992

The decommissioned aircraft carrier Saratoga is officially headed for the scrapyards after the Navy paid one penny to a Texas scrapyards to dismantle the 81,101-ton flattop that once blockaded Soviet ships during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

Saratoga will head to Brownsville, Texas, later this year for scrapping by the company ESCO Marine, Naval Sea Systems Command said in a Thursday news release.

The Saratoga is the second of three conventionally-powered carriers destined for scrapping. All Star Metals received the Forrestal earlier this year, also taking on the flattop for a penny. A third contract is pending for the Constellation, with International Shipbreaking Ltd.

The one-cent payment is the lowest the Navy can offer to the company to take the flattop off the fleet's hands. ESCO Marine will keep the profits from the sale of the scrap metal.

The carrier, the sixth Saratoga in U.S. history, was decommissioned in 1994 after 38 years in service. Despite attempts to turn it into a museum, the Navy decided in 2010 that none of the applications to turn it into a public display was up to par.

In addition to its pivotal role in the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis, "Super Sara" was also involved in a 1986 airstrike against Libya.

The carrier is expected to make its way to Texas this summer from its current berth at Naval Station Newport, Rhode Island.

Submitted by AGCS Lloyd Corbett, USN RET



BINNACLE LIST

Will Gould

Will is now home and has weekly part time In-Home help from the VA. He and Ella have to pay for the weekends.

His Parkinson's is stage 5...He has no use of his legs and left arm so has to be lifted in and out of wheel chair, toilet and electric rocker. Most of the time he spends in his bedroom watching TV. His hearing is bad so he wears an electronic booster to help out there. His mind and wit are still sharp, just takes him longer to say things that make you laugh.

Please send cards to:
LCDR Will Gould USN (Ret)
210 Westlake Blvd.
Prince Frederick, MD 20678

Submitted by Jim Romano, POTCHAP Pres.

See HRC News's Binnacle List, under Old Business, for their members' health concerns.

DO YOU DO FACEBOOK?

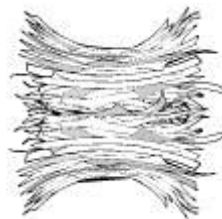
(You must be logged into Facebook to access either site.)

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

NEW ID CARDS???

Department of Defense ID card replacement

If you're retired from the Armed Forces, listen up! On July 17th we drove aboard Charleston AFB about 11 A.M. to 'check-in' at the USAF 'Inns of Charleston'. When I approached the gate and presented my retired ID card to the sentry there she swiped it through a reader and informed me that my ID card had been 'terminated' and could not be returned to me. I protested that it was an 'indefinite' expiration and had been accepted the week prior at Ft Gordon without any problems. Sorry 'bout that! I was directed to make a U-turn and go back to the visitors building to get a temporary one-day pass. (My problem, not her's.)

The problem seems to be that any ID card that has a Social Security number on it may/will be confiscated upon presentation leaving the bearer without military ID until they can get another card issued with a DoD control number vice an SSN. Had this been later at night when I came aboard, it would have been a real problem. As it was, I was directed to a building that issued ID cards and (because I had no appointment) sat for over an hour until they got around to me while my wife and grandson waited in the car.

The obvious effect is that all of your medical records, and other admin records, have your SSN, both military and civilian records. You need your military ID for Tricare medical care and for access to all military facilities. Both the retiree and their dependents will require new ID cards. To save some stress, you might consider this step. You can go to any Reserve or National Guard base that has access to DEERS and can produce new (service-specific) ID cards. Certainly, major military bases can do this but many require appointments or a long walk-in wait time. You must have at least two forms of picture ID with you (passport, driver license, VA medical card, carry-concealed ID, etc.).

Your card may be confiscated at the worst possible time (in an ER room for example) so this should be considered as an action item. Just trying to be helpful.

Semper Fidelis
B, Joe Featherston

Submitted Via Harry Hale, NWSA Historian

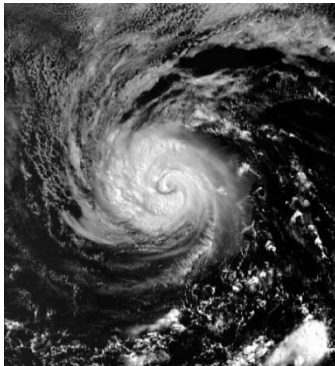
Regarding the ID card rejection problem back east on USAF bases addressed by Capt Joe Featherston, USMC (Ret), I stopped at the ID card office at the Seaplane Base today and showed the clerk there the email that was forwarded to me. I was told that the problem isn't the SSN, but instead is the date of issue of the cards. Any card issued before a year in the early

2000's (2004 I seem to recall) has a code on the back that cannot be read by current scanners. I showed her my ID card (issued in 1995) and she said that my card would be rejected by some of the Air Force bases but my wife's card (issued in 2011) would be OK. I am in the process of getting my card renewed. I would have gotten it today but there was a problem with their finger print reader--something about my new print not matching my old one. I have an appointment to go back next week, when two clerks are working and the second one has the authority to override the system, to finish the process and obtain my new ID card.

Submitted by CDR Dick Gilmore, USN RET

Aloha, 17 July, 2014
I am not sure if you would be able to help with this request, but I thought I might give it a try.

I am trying to find a decent picture of Hurricane Darby from 1998 that has enough definition to print well and frame. I believe it caused the RimPac exercises to be cancelled that year. My wife and I sailed through it on our honeymoon during a trip from San Francisco to Hawaii. I am looking for a full sized printable image of this storm, black and white with no data stamps if possible. For example, the one below would be great if it were printable.



Thanks for any help or direction you might be able to provide.

Mahalo,
James O'Shea jpcoshea@gmail.com

Submitted via Harry Hale, NWSA Historian

Navy Unveils New Futuristic Weapon Electromagnetic Rail Gun (Yahoo News Video)

<https://ca.news.yahoo.com/video/navy-unveils-futuristic-weapon-002946184-cbs.html>

Submitted by AGCS Lloyd Corbett, USN RET

CNMOC Presentation at Reunion #40 By CAPT Larry Warrenfeltz Answers to Questions Posed during Presentation

Link to PDF Versions:

<http://www.navalweather.org/reunion40.html>

Weather Ready Nation

I am filling out the NWSA membership form (finally – after putting it off for damn near 20 years) and will be mailing it in later today. Ran across a web site today that could be something the NWSA would consider (if they haven't already) becoming an "ambassador" for: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/com/weatherreadynation> Their badge would look great on the NWSA website.

Someday, I might even attend a reunion!!!!

Ken Adams (AGC/USN RET)

Looking for Shipmates

I'm looking for AG Jeannie McKnight. We were sworn in together in Oakland, attended boot camp in Orlando and then attended "A" school at Lakehurst in 1973. Once we graduated, she went on to Rota and I to FWC Norfolk. I've lost touch with her long ago and would like to reconnect. My email is nananise53@yahoo.com

Sincerely,
xAG3 Danise (Danny) Wilcox

Travel via the Moon

A date we often just think about once each year.... *6 June 1944*.....a very special day in our history, has just passed with numerous people visiting that famous site in France where the USA was able to turn around the damage being done to the rest of the world. If Europe is on your itinerary this year, consider going to this part of the world and spend a couple of days seeing where the Allies were lucky enough to change what could have very easily been a terrible loss of our military men and equipment. Just go to *Omaha Beach* and see how easy it was for the enemy to plaster everything that moved below them on those now famous cliffs. Because of the location and beach-fronts further north, the Brits and Canadians had a little easier time, but they too, lost a lot of men on that famous date. The military cemetery atop those beach areas is a beautiful tribute to those veterans.

Just a little studying of the history of what went on in the surrounding areas of *Normandy* can easily be explored and understood by renting a car and visiting a 20-50 mile radius in all directions. Hotels and restaurants in those small villages are easy to find and make for a vacation that is hard to beat....at very little cost! There are also a few museums that will prove quite interesting as they show history many folks just take for granted.

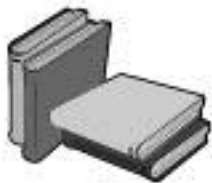
Just a short note on airline travel today....you have an oversize bag you plan to carry on the plane and *jam* into the small compartment over your seat.....if it's too big, flight attendants may take it...and you will be **charged for excess baggage**. It's happening on **more than one** airline.

OK...if you didn't get to "pepsi-cola" and **NWSA #40**, you missed another *great one!* Bernie Bauer and PJ & Libby produced an outstanding get-together and chose an extremely good hotel to have it. The 23 inches of rain in 24 hrs and 3 different tornadoes during that 4 day period may have made a couple of the tours (and golf tourney) just a little damp....it even made some of the meals in the hotel impossible to cook, but the waitresses and cooks were able to come up with buffet-meals despite all the power outages in the city.....it's rumored that the *mayor* asked the NWSA not to come back right away until repairs have been made.

The airport was closed, I-10 was flooded and closed, there were many, many trees downed, many sink-holes and cars trapped, but we survived in the hotel and the "hostility" room was busy and occupied from early am to late pm. And on day#1 before Alabama and Arkansas sent all the down-pours east, we all had a "private" showing for the visiting "WxGuessers" by the famous Blue Angels at nearby NAS. Because of high clouds with the approaching storms, they were limited to lower altitudes below 20000, but they compensated by giving us a slightly longer show – it was, as always, *outstanding!* The following day, the entire base was closed due to the tornados and storms.

Do you recall going thru boot-camp many years ago. After the initial haircut those sadists barbers gave you in the first week, we used to call each other "skin-heads".to show who had the lowest crew-cut of hair.....was it poor eye-sight or, were there a lot of "skin-heads" in attendance at #40 (actual skin). Probably a result of people getting older maybe. Don't miss any of these events. We are NOT getting any younger and 95% of the good things that happen at these events are meeting and talking to some of the friends we've known for many years. And don't worry if you have dementia and can't remember those familiar face's names.....the reunion committees all take those memory losses for granted and make the name badges **LARGE and bold**. Get out the road maps now and locate Nashville *Tenn*.....we'll see you there at **NWSA 41**.

Submitted by AGCM Moon Mullen USN RET



CHAPTER NEWS



HAMPTON ROADS

President	Bob Steiner
Vice President	Joan Akers
Treasurer	Bob Daigle
Secretary	Fay Crossley
Social Coord.	Frank Muscari
VA Hospital Coord.	Joan Akers
CMAA	Frank Muscari



Minutes of the Meeting
Held at Chubb Picnic Grounds
(Summer Meeting - July 5, 2014)

In attendance: (23) **Fay Crossley, Alice Palaszewski, Frank and Eve Muscari, John and Ive Chubb, Bob and Carol Daigle, Greg and Jacqui' Salvato, Jack and Ann Salvato, Dennis and Susan Pauly, Bob and Tammie Steiner, JoAnn Carter, Greg Wilson, Pat Scott, Les Dunn (Rachel's Mom), Jeffrey Rathz, Kathi Clark, Amber Evans.**

REGRETS received from:

Dave Milot, on business trip.
Dan and Carmen Lee, visitors in town.
Bob Wright, working.
LaRue Wright, family in town for 4th.
Steve and Sylvia Shafer, busy.
Joan Akers and Frank Strout, in Ohio.
Ed and Ruth Nelson, busy.

The books of Treasurer were audited by the treasurer and **Carol Daigle** with **Eve Muscari**, documentation was signed and all was found to be in order.

Grace was given by **John Chubb** prior to eating and **Frank Muscari (CMAA)** led the group in the Pledge. About 130PM.

A banquet fit for kings and queens was covering all the counter space in the Chubb's kitchen. A cooler filled with hot crabs was on the sun porch. Anyone that left hungry had only themselves to blame. There were ample beverages to wash the food down. Everyone brought amazing goodies. We have to thank the Good Lord for the picture perfect weather day.

The meeting was called to order about 300pm by **President Bob Steiner**.

Secretary report and Board Meeting report were approved as sent, through emails; motion was made by **Bob Daigle** and seconded by **Frank Muscari**.

Treasurer Bob Daigle gave the Treasurer's report in which a total of \$3233.09 was report in Checking plus savings. **Frank Muscari** made a motion to accept the report, was seconded by **John Chubb**, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

a...**Eve Muscari** still dealing with detached retina.

b...**Donna Crossley** knee replace on 6/17, progressing towards recovery.

c...**Bob Steiner**, Cataracts removed from both eyes, he now sees like when he was 18. Wife Tammie says he can't look at 18 year old girls though.

e...**Eileen Fifield** has completed radiation treatments and doing well.

f...**Chuck Fifield** has had some difficult times over the past few months with many issues; we had hoped the Fifields would be able to get to the picnic, special thoughts and prayers heading your way guys.

g...**Kathi Clark**, dealing with kidney problems with transplant possibilities forthcoming. Kathi hopes to be in the Hampton Roads area for some time.

h...**Dan Lee**, shoulder issues.



SOCAL CHAPTER

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

The SOCAL Chapter would like to offer hearty congratulations to Pat O'Brien and the Pensacola Chapter for an excellent 2014 Reunion. Wednesday night's weather added a final touch.

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

The July 2014 Chapter business/luncheon meeting was held on Thursday the third at the Admiral Baker Navy Golf Course Restaurant. Attendees were **John Rodriguez, Morry Summey, David & Lois Rue**, and **Bernie & Dolores Cohenour**. After conducting routine business, discussion of the September Labor Day Picnic was put on hold pending discussion with **Bill Bridge**. This was followed by a recap of the Pensacola Reunion by **Morry Summey** and **John Rodriguez**.

MEMBER ACTIVITIES

John Rodriguez: Our biggest event this period was the visit of the Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force (JMSDF) Training Cruise 2014. The three ships departed Tokyo on May 22nd. Their first port of call was Pearl Harbor from 3 to 6 June. Next was San Diego from 14 to 18 June. The evening of their arrival (14th) they hosted their shipboard reception. We obtained 15 invitations for our yacht club Commodore and Board. The next day our yacht club hosted a three hour luncheon for the Admiral, the three ship Captains, and 16 other crew members and newly commissioned officers. One of the ship Captains was a female who we first met years ago when she was just a LTJG. Everyone had a great time. We left them to their other duties for the 16th and 17th. The morning of the 18th we arrived at the ships at 0615. The first ship was scheduled to depart at 0800 and the other two at 0830 and 0900 respectively. They left here for Panama City. Next comes Havana, followed by Port of Spain and next to Kingston. After that it is Panama City again and next Acapulco. From there it's Papeete', Auckland, Sydney, Honiara, Solomon Islands, Surabaya, Bitung, and lastly Manila. They return to Tokyo on Oct. 24th.

David & Lois Rue: Our son, **LTCOL Michael Rue**, got EXCELLENT on his War College Course and we're very excited for him. He and his family are back in the States for a month until his next assignment to Ramstein Air Force Base in Germany.

Bernard & Dolores Cohenour: We are celebrating the arrival of our first grandchild **BRIAN MARCUS DENNY** to our daughter **Nicole** and son-in-law **Will Denny**. He weighed in at 20 pounds 8 ounces and was 20 inches long. This was on June 27, 2014.

i...**Doris Stepaniak**, still making her decisions concern spinal stenosis issues.

j...**Howard Lee**, we were saddened to find that Howard was sick so they couldn't make it to the picnic, hope you are better soon Howard.

k...**Amber Evans**, (Kathi Clark's daughter).....((baby info will be forthcoming. Not sure, but Amber's baby might be the first Bud and Bev, Great grandchild.))

2...A discussion was held concerning the Pungo Museum project and the USS Wisconsin project. **Dennis Pauly, Frank Muscari** and **Bob Daigle** will be the committee to look into these efforts and try to get some concrete information about contact points, what is needed and where we can find equipment and stock.

3...Fay review an Email received from **Capt. Chuck** where he gave a glowing report concerning the #40 reunion hosted by the Pensacola group. (Enclosure 2)

4...V.A. chairperson was not available, but **President Steiner** reported that he has not located the contact point Marty during his travels to the V.A. offices. The HRC Membership is urged to bring the usual stuff to the October HRC meeting.

5...HRC continues to be committed to helping anyone with weather related projects. The Hermitage Elementary School project is ongoing. **Pat Scott** will check with her sister about the requirements.

6...We will discuss the possibility of hosting the #43 reunion. HRC has to make a final decision NLT the January 2015 meeting so NWSA can be informed during the Nashville #41 reunion.

NEW BUSINESS.....

1...The venue for the 10/5/14 meeting, was taken as an action item by the **Social Coordinator Frank Muscari**. He will present the findings at the next board meeting which will be scheduled soon after 9/4/14.

2...The Charity for 10/5/14 meeting will be Holiday Wreaths for the Suffolk Vet Cemetery again.

3...VA update by Joan.

4...**Pat Scott** asked about membership recruiting efforts. A discussion was held to try to find ways to get better response from the active community.

It was mentioned that some information about HRC on the web sites was in error. Fay will look into it.

A lighted wine bottle was given to the Chubb's by **Susan Pauly**, which was beautiful and very unique.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

a...Fay has been helping **Cheryl Nelson** who will be representing VA., at the Mrs. International Pageant the end of July. Fay will attend the pageant, kind thoughts and prayers for Cheryl's success are requested. Go to www.CherylnelsonVA.com for more information.

b...**Joan Akers** has learned that she will be a Great Grandma again around October that will be #10 Joan has 7 grandchildren.

c...**Bob Steiner** attended his TRIPLET grandbaby 4th birthday in June. Also a grand daughter's wedding in TN was in June.

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

A motion was made by Frank Muscari and seconded by Bob Daigle to adjourn the meeting, motion carried at 400PM.

Submitted by Fay Crossley, HRC Secretary

Morry Summey: Speaking of family, I recently found out that my three married grandchildren are expecting within the next twelve months, namely November, December, and February. This brings the great-grandchild count up from two to five, unless somebody sneaks in twins.

Submitted by Morry Summey SOCAL Sec/Treas.



CENTRAL COAST

President Harry Nicholson
Sec/Treas. Glenn Handlers

Howdy,

The weather for the last 3 months of the 2014 rain year was boosted in April when we got 90% of Normal.

However the rain year ending 30 June 2014 was only 54% of normal, so the rain year verifies we are definitely a desert climate.

Liz Erdei called me 4 May that her father, **Elmer Erdei** died Friday 2 May 2014. As Liz also notified **Mike Gilroy** of her father's death and it is my understanding Mike is submitting an article about Elmer I will just say I have known Elmer since the late summer/fall of 1949 and we were stationed briefly together in Sangley Point, Philippines and each brought back wives from duty in that group of WestPac Islands. Elmer was born 17 July 1930 Buffalo NY. He was a gentleman and scholar of the highest order.

The 15 June 2014 Monterey County Herald carried an obituary for **Dorothea Sallee** who was born 16 Feb. 1922 as Dorothea Evelyn Roselle and died 11 June 2014. Dorothea married **Ralph Sallee** in the fall of 1949 when Ralph was an A School Instructor in Lakehurst, NJ when Ralph was AG1.

The local Chapter of NWSA did not have its annual picnic this year in June and Harry Nicholson sponsored a 20 July luncheon at the Laguna Seca Golf Course. Those attending were **Tom & Mary Calaham, Don & Margie Edgren, Earl Gustafson, Herb & Barb Hansen, Jack & Valerie Jensen, Harry & Pat Nicholson, "Skinny" Otis & guest, Margie Petit, Bill & Mimi Schramm** and **Ralph Wren** and guest. I sent Harry a check for 3 lunches as I had son John come down to stay with his mother then I goofed and wound up at Rancho Canada after reading Harry's flyer 3 or 4 times and failed to make the luncheon which was being held at the Laguna Seca Golf course. Not the first goof I have made but one of the most embarrassing. Having never played a round of golf in my life these local golf courses confuse me.

Summer is heating up even on the nice cool area we live in but so far the fires have been far and away from our local area.

Submitted by Zane E. Jacobs AGC USN RET

occurred during the 40th reunion. We had 26 inches of rain in less than 24 hours. Whoosh! I'm glad to report that none of our members were severely impacted by the storm and it's associated flooding. However, there were many residents that were not so fortunate. Before experiencing this storm, our winter season saw us get struck by an ice storm that closed most of the bridges leading into and out of P'cola.

Now that we are in hurricane season, we are left to wonder, what next? Our hurricane seasons have been pretty docile since Ivan struck in 2004. We're hoping that continues.

Our chapter met June 1st at The Grand Buffet Chinese Restaurant in Pace, Florida. Those in attendance included: **Bernie Bauer, Ray Malinowski, Elspeth Lloyd, Greene and Marion Hawks, Pat** and Libby **O'Brien**, Dick and Elizabeth **Tokryman**, Ken and Barbara **Overholt**, Denny and Helen **Maljevac, Larry and Nancy Warrenfeltz, Al and Helen Atwell**, and **Ed and Patti Straten**. We enjoyed good food and a good time with good friends. Most of us were seated when **Larry Warrenfeltz** slipped in. Yes, literally. On entering the restaurant his crutches slipped on a wet deck. Ouch! Thankfully, he was not injured, but the incident did upset Nancy quite a bit. I'm glad to report that Larry is once again cancer free and is wearing a brand new prosthesis that he says is the best he's ever worn.

Pat and Libby O'Brien continue to wear out the roadways. In May, they went to Nacogdoches, TX, to attend a wedding, and spent time in Leesville, La, visiting with members of Libby's family. In June, they went on a 23 day, 4,205 mile-long trip to North Carolina, Virginia, Connecticut, Ontario, Illinois, and Indiana before returning home. That trip included two high school graduations, another wedding, three major league ball games, and a few rounds of golf. Along the way, they got to spend time with **ex-AG3 Mollie Reese (nee Ussery)** and her husband Paul in Norfolk and with **Jim and Joan Futtner** in East Hartford. Jim had a heart attack back in April and had to have a stent or two inserted to keep the blood flowing. He's doing fine now. Their daughter, Kathy, underwent a double mastectomy around the same time as Jim' heart attack, and she is currently undergoing chemo treatments for her cancer. Jim leaves on a two-week trip to Alaska with his two sons in July.

Paul Lyon reports that he feels very fortunate to be alive. While stopped at a traffic light he was rear-ended by a 60+ year-old lady driver. He suffered a concussion which rendered him momentarily unconscious. He is also suffering from whiplash-related injuries which make it very difficult for him to sleep, due to head, neck, shoulder and lower back pain. Other than that, Paul says he's doing fine and is very happy to be in a "vertical" posture, rather than being permanently "horizontal!" He sends his warmest regards to all his NWSA shipmates and their families.

Ed and Patti Straten report their granddaughter, **Caitria Delucchi**, starts FSU in August and will be majoring in psychology! Ed and Patti will celebrate their 33rd wedding anniversary August 4! Congrats!!

Another congrats is in order as **Walt Kindergan** (CDR, Ret.) was ordained a priest in the Episcopal Church on Saturday July 12th. He attended the General Theological Seminary for three years in New York and graduated in May. Fr. Walt will now serve as Curate (Assistant) at Holy Cross Episcopal Church in Pensacola. But this is not a first - there was at least one other retired weather guesser who went on to become an Episcopal priest but the name escapes. Can anyone help with the name?

PENSACOLA CHAPTER

President Bernie Bauer
Sec/Treas. Pat O'Brien

Greetings from the Pensacola Chapter. We continue our recovery from the torrential rainstorm that



Rose and Arthur Frasier's son, Tim, finished his sophomore year with straight A's and placed 28th in a class of over 440 students. He has been very busy with Band (percussion) all year and most of the summer. The Fraziers took a trip to Helen, GA, for almost a week in June, doing some gem mining, panning for gold and checking out all the German restaurants and stores. In July, Rose and Arthur made an almost 2000 mile roundabout trip to McKinney, Texas to visit with Arthur's mother and sisters, then to Oklahoma to see all the grandkids, then to NW Arkansas to see some of his other relatives. The Frasier's enjoy Geo-Caching and added 40 counties and 66 more caches to their profile! Now they are home for a while. They will be checking out colleges for Tim, taking care of Rose's Mom, and preparing for an 11-day educational trip to Europe with the high school in the spring. Rose says there's a lot going on all the time and it's keeping them busy and on the go, when they feel up to it.

Submitted by AGCM Pat O'Brien, USN RET



LONE STAR CHAPTER

President Charlie Jordan
 Sec/Treas. Curtis Arnold

The Lone Star Chapter was well represented at the 40th Reunion in Pensacola last April. Attending were **Mel Bourne and Pat**

Partesius, Charlie and Ann Jordan, Jim and Suzanne Maxwell, Joe McKenzie, Jim and Betty Nelson, Curtis Arnold and a couple new to the chapter, Jim and Lolis Steinbeck. If you want to hear about a real adventure, ask Jim Maxwell about his and Suzanne's trip to Pensacola and their vacation after the reunion. They went through two rental cars with varying defects.

The chapter continued our regular lunches in June when **Jim and Suzanne Maxwell, Gerry and Terri Shultz, Bill Orvis, Curtis Arnold, Victor Corbelli, and Mel Bourne and Pat Partesius** met at BJ Brewhouse in Hurst. **Jim Steinbeck** was going to join us, but the airline stranded him in Houston. The next lunch meeting will be in a month in August.

Mel and Pat have gone to Vermont for the rest of the summer, avoiding some of the Texas heat. They will be back in early October.

Victor Corbelli lost his wife of 51 years, Barbara, on May 5th.

Submitted by Curtis Arnold, Sec/Treas.



CWO4 James "Butch", "Jim" M. Fletcher, USN RET

January 7, 1944 to April 23, 2014

James "Butch", "Jim" Maurice Fletcher 70, of Dover, Ohio passed away on Wednesday, April 23, 2014, while in the care of Community Hospice House after a six year long battle with cancer.

He was born in Carthage, New York, on January 7, 1944 to parents, Maurice and Virginia Fletcher.

Jim graduated from Carthage High School in 1961 and joined the United States Navy in 1965 as an Aerographer's Mate.

While in the Navy, one of his shipmates introduced Jim to his sister, Rosanne. Jim and Rosanne, after being together for a year, married on May 8th, 1976, where they spent the next 38 years in each other's loving company. As an Aerographer's Mate, Jim served two consecutive tours in Vietnam on board the USS Bennington (CV-20) where he would track the weather to ensure the aircrafts were safe to fly and complete missions. He later went on to serve aboard the USS Independence (CV-62), and various other shore duty stations which included Rota, Spain and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Jim retired from the navy after 22 years as a Chief Warrant Officer. Following his retirement in 1987, Jim and Roseanne moved to Ohio, opening their own home improvement business, where they built ramps, kitchens, and bathrooms for the handicapped in order to make their homes more accessible. After 15 years, Jim retired from the home improvement business. He came out of naval retirement on January 19, 2013 and put his dress blue uniform on one final time to re-enlist his granddaughter, Boatswain's Mate 3rd class Samantha Fletcher.

Jim was the kind of person who would put a smile on anyone's face whom he came in contact with. It was his nature to joke and kid around with everyone he met and will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him.

Jim is survived by his loving wife, Rosanne; son, Martin (Cindy) Fletcher; daughter, Elizabeth (Michael) Hess; daughter-in-law, Dottie Fletcher; sister, Lilian (Jim) Hamilton; brother, John (Susan) Fletcher and grandchildren, Samantha and James Fletcher, Jesse, Jason, and Taylor Hess, Zachary Gorse, Jacob, Caleb, and Seth Fletcher and great-grandson Jesse Hess, Jr.

In addition to his parents, Jim was preceded in death by a brother, Bill Robins, sisters, Cindy Laplatney, and Marry Conner, and sons, Scott and Michael Fletcher.

A service celebrating Jim's life was held at Geib Funeral Center and immediately following the service, members of the New Philadelphia VFW performed military honors at the funeral center's flag pole.

Memorial contributions in Jim's name may be directed to Community Hospice of Tuscarawas County, 716 Commercial Avenue SW, New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663.

Jim and I served aboard the USS Bennington, at FWC Rota, and at NAS Glenview over the course of our careers. He was my best friend and mentor and in 1967, AG3 Fletcher took me under his wing when I came aboard the Bennington as an 18-year-old AA right out of boot camp.

Submitted by LT John Carobine, USN RET



**AGCM Robert D. Bentley, USN
RET**

Passed Friday May 30, 2014 at Age 68
Robert Dennis Bentley, 68, of Orange
Park, passed away on Friday, May 30,
2014. He was born in Lenoir, NC to the
late Carl and Mary Bentley. In 1992
Robert moved from Virginia to Orange

Park. He retired from the U.S. Navy after 30 years of service
as a Command Master Chief and was a member of the
National Weather Service Association. AGCM Bentley earned
the Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Unit Commendation
Ribbon, Air Force Unit Commendation Ribbon, Navy
Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon, Battle "E" with two
"E"s, Good Conduct Medal with 4 bronze stars, Navy
Expeditionary Medal with 1 bronze star, National Defense
Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment
Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Vietnam Meritorious Unit
Citation, and the Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Robert is survived by his wife, Judy L. Bentley; son, Joshua
Daniel Bentley; daughters, Jennifer Bentley Herrera and Keri
Elizabeth Gaber; sisters-in-law, Millie Jean Hart and Melinda
Kay Sheets; nephew, Charles Michael Lowdermilk, niece
Korey Short and grandchildren, Sarah Ashley Herrera, Chloe
Ann Gaber and Cameryn Elisabeth Herrera.

A memorial service was held June 13, 2014 at Hardage-
Giddens Funeral Home of Mandarin with inurnment at
Jacksonville National Cemetery, 4083 Lannie Road,
Jacksonville.

Bob Bentley was a strong supporter of the Naval Weather
Service Association SE Chapter. He will be dearly missed and
we would like everyone to know the importance to get hold of a
copy of the SHIFT COLORS and follow the directions for
having information left for our love ones on what to do "if".

My family will miss Bob and our prayers go out to his family
members.

I wanted to forward the letter that I received from Steve
Turco after he attended the funeral services for AGCM Robert
(BOB) Bentley:

For all:

I understand you all were not quite up to speed to attend the
funeral yesterday and I wanted to pass on to you my
impressions on how the funeral went.

Frank Andrews was there for the memorial service in
Mandarin at 1030 and I thought it was done with much dignity
and class. A few speakers got up to say a few words...Joe
McGarr and Bob Conigilone among others. Their words
showed the high respect and great loss of their good friend.

There was a reception afterward with a light lunch provided
and that was also very much appreciated and done with class.
It was there I saw former shipmates I hadn't seen in years Bob
Conigilone, Glen Barton, Paul Belt, Doug Maxwell and Dave
Dellenger. And Elda Montgomery was there also.

She was the CO's secretary way back when.

The funeral procession departed the Mandarin funeral home
about 1315 for the approx. 40 mile trip to the Jacksonville
National Cemetery. There were 3 Jacksonville motorcycle
cops to escort us and I can't say enough how professionally
they did their job. At the end of the escort, as we entered the
Cemetery, the 3 cops has dismounted their motorcycles and
stood at attention facing us and saluting everyone as we

entered. That act was appreciated by everybody and I made
a point to mention the job they did to one of the funeral home
representatives.

The burial service actually took place under an open-air
shelter on the grounds and included a Navy Honor Guard.
They presented the American Flag to Judy Bentley. I noticed
that the 1st class PO that presented the flag to Judy spent a
couple of minutes talking quietly to her. He just didn't give her
the flag and walk away. I thought that showed a lot of respect
and class. The grounds there at the Jacksonville National
Cemetery are truly beautiful. There is a large carillon nears the
entrance that was playing as we entered. That tells you
something about the place.

Well, I'm sure Joe McGarr can add more but I wanted to let
you know how it went from my prospective. I hope you guys
are feeling better and getting back up to speed.

Oh yes, Joe did take some pictures and will be submitting
them to the NWSA.

Steve Turco

We thank Steve for passing along the information and for
most of us; we wish that we could have attended.

AGC BOB JOHNSON, USN RET
2ND VP NWSA SE CHAPTER.



**CDR Elmer Erdei, USN
RET**

Passed May 2, 2014

Elmer passed peacefully on May
2nd 2014 with the love of his life
Mary Jane nearby.

Elmer was born in Buffalo NY in
1930 to Margaret and Alex Erdei.

He had two brothers, Milty and Marty. His parents and
brothers preceded him in death. He had cousins, one nephew,
4 nieces, and other family and friends, who lived mostly in
Buffalo. He was a loyal "Bills" fan to the end.

He grew up during the depression and learned to survive
difficult times. He worked hard in school and at different jobs to
help his family. He joined the United States Navy at age 18
and served around the world during his 30-year career,
including tours in the Philippines, Antarctica, Guam, and Spain.
He was an exceptional meteorologist and a passionate Naval
Officer who rose from the enlisted ranks to the rank of
Commander. He is remembered fondly by those who served
with him in the Navy.

He loved golf, having caddied in his teens, and once hit a
hole-in-one. He also enjoyed playing the slots, but really
enjoyed talking to people. He chewed cigars, and was famous
for his endless notes and Christmas greetings all typed on an
old manual, Smith-Corona typewriter. He never used a new
piece of paper; every word was written on the back of a piece
of paper he was recycling. No man had a bigger or kinder
heart.

He was a loving and generous father to his three children -
Liz, Sue, and Steve. He was a doting grandfather to Allie and
Emma, and recent great-granddaughter Brooke. Above all he
was devoted to Mary Jane, his wife of 61 years.

He is missed greatly by his family and friends, whose lives
were much enriched by knowing him. The family greatly
appreciates the wishes and messages sent by those who knew
Elmer.

A memorial service will be held in Reno, NV this summer. His ashes will be scattered off the coast of Washington state, where his daughter Sue, son-in-law Jim, and granddaughter Emma reside. If you are interested in attending the memorial service in Reno, send email to either Sue Pyles (daughter) spyles@nwlink.com or to Mike Gilroy mjgrota@gmail.com.

Remembrances may be submitted to:
Naval Weather Service Association Scholarship Fund, 515 Ashley Road, Cantonment FL, 32533-5610,
<http://www.ametsoc.org/amsstudentinfo/scholfeldocs/index.htm>
Or American Heart Association and American Stroke Association, PO Box 742030 Los Angeles, CA 90074-2030,
<http://www.donate.heart.org>
Or your favorite charitable organization.
Submitted by LCDR Mike Gilroy, USN RET

He was my first XO and 'possibly' saved me a trip to CAPT Mast (CAPT Palmer?) because I could not adjust to the late setting sun in Rota and therefore overslept on several day watches. Yes, my roommate in the BEQ was none too happy with me either as the relief watch had to come banging on my BEQ door to awaken me several times in the early going of my Navy career. I can't remember who referred me to XO! but I will always remember trembling outside his office waiting to see him only to be led out with his arm around me telling me to go out and do good things. I was very grateful and eventually adjusted my sleeping pattern.

I have good memories of CDR Erdei and wish him and his family peace! Please keep me posted on any additional details.

Submitted by LCDR Mike Krieger, USN RET

xAG1 William H. Nesmith, Jr., USN REL

Passed 15 Feb. 2014

I just found out that former AG1 William Henry Nesmith Jr funeral service was held in Jacksonville FL on Saturday, 15th of February 2014. The service was held at the Peace Missionary Baptist Church. He was a graduating member of his Maroon & Gray class of 1996. He was an Aerographer in the U.S. Navy for 13 years and was Honorable Discharged as AG1 Class and was employed with Sodexo (Edwards Waters College). Interment in the Jacksonville National Cemetery. Details were published in the Florida Times-Union newspaper. I just found about this and I have no additional details.

Submitted by AGC Bob Johnson, SE Chapt. 2nd V.P.



AGCS Frederick W. Brown, USN RET

July 5, 1943 to June 26, 2013

Fred was born July 5, 1943, in Buchanan, Virginia and graduated from Millboro High School in 1962. He entered the U.S. Navy immediately after high school and enjoyed a long and highly decorated career which took him to Japan, Guam, Vietnam, and various bases throughout the United States. He served as a meteorologist and instructor in the Navy, retiring with a rank

SCPO/E8 and received numerous medals, including Air Medal I, Numerous Medals for Good Conduct, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Navy Unit Commendation, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, and Navy Battle E Ribbon USS Midway.

Following his military career, Fred started a business in hotel promotion and sold it to join Bank of America. He retired from Bank of America and joined daughters Lisa and Amy at Lanier Law Group, P.A. He enjoyed work and traveled the state for business, working still at the time of his death. He was an avid sports fan and enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Fred was preceded in death by his parents, Neuva Craft Brown and Melvin Brown; his son, Curtis; and his siblings, Melvin Brown, Jr., Loretta Brown Greene and Orlin Brown.

He was married to Brenda Shackelford Brown since 1991. Fred leaves behind his beloved wife, Brenda; three daughters Amy L. Williams, Lisa Lanier, and Laurie Brown Cadle; his sister, Jean Shinault, and grandchildren Mason, Cooper, Curstin, Lathem, Dylana, Jacob, and Cole.

Senior Chief Brown was my first Chief in the Navy. He was OA Division Chief wearing the rank of AGC when I reported aboard USS Midway (CV-41) in December 1976. I served with him once again during my follow on tour to NWSED Atsugi, Japan. It was during that tour he was promoted to AGCS. As I recall, that must have been the latter part of 1979. Like many of us, Senior Chief Brown had a few shortcomings; perhaps that's why he was known as Typhoon Brown, ha! Nonetheless, I had a great deal of professional respect for the man. He was an old school Chief who always took time to help me grow militarily and professionally. He was the driving force towards my advancement to AG2 and obtaining my site-waiver forecaster qualification when I had less than five years of active duty service.

Submitted by AG1 Steven Smith, USN RET



LCDR Walter N. Cottrell, USN RET

Passed July 6, 2014 at Age 84

Walter N. Cottrell, 84, of White Stone, Va. died Sunday, July 6, 2014 at Heron Cove at Sanders in Gloucester, Va.

Mr. Cottrell was born and raised in Washington, D.C., and graduated from George Washington University with a BS in Chemistry. He also earned an MS in Meteorology from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Ca. He served on the USS Howard D. Crow and other ships as a naval officer traveling around the world, living in California, Paris, France, Guam and Rhode Island before settling in Upper Marlboro, Md. to raise his family.

He retired in 1973 after 21 years in the U.S. Navy followed by 11 years working as a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Washington, D.C. His hobbies included tinkering with British sports cars and playing the trumpet. After his retirement, he enjoyed spending time near the Chesapeake Bay. He was active in the Naval Weather Service Association.

He is survived by his wife Alice Chilton Cottrell; a son and daughter-in-law, Arleigh Cottrell and Stevi Hunt-Cottrell of Upper Marlboro, Md.; three daughters and sons-in-law, Sheryl

and Paul Hoehner of Millersville, Md.; Debra and Robert Sutton Jr. of Harwood, Md.; and Janice and Dennis Duley of Royal Oak, Md.; and children Jim Kelley of Denver, Co.; Kimberly Kelley of Rowayton, Ct.; and T. C. and Lara Kelley of Kilmarnock, Va.; ten grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren; and a niece and two nephews. He was predeceased by his first wife Carolyn Hanby Cottrell and sister Emily Cottrell Fair.

Interment will be later at Arlington National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Kilmarnock United Methodist Church, P. O. Box 2095, Kilmarnock, VA 22482 (<http://kilmarnockumc.org>) or the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (www.nmcrs.org <http://www.nmcrs.org>).

Submitted by Jim Romano, POTCHAP Pres.



Barbara J. Corbelli

Passed May 5, 2014 at Age 70

Wife of AGCM Victor Corbelli, USN RET
Barbara J. Corbelli, 70, went to be with the Lord on Monday, May 5, 2014. Memorials: American Cancer Society or Humane Society.

Barbara was the only daughter of Carl and Muriel Allen. She was married to her high school sweetheart for 51 years. Barbara loved her family. It was one of her great pleasures to travel the country and visit her family, always taking time to rock hunt and search for antiques. As a devoted Christian, she enjoyed studying and sharing the word of God.

Her parents and a grandson, Carl Corbelli, preceded her in death. Survivors: Her husband, Victor; children, Greg and wife, Amanda, and Mark Sr.; grandchildren, Chery-Lynn, Mark Jr., Noah, Elijah and Sophia; and a large extended family.

Submitted by Curtis Arnold, Lone Star Sec/Treas.



Dorothea Sallee

February 16, 1922 to June 11, 2014
Wife of CDR Ralph Sallee, USN RET

Dorothea Evelyn Sallee, age 92, passed away peacefully on June 11, 2014. Born February 16, 1922 in Cranford, New Jersey to Charles H. Roselle and Gertrude A. James, Dorothea, or Dotte, spent most of her youth in Barrington, Illinois. After graduation, she worked as a telephone operator and switchboard supervisor then, shortly after the war, she returned to New Jersey. It was here she met Ralph W. Sallee, a young sailor stationed at Lakehurst Naval Station. It was a whirlwind courtship and the couple married in 1949. Last month they celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary together.

Dorothea and Ralph, a career Navy man, raised two children as they traveled from duty station to duty station - including Hawaii and Guam in the 1950s and the Philippines and Washington, D.C. during the 1960s. It was in 1962 the Sallee family first came to the Monterey Peninsula, returning in 1971 to prepare for Ralph's retirement. Since that time they have lived in, and been actively involved with, the Pacific Grove community. Dorothea was an avid reader and her love of books and her wonderful imagination was a gift she passed down to her children and her grandchildren. She served for a

number of years on the board of the Pacific Grove Public Library.

In 1975, Dorothea began a 30-year career with the City of Monterey, working at Colton Hall Museum as an attendant and researcher. She loved her work, the museum and Monterey's colorful and important history. Her enthusiasm and knowledge enriched the experience of thousands of visitors to Colton Hall - including young students who sat enthralled while she told them the story of California statehood.

Dorothea leaves her husband, Ralph; her son, William James Sallee of Port Angeles, Washington; her daughter, Denise Sallee of Pacific Grove; her beloved grandchildren, Lara Sallee, Eryn Sallee, Brynan Sallee, and Kaitlyn Sallee as well as three great-grandchildren, Addisyn, Elowen, and Finley.

The family wishes to express their deep gratitude to Dr. Craig Christensen, MD and his staff as well as all the wonderful people at Windsor Monterey Care Center for their loving care of Dorothea in her last years. Services will be private and the family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial gifts in her name be given to the Redwings Horse Sanctuary online at www.redwingshorsesanctuary.org or by mail at P.O. Box 58, Lockwood, CA 93932. Please visit www.thepaulmortuary.com to sign Dorothea's guest book and leave messages for her family.

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Submitted by Zane E. Jacobs AGC USN RET



RADM John B. Mooney, Jr., USN RET

March 26, 1931 - May 30, 2014
Oceanographer of the Navy (1981-1983) and Chief of Naval Research (1983-1987).

John Bradford "Brad" Mooney, Jr., one of the first few deep ocean submersible pioneers in the world passed away Friday, May 30, in Austin, Texas, at the age of 83 years. Mooney a USNA graduate (1953-21st company) proudly served his Country for 34 years. After his retirement from the Navy in 1987 Mooney continued his contributions to the science of deep submergence.

Despite his impressive career, Mooney remained a modest man who truly believed that everyone was equal and was ever grateful to those who walked beside him throughout his earthly journey.

Brad Mooney is survived by his wife of 24 years Jennie Marie "Jay" Mooney; daughters and sons in-law: Melinda Jean and Timothy Thomas of Mansfield, TX, Pamela and George Greenleaf of Wilmington, NC, Jennifer Joan and Dave Mattingly of Ashburn, VA; step-sons and wives: Devitt and Corine Adams of Cape Cod, MA, Darryl and Katie Adams of Austin, TX; and twelve grandchildren.

Interment has been planned for Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors. Interment date will be determined by Arlington National Cemetery sometime in the fall.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that those desiring to do so honor his memory with a contribution to the charity that they hold most dear.

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Submitted by Malcolm Young

AG Rating Celebrated 90th Birthday July 1

By George Lammons, Naval Meteorology and
Oceanography Command Public Affairs

STENNIS SPACE CENTER, Miss. (NNS) -- July 1 is the 90th birthday of the Aerographer's Mate or AG rating, established for the Navy's fledgling aviation enterprise to ensure the Navy had a dependable source of weather forecasting for aviation safety.

Although AG's still forecast the weather for flight operations, they have added considerably to their portfolio during the last 90 years. New areas of support include hydrography, oceanography, unmanned underwater vehicle (UUV) operation and sonar data processing. As part of the Information Dominance Corps, AG's enhance battle-space awareness by providing the characterization, forecast and impacts of the environment.

"Our mission sets grew and changed as the needs of the fleet changed and we continued to expand our capabilities. But the one constant through that change is that we serve as the Navy's operational scientists," said Master Chief Aerographer's Mate Ken Walker, Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command (NAVMETOCCOM) Master Chief, the Navy's senior AG.

Using the latest technology and in addition to aviation, the Navy's approximately 1,000 AG's play a vital role in all of the Navy's traditional warfare areas, as well as the new realm of Information Dominance. They also support safety of navigation, the Navy's humanitarian aid/disaster relief efforts and safety at sea.

They have become the Navy's accepted experts in the operation of UUVs, which they use extensively in mine warfare operations and hydrography, or, bottom mapping for access routes and charting.

"AG's are the backbone of Operational Navy Oceanography. As a group, they are smart and technologically adept. They have always been willing to accept new and additional duties - whatever they have been asked," said Rear Adm. Tim Gallaudet, NAVMETOCCOM commander. "That's why the job has expanded so much into oceanography, hydrography and Information Dominance - because they were willing and able to learn new things and take on new responsibilities. The U.S. Navy is a more safe and effective fighting force because of the AG's - and I know this to be a fact from my firsthand experiences with AG's in the Persian Gulf, Western Pacific, and Mediterranean, Arabian, Yellow and Red seas."

The rating has come a long way from the first seven-man AG class of 1925 to today's technologically-savvy members who

forecast the entirety of the natural environment and analyze the impacts of specific environmental conditions on a particular platform, weapons system or operation. In 1925, balloons carrying instruments into the atmosphere and airplanes with recording data and weather instruments attached to the wings were considered high tech; the first electric programmable computers were still 20 years away.

Some things have not changed, as AG's still forecast environmental conditions for battle-space awareness. But, more importantly, AG's throughout their history have integrated new technologies into environmental data collection and have continually found more and better ways to optimize warfighting.

Walker said the biggest change in the work of AG's during his 29 years in the Navy is centered on the junior Sailors.

"When I came in the Navy, our A-school graduates were weather observers. The predominance of our work was taking observations, launching weather balloons, plotting charts, tearing teletype data and using communications gear to receive facsimile charts," he said. "With the ever-growing technological advances a great deal of that work became obsolete. AG-A school was revamped to reflect those changes and the graduates now head to the fleet as Apprentice Forecasters. This change has allowed us to expedite the timeline for getting our Sailors into AG-C school and back out to the fleet as Journeyman Forecasters."

The Navy established the AG rating to ensure a cadre of educated weather forecasting professionals would be available to forecast the weather for the new naval flight operations. Naval aviation started in 1910, but the weather forecasting rating didn't start until 1924.

In 1923, Lt. Francis Richelderfer, a pilot, weather officer and head of the Navy weather desk, recognized that an enlisted rate offering advancement potential was needed for Navy weather forecasting to prosper. The weather office had been plagued by high attrition rates of its enlisted personnel into other specialties or out of the Navy.

The enlisted forerunners of AG's were quartermasters with an aviation specialty. Formal instruction in aviation-related weather courses for the Navy was first taught by Alexander G. McAdie of Harvard University. McAdie coined the term "Aerographer," so the name of the rating is a constant reminder of the rating's roots. The rating, initially known only as "Aerographer," became Aerographer's Mate in 1942.

The size of the rating has expanded and declined through the years, but the importance of environmental forecasting has not been challenged since the days of McAdie. Environmental forecasting plays a key role in battle-space awareness, one of the three pillars of Information Dominance, so don't be surprised if AG's are still forecasting the impacts of the environment in another 90 years.

For more news from Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command, visit www.navy.mil/local/cnmoc/.

Submitted by AG1 Alan D. Baker, USNR RET
and AGCS Lloyd Corbett, USN RET

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