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## Please Check Your Membership Status

Please check your membership status by looking at the mailing label on this issue and checking the "Paid Thru" year. If it says 2024, then your membership will expire next year. Consider getting a jump on the year by renewing your TRA membership today.

**TRA membership is a real bargain at just \$10.00 per year.** The No Name Gazette newsletter provides you with happenings at Northrop Grumman, the Mail Pouch, special articles with information about our members, and sign-ups for and articles on special events for our members. We publish the newsletter six times a year. You will also receive a Member Directory, with listings of all our members. Your dues also support the operation of our web site with its articles, news, and member forums.

We plan to have a full slate of activities and events in 2025, so be sure to not miss out.

You have two choices on how to renew: on-line or by mail. To renew on-line, go to our web site, [www.tra-spacepark.org](http://www.tra-spacepark.org), and follow the prompts. We process your renewal dues securely through Paypal. You do not need a Paypal account - you can pay your dues on-line with a credit card.

To renew by mail, please cut out or copy the form below, fill out the requested information, and mail to TRA with your check.

Finally, renewals for more than one year are welcome because they reduce our in-house paper shuffle. So, consider renewing for four years to save time and stamps.

**Please include a note for the Mail Pouch about what you are doing.** And don't forget to spread the word about TRA to new retirees and encourage them to join. Thank you for your support!

### IN MEMORIAM

**Esther Fernandez**, 91, June 22, 2024. Esther retired from TRW in 1988 where she worked in the Solar Array area for 12 years as a supervisor.

**Arlene Walachy**, 81, August 18, 2024. Arlene enjoyed a long, rewarding career as a Business Manager with TRW in Redondo Beach, CA.

The first step in notifying Northrop Grumman of a retiree's death is to call the Northrop Grumman Benefits Center. If the deceased was a member of TRA, please notify TRA whether you want the NNG continued or you want to be removed from future mailings.

If you know of a person that should be included in the "In Memoriam" column, please inform us by either email or mail to the TRA office. As a minimum, we request the name of the deceased, date of death, and the name of the person submitting the information. If more information is available and desired, include age, position and years at NG/TRW, any notable programs, and special skills.

### New TRA Members

Patricia Capelouto  
Clark Snodgrass  
James Wehner

Redondo Beach, CA  
Huntington Beach, CA  
Phoenix, AZ

We hope these new members will send a note to us at [mailpouch@tra-spacepark.org](mailto:mailpouch@tra-spacepark.org) telling us a little about themselves and where they worked at Northrop Grumman/TRW.

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  Check if new address

Annual dues are \$10 per year. I would like to renew for:

\$10 for one year  \$20 for two years  \$30 for three years  \$40 for four years

Mail with a check payable to "TRA" to the following address: TRA, P.O. Box 1276, Redondo Beach, CA 90278

**And, please, include a note for the Mail Pouch about yourself, your family, and your doings!**

## TRA for Northrop Grumman Retirees

The Retirees Association (TRA) welcomes the retirees and the spouses of retirees of Northrop Grumman and TRW.

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### By Web:

Our website is at [www.tra-spacepark.org](http://www.tra-spacepark.org). It is an excellent source for the latest news, lists of the new retirees, travel details, party photos (more than get into the NNG), forms of all sorts, personal photographs, and much more.

### By Mail:

TRA, P.O. Box 1276, Redondo Beach, CA 90278

### By Phone:

If you need to phone, call 310-813-7745 to reach our voice mail. Our office hours are 10 AM to 2 PM on each non-board meeting Wednesday.

### For Membership:

TRA Membership is open to Northrop Grumman and TRW-legacy retirees at \$10 per calendar year. New members receive two years membership for their first dues payment. The application is available on the website.

## TRW/NG Retirees Meetings Around the U.S.

E-mail or call the contact to make sure the event is occurring before you go. Changes from last issue are marked in **bold**.

If you have a group that you would like to have listed here, please contact us by email at [tra@tra-spacepark.org](mailto:tra@tra-spacepark.org).

GROUP	MEETING LOCATION	DATE & TIME	OTHER INFO	CONTACT
TRA Board Meeting	Zoom	3rd Wednesday, 9:30 AM, Monthly except December	Decisions, planning and actions on archives, events, NNG, coordination with NG	All members welcome. Contact TRA to receive meeting link
<b>ATD Friends &amp; Colleagues</b>	<b>Lido di Manhattan, 1550 Rosecrans Ave, MB, CA</b>	<b>TBD November 2025, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM</b>	<b>Social, Nostalgia, Lunch</b>	<b>Jack Trost, Dena Bouskos, Cindy McCully 310-377-2194 cschamp@aol.com</b>
Beach Cities Get-together	Grunions Restaurant, 1501 N Sepulveda Blvd, MB, CA	Last Monday, Even months, 11 AM to 2 PM	Social	Allen Parker 310-780-0712 777allendsp@gmail.com
Central Coast Chapter	Various Locations in the Central Coast Area	Various days: contact Zaiser for details	Social	George Zaiser 805-473-2105 gzais34@icloud.com
Controls Systems (& Friends) Breakfast	Mimi's Cafe, 25343 Crenshaw Blvd, Torrance, CA	1st Wednesday, 8:50AM	Social	Michael Narigon 424-200-2971 mnarigon@gmail.com
Houston Chapter	Baybrook Denny's, 19212 Gulf Fwy, Friendswood, TX	3rd Tuesday, 8:30 AM	Social	Gary Dinsmore 281-461-6270 samngary@att.net
Huntsville Chapter	Various Locations	2nd Tuesday, 11:30 AM	Lunch and Social	Jim Troy 850-797-0044 jtroy28x@gmail.com
Northern Virginia	Zoom	2nd Friday, 11:30AM	Social	Jim Miller 703-483-5448 jmiller158@gmail.com
Utah	Layton Cracker Barrel	1st Thursday, 8:30 AM	Breakfast Social	Charles Vono 801-745-5879 charlesvono@comcast.net
Temecula Valley	Various Locations	2nd Wednesday, 11:30 AM	Social	Judy Lebovitz 951-461-0065 judylebovitz@gmail.com
The Mountain Folks	On hold due to COVID-19		"We do have fun!"	Carl Winkelman 303-693-0034 winkelman@att.net
TRIN	Zoom	2nd Thursday, 1:00 PM	Investment info based on monthly newsletter reviews	Bob Eshbaugh 310-376-5880 eshonnet@yahoo.com

**ATD Friends and Colleagues, Tuesday, November 5, 2024**

Carol Schamp took these photos of the annual ATD Friends and Colleagues luncheon at the Lido Di Manhattan Restaurant in Manhattan Beach.



Cecile Valliere, Carol Schamp, Dena Bouskos, Cindy McCully



Arnold Silver, Armando Martos, Jim Zamel, Juliet Zamel, Irene Silver



Sharon Cavin, Pat Pomphrey, Bob Day, Sally Kinsey



Cindy McCully, Gary Moir, Bob Day, Alan Eskovitz, Bruce Marcus



Jeanette Betts, Jackie Gish, Armando Marcos, George Harpole, Hagop Injeyan



Howard Umehira, Judy Scott, Nina Whiddon, Mel Wong, Mike O'Rell, Lynn Bridgman

**HAPPENINGS AT NORTHROP GRUMMAN**

**Space Force awards Northrop Grumman \$1.8 Billion Contract Extension for Missile Warning Satellites**

The U.S. Space Force awarded Northrop Grumman a \$1.8 billion contract extension to begin production of two advanced early warning satellites designed to detect missile threats, particularly those approaching from the Northern Hemisphere.

The satellites are part of the military's Next-Generation Overhead Persistent Infrared (OPIR) program, a defense initiative aimed at enhancing missile threat detection from space.

This latest contract modification brings Northrop Grumman's total value for the project to \$4.1 billion, following a \$2.3 billion contract awarded in 2020 to develop the two satellites.

The project has now moved into a critical phase, transitioning from design and development to the manufacturing, assembly, integration, and testing of the space vehicles and their associated ground systems.

The first of Northrop Grumman's satellites is slated for launch in 2028. The satellites will rely on infrared sensors to identify potential missile launches. Once a threat is detected, the satellite's communication system will immediately relay data to ground-based stations for analysis and response.

The contract extension comes after the successful completion of design reviews for both the satellites and ground systems.

With an estimated overall cost of \$14 billion, the Next-Gen OPIR program is one of the most expensive satellite procurement initiatives in the Space Force. Despite a general trend toward smaller and more cost-effective satellites, the military continues to prioritize large, high-altitude systems for persistent surveillance. The Pentagon considers these satellites essential for providing round-the-clock monitoring of missile threats.





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## THE MAIL POUCH

*By Pam Overton*

◆◆◆ From **Ernie Ogren**, Torrance, CA. I have been retired from the TRW Manufacturing Division for 31 years, and have never sent in a blurb, but after reading stories from NG/TRW On-line about TDRSS I have to tell mine! I hired into Ramo Wooldridge at the El Segundo site in Bldg. H, originally in 1958, employee #36191, but left when told I had to move to Bunker Ramo in the valley. But, I was called back a short time later, in time to move into the new Space Park facility, as the 1st person into Bldg. M3 - and was it ever creepy! Lots of lights but not a soul! I was in Tool Engineering and designed and built all the assembly fixtures for all the spacecraft for 30 years. So, when they were just talking about TDRSS, if you recall, it was boxcar size. It wasn't my last program but was my biggest. If you ever saw the platform in the high bay it was built on you would know what I'm talking about. I also worked on the preliminary segment concept for a Space Telescope. I was on the team that surveyed vendors and manufacturers for methods of manufacturing the segments for a telescope dish - probably 35 years ago - because I retired in 1990 and it was before that. And now that the JWST is a reality I am totally amazed! I've enjoyed retirement - staying put in Torrance, in a boat and ski club, motorcycle club, RV club, and as a rock-hound. I started a lapidary business called the "The Geode Man" and have several thousand geodes I have dug up to prove it! So now at age 91, I gotta hang it all up, but hope there are others out there that still feel as good as I do! ◆◆◆ From **Linda Williams**. Greetings from the beautiful Chattanooga, Tennessee area! After being retired for 17 years, my

nephews and I moved here at the end of August, and since then have been unpacking the 4-1/2 pods we packed in Torrance. The Tennessee hills are green and full of trees that mostly stay green all year. They use trees to divide properties, provide privacy, and muffle road sounds in place of walls. However, we are starting to see a California influence in the new housing communities. No space between the houses and no trees separating them. Those trees also provide for all the wildlife in the area. On our property and along the trees in back of us are deer, groundhogs, rabbits, chipmunks, wild turkeys, and tons of birds. And, of course, squirrels. There are also lots of very windy roads. We live on such a road. You have to pay close attention to the white line along the edge or over you go and down the hill. Drivers here even obey the speed limits and are forgiving of new drivers to the area when you suddenly realize you need to turn THERE! Imagine that! They are also very friendly and say Y'all with a distinct southern drawl. I haven't quite mastered it yet. The food here is cheaper and we think it tastes better. Gas is less expensive here, too. There are tons of things to do here - from a river boat trip up the Tennessee River to see the trees changing colors, to seeing an underground waterfall called Ruby Falls, to train rides up into the hills to visit historical towns. During the summer you can kayak from various places along the river. There are lots of historical battlefields and other sights in the area. Enough to keep you busy for a long time. My nephews and I are enjoying our new home. Come visit Tennessee. You might like it enough to move here! ◆◆◆ From **Steve Kornfeld**, Sedona, AZ. I retired after 30 years at TRW and now it's been 27 years since retirement. As the old saying goes, "If I knew how long I was going to live, I would have taken better care of myself." So true. ◆◆◆