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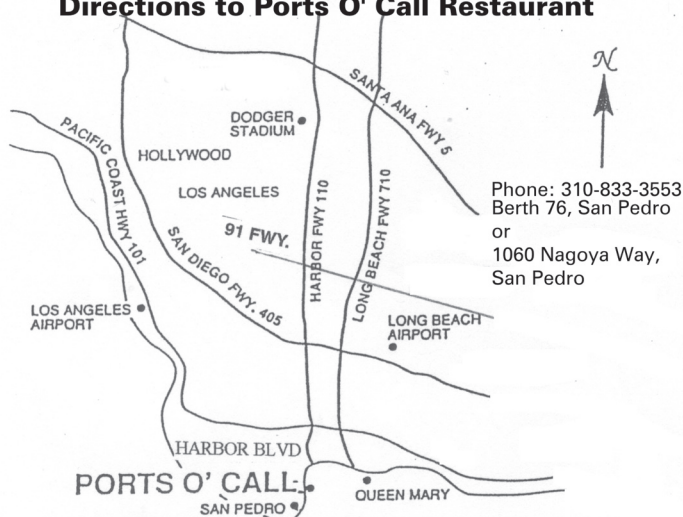
**For Space Technology & Mission Systems Retirees**

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## Holiday Party Time — Ports O' Call Again, Only Bigger & Better

### Directions to Ports O' Call Restaurant



- South on Harbor Fwy (110) to Harbor Blvd.
- Right on Harbor Blvd. to 6th Street
- Left on 6th Street, across train tracks, and bear right into the village
- Ports O' Call Restaurant is on the left in the center of the village

### 2006 Holiday Party

**Friday, December 8, 2006, 11:00-3:00**

**Reservation Deadline — November 17, 2006**

Retiree Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership No. \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(From mailing label)

Total Number Coming \_\_\_\_ at \$15.00 each \_\_\_\_  
Limit: One guest per member

**Entrée choices:** (indicate number)

Chicken  King Salmon  Sirloin Steak

**Seating choice:** (based on space available)

Music Room  Conversation Room

Please detach and mail with a check to:  
TRA, P.O. Box 1276, Redondo Beach, CA 90278

**WHEN:** Friday, December 8, 2006 from 11:00 to 3:00.

**WHERE:** Ports O' Call Restaurant in San Pedro

### And Now For The Details

**THE ROOMS:** The party will be in the beautiful upstairs rooms at the restaurant — the Breakwater Room with its great view of the Los Angeles Main Channel and the harbor breakwater to the south, and the Bridgeview Room, also on the channel and with great views to the north, including the Vincent Thomas Bridge. Elevator access available.

**THE FOOD:** A sit-down three course dinner with your choice of one of three great entrées — Boneless Breast of Chicken, King Salmon, or Sirloin Steak, all with Ports O' Call's famous Chocolate Suicide dessert.

**MUSIC:** The same great 3-person group that we had last year, with very danceable music.

**BEVERAGES:** A no-host bar with a wide assortment of beverages.

**PARKING:** Plenty of free parking close to the entrance of the restaurant.

**SEATING CHOICE:** (Based on space available) Please indicate your choice between

1) **The music room**, with the dance floor and the band

or

2) **The conversation room**, which will be somewhat quieter.

**COST:** Just \$15 per person. Each member is limited to one guest.

**ATMOSPHERE:** Holiday Season — Put on your party clothes and your dancing shoes and join us on Friday, December 8 for a great party.

**We are expecting a sellout crowd, so please send in your reservations promptly.**

### TRA for Northrop Grumman Retirees

TRA (The Retirees Association) welcomes the retirees of both the Space Technology and the Mission Systems Sectors of Northrop Grumman, as well as the Heritage TRW retirees. The No Name Gazette is our official publication. Our offices are in Building E2 at Space Park

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**By Phone:**

310-813-7745 (Our office is staffed only a few days a week. Please leave a message and we will get back to you.)

**By E-mail:**

[TRA@tra-spacepark.org](mailto:TRA@tra-spacepark.org) Your e-mails will be routed to the appropriate source. And, if we have your e-mail address on file, we send out special alerts at infrequent intervals. To get on the TRA e-mail list, just send us a brief e-mail requesting to be added to it.

**By Web Page:**

Our web page 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. Come in and browse.

**Membership:**

TRA Membership is open to all NGST & NGMS retirees at \$7 per calendar year. First year free. Application on web page or call Betty Stover: 310- 370-0109

## TRW Retiree Meetings Around the U.S.

GROUP	MEETING LOCATION	TIME & DATE	OTHER INFO	CONTACT
TRA	Bldg. S Park Patio Cafe, Space Park	See notice elsewhere in NNG	Business Meeting 1:00 p.m. followed by Forum at 2:15 p.m.	No reservations needed. All Members Welcome
ATD	Alpine Village, Torrance, CA	Nov. 6, 11:30 a.m.	Social and Nostalgia	Don Brown, Sandy Friedfeld, Bob Traylor 310-541-1917 or sandjol@aol.com
Brevard Retards	Various Locations in Brevard, NC	1st Tues. 8 a.m. 3rd Tues. 5 p.m.	Social	Al & Daughn Connarn 828-554-4993 aconnard@yahoo.com
Central Coast Chapter	Various Locations in the Central Coast Area	2nd Monday Various times	Social	George Zaiser 805-929-6672 geohnip@aol.com
D.C.	Frederick MD		Sporting Events	Lew Schneider 301-984-0977 scribblew@verizon.net
Huntsville Chapter	Barnhill's Buffet University Drive, Huntsville	2nd Tuesday 11:30 a.m.	Social	Jim Troy 256-534-7136 troys@comcast.net
Las Vegas	Various Locations in Las Vegas Metro Area	Last Tuesday 11:30 a.m.	Social	Carol Noblet 702-889-6773 fiftysumthn@aol.com
Northern Virginia	Squire Rockwell Restaurant Fairfax, VA	3rd Friday 11:30 a.m.	Social	Bill Gehrke 703-759-0527 wgehrke@att.net
Ogden	Cracker Barrel Restaurant Layton, UT	1st Thursday Breakfast	Social	Fred Zeuthen 801-476-0656 fzeuthen@earthlink.net
San Bernardino	Norton AFB Golf Club	October	Social plus programs of interest	Joe Daruty 909-792-8022 jdaruty@aol.com
SE Chapter	Savannah, GA	May 5-7, 2006	Social	Robert Baris 803-648-3142 sirabb2@peoplepc.com
San Diego Chapter	Event Dependent	3rd Tuesday	Social or Board Meeting	Jim Denton 858-385-0150 JWDenton@sbcglobal.net
Temecula Valley	Various Locations in Area	Quarterly for Lunch	Social	Judy Lebovitz 909-461-0065 jlebo6720@aol.com
TRW Retirees of the Desert	Elmer's Steak House Indio, CA	Every Tuesday 1:00 p.m.	Social and Nostalgia <a href="http://trwdesertretirees.blogspot.com">trwdesertretirees.blogspot.com</a>	Joe Clopton 760-342-8171 joeclopton@dc.rr.com
The Ventura County Romeos	Du-Pars Thousand Oaks, CA	1st Tuesday 12:00 noon	Social	Fred Blaich 805-499-0012 harrison_stroud@hotmail.com



## HAPPENINGS AT NORTHROP GRUMMAN

*Reported by Frank Warren*

### Northrop Grumman Corp. (NG)

- LOS ANGELES, CA — NG has been honored with a top ranking by the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) for its commitment to diversity by ensuring the rights of gay, lesbian, and transgender (GLBT) employees and consumers. NG, which received a 100-percent ranking, was one of 138 companies receiving a top ranking this year.

### Space Technology Sector (NGST)

- REDONDO BEACH, CA — An antenna built by NGST deployed successfully September 16 onboard NASA's Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter (MRO) for an experiment that continues the search for liquid or frozen water in the first few hundreds of feet of Mar's crust. SHARAD's antenna, weighing less than three kilograms (6.6 lbs), deployed to a length of 10 meters (33 feet) to provide the configuration required once the spacecraft reached its circular, two-hour orbit around Mars.
- REDONDO BEACH, CA — Nearly two months of rigorous tests conducted by NGST showed that Milstar terminals operated by the U.S. Army and Air Force can send and receive through the next-generation Advanced Extremely High Frequency Satellite (EHF) military satellite communications system. The company is providing the Advanced EHF payloads to Lockheed Martin, the prime contractor for the Advanced EHF system.
- SAN DIEGO, CA — NGST recently completed the 12th in a series of ongoing flight tests of an enhanced Wideband Networking Waveform (WNW). The enhanced WNW software, hosted on NG-developed software-defined radios, successfully demonstrated key airborne network waveform capabilities. WNW is designed to facilitate interoperability between the services, provide seamless delivery of video, voice and data, support ad hoc formation of scalable networks. The U.S. Department of Defense has specified WNW for the Joint Tactical Radio System (JTRS) program to establish internet protocol-based networking and provide transformational communications for the warfighter.
- REDONDO BEACH, CA — NGST has been certified as meeting Level 5 standards for software development set by the Software Engineering Institute (SEI) for Capability Maturity Model Integration (CMMI(r)), the highest possible rating for benchmarking commercial and defense industry best practices for management and engineering. The recertification by the lead assessor, Norausky Process Solutions, Inc., examined quality processes and standards across the sector, including its programs, engineering, and production and supply chain organizations.

### Mission Systems Sector (NGMS)

- AURORA, CO — NGMS, one of Aurora's largest defense contractors, is preparing to expand its presence there with a 75,000 sq. ft. office building. NGMS develops highly sophisticated hardware and software systems for various U.S. customers in support of homeland security, national defense and intelligence programs.
- HAMPTON ROADS, VA — The U.S. joint Forces Command has selected NGMS to continue providing technology support to the Joint Warfighting Center (JWFC) in Suffolk, VA. The initial two-year \$218 million contract has a potential value of \$686 million over six years, if all options are exercised. The JWFC prepares U.S. armed forces and coalition partners to fight as an integrated "joint force" in current operations and for future contingencies. The program includes conducting realistic, large-scale warfighting exercises for a collection of networked training sites, using computer simulations, modeling, collaborative tools and other technologies that are linked to actual command and control systems.
- HUNTSVILLE, AL — NGMS fire control and launch control equipment software, developed for the U.S. Missile Defense Agency's (MDA) ground-based midcourse defense (GMD) system, successfully performed during MDA's Flight Test 2, where the interceptor successfully tracked and subsequently destroyed the target warhead over the Pacific Ocean. These software systems play a pivotal role in launching the system's ground-based interceptor and orchestrating the overall engagement sequence. The test involved launching a ground-based interceptor from Vandenberg Air Force Base (VAFB) against a missile launched from Kodiak Launch Complex, Alaska.

### 2007 Benefits Enrollment

Northrop Grumman has notified TRA that they will be mailing our Individualized Benefits Enrollment Kits between October 30 and November 3, 2006. If a retiree decides to make changes to his/her medical plan, the Benefits Center must be notified between November 6 and November 29, 2006. If the choice is to maintain the current plan, no action is required.

And good news for those retirees who are not on the pension plan. An auto-pay feature for their benefit payments will become an option on July 1, 2007.



## Dean E. Wooldridge

Dr. Dean Everett Wooldridge, who along with Dr. Simon Ramo, founded TRW, died September 20, 2006. He was 93.

Dr. Wooldridge, the "W" in TRW, was an accomplished scientist who made significant contributions to the nation during his long, productive career in both business and academia.

Dr. Wooldridge graduated from high school at the age of 14; received a master's degree from the University of Oklahoma at age 20; and earned a doctorate from Caltech at age 23. He joined Hughes Aircraft Company with his fellow alumnus, Dr. Simon Ramo.

The pair left Hughes to form the Ramo-Wooldridge Corporation. In 1958, Ramo-Wooldridge merged with its financial backer, Thompson Products, and Thompson Ramo Wooldridge, Inc. was formed. But four years later, at the age of 49, Wooldridge retired and completely divorced himself from aerospace.

James A. Wooldridge said that his father never told him what caused the abrupt change "He was a physicist and an engineer, and suddenly he was president of a multinational company," his son said. "Maybe he got bored." Well-off financially from TRW stock, Wooldridge spent the next 10 years traveling with his wife before delving deeply into educating himself on neurology, his son said. He published two books — *The Machinery of the Brain* and *The Machinery of Life* as a result of these studies.

Wooldridge's wife, Helene Detweiler, died in 2001. In addition to James, of Basking Ridge, N.J., Wooldridge is survived by another son, Dean E. Wooldridge Jr. of Las Vegas; a daughter, Anna Lou Eklof of Bailey, Colo.; and three grandchildren.



## IN MEMORIAM

Retiree Name	Date of Death
Pauline Bender	May 10, 2005
Don Burlew	September 15, 2006
Alicia Duran	August 16, 2006
Frances W. Gibbs	August 7, 2006
Harry C. Jones	April 1, 2006
Billy D. Pendergraft	February 1, 2006
Herbert Riess	June 17, 2006
Onslow K. Stauffer	October 8, 2006
Dean E. Wooldridge	September 20, 2006

The first step in notifying Northrop Grumman of a retiree's death is to call the Benefits Service Center at 800-894-4194, Option 1. For many retirees, there is a Burial Benefit which will be paid to the beneficiary upon proper notification of death.

The above names were submitted by TRA members. If you know of a deceased retiree that should be included in the "In Memoriam" column in future NNGs, please submit the following by mail or e-mail to the TRA office.

- Name of the deceased
- Date of death
- Name of person submitting the information

## MORE MAIL POUCH

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anytime♦♦♦Fred and Jane Whitesell have also moved after celebrating their 59th anniversary, all within the state of Florida. They have sold their home in Melbourne and are now living in Palm Bay 32905 at 815 Briar Creek Blvd. Apt. 302. You can reach them at 321-676-3299 or [farecon2@juno.com](mailto:farecon2@juno.com)♦♦♦Bob Africano reports that he and Craig and Joanne Carter visited Bobbie and John Love at their Kauai HI home last June. He described the Loves as looking "youthful, healthy and relaxed" in their retirement villa overlooking the mountains and ocean. Definitely not a little grass shack!♦♦♦When Rosemary Hellmann first moved to Rio Rancho, NM in 1986 it had a population of 10,000. Now, she reports it has grown to more than 65,000 residents, with many New Mexicans from California, including Bill Tallon of Taylor Ranch and Rosemary Christensen now living in Albuquerque. You can get more stats from Ms. Hellman at [rhtls31321@cableone.net](mailto:rhtls31321@cableone.net)♦♦♦Do you know Paul Weber? Turns out Paul hit a big bump on the health road a while back, was out of commission for a while, and had more than 400 e-mails stockpiled when he returned from the hospital. Mary Holcomb at [marija.fn@juno.com](mailto:marija.fn@juno.com) can provide you with a graphic litany of his bounce back or you can contact Paul at [rpweberca@yahoo.com](mailto:rpweberca@yahoo.com) for a first hand report♦♦♦

### NGST Employee Discounts and Promotions

TRA has posted the list of NGST employee discounts and promotions on our website ([www.tra-spacepark.org](http://www.tra-spacepark.org)). Check it out; there are some real bargains there.

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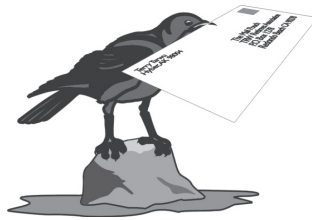
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The last NNG of the year will be published in late November

## THE MAIL POUCH — Sorted and Delivered by Bob Crowe

◆◆◆If you live in the San Diego area and have an urge to socialize with fellow retirees the contact is **Jim Denton** at [JWDenton@sbcglobal.net](mailto:JWDenton@sbcglobal.net). Jim is the coordinator for the area chapter and can give you details for the monthly function which usually includes 20 to 30 participants◆◆◆Remember **Wayne Ammons**? If you say yes and add he's the guy who lives somewhere south of Los Angeles you're wrong! Turns out Wayne has decided to take a chance and now lives on a noisy street not too far from Las Vegas, NV. You can reach him by letter at 2886 Thunder Bay, Henderson, NV, 702-869-9197 or [wammo@cox.net](mailto:wammo@cox.net)◆◆◆**Carmel "Lee"** and **Joanne Ayers** are still enjoying retirement in Keizer, OR, and along with a check for dues reveal they are still square dancing and attended the square dance convention in Texas and next year will square off at the get together in North Carolina◆◆◆A welcome and reasonably "cool" hello has been received from **Bob** and **Carole Okamoto** who are still living up north in Kasilof, Alaska. If you like great fishing and unique sightseeing, check their web site at [www.hiadaway.com](http://www.hiadaway.com) and make certain you have their current e-mail address, [hiadaway@acsalaska.net](mailto:hiadaway@acsalaska.net)◆◆◆**Don Kennedy** retired in 1989 with some 28 years of service under his belt and now admits from his home in Redlands, CA that he wishes hadn't retired at such an early age. However, at the age of 88 he's still hanging in there and



sent a check for a four year renewal to prove it!◆◆◆**Jerry** and **Dodie White** are still retired up in Kalispell, MT and along with a dues renewal report they heard from **Al Fulton** about his recent trip to Australia and New Zealand and that "it was cold down there!"◆◆◆Want a unique and very unusual offer from an author? **Bob Brodsky** has put it in writing regarding his book, *On the Cutting Edge*, which should be available in the bookstores as you read this. Here it is, "I think you will find it illuminating and enjoyable (if not, your money cheerfully refunded!)."

The flyer describes the book as "Tales of a Cold War Engineer at the Dawn of the Nuclear, Guided Missile, Computer and Space Ages!" You can check with Bob at [Rfoxbro@aol.com](mailto:Rfoxbro@aol.com) to see about author autographs!◆◆◆**Judy** and **Boris Dobrotin** have returned from a summer cruise in the Northwest Puget Sound to Desolation Sound and further north. For a description of living on a 25 foot boat for three months, "including bravery, humor, pathos and grandchildren" visit [www.dobrojourney.com](http://www.dobrojourney.com). They describe it as a beautiful trip and make absolutely no mention of a fee for reading their journal!◆◆◆ You're invited! **Elsie Weaver** and **Neil** headed north two years ago after 46 years in Southern California. Now that they are finally settled at 11948 Torrey Pines Dr. in Auburn, CA they invite friends who might be in the area to call 530-268-2785 or stop by

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