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Holiday Party Time, December 3rd

HAPPENINGS AT NORTHROP GRUMMAN

Northrop Grumman Corp. (NG)

➤ BUTTE, Mont. — The Rocky Mountain Supercomputing Centers, Inc. (RMSC), in collaboration with NG, introduced the M.O.R.E. POWER Initiative — a new service that leverages on-demand supercomputing technology to help select the most efficient and productive sites or parks for renewable energy projects. Offered with support from the Montana Governor's Office of Economic Development, M.O.R.E. (Maximizing & Optimizing Renewable Energy) POWER reduces the financing and operating costs of wind and solar energy projects and accelerates their return on investment.



By Frank Warren

Aerospace Systems Sector (NGAS)

➤ EDWARDS AFB, Calif. — NGAS has begun flight testing the new computing hardware and communications infrastructure that will eventually allow the B-2 stealth bomber to send and receive battlefield information by satellite more than 100 times faster than today. Since Sept. 1, the company has conducted a series of test flights using a B-2 test aircraft stationed at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. The flight test program is part of Increment 1 of the U.S. Air Force's B-2 extremely high frequency (EHF) satellite communications program. NGAS is the Air Force's prime contractor for the B-2 Spirit, the flagship of the nation's long range strike arsenal, and one of the world's most survivable aircraft systems. The B-2 is the only combat-proven stealth platform in the current U.S. inventory.

➤ NGAS and the U.S. Force celebrated the deployment of the first RQ-4 Global Hawk to Pacific Command with an arrival ceremony Sept. 20 at Andersen Air Force Base,

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2010 Holiday Party

Friday, December 3, 2010, 11:00-3:00

Reservation Deadline — November 26, 2010

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 2-person duo that we had last year, with very danceable music.

BEVERAGES: A no-host bar with a wide selection.

PARKING: Plenty of free parking close to the entrance.

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 may be somewhat quieter.

COST: Just \$20 per person. Each member is limited to one guest.

2010 Holiday Party

Reservation Deadline — November 26, 2010

Retiree Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** ____ **Zip:** _____

Membership No. _____ **Phone:** _____

(From mailing label)

Total Number Coming ____ **at \$20.00 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

TRA for Northrop Grumman Retirees

TRA (The Retirees Association) welcomes the retirees of Northrop Grumman and TRW. The No Name Gazette is our official publication. Our offices are in Building E2 at Space Park

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By Web Page: Our web page is at 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. Log on and browse.

For Membership: TRA Membership is open to all Northrop Grumman and TRW legacy retirees at \$10 per calendar year. First year free. Application on web page or call 310- 813-7745 and leave a message.

NG/TRW Retiree Meetings Around the U.S.

GROUP	MEETING LOCATION	TIME & DATE	OTHER INFO	CONTACT
TRA	Bldg. S/1275b, Space Park	3rd Thurs. Monthly	Business Meeting 1:30 p.m.	No reservations needed. All Members Welcome
ATD	Alpine Village, Torrance, Calif.	November 1, 2010 11:30 a.m. r	Social, Nostalgia and Lunch	Don Brown, Sandy Friedfeld, Bob Taylor 310-541-1917 or sandj1@aol.com
Brevard Retirees	Various Locations in Brevard, N.C.	1st Tues. 8 a.m. 3rd Tues. 5 p.m.	Social	Al & Daughn Connam 828-884-4993 aconnam@yahoo.com
Central Coast Chapter	Various Locations in the Central Coast Area	Various days: call Zaiser for details	Social	George Zaiser 805-343-2631 gzais@msn.com
Huntsville Chapter	Call for Location (It's Complicated!)	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	JR's Stockyard Inn, McLean, Va.	3rd Friday 11:30 a.m.	Social	Bill Gehrke 703-759-0527 wgehrke@att.net
NW Riverside County, Hemet	The Church of the Good Shephard Hemet, Calif.	4th Thursday 11:00 - 2:00	Social	Rosalie Moyer 951-925-1214 Glenn Ortiz 951-679-1015
Ogden	Cracker Barrel Restaurant Layton, Ut.	1st Thursday Breakfast	Social	Fred Zeuthen 801-476-0656 fzeuthen@earthlink.net
San Bernardino	San Bernardino Golf Club		Social plus programs of interest	Joe Daruty 909-792-8022 jdaruty@aol.com
San Diego Chapter	Event Dependent	3rd Tuesday	Social or Board Meeting http://sandiego.tra-spacepark.org	Jim Denton 858-385-0150 JWDenton@sbcglobal.net
Temecula Valley	Crivello's Restaurant Wildomar, Calif.	Third Wednesday Lunch	Social	Maureen Locken 951-244-7654 maureen_locken@yahoo.com
The Mountain Folks	Various Locations in the Denver Area	First week of each quarter	"We do have fun!"	Carl Wikelman 303-693-0034 winkelman@att.net
TRIN	Community Room, WFCU Western Way, Torrance, Calif.	2nd Thursday 1:00 p.m.	Investment Info based on monthly newsletter reviews	Mike Pauls 310-379-2707 lmikep@earthlink.net
TRW Retirees of the Desert	Sloan's Steak House Indio, Calif.	Every Tuesday 1:00 p.m.	Social and Nostalgia trwdesertretirees.blogspot.com	Joe Clopton 760-342-8171 joeclopton@dc.rr.com
The Ventura County Romeos	Mimi's Thousand Oaks, Calif.	1st Tuesday 12:00 noon	Social	Fred Blaich 805-499-0012 harrison_stroud@hotmail.com

New Members in October

We welcome the following new members who have joined TRA in October.

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| William B. Allendoerfer | Elgin, Ill. |
| Gregg W. Graham | Fortuna, Calif. |
| Robert B. Greer | Denton, Md. |
| Michael McFarlin | Scottsdale, Ariz. |
| Jennifer. J. Neuroth | Manhattan Beach, Calif. |
| Darrell E. Oberlies | Nipomo, Calif. |

We hope these new members will send a note to us for the Mail Pouch, telling us a little about themselves and where they worked at Northrop Grumman. Send to tra@tra-spacepark.org or to TRA, P.O. Box 1276, Redondo Beach, CA 90278.

IN MEMORIAM

Name Date of Death

- Kenneth W. Arnold June 5, 2010**
Arthur B. Griffin, Jr. August 27, 2010
Lawrence P. Mellon August 3, 2010
Sam D. Redford October 15, 2010

The first step in notifying Northrop Grumman of a retiree's death is to call the Benefits Service Center at 800-894-4194. For many retirees, there is a Burial Benefit which will be paid to the beneficiary upon proper notification of death. The Benefits Center does NOT notify TRA of the death due to privacy laws.

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 email to the TRA office: Name of the deceased, date of death, and the name of the person submitting the information.

Important Contacts for Retirees

Northrop Grumman Benefits Center
www.benefits.northropgrumman.com

Select "Retiree Connection"
 Or by phone: 800-894-4194

Here you can get help on health benefits, pensions, savings, and to report a death. It's all voice activated, so just listen to the instructions and answer the first few questions to reach a representative.

Express Scripts (Rx)
www.express-scripts.com or 800-655-1971

Northrop Grumman Benefits Services
(Space Park) 800-537-7694 or
 One Space Park, S/2451, Redondo Beach, CA 90278

MEMORIES: It's Hard to Forget

The NNG continues *Memories: It's Hard to Forget* with a recollection from Fay Samulon. What unusual or surprising event happened during your career at TRW/NG that other retirees might enjoy? Write it up and send it to our editor at tra@tra-spacepark.org or to TRA, Attn NNG, P.O. Box 1276, Redondo Beach, CA 90278.

A Chat with Astronaut Ed White

Not long after Astronaut Ed White's historic spacewalk in 1965, TRW held a cocktail party at the Century Plaza Hotel where the astronauts could meet some of the engineers who were in charge of creating the vehicles that enabled the heroic flyers to enter space and bring them safely back home. Since spouses were also invited, I was able to attend, having been the wife of Henry Samulon, an engineer.

Soon after we arrived at the party someone introduced me to Ed White. He was a very friendly and nice-looking man. My first question was: "Didn't you feel terribly lonely out there alone in the wide open space?" His answer was: "Oh, no, not with 200 million people watching me." The word "watching" prompted my next question: "Did you watch the Red Skelton show where the comedian pretends to walk in space.?" "No, I did not." was Ed White's answer and the end of our conversation as he drifted off to meet many other guests who were eager to talk to him. After quite some time he suddenly appeared again in front of me with the question: "Didn't it have a bad ending?" For a moment I must have looked dumbfounded but then it dawned on me that he referred to the Red Skelton show and with a sheepish smile I replied: "Yes, the umbilical broke."

Sadly, some years later, on January 27, 1967, Ed White, together with Gus Grissom and Roger Chaffee, perished during a test on the ground in Florida.

Fay Samulon

Where's The Mail Pouch?

Unfortunately, your editor did not have enough reports from the membership to assemble the column for this issue. Please keep those informative little snippets coming in. Send them to TRA, P.O. Box 1276. Redondo Beach, CA 90278 or to tra@tra-spacepark.org.



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Guam. The Block 30 aircraft landed successfully Sept. 1 after an 18-hour flight from its main operating base at Beale Air Force Base, Calif. The historical landing marked the first permanent overseas basing of the Global Hawk and the 45,000th flight hour for the program.

Information Systems Sector (NGIS)

- ▶ The five-building NGIS campus in Carson has been sold to a Massachusetts real estate investment trust for \$51 million. The complex of two-story office buildings on the southwest corner of Wilmington Avenue and Glenn Curtiss Street was acquired in two separate transactions by CommonWealth REIT. The Newton, Mass.-based trust invests in office and industrial properties. The campus, with 402,000 square feet, is the regional center for NGIS. The buildings, which are part of the 8-million-square-foot Dominguez Technology Center, were built in 1987 for TRW Inc.

Shipbuilding Sector (NGSB)

- ▶ NG filed a document with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission that would allow the company to move in the direction of spinning off its shipyards rather than selling them outright. A spokesman for the company explained that a spin-off is and has been the

company's primary focus since it announced in July its intent to separate from the shipbuilding end of the business. The company's shipbuilding sector includes Mississippi's largest private employer, Ingalls in Pascagoula; a Gulfport plant; Avondale near New Orleans; and the Newport News, Va., yard that builds nuclear submarines and super carriers. NG, a company whose focus had traditionally been on aerospace, acquired the Gulf Coast shipyards when it bought Litton Industries in 2001. Shortly after the July announcement, Northrop Grumman indicated that it favored the spin-off option where the firm's shipbuilding sector would become its own company, with Northrop Grumman shareholders involved. Meanwhile, an Ohio company has written governors in three southern states in a push to purchase the military shipbuilding sector of NG. Cleveland Ship LLC sent letters this week to Govs. Haley Barbour of Mississippi, Bobby Jindal of Louisiana and Bob McDonnell of Virginia. The letters cover Northrop Grumman yards at Avondale, Pascagoula and Newport News. Cleveland Ship hasn't said what it would be willing to pay for the military shipbuilding division, and Northrop Grumman has declined comment on the company's interest. NG said the priority would be to finish contract negotiations for about \$5 billion of work for the Navy and Coast Guard at the Pascagoula yard.