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By Frank Warren

## HAPPENINGS AT NORTHROP GRUMMAN

### Northrop Grumman Corporation (NG)

- **FALLS CHURCH, Va.** — After more than seven decades of being headquartered in the Southland, Northrop Grumman Corp. has left Century City for the Washington D.C. area to be closer to its biggest customer, the U.S. government. Their new corporate address is 2980 Fairview Park Drive in Falls Church, Virginia. “This is an important move for the company, and it’s one that we believe will improve the effectiveness in serving the nation and our customers,” said Northrop Chief Executive Wesley G. Bush in announcing the decision to move the company headquarters. “The proximity to Washington enables us to be a more integrated part of the federal process.” The company is shifting about 300 employees from its corporate offices in Century City to Falls Church. With large complexes in Redondo Beach, El Segundo and Palmdale, Northrop maintains that Southern California will continue to play a vital role in U.S. aerospace. By moving its top executives closer to Capitol Hill, Northrop hopes to grow its business and forge closer relationships with government and military officials. “Northrop feels they can do a better job for L.A. County if they’re based near Washington than if they were based here,” said Nancy Sidhu, chief economist for the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corp. “Maybe so, but it doesn’t feel right,” said Gerald Blackburn, president of the Aerospace Legacy Foundation, a nonprofit organization of former aerospace employees who work to preserve Southern California’s aerospace history. “It’s the end of an era in a lot of ways,” he said.
- **FALLS CHURCH, Va.** — The NG Board of Directors named CEO Wesley Bush as chairman. Bush succeeds Lewis W. Coleman, who served as non-executive chairman since January 2010. In other Board action, Thomas M. Schoewe was appointed the 12th member of NG’s board of directors. He was the executive vice president and CFO of Wal-Mart from 2000 until 2010. Eleven of the company’s directors are not employees of Northrop Grumman.
- **PARIS, France** — A key element of NG’s continued growth is its commitment to the international arena. Currently, the company has a wide range of industry-leading products and capabilities that it provides to customers in 25 nations. The Paris Air Show made it possible for the entire aerospace and defense industry to pack nearly a year’s worth of international meetings into a hectic but efficient one-week event. NG was able to meet with representatives from Australia, Belgium, Italy, Brazil, Egypt, India, Finland, Oman, Israel, Greece, Norway, the United Kingdom, the United Arab Emirates, and Malaysia, as well as the United States and NATO. The international market, similar to the U.S. Department of Defense market, is shifting its focus toward affordability and performance. To strengthen NG’s alignment with their customers, they have aligned their focus on four key areas: unmanned, C4ISR (command, control, communications and computers intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance), cyber and logistics. Through customer interactions and the 10 media briefings NG conducted at the air show, they were able to demonstrate to their customers and the media how NG’s core competencies are strongly aligned with the current and evolving global security priorities of the nation’s allies.

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## TRA for Northrop Grumman Retirees

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### 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 310-833-5827.

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

GROUP	MEETING LOCATION	TIME & DATE	OTHER INFO	CONTACT
TRA	Bldg. S/Cafeteria, Space Park	3rd Thurs. Monthly	Business Meeting 2:00 p.m.	No reservations needed. All Members Welcome
ATD	Alpine Village, Torrance, Calif.	1st Monday in Nov. 11:30 a.m.	Social, Nostalgia and Lunch	Don Brown, Sandy Friedfeld, Bob Taylor 310-541-1917 or sandjol@aol.com
Brevard Retirees	Various Locations in Brevard, N.C.	1st Wed. 8 a.m. 3rd Wed. 5 p.m.	Social	Al & Daughn Connarn 828-884-4993 aconnarn@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	Barnhill's Buffet University Blvd., Huntsville	2nd Tuesday 11:30 a.m.	Social	Jim Troy 850-797-0044 www.TRA-Huntsville.org
Las Vegas	Various Locations in Las Vegas Metro Area	Last Tuesday 11:30 a.m.	Social	Carol Noblet 702-889-6773 fiftysumthn300@yahoo.com
Northern Virginia	Old Brogue Pub, Great Falls, 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 Diego Chapter	Event Dependent	3rd Tuesday Alternate Months	Social or Board Meeting <a href="http://sandiego.tra-spacepark.org">http://sandiego.tra-spacepark.org</a>	Jim Denton 858-385-0150 JWDenton@san.rr.com
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 <a href="http://trwdesertretirees.blogspot.com">trwdesertretirees.blogspot.com</a>	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 August

We welcome the following new members who have joined TRA since the last newsletter.

Jacqueline Gish	Glendale, Calif.
Richard A. Schremser	Redondo Beach, Calif.
Ronald F. Sobchik	Fullerton, 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](mailto:tra@tra-spacepark.org) or to TRA, P.O. Box 1276, Redondo Beach, CA 90278.

## Important Contacts for Retirees

### Northrop Grumman Benefits Center

[www.benefits.northropgrumman.com](http://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](http://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 memory from John Mckeegan. 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](mailto:tra@tra-spacepark.org) or to TRA, Attn NNG, P.O. Box 1276, Redondo Beach, CA 90278.

### Come Up and Enjoy the View!

Back in my early days at TRW, I came up with a personalized wall plaque idea for the Cost Reduction Award. My idea was submitted, approved and I was then in charge of awards. These were popular for years and used by several divisions.

On this day I had come to work dressed to perform a particularly dirty maintenance procedure. While performing the procedure I received a phone call requesting that I come to Dr. George Solomon's office in E2 to pick up the awards being given to the division managers. I felt uneasy showing up in soiled clothes but Glenellen Mullins, Dr. Solomon's secretary, said, "Dr. Solomon probably won't mind. He has a break in his schedule. Could you come right away?" "Yes, of course," I said.

I never expected to visit the eleventh floor offices of our company's V.P. The office area was pleasant and Glenellen was friendly and understanding. While waiting my turn and feeling awkward, Glenellen worked and made small talk. I mentioned that I was considering leaving TRW soon. "Before I go," I said, "I wonder if this office is interested in something that bothers me about TRW?" What the heck, I was considering leaving anyway. She could just say no. But Glenellen showed interest and it seemed fine to speak my piece. I said, "This facility we work at is really something. The buildings are beautiful, the setting is great and it is a good place to walk and think about problems and solutions. But it's drab and lacks friendliness. All of the landscaping is green. There is little color; it needs flowers." She looked up as if a light went on. "You know what, we never thought of that. You're right!" She immediately picked up the phone and called the Facility Groundskeeper's Office and said, "I want flowers planted all over the site." Wow, now that's results! Flowers began to appear everywhere within days.

Soon I was shown into Dr. Solomon's office. He didn't

seem to mind that I wasn't dressed in a suit and tie. I didn't know what to expect from a V.P. It turned out to be a friendly chat. He signed the awards and handed them to me. Then Dr. Solomon added, "This is such a wonderful view from my office. I can even see the ocean from here. I want you to feel free to come up and sit and enjoy the view sometime." This gesture took me by surprise. I thought, "Who me?" I must have been in a fog for I didn't even say goodbye to Glenellen. I wondered what they would think on the eleventh floor if one day I did show up with my sack lunch just to sit and enjoy the view from Dr. Solomon's office. I thought about it but was satisfied just to feel special on that day. I enjoyed the flowers all of my remaining days at TRW.

John Mckeegan

## Where's the Mail Pouch?

We would like to hear from you! The Mail Pouch is empty. What did you do this summer? Who did you see? How is your life? What are those brilliant g'kids doing? Your fellow retirees would love to hear from you. Write to TRA Mail Pouch, P.O. Box 1276, Redondo Beach, CA 90278 or email to [tra@tra-spacepark.org](mailto:tra@tra-spacepark.org).

## HAPPENINGS

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### Aerospace Systems Sector (NGAS)

- ▶ **PALMDALE, Calif.** — NGAS marked the completion of the 50<sup>th</sup> center fuselage for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter during a ceremony at the company's Palmdale Manufacturing Center. As a principal and founding member of the F-35 industry team led by Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman is responsible for the design and production of center fuselages for all three variants of F-35 aircraft: conventional takeoff and landing (CTOL); short takeoff, vertical landing (STOVL); and a carrier variant. Northrop Grumman completes the F-35 center fuselages – the core structures around which the aircraft are built – at the Palmdale facility. The center fuselages then are shipped to Lockheed Martin in Fort Worth, Texas, where they are integrated into the rest of the aircraft. In addition to producing the F-35 center fuselage, Northrop Grumman designs and produces the aircraft's radar and other key avionics, including electro-optical and communications subsystems; develops mission systems and mission-planning software; leads the team's development of pilot and maintenance training system course materials; and manages the use, support and maintenance of low-observable technologies.

### Electronic Systems Sector (NGES)

- ▶ **LINTHICUM, Md.** — NGES has been selected by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) to develop and demonstrate an ultra high capacity hybrid thermal ground plane needed to overcome heat-related challenges in semiconductors employed in electronic systems. High thermal temperatures are a key barrier in the development of next-generation military electronics, such as high-power radars, electromagnetic weapons and all-electric aircraft. Under the initial 18-month contract, NGES will use improved materials and techniques to transfer excess heat away from semiconductors where the heat is generated. Specifically, the team will develop and test the feasibility of replacing solid metallic heat spreaders with an advanced passively-driven, internally liquid cooled, silicon carbide-based thermal ground plane. The \$1.7 million, 18 month, cost-plus-fixed-fee contract is for the first phase of the three-phase DARPA program. The total value of the effort, if all phases of the development program are completed, could be up to \$5.2 million over three and a half years. NGES is leading the effort. The company's teammates include the University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo.; Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta; and Sandia National Laboratories, Albuquerque, N.M.

### Information Systems Sector (NGIS)

- ▶ **ARLINGTON, Va.** — BAE Systems has been awarded a \$449.9 million contract to participate in the technology development (TD) phase of the U.S. Army's Ground Combat Vehicle (GCV) program. BAE Systems is teamed with NGIS to offer a vehicle that provides exceptional growth and survivability at an affordable price. The TD phase of the GCV program is a 24-month program directed at maturing the GCV proposal through the preliminary design review in anticipation of prototype builds during the engineering and manufacturing development phase of the program. The BAE Systems-NGIS team was one of two industry teams awarded TD contracts. The BAE Systems-NGIS vehicle features an adaptive platform that will remain relevant for decades to come, bringing more survivability, mobility, and versatility to the Army and with levels of protection scalable to the demands of a variety of missions.

### Technical Services Sector (NGTS)

- ▶ **HERNDON, Va.** — U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command has awarded NGTS a contract to provide high-quality linguist and analyst services in support of the Department of Defense Language Interpretation and Translation Enterprise (DLITE). The indefinite delivery, indefinite quantity contract includes a five-year ordering period. NGTS will compete for task orders with five other contractors under the DLITE program, which has a collective ceiling of \$9.7 billion. The focus of the linguist program is to support the warfighter in the field while ensuring speed and accuracy in the translation and analytical services provided.

## News From TRW Groups

### Northern Virginia — Reported by Bill Gehrke

The July meeting at The Old Brogue Irish Pub in Great Falls, Virginia was attended by Tom Holtz, Maxine Chiavetta, Bernie and Jackie Halprin, George Allen, Marilyn McAlice, Ruth Powers, Don Moen, Bill Robinette, Bohdan Tymciw, Tom Dillon, Cliff Nelson, John Hardisty, and me.

### The TRIN Newsletter Group — Reported by Mike Pauls

The TRIN Newsletter Group discusses and reviews opinions, strategies, performance, and risk associated with various investment newsletters subscribed to by members of the Group. The Group meeting provides the opportunity for investors (pre/post retirement) of various levels of investment experience to audit/participate in a non-ageridized environment, the objective of which is to enhance members' investment knowledge and related retiree financial awareness.

The original TRW Retirees Investment Network (TRIN) was formed by LeRoy Herold, Ben Loya, and Dick Luebben shortly after the TRW 1992 downsizing. At that time many investment instruments were presented, mainly by outside investment managers. These were monthly meetings and speakers were readily available. Most of us had taken the lump-sum retirement option and we were potential customers. Later Bob Eshbaugh suggested a subgroup that would bring in information from investment newsletters.

Enough interest was generated that a spinoff group, steered by John Luedde, was formed to determine which were the best newsletters melding retirees risk tolerance with data from the Hulbert Financial Digest which rates newsletters. The momentum of newsletter interest and participation resulted in The Newsletter Group forming its own identity and started meeting monthly as the frequency of the TRIN meetings were winding down from monthly to quarterly.

Bob Eshbaugh was instrumental in birthing the TRIN Newsletter Group and after experimenting with rotating chairmanships, they voted to elect Mike Pauls as permanent chairman (subject to membership approval). They currently meet at the Torrance Western Federal Credit Union every second Thursday at 1:00 pm. at the pleasure of the WFCU (Community Room, 1899 Western Way, Torrance, California)

### Huntsville — Reported by Jim Troy

Webmaster (and NG/TRW retiree) Bob Hoffman has created a fine new website for the Huntsville Chapter at [www.TRA-Huntsville.org](http://www.TRA-Huntsville.org)

## Our Lost Groups

**(We haven't heard from you!)**

*Temecula Valley*

*TRW Retirees of the Desert*

*The Ventura County Romeos*

*Central Coast Chapter*

Please contact Ellen Tessitore at [et1000@earthlink.net](mailto:et1000@earthlink.net) if you would like to continue having a listing in the Meetings Table in TRA's No Name Gazette.

## Nathaniel Wayne Trembath

### 1927 — 2011

Nathaniel Wayne Trembath, a fifty-five year resident of Playa Del Rey, passed away on Sunday, July 17, 2011 at home. He was 84. Born in Hagerstown, MD, Nathaniel moved to California in 1954, shortly after graduating from MIT and marrying his wife Barbara. Nathaniel was a 37-year employee of TRW when he retired in 1992 as Vice President for Programs, for the System Integration Group. Nathaniel was Vice President and General Manager of the Ballistic Missile Division, at Norton AFB which was responsible for assisting the Air Force in perfecting the Minuteman and Peacekeeper Missile Systems. Nathaniel is survived by his sister, Mrs. Marion Anders of Rochester, NY; son, Mark Trembath of Playa Del Rey, CA; son, Daniel Trembath; and daughter-in-law, Julie Trembath, of Oceanside, CA, son, Philip Trembath and daughter-in-law, Carrie Trembath, of Playa Del Rey, CA. He was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara; mother, Sue Trembath; father, Karl Trembath; and sister, Frances Ales.

## IN MEMORIAM

Name	Date
William Francis Fitzgerald	August 8, 2011
John B. Gale	August 20, 2011
Fred Richard Hamilton	August 4, 2011
Louis K. Jensen**	May 15, 2011
Gerald T. Murphy	May 13, 2011
Joyce M. Pixley	November 26, 2010
Nathaniel Wayne Trembath	July 17, 2011
Claire Bartlett Vredenburg	July 22, 2011
Linda Webb	June 13, 2011
Edmund Zachary	July 9, 2011

\*\*Incorrectly listed as Lewis K. Jensen in the previous newsletter.

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.

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