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Visit San Diego's Gaslamp District

HAPPENINGS AT NORTHROP GRUMMAN

Northrop Grumman Corp. (NG)

► FALLS CHURCH, VA — Wes Bush, Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President, announced new leadership changes. James Pitts, president of Electronic Systems will retire on December 31, 2012. Gary Ervin, President of Aerospace Systems, will retire on February 28, 2013. Linda Mills will become NG's corporate vice president, Operations, effective January 1, 2013, reporting to Wes Bush. The following executives will lead NG's operating organizations effective January 1, 2013. Thomas Vice will become president, Aerospace Systems. Vice is president of the Technical Services sector. He has held a number of leadership positions at



By Frank Warren

Aerospace Systems and its predecessor organizations since joining NG in 1986. Gloria Flach will become president, Electronic Systems. Flach is president of Enterprise Shared Services. She has held a number of leadership roles at Electronic Systems since joining NG in 1981. Kathy Warden will become president, Information Systems. Warden is vice president and general manager of the Cyber Intelligence division in Information Systems. She joined NG in 2008 after working at several other defense and commercial companies. Christopher Jones will become president, Technical Services. Jones is vice president and general manager of the Integrated Logistics and Modernization division in Technical Services. He joined NG in 2004 after working in industry and serving in the United States Air Force. Mark Caylor will become president, Enterprise Shared Services. Caylor is corporate treasurer, and has previously held leadership roles at the Corporate Office and at Aerospace Systems since joining NG in 2002, having

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Your Activities Committee announces the return of TRA's Day Trips. They are sponsoring a day trip to the San Diego Gaslamp District on September 27.

Our bus will depart from the Space Park parking lot at 8:30 a.m. and return by 7:00 p.m. While in San Diego we will be sampling food and beverages from five local restaurants, with free time for shopping. We will finish the day with a sweet treat and a titillating tale of one of the Gaslamp District's most infamous brothels. For more information contact Beth O'Gorman (310-375-3088) or Marcy Morrison (310-316-0756),

Please reserve promptly. The reservation deadline is September 14.

Day Trip to the San Diego Gaslamp District

Thursday, September 27, 2012 — 8:30 to 7:00

Reservation Deadline September 14, 2012

Retiree Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____

Membership No: _____ Phone: _____
(from mailing label)

Total Number coming ___ at \$74 each _____

Mail with a check to:

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

TRA for Northrop Grumman Retirees

The Retirees Association (TRA) welcomes the retirees of Northrop Grumman and TRW. The No Name Gazette is our official publication.

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310-833-5827

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

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 310-833-5827.

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	To Be Determined	TBD	Social, Nostalgia and Lunch	Don Brown, Sandy Friedfeld, Bob Taylor 310-541-1917 or sandj@ol@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
Houston Chapter	Baybrook Denny's, 19212 Gulf Fwy Friendswood, TX	3rd Tuesday 8:30 a.m.	Social	Gary Dinsmore 281-461-6270 samngary@att.net
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 Shepherd 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 http://sandiego.tra-spacepark.org	Jim Denton 858-385-0150 JWDenton@san.rr.com
Temecula Valley	Various Locations in the Temecula/Murrieta Area	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 Winkelman 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
Ventura Romeos	Mimi's Cafe Thousand Oaks	1st Tuesday Lunch	Social	Fred Blaich 805-499-0012 or Harry Stroud 805-653-5117

IN MEMORIAM

Name	Date of Death
John Frank	May 15, 2012
William S. Goff Jr.	June 7, 2011
Norbert G. Kabuss	May 2, 2012
Charles F. Koos	June 28, 2012
Donald H. MacDevitt	June 29, 2012
James Patrick McFadden	June 27, 2012
Frank J. Procz	March 17, 2011
Frances S. Savage	June 28, 2012

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.

Future TRA Events

San Diego Trip — Thursday, September 27, 2012
 Holiday Party — Friday, December 7, 2012
 Alice Lord Spring Fling — Mid April, 2013
 Annual Business Meeting — June, 2013

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

MEMORIES: It's Hard to Forget

The NNG continues Memories: It's Hard to Forget with a memory from Bob Gose. 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.

Face to Face with the USSR

An experience that stands out for me was a meeting in the 1970s as we hosted the USSR Chief Academician for a day during "Detente." Si Ramo was asked by the President to host the USSR Chief Academician and contingent during their visit to the U. S. for technological interchange. After a day of briefing them on some TRW activities we were having dinner in the executive dining room with Si having seated us interspersed at the round tables.

Part way through dinner Si motioned for me to come to his table with the Academician and his interpreter. The USSR people had two questions that Si wanted me to answer. I knew that they were proficient in English, but such high level people often preferred to converse in their own language and use an interpreter so that they could "think" in their native language.

To appreciate the impact of this moment on me, remember that by that time I had spent over twenty years of my life 24/7, including ten years on MINUTEMAN, addressing the U. S. Cold War response to the USSR threat of assured mass destruction. And here I was, eye-ball-to-eye-ball with the enemy, supposedly in a friendly environment. My TRW responsibilities at that time included functioning as the TRW Corporate Sponsor for our activities in the petroleum industry markets.

The Academician's first question was "TRW has a contract to deliver a shipment of REDA pumping systems to us. Can you tell me the status of this shipment?"

I said "Yes, I checked this morning and the shipment has been loaded on a ship in Houston and will soon be on the way to the USSR."

The Academician's second question was "We have our own designs and production of submersible electric motor pumping systems for our oil fields. Why is it that our pumps are so unreliable that we have to buy pumping systems from TRW?"

I felt stumped for a moment, and then said "We do not know what problems you are having with the USSR systems because we are not allowed out into your petroleum production areas. We address the TRW REDA products as a complete system and work every element of the system for high quality and reliability — the electric motors, the pumps, the cabling and switching, safety equipment, the installation design, and operations and maintenance. This allows us to have many installations that produce for years without failures." I was relieved when this seemed to be an acceptable answer.

Bob Gose

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previously worked at other defense and commercial enterprises. In addition, David Perry will take on a new role on the Corporate Policy Council as chief global business development officer, effective immediately. Perry previously served as vice president and general manager of the Naval and Marine Systems division in Electronic Systems, and joined NG in 1999 after serving in the United States Navy. Leadership appointments to replace Warden, Jones, Caylor, and Perry will be the subject of separate announcements.

- FALLS CHURCH, VA — NG reported second quarter 2012 earnings from continuing operations of \$480 million, or \$1.88 per diluted share, compared with \$520 million, or \$1.81 per diluted share, in the second quarter of 2011. During the quarter the company repurchased 4.9 million shares of its common stock for approximately \$295 million; \$1.1 billion remains on its current share repurchase authorization.

Aerospace Systems Sector (NGAS)

- REDONDO BEACH, CA — NGAS has completed a two-day Spacecraft Baseline Interim Design Review, successfully completing the Spacecraft Bus Critical Design Review (CDR) process for the Modular Space Vehicle (MSV) program. This review moves work on this next-generation spacecraft design to the fabrication stage. The company's spacecraft design for the MSV program is the first to implement Spacecraft Plug and Play architecture standards developed by an industry consortium in conjunction with the Air Force Research Laboratory and the Department of Defense Operationally Responsive Space office at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M. This open architecture allows various payload modules to plug into a central spacecraft processor by means of a standardized technology, much the way peripherals can be plugged into computers via USB ports. The reduction in complexity results in a spacecraft that is much more cost effective, modular and reconfigurable than typical space vehicles in this class. It also allows space programs to focus more resources on the payload, the heart of the mission.
- SAN DIEGO, CA — NGAS has taken on the prime sponsorship of the Association of Unmanned Vehicle Systems International (AUVSI) student competitions for 2012. The competitions give high school and college students worldwide the chance to design, develop and operate unmanned systems for sea, land and air. The students receive a hands-on learning experience on how unmanned systems operate on their own so they can be

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least several times a month♦♦♦**Art Yee** and his wife have been retired just three years, but are thoroughly enjoying it. They stay in touch with other retirees and frequently have lunch with their former fellow employees♦♦♦**Did Ann O'Hara** have a senior moment? She knows she clipped the renewal application from the NNG, but can't remember if she mailed it. SHE MUST HAVE, BECAUSE SHE IS NOW PAID THROUGH 2013. Ann was a Program Analyst in the Ballistic Missiles Division before switching hats and becoming the editor the MISSILE newspaper♦♦♦**Trapped in town and eager to do some roaming?** Contact **Gloria** and **Tony La Mantia**, who run the NG/TRW Roaming Weekenders RV Club. Enjoy monthly three-day campouts at a variety of campsites in your own or rented RV. Volunteer wagon-masters direct the plans and email them to the members. Among the 40 active members are **Christine Blumberg, Wilbur Imhoof, Al Joreid, Corky McLellan, Dan & Cynthia Sunderland, Walt Wake, and Myra Walker**. An email to gmlamantia40@hotmail.com will get you a 2012 schedule♦♦♦**Mary** and **Carl Holcomb** just returned from Cocoa Beach, FL, where they lunched with **Foster & Betty Ponder** and **Sandy & Vern Gregory**♦♦♦Fourteen years after retiring **Gary Barry** is now back to work, at least part time. He is a volunteer tour guide on the USS Iowa BB61. Soon he will have an opportunity to use some of his technical skills to restore the radio rooms and antennas to their 1990 configuration and operate on the amateur bands. The available tour is main deck and above to the bridge and the crew's mess, one deck down. The tour also includes the Captain's cabin on the 01 level with its porcelain bathtub and railings installed especially for FDR, the only bathtub aboard a US Navy ship. As other spaces are made safer, they will be opened for tours. Turret 2 will remain a memorial, open only to families who lost a loved one in the 1989 explosion♦♦♦

used in environments where it may not be safe or easy for people. In April, NGAS was the lead sponsor for one of these competitions, the United Arab Emirates Innovation Challenge held in Abu Dhabi, in association with the Higher Colleges of Technologies. The competition consisted of nine teams of students from six campuses who designed, built and demonstrated an unmanned aerial vehicle that could perform a specific activity on its own. As part of the UAE Innovation Challenge, NG engineers provided instruction to the teams by encouraging students to work creatively and collaboratively throughout the process. The AUVSI Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that was established to support AUVSI's educational initiatives, including student competitions.

The next NNG will be
mailed in mid-October

THE MAIL POUCH

◆◆◆Kicking and reminiscing down in Texas is nonagenarian **Bob Gose**. He sent a note to The Mail Pouch announcing that he and **Elaine** are doing well. A native Wyomingian, he was inducted into the Wyoming Aviation Hall of Fame in 2010◆◆◆**Bill, Olga,** and **Baily Rowan** walk together 3½ miles daily. Bill did not report on what Olga and Baily (his dogs) think about as they walk, but Bill thinks about the stock market. It must be productive, because he just renewed his TRA membership for four more years◆◆◆Anne Black Gray, AKA **Ann Boehmer**, has just published “The Devil’s Son: Cap Hatfield and the End of the Hatfield-McCoy Feud.”◆◆◆Another retiree has just published. **Arne Molander**’s new book, “The Horizons of Christopher Columbus” reveals a score of hitherto unknown facts about the great explorer. These include his 1477 voyage to Nova Scotia to measure its longitude using a solar eclipse positioned for accurate measurement above the western horizon. Details are available at 301-293-9537◆◆◆Not to be outdone by Ann and Arne, **Katherine** and **Karl Poehlmann** have just published an updated and revised edition of their award winning book on Arthritis. The new title is “Arthritis and Autoimmune Disease: The Infection Connection.” The book covers various forms of arthritis, cancer, diabetes, fibromyalgia, COPD, heart dis-



By Al Hausrath

ease, MS, Lyme disease, lupus, Alzheimer’s, and even autism. Benign, low-cost, effective treatments are presented. See www.RA-Infection-Connection.com for free health articles and the Poehlmans’ ongoing research◆◆◆It was just 50 years ago that **Dave Appleton** joined STL on the Minuteman program in San Bernardino. He and his wife **Gerry** now live in Green Valley, AZ, and *enjoy every minute*. They both are busy with volunteer jobs. And Dave is the Chairman of the Board of the Green Valley Fire District◆◆◆The July 2011 layoffs caught **Betty Jackman**, and at first, devastated her. She had been with TRW and NG for over 30 years full time and another 10 years part time. But after just a couple of months, with her retirement checks arriving regularly, she discovered the joys of being retired. Now she is busier than ever; sings in the choir and enjoys her newest grandson, just 11 months old. Her email: betty-jackson@rocketmail.com◆◆◆Another busy retiree. **Mery Propster** and husband **Richard** have a consulting company, Seque Solutions. And, in a volunteer capacity, they have helped at least 100 unemployed get back to the work force in the past three years. But they also love cruising, have been to Hawaii, The Caribbean, Europe, Tahiti, Central and South America. Their fitness walks take them through Space Park at

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