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HAPPENINGS AT NORTHROP GRUMMAN

Aerospace Systems Sector (NGAS)

➤ SAN DIEGO, CA — NGAS will build five additional U.S. Navy MQ-8C Fire Scout unmanned helicopters, which allow ship commanders to extend their intelligence-gathering capabilities far beyond the horizon. Final assembly of the aircraft will take place at the company's Unmanned Systems Center in Moss Point, MS. The MQ-8C is based on a larger helicopter airframe that provides greater range, endurance and payload capacity over the currently fielded MQ-8B Fire Scout variant.



By Frank Warren

The MQ-8C can remain on station for more than eight hours while supporting long-duration missions, thus requiring less aircraft to sustain operations. A total of 19 aircraft are under contract with the Navy.

➤ REDONDO BEACH, CA — NGAS continued its record of shipping Advanced Extremely High Frequency (AEHF) satellite payload modules ahead of schedule when the fourth arrived Feb. 11, nearly two months early, at Lockheed Martin Space Systems, Sunnyvale, Calif., AEHF system prime contractor. The complex phased array and nulling antennas, along with the advanced crosslinks, will be shipped later this year to complete payload delivery a full six months early. The payload module contains the processing, routing and control hardware and software that perform the satellite's communications function. NGAS also delivered payload modules for the first, second and third Advanced EHF satellites ahead of schedule in 2007, 2008 and 2009 respectively. Launch for AEHF Flight 4 is currently planned for 2017.

➤ ARLINGTON, VA – April 10, 2014 – The National Aeronautic Association (NAA) has selected the X-47B Unmanned Combat Air System Demonstration (UCAS-D) team to receive the 2013 Robert J. Collier Trophy, aviation's high-

TRA's big summer Annual Meeting will be Friday, June 20, at the S Building Forum and Patio Cafe, from 11 to 3. Space Park employees have this Friday off, and TRA is taking advantage of the empty campus for our annual meeting. As in the past, we expect to have a senior Northrop Grumman speaker providing an interesting business update for us. Following this talk, a representative of Northrop Grumman Benefits will give a brief summary of the new benefits plans available through Towers Watson's OneExchange, and then individually answer questions about this change in medical benefits coverage that applies to many TRA members.

In addition to all of this, meet old friends, and have a fine complimentary lunch. Information tables from the Northrop Grumman Benefits, TRA Travel Committee, Western Federal Credit Union, and TRA Membership will line the walls. And bring some money. The Company Store will be selling See's Candy coupons (17% off) and NG mementos. Members of TRA may bring a spouse or one other guest. Meal tickets will be issued when you sign-in at the tables provided at the top of the stairs. No one will be served without a ticket.

Attendees unable to negotiate the stairs, after receiving name tags and meal tickets, must proceed to East Entrance for security sign-in and escort via elevation to the patio level. Escort down to the patio level will be done only at 11:30 a.m. Please identify that need on your reservation form.

It takes a lot of planning to provide all this. So PLEASE send in your reservation form now. You can either mail it in or register by email. Send email reservations to summer@tra-spacepark.org and include name, full address, membership number (from mailing label), number attending, and elevator access info if needed.

Reservation Form — TRA's Annual Meeting

Friday, June 20 from 11 to 3 in the S Building Forum at Space Park

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Membership No. (From mailing label on back page): _____

Number attending: (limit, 2 adults): _____

Yes, I will need elevator access to the patio

Detach and mail to TRA, P.O. Box 1276, Redondo Beach, CA 90278

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TRA for Northrop Grumman Retirees

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

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

By Phone:

310-833-5827

By Email:

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 1:30 p.m.	No reservations needed. All Members Welcome
ATD Friends & Colleagues	Palos Verdes Golf Club, 3301 Via Campesina, PVE, CA 90274, (310) 375-2533	1st Tuesday in Nov. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Social, Nostalgia and Lunch Res Deadline: Fri. 24 Oct. 14	Don Reeves, Jack Trost, Carol Schamp cschamp@aol.com 310-377-2194
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
Beach Cities Get-together	Grunions Restaurant 1501 N. Sepulveda Blvd., M.B., CA	Last Mon., Even months. June 30	Social	Allen Parker 310-780-0712 777allendsp@gmail.com
Houston Chapter	Baybrook Denny's, 19212 Gulf Fwy Friendswood, Tex.	3rd Tuesday 8:30 a.m.	Social	Gary Dinsmore 281-461-6270 samngary@att.net
Huntsville Chapter	Ryan's Buffet 1808 University Drive NW, 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 http://sandiego.tra-spacepark.org	Jim Denton 858-385-0150 JWDenton@san.rr.com
Temecula Valley	Various Locations in the Temecula/Murrieta Area	2nd 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

NG Transfers Many Retirees to OneExchange for Benefits Coverage

Reported by Al Hausrath

Following an industry trend, Northrop Grumman (NG) is partnering with a private third party Medicare supplemental insurance broker to provide post-65 Medicare supplemental insurance to some of its retirees. NG has chosen Towers Watson's OneExchange to continue making medical and prescription drug coverage available to most of NG's post-age 65 (65+) retirees while offering more choices.

OneExchange has mailed a packet of material to all those affected by this change. Retirees in this group must enroll with OneExchange between May 1 and July 31, 2014 to select one or more of their multitude of coverage plans: Medigap, Medicare Advantage, prescription drug coverage, vision, and dental plans. For this group of 65+ NG retirees, their current benefits coverage under the NG Retiree Medical Plan will end on July 31, 2014.

Enrollment is a two stage process. First step, **which should be done immediately**, if possible, is to contact an OneExchange benefit advisor at 855-832-0976 to set up an enrollment appointment. OneExchange will mail an Enrollment Guide, which you should review before your phone appointment. Final enrollment will be during this appointment. One of the options in this enrollment will be to keep the same type of coverage (medical and/or prescription drug) that you currently have from the NG Retiree Medical Plan. Enrollment in a Kaiser Medicare supplemental plan is done somewhat differently but still available through the OneExchange plans.

NG's Many Retiree Medical Plans

Northrop Grumman has acquired many different companies, large and small, over the years. It should come as no surprise that many of the employees from these heritage companies like TRW and Litton, had different medical benefits both as employees and as retirees. NG acquired TRW Inc. in 2002. This merger also included the benefits coverage for the TRW retirees. As a result, there are many different retiree medical benefit plans among the heritage TRW retirees at NG, and not all of this group are being shifted to One Exchange.

For the heritage TRW 65+ retirees whose medical benefits are NOT being transferred to OneExchange, their medical coverage will continue at its present levels through the Northrop Grumman Benefit Center (NGBC). TRA has been unable to obtain specific information as to the details of these heritage TRW 65+ retirees groups, and whether the differences are based on years employed, age at retirement, etc.

If you have not received the OneExchange mailing or been contacted by OneExchange, and are concerned about your coverage, call the NG Benefit Center at 800-894-4194.

Cost-Sharing

Heritage TRW 65+ retirees in the OneExchange program will have a reimbursement account, called a Retiree Health Reimbursement Arrangement (RHRA) established by Northrop Grumman. This credit can be used to help pay the cost of any of their health care coverage obtained through OneExchange, including Kaiser Permanente enrollment. The RHRA amount for this group will be \$180/month per enrolled 65+ individual. Thus for a husband and wife, both 65+, the RHRA amount will be \$360/month.

Split Coverage

Enrollment through OneExchange is limited to retirees and spouses that are 65+. If one person in the marriage is not 65, then that coverage will be provided by the NG Benefits Center. An added feature of the OneExchange options is that if both retiree and spouse are 65+, they can enroll in totally different coverage if that suits their need better.

OneExchange Coverage

If you have been contacted by Towers Watson's OneExchange, either by mail or by phone, you must follow up and register with them. Your present medical benefits coverage through the NGBC will terminate on July 31, 2014. Do not delay. The OneExchange phone number is 1-855-832-0976.

News from TRW Groups around the Country

Ventura County Romeos

(Retired Old Men Eating Out)

Reported by Fred Blaich

We first got together around 2003 and have been doing lunch on the first Tuesday of the month ever since. We have seven members: Mike & Paula Hoffman (Santa Clarita), Bill Schepers (Northridge), Stu Pearson (Burbank), Harry Stroud (Ventura), Allan Stayer (Westlake Village), and me (Newbury Park). We now convene at Mimi's in Thousand Oaks. Most of us have been retired some 20+ years and we truly enjoy reminiscing and trying to recall people and events which, at our ages, is challenging. We would love to have other retirees join us. Please call us in advance (805-499-0012) so there will be room at our table.

The TRIN Newsletter Group

The TRIN Newsletter Group meets 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). Mike Pauls continues as chairman.

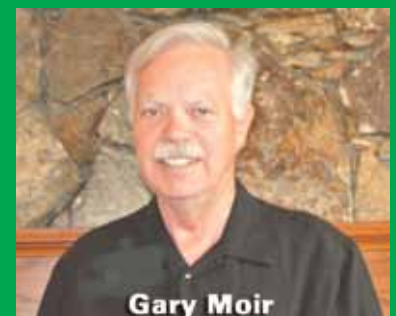
Approximately eighteen active members participate in the monthly meetings. Turn to Page 6 to see their photo.

Beach Cities Retirees

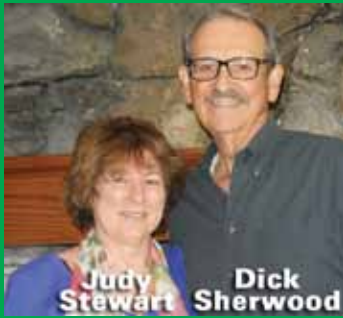
The Beach Cities Retirees get-togethers for TRW/NGC retirees and friends are held the last Monday of the even numbered months for lunch at Grunions Restaurant, 1501 N. Sepulveda Blvd., Manhattan Beach, CA. The remaining dates for 2014 are June 30, August 25, October 27, and December 22. All are welcome, retiree or not!!! Contact Allen Parker at 310-780-0712 or 777allensp@gmail.com.

THE ALICE LORD SPRING FLING

April 10, 2014



The Proud Bird Restaurant was again the site of TRA's Spring Social. These photos by Mary Holcomb show a few of the attendees at this annual event. Her photos are also posted on our web site: www.tra-spacepark.org.



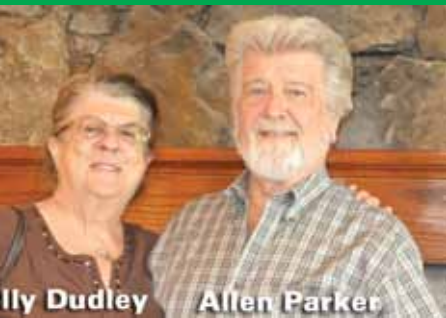
Judy Stewart Dick Sherwood



Noble Smith



Rudy and Bea Flores



Ily Dudley Allen Parker



Sherry Adame Dena Bouskos



Bob Henrich



scians



Nancy and Bruce Giles



Sue Baker Melinda Turkolu



Marilyn Laden



Ron and Brenda Haky



Winnie and Cliff Pang



Muriel and Paul Nordin



Sandy Wright



Come join the San Diego TRA organization for a day at Del Mar Races followed by dinner at Red Tractons. Thursday, July 24, post time 2:00 PM, club house reserved seats \$12.00. Contact Joe Larkin, joe208larkin@aol.com for more details.

Spouses/Significant Others May be Listed in Directory

Is your spouse or significant other a former TRW/NG employee, and would like her/his name listed in the 2014 TRA Directory? In response to numerous requests, TRA is going to make this possible without having to subscribe to dual TRA memberships. Just fill out the attached application form and either mail it to us or email it to: spousal@tra-spacepark.org. Please do NOT email the info to our regular email address as this might be considered as a new membership application. You must be a former TRW or Northrop Grumman employee to take advantage of this listing in the new directory, and your spouse or partner must be a TRA member. Since this information will not be stored in our main database, we will not be able to supply email addresses for these individuals on request as we do for regular TRA memberships. Such listing information must be received by June 20, 2014 to be included in the 2014 Directory.

Application for Spousal/Significant Other Directory Listing

I want my name and address listed in the 2014 TRA Membership Directory but do NOT want a TRA Membership at this time.

I am a former TRW/NG employee

Dates of employment at TRW/NG _____

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Phone No: (____) _____ - _____

Include my phone number in the directory

Name of Spouse or Partner who is a TRA member:

Mail to TRA, P.O. Box 1276, Redondo Beach, CA 90278 or email the same info to spousal@tra-spacepark.org.

Deadline: June 20, 2014.



Members of the TRIN Newsletter Group. The identity of those shown (left to right): 1st row (sitting): Mary Barling, Mike Pauls, Bob Eshbaugh, and Janet Avent. 2nd row (standing): Maurice Suhre, Ed Newhall, Jack Tleel, Al Fletcher, Ken Meyer, and Jerry Klayman. 3rd row (standing): Ed Pozorski, George Dvorskey, Ray Liccini, Hal Mork, Daniel Haxton, and Chuck Greenwald. Not available for this photo: John Theodosiou, LeRoy Herold, and Maxine Barton-Bauman.

IN MEMORIAM

Name	Date of Death
Max Abramowitz	October 23, 2011
Susan Alice Baca	November 25, 2013
Robert Braslau	March 15, 2014
Harvey M. Buss, Jr.	November 10, 2013
Floyd Carr, Jr.	January 17, 2014
Wanda May Eskew	September 23, 2013
Albert Stewart Fulton	October 13, 2009
Consuelo Apodaca Garcia	February 10, 2014
Roger Alan Gohl	April 12, 2014
Raymond F. Harlan	March 18, 2014
Charles D. Hawn, Sr.	April 30, 2014
John Theodore Helstowski	April 2, 2014
Robert G. Lant	April 18, 2014
Robert Edward Lynn	February 28, 2014
John (Jack) Lee Redding	December 17, 2013
Eberhard Kurt Schubert	January 24, 2014
Paul Seide	February 7, 2014
Frank A. Smith, Jr.	January 13, 2014
Thomas J. Stephens, Jr.	April 27, 2014
Wallace R. Wannlund	December 27, 2013
Jerome L. White	April 17, 2014

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.

HAPPENINGS

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est honor. Comprised of leaders in government, business and industry, the NAA voting committee awarded the U.S. Navy, NG, and industry partners for “developing and demonstrating the first unmanned, autonomous air system operating from an aircraft carrier.” Conferred annually, the Collier Trophy recognizes one team or individual who has made “the greatest achievement in aeronautics or astronautics in America” during the previous year. Past recipients of the trophy include: Howard Hughes (1938), the Atlas Intercontinental Ballistic Missile team of USAF, Convair, and STL (1959), Neil Armstrong (1969), the B-2 (1991), Global Hawk (2000), and SpaceShipOne (2004).

➤ **BEALE AIR FORCE BASE, CA** — The U.S. Air Force RQ-4 Global Hawk unmanned aircraft system has completed a series of ground and air demonstrations at Beale Air Force Base, expanding the adaptability of the Global Hawk system to use an additional Satellite Communications (SATCOM) link to improve the transfer of mission data. At the request of the U.S. Air Force Air Combat Command, NGAS worked with Air Force partners to demonstrate that Global Hawk is compatible with different SATCOM architectures with no changes to the aircraft's hardware, software or payload. Taking place from Jan. 13-15, the demonstration highlighted a unique split link capability for Global Hawk that allows it to send mission data through a satellite link that is independent of the link used for command and control. The combat-proven Global Hawk has logged more than 110,000 flight hours and carries a variety of intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance sensor payloads to allow military commanders to gather near real-time images and uses radar to detect moving or stationary targets on the ground or at sea. The system supports antiterrorism, antipiracy, humanitarian assistance, disaster relief, airborne communications, and information sharing missions.

Recent New Members to TRA

We welcome the following members since the last newsletter.

Kirk Burlew	Peyton, CO
Richard Captor	Los Angeles, CA
Mike Carl	La Quinta, CA
Patricia Altieri Edie	San Pedro, CA
Jim Fariss	Black Forest, CO
Sharon Gibson	Redondo Beach, CA
Frank E. Harnell	Las Vegas, NV
Rhonda MacDonald	Redondo Beach, CA
Evelyn R. Messer	Richmond, TX
Dolly T. Nix	Mesquite, NV
Steven E. Palmer	Escondido, CA
Edward J. Quijada	San Fernando, CA
William L. Reichert	San Pedro, CA
Horacio Saavedra	Whittier, CA
Thomas E. Steelman	Bermuda Dunes, CA
Mercy Valdez	Torrance, CA
Richard T. Wylie	Torrance, CA
Terri and Larry Zinkiewicz	Rancho Palos Verdes, CA

The Aerospace Chronicles, Continued

As previously reported in the NNG, Rachel Reeves, a reporter for the Easy Reader Newspaper, has written a series of articles on the ups and downs of the aerospace industry and its great effects on the South Bay communities. The second in her series of articles, “Reinvention in a New Era,” was published in January, 2014, and has been added to the TRA web page, along with the first in her series. To read the article, go to <http://www.traspacepark.org> and under the heading “What’s New on the Web Page” select the article.

The next issue of the NNG
will be mailed in July.

THE MAIL POUCH

◆◆◆**Louise Johnson** continues her praise of So Cal: *great place both for work and retirement.* She supports the Beach Cities Symphony, the Torrance Civic Chorale, and as many musicals as comes her way◆◆◆Just as happy to NOT be in So Cal, **Rosalie** and **Warren Wright** rave about their great desert/mountain view just north of Tucson. *Open space everywhere.* Their motto: *Close ALL of Arizona's borders!*◆◆◆None of this southern climate for Jack Babin-ski, formerly with TRW at NAFB in San Bernardino, CA. He retired in '91 and moved to the panhandle region of Idaho, just miles from the Canadian border where he built an earth-sheltered home. *We get a lot of snow!* he adds to his note◆◆◆Another So Cal pair, **Nati** and **Alvaro Prieto**, are enjoying their 12 years of retirement life to the fullest. In the last five years they have cruised on the Queen Mary, Victoria and Elizabeth, and are booked on a Viking river cruise in August. When at home in Carson she still meets with her former colleagues for lunch◆◆◆How to celebrate your Golden Wedding Anniversary? Go to Australia, New Zealand, and Tasmania say **Neil** and **Nancy Ballard**. They even got the captain of the MS Oosterdam to help the couple renew their vows, complete with flowers, music, a wedding cake, and more for their private party. Neil invites all to drop in to see them when in Palm Springs◆◆◆And **Marilyn** and **Charles Devalon** agree on the joys of river cruising. Last summer they took a *very enjoyable river cruise* from Budapest up the Danube, ending in Cologne◆◆◆**Glenellen Mullins Dickinson** has carefully preserved a photo of the attendees at STL's very first 5-year anniversary party, and offered it to TRA for the NNG. But it's too big and detailed to shrink it down for this publication. Instead, we are going to enlarge it to banner size and display it at the Annual Meeting June 20. Glenellen (83) just retired last January from her second career at Palomar Health in Escondido, CA◆◆◆Coasting along in retirement are **Bea** and **Budd Cohen**, but they did get up to Portland in January to visit their son in his new home on the Willamette River◆◆◆The long arm of the TRA membership recruiters



By Al Hausrath

just reached the South Pacific. New retirees **Terri** and **Larry Winkiewicz** were cruising near the equator when they received an email from TRA Board Member **Carol Schamp**, suggesting they might like to become members. And they accepted◆◆◆Happy retirees **Ron** and **Patricia Rowe** cruised the St. Lawrence seaway last year. And they let us in on a secret: great seafood buffet at Valley View Casino in San Diego. Ron volunteers in the local Community Emergency Response Team and the Costa Mesa Citizen's Fire Academy. His note ends with *life was good while working at one of the best companies in aerospace — TRW/NG*◆◆◆His main activity of playing golf in Rancho Mirage has been put on hold, writes **Ted Bettwy**, because of a detached retina. He's still doing some consulting and writing. Enjoys getting together with former associates who either live nearby or come to vacation in the Coachella Valley◆◆◆**Milt** and **Jeanne Peterson** have moved down from the High Desert (Victorville, CA) to the ocean breezes of Camarillo, CA, at the Royal Gardens assisted living facility. They miss their former home, but like the fewer responsibilities, fine food, and many social contacts at Royal Gardens. Email them at miltjeanne@gmail.com. While both have some health problems, they renewed their TRA membership for four more years, as they *have so many things yet to do and see*◆◆◆

Important Contact 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.