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**For Northrop Grumman & TRW Legacy Retirees**

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## TRA's Big Holiday Party! Don't Miss It!

*Friday, December 4, 2015 from 11:00 to 3:00.  
Reservation Deadline — November 20, 2015*

### HAPPENINGS AT NORTHROP GRUMMAN

#### Northrop Grumman Corp. (NG)

► FALLS CHURCH, VA — NG reported first quarter 2015 net earnings of \$484 million, or \$2.41 per diluted share, compared to \$579 million, or \$2.63 per diluted share in the first quarter of 2014. First quarter 2014 diluted earnings per share included a \$51 million, or \$0.23 per share, tax benefit resulting from the partial resolution of the Internal Revenue Service examination of the company's 2007-2009 tax returns. The company repurchased 5.3 million shares of its common stock for \$859 million in the first quarter of 2015. As of March 31, 2015, the company had repurchased 47.5 million shares toward its previously announced goal of retiring 60 million shares of its common stock by the end of 2015, market conditions permitting.



By Frank Warren

#### Aerospace Systems Sector (NGAS)

► PALMDALE, CA — Aircraft mechanics at NGAS are looking at their work instructions in a new light following the official start of operations for a unique optical projection system on the company's F-35 Lightning II Integrated Assembly Line (IAL). Known as FILLS, or Fastener Insertion Live Link System, the new approach automates many of the steps currently used by mechanics to verify, select and insert the thousands of fasteners used to attach composite panels to the contoured frame of the F-35 aircraft. Its 3-D optical projection technology and wireless handling of fastener hole measurement data are fundamentally changing the way mechanics assemble complex, high precision aircraft structure. FILLS is one of many projects funded by Northrop Grumman under the F-35 program's Blueprint for Affordability initiative. Its integration into the IAL is expected to save approximately \$77 million over the life of the program.

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**WHERE:** Ports O' Call Restaurant, 1200 Nagoya Way, San Pedro  
**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 is available.

**THE FOOD:** A sit-down three course dinner with your choice of one of three great entrées — Chicken/Pasta, King Salmon, or London Broil, finished with a choice of desserts: NY Cheesecake with Strawberry drizzle or Tiramisu.

**MUSIC:** The same great 2-person group that we had last year, with very danceable music.

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

**PARKING:** Plenty of free parking close to the door

**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 \$30 per person with advance registration by November 20; \$35 at the door on December 4!

**ATMOSPHERE:** Holiday Season — Put on your party clothes and your dancing shoes and join us for a great party. We are expecting a sellout crowd, so please send in your reservations promptly.

### TRA Holiday Party — Friday, Dec. 4, 2015 Reservation Deadline — Nov. 20, 2015

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

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

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

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

**Total Number Coming** \_\_\_ **at \$30 each** \_\_\_\_\_

**Limit: One guest per member**

**Entrée choices: (indicate number)**

Chicken/Pasta  King Salmon  London Broil

**Dessert choices (indicate number)**

NY Cheesecake  Tiramisu

**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

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

### 2015 OFFICERS

Dena Bouskos	President
Jack Trost	Vice President
Bob Doll	Treasurer
Jay Seidman	Secretary
Darrell Ausherman	Immediate Past President

### 2015 DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE

Mary Ann Chory, Charles Clendening, Ira Green, Marcy Morrison, Carol Schamp, and Jack Williams.

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

### By Phone:

310-833-5827

### By Email:

[TRA@tra-spacepark.org](mailto: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 as the need arises. 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](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. 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. 23 Oct. '15	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 805-473-2105 gzais@cloud.com
Beach Cities Get-together	Grunions Restaurant 1501 N. Sepulveda Blvd., M.B., CA	Last Mon., Even months. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.	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 jtroy@troysig.com 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 cannob70@gmail.com
Northern Virginia	Old Brogue Pub Great Falls, 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	Charles Vono 801-745-5879 charlesvono@comcast.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	J. Carters Grill 40365 Murrietta Hot Springs Rd., Murrietta, CA	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	SS. Brigid & Branden Room, American Martyrs Church, Manhattan Beach, CA	2nd Thursday 12:30 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**

**Frederick Brewen**, 83, August 25, 2015, 31 years at TRW, Apollo program

**Ralph H. (Buddy) Culbertson**, 72, 28 years at TRW/NG, Apollo program, Technical Fellow

**Merlin Ray Larsen**, 85, September 2, 2015

**Agnes Kamemoto**, 83, June 19, 2015, 30 years at TRW, Executive Secretary

The first step in notifying Northrop Grumman of a retiree's death is to call the NG 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 inform us by either mail or email to the TRA office. As a minimum, we need the name of the deceased; date of death; and the name of the person submitting the information. If more information is available and desired, include age, position and years at NG/TRW, any notable programs, and special skills.

**A Request To All TRA Members**

*From Dena Bouskos, TRA President*

I am happy to report that TRA is back into our Building E2/ Basement Archives office. Over the last six months, a small group of tireless retirees have been diligently cleaning up the offices and continuing to log the many print, film, and slides that are in our care. We have some spacecraft models and program memorabilia but we are looking for more. Do you have any space business memorabilia you would like to donate? Program patches, mugs, program pins or tie-tacks, pictures or anything else?

If you have something you'd like to donate to the TRA Archives, please let us know. Contact: TRA@tra-spacepark.org or TRA, P.O. Box 1276. Redondo Beach, CA 90278.

**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.

Towers Watson's OneExchange  
https://medicare.oneexchange.com/NGC

Or by phone: 855-832-0976

If your Medicare Supplemental Insurance coverage has been transferred from the NGBC to OneExchange, this is your contact information.

**Election Results for 2016 Officers**

Thanks to all of our members who took time to vote, we now have our leaders for 2016. The 2016 Officers will be Dena Bouskos, President; Jack Trost, Vice President; Jay Seidman, Secretary; and Bob Doll, Treasurer. Newly elected Directors are: Charles Clendening, Reggie Jue, Marcy Morrison, and Carol Schamp. Carry-over Director from 2015 is Mary Ann Chory. Ballots were received from just 23% of our members; 72% by mail and the remainder by email.

**HAPPENINGS**

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**Information Systems Sector (NGIS)**

- LOS ANGELES, CA — NGIS announced the successful test of its Tactical Incident Management System (TIMS) in a proof of concept with the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Command Post Operations at the Special Olympics World Games. The testing was carried out in support of the LAPD during multiple special events, culminating with a comprehensive 8-day test during the Special Olympics World Games from opening to closing ceremonies. NGIS partnered with Incident Response Technologies Inc. (IRT), leveraging their cloud-based incident response and management technology and drawing on IRT's Rhodium Incident Management Suite - a software that can be accessed via computers or mobile devices.
- MCLEAN, VA— NGIS was awarded a contract from the Department of Homeland Security Science and Technology Directorate to develop advanced biometric solutions that will enhance mobile security for users while virtually eliminating the need for a password. NGIS will combine advanced behavioral sensing and modeling techniques, derived from two of its university research projects, to authenticate user identity. Instead of a password or PIN, behavioral characteristics gathered by sensors on a device will authenticate user identity. Under a \$1.7 million Mobile Technology Security R&D award, NGIS is leveraging a research project on threat behavior modeling originally developed through its Cybersecurity Research Consortium partner Carnegie Mellon University's cybersecurity institute, CyLab. Sensors on the device track and capture user behavior and compare that data against a user profile automatically derived through machine-learning techniques. This technology has since spun off into a company called Zense Inc., now a teammate on this project.

**Upcoming Events**

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| TRA Holiday Party                          | December 4, 2015 |
| TRA Spring Fling*                          | March, 2016      |
| *Details to be provided in the January NNG |                  |

**The next NNG will be mailed in January and will include a handy dues renewal form.**

## THE MAIL POUCH

◆◆◆Dual TRW retirees **Stan** and **Donna Rieb** continue to spend half the year in Torrance, CA and the other half in Coupeville, WA on beautiful Whidbey Island. During the summer of 2014 they took a road trip to Kansas for Stan's 60<sup>th</sup> High School Reunion, with side trips to Yellowstone, Grand Tetons, Mt. Rushmore as well as relatives in Nebraska. Donna is serving on a non-profit committee to help homeless families with children find sustainable housing and much more. Check it out at [familypromiseosb.org](http://familypromiseosb.org) and see how you can help◆◆◆**Babs Semko** (Valencia, CA) is looking for a 36 hour day, 10 day week so she can fit in her gardening (flowers and vegetables), quilting, and family and friends without getting behind in her activities. *Anyone find one?* Let us all know◆◆◆**Hal Culver** (Palos Verdes Estates, CA) could not get enough of aerospace. He retired from TRW in '92 after almost 30 years at TRW, then worked at the Aerospace Corp. for 20 more! He and wife **Barbara** are now enjoying their 6 g'sons and world travel◆◆◆**Bob Cash** (Rancho Palos Verdes, CA) reports that he and **Jane** spent two weeks touring Ireland followed by a week in London this summer◆◆◆Also in Europe earlier this year were **Homer McPherson** and his wife (Hermosa Beach, CA). Their stomping grounds were NW Europe and the British Isles. Now 90, he wonders how many more such trips he can make◆◆◆**Albert Petraitis** (San Diego, CA) knew how to celebrate his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 9, 2015. He spent the day with family and friends AND by writing a 2015 dues renewal check to TRA. He's already looking forward to next year for a repeat◆◆◆*I've been retired for just 3 years and we are busier than ever!* So writes **Steve Salem** (Torrance, CA). He and **Lorna** are proud parents of 9-year old Lizzy, Student of the Month at a local Middle School. And their year-old g'daughter is under their care while her mother works as a dialysis technician. But Steve still finds time to practice the piano, a life-long love◆◆◆**Howard King** has moved to the beautiful



By Al Hausrath

retirement community of Laguna Woods Village in South Orange County, CA, and is enjoying participating in their various clubs, including duplicate bridge and 9-hole golf. He recently completed a *fabulous* 18-day tour of Vietnam with Overseas Adventure Travel, which specializes in small group size, lots of physical activity, and significant interaction with the locals◆◆◆Another busy couple are the **Renkens, Ray** and **Barbara**. They have been rooted in Oregon City (near Portland) for 10 years now, and have even adjusted to the rainy weather. What keeps them busy? Church, civic involvement, and 7 g'kids◆◆◆HR (Human Resources) experts **Mery** and **Richard Propster** are still HRing, teaching at various universities in So Cal and consulting for small and medium size employers. But life is not all work. They celebrated their 51<sup>st</sup> Anniversary with their 35<sup>th</sup> cruise, this time to the Bahamas. When not working or cruising, they find time to walk the Strand in Manhattan Beach, surveying the beach scene◆◆◆The prize for the shortest note goes to **Phil Wyels** (Los Alamitos, CA). *Still working with my partner **Bill Harper** on our 1929 Travel Air Biplane*◆◆◆Although **Jerome Keding** calls Pahrump, NV home, he is there only about four months each year. The rest? They are motor-homing! East Coast in the summer, West Coast in the winter, taking advantage of their kids' big yards as parking spots. He retired from TRW in 2000 from the machine shop◆◆◆Another travelling pair, **Charles** and **Katherine Shorter**. Not only do they make a dozen trips yearly between home in Lexington, MA and CA, but many more trips to Europe and around the U.S. to support their g'daughter in her Synchronized Ice Skating Team, USA National Champions for the last three years◆◆◆**Kate Brady** (El Segundo, CA) has posted 24 years into her retirement and still has some unfinished projects around her house. But she's *enjoying life fully, healthy, happy, and gardening*◆◆◆