

The Leaf

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PROUD MEMORIES

Spring 2010

- **Events** *
 - *NOL Lunch 2nd Mon @Golden Bull in Adelphi
 - *WOLAA Annual Luncheon at Argyle Country Club, SS, MD, Fri, 14 May 2010@1130.
 - *Dedication of Proud Memory Garden at FDA in Late Summer 2010, Details TBP.
 - *Holiday Luncheon Dec, 2010. Details TBD

11 September 2001.....GOD BLESS AMERICA!

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Mark Your Calendar NOW!!!!

WOLAA Annual Luncheon will be on Friday, 14 March at 1130. We are returning to the Argyle Country Club. The flyer in Supplement 1 has all the details. The menu sounds “yummy,” and we believe many will like the easy access and location. You will get a flyer in the mail by the second week in April; so look for it and return it to us by Monday, 10 May 2010.

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News from WOLAA.

Facebook. We have established a group account on facebook for WOLAA. It is listed as WOLAA when you want to go to it. Soooo, those who are on facebook join the WOLAA group page. I am posting pictures and information on the wall ASAP The pictures from the WOLAA FL reunion are already posted.

WOLAA Florida Reunion. On Friday, 12 March 2010, twenty alums and guests met at Dade City to enjoy great food, excellent view, and wonderful fellowship. Ken and Jurel Caudle again hosted the reunion. Folks came from South Carolina, Panama City, Ormond Beach and Central Florida. The group elected to continue the reunions in 2011 and again at Dade City. Our super thanks to Ken and Jurel for making all the arrangements. Pat and I took pictures of the snow storms this year in VA and MD. The Florida folks were glad they were living in Florida, but reminded us of their “cold” winter.

Historical Preservation. Sadly, we have to report that the Proud Memory Garden and Fireplace/Interactive Display dedication has been delayed until Late Summer. We will alert you with detail on our Web, LEAF, Facebook, and eventually a flyer. Bldgs 31/32 (Garden located adjacent to bldgs) were dedicated on 1 March, and several Board members represented WOLAA. A FDA employee called me; they formed a Golf Club at FDA and wanted info on NOL course. May try and restore course for FDA employees.

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Oral History.

Worked on Tunnel 2. The following are notes WOLAA received from William Chute and his daughter Leslie Rose. William did not work at NOL as an employee but as a contractor when new control panels were being installed for Tunnels from Germany. Apparently, the decision was made to use equipment made in USA re spares and maintenance. William recently mentioned to Leslie that he had done such work, and she Googled to find out details and came across WOLAA's website and found an article by Dan Marren. The first three notes are from Leslie and the last one is from William.



Note 1. Last evening my 88 year old father, William L. Chute, told me a story about one of his first jobs after WWII discharge. He worked on the electrical design diagrams for the White Oak supersonic wind tunnel brought back from Germany after the war. So this morning, of course, I Googled it and came across your website. He was working for a company, I think was called Standard Electric at the time, and he went down to MD and worked on the project for over a year. He designed the 40 foot long control panel, described the 5 ft modules and the two-layer backdrop that showed the wiring and switch diagrams. I would love to be able to share any information you have about the subsequent history of the wind tunnel with him and maybe get him to share some more of his memories with you.

Note 2. It does appear from what I'm seeing on the web that my dad worked on the electrical design/diagrams for wind tunnel #1 as it looks as though #2 was installed elsewhere. He was explaining to me how the Germans had been able to achieve the remarkably high velocities by, something like, starting with the vacuum pumps in parallel and then moving them to series positions. He even said he remembered it was all painted a bright green! He showed me some prints of drawings of the Ordnance Lab (it shows the building he worked in- the one with the sphere partially showing through the roof) and another facility, all dated 1946. I know he would love to see the book and the stories from the German scientists so let's have you send them directly to him (he'll be very pleased). I did find a very nice presentation on the internet by Dan Marren that covers much of the history which I will give my father. Do we know which of the two tunnels is still at White Oak and which went to the Smithsonian?

Note 3. Thank you so much for sending the book and info to my dad! Can I send you a check or something? Much appreciated. Do either of you have a mailing address you would share (he doesn't email much anymore), so he could send you a letter about his experiences down there? This Thursday he's going to tell me about working on the electrical controls to open and close the camera doors for photographing a shell at the Naval Research Lab at White Oak. Funny, and wonderful, how these stories have resurfaced after all these years- I'd never heard them before!

Note 4. Dear John, I want to thank you for sending the book and other material that describes the White Oak Facility. The only building I ever saw was the one containing the vacuum sphere and the German wind tunnel. That was so long ago that my mind is rather dim regarding details. I will try to gather my thoughts and send you a collection of incidents and conversations concerning the design and manufacture of several control boards. These control boards were to replace all of the German controls with components of American manufacture. I was never involved with the operations of the wind tunnels. Once we got the "bugs" out I was off the job. Thank you again for this material; I found it very interesting.

Truly yours,

William L Chute.

Book Review Johnny Grams

Mjt



The first review is about a book tied to a historical building and new museum.

***Mount Vernon Love Story; A Novel of George and Martha**

Washington by Mary Higgins Clark (1968). So, this appears to be an old book and is in fact old. We heard about it when we got a fund raising letter from the new museum that has been built at Mount Vernon. If you donated so much, you received an autographed copy of the “Mount Vernon Love Story” which has been reissued in support of the new museum. We have not been to the new museum, but the last time we were at Mt. Vernon we saw the facility and landscaping. It has been very cleverly constructed into the area it was built. It is hardly noticeable, and doesn’t change the view of the Mt. Vernon property which is very much like it was when the Washington’s lived there. The museum itself has gotten great reviews, and we plan to visit it in the near future. Yes, it was a novel and a love story. But, Mary Higgins Clark accurately researched it, and we learned a lot about our first president. Two things really amazed me: first it was a good many years between the time Washington fought with the British on the Ohio River to defeat the French and the time of the Revolutionary War when he was a reluctant leader of our forces; and second, the Revolutionary War was very long—over seven years—and even lingered for several more after Yorktown. Next was the time to travel and communicate. When Washington left office, Martha and he started out from Philly to go to Mt. Vernon. At the end of the first day, they had only gotten to Chester, PA. From the love story viewpoint, several items to note. Martha, who he only referred to as Patsy, was not his “true love.” Sally Fairfax was. She was the wife of his best friend, and he was in love with her the first time they met. This relationship continued until their death. Martha was a widow and had two children to her first husband. Even though Martha would not permit George to take a Father’s role in raising them, George loved them as his own and had great influence with them. The last point is his love of Mt. Vernon. It was left to him by his half brother and he spent many years upgrading and managing it. His greatest fear was the British would shell it from the Potomac for spite re him being the General of the troops. They even had an elaborate escape plan for Martha and her children. I believe our history is so useful in understanding the values and struggles of these great leaders in the late 1700’s. Hope you will read it and enjoy it as a wonderful love story, and even more importantly, the discovery of additional insight into our first President and his family.

***Marley and Me by John Grogan (2005).** This is for all our Alum who are dog lovers. The book was made into a very popular movie. It is about a young married couple (John and Jennie Grogan) who decide they need a dog to make sure they can be nurturing parents to a baby. Enter the lab they name “Marley.” Marley is simply put insane. He jumps on everyone, chews everything, can’t be trained, loves to sniff people and other dogs; BUT is this big lovable dog who remains a puppy all his life. Grogan integrates these antics with the events of his career, wife, and family as we live with Marley until the time he must be buried in the woods of the family farm. Our children, Joe and Johnna, each had/have two large dogs: George, Lucy, Summer and Dakota. Each has unique and endearing and/or not endearing traits. George would jump up on you with both paws on his chest—some don’t like this. Summer can chew her way out of cages and destroys molding and window sills. Lucy and Summer love to run and run. Dakota can play with toys and balls forever. Dakota and Lucy have interesting drinking techniques. And, of course, all of the dogs shed! We were very concerned how George and Dakota would take to our grandson, Jon, and grand-daughter, Shelby. Not to worry both dogs were great and oh so protective of these wee humans---just as Marley was. But for all the antics of our children’s four dogs, you have to add them all together to equal the insanity of Marley. My favorite antic of Marley was a Grogan family outing to an outdoor Yuppie restaurant. They tied Marley to the leg of the metal table. All went well until Marley saw this sexy poodle down the street. Some dogs might perk up or bark. Not the 90 pounds of lab, Marley; he took off with the table, and charged half way down the block until John Grogan caught him. The offer to reset the table when it was drug back to the restaurant was kindly rejected by the Grogan family. Nevertheless, all can be forgiven when you enter your home to a fiercely wagging tale of your best friend; and not for all—but for me—their sloppy loving kisses.

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Lone Survivor by Marcus Luttrell and Patrick Robinson (Paperback 2007). John Parkerson received this book as a gift and shared it with me when we saw each other in FL. It is the story of four Navy SEAL's who were sent on a dangerous mission in the mountains of Afghan. They were discovered and were outnumbered 35 to 1. Eventually, three were killed and one, Marcus Luttrell, survived. The story of his survival is amazing. It taught so much about the enemy we are dealing with, the impossible geographic conditions, and impact of Rules of Engagements on our forces—they just aren't fair. For the first time since 9/11, I am understanding why Osama is still out there. A must read. My thanks to John for sharing the book with me.

Ramblings of a Senior

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***ICC.** After many years of political disagreement, the Inter-county connector is being build. It will go from I95 in PG County to I270 in Montgomery. I can't wait as entry is only a few miles from my house for use when we head for PA. The first sections (GA Avenue to 270) opens this Fall and the rest in the Fall 2011. It is very difficult construction re the interchanges and they are doing it amazingly fast. The main issues was taking peoples homes, using park lane, and environmental issues. It also competed with the proposed Purple Metro Subway Line for a few years. Well now for the bad news; it is going to be a fairly expensive toll road. Commuters hoping to use it are probably not happy. At LABQUEST meeting in January, the county transportation person told us how they were going to collect the toll. Ready for this! Will be no toll booth, and no cash or credit cards can be used. This sounds difficult. Well not if you have EZ Pass which I do; EZ Pass will sail right past the reader. BUT, if you don't have EZ Pass, they will take a picture of your license plate; get name/address from MVD; calculate your toll and mail you a bill. Does this sound practical; maybe I missed something like if you get on at exit 1 and get off at exit 2 how will they correlate your license plate. Won't it be expensive to do the billing and mailing. Besides if I were to use it on a daily basis and get on and off several times, I would get a ton of mail unless they only bill once a month. Sure hope someone has debugged the computer program they are using. If I am missing something, call, email, or write WOLAA so we can clear up this "high tech" process.



***Maintenance for Dummies.** I have always prided myself on how I maintain the stuff in my house and car. Now, I am beginning to believe the next book for "dummies" should be on Maintenance and for me. First, it was our dryer. It didn't appear to be drying well and was old. We went to buy a new one when the salesman asked if I had cleaned the vent pipe recently. Well I knew better, but hadn't cleaned it for years. Took the pipes all apart, cleaned, reassembled and dryer worked fine----loser was the salesman who did not sell us a dryer. Next, I take our Toyota minivan to Jiffy lube, and they said I needed a new cabin filter. What the heck is a cabin filter; got out manual; and sure enough a filter for air entering inside of car which is reached by getting behind the glove compartment. Yep, it was dirty. Went to Toyota and found they are quite expensive. But, they sure do collect bugs, leaves and lots of dirt. In 2010, the dummy got dumber. I noticed my dust buster was not working well; again old so figured time to get a new one. Then, I started looking at it closer. Sure enough by removing the dust "bag" and then with some effort separating the filter assembly from the motor, there was a completely clogged filter. Cleaned it, found you could reuse the filter, reassembled, charged motor, and now have a "new" dust buster from a performance view. Good grief! I wonder what other unknown filter awaits me. Yes, I do know about furnace and humidifier filters. Where is that book for dummies.

***Computer Keyboard.** This for Alum who type by touch. One of my all time favorite peeves is when I place my fingers in the wrong place on the keyboard and look up several sentences later to find "junk" typed. No more. I read on the internet that keyboards have a small "bump/tab" on the F and J keys

as a guide for your fingers. Sure enough both keyboards, that we have, have these guides. Now if this Senior can only remember to look for them before he starts typing.

Features

***Technical.**

-NSWC/DL New TD. The Navy has decided the Laboratories/Centers do need a TD. Carl Siel, Jr. has been named to be the TD at NSWC/DL beginning on 18 November 2009. Mr. Siel is a civil engineer graduating from the U. of Dayton. His most recent position was at the Office of ASN (RDA) where he was the principal civilian for system engineering and has been responsible for software development, net-centric integration, etc. He served SPAWAR as Director for homeland security; PM for Navy Information Security; and Deputy PM for Submarine Communications. At Carderock, he worked as a structural project engineer. His duties are announced as, “provide senior civilian perspective and continuity of leadership to the workforce, steward technical excellence, and enable competency alignment between the division and headquarters elements.” Editor: I have no clue what this means; BUT good luck to Mr. Siel and all the other TD’s in their efforts to lead the Laboratories/Centers as in the 50’s-90’s.

-USS Independence (LCS 2). The Navy accepted the LCS 2 on 18 December 2009 as the second Littoral Warfare ship. It is designed from the keel up to deliver flexible warfighting capability. Independence is an aluminum trimaran to counter the threats from mines, quiet diesel electric submarines, and fast attack surface crafts. It is 417 feet in length and will be equipped with flexible payloads, called mission packages, that can be changed out quickly. The current three payloads are for ASW, Mine CM, and surface warfare. It was noted in the article that PEO Ships has added eight major surface ships to the Fleet in 2009 as they work to grow the current 313 ship force structure. Editor: In the early 90’s there were many studies to define surface ships to fight in littoral (shallow) waters; but it was not clear that the Navy was ready to go to a new hull form like the trimaran—I guess they were. Also, the idea of modular payloads was being pushed hard; yet there seemed a lot of issues concerning them. Lets hope the mission packages will be successful on the LCS class. Finally, John Lehman at the build-up to win the cold war in the 80’s had the vision of a 600 ship navy. In about 20 years, the Fleet has shrunk by 50%; not sure how many ships our current world requires but it sound like the Navy feels like they need more.

-High Temperature Superconducting (HTS) Coils for Degaussing. An article in Carderock’s SEAFARE magazine (Vol 6, Issue 1, 2010) described the program at Carderock to use HTS coil technology to replace the currently used copper cable. The first successful test was conducted on the USS Higgins (DDG 76) in April 2009. Weight savings could be up to 80% and voltage requirement from 500 Volts to 0.5 Volts. George Stimak, a former WOL employee, is the ONR sponsor for this important work.

-Electromagnetic Pulse. Recently, I was wandering if the Navy had continued any effort on EMP re recent changes in threats. My answer came in an article in the South Potomac Pilot paper (DL and IH newspaper). Dahlgren has eight S&E's lead by Alex Solomonik, project manager, working to developing a strategy and information for the Navy to mitigate damage to the Fleet from very high altitude nuclear detonations. The program had been dormant for a decade before being restored in October 2008. Jim Partak, who worked at WOL is involved in the program. It would appear the focus is on assessing impact from EMP on current R&D programs by reviewing drawings and system specifications.

*Alumni News

Alumni Communicates.

Gary Burak. (He wrote to inform WOLAA of Charles Dyer's death, and who was very active in Pistol and Rifle Club at NOL; and then he added the following.) "Wow.....the incredible social and recreational opportunities we had in addition to the professional opportunities! Such thoughts cause me to feel extremely fortunate to have 'happened into' a career at NOL." **Editor Note:** I agree with Gary and suspect that most alumni feel the same way.

George Stathopoulos. "I read your note on Dr. Merendino; he is quite a guy. I have used him for number of years for endocrine problems. I have found that he is an excellent doctor in addition to being a very interesting person. I even look forward to his appointments. My wife and both daughters also go to him and enjoy him. I have tried to get him to be our internist; however, I think he has his plate full with his endocrine practice." **Editor Note:** Pat and I have gotten to know his nurse, Ann, very well; but she gets really frustrated with Dr. John (Merendino) because he takes so much time with each patient that he gets way behind with his appointments. That has to be a very rare quality in current health care scenarios.

"On a separate subject. I would like to get in touch with a former NOL employee by the name of John Lloyd Jones, known as JL. I have a feeling he may be deceased. He left NOL to join the staff of Bradley University. I don't have the year that he left. He worked in the old T Department. At first he worked in the same Branch as George Beyer developing instrumentation; later he was our supervisor in the Shock Group. He then moved to R Department before leaving the Laboratory. Do you have any suggestions on any organization that may have his address?"

Editor Note: Can anyone help George. Has anyone kept in contact with JL? Does anyone know how to access Navy personnel records?

John Kelley Wrote: I'm most grateful for your prompt assistance in our attempts to locate a WOL retiree and former participant in EMPRESS II. Here is some late-breaking WOLAA-related news, although not altogether of a cheery nature.

* Mr. John P. Consaga, a recently re-hired WOL Chemist and Propellant Formulator, underwent emergency cardiac surgery at Washington Hospital Centers on Tuesday, 2 March 2010. Reportedly, a quintuple bypass and a valve replacement were required; he has returned home and is progressing very well. You may recall that Mr. Consaga was the recipient of an award from ADM Wayne E. Meyer for his solutions to vexing problems with Standard Missile boost-propellants. Mr. Consaga was a member of the Indian Head Detachment of the Energetic Materials Research Division (Code R10) under Dr. Hermann S. Haiss (Code R16).

* Sadly, Mrs. Barbara A. Elban, wife of WOL'er Dr. Wayne L. Elban, died in an automobile accident on Saturday, 6 March 2010 in Finksburg, MD. As reported in the Baltimore Sun of Sunday, 7 March 2010, accompanying her was the Elban's youngest son, Michael, who is recovering at the Shock Trauma Center in Baltimore. Reportedly, Mrs. Elban's vehicle was struck by a truck that had disregarded a red traffic light. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this moment. Presently, Dr. Elban, a past member of the Energetic Materials Research Division (Code R10), is a Professor of Engineering at Loyola University in Baltimore. Our prayers are with the Elban family.

Dr. Art Delagrance. In a recent LEAF, Art shared his adventures in “racing” by describing his driving of an Indy and NASCAR racing car. This was brought about when his car insurance company insulted Art’s ability to drive. He has now updated us with the picture below. This time driving the fascinating lamborghini superleguerra. Note the speed of 196 mph. That’s really fast. I catch myself looking down and realizing I am going well over 80 on some of our trips on I95 and quickly slow down. This had to be a “totally awesome” adventure for Art.

-Alumni Updates

Pete Eskin. Pete’s wife called me to tell me that Pete is now in Riderwood’s assisted living. He had hip surgery nearly a year ago and recovered well from that but during rehab, his back and legs “gave-out” to point that he needed assistance to get around. His spirits are good, and he hopes to come to a WOLAA event as he can use the wheelchair/walker combination to get around. He enjoys phone calls and visits. Call Pete at (301) 890-0031.

Dan Marren. Dan is the Leader of the Air Force Wind Tunnel Team at White Oak. He has been very active in LABQUEST (Community Group supporting the FDA project at WO). Dan has also fostered interaction between the scientists and engineers at the tunnel with scientists at FDA and students at the U. of Maryland. Recently, with the support of GSA, the tunnel has developed a new coating laboratory at the Tunnel. Graduate students from MD are very involved and they have developed coating they are about to test in the tunnel re use on space and missile vehicles. Dan has also worked to form a team with GSA to enhance security and M&R interaction. LABQUEST has been active since BRAC of the WOL. Several years ago LABQUEST began to designate each new year for someone who had made a difference in the FDA project. At the January 2010 meeting of LABQUEST, it was stated that 2010 would be the year of Dan Marren. A well deserved honor for the leadership Dan has shown. A WOLAA BZ.

Dr. Carl Mueller. Carl remains busy in retirement in Tennessee. He wrote that Roane State Community College had just received a \$880K federal grant to build a facility for the Cumberland Business Incubator. The article Carl sent The LEAF noted, “We have been fortunate to have Dr. Carl Mueller, a science and technology consultant, working with the city of Crossville on the CBI project. He has played a major role in involving Crossville and Tennessee’s intellectual infrastructure.” This project will help all aspects of Carl’s community and he should be proud of his civic accomplishments.

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Jim Duffy. Jim and his wife attended the WOLAA FL reunion, and noted that they had bought a condo in Ellicott City, MD. Their plan is to spend the Summer in Maryland and then return to their FL home in the Winter.

-Notes to WOLAA

Gan Starling. I spent just a few weeks at the WOL in 1977 working on the development of the Mk 67 Submarine Launched Mobile Mine. A training film was made there in which I was featured as one of two silent technicians demonstrating the weapon

http://minemen.us/fl_SLMM_Film_1.jpeg

That snapshot is labeled "770716FF-1-10A" and credited to the "Photographic Engineering & Services Branch" of the WOL. Do you know of any means whereby I could obtain a copy of that training film?

Thank you, Gan Uesli Starling, ex USN, Holland MI USA

Editor Note: Bill Jones provided a POC for Gan at Panama City; hopefully, there is still a record of this film.

***Deceased Alumni.**

Please inform Houston Cole of any information about deceased alumni: phone is (410) 489-2977. Or, please write, phone, or email WOLAA. The LEAF is pleased to print a tribute to our deceased alumni; prepare and email or mail to WOLAA.

-Bernard Drimmer. Bernie died on 3 December 2008. He had retired to Boynton Beach, FL. He worked in the Explosive Dynamics Division at NOL and then moved to NAVSEA. Bernie had attended several WOLAA FL Reunions, but had noted he was not able to travel to our recent ones due to poor health.

-Arlene Bowman McKeller. Arlene's daughter informed WOLAA that Arlene had died on 12 August 2009 at the Hamot Medical Center. She had MD but death was unexpected. Several years ago she moved to the Erie, PA area to be near her daughter and family. Arlene worked at NOL in the Product Design Division. Her husband, Earl, also worked at NOL.

-Charles Dyer. Gary Burak informed WOLAA that Charley died on 1 January 2010 at age 84. He was a Radiation Physicist at NOL and headed the X-ray Laboratory in Building 70. He was very active in the NOL Rifle and Pistol Shooting Teams that were sponsored by NOL in the 60's and 70's. The teams competed in local and regional competitions in Maryland and Virginia. Charles was a graduate of the University of Maryland. In WW II, he served in the 101st Airborne Division and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. He is survived by his wife, Alice; daughter Susan; and stepdaughter Margaret Leps.

-Thomas E. Adams. His daughter Jeanne Chamberlain informed WOLAA that Thomas had died on 5 January 2010. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, JoAnn; three daughters: Jeanne Chamberlin, Donna White, and Lori Hazelton; and five grandchildren. Tom was an EE and worked at NOL in Fire Control and Guidance Division for Roy Kogge. He worked on Polaris and received a Meritorious Civilian Service Award.

-Ralston J. Smith. Jules died at his home in Ocean City, MD on 14 January 2010 at age 79. He is survived by his wife, Lee; three children: Ralston J; Laura Lee; and Lewis; seven grandchildren; and eight great grandchildren. Jules worked at NOL beginning in the late 1950's; he left NOL in the early 1960's and worked for several Navy defense contractors, primarily in marketing. After retirement, he sold real estate for a realtor in Ocean City.

Editor: Jules graduated from Eastern Kentucky in the same class as Tony Parrent and Rose Ridgway. As many students from Eastern Kentucky, Dr. Black had an influence in having them come to NOL. Jules was a physicist and had a JPD tour in George Beyers group in U Department. That is where I met him. We then took graduate courses together at NOL (U. of MD) and studied together. Sometimes I would go to his apartment on NH Avenue to study. He lived there with his first wife and three young children. This memory reminded me that most of us who came to NOL lived in apartments until we saved enough to

buy a house. In Jules case, the apartment was crowded with the three young children. Tony Parrent remembered the same sort of think at Eastern Kentucky as he studied with Jules at their apartment in "vets village." Jules had served in the Air Force for 4 years before going to college on the GI Bill. Jules and I crossed paths over the last 50 years after not seeing each other for many years. I met him in the pentagon when he visited the OASN to do marketing. After I retired, I met Jules in Ocean City and discovered he was selling real estate. The next time I saw him he noted he had severe skin cancer but he was going to be OK. Last year I was pumping gas and heard a voice I recognized—Jules. He again had skin cancer but amazing said he had developed his own chemical process to treat it. This do it yourself personality was typical of Jules.

-Dr. Ronald M. Culpepper. Ron died on 31 January 2010. He is survived by his wife, Joan; children: Cheryl Carter, Michael, and Tracey Salem; and five grandchildren. Ron worked in the Structures Division of the Air and Surface ME Department at NOL. He moved to the Advanced Planning Staff and worked on the HEL project. In the 70's he moved to N Department and worked in the Analysis Branch of N10. Ron and his family were very involved in instrumental music, and he was an active member of the WOL band. Tony Parrent's memory of Ron is: Ron played bass clarinet and clarinet in the NOL/WOL band from before 1962 when I started directing. He was a loyal attendee as was his wife, Joan who played bassoon. Their son and daughter would occasionally join Ron and Joan to enlarge the band for special band performances such as for Change-of-Command and Year-end ceremonies, and for Miller Hall-based family-oriented picnic gatherings. Also, both Ron and Joan played in the pit orchestra for the "Bill's Bunch" portion of the 14-year run of the NOL Fine Arts Festival; were staunch members of the Greenbelt Band for many years; and, on occasion, played with various other groups such as the pit orchestra for the British Embassy Savoyards.

-George J. Sloan, Jr. George died on Wednesday, February 10, 2010. He was husband of Lenora L. Sloan; father of George "Jamie" Sloan, III and Lenora "Les" Cruise; grandfather of George, IV, Laura, Jake, Katie, Jesse and Joey; father-in-law of Mary Sloan and Loy Cruise. George worked in U Department and headed the parachute team. They developed all the parachutes for air dropped mines and worked on recovery chutes for NASA's rocket motors. George was an avid pilot and enjoyed discussing his flying with friends.

-Marvin Maylack. Marvin was a senior technical writer in the Publications Branch from 1963 to 1984. He died at his home in California on 10 March at age 87. He had waged a 3-year battle with pancreatic cancer. Marvin, an English graduate of the University of Maryland, last worked with Charlie Burton on the chaff decoy system. In off hours, he often entertained the staff in Publications with his skill on the piano. He died in hospice care and is survived by his wife Edie, his daughter Donna, and his son Fallon.

-Marie Lohr. Betty Beebe informed WOLAA that her Mother, Marie Lohr, passed away on 12 March 2010. Marie was 95 and living in an assisted living home. While at NOL, she worked in Drafting Records and retired in 1978. Betty worked at the WOL in the Personnel Department.

-Ruby Lee Beach. Ruby Lee, a former resident of Highland Township, Michigan, died March 20, 2010, following a brief illness. She had just celebrated her 88th birthday earlier in the week. Mrs. Beach was born March 15, 1922, at Hyacinth, Virginia, the daughter of Wilton Avery and Sarah (Brann) Beauchamp. At the start of World War II she moved to Washington, D.C., where she worked for the U.S. Navy as a clerk in the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts. She married November 11, 1944, Ensign Eugene H. Beach, a native of Highland Township, Michigan, serving at the Naval Ordnance Laboratory (NOL) at the Washington Navy Yard. Following the war, the couple lived in Highland for several years while Eugene pursued post-graduate studies at the University of Michigan. In 1953 they moved to Silver Spring following Dr. Beach's return to work at NOL's new facility in White Oak, Maryland. Mrs. Beach belonged to Woodside United Methodist Church in Silver Spring for more than 55 years and was active in its Women's Society. She was likewise a proud member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Northumberland County (Virginia) Historical Society, the Northern Neck (Virginia) Historical Society and Colonial Williamsburg. With her husband she enjoyed collecting antiques, travel, visits with family and friends in Michigan, and weekly bingo games with other seniors at a local McDonald's Restaurant. Ruby Lee was

preceded in death by her husband, who died December 9, 2007. She leaves surviving one son, Eugene H. (Lori) Beach, Jr., of Highland, Michigan, and three grandchildren: Joshua D. S. (Laura) Beach of Jordan, Minnesota; Erin Beach (Bryan) Sandford of Ames, Iowa; and Ashley Emma Beach of Highland, Michigan. She also eagerly awaited the birth of a great-grandchild this coming August.

MARK CALENDAR NOW! Join Us!

Friday, 14 May 2010. 1130-1500

**WOLAA ANNUAL
REUNION LUNCHEON**

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***Replies will be required by Monday, 10
May***

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**MENU:**

**CHOICE OF 2 ENTREES:**

- \*Pan Seared Atlantic Salmon w  
Orange Horseradish Sauce
- \*Grilled London Broil w  
Burgundy Mushroom Sauce
- Argyle House Salad w Honey Raspberry Vinaigrette
- Key Lime Pie for Dessert
- COST: \$28.00/ person**

**LUNCHEON EVENTS**

- 1130-1200 Social (Cash Bar)
- WOLAA Store Open
- 1200-1330 Lunch
- 1330-1400 Annual Meeting
- 1400-1500 Visit
- WOLAA Store:
- WOLAA T-Shirts \$5
- NOL Pens \$2

**Reserve a Table for a Group or  
Branch Reunion. Call Your Friends  
Now; Then Call Dee !**

**POC: Dee Zook (301) 422-2818  
Email: biscuit274@hotmail.com**

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*NOTE: We surveyed your Board, and considered all the feedback we received from members. The decision was to return to Argyle CC for this year's luncheon. The easier access and location came with an increased cost of \$5. We are looking forward to our return to Argyle and hope you will join us.*