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PROUD MEMORIES

Summer 2011

- **Events** *
 - *NOL Lunch 2nd Mon @Golden Bull in Adelphi
 - *WOLAA Dedication of Proud Memory Garden, Fri. 30 September 2011 @ 1100
 - *WOLAA Night @ Strathmore. Details TBD

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Dedication! Dedication! Dedication!

Friday, 30 September 2011 @ 1100

At FDA Conference Center.

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*****Proud Memory Garden***

*****Legacy Wall***

*****NOL Benches***

*****Ceremony and Reception.***

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Dee Zook and Di Palermo planning program. It will feature Navy, Community, FDA, Bennett/Stinson Family speakers. We are hoping to have Navy Band, Chaplain, and Color Guard. Special Proud Memory Video. You will receive your invitation in early August. Please RSVP as soon as possible to accommodate FDA security. We hope to have a tour of NOL Lobby in Bldg 1 and bus tour of "base." The reception will follow the ceremony and will be held in the FDA Main Conference Center.

The plaques for the Garden are currently being fabricated and will be installed by 24 June. The pictures and plaques for the Legacy Wall are done. The interactive display is 98% done and is Spectacular! It will be a lasting Legacy of the WOL. We hope to have it on display at several other Navy Museum.

Dedication (Continued)

We are pleased that Dr. Ira Blatstein will be our MC and will speak on his Proud Memory experiences at the WOL.

WOLAA has been saving to pay for the dedication and we have a budget of ~\$10K to pay for the printing, reception, etc.

You will be directed to parking and then will be bussed back to Bldg 1 for security check in. Please let us know if there are special handicap needs!

There will be NO Politicians invited, except for Ambassador Connie Morrella, who supported the WOL during BRAC. I wanted this to be a special day for WOL Alumni.

Dee is planning a special gift and a wonderful program for you to take home and share with Alumni who can't attend.

Please check out web site and face book group site for further information. If you have any questions, please call, write, or email WOLAA

We know some of you won't be able to attend the dedication. We are attempting to arrange with FDA to have a monthly visit the Garden day for at least the rest of 2011. We will have to workout the details. There is also a possibility that the May 2012 Luncheon could be held at the FDA Conference Center Cafeteria so more Alumni could visit the Garden and Legacy Wall. More details at dedication and in Fall LEAF.

News from WOLAA

***WOLAA Annual Luncheon.** We were really pleased that 110 Alumni and guests joined us at the Argyle CC on 13 May for our annual luncheon. Dee selected trout as the seafood entrée' and it was a large portion and very good. Great fellowship. The art work for the nine plaques was displayed. We think the plaques really tell the Legacy of the WOL. Bill Ryan gave a brief treasurer report. I would just state that WOLAA is sound fiscally, has no debt limit, owes no one, receives interest not pays it, and has not raised it dues since it was founded! We also had a tight election but John Tino, Dee Zook, and Wayne Hopkins were reelected for another three year term.

***Holiday Luncheon.** Because the Dedication is in the Fall of the year, the Board decided not to have the Holiday Luncheon in 2011. We will return to a normal two luncheon format in 2012.

Ramblings of a Senior

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***Odyssey of the Mind.** Our Granddaughter, Emily, participates in a competition that stresses creativity. The students can select from five problems. Two are typically a drama skit, and three are "engineering" oriented. Emily has been involved for three years, and has gone to State's competition each year and to Worlds two years. This year the World's was at the U. of MD over Memorial Day. Pat and I attend Emily's performance, and are very proud of her team of seven and Emily. Then, after her team's performance, we have the rest of the day to kill, waiting for the results at 1700. So, I attend the engineering

Ramblings of a Senior (Continued.)

-formance, we have the rest of the day to kill, waiting for the results at 1700. So, I attend the engineering problems. One is a structures problem. The teams build an 8" high structure from **balsa** wood, and test its strength while a skit relating to the structure is performed. What is your guess; 10# of weight to crush the structure. Anyone for 100#'s. Impossible, right! Would you believe over a 1000#'s for the winning team. Amazing. Structure engineering will be in good hands as these students become engineers. Creativity is very alive in our country.

But, my favorite problem this year was, **Mousemobile**. The students had to build a vehicle powered by the energy that a mouse trap can develop. But, that may be the easy part, the vehicle has to complete 5 events. One is to travel and stop at a target point on the floor. Another is to move forward a specific distance and then reverse itself. Another is to deliver an item to a drop off point and actually transfer the package. Some had multiple vehicles which were optimized for a given task. These are, of course, college students; nope, they are middle and senior high students. What would you make the wheels from? A factor is the vehicle structure and wheels must be light in weight and sturdy. In a million years, I would not have used this product for wheels. All used the plastic CD's. Very light, perfectly round and strong. But how do you get the mousetrap to be the "engine." Damn if I know! All but one team had the trap on the vehicle. The other used the trap to "shoot" four wheels down the course. It was the least effective. So, write this senior and give me your design using a mousetrap to power your **Mousemobile**. WOLAA special prize to the winner. Have fun.

***Ten Little Words**. Sometimes you find neat things on the internet. The following was taken from an article by Gregg Gregory, "10 Little Words That Have Kept Me on Track The Last 36 Years." Gregg is a graduate of High Point High School in Beltsville. Mr. Frank Tracey was the principal there when Greg and our children, Joe and Johnna, went there. He was an inspirational person and could really motivate children and parents. I never left a PTA or graduation event without shedding a tear. At U, D2, and H Department year end ceremonies, I always had a slide show put to music which highlighted our years achievements. I got the idea from Mr. Tracey. A person who knew him said, "Oh, he is just an old football player from Pennsylvania; but, to me, he was one of my heroes. So, are you ready for his ten little words,

****If It Is To Be It Is Up To Me!****

Now you can see why Greg Gregory said they had kept him on track for 36 years. These 10 little words are super powerful! Pass them on to your family. I sent an email to my grand-children; and when I next saw Granddaughter Emily she repeated them to me. Gee, maybe this generation does hear their Seniors!

Book Review Johnny Gram

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I have been reading authors new to me. Most are novels with spy, mystery, detective themes. Several of the authors carry their main character to the next book. The review below is one of these, and I have really enjoyed the several books that I have read.

-Warlord, An Alex Hawke Novel by Ted Bell (2010). This was very interesting as it intertwined the anti-terrorist efforts of the US and Britain. Lord Alex Hawke is a James Bond like character who works for M16; but is also very wealthy and is close friends with the Royal Family. His American friend is Stokely Jones. Stoke is a huge African American man who is a former SEAL and NYPD policeman. The twist in this book is "all" the world terrorist groups are now working together to do jihad against the West--mostly US and Britain. A clever strategy by the bad guy is to sneak young terrorist into the US; have them commit crimes which gets them imprisoned; they then convert other prisoners, who will soon get out of jail, to their cause. This is generating a large terrorist army within the US and Britain which is waiting for the order to do another series of 9/11 acts. I don't know if this is still going on; but the book and its plot was a good reminder that 9/11 was the beginning and not the end. I believe you will enjoy the creativity of Hawke and Jones as they take on the bad guy.

Features.

Alumni News.

***George Peet.** George Peet's wife wrote that he has Parkinson's and is confined to a wheelchair or bed. George was a ME and worked in Air and Surface at WOL.

***Dr. Bruce Maccabee.** I was watching Fox News, and the story was about UFO's. Apparently, a government memo was recently leaked that cited details about UFO's. The expert quoted Dr. Maccabee on this subject. First, she discussed his credentials as an optical scientist for the Navy, and then as an expert on UFO's. She stated that Dr. Maccabee indicated the official looking memo was a hoax by a Mr. Newton who is a con-man. Newton released the memo to get funding for an oil scheme.

***Dr. Michael Deeds.** Recently, Michael Deeds who moved to Indian Heads with the Warhead Team when the WOL closed, briefed the NSWC Commander on his very interesting Technology Project. Dr. Deeds heads a team that works with traumatic brain injury (TBI). Jack Goeller told the LEAF about this work. It is really fascinating. They are using the very sophisticated models developed for warhead R&D, such as models to study the structure damage from warheads and to study the formation of the jet from directed energy warhead to study the severe brain injuries that have been seen from the IED used by the terrorists.

Editor Note: The LEAF would be interested in more details on this interesting project and requests our Indian Head readers to provide the LEAF material for an article.

***Jack Sherman.** In the 19 May 2011 Archdiocese of Washington Catholic Standard Newspaper, Jack, wife Lois, and their family were honored as Knight of Columbus family of the year. A well deserved honor as Jack does so much service to his community, children, and church. Jack was a Division Head in U Department working primarily in Mine Warfare.

WOLAA Correspondence.

*The following was received concerning information about NITINOL:

"I have tried to contact former NOL members such as Sorkin and Nachman and so far have not succeeded in getting a reply. My friend and associates in Japan, Dr. Zaruhiro Otsuka, a major contributor to the literature on Nitinol, has asked if I can obtain a copy of Issue III VOL VII of LEAF. Bill Buehler's note in VOL VII is available on the web, but I can't find the issue III. Does it exist? If so how can I obtain a copy for Dr. Otsuka. I would appreciate any help you can provide. With thanks, Dr. L McDonald Schetky, Worton, MD"

Ed. Note: Houston Cole sent Dr. Schetky the subject issue of The LEAF. That issue was before we started to archive The LEAF on the web site. It contained the article about Joyce Walchak's and Lou Vagnoni's personal experience with NITINOL. We also told him about the oral history article of NITINOL which is archived on the web.

***Margaret Walton** wrote: "I know we do book reviews etc but thought this might be a nice article. Nita was a friend of mine and I had encouraged her to come to work at NSWC. She ended up working in U30 (can't remember the branch code). Well about 10 yrs ago she and her husband were taking their daughter Erin back to college. They had an accident and Anita was killed. It is so sad. This is a post that her daughter Erin wrote on her Mother. I have become close to Erin and her family."

My Mother...Anita Lynne Machlin

A little over 10 years ago, my Mother was the only fatality in a head on collision that we were in. 10 years seems like a long time but I still remember the day like it was only yesterday. There isn't a day that goes by that I don't think about how things maybe could have gone differently. What if we left later, earlier, what if the rescuers got me out instead of worrying about cutting the top of the car off? Then the other question is why do people have to be so stupid on the road? Your actions do have consequences. Then I wonder how is that guy living with himself? Does he still have physical problems from that accident 10 years ago? Does he ever think of that day? Has he realized that he was guilty? I could go on about this, I won't.

WOLAA Correspondence (Continued)

So I find myself doing things I guess as a way to keep my Mother alive. She was a wonderful person. So incredibly talented. Any medium she worked with she did something amazing with it. She did everything from playing guitar, to wood working, ceramics, quilting, poetry and more. She could sit down and sketch an idea or sketch a scene and it would be amazing. Her craft name was reThreads. She liked to recycle materials, using both new and old, giving something a new purpose. So as a way to keep my Mother alive I have taken over the name. Though I have added a little twist to it with foxy style. I too like to recycle materials.

For a number of years I had a hard time being crafty. I went to college and studied technical theatre focusing on costumes and scenic artistry. The accident happened halfway through my junior year of college. I did everything I had to get through college and graduate. After that, I had a hard time being artsy/crafty. I slowly came out of my shell and here I am today. Walking in my Mothers foot steps. Though I have a long way to go and a lot to learn before my feet fill her shoes. I am having a fun time working my way there.

I don't know the reason for it, but in my Mom's minivan on her dash she had a Ty beanie baby, his name was Snort. Snort was a red bull. As long as I can remember she had Snort. That particular Snort now lives in my Aunts suburban. Earlier this year, I finally got my very own minivan. So I started keeping my eyes open for my very own Snort. Sure enough I finally found one at a yard sale. The lady had a bunch of beanies she was trying to sell. After talking to her to see if she had Snort and telling her the reason I was looking for Snort, she went inside and looked she apparently had a ton more beanies inside that she hadn't brought out. Sure enough she came out with Snort. Then proceeded to give me Snort. So now I have my very own Snort

-Deceased Alumni.

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

-Eleanor G. Kayser. Eleanor's brother Henry notified WOLAA that Eleanor died on 21 February 2010. She is survived by her brother, a niece, and two nephews. "Lore" worked at NOL in the Chemistry Department. She was a Notre Dame graduate with a degree in Chemistry. She had several patents and was honored as a "most influential woman."

-Bernard and Margaret Thomas. WOLAA was notified that Bernard died on 5 February 2005 and his wife Margaret died on 26 August 2010. Bernard worked in the Technical Shops at the WOL.

-Margaret Penelope Parks Humphrey. Peggy died on 27 October 2010. Her daughter Penny Hulbert notified WOLAA. Peggy was the wife of Sam Humphrey who worked at WOL as a ME, Project Manager of CAPTOR and NSAP advisor to COMINWARFARE in Charleston, SC. Sam and Peggy moved to Charleston and bought a historical house there when Sam was a NSAP advisor. They loved the area, and their home, and remained there for many years after his retirement. Sam and Peggy had two daughters. Sam died several years ago while living in Ohio near their daughter. Peggy was a warm and friendly person. She loved to visit court rooms to hear the banner of the lawyer, judges and witnesses. A memorial service is planned on 18 June at 1000 at the Northwood UP Church at 1200 University Blvd in Silver Spring, MD. A luncheon follows at Mrs K's Tollhouse at 1100. RSVP to Penny at (801) 340-4444.

-Elizabeth Schwartz Roberts. Betty died at her home on 10 January 2011 after a long struggle with lung cancer. She was a lifetime resident of Silver Spring and was 82 years old. She worked for the Federal Government for 37 years, most of the time at the WOL. She was working as Supervisory Budget Analyst at the time of her retirement in 1983. She was the Branch Secretary for the Mechanical Evaluation Branch headed by Don Sullivan and then Division Secretary for the Underwater Evaluation Division headed by Jim Martin. Betty was an excellent secretary and budget analyst, and respected by all.

After retirement, she volunteered at both the Smithsonian and Brookside Gardens. "Betty's love of 'hand-on' flower gardening was a major source of joy throughout her life. Pots of lush and colorful flowering plants always ordained her porch and deck. Her special project was the design and creation of a garden sanctuary in her backyard that she filled with plants, trees, flowers carefully collected and nurtured over the years." She is survived by her husband of 64 years, John W. Roberts; her daughter Jane Roberts Coughlin; and grandchildren, Jennifer Coughlin, MD, Thomas Coughlin III, CFA; and Elizabeth Reid Coughlin.

-Helen M. Berry. WOLAA received the following letter: "Ladies and Gentlemen, I regret to inform you that Helen M. Berry formerly of Silver Spring, MD, passed away on 20 January 2011, the day before her 98th birthday. We thank you for the many communications which she received. She was blind in her later years and enjoyed having them read to her. Sincerely, Julian A. Berry, Jr." Helen worked in the Purchase Division of the Supply Department and was very well respected for her competent work and her interaction with her "clients." Helen had moved to Huntsville, Alabama.

-Joseph Fleischman. Joe died on 27 March 2011. He was suffering from alzheimers and was in a hospice house. He lived in Parkville, MD. Joe was in the Planning Section of the Technical Shops. He is survived by his wife Lenora; children, Joanne, Joseph, and Thomas; stepchildren, Gaye, Lynn, and Janne; and five grandchildren. His first wife, Anne is deceased.

-Owen McGlynn. Owen died at age 76 from lung disease. He lived in Rockville, MD. He was born on 21 April 1934 in Wilkes-Barre, PA. He was the son of the late Owen and Carolyn McGlynn. Mac began his career with the Navy Gun Factory in 1953. From 1956 until 1958, he served a tour of duty in the U.S. Army. In 1959, he accepted an appointment to the Naval Surface Warfare Center (known as the Naval Ordnance Lab) as an engineering draftsman in 1959. On July 14, 1993, Mr. McGlynn retired from the Navy Department. During his more than 40 years of service, Mac received numerous Special Act awards. In addition, he worked on numerous projects, which included Advanced Sea Mines, MK 48 Torpedo, CAPTOR Mine MK 60, Surface Ship Torpedo Defense, Submarine Launch Mobile Mines and the layout of the AEGIS Building. Mac will be missed by his life-long friends, Glenn W. and Christine For-ester.

-Will Filler. WOLAA was notified that Will had died. Will had been living in Seal Beach, CA. No details were provided. He worked in the Research Department in the Air Ground Explosive Branch. Will worked on internal blast research projects with Jim Proctor. Will also developed, at White Oak, the prototype for the large Shock Tube that was located in Dahlgren. After use for explosive research, the tube was mothballed. In the 1980's, U Department used the tube's structure to simulate a Soviet double hull submarine to assess the ability of a Mk 50 Torpedo warhead to penetrate the double hull and do severe damage within the inner hull.

-Beatrice Ungar. Beatrice Ungar, retired supervisor in the small purchases section of the Supply Department, died of cancer on April 19, 2011. Bea worked at White Oak for 27 years before retiring in 1984. She is survived by her husband, Lou Ungar, who before his retirement in 1976 worked as an S&T photographer in the wind tunnel and the 400 ranges. Bea is also survived by a daughter, Denise Alison Ungar of Silver Spring.

-Jesse Rosenberg. Jesse died on 28 April 2011. WOLAA had been told that Jesse had fallen and had been severely injured. He is survived by his wife, Jean; children, Ellen Deckelbaum, Helene Bethel, and Larry Rosenberg; and grandchildren who adored their "Pops," Sara and Benjamin Bethel and Joshua and Charlotte Deckelbaum. Jesse worked in the Mechanical Evaluation Branch in U40. He worked out of a laboratory in the basement of Building 4. His group did the air drops for mines, depth bombs, etc. They used the very high quality movies of the drops shot by the very skilled WOL field photographers to measure entry angles, velocity, etc. Jesse had to work with the Navy pilots, FAA, and airport folks to get the clearance to use the Ft. Lauderdale airport to load the ordnance and go over the test flight plans. I was always impressed with Jesse getting clearance to fly A-6's, A-7, F18's North-South along the Ft. Lauderdale beaches as commercial airlines were taking off on a East heading over the Atlantic Ocean. This got really exciting when doing the high speed and low altitude drops. Needless to say, Jesse was on travel a lot.

-Jesse Rosenberg (Continued). exciting when doing the high speed and low altitude drops. Needless to say, Jesse was on travel a lot. It also amazed me on how he could convince the Navy pilots to do interesting maneuvers with their jets when doing the drops.

-Waverly "Preacher" Langston. Preacher died on 22 May 2011, just two weeks after his 80th birthday, after a battle with cancer. He was born in Goldboro, NC and was in US Marine Corp during the Korean War. He was awarded two Bronze Stars and other honors. He worked at NOL/NSWC for 33 years. Most of these years at Ft. Monroe as a valued technician and then several years at WOL. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Peggy; two children: Lori Ferguson and Kerry Langston; and four Grandchildren. He enjoyed traveling and camping with his family: all 50 states, Europe, Asia, and the Holy Land. He built two homes for his family with his own hands and helped his children build their homes. Preacher was extremely active in the James River Baptist Church. He started and lead many programs for his church, primarily for veterans and the religious education of his children. "He will be remembered for his many kind acts, his quick wit, his wonderful smile and his many contributions to his family and church."

***Tribute to Deceased Alumni**

-Bill Barnum. This warm tribute to Bill was done by Doug Hinely and Bill's Brother Jim.

Bill passed away on 3 March 2011. He had a stroke at his apartment and was missed by his co-workers at ATR when he didn't report for work. He was taken to Holy Cross Hospital for treatment, and then to their hospice where he died.

Bill was born December 10, 1929 in Philadelphia. He grew up in Takoma Park, graduated from Calvin Coolidge high school in the District and received a degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Maryland in 1953. At Maryland, Bill participated in intercollegiate track and was the Southern Conference champion in the high jump.

After serving 2 years in the U.S. Air Force in England as a maintenance officer, Bill started work at NOL/NSWC in 1955 in the Mechanical Systems Branch of the Underwater Weapons Department (FD & U11). In 1974, Bill became the Head of the NSWC Technical Shops. After retiring from NSWC in 1981, Bill worked for the Mandex Corporation from 1981 until 1989 and then for the ATR Corporation until his death.

Bill was an avid soft ball player, snow skier, bowler, pool player, pilot and boater. Bill participated in a Wednesday night pool game for over 45 years. His ATR and WOL friends had a wake for Bill on 15 March to share their good memories of him.

Bill is survived by his younger sister, Jean Harty of Maine (children Kim, Drew and Collin) and younger brother, Jim Barnum of Montana (wife, Marlis and children Carmen and Sherrie). Bill is also survived by his dear friend Betty Covell. She is living in a nursing home at this time. Bill was caring for her pet dog and her home as well as visiting Betty daily.

Bill could never pass up a good dessert.
