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## ***DIRECTOR'S CORNER***

*Ed Dalrymple*

I have relocated to the Lewes, Delaware area; thus the Association's address has changed with me. Everything else remains the same. Jack Holdzkom continues to administer the membership, Rick Matthews is our webmaster, assisted by Russ Lownie, and Ellis Sutter formats the Newsletter for us. Thank you gentlemen! I hope this issue of THE CABLE finds you, our members, and your family and friends well and enjoying life. We still have some members who are dealing with critical medical issues and our thoughts and prayers go out to them and their families. The Association continues to grow as we approach the 800 member mark. Thank you for your continued support as we approach our 15<sup>th</sup> year in 2008.

Concerning the subject of dues and dues renewals; we set the dues at \$14.00 for a 2-year membership or approximately 58 cents per month a number of years ago. There have been increases in postal rates, printing costs, etc; but I am not going to where you think I am! We have been sending more Newsletters & Directories by electronic means and have located a printer with lower charges; thus we have more than offset these costs. We have no desire to maintain any significant bank balance, only sufficient funds to allow us to continue uninterrupted service. We also need to be fair to all members who have paid their dues over the years as well as new members. To this end, and at least at this time, we will continue to charge new members the \$14 and we will extend membership of all members who are in good standing. Please do not send any dues renewals until further notice.

WE ALWAYS NEED ARTICLES, EXPERIENCES, ETC.

**Until next time, EKD**

## **UNDERSEA SURVEILLANCE ALIGNED UNDER NAVAL OCEANOGRAPHY**

**By Navy NMOC Public Affairs**

***Submitted by OTCM Jack Holdzkom, USN (Ret)***

**Commander Undersea Surveillance (CUS)**, head of Undersea Surveillance System (USS), was elevated to an echelon IV command February 28, 2007 to serve under Meteorology and Oceanography Command (NMOC) at Stennis Space Center, MS.

The move united the Navy's Undersea Surveillance Command with the Navy's oceanography command and culminated several months of discussion and study, continuing the reorganization of NMOC to focus the oceanography community's activities on the needs of its warfighting customers. NMOC is an Echelon III command under the lead of Fleet Forces Command.

"We believe this is a natural partnership, and we are delighted that the Navy agrees," said RADM McGee, the NMOC Commander. "CUS uses and monitors sensors in the Navy's ASW effort and the oceanography community analyzes and predicts acoustic ranges for the Navy's ASW effort."

"We too agree that this partnership under the umbrella of NMOC is a good fit and will benefit both commands," said Captain David Kern, who commands the Integrated Undersea Surveillance System. "NMOC is the Navy's leader in multidimensional battle space awareness and we are very pleased to be part of it. Under NMOC IUSS will ultimately realize stable, long-term officer manning and future benefits from data processing and automation."

"Operational supercomputing, performance modeling of ship operations, and the innovative effects on undersea performance, will bring an increased capacity to the IUSS capability," RADM McGee said.

*Footnote: CAPT David Kern was relieved as CUS on 22 May 2007 by CAPT Peter W. Furze, USN, a meteorologist.*

## HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS of Ex-OTI JEFF RING

### “CPA Seeks to Change the Hardknock Life of Ukrainian Orphans”

by Sandra Gaffigan, Reporter  
The View Newspapers

Five years ago, when Howard County CPA, **Jeffrey Ring** jumped up to catch a football at an impromptu picnic in Kherson, Ukraine, he was unaware that his life was about to change. It was a twist of fate for him and his new friend, Dr. Andrei Revtov. Ring had finished up a week of accounting lectures to Ukrainian university students in Dnipropetrovsk. He was passing through Kherson on his way to meet an old friend in Odessa when he blew out the ACL in his left knee, rendering his leg immovable. Revtov loaded Ring, now a captive audience, into the back seat of his car and showed him the underside of Kherson, what passers-through may not notice in this southern Ukraine city of 400,000 on the river Dneiper.

Most of us know that the Ukraine was once part of the USSR. But most of us don't give much thought to what it's like to live in this second largest country in Europe now that, Russia, the largest country, has pulled much of its economic support. Extreme poverty has given rise to alcoholism and child abuse. Many families just don't have money to support their children, so many of the street kids have simply been abandoned. If you ask **Jeff Ring**, you'll find out it's pretty rough. If you haven't got much time, don't get him started. Dr. Andrei Revtov set out to call attention to the plight of the orphans and street children of Ukraine, particularly in Kherson, which is the poorest section of the country. In **Ring**, he found a receptive audience. Revtov himself had not previously given much thought to these children. He had a busy life as a university professor and part-time pastor of a small church. But one of his students, Galina Kuleshova, kept at him to pay attention.

#### The Underground

Galina had been jolted into the realization of the street kids' plight. Walking through the city in the middle of the day she noticed a boy who seemed to be sleeping on a park bench. When she went over to find out if anything was wrong, other kids, offhandedly told her, don't bother, he's already dead. In a moment she knew she had to do something. She began looking for ways to help them, knowing that she had no resources of her own, and it was for this reason she kept at Revtov, who brushed her off multiple times until he had his own moment of realization. He happened across a homeless boy of about three rummaging through garbage for food. The sight made him think of his own children. He couldn't conceive of them thrown out to fend for themselves. He came to learn that an estimated 800,000 children live on their own, either: abandoned, orphaned or fleeing child abuse, in Ukraine. He decided to quit his university work and devote himself to finding help for them.

In 2002 with Galina's friend, Natasha Selivanova, the three opened a street kids' drop-in center. It's a place to get two meals a day and a shower, clean clothes and school supplies,

encouragement to attend school and get tutoring where needed. They do not yet have a facility to house kids. There are orphanages in Ukraine, but not nearly enough. The result is a network of children reminiscent of Charles Dickens' London, living underground in the sewers of the city where there is warmth and security. They live by their wits and the options available to them. These options are usually limited to gangs, thievery and prostitution. Needless to say these kids-on-their-own are not trusting souls, and are especially dubious of adults who try to help them. Revtov's organization seeks to build trust with these children by being there for them. One goal is to build a dormitory to provide a safe place to sleep.

#### Doing the Math

In his tour of the city, **Ring** saw firsthand that the needs were overwhelming. Everywhere you look, he says, there is someone who needs help. His wife, Marybeth, says, "Once you go, your heart is there." And so, **Ring**, along with fellow Howard County CPA, Brian Kelley, established a foundation in 2004: **Ukraine Children's Aid Fund**. In its short history, it has already made progress. They delivered three washing machines to a children's tuberculosis sanitarium; previously the bedding was washed by hand. They installed a heating system in an orphanage, providing it with heat and hot water for the first time in twenty years. Christmas, 2005, 1,250 children were fitted with winter boots. For many it was the first winter footwear of their lives. UCAF purchased school supplies for fifty street kids, enabling them to attend school. Schooling is free in the Ukraine, but teachers have no supplies. If street kids cannot come up with the basic school supplies they are often shamed away. The list goes on: winter coats, hats, gloves, toys for cancer patients, hospital supplies. The cancer rate is high in Ukraine, as is that of tuberculosis. Chernobyl still casts a shadow over the health of Ukrainians. **Ring & Revtov** have big dreams. Dr. Revtov recently established **The National Ukrainian Foundation – House of Hope**. UCAF is their U.S. representative, and is an IRS-approved charitable organization. Together, they are working to make the Kherson Street Kids Project a model for the rest of the Ukraine and thus make a difference for all the abandoned children in the country.

#### Breaking the Cycle

**Jeff Ring** knows the obstacles are often discouraging, but they are not insurmountable. He has personally taken money donated by friends to Ukrainian families in need of medical procedures. He asks for help from everyone he knows. If you can't give, he says, that's OK – just please tell someone else about the need. Today, the only hope most of these children have is to stay alive – for another day, another week, another month. Someone must help these children to break the cycle of despair that so many of them face. In time he hopes his "mission impossible" will turn into "mission accomplished".

**To find out more about UCAF go to:**

[www.ukrainechildren.org](http://www.ukrainechildren.org)

*(Note: those of us that know Jeff now or from his Navy days are not surprised of his role in this endeavor. EKD)*

**RECOLLECTIONS ON THE SUCCESSFUL  
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PORTION OF BRICK  
BAT 03 - TITLED PROJECT CAESAR II- PACIFIC**

**(PART 2 of 2)**

*Submitted by*

**Robert Kneedler**

**Introduction (From Part I)**

Upon learning of the existence of the IUSS/Caesar Alumni Association I thought of preparing a brief note for The Cable Newsletter proudly describing my early role in the program. However, before I started, I jotted down the names of 22 participants I could recall. There are some others lodged in my memory but at age eighty I am unable to dredge their names. With the exception of Lt(jg) Jon Lindbergh, Carl Walker and myself all of the other names on my list are either deceased or their whereabouts are unknown to me.

Hence, I am the sole survivor of the early day Navy management team at Commander, Western Sea Frontier. We did not keep a diary or log but stored every pertinent document in a huge three- combination safe. I have no idea what the ultimate disposition of that file was but the data would have provided the basis of a more complete project history.

Absent more factual data, I must rely on my subjective memory to recall facts and anecdotes that would honor the skill and dedication of those no longer able to relate. I also feel obligated to record as much as I can remember for history's sake.

For some later-day NAVFAC personnel who might wonder who and how the system was implemented on time, on schedule and exceeding technical objectives, I hope this will help.

Some might be unaware that the titled words "Brick Bat" was a term used to indicate the Navy's relative priority system. The 03 indicates Project Caesar was the third highest priority in the Navy at that time. The Polaris project held the number 02 position. I never learned, or wasn't cleared to know, which program held the 01 position though I suspect it might have been the U2 program or the "hit a bullet with a bullet" anti-missile study which is still being implemented today.

**Part II**

Retired CDR C. B. Farwell USN ret. who was employed by WECO, had knowledge of ATT Long Lines cable activities and provided helpful interface coordination with the Navy. Mr. John Lawrence of WECO Winston Salem was skillfully instrumental in identifying potential managerial problems so they could be surfaced at all levels of the Navy and ATT. He was personable, respected and well liked by all.

**Anecdotes of Point Sur.**

LT (jg) Jon Lindbergh USNR was the head of the UDT team assigned to the project for trenching. He was an outstanding diver who prided himself on his ability to use

scuba equipment at great depths. He had remarkable stamina. I accompanied him at the inspection of each landing site though I stayed on the beach while he dove. I was always concerned that if anything had happened to him I would have had difficulty assisting him.

To construct the cable trenches, Jon employed C4 explosive packs with explosive hoses placed on top that were set to explode a microsecond after the packs. The hoses were detonated from each end using Huygen's principle to provide direction to the explosion. Jon loved to explode all material at once to create huge bangs. Unfortunately, at Point Sur the ancient Coast Guard Light House was nearby and suffered huge cracks in its historic structure from the explosion. The Coast Guard was extremely concerned. Fortunately, the Naval Postgraduate School Public Works Department had just been selected to perform ongoing maintenance for the facility. They had a need for good top soil and spotted the black soil from the years of cow manure deposits at the facility. I arranged for them to repair the Light House and they were to receive as much topsoil as they required at Monterey. No further questions were ever asked and a paperless win-win agreement was attained that satisfied the Coast Guard.

Jon also enjoyed harvesting abalone and langoustes or western lobster. The abalone were rare but Jon had the ability to come out of the water with four lobsters at a time, one lobster tucked in each armpit and one in each hand. We would stop to buy Castroville artichokes and enjoy dinner at my house en route to another facility.

Another anecdote involving Point Sur during installation was when I was contacted by the West Coast head of the Electricians' Union. His workers providing power to the facility had asked permission to enter the then under construction operations building. They were obviously refused. I told him that it was a classified building of extreme importance and that only specially cleared WECO employees were doing the installation. He said that he had men cleared to build atom bombs and security should not be a problem. When I told him it really was, he said "Well, do Davis Bacon pay rates apply to the imported employees?" I told him I did not know but I would find out. On learning they did, I let him know. He thanked me and was content for his men to do only the unclassified work without further difficulty.

**Anecdote of San Nicolas**

The second facility completed was San Nicolas Island. Getting LORAC (radio location system) control established using Santa Rosa Island without disclosing reasons of necessity in any detail to the reticent owners (the Stanton family) required an appeal to their patriotism and providing them a promise that the environmental preserve would not be destroyed. Ferry capability was provided by Point Mugu to transport the equipment.

When Jon Lindbergh and I arrived to inspect the proposed cable landing site we were flown by Point Mugu aircraft. They were aware that a NAVFAC was to

be constructed and a contract had been awarded. Logistics for supporting the workers was a concern of the contractor and he was having difficulty obtaining good construction workers to remain on the island for long periods. His solution was to hire experienced prisoners from a Santa Maria prison in order to maintain the construction schedule. We made sure they did not encounter classified information. He was hampered by the logistics problem of getting his material to the island without delay. We did what we could to assist him and the schedule was maintained.

At that time the town of Lompoc was extremely small. The Lompoc police radio receiver band width was not as narrow as it should have been. Thus the LORAC frequency interfered with their reception. After Vandenberg launch facility was established and the town grew the problem at that activity solved itself. However, when the Carol Chessman execution was in process, Governor Goodwin Knight was prevented from communicating with the executioners at San Quentin by a strange "Beep, Beep, Beep". We obviously did not volunteer any hypothesis on what might have caused the interference. Later when Sputnik was launched a radio station in San Francisco played a recording saying here is a sound that forever separates yesterday from tomorrow: "Beep, Beep, Beep". We again did not try to correct them or reveal that tomorrow's sound was really a LORAC signal.

#### **Anecdote of Centerville Beach**

After the word "Beach" in Pacific Beach was mistakenly transposed in Washington D.C. to Centerville in California, it forever became Centerville Beach. The name was never revised because it would have required a change in SECNAV approval for the establishment of the Facility.

The Public Works department in San Bruno was assigned the task of obtaining the property title, finalizing the plans, and selecting a contractor. Because not all Public Works personnel were aware of the classified nature of the task, it went through their normal processing procedures and the property condemnation procedures were unknowingly delayed. The contract was awarded, the plans were delivered to the contractor, and a fresh-caught Civil Engineering Officer was selected for his first job, but the title had not yet been obtained.

The property was owned by a dairy farmer named Miranda. He lived with his brother and sister. All were unmarried and lived frugally despite their obvious wealth. They had settled the area about sixty years before and named their farm/dairy Centerville. They were disturbed it was being called Centerville Beach. The portion of their property selected for the Facility was the high ground where they drove their cattle when the rest of their property would flood.

The unsuspecting contractor arrived with his grading equipment and proceeded to tear down all the fences

surrounding the site. The bulls got in with the heifers and the cows were scattered. The neighbors took glee in telling the Mirandas that their cows were all over the place. The contractor was confident that he was authorized to proceed and ignored Miranda's complaints.

It happened that Jon Lindbergh and I arrived the following week. We found the eighty-year old Mr. Miranda at the top of five or six bales of hay, swinging a baling hook at us saying he was going to call Attorney General Brownell whom he knew personally, through political contributions. He said he would ask if US citizens had fewer rights than people in Russia because his land had been taken without due process.

When Mr. Miranda came down from the pile I introduced Lt (jg) Lindbergh and he recognized that Jon was the son of Charles. He said he always admired Jon's father and immediately assumed a less angry position. Jon explained that there had been a procedural error and apologized to him. Jon explained that the facility was extremely important to National Defense.

I stated that although access to the completed facility would not be allowable, a provision could be made for his cows to occupy the high ground when bad weather dictated. Mr. Miranda as head of his family strictly controlled all aspects of family finances. His sister cooked for both brothers. Miranda revealed his only extravagance was occasional ocean cruises for himself, leaving his brother and sister to remain home to mind the dairy chores.

The Project Caesar large safe, mentioned earlier, had previously been used by the person who arranged SECNAV guest cruises for constituents of Senator Knowland and Senator Nixon. The files indicated most guests were newspapermen capable of presenting the Navy in a good light. An "aha!" moment came to me that Mr. Miranda would be a good candidate. I submitted his name with the help of Admiral Erdmann and Miranda embarked on a Carrier cruise to Hawaii. He was very pleased.

The first OinC of Centerville Beach was alerted to the sensitivity and it was reported Mr. Miranda became its proudest booster. On completion of construction the Civil Engineering Officer was sent to construct the expansion of the Lockheed Polaris Missile Plant. Although the Mirandas died many years ago, when people travel through the nearby Village of Miranda that contains many beautiful Victorian houses, I hope they become aware of their contribution to the settling of Mendocino County and to the defense of the United States. Fortunately we never heard from Attorney General Brownell.

No description of Centerville Beach would be complete without a mention of the foggiest airport in the US and nail biting night landings in a Navy JRB with one engine out, or the Southwest Airline small town feeder lines.

### Anecdote of Coos Bay

The thought that comes to my mind was the perilous surf encountered on the day the cable was beached. The surf lifted huge boulders with impressive force. If ever power from surf systems is developed, I know a candidate beach.

The Oregon LORAC stations were mostly on public park land. Much property along the Oregon coast at that time had no deeds filed and hence title resided with the state. However the site selected at Florence, Oregon happened to belong to a woman in Eugene, OR who used it as a weekend ocean enjoyment spot. She was averse to granting a temporary lease to the government. Bert Wilder and I met with her and her lawyer in Eugene. She stated that she could not allow rowdy sailors to occupy her land. She mentioned that her son had been in the Navy and Bert immediately said "The sailors would be well behaved, just like her own son." He assured her it was only a temporary lease and it was vitally needed for national defense. The land would be maintained and returned exactly as it was. With the concurrence of her lawyer, she signed the lease. We were amused that, never in our imagination as Navy Officers, would we be engaged in leasing property for the US Government in Oregon.

West Coast Airlines that met up with Southwest would also be remembered. Depending on the weather, we never knew at which airport we would land. I don't know how the small West Coast towns are served now but I know a bag of Jon Lindbergh's live lobsters would never be permitted to crawl around on the rack above the seat startling the stewardess when the bag started to move.

### Anecdote of Pacific Beach

The proposed Facility was to be built at Pacific Beach on a former military site adjacent to the Taholah Indian Reservation near Moclips, WA. It had originally been the proposed site of a single array. The sixth array off Vancouver Island was to have been installed in Canada. However, a change in Prime Ministers rescinded, for a time, an agreement to allow a US Navy Facility in Canada. This made it necessary to turn Pacific Beach into a dual station with the cable from the northern array to be redesigned along with its repeaters.

It might be mentioned here all repeaters used special Bell Lab vacuum tubes that had been on a testing rack long enough that the instant failures representing the forward exponential part of the reliability bath tub curve had been eliminated. The tubes were in their statistical steady failure state thereby increasing the probability of operating for the specified life of twenty years. Transistors were already available but they had not been in existence long enough to provide similar reliability data. Fortunately, Bell Lab tubes developed for LONG LINES use were made available to the program.

The Northern LORAC station had to be on the isolated west side of Vancouver Island and the Canadian Government did give permission for us to establish one.

Bert Wilder and I flew at 100 feet in a P2V from Whidbey Island to examine the entire uninhabited west coast. We selected a site near Port Alberni on the Ahous Indian reservation. It was selected because it was near the only cross-island access highway. However, it still had to be supplied by helo. Unfortunately, the Canadian Government did not notify the Chief of the Ahous tribe. When he saw the US Navy LORAC team on his land he immediately wanted a million dollars. The helo pilot in an Indian pow-wow negotiation said "Me pilot, me fly bird." The Chief informed him it was not necessary to speak pidgin, as he spoke English. However, in plain language he still wanted \$1,000,000.

I placed a call to a Director of Native Affairs in Vancouver. He said don't worry, he would assist. The final agreement was for no money but the LORAC team was instructed to leave any oil drums when they departed for the use of the Indians. When we reported the results of the last Indian pow-wow in North America, many in Washington passed the message around and were amused.

Another of the LORAC stations was selected for Destruction Island off the coast of the Olympic Peninsula. This site was aptly named as the wind and waves tended to fetch up in similar fashion to the Columbia River bar. Thanks to Coast Guard assistance from La Push and their expertise, a harrowing transfer of all equipment was safely delivered to the island. Bert Wilder was amused at unusual Washington names such as nearby Moclips, Queets, and Humptulips.

One experience I participated in was the investigation of adverse cable noise degrading the signal-to-noise ratio at Pacific Beach. The advantage of Bell Laboratories was the wide experience of many experts with specific fields of knowledge. Mr. Inskeep, a coordinator of the Committee for Electrical Safety, was able to determine that a power sub-station was improperly grounded and the wet soil condition allowed interference on the cable. From the ground wire of the transformer to the nearby chain link fence there was enough difference in potential to illuminate an electric light bulb. Washington Electric Power agreed it was time to upgrade its sub-station.

At CINCPACFLT'S request Bert Wilder and I wrote the Oceanographic Facility Security Instruction. It was accepted and published as written by CINCPACFLT and we were elated. It remained effective for many years. A letter of Commendation followed for each of us. Unfortunately, it was written using the project's classified channel so the details on the actual letter only contained a reference to a date time group. Sic Transit Gloria! At a going away luncheon for Captain Holmshaw he had appreciative remarks for Bert and me but then said he would remember me especially because I had mentioned the palindrome "Yreka bakery" spelled backwards is still "Yreka bakery." I appreciated his humor and knew I was appreciated. Earlier in my career I had endured a real under-appreciated tour as Flag Lt. for Commander Middle East Force.

Thus I was both happy and proud that I had been allowed to participate in the achievement of the successful implementation of Project Caesar II. **As recalled by LT Robert Kneedler, USN.**

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## **BARBADOS CIRCA 2006**

**By OTCM Werner Miller, USN (Ret)**

My wife and I went on a cruise out of Norfolk to Barbados in November 2006. It was very interesting as we hired a driver to take us around the Island for the day. We were most interested as to whether or not the three in which we lived were still there; they were. Two were occupied and one was not, but it was not abandoned.

We took in a few other highlights to round out our memories. The Island is much busier and dirtier. There are a few major industries there now and sugar, although still a major one has declined somewhat. Tourists still comprise a major source of revenue; there were two other cruise ships docked while we were there.

The NAVFAC has been used by three different organizations since being vacated: the Barbadian Defense Force; then as a place for teenagers, a camp of sorts; and now a Prison. We could not gain access. I recognized some of the buildings on the "upper base" but could not see anything of the "lower base or T-Building". The Prison is schedule to close at the end of 2007.

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## **"THE TRADITION CONTINUES" COSL CHEATHAM ANNEX MEMORIAL DAY CAMPOUT 2007 Submitted by OTCM Ed Smock USN, (Ret)**

The great COSL campout that started in 1976 is still going strong with many of the original core group plus new people coming and going. This was the first weekend in many that we did not get rained upon. It was a truly great weekend.

Mike Weir has relieved me of the venison cooking duties; he did a great job and it tasted better than when I fried it myself. I will continue to supply the venison and Mike will fry it.

Ed Haven continues to be our ever efficient coordinator. We missed Phil Blauvelt who was dealing with some medical issues. Attendees: Doug Simon, Gordon Daly, Jim Lapp, Ed Snyder, Bill Stead, Debbie Davis, Ed Smock, Denny Conrad, Mike Weir, Keith Stevenson, Rick Bly, Terry Peters, Jim Derwoed, Bob Eller, Mike Moseler, Jim Eppinette, Bill Debarge and Sandy Sanborn. We need some new & younger blood, Simon-Lapp-Smock are getting slower every year. Hope to see you in 2008. Smoky

## **CENTERVILLE NAVY REUNION AUGUST 2006**

**Sharon Letts, Staff Reporter  
THE EUREKA REPORTER**

Through the historic town of Ferndale, past idyllic farmhouses and picturesque landscapes with cows grazing, past Centerville Beach and up a winding road, overlooking the

Pacific Ocean is the Centerville Naval Facility. The Centerville Naval Facility was a little bit of heaven for hundreds of enlisted personnel from 1958 until it was decommissioned in 1993.

This past weekend, former Centerville Navy man, Bruce Steele, organized a reunion of fellow enlisted personnel that served during the part of the Cold War, 1973-1976. Past enlisted personnel traversed from as far away as Pennsylvania, with the weekend kicking off at Curley's Bar & Grill on Friday night; an old Navy haunt of their Centerville days, including a tour of the now deserted base on Saturday.

As the group of around 40 former Navy personnel and their families walked slowly through the ghost-town-like base, you could see them one at a time remembering each boarded up building with great fondness. "It was extraordinary to be here," Steele said approaching the old bunkers. "We were trained to track subs; specifically Soviet subs. Our job was to find them. It was top secret work and we were the deterrent."

Steele, who traveled from Texas with his family for the reunion, served at Centerville from 1973 to 1975. He was sent to Alaska after this tour. He said Centerville was by far the best location for him and his wife. "My wife and I surfed. We'd surf in the morning, have a lumberjack breakfast at the Samoa Cookhouse, drop our boards off and head inland to the river to soak up some 90° sun. It was a great opportunity."

Jane Wimpelberg was one of three women on the base during her service at Centerville form 1973-1974. She was just 19 at the time. "I was a radioman , now they call it radio person." Wimpelberg laughed. "All the guys were like brothers to me and treated me with the utmost respect and watched out for me."

Darrell "Mac" McCulloch came to the base from Coos Bay, OR and was there from 1973-1976. He met his wife, a Ferndale resident at the time, Lee Ann Miller while there. "It was like a big family, and this was our own village," McCulloch said. "I left in 1976 and was gone three months because I missed Lee Ann." Lee Ann remembers things a little differently. "I grew up on Centerville Road, and I remember my Mom warning us to get out of the road about four in the afternoon, because she said "those wild Navy guys would be racing down the hill!" Although Lee Ann was an "in town" girl, she said she was extremely moved by the memories the others shared.

"It was such a short time they were together, but it seems to have meant so much to them. It's still a special place."

# PEOPLE NEWS – FALL 2007

## \*\* Denotes New Member

**\*\*Ex-LT ALDEN L. ANDERSON** resides in Winslow, AZ. He is the Information Technology Director for the Winslow Indian Health Care Center. He is married with one daughter. **\*\*OTMC/STGC MARK ANDERSON, USN (Ret)** retired June 2000 and resides in Ocean Pines, MD. He is currently employed as the MWR/USO Director for Surface Combat Systems Center, Wallops Island, VA. **\*\*Ex-OT RITA ANDERSON** is married to **\*\*Ex-ET JIM CRAFT** and they reside in Nampa, ID. **Ex-STG3 RONALD ANDERSON** resides in North Windham, CT. He was stationed at NAVFAC Grand Turk in 1967. **\*\*Ex-OT2 KENT ARRINGTON** lives in Ball, LA. **\*\*Ex-OT2 CRAIG BARNHART** resides in Verona, WI. He owns a bakery, employing 13 people, and specializes in birthday and wedding cakes. April to October is his busy time, working 7 days a week. He states that his Navy training has served him well in supervising, motivating people and developing work schedules. **\*\*Ex-OTA2 GEORGE BEAVER** lives in Mountaintop, PA. He is employed by the Pennsylvania Dept. of Corrections in the inmates' record office processing legal work. **\*\*STGCS JOE BENENATI, USN (Ret)** resides in San Diego, CA. He retired from the USN in 1976 and as of 2000 is just "plain retired". **\*\*OTA1 ROSE BERNIS, USN (Ret)** is the Director of Music, Saint William of York Catholic Church in Stafford, VA.

**\*\*Ex-OT3 TIM BEVINS** is in Uxbridge, MA. **\*\*Ex-SOG3 JOHN BIELANSKI** resides in Ellington, CT and was at Argentia 1963-65. **\*\*Ex-OT2 KATE (EFFINGER) BRINKERHOFF** resides in Clearwater, KS; married, no children and is self-employed. **\*\*CAPTAIN MIKE BRITTINGHAM, USN (Ret)** makes his residence in Richmond, VA. Mike was the SURTASS Project Officer in OPNAV. He served primarily in the VP community as a TACCO for 23 1/2 years. He is currently a published novelist and a publisher having written three books: SUB CHASER; OPERATION POPPY; and his latest THE IRANIAN DECEPTION. **\*\*Mr. LAWRENCE BROCKWAY** lives in Kingman, IN. He served aboard the USS NEPTUNE 1954-1956. He stood watch on the cable tension console often during cable laying operations; a highly skilled talent. **\*\*CAPTAIN JOHN BYRON, USN (Ret)** is in Cocoa Beach, FL. He attended FSS Key West in 1957 as an SO3. He was on the Pre-Comm details for Centerville Beach (Plankowner) and Pt Sur. He reenlisted for submarines in 1960 and qualified in USS CAVALLA (SS-244). John was commissioned ensign in 1965. He was CO of the USS GUDGEON (SSN-567). He retired in 1993 after 37 years of continuous service. He is currently employed by Johnson Controls as a consultant.

**\*\*Mr. JON CAPLES** resides in Centennial, CO. (Centennial was the subject of a James Michener novel). **\*\*STSCS JAMES CHURCH, USN** is in Kingsland, GA. He was assigned to CUS Intel, Dam Neck 1998-2001. **\*\*OTMCS (SW) JIM CIOLEK, USN (Ret)** lives in Greenwood, DE. He is a department manager for Wal-Mart. **\*\*Ex-OTA3 WILLIAM COLLIER, Jr.** is married to **\*\*Ex-OTA3 DORA PERALTA (now COLLIER)**. They reside in Marysville, MD. **\*\*LT MARVIN COLLINS, USN** is in Murrieta, GA. **\*\*Ex-OTM2 SHEILA CUNNINGHAM (now MARTIN)** resides in Rocky Mount, NC with her husband Brad and two children: James (12) and Alexandra (11). Sheila is a District Manager with Kelly Services, a Global Staffing Provider. **\*\*Ex-OTA3 CRAIG CURRIE** lives in Key West, FL. After leaving the Navy he served a 2 year stint with Halliburton in Iraq at Site B-6/A1 Taqqadumm. **\*\*OTCM DOUGLAS DEVERS, USN (Ret)** resides in Stratford-Upon-Avon, UK. He was the OTA Detailer 1988-1991. He retired out of Centerville Beach in 1993. He has been in logistics since retirement. He lived in Knoxville, TN, Birmingham, AL and Guilford, IN prior to his current residence in UK. He is currently employed as the Implementation Manager for Europe, Middle East and Africa with UPS Supply Chain Solutions.

**\*\*CDR TERRI DECOOK BURT, USNR (Ret)** married Clifford Burt, a former Royal Air Force pilot in 1986 and they have lived in the south of England ever since. They have a family business; R.K.Burt & Co. Limited established 1892, paper merchants selling high quality artists' printers' and publishers' paper. **\*\*LT (Ex-OTA1) JACQUELINE DROTAR (nee LOEWE), USN.** Returned to active duty in 1995 in the Nurse Corps. Married Info Warfare Officer, LCDR John Drotar in 2001; three children, John Andrew, Katie and Libby. Intends to retire out of Yokosuka. **\*\*Ex-OT2 FRED DUBE** resides in Portsmouth, RI. After leaving the Navy he earned his MS degree in Geophysics. He is employed by Raytheon Corp. as a Sensor Physicist and System Engineer, working on the DDG 1000 ZUMWALT class, combat and net-centric architectures. **\*\*Ex-OTA2 LYDIA J. (nee MATHEWS) EDWARDS** resides in Hendersonville, NC with her husband and two sons. Lydia is a purchasing analyst for the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, NC. (Editor's note: the Biltmore Estate was the grand home built for the Vanderbilts and is considered a National treasure. It is well worth a visit.). **\*\*LT RUSSELL ELLIOTT, USN (Ret)** lives in Springville, PA with his wife and children, Seth and Samuel. He is employed by Procter and Gamble for the past nine years. **\*\*Ex-OTM1 DANNY ENRIGHT** resides in Liberty Township, OH. After leaving the Navy he worked for Hughes, GE and CACI. **\*\*OTAC RICHARD FALCK, USN (Ret)** is in La Grande, OR. He retired from the Navy in 1993. He completed college at Johnson & Wales with a degree in Culinary Arts. He is currently retired from everything.



**\*\*Ex-OT2 WILLIAM FELTCH** resides in San Antonio, TX with his wife and two daughters. He served at NAVFAC Nantucket 1973-1976 and participated in the dismantling and decommissioning of the facility. He completed his undergraduate studies in Marine Science and Chemistry. He has worked for NOAA and the private sector in fisheries and seafood related industries. **\*\*OTAC RANDY FOLSOM, USN (Ret)** and his wife, Naomi live in Austin, TX. He is currently working for Applied Materials as an Internal Audit Engagement Manager. Their daughter, Emi is attending UT, Austin. **\*\*STGC (SW/IUSS) ROBERT FOSS, USN** is currently serving on the USS RODNEY M. DAVIS (FFG-60) as CA Division LCPO. He completed two WESTPAC deployments in support of "OPERATION SOUTHERN WATCH"; "NOBLE EAGLE"; and "ENDURING FREEDOM" while onboard USS PORT ROYAL (CG-73). He just completed SOUTH PAC Counter Narco Terrorism Deployment supporting "OPERATION CAPER FOCUS". **\*\*STG1 MARK FREEMAN, USN (Ret)** retired in 2002 and resides in Sacramento, CA. **\*\*Ex-OT3 LAWRENCE GARRIS** resides in Irmo, SC. He is single and is a real estate broker, pilot, and a high school football and basketball official. He served at NAVFAC Eleuthera 1971-1973. **\*\*MR. RICHARD GENAILLE, WESTERN ELECTRIC**, lives in Winston-Salem, NC.

**\*\*OTA1 URSULA GENZ, USN (Ret)** is in San Diego, CA and is employed by G2 Software Systems, Inc. supporting SPAWAR Center, San Diego. **\*\*COLONEL WILLIAM GLASSER, USA** is currently serving in Iraq and makes his home in Wyomissing, PA. He is an Ex-NC1 and was commissioned while serving at Argentia and became a Navy JAG, then transferred to Army JAG. **\*\*CWO2 JIM "FLASH" GORDON, USN (Ret)** resides in Sierra Vista, AZ. **\*\*Ex-OT2 GARRETT GRIGGS** resides in the "Big Apple", NYC, NY. **\*\*Ex-OT3 DONALD HALL** lives in Huntsville, AL. He served at NACFAC CVB and on the USS SAMPLE and USS FOSTER. **\*\*Ex-LT GARY HANSON, USNR** lives in Shreveport, LA with his wife Beth. They have 5 children. Their oldest daughter, Karen is a manager with Booz, Allen Hamilton and is married to a naval aviator. Their second daughter works for the Navy in Portsmouth, VA as a contractor. Gary is Director, Louisiana State University Shreveport Red River Watershed Management Institute. He recently conducted a multi-beam & side-scan sonar survey of the Research Park Lake; which is probably the shallowest multi-beam survey ever conducted. There is consideration for development of an acoustic array for this lake; Gary could use some help in this effort if anyone is interested.

**\*\*ITC WHITNEY (HOOVER) HARSTAD, USN (Ret)** was stationed at NCTAMS and lives in Haleiwa, HI. She retired in July 2007. Her CO was **CAPT JIM DONOVAN, USN (Ret)**. **\*\*Mr. NELSON HAIRGROVE** resides in Magnolia, TX with his wife and son Richard. Subsequent to leaving the Navy in 1992 he joined the Houston Police Department and remained there until 2005. He then started a screen printing business and is now owner of American Muscle Grafix, Screen Printing and Graphic Design. **OTCM FRANK HARWOOD, USN (Ret)** remains in the Pensacola, FL area. He retired from civil service in 2005; now fully retired, he still participates in competitive waterskiing events and develops web sites as another hobby. **NCC (OTC) LOU HASKINS, USN (Ret)** remains in Jacksonville, FL. He retired from the Navy in 1976 and went to work for Ring Power. This second career included training Director, heavy equipment mechanic training, physical safety training, sales and management. After retiring from Ring Power in 1996 Lou went to work for CCAR Services as a special projects manager. CCAR is a charitable organization in Clay County and is devoted to providing meaningful work experience and activities for adults with mental disabilities; and their Light House Learning center is a child development project designed to help physically and mentally disabled infants and young children. He retired again in 2000 to work on his golf game with mixed results. During this period, he observed friends and peers suffering from chronic disease. Through sheer force of interest, his desire to help people led to his latest career as a health and fitness professional. He started a new career as a certified personal trainer (CPT) and health information resource. At age 68, he's continuing his education at the University of North Florida and is in his 3<sup>rd</sup> year. **\*\*LCDR STEPHEN HERSCH, USNR** resides in Jacksonville, FL. He drilled at a number of Facilities in the system as the Reserve Unit Commanding Officer. He is currently mobilized as OIC, Deployment Support Group, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, NC. **\*\*OTCM MARK HEUSER, USN (Ret)** resides in Richmond, TX. **\*\*Ex-STG3 ROBERT "JIM" HILL** resides in Novi, MI where he continues to work in sales. He earned his degree in history after leaving the Navy and taught for one year. He has five grandchildren. **\*\*Ex-STG3/OT2 GEORGE JANACEK, Jr.** retired early and lives with his wife in New Lenox, IL. They have 5 children. He enjoys fishing and travel in his spare time. **\*\*Ex-OTA2 GLENN JOHNSTON** resides in Kissimmee, FL where he is a Plumbing foreman for Jacrosan Mechanical Contractors. He is scheduled to be married November 24, 2007. CONGRATULATIONS and best wishes for a long, joyous and healthy life together!

**\*\*Mr. MARK JORDEN**, Lockheed Martin, is located in Pearl City, HI and is the Program Manager for LM's crew manning support to the SURTASS project. **\*\*OTA1 PATRICIA (CHANEY) HOGGE, USN (Ret)** resides in Bremerton, WA with her husband of 30 years, Walt. They have five sons: Dan & David Chaney and Mark, Eric & Chris Hogge. Females of family are their daughters-in-law and three granddaughters. After retiring early from the Navy she attended the University of Hawaii and graduated with honors. Their home is on the Puget Sound peninsula and she keeps herself busy making quilts, gardening and reading. **CDR JOHN HOLLISTER, USN (Ret)** has relocated to Kekaha, HI. **\*\*OTAC(AW) MIKE KILPATRICK, USN (Ret)** lives in Mill Valley, CA. **OT1(AW) ANDREY KOROBOVSKY, USN (Ret)**, a police officer in the South Glenn



Falls, NY Police Department, writes that his department has come into the 21<sup>st</sup> century with a new fleet of cruisers. He is assigned to one of the newest equipped with a Data 911 computer.

**\*\*BUC RON LARRIVEE, USN (Ret)** lives in Punta Gorda, FL. His last NAVFAC tour was part of the plank owner crew of Keflavik. Ron and SKC Reece Snyder made sure our Public Works and Supply support was timely and comprehensive. True professionals were both of these men (Editor's note)! Ron retired in 1971 after a tour in Hue, Vietnam.

**\*\*STS1 (SS/IUSS) MICHAEL LARSON, USN** lives in Moore, OK with his wife Elizabeth and two daughters, Tierney and Paighton. He is on recruiting duty in Edmond, OK. **CDR DON LEACH, USN (Ret)** continues to prove he is a man of many talents. As part of his research efforts on George Washington's fishing and boating interests he has lectured to the following organizations: Sons of the American Revolution, University of Virginia, Friends of Mount Vernon Lecture series, Gunston Hall (home of George Mason) staff and docents, Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, Washington College in Chestertown, MD and the Potomac River Symposium. He has been published in the Historical Society of Fairfax Yearbook; as well as having articles on file in the Univ. of Virginia George Washington Reference Library. He also volunteers with the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin and the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries netting shad as part of the shad restoration project for the Potomac, James and Rappahannock Rivers.

**\*\*Ex-LTJG KAREN LETCHFORD** resides in Virginia Beach, VA with daughter Ciarrah, age 9 (born in England) and son Lance, age 3. She left the Navy in June 2007 to pursue other avenues in nursing in the local community. She would love to hear from any of the old crew! **\*\*CAPTAIN ROYAL LOGAN, USN (Ret)** lives in Tallahassee, FL. He retired from the Navy in 1991; his last active duty tour was Commanding Officer, NROTC Florida A&M Univ. /Florida State Univ. After retiring he worked for the State of Florida as Chief Operations Officer for Division of Para-Mutual Wagering regulating horseracing, greyhound racing, jai-alai and poker card rooms. Said his IUSS experiences came in handy. He is currently back to work with the State of Florida auditing operations of Early Learning Centers. **\*\*CAPTAIN WILLIAM MANTHORPE, Jr. USN (Ret) / SES 4 (Ret)** (SES is Senior Executive Service) resides in Rehoboth Beach, DE. Bill was involved with the System at the Washington level for many years developing threat analysis and identifying funding for such efforts as the NISC Acoustic Analysis Center. He is currently spearheading efforts with the Delaware State Park Authority Historical Section to commemorate NAVFAC LEWES' role during the Cold War while located at Cape Henlopen State Park.

**\*\*Ex-OT3 DAVID MAUPIN** lives in Boonville, MO. His last System tour was at Keflavik, 1972-1973. **\*\*Mr. RONALD McPEAK** lives in Diamond Bar, CA. He was stationed at Centerville Beach, 1968-1970. **\*\*Dr. CHARLES E. McQUEARY, DoD** is the Director, Operational Test & Evaluation for the Department of Defense. Dr. McQueary has had a long and distinguished career, first with Bell Labs/AT&T and now government service. He was Bell Labs Dept Head for Brawdy Field Operations; Director, Undersea Systems Development Lab; Vice President Navy Systems (AT&T, Lucent Technologies, General Dynamics); President, General Dynamics Advanced Technologies Systems. Subsequent to retirement from industry he was appointed the first Under Secretary for Science and Technology, Department of Homeland Security. He has been in his current position since 2006. He still maintains a home in Greensboro, NC. **\*\*Mr. TIMOTHY MEYERS** lives in Lyons, NY. He served at Guam and Centerville Beach. **\*\*Mr. DALE MILTON, WECO/LUCENT** resides in Pataskala, OH with his wife; 7 dogs; 12 cats; 10 horses; 5 sheep and 4 donkeys on a horse farm. He worked at many sites in the System installing and testing the signal processing, power distribution and comm. room equipments. He now works for Lucent in a wireless deployment support group. Most of his time is spent keeping the farm in good repair. To view his farm go to [www.pbjdressage.com](http://www.pbjdressage.com).

**\*\*OTAC (AW) RON MISFELDT, USN (Ret)** is in Virginia Beach, VA and currently is employed by Raytheon as a radar tech/operator on the ROTH Program. **\*\*LT DENIS MURPHY, USN** is in Virginia Beach, VA. **\*\*Ex-STS2 (SS) DOUGLAS NIESSEN** resides in Folsom, CA. He is studying the snapping shrimp population in Monterey Bay, CA. His last System-related tour was at the Hawaii SURTASS Repair Facility (1985-1987). **\*\*FTC NORMAN (MALA) OKADA, USN** converted from OTA to FTC in 1989 via the SCORE program. His last System tour was at Keflavik, 1986-1989. **\*\*OTACS ALLAN OSTEN, USN (Ret)** lives in Erie, PA. Subsequent to leaving the Navy he completed his degree in electrical design in 1996 and worked in R&D at a small company near Penn State for 2 years. He has started his second favorite career working at GE Transportation (manufacture locomotives) as a Tier 3 help desk analyst. **\*\*STGC SIMON PENICK, USN** is assigned to JMF St. Mawgan. **\*\*STGC (SW/AW/IUSS) KENNETH PHILLIPS, USN** is stationed in Honolulu, HI. He is a former OTM1. **\*\*Ex-OT2 ROBERT PHILLIPS** is in Kingwood, TX. He left the Navy in 1977 and pursued a career as an accountant in the oil and gas industry. **\*\*Ex-OT2 BARRY PRATT** lives in Grovespring, MO. His last System tour was COSP (1978-1981). **\*\*Ex-OTA1 TIM RANDALL** resides in Renton, WA and works in Seattle at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center as a desktop support manager.

**\*\*Mr. RONALD REIL** resides in Garden Valley, ID where he is retired and raising horses on his ranch in the mountains of central Idaho. He served at Grand Turks, Barbados and Norfolk (1966-1972). He has a web page: <http://ronreil.abana.org/newshop.html>. (Editor's note: the site is well worth the visit). **\*\*Mr. PETER RICHTMYER** lives in

Portsmouth, RI where he is a software and systems engineer for submarine and DDG-1000 Combat Systems. He did a number of Reserve duty tours at a number of sites during the 1960s and early 1970s. **\*\*Ex-YN3 THOMAS ROBERTSON, USNR** lives in Mt. Pleasant, SC. He was assigned to COSP staff (1970-1972).

**\*\*OTA1/STG1 PAUL ROBINSON, USN (Ret)** is in Ozark, MO. He retired from naval service in 2000 and his last duty station was Whidbey Island. **\*\*Ex-OTA2 LOUISE ROUT-BLANDING** lives in Oregon City, OR with her husband and two children. She earned her teaching degree in 1998 and has been teaching special education ever since; a noble calling indeed. **\*\*PS2 NADINE SCHAFFER, USNR** resides in Gold Canyon, AZ. Congratulations to **CWO2 TINA SEITZINGER, USN** on the occasion of her commissioning 30 March 2007! **\*\*Ex-STG2 JOSEPH SHEA, Jr.** lives in Lynn, MA. He was stationed at Nantucket (1968-1969). **\*\*OTA1 EUGENE SMALLEGAN, USN (Ret)** retired in 1996 from Dam Neck and resides in Grandville, MI. **\*\*CAPTAIN ALAN SMITH, USN (Ret)** resides in Woodstock, MD. He was an RM2 stationed in Argentina (1968-1969).

**OTCM ED "SMOKEY" SMOCK, USN (Ret)** and his lovely bride, Leola, celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in March of this year. They were feted with a surprise party complete with a 25' stretch white limo, ballroom/buffet, plus many etc. All of their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, brothers and sisters from Texas, Montana & Canada traveled for the occasion. The Senior Smock's have 6 children, 10 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. **\*\*Ex-OTA2 WILLIAM "AXE" SPREEMAN** lives in Clintonville, WI where he is a fire inspector. He is a neighbor of Bob and Nancy Hawley (IUSSCAA members). **\*\*OTACS/STGCS ANTHONY "JAY" STANLEY, USN (Ret)** resides near St Mawgan, UK and is a DON civilian employee at JMF. He has been stationed in and out of the UK for 17 years thanks to the System, met his British wife during this time and they have two grown children. He loves the St Mawgan community and may stay in UK permanently.

**\*\*Ex-OT3 MICHAEL TOMLINSON** lives in Abita Springs, LA across Lake Pontchartrain, just north of New Orleans. He served on ITASS ships in the Mediterranean. He has worked as a Special Investigator conducting background investigations for security clearances. He is currently exploring franchise opportunities. He is a member of the Destroyer Escort Sailors Association which is where he learned of our Assn. **\*\*Ex-OT Mr. LYNN TVEDT** lives in Brandon, SD with his wife Lisa and sons Sean and Jesse. He works at the Sioux Falls Post Office as a mechanic. **\*\*OTA1 (AC) TERRY VANDERHOEVEN, USN (Ret)** resides in Lamoyne, PA. **\*\*OTA1 RICHARD VERMEULEN, USN (Ret)** lives on the Gulf Coast in Ocean Springs, MS. He currently works at Lowes Hardware. "I would love to see SOSUS come back on line and I would love to get back in and do the job once more. I think we need to!"

**\*\*Ex-OT1 CRAIG VROOM** resides in Colorado Springs, CO with his wife Becky and children Olivia and Andrew. He retired from Civil Service in 2005 as GS-15 with US Northern Command/NORAD in Colorado Springs. He holds a Masters in National Security Strategy from the National War College in Washington, DC and works part time for Booz, Allen Hamilton as a consultant. **\*\*Ex-OTA ERIN WALKER** lives in Annville, PA. **NCC CLIFF WALZ, USN (Ret)** now lives in Trego, WI. He reports that his youngest granddaughter is getting married at the end of September 2007. Congratulations! **\*\*OTACS JAMES YORK, USNR (Ret)** resides in Bainbridge, GA with his wife, Theresa. They have a daughter and two sons. He is a civil engineer and land surveyor at York & Associates Engineering, Inc.

Until Next Time. EKD

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