



# National Geospatial-Intelligence Alumni Association West NGAA-West

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## NGAA WEST LUNCHEON WEDNESDAY

**June 26, 2013**

### Entertainment by "Doe and John"

A singing husband and wife team

#### LUNCHEON SCHEDULE

Cocktails 11:30 am      Lunch 12:00 pm

**PIETRO'S**  
**3801 Watson Road**  
314-645-9263  
Price: \$18.00 per person

**MENU:** Your selection will be confirmed by the wait staff at the luncheon from one of the following:

**Filet of Sole.** Broiled in lemon butter sauce

**Chicken Saltimbocca.** Six oz. boneless breast of chicken topped with prosciutto and cheese in a sage and white wine sauce

**Veal Parmigiana.** Chopped veal cutlet, topped with meat sauce and cheese

Lunch selections are served with salad, pasta, vegetable, bread, butter, a beverage (water, coffee, tea, soda), and a dessert.

The wait staff will take your bar order on a cash basis only

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### June 26, 2013 Luncheon Reservation Form

<u>Planned Entrée Choice</u> (Confirm at the luncheon. One per Attendee)	<b>Fish</b>	<b>Chicken</b>	<b>Veal</b>
Member name: _____	_____	_____	_____
Spouse name: _____	_____	_____	_____
Guest name: _____	_____	_____	_____
CHECK Number: _____			

**Please mail to arrive by June 19, 2013**

**MAIL TO:  
NGAA West  
P.O. Box 510091  
St. Louis MO 63151-0091**

CHECK THIS BOX IF YOU WANT A REMINDER CALL ON TUESDAY JUNE 25, 2013

**NGA NEWS**  
**NGA Inducts Four into Hall of Fame**

May 13, 2013

The National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency inducted four leaders into its Hall of Fame in a ceremony held May 13, 2013, at the agency's headquarters in Springfield, Va. Retired U.S. Army Col. Peter O'Neill, Melvin L. Wagner, Curtis B. Ward, and the late Thomas A. Hennig were added to the Hall of Fame by NGA Director Letitia A. Long. She said, "I am pleased to welcome these men to the NGA Hall of Fame. Their leadership, innovation, and devotion to the agency have advanced the strengths of NGA and the security of our nation."

The Panel considered nominees based on their demonstration of one or more of the following:

- Significant accomplishment in one of the heritage organizations.
- Accomplishment that transformed NGA operations.
- Legacy of leadership that exemplifies the NGA tradition and core values.
- Significant accomplishment providing geospatial intelligence that enables the U.S. to resolve a national security crisis.
- Technological or analytical creation that improves geospatial intelligence throughout the U.S. government.
- Significant sacrifice involving serious injury or death in the accomplishment of the NGA mission in support of national security.
- Significant support from an individual representing a private corporation, another U.S. government agency or foreign government that transforms the NGA mission.

Al Anderson, chairman of NGA Alumni Association (NGAA) at the time of nomination last year, said, "We congratulate the inductees into this prestigious Hall of Fame. They are true pioneers in their tradecrafts and have contributed much to their agency and the nation. NGA is also to be commended for honoring these outstanding individuals on their accomplishments."

O'Neill served as director of several production centers, was instrumental in the implementation of the Defense Mapping Agency's transition from hard to softcopy, and was cited as being highly focused on his personnel and the warfighter. He was raised in Philadelphia and now resides in Chantilly, Va.

Wagner was recognized for his outstanding vision, leadership, and contributions to the success of NGA in a geospatial intelligence career that spanned 37 years with

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NGA and its predecessor organizations, and an additional 10 years as a contractor. He was nominated due to his tireless dedication to the tradecraft of GEOINT. He is a long-time Maryland resident who now lives in Dunkirk.

Ward was selected for his leadership role in two major agency reconstruction task forces and his services as civilian lead at the Dayton Peace Accord negotiations in 1995. He grew up in Billings, Mont. and now resides in Grantham, N.H.

Hennig, formerly of Alexandria, Va, was named due to contributions that changed the business of GEOINT, particularly moving the tradecraft from analog to digital. He also led the effort to map 80 percent of the earth's surface in collaboration with NASA.

**NGAA-WEST**  
**MARCH 2013 LUNCHEON NEWS**

By Pat Wiese

The NGAA West Seniors held their spring luncheon in delightfully new surroundings. We contracted this year to have our luncheons at Pietro's Restaurant -- a place familiar with quite a few of us. We now have a choice of three entrees. This time the choices were Filet of Sole, Chicken Ala Pietro, or Beef Spedini.

All were served with salad, pasta, vegetable, bread, butter, a beverage (water, coffee, tea, soda), and a dessert. Sixty five attendees enjoyed the sun shining in the windows while they ate their lunch. Kent Kenniston, the new President, lead the group in the pledge of allegiance and Bob Eddy gave the invocation.

Kent introduced our first time attendees - Mrs. Janet Allbright-Nugent and her husband, James; Mrs. Karen Anderson and her husband, Claire; Mr. John Rainey, Ms. Michele Roberts, Mr. Bernie Kane, Ms. Debbie Neustadt and Ms. Sherrill Schreiter, guest of Casey Szpak. Kent also introduced NGA attendees - Ms. Julia Collins/Office of Corporate Communications West, Dave Farace/Facilities Program Office Director, Al Schulte/Audiovisual, Dr. Fred Turman/Acting West Executive. Also attending was Al Anderson, former Chairman of NGAA and our special guest, Bill Finnie, son of former DMA Deputy Director, Mr. Tom Finnie.

Mr. Al Anderson, the first chairman of NGAA, spoke on the collaborative relationship that has been established between NGA and our Alumni Association.

Mr. Dave Farace gave us an update on the Facilities Modernization Program for the St. Louis location.

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The 50/50 Winners were: Bob Meinhardt (3), Debbie Neustadt (2) (Harry and Rose you should have been here to give them some competition), Russ Wall, Don Schmidt, Al Anderson, Al Schulte, and Frank Aufmuth.

On Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup> of March the St. Louis area was “treated” to a late-month snowfall that broke all records for that late in March. Ironically the previous largest snowfall in the area was also on the 24<sup>th</sup> of March but exactly 101 years earlier and that amount was 12.1”. This year’s amount was just a bit more at 12.4”. This was the official amount of snow for St. Louis but as we all know geographically it has to end somewhere. Our good friend Bob Touzinsky was almost privy to that experience, nearly finding the last area snowflake. Bob lives in the Pevely area and he proudly claimed that he had only a dusting, perhaps a half inch. Some folks have most of the luck, right Bob?

ARSENAL CREDIT UNION TO SPONSOR NGAA-WEST LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

The Arsenal Credit Union (ACU) has agreed to sponsor the NGAA-West Chapter. West Chapter Board Chairman, Bob Meinhardt, recently negotiated an agreement of support with the ACU. The ACU will reimburse \$40.00 toward a lifetime membership of \$100.00 for any new applicant. The reimbursement is limited by the following:

1. Retiree must be a member in good standing at Arsenal Credit Union for a minimum of 1 year.
2. Reimbursement is limited to \$40.00 toward a lifetime membership with NGAA-West.
3. Retirement must have occurred after 31 January 2013.

The ACU will credit the members account with \$40.00 after the ACU has reviewed the conditions and verified the member status with NGAA-West.

This program will be reviewed by ACU in two years to ascertain its success and to make any modifications deemed appropriate at that time. The link to the ACU web site is [Arsenalcu.org](http://arsenalcu.org).

NGAA WEST & EAST MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES

The current Directory of members is available at [http://www.ngaawest.org/webform/list\\_members\\_pw.php](http://www.ngaawest.org/webform/list_members_pw.php) p4. The Directory is **for members only**. Contact Jim Hilterbrand at [jim.hilterbrand@gmail.com](mailto:jim.hilterbrand@gmail.com) for the password.

NGAA WEST INPUT TO NGA PATHFINDER PUBLICATION

NGAA-West members have the opportunity to submit articles for future publication in the NGA Pathfinder magazine. Members will receive an email notification from NGAA-W identifying a subject theme for the submitted article. A date will be stated when the article needs to be received by NGAA-W. The following guidelines apply for all submissions:

"The desired article length is 150 words; a general article can be longer but should not exceed one Pathfinder page (approx. 600 words). If at all possible, all submissions should be accompanied by a photo or artwork and should include quotes -- either from persons or documents. The article should be in Word format, text only. Photographs need captions and credits. Also, each image submitted must be a separate .jpg file with a minimum 300 dpi for a 4x6 inch image."

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' NEWS 2013 BOARD MEMBERS

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Bob Edwards	Senior Advisor	314-293-0481
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Robert Pankey		NGAA-West (ACS) webmaster

NGAA-WEST BOARD POLICY Refund of Reservation Payment

The NGAA-West continues the former ACS policy: “All luncheon reservation requests are recorded as they are received. On the Thursday prior to a luncheon the expected number of meals by type is provided to Pietro’s. On the Monday prior to the luncheon Pietro’s is again called with the expected number of each selection and with the total number of attendees. NGAA-West is then committed to these numbers and must pay for the number of meals reserved. Refunds or luncheon vouchers are ONLY issued to those individuals who call in a cancellation at (636) 296-8831 prior to the Monday preceding the luncheon. Therefore, there will be no refund or luncheon voucher issued for an individual who does not attend the luncheon without that prior notification.” **As an example**, for the June 26, 201 luncheon call (636) 296-8831 **before June 24, 2013, if you must cancel.**

**NGAA WEST TREASURER’S REPORT**

REPORT DATE: 5/13/2013

REPORT PERIOD: 01/01/2013 to 5/13/2013

<i>TOTAL RECEIPTS:</i>	\$ 3,117.00
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES	410.00
LIFE MEMBERSHIP DUES	500.00
LUNCHEON TICKETS	1,260.00
50/50 TICKETS	55.00
INTEREST RECEIVED AND ACCRUED	12.00
ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP (GOLF) DUES	830.00
NGAA RECEIPTS	50.00

<i>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:</i>	\$2,354.05
LUNCHEON SITE – MEALS	1,260.00
DIRECTORY EXPENSE	385.00
POST OFFICE	217.60
TABLE PRIZES	118.34
PROGRAM – ENTERTAINMENT	600.00
GOLF LEAGUE EXPENSES	348.11
NGA OPEN HOUSE EXPENDITURES	135.00
FUNDS TO NGAA	25.00

<i>TOTAL MONIES AVAILABLE</i>	\$ 13,872.78
<i>NON-ALLOCATED MONIES AVAILABLE</i>	\$ 9,697.69
<i>MONIES IN ALLOCATED FUNDS</i>	\$ 4,175.09

Please refer any questions to Mr. Bob Eddy at [roblucedd@sbcglobal.net](mailto:roblucedd@sbcglobal.net) or (636) 296-8831

**REQUEST FOR HEALTH STATUS INFORMATION**

**If you are aware of any former co-worker or his/her family member that is ill, in the hospital, or has passed away, please call or email the NGAA West Chapter Board so that we can inform your fellow members.**

**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**

Our Membership Chair introduces two new members. We encourage their attendance at the June luncheon.

**Mary E. Glauber**

[kcrocket@aol.com](mailto:kcrocket@aol.com)

**Lee Readus**

**UPDATED MEMBER INFORMATION**

**Jimmie Bauer**

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**Donald Bratcher**

**Glenn B. Burgdorf, Jr.**

**Evelyn Chappas**

**Joseph S. Jarvis**

**Beverly Korst**

**Wayne H. Lamborn**

**George T. Stentz**



**The NGAA-West members extend our sincerest condolences to their loved ones and friends.**

**Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.**

Herbert Bernard Durbin , Sr.	Mar 1, 2013
Joseph L. Farkas, Jr.	Mar 5, 2013
John J. DeFrancesco	Mar 8, 2013
Ralph Symmes	Mar 23, 2013
Melvin A. Lindauer	April 9, 2013
Eugene ‘Gene’ Stender	April 9, 2013
Jeffrey William Boyd	April 11, 2013
Norma Shickman	April 12, 2013
Frederick Joseph Doyle	April 17, 2013
Robert W. Ballew, Ph.D.	April 25, 2013
Emmett Lewis Burton	May 21, 2013
Francis Gene Sethman	May 23, 2013

**SICK MEMBERS / FORMER CO-WORKERS**

Tony Caiazzo	Jim Stayton
Carol Stamer	Herman Westrich
Darryl Crumpton	Hank Bauer
Charles Doolin	Norma Doolin
Marlyn Meoli	Bill Reeb
Thomas Seppelin	Paul Gegg
Beverly Schmidt	George Cline
Bill Volk	Ron Foster
Viola (Vi) Niederschmidt	

Stay in touch with these individuals. They appreciate your thoughtfulness.

**NGAA-WEST MEMBER GROUP NEWS**

**REQUEST FOR NEW GROUP & REPORTS**

The NGAA-West Board extends a welcome to all the NGA and its predecessor organization employee and retiree groups.

**Want to stay healthy and busy?** Members of NGAA-West can do so physically through bowling or golfing activities and socially at luncheons and other group meetings.

**But what about mentally?** Is anyone interested in keeping the old gray matter active in a fun way? I'd like to start a conversation about having a "game night" once a month. It could mean playing cards, scrabble or other games or puzzles that take some minor (and therefore enjoyable) thinking. I'm not talking computer games!

Let me know if you're interested. Marilyn Chryst, [mchryst@stlcc.edu](mailto:mchryst@stlcc.edu) or 314-845-2497.

**NGAA WEST SPORTS**

**BOWLING NEWS**

**ARSENAL MIXED LEAGUE**

**SUNSET LANES**

By Pat Wiese



The winners of the second half of the season for the Arsenal Mixed League were the Alley Slugs - Pat Wiese, Velma Malawy, Paul Estes, Jerry Lenczowski, and Gene Sylvester. Following behind them were Fab Four, Rollercoasters, Care Bears, Rookies, Spare Change, and Purple Turkeys. Since Fab Four won the first half, there was a roll-off between the winners of each half on Sweepstakes night. The Alley Slugs won. After sweepstakes, there is always a banquet and trophies and prize money is awarded each team. Trophies for individual high series with handicap were presented to Denny Dummeyer and Lisa Deen; trophies for individual high single with handicap were presented to Ron Lindy and Cindy Whitmire; and trophies for high average were presented to Kevin Marr and Debbie Neustadt. We all knew it was time to leave the bowling alley when the sirens went off warning us that a tornado was in the area. It struck that night in Hazelwood, MO. If you are still working at NGA, or of NGA legacy, and are interested in joining the league or know of someone that would like to bowl on Wednesdays at 4 PM, please contact Pat Wiese, 314-385-7845.

**THURSDAY INVITATIONAL LEAGUE**

**SUNSET LANES**

By Doug Nolte

The NGAA-West Bowling League finished up its season at Sunset Lanes on the 11th of April with a roll-off between the two half season winners; the Old Style Team and the Stretch Runners. One would think with all the cunning and guile embodied in at least two of the

**THURSDAY INVITATIONAL LEAGUE**

grizzled veterans on the Old Style team that the Stretch Runners would've gone quietly into the night with their competitive tails tucked firmly between their legs. But on this night, even the presence of the two wily octogenarians Harry Lemakis and Jack Harmon could not will the Old Style battlers to even come close to the overpowering show put on by the Stretch Runners. The Runners won all three games and captured the league championship for the first time. Long-time members of the Stretch Runners could not recall if the team had ever won the championship, so we'll leave it at that, a first time first. The rest of the league could only stand by and utter that time worn and trusted phrase, "wait'll next year". And next year will be at the same place, Sunset Lanes, date to be determined.

**NGAA-WEST GOLF NEWS 2013**

Submitted by Larry Knopfel



For the first time in eight years we started the season at Whitmoor Country Club instead of our usual venue, Missouri Bluffs. The season opener on April 11, 2013 was not quite what we wanted weather-wise, but we survived the cold, damp, cart path only, windy day. Unfortunately the weather through the first five outings has been terrible except at Far Oaks on May 2nd. April 18<sup>th</sup> was a rainout at Missouri Bluffs and on May 9<sup>th</sup> the outing scheduled for Sunset Hills Golf Course, which was under water, relocated to Quail Creek. Relocation is a term I learned twenty-five years ago while still working. Halfway through the outing at Quail Creek, a downpour caused most of us to head to the clubhouse and we waited almost one hour before our golf outing resumed. We have several new members this year and hopefully when the weather cooperates we'll have some good golf days and more participation. For results from our outings go to the website at <http://ngaawest.org>.

**The Golf Group Committee**

Ed de la Pena (314) 846-6925 Jack Eckhard (636) 394-4315  
Bob Eddy (636) 296-8831 Larry Knopfel (636) 561-2280  
Ron Muse (314) 306-6930 Doug Nolte (636) 391-7266  
Randy Pratt (314) 607-9151 Dennis Terhaar (314) 487-5209

**DUFFY'S INFORMAL LUNCHEONS (DILS)**

**Open Invitation**

By Pat Wiese

Former NGA and NGA legacy employees meet for an informal luncheon at Duffy's 124 W Jefferson Ave. #104, Kirkwood, MO on the first Wednesday of every month at 11AM. Come join them when they meet on June 5, July 3, and August 7, 2013.

## NEGATIVE ENGRAVERS LUNCHEON

Submitted by Rich Egan

This group currently meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 12:30 PM at El Maguey restaurant in Concord Plaza, St. Louis County MO. Any retired employee of NGA or NGA legacy is invited to join this small group over tamales, burritos, enchiladas, beans and rice. Dos Equis and Margaritas are also available. The engravers meet the 2nd Thursday of each month at this location, and all are welcome, even Cartographers. Come join them when they meet on June 13, July 11, and August 8, 2013.

## POINTS REPORT

By Bob Eddy

The Points Group meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at the Hometown Buffet, located on South Lindbergh at 11 AM.

**Fifteen individuals attended the March luncheon.** The attendees were Dave Alspaugh, Sam Brewer, Bob Eddy, Vern Edelmann, Jim Hilterbrand, Jim Johnson, Don Neubacher, Kevin Perry, Jim Raby, Larry Rambo, Ed Schaaf, Gene Sylvester, Danny Wells, Dale Winters and Jim Wynn. **Twelve individuals attended the April luncheon.** The attendees were Dave Alspaugh, Charlie Bird, Sam Brewer, Charlie Castro, Bob Eddy, Jim Hilterbrand, Don Neubacher, Kevin Perry, Jim Raby, Ed Schaaf, Gene Sylvester and Danny Wells. **There were eleven attendees at the May luncheon.** They were Sam Brewer, Jim Hilterbrand, Jim Johnson, Don Neubacher, John Novak, Jim Raby, Larry Rambo, Ed Schaaf, Gene Sylvester, Dale Winters and Jim Wynn.

Several of the attendees never worked in Points, so the group is not restricted to Points people, but for retired DMAAC/NIMA/NGA employees who want to enjoy the camaraderie of the group.

The future meetings are scheduled for June 5, July 3, and August 7 at the Hometown Buffet on South Lindbergh at 11 AM.

## PHOTO BREAKFAST CLUB

By Gene Niederschmidt

Our tentative 2013 meeting schedule is May 27 (Memorial Day), June 24, July 22, and August 26, 2013. Mark your calendars.

Gene N

## CHART RESEARCHERS ST. RAYMOND'S LUNCHEON

Harold Howard

Some of you old-timers from the Chart Research Division may remember that a group has been meeting for lunch at 1100 at St. Raymond's on the first Wednesday of even numbered months. The Lebanese food is still the same as it was 30 years ago so come on down and surprise us with your presence. The next meetings will be at 1100 on June 5, and August 7, 2013.

## OLD TECHIES LUNCHEON

MAY 7, 2013

IN HONOR OF BOB BALLEW

On learning of Bob Ballew's passing, Bill Heidbreder and Lou Decker organized a luncheon at Kreiger's for former ACIC/DMA/NIMA technical staff who benefited from the personal work, guidance, and mentoring of Bob Ballew. Over 70 were contacted by email. Annette Krygiel and Chuck Hall responded with a request to raise "a glass high" for them in Bob's memory. The following, who were able to attend in person, reflected and recalled events and interactions with Bob that changed their careers and today's technology: Dave Alspaugh, Gordon Barnes, Capt. Charlie Byrd, Dale Crittenden, Lou Decker, Dave Dermody, Mary Ealum, Gene Gamble, Jack Harris, Bill Heidbreder, Ray Helmering, Judy Hodge, John Lefman, Bobbi Lenczowski, Jerry Lenczowski, Ed Mikhail, Dave Mulawa, Tim Nagy, John Novak, Pat Reed, Ron Pierce, Darryl Rue, Jim St. Clair, Jim Stanton, John Unruh, and Hack White. Ed Mikhail recalled the very positive support Bob provided when Ed discussed the formation of the analytical photogrammetry program at Purdue with Dr. Mahoney.

## GEODETIC SURVEY SQUADRON/GROUP

Newsletter by Garrett Moore

From the Feb 6 2013 issue

More Goodies for Our Website

**Doug Young** (Stellar Camera, 1967-71) has come into possession of a treasure trove of Stellar Camera information and photos. Doug says:

"I was on a team with **Mike DaRonco** and John Till, who was a civilian with the US Coast and Geodetic Survey. John and I continued to communicate off-and-on over the years. I came into possession of a CD created by one of John's co-workers. John sent me an original copy and I made a couple of copies for him and kept a couple for myself. It is titled, 'International Satellite Triangulation Program BC-4.' It was created 15 April 2001." It has pictures of all aspects of the project as well as some graphics of the methodology. I found a picture or two of Mike and me on Pitcairn in the mass of pictures. If you would like a copy, let me know where I can mail it and I will send it along. It may be there is something on the CD that would have some use on the GSS website."

**Dick Foster** (Sat Tri, 1971-74) sent us a photo of the ANPRR 14 Geoceiver. Several Smithsonian-related links on our website had apparently gone dead or moved, including links to the Geoceiver, a T3 theodolite that went to the Smithsonian from DMA, and information related to our gravity measuring tools. The Geoceiver, of course, was the satellite positioning system used by the Squadron in the 1970s and 80s as a technological improvement to the stellar camera method prior to the GPS becoming operational. **Ron Nesti**, our Webmaster, fixed these broken links and added to our gravity link, with some helpful input from Gravity Guru, **John DePuy**

## GEODETIC SURVEY SQUADRON/GROUP More Goodies for Our Website

(Gravity, 1966-71). John is the only living GSS veteran we know of, who has made gravity observations (or any other geodetic measurements) in Antarctica, as well as all over the USA. He's from North Dakota, so Antarctica was just another day at the beach for him!

You may check out these new links showing a sampling of the tools used by members of the Squadron at [http://www.1381st-gss.freesevers.com/external\\_links.html](http://www.1381st-gss.freesevers.com/external_links.html)

**“Geodetic John” Nolton**, who is not an actual GSS veteran, but our foremost *former* Marine Corps fanboy, digitized a hardcopy article by Lt Col H. G. “Pete” Peterson, the first GSS Commander, for inclusion on our website for all to read. **Obie Chambers**, (Survey, 1961-64) one of our early veterans from both Orlando and FEW (when it was still just a detachment) had brought the hardcopy to the reunion last August for display. It's a short but inspiring piece about the importance of the work being accomplished by members of the Squadron. Please read it at

[http://www.1381st-gss.freesevers.com/images/PetersonCommandLines\\_web.jpg](http://www.1381st-gss.freesevers.com/images/PetersonCommandLines_web.jpg)

## More Veterans Added to Our Online Roster

As you know, *I'm a real scold*, constantly nagging folks to send me their full contact information. Although it's frustrating, I keep on nagging, because each time, a few more of you respond.

We hit a *mother lode* of additions after our last newsletter, so this time we were pleased to add all the following names to our online roster.

First is **Stephen H. “Steve” Kaminski** (Survey, 1985-89). Steve is one of a small contingent of U.S. Army members of the Squadron who showed up in the mid-1980s.

Says Steve:

“That's so cool how you opened up the slots to the rest of the services. I owe you huge thanks! You might not realize this, but if you hadn't done that, I would have never met my wife. I met my wife there in '86 (she is from Dayton) and our son was born at the base in '88. I am from the Detroit area (near Selfridge ANG Base) and we moved here after the military, so we are able to visit her family in Dayton easily. So again thank you!

I have lots of fond memories working on many of Reagan's Star Wars programs and also helping [the late] Pete Pammel on some Gravity Surveys. We worked hard and had fun seeing the country. Cheyenne is a wonderful place and if we had no family in Michigan and Ohio I would have loved to stay in Cheyenne.

By the way, a little factoid...I was the very first person at the Squadron and on F.E. Warren to wear the new woodland [camouflage] BDU's. I got a lot of stares walking around the BX. I have been working in the automotive automation industry as a machine tool electrician and robot programmer from '89 till present.”

## More Veterans Added to Our Online Roster

**Helmut R. Korstick** (Survey, 1985-88) actually sent us his contact information over a year ago, but somehow we missed getting it onto our GSS website. He's on the roster now, thanks to Steve (above) asking about him, as they were friends and colleagues in Cheyenne in the late 1980s. Helmut reports: “I enjoyed the website regarding the GSS. On the site I saw many members who I worked with. I was in the USAF and stationed at FE Warren as a member of the GSS between 1985-1988, and now I am a State of California Professional Land Surveyor, as well as a Certified Federal Surveyor. My survey career began at the GSS, and as you can imagine, I have nothing but fond memories regarding my time there. It would be great if I could contact some of the people I was associated during my time there, and would also like to see my name on the site. I was a sergeant at the time I exited the USAF in May 1988.

**Carlos L. "Buddy" Bush** (Computing & Survey, 1969-73) also checked in from Texas and sent us his contact information.

**James (Jim) L. Passauer** also sent his contact information. However, from the garbled e-mail, I gather that Jim was not actually in the Squadron, but the Air Force Action Officer for Geodesy and Surveys and helped to develop the concept for the Global Positioning System.

**Doug Journey** (Survey, 1960-62), one of our early originals from Orlando, also sent us some updates to his contact information.

**Jeff Golberg** (Stellar Camera, 1967-70) finally sent us his contact information after all these years. The irony is that Jeff is the *originator* of our GSS veteran's website! Jeff collaborated with **Mike DaRonco** (Stellar Camera, 1967-70) and **Dana Hannon**, another of our Army veterans, (Survey & Data Reduction, 1986-93) way back in 2002-3 to set up the original website, help build the original list of GSS veterans, and to get our first two reunions off the ground.

With the able assistance of **Roger Poe** (Survey, 1967-69), we finally wrangled the contact information out of **Truitt Sims** (Survey, 1967-70).

And likewise for **Bob Holman**, (Stellar Camera, 1967-60), who finally realized why I plead for contact information in each newsletter. Despite getting my newsletters for the last four years, he suddenly wondered why his name was not on the website. Now, at last, we have his contact information too. Bob says he loves “...remembering the TDYS to Eniwetok, Suriname, Bogota, and Con Son Island, Vietnam, and the great guys I worked with at Cheyenne.”

Several others also contacted us with updates or photos for the website, including **Dick Foster** (Sat Tri, 1971-74), who sent us a spiffy mid-1970s photo of himself in Guam, sporting the look of a hip disco lounge including long hair and paisley

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shirt, for the first Satellite Triangulation repeatability job. Says Dick, "I am standing next to the shelter we put up for the first and subsequent repeatability missions. I think perhaps it was also the beginning of WGS84. It was either 1973 or 1974, I don't recall for sure. I was there with **Leroy Everitt; Gary Grappo** joined us later, just after he joined GSS, so it was his very first field assignment."

Dick also wondered what has happened to Gary, who came to the Squadron's Sat Tri Branch right out of the Air Force Academy, then went on to become a Foreign Service Officer at the State Department, and ultimately served as U.S. Ambassador to Oman. He has since fallen off our radar. **Anybody out there in touch with Gary Grappo?**

Best of all, Dick helped us to find **Barry Alston** (Sat Tri, 1972-76) Barry has had an interesting career since his time in GSS and the Air Force Reserves, and he is now an ordained Baptist minister. Says Barry:

"The lord has blessed me to become a minister. The Air Force Auxiliary trained me as a chaplain and also as a supervisor of chaplains. I attended Denver Conservative Baptist Seminary, and I earned my Master of Arts degree in philosophy, religion and psychology, from the University of West Florida. The Air Force - VA benefits paid for all of it. The Air Force Reserves allowed me to serve and support my family, while pursuing my Master of Arts. Since April 1988, I have served as supervisor of chaplaincy services for a very large prison. In April 2013 it will be 25 years. I am currently the commander of the American Legion Post 251 of Montclair, NJ."

**James Cerar** (Stellar Camera, 1966-70) discovered us while surfing the web and asked to join the group. Says James:

"The 1381st/1st GSS gave me one heck of a ride. Being single at that time, I would volunteer for any TDY that came up anywhere an electronics/radio guy was needed on this planet. Over this period, my feet touched down in 34 countries. What a thrill for a guy in his mid20's. Wearing civilian clothes and receiving per diem while overseas was truly a dream job and would make you wonder if I was really in the Air Force? For the few times I was back in Cheyenne, the MARS radio station was a good place to hang out. In the evenings and weekends I worked part time at KFBC as a disc jockey and was the radio engineer for KRAE. They needed a Federal license taped onto their transmitter. At 10:15 pm was the real fun at KFBC. I was your channel 5 weatherman on the last station in the states to go color! If some of you don't remember me, you might remember my Jaguar XKEs, the only ones in Cheyenne, and yes, the per diem was a factor. As I said in the beginning, GSS gave me one heck of a ride!"

James also has a treasure trove of photos taken all over the world on his many Stellar Camera TDYs that he has enthusiastically digitized and submitted for our website. **Check them out and help us put names on some of the unidentified folks in the photos at:**

<http://www.1381st-gss.freesevers.com/PhotoCerar.html>!

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**Ed and Lenice Pinson** also sent in updates. Their joint history with the Squadron, Group, and various assignments with DMA, NIMA and NGA spans so many years and places, I can't fit it all in this paragraph!

Remember, your contact information is protected by user name and password, so only other Squadron veterans with user names and passwords will see it. (**Ron Nesti**, our Webmaster, will contact you with your user name and password when he loads your info on our GSS/GSG website.)

### Passing of Billy Luster

Regrettably, on occasion we sometimes have to add the names of Squadron veterans to our "other" list---our list of Deceased GSS Veterans. I recently received this sad announcement from **Jim Siler** (Computing, 1969-71):

"Yesterday [April 10] **Bill Luster** of Batesville, Arkansas died. Bill and I were... geodetic computation specialists, Combat Evaluation Group, US Air Force. In 1969, when I was in Phu Bai, Vietnam, he was in Pleiku. After Vietnam, we were both stationed in Cheyenne, Wyoming... 1st GSS, where we worked together running an IBM 7094, the world's first transistorized computer, built in Los Alamos, NM. Bill and I were fortunate enough to return home to the Ozarks and share, over the years, time fishing and hunting on the White River. His death is like losing a brother."

Both Jim and Billy D. were frequent after-work dinner, movie or coffee companions of **Mike Ognisty** (Orderly Room, 1969-70), **John DePuy** (Gravity, 1966-1971, Cheyenne & 1974-1979, Det 1), the late **Jon Morrow** (Computing, 1969-72), and **yours truly**, rehashing the kinds of things that guys in the barracks usually rehash!

Ron has added Billy D's name to our online list of deceased veterans and posted the link to his obituary. On behalf of all GSS veterans, especially those who knew and worked with Billy, I signed the guest book and expressed condolences to his wife Eva and family. May he rest in peace...

### The Value of Networking

Not long ago we established relationships with the Air Force Photomapper Association, the Defense Mapping School's Staff & Faculty Alumni and the NGA Alumni Association. Connections to them are on our GSS website and my newsletter goes to them each time. They in turn forward it to their membership and whaddayaknow?! It has helped us to connect with another Squadron veteran who had been missing from our rolls!

I am pleased and proud to add another new member to our group, one of the originals from Orlando. Welcome to **Ronald R. "Ron" Knaus**. Ron says, "I was admin and personnel officer and transportation officer. I would fly the crews around in an old DC-3 (C-47) over all of USA and much of South America. I was in photomapping for

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about 7 or 8 years. Spent 3 years in Spain, time in Portugal, and several months in Italy...I was transferred to Air Photographic and Charting Service, and then reassigned to the 1381<sup>st</sup>. Stayed there in Orlando for the rest of the time. Then to Korea, Washington, DC, and Fort Worth, TX. I went to work for American Airlines as a pilot and worked there for about 30 years. Lived in Long Beach, CA for 25 years, and then came to Dallas to retire. I retired in July 1992. Since then, I have lived in Abilene, TX. I operate a ranch, a hunting ranch, and operate a Rock Quarry where we break up rocks and make caliche for pavement. I do not live on the ranch, as my wife is a town girl, but we have a nice place on the Fairway Oaks Golf course. And, that's about all of the excitement I can think of. I am now going on 81 years old.

Thanks, Ron”

Best of all, Ron still has old orders he plans to share with us containing the names of many of the original members of the 1381<sup>st</sup>! Another treasure trove for identifying and trying to locate all the original members!

We also had some success tracking down the elusive **David “Pip” Phillips** thanks to the help of **Jim Baxley, Blackie Blackmer, Gus Galiuzza, Boe Borchardt** and especially **Art Winters**, who came up with Pip’s phone number in Florida. I was able to trace that to an address, and sent him a written invitation to join the group by replying with his contact information. Still waiting to get a reply from Pip and several others similarly invited, including **Jack Mortensen, Gene Makle, John & Lottie Kemp** and **Leo Knoblauch**. *If you are in contact with these folks, please give them a nudge to get on board!*

**Art Winters**, by the way, recently retired from the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency’s Holloman Support team in New Mexico, where he was team lead for the A35M Astrolabe and Benchmark Survey System among other duties. Art says he is already enjoying retirement after 42 years in geodetic surveying and computing.

**More Bounced E-Mails**

The no longer functioning e-mail addresses include those for the following veterans: **Bob Arriola, Al Billups, Chuck Finley, Harry Harris, Richard C. Jones, Vic Kuchar, Hank Levi** and **Kirby Logan, Clifton Lopert, Hector Matos, Dave Moulton, Joe Noel, Thomas Noonan, Wayne Phyllaier, Robert Quinn, Mike Scoggins, Robert Skolasky, Russ Taylor** and **Kevin Yates**. In addition, my last newsletter bounced two new names: **John Dudek** and **Frank Veu**,

**The National Map Corps - Volunteers Receive Recognition**

Citizen volunteers are making significant additions to the **U.S. Geological Survey's** ability to provide accurate information to the public. Using crowd sourcing techniques, the USGS project known as **The National Map Corps (TNMC)** encourages citizen volunteers to collect manmade structure data in an effort to provide accurate and authoritative spatial

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map data for the National Geospatial Program’s web-based **The National Map**.

These structures can include schools, hospitals, post offices, police stations and other important public places along with data from other sources, the data currently being collected by volunteers become part of **TNM Structures dataset** which is made available to users free of charge.

In an effort to recognize the important work being done by volunteers, **TNMC** has created a **recognition program** based on the number of points a volunteer contributes. Levels of recognition are displayed in the form of **icons or badges** of antique catalog drawings of different and increasingly sophisticated pieces of surveying equipment. Each badge comes with a description of the item and encouragement to achieve the next level. As a volunteer attains each level, a congratulations email is sent, and the **accomplishments are recognized**

Becoming a volunteer for **TNMC** is easy; go to **The National Map Corps project site** to learn more and to sign up as a volunteer. If you have access to the Internet and are willing to dedicate some time editing map data, we hope you will consider participating.

While some familiarity with the area that a volunteer chooses is helpful, you do not have to live near a particular place to contribute. The **tools on TNMC website**, along with ancillary information available on the Internet, are generally sufficient to edit a distant area. There are presently **nineteen states** available for volunteers to choose to update structures in.

See for yourself how much fun participating can be. Go to **The National Map Corps home** page, give it a try and before you know it you’ll be hanging out with the Pedometer Posse!

Recognition Category	Number of points
<i>Order of the Surveyor’s Chain</i>	25 – 49
<i>Society of the Steel Tape</i>	50 – 99
<i>Pedometer Posse</i>	100 – 199
<i>Circle of the Surveyor’s Compass</i>	200 – 499
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<i>Theodolite Assemblage</i>	2000+

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Your write-up(s) are due by August 1, 2013 for the next issue. Thanks for your support of NGAA-West.

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**2013 LUNCHEON MEETINGS**

Pietro's Restaurant  
3801 Watson Road  
Social at 11:30 A.M Lunch at 12:00  
26 June, 25 September, and 11 December 2013

**MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE**

4 PM Wednesday at Sunset Lanes  
Restarting in September 2013

**MEN'S INVITATIONAL BOWLING LEAGUE**

4PM Thursdays at Sunset Lanes  
Restarting in September 2013

**PHOTO BREAKFAST CLUB**

at Gingham's  
Meet at 9:30 AM  
June 24, July 22, and August 26, 2013

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at Duffy's in Kirkwood  
and

**POINTS GROUP**

at  
Hometown Buffet on S. Lindbergh  
Both meet at 11AM  
June 5, July 3, and August 7, 2013

**CHART RESEARCHERS**

at St. Raymond's Luncheon  
Meet at 11 AM  
June 5, and August 7, 2013

**NEGATIVE ENGRAVERS LUNCHEON**

El Maguey restaurant in Concord Plaza  
Meet at 12:30 PM  
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