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NGAA WEST LUNCHEON WEDNESDAY

March 27, 2013

NGA Alumni Relations and NGA West Facilities Modernization Presentations

LUNCHEON SCHEDULE

Cocktails 11:30 am Lunch 12:00 pm

NEW LOCATION: 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 Ala Pietro. Six oz. boneless breast of chicken in a white wine and fresh mushroom sauce

Beef Spedini. Seasoned beef stuffed with cheese in a rich bordelaise sauce

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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March 27, 2013 Luncheon Reservation Form

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

Please mail to arrive by March 20, 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 MARCH 27, 2013

NGA NEWS

ALUMNI RELATIONSHIPS CRITICAL TO NGA

FUTURE

NGA Director Tish Long's comments to NGA Staff

Our alumni are invaluable members of the NGA team. They are NGA's ambassadors, advocates, and mentors. I have asked them to share our vision and our progress with their colleagues and networks across the Department of Defense, the IC, and industry. In return, we at NGA will strengthen our efforts to learn from their experience, to capture their insights, and to collaborate more fully when time and opportunity allow.

In November, I was privileged to speak with the men and women of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Alumni Association (NGAA) - East at an event here at NCE. The occasion reminded me of the vital role our alumni played in making NGA the remarkable agency it is. We have GEOINT and the reputation we enjoy because of their work and determination.

To further our relationship with NGAA, I am expanding our formal outreach activities with them. At the November event, I described my vision of the relationship and proposed the new program. They fully embraced both.

Beginning in 2013, we will host NGAA twice a year – once in the spring and again in the fall. The unclassified briefings and demonstrations we presented in November were very well received. The alumni were especially impressed with and our efforts in disaster support. We will conduct programs at NCE and NCW and offer the alumni one-day access to classified information at the secret level. I am convinced that deepening the exchanges with our alumni is important to the agency.

The NGA Hall of Fame recognizes those alumni from NGA and our heritage agencies who made significant contributions. Last week, I was honored to notify the next inductees into the NGA Hall of Fame of their selection. We will honor Thomas Hennig, Peter O'Neill, Melvin Wagner, and Curtis Ward at a ceremony concurrent with the spring alumni meeting.

Consistent with our revitalized alumni relationships, I have also put in motion an annual Former Leader's Day, in which former directors and deputy directors of NIMA and NGA will spend a day at NCE seeing the advancements we have made since they first planted the GEOINT seeds. The second of these is scheduled for March 5. I am looking forward to introducing to them our outstanding men and women who carry on their legacy.

Our alumni and former leaders understand what we do firsthand. They shaped GEOINT and tradecrafts we perform. I am thankful for the service, dedication and legacy of our alumni. With their expertise and experience, they can help us bring together our past and our present to forge our bold future.

NGAA NEWS

NGAA West Members,

You are invited to participate in two partnership engagements between NGAA and the US Geospatial Intelligence Foundation (USGIF).

The USGIF is an important organization dedicated to promoting the geospatial intelligence tradecraft and building a stronger community of interest across industry, academia, government, professional organizations, and individual stakeholders.

Opportunities for partnering were recommended by an exploratory committee chaired by Larry Ayers, and approved by our NGAA Board of Director's at their annual meeting in December.

We are looking for an NGAA-West point of contact (POC) and additional volunteers for each of the activities below.

1) **GEOINT Symposium**. The next symposium is to be held in October 2013 and will be the 10th anniversary of the USGIF. It will be held in Tampa, FL, and will be a partnership with Special Operations Command (SOCOM).

There will be museum of GEOINT-related artifacts at the Symposium. The 10th anniversary represents a special case, but a recurring level of engagement is welcomed as well. The symposium coordinator is open to suggestions from NGAA. Here are a few ideas to consider:

- (a) A recruitment and informational booth
 - (b) A jointly sponsored panel to discuss the history of GEOINT
 - (c) NGAA speaker on significant events in the history of GEOINT
 - (d) Film on the history of GEOINT, similar to NGA's 15th anniversary video.
- Other ideas are welcome.

2) **The Spy Museum**, located in downtown Washington D.C. The USGIF is partnering with the Spy Museum to establish a GEOINT section. The Foundation currently organizes a demonstration and speaker at the Spy Museum's annual event. A GEOINT display is highly desired. USGIF would like NGAA's help with artifacts and suggestions for stories. The Spy Museum would do any necessary legwork.

If you are interested in participating please contact:

NGAA-West Board Chairperson: Bob Meinhardt at affttonrm2@aol.com; or

NGAA-West Senior Advisor: Robert Edwards at robertedwards4098@charter.net;

Information related to the USGIF can be found on their website at www.usgif.org.

NGAA-WEST
DECEMBER 2012 LUNCHEON NEWS

By Pat Wiese

Eighty-five NGAA West members/spouses/guests were at the Viking Restaurant for our December luncheon. Bob Meinhardt led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and Bob Eddy said the invocation.

Kent Kenniston was able to engage the *Swing Sisters* to be our entertainment for the afternoon. The Swing Sisters has been performing together for 19 years. They started out entertaining on their driveway when they were much younger and were referred to as *Broadway on the Driveway*. Of course, they geared their entertainment to Christmas songs, but that's always enjoyable.

We had Dennis and Sandra Meade joined us for the first time. Hope to see them back again soon.

Jim Boyd read a letter from NGA Director Tish Long. Bob Meinhardt mentioned that Diane L. Berg was receiving the very first Excellence Award presented by NGAA-West. NGA had nominated three employees for the award but she was selected overwhelmingly by a majority of the NGAA-West board as the recipient. She was presented the Award "In recognition of her exemplary management and oversight of the Purchase Card Program throughout NGA and her Commendable Community Service". Her husband, Dave, was also able to join us for lunch to see Diane receive this award.

At the beginning of the 50/50 drawings, Bob Eddy said there would be one special winner drawn at random. All others would receive \$5. Pat Keller was the lucky winner - she won \$20. 50/50 Winners - Richard Hollowell, Mark Hagler, Jerry Lenczowski, Barb Speiser, Judy Hodge, Bob Bentrup, Mary Decker, Jimmy Boyd, Denny Dummeyer, Gordon Barnes (2), Jim Mohan, Bob Pankey, and Dennis Meade. The winners of the bottles of wine or tins of popcorn - Lou Decker, Nick Decker (2), Fred Meister (2), Jim Stanton (2), Judy Hodge, Jack Crawford, John Flaherty, George Manders, June Wall, JoAnn Hemple, and Jerry Lenczowski.

NGA REPRESENTATIVES WILL SPEAK AT MARCH
2013 ALUMNI LUNCHEON

Bill Caniano/NGA-OCC will speak briefly about NGA's relationship with the newly formed National Geospatial-Intelligence Alumni Association (NGAA). He will be followed by Dave Farace, Director of NGA's Facility Program Office who will provide a short presentation about NGA's current plans for Modernizing the West Facility.

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.

NGAA WEST & EAST MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES

The current Directory of members is available at http://www.ngaawest.org/webform/list_members_pw.php4. The Directory is **for members only**. Contact Jim Hilterbrand at 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
NGAA-WEST CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A NEW LUNCHEON LOCATION
PIETRO'S

The Route 66 (formerly the Viking Banquet Center) provided the Board their prices for hosting the NGAA West luncheons for 2013. After seeing the significant increase in prices for the various entrees we normally select, the NGAA West Board of Directors made the decision to find another facility.

After checking several locations, the Board of Directors decided that the 2013 Luncheons would be at Pietro's Restaurant, 3801 Watson Rd, St. Louis MO 63109.

Pietro's will offer three menu items from which you will make your final selection when the wait-person takes each individual order. The cost of the luncheon will remain at \$18.00.

You should continue to mail in your payment with your reservation form and check, for our planning purposes, you intended entree.

The three selections for the March 27, 2013 Luncheon are:

- Filet of Sole *Broiled in lemon butter*
- Chicken Ala Pietro *6 oz boneless breast of Chicken in a white wine and fresh mushroom sauce*
- Beef Spedini *Seasoned beef stuffed with cheese, in a rich bordelaise sauce*

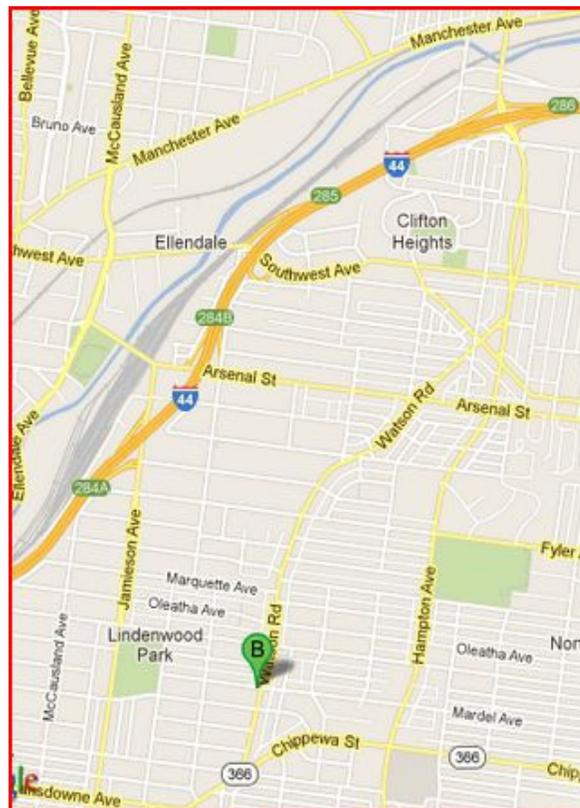
All Entrees include: Salad, pasta, vegetable, bread and butter, a beverage and dessert. Bar purchases will be available from the wait staff on a cash basis only. The meal will be served at 1200 PM.

There is a Parking lot south of the restaurant and can be entered from Watson Road or the alley in back of the restaurant. Handicap entry is at the Watson Rd. front entrance.

Meet You at Pietros!!

2013 BOARD MEMBERS

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| Bob Meinhardt | Board Chairperson | 314-638-4555 |
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| Kent Kenniston | President | 314-894-2430 |
| Vacancy | Exec Vice-President | |
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| Pat Wiese | Secretary | |
| Jimmie Hilterbrand | Vice-President Membership | |
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| Larry Knopf | Golf Committee Chairperson | |
| Marilyn Chryst | Member-at-Large | |
| Vacancy | Member-at-Large | |
| Bob Bentrup | Mailing Committee Chair | |
| Jerry Lenczowski | VP Communications | |
| Newsletter Email | aerochart@sbcglobal.net | |
| Robert Pankey | NGAA-West (ACS) webmaster | |



NGAA WEST TREASURER'S REPORT

REPORT DATE: YEAR END REPORT

REPORT PERIOD: 01/01/2012 to 12/31//2012

TOTAL RECEIPTS:	\$ 7,882.73
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES	1,210.00
LIFE MEMBERSHIP DUES	700.00
LUNCHEON TICKETS	4,374.50
50/50 TICKETS	248.00
INTEREST RECEIVED AND ACCRUED	50.23
ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP (GOLF) DUES	1,000.00
NGAA RECEIPTS	200.00
MISC. INCOME	100.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:	\$7,846.91
LUNCHEON SITE – MEALS	5,524.60
DIRECT PAY OPERATING EXPENSE	455.13
POST OFFICE	310.66
TABLE PRIZES	287.79
PROGRAM – ENTERTAINMENT	600.00
GOLF LEAGUE EXPENSES	333.73
NGA OPEN HOUSE EXPENDITURES	135.00
FUNDS TO NGAA	100.00
MISC. EXPENSES	100.00

TOTAL MONIES AVAILABLE	\$ 13,186.07
NON-ALLOCATED MONIES AVAILABLE	\$ 8,062.14
MONIES IN ALLOCATED FUNDS	\$ 5,123.93

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

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 number of meals by type is provided to the Holiday Inn. On the Monday prior to the luncheon the Holiday Inn is again called with the final 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 March 27, 2013, luncheon call (636) 296-8831 **before March 24, 2013, if you must cancel.**

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 ACS Board so that we can inform your fellow members.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Our Membership Chair introduces six new members. We encourage their attendance at the March luncheon.

Janet M. Allbright-Nugent

Karen J. Anderson

Patricia A. Hudson

Rosanne Petru

Stephen P. Pedone

John A. Rainey

UPDATED MEMBER INFORMATION

Robert W. Ballew

Wayne H. Lamborn

William Mantinband

Angelo A. Meoli

John C. Miller

Jack J. Panula

Dennis Shannon



The NGAA-West members extend our sincerest condolences to their loved ones and friends. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Jackie Williams	May 2012
Donald Hensen	May 2012
Jack T. McNeil	25 Oct 2012
Bill Kienbusch	13 Oct 2012
Richard B. Dierkes	22 Dec 2012
Eric W. Alexander	5 Jan 2013
Dominic (Lou) Cheli, Jr.	18 Jan 2013
Michael L. Thomas	18 Jan 2013
Stanley Frank Musial	19 Jan 2013
Roger Burlingame	19 Jan 2013
William B. Hester	20 Jan 2013
Florenze A. Ackmann	25 Jan 2013
Phillip J. Lundgren	30 Jan 2013
Chuck Williams	3 Feb 2013
John P. 'Jack' Fitzpatrick	4 Feb 2013
Edward D. Lurton	6 Feb 2013
Claudio 'Claude' Salinas	8 Feb 2013
William R. Gregg	11 Feb 2013
Lillian Gallant	19 Feb 2013
Ira S. Coles, Jr.	22 Feb 2013
Addie Riordan	25 Feb 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 or 314-845-2497.

NGAA WEST SPORTS

BOWLING NEWS

ARSENAL MIXED LEAGUE

SUNSET LANES

By Pat Wiese



The Arsenal Mixed-League returned on September 5, 2012 to its second season of bowling on Wednesday's at 4:00 p.m. at Sunset Lanes. We are now in the midst of the second half with the Alley Slugs clinging to first place. The FabFour won the first half followed by the Purple Turkeys, Roller Coasters, Alley Slugs, Rookies, Care Bears, and Spare Change. 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 at that time, please contact Pat Wiese, 314-385-7845.

THURSDAY INVITATIONAL LEAGUE

SUNSET LANES

By Doug Nolte

The men's Thursday Invitational Bowling league, comprised of present and former ACIC/DMAAC/NIMA/NGA personnel, along with a smattering of friends, began another season on 6 September at Sunset Lanes on Watson Road. The 4:00PM start time gives most current employees plenty of time to make it to the lanes in time to roll their first ball. December 13th, 2012 marked the halfway point in the Thursday Invitational League. With the halfway point comes the rolloff for first place in the first half. As was reported earlier the team (Old Style) led by the ageless wonder, Harry Lemakis, stormed out to an early lead in the first half. Somehow, probably with the help of mirrors and some old age cunning, they managed to maintain that lead and were one of the two teams going head-to-head for the first half championship.

Being the oldest team in the league, by far, ironically they were up against the second oldest team in the league, the Marauders, captained by the wiley Jeff Delaplain, and featuring the smooth stroking Ed Fank, hired gun Charley Wilson, and yours truly, the steadily inconsistent Doug Nolte.

Mr. Lemakis was not in the lineup for the night but his replacement, the equally octogenarian Jack Harmon, ably replaced Harry and was instrumental in completely demolishing the Marauder's vaunted lineup. Old Style won all three games. It didn't help that the other 3 bowlers on the Old Style team had what only could be called career nights. One was heard to comment that he hadn't shot that well all year. Fine time to do that buddy! Other members of that memorable team of destruction for the night were Tom Berra, Dave Cowger and hired gun John Miriani.

We are now in the midst of the second half of the season and the other 10 teams are targeting Old Style, hoping that old age will impinge on their endurance long enough to give other squads time enough to overtake them.

At this time I have to correct the last entry describing our exploits at Sunset Lanes. Mr. Wayne Ludwig did have a fantastic first night to the season but he did not in fact have a 300 game to add to his credit. One out of three of my facts were correct in that he had only 3 spares all night with the rest of his efforts being all strikes, but he did not have the 300 and he only shot 833 instead of the 835 as previously reported. This reporter will attempt to get his facts a little straighter before submitting future reports. As far as can be determined, this report is factual, a bit tainted but factual.

Again, for those of you living in the St. Louis area, come visit Sunset Lanes on Watson Road every Thursday afternoon about 4PM to renew acquaintances with some folks who fancy themselves bowlers.

NGAA-WEST GOLF NEWS 2013

Submitted by Larry Knopfel



The 2013 golf season will start on April 11, 2013 at the Whitmoor Country Club Golf Course. We will also have our final outing/lunch at Whitmoor on October 10, 2013. The entire schedule is not complete but will be in time for the March Luncheon. This year July 4th falls on a Thursday so rather than take a bye week we have scheduled an outing on Monday, July 1, 2013 at Tapawingo National Golf Course. We have pared down the member list and will bring in some new players this year. Any member interested in joining the golf group should contact a golf committee member.

HISTORY OF THE GOLF GROUPS

Larry Knopfel is trying to create the history of the Thursday Golf Group from when it was formed (1980?) and who was in charge of the program. He has spoken to a number of current members and his records start in 1994 with records from Ed Nolde. If you have records or information, please send it to Larry Knopfel

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

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. A Negative Engravers and friends luncheon was held 12/13/2012 at 'El Maguey's Ristorante located in Concord Plaza shopping center. The attendees were: Millie & Dave Jackson, Harry Lemakis, Don Lippold, Harry Raymond, Rich Egan, John Carty, Ernie South, Larry Wiecz, Bob Diekemper, Ralph Terry, and Virgil & Verna Hahn. Many memories were shared along with much Dos Equis & margaritas. 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 March 14, April 11, May 9, and June 13, 2013.

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 March 6, April 3, May 1, and June 5, 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.

I do not have the names of the attendees for the December luncheon.

Nine individuals did attend the January 2013 luncheon. The attendees were: Charlie Bird, Don Neubacher, John Novak, Kevin Perry, Jim Raby, Larry Rambo, Gene Sylvester, Danny Wells and Jim Wynn.

There were thirteen attendees at the February 2013 luncheon. They were, Dave Alspaugh, Charlie Bird, Sam Brewer, Bob Eddy, Vern Edelmann, Jim Hilterbrand, Jim Huettenmeyer, Kevin Perry, Jim Raby, Larry Rambo, Pat Reed, 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 March 6, April 3, May 1, and June 5, 2013. at the Hometown Buffet on South Lindbergh at 11 AM.

PHOTO BREAKFAST CLUB

By Gene Niederschmidt

The days sneak by so quickly it scares me. We didn't have a breakfast this past December because the 4th Monday fell on Christmas Eve Day. Here is what I did in December

In years past Christmas was a big event at our house but now that we reside in a Friendship Village, our world has turned upside down. Christmas gatherings now are held at someone else's home not at Grandpa's or Grandma's. Growing old is for the birds.

I have tried several times to reach George Huelsman and each time I leave a message, but no response. For as long as I can remember George has been a regular attendee and now he ups and disappears.

I had the task of reporting two passing this month. The first was Dick Dirkes and then Eric Alexander. The photo troops remember Dick as the "go to guy" for coming up with the correct film can. Dick's second job was working part time as a guard in the Cardinal locker room. Dick was regular Breakfast attendee.

Eric Alexander was Mr. Camera to many photographers. Eric was Camera Section foreman many years. Besides

PHOTO BREAKFAST CLUB

being a Foreman, Eric was State, Missouri Air National Guard Sargent Major for several years. Eric was unable to attend many Photo Breakfast's due to his inability to drive in his later years.

I have called Bill Reeb several times this past month. Mary Reeb tells me Bill is doing as well as can be expected. Mary went on to say Bill is scheduled to see his doctor again this week for further evaluation. We all wish Bill the best to his family.

We did meet in January 2013. Several years ago Jerry and Linda Frientrup suggested a breakfast note be sent reminding internet people of each Breakfast. Problem is, who will remind the sender. We had fifteen attending our January Breakfast. We had a good talk about people we remember. Fred Meister and I looked back at Production Control personnel such as Glen Boop, Joe Cuttler, Lita Stocckton were some names we discussed. We were surprised to see Bill Reeb. Bill looks good. Bill Volk was scheduled for surgery on his hand. I called him and he said he was doing well. Bill said while he was shopping he ran into Sid Bosma. We would like to see Sid. He will try to make a Breakfast.

I called Herman Westrich and inquired about his back operation. Herm has been in and out to the hospital after the first operation. He has a problem with his left leg. Walking is painful and difficult.

Our tentative 2013 meeting schedule is March 25, April 22, and May 27, 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 April 3, and June 5, 2013.

"No Greater Honor" – A Service Family Among American Heroes

Stephen Pedone, Lt. Col., USAF, Ret.

There are many special monuments, buildings and places around Washington, D.C. Yet, there is only one very special place on a hillside in Arlington, Virginia, that overlooks the heart of our beautiful capital city and reflects all the history and honor of our great Country. On the top of this hill, within the old section of this site, in a hollow on the road connecting two special places, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the Lee Mansion, lies generations of a single American family that served our nation over the past 100 years. At the base of the hollow, beside the road, is a tall holly tree planted to honor the service of Major Glenn Miller, U.S. Army Air Corps, and immediately behind this tree are three gravestones uniquely clustered together marking three generations of the Pedone family.

This is a twentieth century true American success story that began with a young, uneducated, Italian-speaking, Ellis Island immigrant from Bari, Italy, coming to America to find freedom and to earn and build a better life. That patriarch was my grandfather, Anthony Pedone. He served as a Private in the Pennsylvania National Guard and was first mobilized in 1916 to go into Mexico with General Pershing to capture Pancho Villa. He was mobilized again in 1917, to become one the first Americans sent to France to become General Pershing's American Expeditionary Force to fight the Germans in World War I. He served as a front-line motorcycle courier and machine-gunner, surviving being shot twice and gassed. He and his wife, Grace, also an immigrant from Bari, Italy, are buried together under the largest Pedone gravestone. Their three first-generation American born children all graduated from college, were professionals and served in the U.S. military. One son who lies with them, Stephen Pedone, was a Flight Officer and pilot in the U.S. Army Air Corps, and was killed in 1944, in a B-24 bomber during WW II. I was named after my Uncle. Additionally, my dad's sister, Ann, was a U.S. Army Nurse and will eventually be at Arlington at the near-by grave site of her first husband, an early Army helicopter pilot who died during the Korean War.

The second Pedone gravestone, just in front, marks my mom and dad. Both served with the 9th Air Force in England during WWII. My mother, Jerry, a surgical nurse, was one of the first U.S. Army Air Corps Flight Nurses, flying C-47 medical evacuation missions bringing wounded from Normandy back to England. My dad, Vito, flew 25 missions into Nazi territory as the single pilot of a twin-engine ground attack A-20 aircraft. In the late night approaching D-Day, he was the co-pilot of the lead Pathfinder Troop Carrier C-47 aircraft to drop the initial 101st Airborne Pathfinder paratroopers into Normandy. He continued his 30 year service career as a Colonel in the

U.S. Air Force, serving in the initial Pacific atomic bomb tests, the formation of NATO, the Cuban Missile Crisis planned airborne invasion, flying single pilot twin-engine

“No Greater Honor”*(continued)*

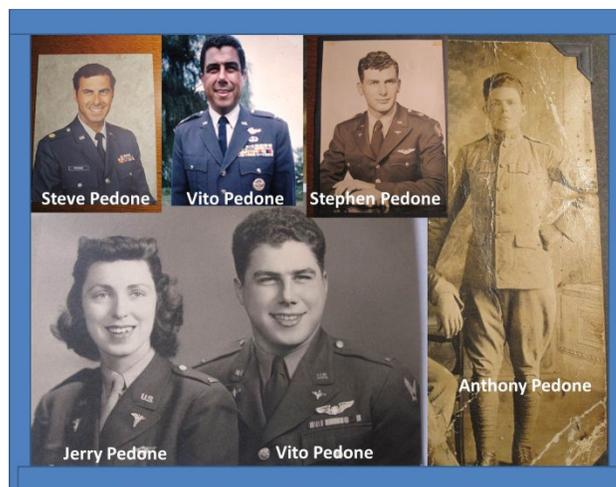
ground attack B-26 Air Commando missions early in Vietnam, the development of the Global Positioning System, and the “Cold War” victory over Soviet communism. He was a 1960 graduate of the National War College.

Eventually, my wife and I will be buried in the third adjoining grave, currently marked by a small headstone for my son, Timothy, who died during my initial Air Force assignment in 1967, at the U.S. Air Force Aeronautical Chart & Information Center (ACIC) in St. Louis, MO. My 25 year military career in Mapping, Charting & Geodetic (MC&G) and the Intelligence Community, as an Air Force Cartographic/Geodetic Officer and Intelligence Officer, included service to ACIC, Europe, the Far-East/Pacific, Vietnam, Korea, Japan, the DMA Aerospace Center St. Louis, the Joint Cruise Missile Program Office Arlington, the Strategic Air Command/ SIOP, HQ USAF Air Staff ACS/I the Pentagon, Central & South America U.S. Southern Command J-2 Panama, HQ. DMA the Naval Observatory, JCS Joint Staff J-3, and the Office of the Secretary of Defense ASD/C3I, the Pentagon. I was privileged to have served at DMAAC, in the early-mid seventies, as the first Production Program Manager for the initial development of the DMA broad-area digital terrain and feature analysis data bases – the Digital Landmass Simulation (DLMS). We developed the data base product specifications, digital production equipment, techniques and protocols to exploit the first digital satellite imagery and digital image rectifier, and to produce these earliest DMA geo-spatial digital data bases essential to the Service’s first digital flight simulators, mission planning and mission rehearsal systems, as well as the first Terrain Contour Matching (TERCOM) guidance system data for development and deployment of the Cruise Missile, and Radiometric data for development and deployment of Pershing II Missile terminal guidance. Upon retiring from the Air Force in 1990, I began a second career as a Systems Engineering with E-Systems, Dallas, TX, supporting development of the “front-end” image processing workstation for DMA’s initial Digital Production System, and retiring again in 2005 from Raytheon Corp. I was very fortunate to have participated in both the evolution of the traditional, individual Service MC&G capabilities into a consolidated, unified DMA, and the early digital MC&G/imagery revolution that led us to today’s GEOINT and NGA. It was a special time and personally rewarding.

Thus, in this quiet Arlington hollow, a unique cluster of gravestones will mark three generations of an American family, who leave a legacy of service to our Country, protecting our freedom and liberty, passing-on a brighter future, together for eternity on this hallowed ground. *“There is no greater honor.”*



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Newsletter by Garrett Moore

From the Feb 6 2013 issue

The former Defense Mapping School is no more. Having derived originally from the Army Engineer School’s Department of Topography (D/Topo) when DMA was established in 1972, it later evolved through several name changes to the current National Geospatial-Intelligence College. The College is now located within NGA’s magnificent New Campus East, which opened in late 2011 on the site of the former Army Engineer Proving Grounds, Ft Belvoir. Along with a few other local alumni, I was privileged to attend the graduation of its final NCO Geospatial Analyst Course last November in the new facility. (Click on http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:NGA_New_HQ.jpg to see the new NGA building.) All military career courses having to do with surveying, mapping, construction or terrain analysis have returned to the Army Engineer School, which moved from Ft Belvoir, VA to Ft Leonard Wood, MO some years ago. NGA College will now

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focus on preparing its employees and other military and civilian students in geospatial intelligence-related skills.

Jack Batt, a former Defense Mapping School instructor in the Graphic Arts/Offset Printing Dept., has been the sparkplug for organizing Army, Air Force, Marine, Navy and civilian veterans of the old schoolhouse on Ft Belvoir. He puts out a newsletter similar to mine and organizes a luncheon meeting every other month for local veterans of the School. There are plans afoot for the School veterans to join NGAA-East Alumni during one of their semi-annual dinner meetings or luncheons. Jack is helped in reuniting the school veterans by **Harold Hester**, who has built a wonderful website celebrating Defense Mapping School and its staff and faculty. As many of you in my audience were also instructors or students at the Ft Belvoir institution, check out the website at www.defensemappingschool.com. You may see yourself in an old photo or story in the *Contour*!

The school's reputation is such that Jack recently received a request from a surveying recruiter in the Philadelphia area who wants to recruit *only* DMS graduates! If you are interested in employment as a surveyor in the Philadelphia metro area, or just want to get your name on Jack's distribution list, contact him for more details: jackbatt@comcast.net.

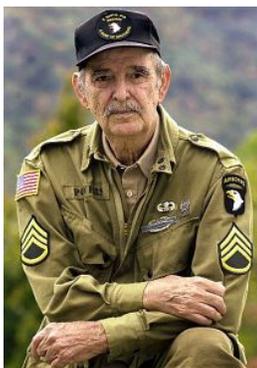
More Reunions...

One of our own GSS veterans, **Julian Higgins**, is helping with arrangements for the November reunion of the Air Force Photomapper Association at Ft. Walton Beach, FL. Many of you are eligible for membership in the AF Photomapper Association, if you served in the Squadron between July 1959 and July 1972, before the Squadron became a DMA asset. If you want to join, contact **Gordon Barnes** at glbjlb@charter.net.

Shifty

By Chuck Yeager

Forwarded by Bill Heidbreder



Shifty volunteered for the airborne in WWII and served with **Easy Company** of the **506th Parachute Infantry Regiment**, part of the 101st Airborne Infantry. If you've seen Band of

Brothers on HBO or the History Channel, you know Shifty. His character appears in all 10 episodes, and Shifty himself is interviewed in several of them. I met Shifty in the Philadelphia airport several years ago. I didn't know who he was at the time. I just saw an elderly gentleman having trouble reading his ticket. I offered to help, assured him that he was at the right gate, and noticed the "**Screaming Eagle**," the symbol of the 101st Airborne, on his hat.

Making conversation, I asked him if he'd been in the 101st Airborne or if his son was serving. He said quietly that he had been in the 101st. I thanked him for his service, then asked him when he served, and how many jumps he made.

Quietly and humbly, he said "Well, I guess I signed up in 1941 or so, and was in until sometime in 1945 ..." at which point my heart skipped.

At that point, again, very humbly, he said "I made the 5 training jumps at Toccoa, and then jumped into **Normandy** . . . do you know where Normandy is?" At this point my heart stopped. I told him "yes, I know exactly where Normandy is, and I know what D-Day was." At that point he said "I also made a second jump into Holland, into Arnhem." I was standing with a genuine war hero ... and then I realized that it was June, just after the anniversary of D-Day.

I asked Shifty if he was on his way back from France, and he said "Yes... And it's real sad because, these days, so few of the guys are left, and those that are, lots of them can't make the trip." My heart was in my throat and I didn't know what to say.

I helped Shifty get onto the plane and then realized he was back in coach while I was in First Class. I sent the flight attendant back to get him and said that I wanted to switch seats. When Shifty came forward, I got up out of the seat and told him I wanted him to have it, that I'd take his in coach.

He said "No, son, you enjoy that seat. Just knowing that there are still some who remember what we did and who still care is enough to make an old man very happy." His eyes were filling up as he said it.

And mine are brimming up now as I write this.

Shifty died on Jan. 17 after fighting cancer. There was no parade. No big event in **Staples Center**.

No wall-to-wall, back-to-back 24 x 7 news coverage.

No weeping fans on television.

And that's not right!

Let's give Shifty his own memorial service, on line, in our own quiet way.

Please forward this email to everyone you know.

Especially to the veterans.

Rest in peace, Shifty.

Chuck Yeager, Major General [ret.]

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Send your write-up on personal, family, friends, vacation, or employment remembrances to:

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

NGAA-WEST EVENTS CALENDAR

2013 LUNCHEON MEETINGS

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

MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE

4 PM Wednesday at Sunset Lanes
Now to Apr 2013

MEN'S INVITATIONAL BOWLING LEAGUE

4PM Thursdays at Sunset Lanes
Now to Apr, 2013

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PHOTO BREAKFAST CLUB

at Gingham's
Meet at 9:30 AM
March 25, April 22, and May 27, 2013

DUFFY'S INFORMAL LUNCHEONS (DILS)

at Duffy's in Kirkwood
and

POINTS GROUP

at
Hometown Buffet on S. Lindbergh
Both meet at 11AM
March 6, April 3, May 1, and June 5, 2013

CHART RESEARCHERS

at St. Raymond's Luncheon
Meet at 11 AM
April 3, and June 5, 2013

NEGATIVE ENGRAVERS LUNCHEON

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