

NGAA WEST NEWSLETTER

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NGAA West Winter Luncheon

Wednesday, December 16, 2015

piétro's

3801 Watson Road
314-645-9263

Program: *The NGA Holiday Carolers*
Brad Slavik, director

Cocktails 11:30 a.m., Lunch 12:00 p.m.

Price: \$20.00 per person

Choose from the menu below. Your selection will be confirmed by the wait staff at the luncheon from one of the following:

Grilled Grouper--Seasoned with Italian breadcrumbs.

Chicken Saltimbocca--8oz 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.

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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.

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December 16, 2015 Luncheon Reservation Form

Planned Entrée Choice (Confirm at the luncheon. One per Attendee)

Fish

Chicken

Beef

Member name: _____

Spouse name: _____

Guest name: _____

Check #: _____ CHECK IF YOU WANT A REMINDER CALL ON TUESDAY December 15, 2015

Please mail to arrive by **December 10, 2015** to: **NGAA West**
P.O. Box 510091
St. Louis MO 63151-0091

About the NGA Carolers

Not long after the Aeronautical Chart Plant opened in downtown St. Louis in 1943, some employees formed a holiday choir to serenade their co-workers in the hallways of the old Midwest Transit building during the Christmas holiday season. There was no piano for rehearsals, so the group got permission to rehearse at Christ Church Cathedral, just up the street at 12th and Locust.

As far as we know they sang every year after that, and in 1970 they recorded some of their music on a 12-inch long-playing record in the new technology of stereophonic sound. For many years they were directed by Gene Knight, who many NGAA West members remember, and by Laura Thompson. Their current director is Brad Slavik.

Over the years the group has caroled annually in the hallways and work areas of Building 36 and at all the outbuildings. They sang at the South Annex, when we had one, and at the Arnold facility, once it opened. They have made annual December visits to our Veterans' Hospitals and have sung for many other important occasions in the history of NGA and its predecessors.

We welcome them to our December meeting.

President's Message

Marilyn Chryst

On November 5 NGA once again welcomed many of us back to the Second Street campus.

Several presenters gave us a perspective of current activities while acknowledging the role many of us played in developing them.

We were well treated and we thoroughly enjoyed the visit and the briefings. Thanks to all who helped to make these things possible.

I can hardly believe that I've been your President for a year. As we end this current year and look forward to 2016, I wish everyone the best possible year.

Luncheon Notes

By Pat Wiese

Fifty retirees and guests gathered at Pietro's Restaurant on September 26 for a scrumptious luncheon and socializing. Marilyn Chryst led us in the pledge of allegiance and Bob Eddy lead the invocation. Marilyn also introduced our guests. One guest was Thelma Eddy, mother of our treasurer, Bob Eddy. She recently celebrated her 100th birthday! Another was Frank Aufmuth Jr., guest of Frank Aufmuth and our featured speaker. The third guest was Kathy Pozzo, guest of Donna Pekarek.

Frank Aufmuth Jr. presented the program, "St. Louis and the Civil War, 1861-1865," about significant actions of the war in the St. Louis area, illustrated with slides showing historic and current views of some of the places where the events occurred. It was well presented and well received by our members in attendance.

The 50/50 winners were Pat Reed, Frank Aufmuth Jr., Deb Neustadt (twice), Joe Frazer, Kent Kenniston, Kathy Friel, Gene Sylvester, Donna Pekarek, Harold Howard.

36 Attend NGA West Alumni Day

By James Mohan

The National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency once again played host to members of NGAA West at the agency's annual Alumni Day on November 5. Thirty-six members attended this year's event, which focused on latest developments at the agency including an update on the status of a new NGA West facility.

The day was kicked off by NGA Deputy Chief of Staff Ed Donaldson, who discussed a number of current NGA strategic initiatives. He spoke in particular about NGA Director Robert Cardillo's focus on greater collaboration with other members of the intelligence community, allies, academia and private industry.

Donaldson's presentation was followed by a number of briefings about agency technology and the programs NGA is undertaking to advance GEOINT production, including one on how NGA is engaging with the "open" geospatial community.

A surprise guest was NGA Deputy Director Sue Gordon, who thanked the alumni for their many contributions during their active careers, contributions she believes helped make NGA "the outstanding organization it is today."

The briefings were followed by a group photo shoot and lunch in the NGA dining room. After lunch the alumni were invited to tour the NGA Operations Center and NGA Museum.

Many alumni expressed their appreciation to the agency for hosting the event, and the hope that NGA will continue to hold future alumni days.



These NGAA West members attended the alumni day held November 5 at the NGA West campus

Welcome to New Members

NGAA West welcomes three new members. We hope to see you at our meetings.

Cynthia L. Haegele
Kathleen Pozzo
Ruth I. Schury

Address Changes:

Joseph A. Aromando
Jack H. Harris
Patricia A. Harris
John C. Miller
William F. Volk

SICK MEMBERS / FORMER CO-WORKERS / FAMILY

Edward M. Black	Ron Foster
Norma Doolin	Paul Gegg
Richard H. Duncan	Marlyn Meoli
Shirley A. Duncan	Carol Stamer
Tony Ferguson	Bill Volk
Herman Westrich	



NGAA-West members extend sincerest sympathy to loved ones and friends. Please keep these departed in your thoughts and prayers.

Robert G. Quinn	Friday, August 21
Dorothy H. Westerholt.	Wednesday, September 2
Esther L Guenther	Monday, September 7
Danny Gale Maddux	Monday, September 7
William T. Riordan	Sunday, September 13
Theodore W. Lerch Jr.	Sunday, September 20
Satsuko (Sue) Doi	Thursday, October 15
Jeb Scott	Monday, October 19
Ray Hendrix	Tuesday, October 20
Ralph Terry	Wednesday, November 4
John W. Chelonis	Tuesday, November 10
Robert J. Lacey	Wednesday, November 11

2015 Board Members

Jim Mohan	Chair
Russ Wall	Senior Advisor
Marilyn Chryst	President
Frank Aufmuth	Executive Vice President
Jimmie Hilterbrand	VP Membership
Pat Wiese	Secretary / Hospitality Chair
Bob Eddy	Treasurer
Randy Pratt	Golf Committee Chair
Pat Reed	Mailing Committee Chair
Jack Panula	Member-at-Large
LeRoy Schmieder	Member-at-Large
Robert Pankey	Webmaster
Wells Huff	VP Communications /Newsletter editor

Arsenal Credit Union Subsidizes New Lifetime Memberships

The Arsenal Credit Union (ACU); official sponsor of the NGAA West chapter, continues its policy of subsidizing new NGAA West lifetime memberships.

The ACU will reimburse \$40 toward a lifetime membership of \$100 for any new applicant who was been an ACU member for a year.

The following rules apply:

1. Retirees must be members in good standing of Arsenal Credit Union for a minimum of one year.
2. Reimbursement is limited to \$40 toward a lifetime membership with NGAA-West.
3. Retirement from NGA must have occurred after 31 January 2013.
4. Retirees must provide their ACU account number with their application.

Once your application is processed, NGAA West will notify ACU of your membership, *and* after a review the ACU will credit your ACU account with \$40

Sports News:

Golf News

Doug Nolte

The NGAA-West Golf Group, aka the ACS Golf Group, finished up a very successful, albeit occasionally damp, season with our final outing at Pevly Farms golf course, a lovely layout not too far from I-270 and I-44 in the direction of Eureka, MO. This outing was attended by 132 players eager to show what they'd learned during the course of the 26 week season. Some learned more than others, and we'll leave it at that.

Results of the outing can be viewed on the NGAA-West site (<http://www.ngaawest.org>) as can all the results of each outing for the 2015 season.

We are all looking forward to the next season for the group, which, if all goes according to plan will begin somewhere around income tax day in April.

There will be one major change in the organization for the upcoming years; long time Golf Group "Commissioner" Larry Knopfel is stepping down, having done just an outstanding job for many, many years (17 comes to mind). He is being replaced by Randy Pratt who will now be in charge of contacting and coordinating with the prospective courses for our planned dates. Larry will remain in the organization and no doubt give Randy all the help he will probably need. It's hard to keep a good man such as Larry away from hard work.

Other folks on the committee also contribute to the machinations of this well-oiled organization, but the real glue to the whole group has been Mr. Knopfel, without whose constant attention would probably have folded many years ago. Thank you Larry for your many years of herding a bunch of wannabee pasture pool enthusiasts through some of the very fine golf venues in the St. Louis area.

Men's Invitational Bowling

Doug Nolte

The Thursday Men's Invitational Bowling League began another season at Sunset Lanes in Marlborough on the third of September. One very significant change this year came at the approval of all team captains at the annual meeting before the season began. Per yours truly's suggestion, we've modified the name of the league to include Jeff Delaplain's name since according to legend he was instrumental in starting the league back who

knows when. Jeff passed away during what was supposed to be the last night of league bowling on the 9th of April. All those who were there will not forget that unfortunate time. Thus we've renamed the league the Jeff Delaplain Thursday Men's Invitational.

We lost two teams from last season, bringing our total to 9 teams. Jeff's team, the Marauders, could not field enough bowlers to compete the way Jeff would've wanted so the only two remaining bowlers, Doug Nolte and Charley Wilson, were signed by the Stretch Runners to fill in when needed. Thus far into the season they've been needed quite frequently as age has impeded some folks from bowling full time. The other team to quit was the Schmelly Balz which decided to fold for perhaps the same reason that the Marauders had to put an end to a very successful career. Both teams will be missed, but not as much as Mr. Delaplain.

Again, we bowl every Thursday at 4:00 at Sunset Lanes in Marlborough. Please drop by and see us having a lot of fun, in spite of attempting to bowl.

Arsenal Mixed Bowling

By Pat Wiese

According to an article in the DMA/NIMA News Link West for April 21, 1995, the Arsenal Mixed League was formed in 1943. The league bowled initially at Esquire Bowl, but after several moves throughout the years due to closings, a fire, and relocation of our present facility, we are still at Sunset Lanes and in our 73rd year as a league. We meet on Wednesdays at 4 p.m.

We had our annual Halloween party on the last Wednesday in October and we're not sure which is most important - bowling or enjoying the treats. We always have too many delicious morsels brought by each team. The league standings, after the position round in the first half, are as follows - Fab Four, Generations, Spare Change, Alley Slugs, Rollercoasters, Purple Turkeys, Bi-Polar Rollers.

Negative Engravers luncheons

Rich Egan

A Negative Engravers luncheon was held Thursday, September 10 at El Maguey Ristorante in Concord Plaza. Those attending were Larry Weisz, Libby Lanning, Harry Lemakis, Don Lippold, John Carty and Rich Egan. The October luncheon was held Thursday, October 8 at El

Maguey. The attendees were John Carty, Don Lippold, Harry Lemakis, Libby Lanning and Kent Kenniston.

Our November luncheon was held November 12 at El Maguey, and lo and behold! A newly retired engraver attended. It was a pleasure to see and welcome Pat Dickens. Pat retired in March of this year and is enjoying her retirement very much, as we all are. Besides Pat, attending were Libby Lanning, Don Lippold, John Carty, Larry Weisz and yours truly.

As always, we invite any and all retired ex-employees to join our small group. There are funny tales about the plant and the many strange people who worked there. We meet on the second Thursday of each month at 12:30 p.m.

CAC Card Available to DoD Retirees

A Note from NGAA West member Don Smith

I recently tried to get a NGA retiree ID replacement card from the NGA Badging Office and found out that NGA retirees were eligible to receive a DoD Retiree Common Access Card (CAC) without the digital chip.

It allows for some access to military facilities and recreational facilities. It also serves as an ID for businesses that have discounts for military and government personnel, especially in Florida and the East coast. It isn't advertised very well and I thought you might pass it on to the Seniors group.

The web site is: www.cac.mil/docs/Civilian-Retiree-One-Sided-Trifold.pdf

Retirees can go and get the cards made at the Robert Young Building badging office in downtown Saint Louis (by appointment) or the Jefferson Barracks badging office. NGA West Campus badging is also possible, but requires an appointment and arrangements with security.

If you have worked recently as a government contractor, the process is more difficult, as your status in DEERS (the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System) is very likely as an "inactive contractor" and you will have to get it changed to "DoD retiree."

NGAA and the Pathfinder

The *Pathfinder*, NGA's flagship publication, <https://www.nga.mil/MediaRoom/Pathfinder> has published many stories about our Alumni Association and its chapter activities. These articles reflect the

excellent rapport between NGAA and NGA and the quality of suggestions from our membership.

NGAA will continue to have opportunities to submit articles for consideration by the *Pathfinder*. All submissions must be of the highest professional quality and must meet the publication requirements of the *Pathfinder*, including the total number of words.

NGAA members will be notified about future opportunities, including information about desired focus areas. Please watch for notification of publication opportunities and consider sharing your knowledge and experience.

Articles submitted but not accepted by the NGAA Board of Directors and not published in the *Pathfinder* will be candidates for publication on the NGAA Web sites. In fact, articles can be submitted at any time for that purpose. Contact the NGAA Webmaster, ngaaeastexec@aol.com for approval.

NGAA WEST & EAST MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES

The current membership directories of NGAA West Chapter and East Chapter members are available on the NGAAW web site.

Remember, the Directory is **for members only**.

NGAA WEST EVENTS CALENDAR

GOLF SCHEDULE

New season begins in Spring 2016

MIXED BOWLING

4 p.m. Wednesdays at Sunset Lanes

MEN'S INVITATIONAL BOWLING

4 p.m. Thursdays at Sunset Lanes

NEGATIVE ENGRAVERS LUNCHEON

El Maguey restaurant in Concord Plaza
Second Thursday of the month at 12:30 p.m.

PHOTO BREAKFAST CLUB

Ambrosia's Restaurant
9416 Gravois Road
St. Louis MO 63123
Fourth Monday of month at 9:00 a.m.

DUFFY'S INFORMAL LUNCHEONS (DILS)

Duffy's
124 W. Jefferson Ave., Kirkwood MO
First Wednesday of the month at 11 a.m.

POINTS GROUP

Hometown Buffet, South Lindbergh
First Wednesday of each month at 11 a.m.

SEPTEMBER 2015 LUNCHEON PHOTOGRAPHS

By Russ Wall



Jane Wilkinson Kathy Friel Debra Neustadt Sharron Aufmuth



Art and Donna Pekarek



Frank Aufmuth Jr. Frank Aufmuth Kent Kenniston



Thelma (Bob's Mom) and Bob Eddy



Casey Szpak Dale Winters Ron Ruffin



Marilyn Chryst Paulette Martin Andrew Jackson



Jimmie and Beverly Hilterbrand

Gene Sylvester



Libby Lanning

Jane and Ed de la Pena



Wells Huff

James Stanton



Nick and Mary Decker



Jimmie and Grace Boyd

Ken Swehla

Fred Meister

Lewis Rosenbaum

Russ Wall



Judy and Gordon Barnes



Jerry Lenczowski James Stanton



Libby Lanning Larry Knopf Harold Adams Ed de la Pena



Verna and Clyde Creel



Joel Frazer John Koberg



Paulette Martin Leonard Seger Debra Neustadt



Marilyn Chryst

Pat Reed

Bob Pankey

Carol Reed



Barb Speiser

Pat Wiese



Kathy Pozzo

Donna Pekarek



**Our featured speaker, Frank Aufmuth, Jr., gave an illustrated talk about St. Louis and the Civil War
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NATIONAL GEOSPATIAL-INTELLIGENCE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

1. **Name:** Last _____ First _____ Middle Initial _____
Preferred Name (Optional): _____ Birthday (Optional): _____
2. Retirement date (if applicable): _____ OR Transfer date: _____
3. Organization from which retired or transferred/current employment (NGA, NIMA, DMA, Other): _____
4. Last position held: _____ 4b. Professional affiliation(s): _____
5. Post-retirement work experience/position held, with whom: _____

6. **Name of Spouse/Significant Other:**

Last _____ First _____ Middle Initial _____ Preferred Name (Optional): _____

In the case where both spouses are eligible in his/her own right, only one fee will be assessed (and a joint listing will be used). If separate listing is desired, and one spouse is already a member, the other may join at no additional fee.

-Is spouse: A current/former employee of NGA or predecessor organization: ___ Yes ___ No. If YES, retirement date: _____

-Is he/she a current NGAA Member: ___ Yes ___ No. If yes, indicate Chapter(s): ___ NGAA-East ___ NGAA-West.

7. **Main Address:**

Street/PO Box: _____ City/State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Cell/alternate phone: _____ e-mail: _____

8. **Alternate Address (if applicable):**

Street/PO Box: _____ City/State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Cell/alternate phone: _____ e-mail: _____

Specify time period at alternate address: From: _____ To: _____

9. **Chapter affiliation desired (choose one).** *Please note* that, while participation in Chapter informational/social functions is reciprocal, voting privileges are accorded only to dues-paying members of the specific chapter. Access to Chapter directories is accorded to dues-paying members of either Chapter. General information, including newsletters, is in the public domain on the Chapter web sites.

10. To apply for membership in the NGAA East or West chapter:

_____ NGAA-EAST

Dues: \$40.00 – Lifetime Membership*

Send this application, along with your check*, to:

NGAA-East
Paul Mich, Treasurer
1308 Rock Chapel Road
Herndon, VA 20170

**Our sponsor, Constellation Federal Credit Union (CFCU), has offered to pay the current \$40 NGAA-East lifetime membership fee for eligible members of CFCU. If you have been a member for two-plus years, and if CFCU has not previously funded your membership in AMS, please fill in your credit union account number: #_____. Send NO CHECK. We will notify CFCU of your application.*

_____ NGAA-WEST

Dues: \$10.00/year or \$100.00 Lifetime Membership*

Send this application, along with your check*, to:

NGAA-West
P.O. Box 510091
St. Louis, MO 63151-0091

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