



NEMESIS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
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President's Corner: Rebuilding and Reunions

Last year at this time we were looking forward to a meeting in June at the CBC Museum. This year we are waiting to be reunited with our stuff in building 441. What a difference a year makes.

Speaking of that; we had an excellent session in April with the PHD Commanding Officer, Captain Ray Acevedo, at our luncheon at the Bard Officers Club. It is really great to meet with someone strongly dedicated to making PHD an exciting place to work and great again. I had a real flash back when the Captain described a new project using building 761 on the beach at Point Mugu. I started work on the F-14/PHOENIX project in that building in 1965!

See what you missed if you didn't come to our quarterly luncheon. If you have ideas for places to meet and topics to explore, please contact anyone on the core team to discuss them. We know there are several small groups of retired Nemesites meeting in the local area. We would love to know about and support such groups.

I have been a subscriber to the Naval Institute Proceedings and the Naval History Magazine for some time. This month there is an article in both publications called "A Century of Replenishment at Sea". Needless to say, PHD and Marv Miller figure prominently in the articles. Also it is important to note that the author of the articles is Commander John Lukacs, who is currently Department Officer for the Ship Defense and Expeditionary Warfare Department at PHD!

Sounds more like the good old days at Nemesis.

We are hoping to be involved in the 55th anniversary observance for PHD. Stay tuned for more news. Let us know if you have ideas for

displays or activities that might be part of this.

Our Re-building Committee is making good progress. We need more of you to join us as we inventory our historical "stuff" now held in building 441. Maybe we will be able to launch a Nominations Committee by next spring. We are always looking for people willing to serve on the board and/or one of our Historical Committee projects.

Judy Fragale is making excellent progress in finding lost alumni with her deployment of the NAA Facebook page and many more people are friending us. If you have not visited it yet, please do and help expand the connections.

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Civilian Retiree Badge Renewal

Retirees can renew their badges 60 days before the expiration date. You can renew your CAC or dependent ID card in BLDG. 1169. Walk-ins are accepted, but for faster service, please call 805-982-5367 or go online to <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil> to schedule an appointment.PSD

Services: CAC

Location: Bldg. 1169, NBVC Port Hueneme

Phone: (805) 982-5367 (Military & Civilian Employees)

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Hours: Monday - Friday 0730-1600

Alumni Spotlight

We've had a tremendous response to our new NEMESIS Alumni update feature! Check the last page for the latest update. Those not featured in this issue will be in the next! Drop us a line and tell us all about yourself. Just fill in the following:



1. Name
2. Year retired
3. Job/Department when you retired
4. Where are you living now?
5. What are you doing (hobbies, travel, grandkids, working again). Say as much as you want.
6. Favorite memory(ies) of NSWSES/NSWC
7. Photo (optional. jpeg please)
8. Contact info (optional): if you'd like old friends to get in touch.

Email to trojai@icloud.com. Can't wait to hear from you!

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Welcome Aboard

New NEMESIS Alumni members:

Margarita Bonagrazia
Maria Reyes
Jeff Srch

(For a NEMESIS Alumni membership application, email Gary Nuibe at nuibe70@gmail.com)

New Board Member

The NEMESIS Alumni Association Board welcomes Kim Foster to our ranks. Kim is serving as the board's secretary. Kim retired in July 2015 with 36 years of federal service. She worked in Logistics and Installations and



retired as the Installation Division Manager in the Self Defense Department. She is busy in retirement with her 5 grandkids and volunteers with her church. She and her husband, Steve, who retired from NSWC PHD in 2007, enjoy going to Angels games and Disneyland.

Do You Know Or Remember?

By Gerry Roberts

Looking back in time one cannot help but remember two of the pivotal players involved in the development, installation, operation and maintenance of Missile Systems in ships of the U.S. Navy. The "Founding Father" of NSMSES is considered to be Admiral Eli T. Reich, when he was Director of the Special Navy Task Force under SECNAV in 1963, the year NSMSES was established. Without his technical, organization and financial backing, it is doubtful that NSMSES would exist today.

The "Founding Father" of the 3T program (Terrier, Tartar and Talos) is considered to be Admiral Wayne E. Meyer, who was a commander at that time in NAVSEA (the Bureau of Naval Weapons) in the early 1960's. He was NSMSES Engineering Director during the 1969 time frame, and had superb knowledge of weapon system engineering and their installation/operation in the shipboard environment.

The 3T program was prominent in the early days of NSMSES and was followed by the AEGIS Weapon System. Wayne E. Meyer was also considered to be the Founding Father of the AEGIS Weapon System, now installed throughout the U.S. Navy. An Arleigh-Burke class destroyer was christened on Oct. 18, 2008 and was named USS Wayne E. Meyer (DD-108).

A citation from Admiral Galantin for then Capt. Meyer is quoted below, as reported by NSMSES Information Bulletin, dated Feb. 3, 1969, as follows:

"Captain W.E. Meyer, engineering director of the Naval Ship Missile Systems Engineering Station, has been commended by Admiral I.J. Galantine, chief of the Naval Material Command, for his outstanding work as head of the technical section of a special ad hoc Surface Missile Systems Technical Planning Group. Add Galantin cited Capt Meyer for effectively directing the efforts of senior scientists, engineers and naval officers from various commands, projects, field activities and contractors "in a projected program to enhance the capability of the Terrier, Tartar and Talos weapons systems to combat the future threats in an air war at sea.

"Under your strong guidance and through your extensive technical knowledge of the Surface Missile Systems, " Add Galantin said, "you were instrumental in forging a technical improvement plan for the Terrier, Tartar and Talos Weapon Systems which was directed at countering the threat of the 1970's and early 1980's."

The chief of the Naval Material Command added that the plan when approved and implemented "will have a profound impact on the Surface Missile System equipped ships for years to come."

Many of you may have forgotten some early dates of NSMSES establishment, so here are a few of these.

1. NSMSES was established in an active (fully operational) status on June 1, 1963 by

SECNAV Notice 5450, dated May 16, 1963.

2. NSMSES was under the military command of Commander, Pacific Missile Range, Point Mugu, CA and under the management control of Chief, Bureau of Naval Weapons.

3. NSMSES was formally commissioned on July 8, 1963.

4. The dedication ceremony for NSMSES was held on Oct. 25, 1963.

5. The mission of NSMSES was to provide technical and engineering assistance to the Special Navy Task Force for missile systems, the Bureau of Naval Weapons and the Bureau of Ships in matters relating to research, development, T & E, procurement, production, quality control, logistic supply, training and service use of all elements of Navy Ship Guided Missile Weapon Systems. The backbone of these systems were the Terrier, Tartar and Also Weapon Systems.

6. Attending the dedication ceremony were Under Secretary of the Navy, Paul B. Fay, Jr., NSMSES commanding officer, Capt Ball, NSMSES XO Cat Mark Woods, and director of Navy's Special Task Force for SMS, Adm Eli T. Reich. USS Oklahoma City was in Port Hueneme Harbor and provided tours and traditional ship gun salutes for this significant occasion.

Alumni Spotlight

Butch (Warren) McConnell retired Dec. 31, 2013 (42 years)

Mildred Susan Wells retired Sept. 1, 2011 (30 years)



We're living at the base of Mt Hood in Rhododendron in northern Oregon, a place we call Heaven. At the base of our property runs the Sandy River. We're surrounded by the lush forest, clean air, the purest water in the continental US, three ski resorts, seven lakes and 67+ trailheads.

Butch is on the Hoodland Senior Center board while I deliver Meals-on-Wheels and belong to the Hoodland Women's Club. We hike extensively. We're called mountain people. I've had a bear pass inches from my body. I had a bald eagle fly within 20 feet of me. We have a menagerie of bird calls beginning every morning for us. Our Sandy River geese fly over the house every morning headed to the lake and returning every evening. I've heard boulders rolling down our river after a heavy rain and Mt Hood snow melting raising the water level five feet within hours.

Butch took me surfing my first time when I turned 60. At the mountain, Butch skied while I snowboarded. Butch kayaks while I paddle board. Butch chops wood and moves tons of rock while I clean roads and assist with the women's club projects to help our community. Butch gardens, and downs the dead trees from our backyard and chops the rounds for our wood burning stove while I paint and repair both the inside and outside. I wonder how we found time to work.

We travel locally a great deal. I would rather drive in LA than Portland, but, would rather be in Portland. We've found adventures within Oregon to be endless. We've traveled a couple of times from the east coast to the west coast. Last month, we were at the Ritz Carlton Club and Residence in San Francisco. In October, we're headed to the Marriott's Frenchman's Club in St Thomas. One of our favorite country stays was the northern island of New Zealand where I drove over a thousand miles on the opposite side of the road. Quite a challenge.

We bring hitchhikers home for a hot meal, a hot shower and a good night sleep before heading down the road. We've made many new friends and heard tales from their many adventures. We've made our home a comfortable haven for the large senior dogs needing a place to rest their heads. We put them on an all raw diet to extend their lives. When the time comes, we lie with them while the mobile vet sends them across the rainbow bridge.

Retirement is a lotto win.

We live at 69437 E Vine Maple Drive, Rhododendron 97049. No mail service. We can be reached at PO Box 182, Welches 97067, 805.746.7859.