



NEMESIS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
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May 2019

## Co-Chair Corner: Anniversary and Inventory

Last year at this time we were working through the inventory of the boxed artifacts that had been moved to building 441. That is now largely done, and we are doing some selective disposal; good progress for the year.

We are hoping to be involved in this summer's 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. We have invited Michelle Heaton, Command Communications Director, to join us for lunch this month so we can get a good feel for her plans.

Our Re-building Committee continues to make 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 this fall. 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.

Doug McAvoy  
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## Quarterly Alumni Luncheon

11:30 a.m. Thursday, May 9

Bard Mansion

\$20

Special Guest: Michelle Heaton, NSWC  
Command Communications Director

The presentation will be informal with round table style format.

Come share stories, enjoy the buffet and conversation

RSVP: Gerry Roberts at 805-642-6504 or message Judy Fragale on the NEMESIS Alumni Association Facebook page

# Alumni Facebook Update

If you haven't already, check out the "NEMESIS Alumni Association" Facebook page. The member numbers are climbing thanks to the time and efforts of alumni Judy Fragale. New members include:

- Floyd Johnson
- Linda Murray
- Loretta Mitchell
- Sid Miyao
- Chris Puffer
- Carolyn Leikam
- Greg Moncrief
- Greg Kimora
- Robert Taylor
- Pat Jordan-Dossey

## NEMESIS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD

**President: Doug McAvoy**

**Vice President: Karen Brower**

**Secretary: Kim Foster**

**Treasurer: Gerry Roberts**

**Membership: Gary Nuibe**

**Facebook Director: Judy Fragale**

**Programs: (open)**

**Publicity: Teri Reid**

**Historical: Gerry Roberts**

**Archive Director: (open)**

**Newsletter: Teri Reid**

**Community Action: Gene Fisher**

**Barbara Johnson**

**Jim Kirkpatrick**

**Larry Flickinger**

### **In Memoriam**

Jose Gonzalez  
Grace Eastman  
Mike Murphy  
Eugene Koehler

### **New Alumni Members**

Chris Nicholson  
Daniel Cormode

### **RENEWING RETIREE BADGES**

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://rapidsappointments.dmdc.osd.mil> to schedule an appointment. PSD Services: CAC

Location: Bldg. 1169, NBVC Port Hueneme

Phone: (805) 982-5367

Hours: Monday - Friday 0730-1600

### **Our Re-Designed Website**

The NEMESIS Alumni Association website was created in 2004. Over the years, technology has changed and it became obvious that the website design needed an update. Our goals were to design a site that was easy to use, that had the most important information right up front, and that would be easy to maintain. We hope that the new site lives up to those goals. When you go to the site at [nemesisalumni.org](http://nemesisalumni.org), you will see the most recent news in the center of the home page. To the left you will find the latest obituaries, and to the right, links to member lists and newsletters. The menu includes selections for our history, how to join, who we are, a photo gallery of member-donated photos, and information about Base access and badge renewal.

We welcome your feedback on the new site, and we would love to post photos from your time at NEMESIS. Please contact me at [webmaster@nemesisalumni.org](mailto:webmaster@nemesisalumni.org).

# Do You Know Or Remember?

By Gerry Roberts

It's hard to believe but I came to Port Hueneme in 1964, one year after the establishment of NEMESIS.

In those days NEMESIS primary mission was to keep the Talos, Terrier and Tartar missile Weapon Systems operation properly throughout the U.S. Navy. In other words, "Keep The Ships Shooting" was the short version of our mission.

Since I retired in 1997, the years have gone by quickly and I've often wondered what tasks and functions NEMESIS is now doing regarding Fleet support. The magazine/booklet called SENTINEL, issued by NEMESIS, provides a good snapshot of tasks, functions and strategic objectives the command has been doing. Some of these responsibilities were summarized/discussed in an article written by Technical Director, Timothy Troske, in August 2009, as noted below:

"July was a busy month with our 46th anniversary events, the All Hands and awards ceremony, and many fleet support accomplishments.

Since I was not able to attend the awards ceremony, I want to offer my congratulations to all the award recipients.

Our strategic planning process is complete. At the anniversary All Hands, Capt. Ailes discussed the strategic objectives and related

goals. We also provided copies of the "Focus on Execution" booklet which provides more background on the planning process and shows our alignment with CNO and NAVSEA goals.

As you can see, our objectives are directly in line with the NAVSEA theme and focus for August to "Serve our Customers." Though we do work for several sponsors, our ultimate customer is the fleet Sailor and no one provides better service than you.

Just a few examples of that support:

The Virginia Beach BPS radar team received certification of the Voyage Management Systems for navigation on all submarines. This most recent certification will allow use of the VMS during under ice operations.

Louisville personnel successfully supported the first gun firing event on USS Freedom (LCS 1) of the MK 110 MOD 0.57mm gun mount. Also, in June, Louisville Decoy Launch System personnel conducted NULKA DT IIIF testing aboard USCGC Bethel (WMSL 750).

Air Dominance Department completed successful missile firings as part of USS Stockdale (DDG 106) CSSQT. Their personnel also continue to support CSSQTs for USS

Bunker Hill (CG 52) and USS Truxton (DDG 103).

Personnel in the Land Attack Department continue to provide 24/7 support to the Fifth Fleet in delivering the Strike over Secret upgrade to the Tomahawk firing units in theater. They are also working the deployment support requirements for USS Freedom and planning the next Harpoon operational test launch.

The Ship Defense Department, UNREP Division hosted Chilean Navy visitors to discuss future life-cycle support for an old U.S. Navy oiler that is being provided to Chile.

White Sands and Test Department are preparing for Airborne Laser testing and supporting Air Dominance Department for upcoming Ballistic Missile Defense and SM-6 testing.

The Test Ship and Office of Engineering are in discussions with the Joint Technology office for future laser testing from the Test Ship. The Test Ship is also exploring options for future UAV testing.

As you can see, there is a lot going on. The basis for our future has been developed by our Sentinel teams and is supported by our Strategic Plan. We are on our way to becoming the indispensable Warfare Systems Integrator."