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NGAA-East (formerly the National Geospatial/Intelligence Alumni Association-NGIAA and the Defense Mapping and Charting Alumni Association-DMCA founded in 1980) provides a way for current and retired DMA/NIMA/NGA employees to keep in contact and exchange information, ideas, and experiences. Currently, NGAA-East has over 350 active and associate members.

We would like to use the Internet as much as possible to communicate information to you. If you have just acquired e-mail, and have not given it to us, please do so now.

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The NGAA-East Fall 2015 Luncheon – The Spring 2015 Luncheon will be held at the NGA Campus-East (NCE) on Wednesday, 27 May 2015 in conjunction with the NGA Hall of Fame Ceremony. NGA plans a series of briefings for the NGAA. It should be an interesting discussion! We are soliciting recommendations on briefings for the Spring Luncheon. Please submit your suggestions to David Burpee at burpeed@verizon.net.

Please save the date and watch for further details (meal, cost, parking, etc) and instructions (Security clearance form and recipient) via email! NGA will take our suggestions under advisement when deciding on briefings, also keeping in mind their desire to brief us on breaking news or initiatives about which we are not aware.

Save the date and please plan to join us!

From the President: Membership is on a steady increase, a new “Happy Hour” program is in place, the first visit to a winery is just around the corner, NGA and its Director continue to be very supportive of both the East and West NGAA Chapters, and, importantly, the worst of the winter is (hopefully) behind us. What’s not to like?

You will read the details of recent and future events elsewhere in this newsletter but the bottom line is NGAA-E is as healthy and vibrant as any point in its history. This is, of course, due to the energy of the Board Members and other volunteers who plan and execute the events as well as the camaraderie and participation by the membership.

It would be great if the entire membership could come to all the events but the realities of life, geography and just plain old “stuff happens” makes that impossible. With that in mind, the Board has undertaken to schedule a variety of venues that will hopefully make it possible for as many of the membership to attend something at least once during the year. I strongly and sincerely solicit your ideas about types of events, locations and months of the year to do something that would be of interest to YOU and that YOU could attend. These could include large dinners, small gatherings, bowling, golf, attending a professional sports game or other ideas. And, if you are willing to put together something outside the DC area, let us know. We will advertise in the newsletter and send emails to other members in your geographic area to make them aware of the opportunity. Heck, I might even come to a dinner in Florida next January! All the best for a spring full of renewed energy and success. I hope to see you soon and to learn about your ideas for new NGAA-E membership participation opportunities.

Dave Burpee, President NGAA-East

Note: For those that receive hardcopy NGAA-E Newsletters in the mail, this will be the last issue unless we hear from you. You may request a mailing to Joe Steel at (703)483-1251 or 12287 Millwood Pond Ct. Herndon, VA 20170

NGAA-East Meeting At the 5 November meeting, the National Geospatial-Intelligence Alumni Association recognized Connie Greene, an inspector with the NGA Office of Inspector General with its Excellence Award for professional and personal achievements. The award recognizes current NGA employees who are outstanding in their career and community. Among many accomplishments, Greene received the award for improving the effectiveness and efficiency of NGA operations.

Greene was the project lead for the reducing over-classification review, a congressionally-directed action. The award states that it was due to Greene's timely, quality decisions and prudent risk-taking, that she completed the project in record time, making 14 recommendations to improve NGA's classification practices. After NGA's senior leadership concurred with all recommendations, Green initiated the follow-up process to address the recommendations in 10 days. NGA leaders also recognized Greene for her community service work, including volunteering with her church, the Veterans Affairs hospital, senior citizens and children. Greene's supervisor Scott Boehm said Greene is kind, humble and lives by the golden rule. "Connie treats everyone the way she would like to be treated," said Boehm. Greene thanked the NGAA, her family, friends and colleagues. "Serving is life's purpose and you should always strive to help those who are less fortunate," she said.

Robert Cardillo, Dir/NGA, sent a follow-up note to NGA executives and the NGAA-E Board. Below is his note:
Colleagues,

Today, I met with members of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Alumni Association at their fall event here at NCE. They presented their annual Excellence Award for professional achievement and civic contributions to Connie Greene from OIG. It was a well-earned and well-deserved recognition.

The NGAA-West will meet tomorrow at 2nd Street and Ellen will meet with them.

As many of you know, the NGAA is comprised of people who served our agency or one of our heritage organizations. I saw mentors and friends there. Their accomplishments shaped the agency we have today and we are fortunate that they remain champions of our profession and organization. I had an insightful question and answer session with the group today. I found it very beneficial. The NGAA will return for their next events in the spring at both NCE and NCW. Like Director Long, I am committed to continuing our close association with the NGAA. More information about the NGAA is available at <http://www.ngaalumni.org/>.

Thank you for reading this and please share it with others.

Regards, Robert



NGAA Group Photo (picture courtesy of NGA)

NGAA-E Board Meeting 12 November 2014

The NGAA-E Board met on 12 February to discuss several topics. Attendees included Dave Burpee-President, Roy Combs-President Elect, Dennis Drum-Vice President, Paul Mich-Treasurer, Katy Smith, Past President NGAA-E. Al Anderson-Officer Emeritus.

Financial: Current status provided by Treasury, Paul Mich. Association has \$5,611.24 in liquid assets

NGAA-East member death announcements: The Board would like to ensure that we provide timely and accurate death announcements of former NGA members to NGAA. We decided to seek a point-of-contact (POC) preferably a member who is still employed at NGA to lead this effort. If anyone can help this effort, let us know

Annual Calendar/Plan: Reviewed and approved our upcoming calendar of events for the year. Discussed our up-coming first happy hour and wine tasting events.

Ideas on topics to assist NGA: Board members discussed multiple ideas including an update on the topic of monitoring implementation of the Summer Study. D/NGA has decided not to pursue his early idea of involving alumni in monitoring implementation of the Summer Study. He is still considering ways in which he might engage alumni in studies. The board agreed to offer the following suggestions: 1) serve as ambassadors to attend the D/NGA's speaker's series events and 2) discuss staffing the NGA store to provide additional access to NGA employees and visitors.

NGAA Participants for next NGA "Onward Bound" sessions: NGAA supports the NGA Onward Bound retirement sessions to discuss NGAA and retirement options. Upcoming classes are March 6 (Dave and Paul Mich), March 13 (Dave and Dennis Drum), and June 5 (Dave and Katy or Dennis)

Spring wine tasting event update: Paul Mich led the discussion. The date (April 23rd at noon) is set.

NGAA-E representatives on NGAA Board: Dave Burpee was voted to be the East representative to the Board as Vice Chairman and Katy Smith was voted to be the East representative to the Board as Secretary.

Women in Geography Conference at the Library of Congress. Katy Smith and Al Anderson informed the attendees that NGAA is cooperating with the Library of Congress (LOC), the Society of Women Geographers, and NGA in the planning for a conference to celebrate the contributions of women to the advancement of geography, scheduled for 27 March 2015 at the LOC.

NGAA Board Items: The NGAA Board of Directors held its annual meeting via NGA VTC on January 20, 2015. Officers for 2015 are Jim Mohan (NGAA West), Chair; Dave Burpee (NGAA East), Vice Chair; Russ Wall (NGAA West), Treasurer; and Katy Smith (NGAA East), Secretary. In addition to association business, board members met with NGA Officials. Bill Caniano, NGA OCC, updated the members on NGA activities including Director Cardillo's extensive media outreach efforts. The new NGA Deputy Director, Sue Gordon, paid a courtesy visit to the board members. She shared background and objectives with the members. For more on Ms. Gordon check out the NGA website: <https://www.nga.mil/About/Leadership/Pages/DeputyDirector.aspx>.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

2015 is an election year for NGAA-East. In October, you will be asked to vote for a slate of officers to serve a two-year term, 2016-2017. In July or August the Chapter president will convene a nominating committee to search for candidates for the following offices: president-elect, vice-president, secretary/Newsletter editor, treasurer. The committee will compile a slate and forward it to the Executive Board for approval. Ballots will be sent out listing the candidates. In addition, members will be free to elect to write in their own name or that of another candidate; the individual must be a member of the NGAA-East Chapter and have indicated (to the nominator) a willingness to stand for election. Consider your own availability to serve, and, if you are interested, contact the committee when its membership is announced.

Chris Andreasen Honored: Rear Admiral Chris Andreasen, NOAA, retired, and long time NGA employee was inducted into The Hydrographic Society of America Hall of Fame on 17 March. Chris was honored for his illustrious career that included nearly 30 years with NOAA, then serving as President of the Directing Committee of the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) in Monaco during 1992-97. Returning to the US, Chris concluded his career as the NGA Chief Hydrographer for over 14 years, including five years in Advanced R&D, Innovision Directorate, and the remainder in Maritime Safety, where he expanded charting capabilities and deployment of Digital Nautical Charts.

Congratulations, Chris from all of your friends at NGAA!

Women Mapping the World Conference

Friday, March 27 and Saturday, March 28, 2015

The Library of Congress

Washington, DC

Free

*Presented by the Society of Woman Geographers
and The Library of Congress*

Explore the role of women in the evolution of mapping and use of maps by women both in the past and today through a series of illustrated presentations by some of the leading experts in the field including Tanya Atwater, Annette Krygiel, Roberta Lenczowski, Letitia Long, Janice Monk, Kathleen Smith, and Judith Tyner. On Saturday, March 28, attendees may also enjoy a special tour of the extraordinary collections of the Geography and Map Division at The Library of Congress. For more information, please click here for the [conference schedule](#).

Registration is limited; please RSVP by March 20 for the conference and/or tour at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TM57WQD>.

This conference is made possible by the generous support of SWG member Valene L. Smith.

NGAA-E Happy Hour. NGAA-E members spent a great Wednesday afternoon on the 25th of February at our first happy hour at McCormick and Schmicks bar in Reston Town Center. About 25 members came out to meet new and old friends and catch up with what everyone is doing.



The happy hour is a pay as you go affair with no agenda other than to have fun.

We expect to host happy hours in the Reston area about every other month, so don't fret if you couldn't make this first one. If you don't live near Reston and are interested in meeting your friends closer to where you live, let us know if you can serve as host and we will help advertise the event to other NGAA-E members. **Our next Reston happy hour will be Thursday, April 16th at 5-7** and again will be at McCormick and Schmicks bar in Reston Town Center. Photo courtesy of Paul Mich



Marie Tharp, 2001
(NGA HALL OF FAME MEMBER)



Wine-Tasting and Picnic Lunch Planned for April 23, 2015

NGAA members and guests, and all former NGA and heritage employees, are invited to participate April 23 at Hiddencroft Vineyards outside Lovettsville, VA. This charming winery (www.hiddencroftvineyards.com) was founded in May 2008 by husband and wife, Clyde and Terry Housel. The couple, who came from long careers with NGA and its predecessors, began planting their vineyard in 2001 and were grape-growers first. The Housel's decided from the beginning that they would focus on producing grapes, and then wines, of superior quality. Clyde, who is the winemaker and largely self-taught, is doing just that. Hiddencroft wines are approachable and readily drinkable. The red wines see plenty of barrel time...between 22 and 42 months. The whites are complex and show the characteristics of the terroir...fruit, flowers and spice.



The event will start at noon. The picnic lunch is planned to consist of cold lunch meats, cheeses, bread/buns, prepared fruit and veggie trays, chips and dips, and water/soda. Depending on the weather and number of attendees, the event will be held in the old farm house, rustic barn, or large barrel-shaped patio. The cost is \$20 per person which includes the wine-tasting fee and picnic lunch. Attendance list will be shared with attendees so that attendees can self-form car pools. It is about a 50-minute drive from Tysons Corner via the toll road without traffic.

Registration closes April 15, 2015! For more information contact Paul Mich at 571-287-1707 or Paulfmich@aol.com. Mail \$20 per person (include names of guests) to:

Paul Mich
1308 Rock Chapel RD
Herndon VA 20170

Center for the Study of Geospatial Intelligence (CSG). Behind every GEOINT product there's a story. Tell us yours. The NGA Center for the Study of Geospatial Intelligence (CSG) would like to invite Alumni members to consider contributing their GEOINT tradecraft stories. We believe there may be untold stories and content out there to be captured, preserved and shared with both producers and consumers of GEOINT. Contact info for this effort is scott.j.hicks.ctr@nga.mil and scott.j.hicks@leidos.com.

A little bit about the CSG:

Vision: Capture the legacy and promote the development of the Geospatial Intelligence (GEOINT) discipline across the National System for Geospatial Intelligence (NSG) and the Allied System for Geospatial Intelligence (ASG).

Mission: The Center for the Study of Geospatial Intelligence (CSG) is an NSG and ASG asset that:

- Captures and analyzes the history, stories and tradecraft techniques of GEOINT.

- Inspires, informs, and improves GEOINT analysts, consumers, and enablers throughout the NSG.
- Authors lessons learned studies and best practices about key GEOINT issues.
- Shares our knowledge with as broad an audience as possible.

Who We Are:

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 Tom Maddox - , Senior Researcher (Imagery Analysis)
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 Dr. Matt Peitersen - Imagery Scientist
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 Mark Steenberg – Strategic Planner/Researcher
 Dawn Campbell – Senior Researcher
 Ed Milligan- Senior Researcher
 Amber Staicoff – Communications Officer
 Matt Goodrich - Web Developer

Membership in NGAA Recruit!

Members of the NGAA-East Chapter Executive Board often hear the following question: How can I help? For many, unfortunately, the various answers – serve on a committee, attend meetings, write an article, etc. – don't fit with the particular individual's interests or abilities (e.g. live too far away to attend a meeting).

There is one thing, however, that each member can do and that is recruiting another member. Our rolls are **over 350** strong now and if in **the next year** we each brought in one person we would be at more than **700** and the following year more than **1,000** and after that the base would be strong, vibrant and stable.

Hopefully each of you can commit to bringing a friend or professional acquaintance into the group. When you approach someone they will of course ask: What does it cost and what are the benefits? To assist you, some "talking points" are provided below. If you have questions or if your friend(s) want to talk with someone else about membership, please contact a member of the Board.

THANKS in advance for your active recruitment on behalf of NGAA-East. Your efforts are really helping as evidenced by the large increase in NGAA-E membership lately!

- Cost is \$40 for lifetime membership
- Periodic newsletter to stay in touch with activities involving all NGAA and other alumni groups
- Roster with contact information of all members (not to be shared outside the membership)
- Spring and fall luncheons, one or both of which are held at NGA at their invitation. Typically coincide with award ceremonies and/or optional classified presentations (attendees required to apply for one-day interim Secret clearances)
- Annual NGAA-East selection of an "NGA East Employee of the Year" from NGA nominees who have contributed significantly to the Agency's mission and their community. Selection is from NGA Campus East nominees
- Opportunity to serve on committees that will interact with NGA on a variety of topics
- Opportunity to serve on committees that will interact with the United States Geospatial Intelligence Foundation (USGIF) on a variety of topics
- Opportunity to have input on issues brought to NGAA-East by NGA, e.g. development of an annual calendar to mark Agency milestones
- Opportunities for professional contributions to NGA's Pathfinder magazine as well as submissions to NGA paper/electronic internal employee communication capabilities
- Official venue to provide artifacts and/or memorabilia about NGA and predecessor organizations to NGA, USGIF, the Spy Museum and others
- Support to NGA exhibits and displays
- Ability to nominate former employees to the NGA Hall of Fame
- Interface with other Intelligence Community alumni groups through the Intelligence Community Alumni Network (ICAN); provides additional linkage with former colleagues
- Access to Chapter information (and applications) at www.ngaaeast.org

For Prospective Members

The Constellation Federal Credit Union (CFCU) has agreed to sponsor the NGAA-East chapter. The CFCU will pay the current \$40.00 NGAA-East chapter lifetime membership fee for any new applicant who has been a Credit Union member in good-standing for a minimum of two years, if the CFCU has not previously funded the applicant's membership in the Association of Mapping Seniors. The agreement provides that the CFCU will also support special NGAA functions from time-

to-time. We thank CFCU for its support. Please visit the CFCU website, <https://www.constellationfcu.org>, to learn more about their services.

Your Name _____
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Name of Eligible Relative/Co-worker you are referring to CFCU _____



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71st Annual Meeting and Election Notice

We would like to welcome you to join us for Constellation Federal Credit Union's 71st annual meeting on March 21, 2015 at our main branch in Reston, Virginia.



NGAA and the Pathfinder

As many of you may have noted, the *Pathfinder* – NGA's corporate magazine – has published articles about our Alumni Association. These articles reflect the excellent rapport between NGAA and NGA but more importantly are a result of the quality of suggested articles 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 caliber and meet the publication requirements announced by the *Pathfinder* (e.g. number of words). NGAA members will be notified by e-mail about future opportunities, including more detailed data about the submissions (e.g. any desired focus areas). Please watch for notification of publication opportunities and consider sharing your knowledge and experience. Any articles submitted that are not accepted by the NGAA Board of Directors or that are not published by the *Pathfinder* will be candidates for publication on the NGAA Web site. In fact, articles can be submitted at any time for that purpose. Contact the NGAA Webmaster, ngaaeastexec@aol.com for approval.

New NGA Deputy Director Sue Gordon By Regina Galvin, NGA Office of Corporate Communications

On a late Friday afternoon, soon after she began her deputy director job, the traffic in and out of Sue Gordon's office was more indicative of an early Monday morning. A self-described firebrand, Gordon found time in her schedule for an interview with the *Pathfinder* to discuss her role as industry advocate and the opportunities and challenges the agency faces with its industry partners.

What do you uniquely bring to the role of industry advocate? SG: Number one, my heritage throughout my career has been one of partnership with industry. I have great experiences with industry that make me see it as an incredible positive force. Secondly, I am not wedded to the past. Others may see me as someone who seeks change. I'm not about change, I'm about relevance. In order to be relevant, you have always got to be reinventing, reimagining. Thirdly, I am so optimistic about our future. If we can just find a way to step into this moment – what NGA, coupled with the state of geospatial capabilities in the commercial sector now, can deliver to this nation and society is absolutely stunning.

So, I bring three things: the benefit of experience, good, fundamental curiosity and a belief that you can do things differently, and an absolute belief that we have a moment that we must step up to.

What is the state of industry relations with NGA? SG: It's fundamentally sound because of our shared accomplishments. And, I think relations can be much better if we improve our agility and eliminate barriers to

entry. Our partners have so many ideas and they're clamoring to do something with them — for us to do something with them. We are predisposed to want to work with industry. That's our heritage. The number of opportunities is accelerating and they're coming and going. We certainly need to improve on both our accessibility and our adoption. In order to improve, industry needs to continue to work on bringing ideas that matter, not just ideas.

How can NGA be a better partner to industry? SG: Being a better partner has three simple components. Number one is if we can be clearer about where we want to go, that is incredibly useful to our partners. The second is if we can be more open about how to get there, then that will allow the innovation. You can see I put a lot of responsibility on the government side. We can be a better partner by believing that the way we've done it historically, is not necessarily the way it needs to be done going forward. The third component is being more decisive and being a little quicker to act.

How can NGA find better industry partners? SG: We have great partners, and there are even more out there. We are doing some exciting things to provide access for those who are trying to find their way to us. But I would challenge our potential partners to understand that as intriguing as their ideas are, we are still a system and they bear some responsibility to understand the environment into which we're trying to integrate their solution. The second thing they can do, and I think this is hard and something the director has said before, tell us when we're about to make a mistake. Earlier, I said we can be better partners by having a clearer vision of where we want to go. Industry can help if they will muster their courage and be honest with us about the realities of the world that they see. There are so many great ideas popping — particularly because the world has figured out the incredible reach and power of connecting time and space to events. That [realization] has created this great churning cauldron of ideas that we want to take advantage of. The most effective partners going forward will be the ones who understand how to fit these advances into our system and/or, how we can change our system to take advantage of it.

What do you see as being a disruptor to industry relations? SG: Budget pressure always has the potential to scare us off. I don't think it has to be. I think that's the conventional wisdom and it can happen that way. I've seen some of the best innovation happen during times of fiscal downturn. The second thing that could be a disruptor — again, I put the pressure on us — is if we're not aggressive enough about taking the ideas and imagining how they can advance our work. The world's going to continue to turn and we want to be the partner of choice for the people with the ideas. If we're not aggressive enough and we can't figure out how to get those ideas in, I think we could miss some real openings.

What is the one change that's most needed for NGA's improvement with industry relations? SG: Well, I've said a much clearer demand signal from us, lower barriers to entry that will bring more players to the table, and more work by our partners on the how not just the what. I think industry can help us with analytics, not just more sources of data. I think as the agency moves to [Robert Cardillo's] idea of consequence and as more foundational data become available, our real value added will be in what we can put together and what insights we can reveal.

You seem encouraged by future possibilities. From where does that optimism come? SG: There is something awesome about the purpose that comes with working in national security. I'm a huge advocate of industry and the innovation engine they bring. But what the government brings is the motivation of enduring challenges and the perseverance to find solutions. I think that the combination of the two energies is incredibly exciting. Now all we have to do is make the magic happen together.

Sue Gordon, a 26-year veteran of the Central Intelligence Agency, brings an intrinsic knowledge of the intelligence community, business acumen and proven innovative technology ideas to her new home at the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency.

DCPAS Newsflash 15-2

Alert: Potential Scam

The Benefits and Entitlements branch would like to alert all Federal employees of a potential scam by a benefits and retirement planning company, Government Employee Services. The scam intends to use misinformation as well as fear about the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and its impact on the Federal Employees Health Benefit Program (FEHB) to influence Federal employees to buy their services.

1. Government Employee Services is in no way affiliated with the Federal Government. It is a company seeking to get your business through misleading advertisement.
2. FEHB Retirement coverage is not altered or impacted by the Affordable Care Act. An employee still has to retire on an immediate annuity and have FEHB coverage 5 years prior to retirement.
3. Beware of calls, mailings, or emails seeking to “help” you with your Federal benefits. Contact your local Human Resource Office (HRO) to verify whether claims about changes to your Federal benefits are true. Contact your local HRO if you are unsure whether or not the correspondence came from your Agency.

In 2011, the Office of Personnel Management released a Benefits Administration Letter (BAL) addressing a similar scam targeting Federal employees as well as steps Benefits Officers and employees can take to spot retirement fraud. BAL 11-107 attachment to Benefits Officers may be found here. The attachment addressed to employees may be found here.

Questions? Contact: dodhra.mc-alex.dcpas.mbx.benefits-contacts@mail.mil

NGA Career Transition Seminar Participation

NGA continues to host Career Transition Program (CTP) Panels as part of the NGA Career Transition Seminars. NGAA-East members have been featured as panel participants for a series of NGA Career Transition Seminars. The usual format is an introduction and overview of NGAA, followed by a discussion by each of the panel members of their experience at NGA, and with retiring and working post-retirement. Feedback from the panels noted that all panel members gave great advice on finding employment, self-employment, volunteer work, balancing time and finding what is right with their needs/wants -- all information that is relevant to the purpose of the program. Especially valuable was the different perspectives that the various panel members were able to provide. A Question and Answer session normally follows the individual panel member discussions. Here are some of the questions asked of panel members:

- How do we connect with NGA and predecessor organizations alumni/groups?
- How did you go about adjusting to retirement the first month?
- What were your biggest challenges when you began your job search after leaving NGA?
- How did you acquire your position? What job search methods did you use?
- How long did it take you to find a position? How many positions did you apply for? How many interviews did you have? What are some of the questions you were asked during the interview?
- What is the single most important piece of advice you would give us as we retire from NGA?
- Did any of you consider self-employment or working for a non-profit when you left NGA? Or start up your own business (such as government contracting?)
- What problems have you encountered while retired and your spouse is still working?
- More community commitment versus less commitment?
- Is there a monthly lunch with retirees? If so, when and where?

Panel members have found their experiences as a participant to be very rewarding. As Bob White, a frequent panel member stated, “I enjoy the interchanges and sharing things I learned about work outside of NGA and my experiences in retirement, (especially the surprises). It’s a great feeling knowing I may have helped someone make the transition and I am always thankful for having had the opportunity.” Members who are interested in participating as panel members should contact Roy Combs roycombs@cox.net. We are particularly interested in those that have recent, relevant experience with the retirement process.

WHAT ARE THEY DOING NOW?

If you have pictures to share of events, trips, etc., please send them to Ange Meoli, 3020 North Ridge Rd, #110, Ellicott City, MD 21043; 301-661-9378 cell; or ngaeastexec@aol.com along with a few lines describing the content. Or, if you have a narrative of your volunteer activities, a second (or third) career, an event, trip, or other item of interest that is appropriate to share, send that to the same address. Here are a few we have received recently.

Pam Troutman, Artist!



Pam Troutman is enjoying her retirement from NGA and the DC weather when she joined 70 ladies on a Bead Cruise to the West Indies on Royal Caribbean for Valentine's Day and the following week. She took classes in metalwork, polymer clay, and needle felting which will spark future creations that she has at *Art a la Carte* gallery in Occoquan, VA. Pam will be the Featured Artist in May 2015 at the gallery and will spotlight beaded animal creations. Join her May 1 for an open house!

The Association of Mapping Seniors invites NGAA members to join us on Facebook! The new page for our activities and keeping connected

is <https://www.facebook.com/groups/AssocMapSeniors/>. You do not need to be a member of AMS to join the Facebook page, though the membership form is in the files and many DMA/NIMA/NGA people are members of both AMS and NGAA organizations.



Paul Mich, winemaker

I make wine at home from Loudoun county grapes. Last fall I was able to acquire Petit Verdot, Cabernet Franc, and Chambourcin varieties. The grapes are crushed and de-stemmed at the winery. I bring the crushed grapes home in seven-gallon food grade buckets to ferment for several weeks. The skins rise to the top and must be punched down twice a day. I add toasted oak cubes during the first few months.

Since my batches are usually 5 to 15 gallons, I am able to use a small table top press to separate the skins from the now young wine. This past fall Joe Steel joined me as we started the fermentation process. The wine is aged for several months and then siphoned to clean containers leaving the sediment behind.

I age them in an insulated basement closet until the summer, then bottle.



Mike Lee Brigadier General, USAF (Ret), Breeder!



I retired from the USAF and NGA in 2004 and my wife and I developed a hobby of breeding and occasionally showing dogs (Brittanys) in the American Kennel Club (AKC) dog shows. We've been doing this since 2009 and have a lot of fun and success at something we're both very passionate about. We've created our own kennels – Brigadier Brittanys.

Info on the kennel: Brigadier Brittanys was created by Mike and Julie Lee. The Lee's have had Brittanys for over 20 years. Mike was a member of the USAF for 31 years and the family traveled all over the world and our Brittanys traveled with us. When we retired to the Washington DC area we were lucky enough to be introduced to AKC Dog Shows by a good friend. We own and show 3 Grand Champions and 1 Champion. We bred 2 of the 4 dogs and our current 16 month old female puppy/show dog is Maggie. While we are not professional breeders, we are committed to supporting and improving this wonderful breed of dog.

In the 12 months, our female puppy, AKC registered name, Grand Champion (GCH) Brigadier's Lightning Strikes Twice, call name Maggie (Westminster picture attached) has accomplished the following. Maggie is currently being handled by an AKC Professional Handler.

- Per AKC statistics, Maggie is the youngest Brittany ever awarded the title of Grand Champion
- Winner Best In Brittany Specialty Show (BISS) - October 2014
- Winner National Brittany Club Sweepstakes - November 2014
- Winner Best Opposite Sex (BOS) at the National Brittany Club Championship - November 2014
- Winner Best Opposite Sex (BOS) for Brittanys at the Eukanuba Championship - December 2014
- Winner Best Opposite Sex (BOS) for Brittanys at the Westminster Dog Show - February 2015
- Sporting Group 1 Winner and Multiple Sporting Group Placements since June 2014
- January 2015 AKC Statics
 - o Ranked #5 in Breed Points for all Brittanys in the US
 - o Ranked #3 All Breed and Grand Champion Points for all Brittanys in the US

IN LOVING MEMORY

We are always saddened to learn of the deaths of our long-time members as well as spouses, friends, and colleagues with whom some of us have worked throughout our careers. Our heartfelt condolences go out to their loved ones, and friends. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

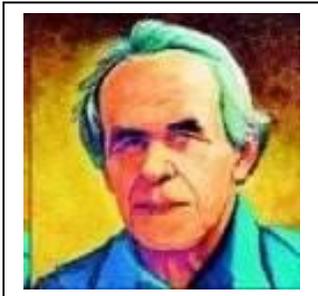
MILTON J. LOHR Jr.

October 17, 1936 - March 16, 2015



Milton Lohr, 78, passed peacefully on March 16, 2015. Milton was born and raised in Washington DC. He graduated from John Carroll High School and George Washington University, from which he earned a BS in Cartography. In addition, he graduated from the Naval War College. He served as a physical scientist with the US Defense Department for 40 years. Milton is survived by his beloved wife Patricia, son Jeffrey (Barbara), grandson Nathaniel and brother John Patrick. A private service will be held Friday, March 20 at 1:00pm at National Funeral Home; 7482 Lee Hwy; Falls Church, VA 22042. Interment will follow at National Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Fisher House Foundation. To provide your condolences and remembrances, go to:
<http://www.legacy.com/guestbook/DignityMemorial/guestbook.aspx?n=miltonlohr&pid=174418556&sign=1&cid=sugg>

THOMAS RAPHAEL YANOSKY (Age 95)



Mr. Yanosky passed away peacefully on August 31, 2014. The seventh of 10 children, he was born in Colver, PA on September 12, 1918, and married his beloved late wife Elizabeth on July 24, 1943. He began his career as a cartographer in the early 1940's in what was then called the Army Map Service.

He is survived by his son, Thomas Michael Yanosky (Rhonda) of Herndon, VA; daughter, Rosemary Mitchell of Maplewood, MN; grandchildren, Sherry Blauner (Chris), Thomas Mitchell (Christine), Sally Williams (Jeff), Edward, Joseph and Shelley Yanosky; five great-grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Mr. Yanosky was a noted artist whose media included etchings, oils, acrylics, constructions, watercolors, and collages. He has works in the Library of Congress, George Washington University's Dimock Gallery, and many private collections. He was befriended as a young man by Duncan Phillips who purchased one of his oils ("Blue Mosaic") for the Phillips Collection in the early 1950's. He studied at the Corcoran School of Art and was a past president of the Washington Society of Artists. He also was a master of scratch-built model airplanes, some of which are in the Museum of Model Aeronautics, Muncie, IN.

He gave a mural of the history of mapping to the former Defense Mapping School. It had deteriorated by the time the School closed, but an NGA photographer was able to produce an excellent replica which is displayed at NGA-Campus East.