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The U.S. Navy GCA/ATC Association

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THE PREZ SEZ

Once again, it's time to put thoughts to paper. Here in the San Joaquin (Joaquin) valley of central CA., we're experiencing a hot fall, with temperatures at least 10 degrees above normal. No drought here, just a lot warmer for this time of year.

All the planning and work over the past couple of years paid off, and the reunion at Branson, MO went off without a hitch. And, from the comments by attendees, it was one of the best we've had. Although, possibly one of the least attended, it was more sociable, and we got to know each other a lot better. In my opinion, a lack of planned events/tours aided in the camaraderie, and the hospitality room was a-hopping from

opening till closing. And, thanks to registration fees and donations, we actually put money into the Association bank account!!

The fact that we had such a successful time can be attributed to coordination between myself and Mike Butcher, Association Vice President. Mike did almost all the leg work involving the hotel (which was absolutely wonderful-the hot buffet breakfast every morning was a real treat, included). He was assisted by Dutch Homan, Association Secretary, and Jerry Snyder, golfer. I understand when they visited the various hotels at Branson, a golf course or two also came under their purview!! Mike also purchased and transported the refreshments for the hospitality room. And, I can't say enough about the help Nina (the better half of we) did. She made up the name tags, registration envelopes, and did a bunch of other small jobs, plus most of the registration at the event.

There was a suggestion circulating that Branson could be the last get together for the Association, but that notion was quickly squelched by the attendees. And, at the business meeting no motion to that affect was received. As always, the

question of new members, or reinstating old ones came up. The new generation of AC's don't appear interested. But, we all know of current members, or those whose could/should be, and maybe a gentle tap on the shoulder could reinvigorate their interest. In this day of "easy" communication (phone, e-mail, face book, etc.) we all should make an effort to contact those we know.

Nominations for the next reunion site were voted on, and after hands were counted, Minneapolis was the clear winner. This is in keeping the reunion pretty much in the center of the country, so no one has the coast to coast trip. Johnny \$ said "he didn't care where it was, if he was able, he was coming". That summed up the feeling of the majority of those present.

There was no change in the officers of the Association, so contact remains the same. But we do have a new editor for our newsletters. Thank you Dean Zeitler for taking the reins of OGP.

This will probably be the last newsletter till after the holidays, so to one and all Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year. Kent

FINANCIALS

GCA-ATC ASSN

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSE

From 1/1/2012 thru 09/30/2012

2012

SEND DUES TO:

Ed Brown
3911 Bonita View Dr.
Bonita, CA 91902

Previous Checking Account Balance

1053.43

Total Income

3331.15 4384.58

Total Expenses

1881.95 2502.63

Make checks payable to:

ASSETS & NET WORTH

Checking Account Balance

2502.63

Reserve Savings Fund

8947.20

USN GCA/ATC Assn

Net Worth

11,449.83

1 year \$15

3 years \$40

5 years \$60

Life \$130

This financial statement is compiled from transactions contained in the Association day journal, plus the GCA/ATC checking and savings accounts held by Navy Federal Credit Union.

**WHO IS YOUR NEW
OGP EDITOR?**

Dean Zeitler has assumed the Editor reigns from Anse Windham. E:mail dzeitler@san.rr.com
Dean has been an Association Member from the beginning, Member Number CML041.

I started my Navy ATC career as an AN in AC "A" school in late 1955, followed by GCA "O" school in early 1956. My duty stations were as follows:

- GCA Unit 20, NAS Atlantic City
- USS F.D. Roosevelt CVA-42 (CCA)
- GCA Unit 5, NAS Los Alamitos
- USS Kearsarge CVS-33 (CCA)
- GCA Unit 26, NAS Atsugi - Promoted to Warrant Officer
- NAS Miramar RATCC - ACLS Officer
- USS Forrestal CVA-59 CCA Officer - Promoted to LTjg (LDO)
- NAS Patuxent River RATCC - Asst. ATC Officer
- NAF Sigonella, Italy - ATC Officer
- NAS Lemoore RATCC - Asst. ATC Officer & EMO
- NAS Miramar ATCF - ATC Facility Officer
- NAS North Island ATCF - ATC Facility Officer
- COMNAVAIRPAC - ATC & Airspace Officer (Retired July 1988)

It was a long, rewarding ride, 33 ½ years, from AN to CDR. After Navy retirement in 1988, I continued my ATC service as a Systems Engineering contractor with the FAA until April

2007. That was the end of my ATC career. However, life goes on as Jan and I enjoy family, golf, travel and I hope, OGP Editor.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

The following was posted by former editor Anse Windham in the Winter 2004 OGP edition. The same philosophy applies today and I can't say it any better than Anse.

"This and future issues of OGP will be posted on the *GCA-ATC.org* website. All you have to do is go to the site and click on "NEWSLETTERS" and then the latest date to load the current issue. Hopefully, many of you will desire to discontinue the mailed issue so that we can save a few coins for printing and mailing. If you travel frequently, the newsletter will be available wherever you can get on the internet. An advantage of the web based letter is all photos provided in color will be posted in color.

I am making a couple of changes to OGP at the request of some members attending the Virginia Beach reunion. One will be a section where names can be posted to try and locate someone. Another will be a personal history page where an individuals historical information will be posted. Also, a section listing new

Note From The Editor Cont.

members. So I am seeking personal histories, stories and other GCA related items for future issues. I know there is a lot of interesting info stored in the minds of this group that others would enjoy our sharing. We best get it dispersed before CRS (Can't Remember Stuff) sets in. Those bits used in our STS- "Shoot The Sh?T" sessions will be perfect.

If you have any suggested changes, please provide them to me. I need lots of help, so get busy."

NEW MEMBERS

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Pocahontas, AR 72455

Larry O'Connor
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BEEVILLE ATC REUNION

Cathy Crossland advised me that there is going to be an ATC Reunion on Nov. 10, 2012, at The Lodge at Shorty's Place in Beeville, TX. The GCA/ATC folks in the Beeville, Corpus Christi and Kingsville area have periodic reunions, coordinated by Cathy. The Nov. 10 event will honor all veterans. All GCA/ATC Assoc. members are welcome. They expect 40 + attendees, and are looking for some new folks to attend. Please contact Cathy at crossland.cathy@gmail.com or tel. 512-282-8320 if you are interested.

BRANSON REUNION

REUNION FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The donations by members were a shot in the arm; a sure sign that the Association should survive for a long time yet. The checking account gained \$507.45 and the hospitality room expenses totaled \$1,792.55. A breakdown of revenue follows:

CHECKING ACCT BAL 01 SEP 2012		\$1,895.10
Pre-Reunion Registration Fees Collected	\$680.00	\$2,575.10
Registration Fees at Reunion	\$220.00	\$2,795.10
Donations	\$930.00	\$3,725.10
Sea Chest Sales	\$470.00	\$4,195.10
Package Store Supplies	-\$1,007.55	\$3,187.55
Bartender, Reunion Pins, etc.	-\$785.00	\$2,402.55
ENDING CHECKING ACCT BAL		\$2,402.55



Serious Business ?



The VEEP and PREZ



Business Meeting



Here's the Banquet Crowd. The Culmination of a Great Reunion!!

GOLF HIGHLIGHTS

Mike Butcher organized the event at the Thousand Hills Golf Course. Six players turned out for the golf tourney; Kent Fairchild, Mike Butcher, Dutch Homan, Jerry Snyder, Jim Brown and Roy Miller. Unfortunately, the course management did not inform Mike that they were aerating the greens (even though he called to confirm, the day before). The greens were awful, but the rest of the course was fine. So, when they finished play, they agreed to "WASH" the bet. A Cold Beer washed away the sand!!!

REUNION ORGANIZATION

Mike Butcher reported that we did see the results of taking care of our own business. We cut out the Military Reunion Group that has arranged everything in the past and did our own organizing. It saved the group about \$1500.00 or more. I don't know if Minneapolis has anything similar to the Branson Tourism Group, but Mike will find out and if possible we will go the same route we did this year. According to Shana Tasker, the Tourism contact, we were the first group ever to bring our own wine to the Banquet, and the first group to hire a Hotel bartender.

REUNION FUN

As The Prez Sez, this reunion was more sociable, but there was still time for Fun. Branson is known as the Live Entertainment Capital Of The World, with over 100 live shows. Many of the Reunion attendees went to one or more of the shows, as well as boat tours on Lake Taneycomo, a historic train ride that takes you into Arkansas and back and The Landing, a shopping and dining area along the shore of Lake Taneycomo. There are also lots of excellent restaurants, and if you like cat fish, you've come to the right place.

U.S. Navy GCA/ATC Association Reunion 2012 - Branson, MO

Minutes of General Membership Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Kent Fairchild on Saturday, 15 September 2012, at 0900; 46 members were in attendance. The colors of the United States, the Department of the Navy, and US Navy GCA/ATC Association were posted.

President, Kent Fairchild, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chaplain, Tom McMahon, delivered the Invocation.

The President recognized the Association Officers: Mike Butcher, Vice-President; Ed Brown, Treasurer; Dutch Homan, Secretary.

Presidential appointees: Tom McMahon, Chaplain; Anse Windham, OGP Editor (not in attendance).

Old Business

The Secretary, Dutch Homan, read the minutes of the 2010 reunion which were accepted without amendments. The Treasurer, Ed Brown, gave the treasurer's report. Ed said that the Association had 11,000 plus dollars as of the meeting date.

New Business

Kent Fairchild opened the floor for the nomination/election of new officers. John Dahler made a motion to have the current officers remain in place. Motion was seconded; an affirmative vote approved the retention of current officers.

Our Chaplain, Tom McMahon, stated that he would like to ensure that all the spouses of deceased members remain in contact with the Association, and that they continue to receive copies of the OGP, if they desire to do so.

Jim Miller voiced a concern about our overall membership numbers. He would like all of us to take a more pro-active position in our efforts to recruit new members, as well as re-energizing many of the inactive members that we currently have on the Association rolls.

Anse Windham has asked for a replacement to be appointed for his position as the OGP editor/website maintainer. Dean Zeitler stated that he might consider being Anse's replacement (Note: Since the date of the meeting, Dean has accepted the position) Thank You, Anse, for your many years of volunteered support to the Association. We earnestly appreciate all of your hard work and dedication.

Selection of 2014 Reunion Site

After a brief discussion of reunion sites in general, three sites were discussed for the 2014 reunion. They were: 1) Minneapolis, MN; 2) Nashville, TN; and 3) Branson, MO. The sites were accepted by the membership and a vote was taken. Minneapolis – 19 votes; Nashville – 13 votes; and Branson – 2 votes. Minneapolis was selected as the 2014 reunion site by a majority vote.

Bell Ceremony

Chaplain Tom McMahon read the names of the departed association members and spouses since the last reunion. There were 11 members and spouses that passed since the last reunion. The bell was tolled at the beginning and at the end of the reading of the names.

Golf Outing

Mike Butcher coordinated this years' golf outing which was played at the Thousand Hills Golf Resort. Yes, it did have at a minimum, one thousand hills; only five level spots on the whole golf course and two of those were in the clubhouse. Nonetheless, the six golfers that participated in the outing had a lot of fun and truly enjoyed the day.

Results of Organizing/Planning our Reunions

At the 2010 reunion business meeting, discussion centered around the Association continuing to use a reunion organizer, such as the Armed Forces Reunions, Inc. Doing so would continue to be a drain on our general fund. The assembled group liked the suggestion of doing it ourselves. President Fairchild stated that accepting the suggestion to do our own organizing/planning for the 2012 reunion worked out very well. We had a most enjoyable reunion for an appreciably less amount of money.

Benediction & Adjournment

Chaplain Tom McMahon gave the Benediction.

The meeting was adjourned at 1052 CDT by President Fairchild.

**GCA-ATC REUNION Bell Ceremony
Branson Grand Plaza Hotel
15 September 2012**

At our most recent GCA-ATC reunion at the Branson Grand Plaza Hotel, we continued the U.S. Navy 2-bell tradition to honor our departed shipmates and spouses who had passed away since our last reunion in October 2010. At the time of the ceremony, we solemnly observed the passing of 11 of our friends who made that fateful journey. Since then, we had been made aware of the passing of Ardie Camarrig, 71, wife of life member, Cam (Don) Camarrig of Surprise, Arizona on 14 August 2012 after a six-month illness. She will be honored at our next 2-bell ceremony at our next reunion in Minneapolis, Minnesota in 2014.

The following members and spouses were honored at the 2012 reunion (legend: (S) = Spouse, (C) = Controller):

DEE DEE DAVIDSON (S) (1/17/10)

JUNE MORRISON (S) (1/31/2011)

WALTER "JERRY" LIENMAYER (C) (2/20/2011)

WILLIAM MASTRANGELLI (C) (3/14/2011)

FLORA MILLER (S) (4/16/2011)

JERRY ESTELL (C) (5/1/2011)

HAROLD R. SHUPP (C) (5/30/2011)

N.W. "TEX" GLOMB (C) (11/9/2011)

FRANK COE (C) (11/29/2011)

PAT "FRITZ" MELCHER (C) (2012) (not a member, but close friend of several who are)

HOWARD D. BAKKER (C) (3/6/2012)



The ceremony was concluded with a remembrance of all our departed shipmates in past years, which was also commemorated at the beginning by our first "missing table" observation; to those who guard the honor of our country, on the sea, in the air, and on foreign soil to remind us of the faith they confide in us, and our obligations to them. The service concluded with silent and collective prayer.

Tom McMahon,
Chaplain, GCA-ATC Association

DEPARTED THE PATTERN To Re-enter Elsewhere



Charles F. Scott (1938-2012) The Graveside Service of Remembrance for Mr. Charles F. Scott, age 73, of Homosassa, Florida, was held on Thursday, September 27, 2012 at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell. Military honors were accorded. He was born October 7, 1938 in Garrett, KY and died September 22, 2012 in Homosassa, FL. Mr. Scott retired from the U.S. Navy as a Chief after 23 years of service, having served during Korea and Vietnam. He also retired as an Accountant for Defense Finance & Accounting Center. Mr. Scott was formerly a member of Epiphany Lutheran Church in Columbus, OH. Mr. Scott was a member of the Moose Lodge, Crystal River VFW and the Lions Club. He was a member of the American Legion in Columbus

having served on its Honor Guard. Mr. Scott served as the Vice President of the Republican Club in Columbus and was a member of the Ohio Naval Militia. He enjoyed cooking at functions for many of the organizations to which he belonged. An avid golfer, he played most every day. He was a history buff, especially of the Civil War and he was passionate about politics. Survivors include wife, Marla J. Scott of Homosassa, FL; 3 daughters, 3 sisters and a brother. He is also survived by 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Donald M. Sorrell (1934-2012), 78, passed away at 10:00 AM on September 26th. Mr. Sorrell retired after 24.5 years with the [U.S. Navy](#) as an Air Traffic Controller. Following his Navy service, he served as an Air Traffic Control Supervisor with the Federal Aviation Administration. He did this before retiring again a few years ago. He was a member of the National Association of retired Federal Employees, Fleet Reserve Association, Branch 091, American Legion Post 0283, and the U.S. Navy GCA/ATC Association, and was a Plank Owner of the U.S. Navy Memorial. Don was born January 8, 1934. He was preceded in death by his parents and his son, Scott K. Sorrell. He is survived by his beloved wife of 36 years, Velta Allen Sorrell, his son, Alan L. Taylor (Nancy) of Atlanta, GA, daughter, Sandie K. Arrambide (Joe) of San Antonio, TX, daughter, Sharon M. Williams (Steven) of Woodbine, GA, step-son, Ted. R. Menneke, III (Laura) of Roy, WA, grandchildren Ryan Williams, Kristy Gowen, Amber Cervenka, John Arrambide, Miki Taylor, Alana Taylor, Becka Sagebiel and 7 much loved great-grandchildren. A memorial service was held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, October 6, 2012 at First Presbyterian Church of Jacksonville in the Chapel where Don and Velta were married. A reception followed in Covenant Hall at the church. In lieu of flowers, please make memorial donations to Jacksonville Humane Society, 8464 Beach Boulevard, Jacksonville, FL 32216 or Best Friends Animal Society, 5001 Angel Canyon Road, Kanab, Utah 84741.



Capt. Stephen G. Riley III, USN (ret) The Association lost a good friend and supporter on 24 September 2012, Capt. Stephen G Riley III, USN (ret) who died at age 60 in a single car accident in Maryland, while returning home from work at the FAA, where he had been employed since retiring from the U.S. Navy three years ago. His last job in the Navy was at the Pentagon where he was the head of ATC programs for six years, and where he was promoted to Capt., the fourth Navy air traffic controller to attain this rank. When the Association dedicated a plaque at the Navy Memorial in September 2007, honoring its members, Capt. Riley attended giving it his full support. He is survived by his wife, Sharon and his daughter, Shannon and son, Steve. He will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery, date to be announced later.



Ardeth Joy (Else) Camarigg (1940-2012) 71, of Surprise, Ariz., formerly of Colorado Springs, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2012, after a six-month battle with cancer. Services were at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7 at Spirit of Grace Lutheran Church in Surprise. Ardie was born Nov. 4, 1940, in Battle Creek, Iowa, one of six children born to Arnold and Edith Else. She attended grade school in Battle Creek and moved with her family to Galva in 1946. An outstanding basketball player at Galva High School, she graduated in 1958. She attended Lutheran School of Nursing in Sioux City, graduating in 1961 with a three-year diploma degree as a registered nurse. She married Don Camarigg on June 29, 1963. During Don's naval career, they enjoyed living in many cities in the U.S. as well as in Sicily and Naples, Italy. Following her husband's retirement from the Navy in 1975, they moved to Colorado Springs, where she worked for 25 years as an emergency room nurse at Penrose Community Hospital. In 2000, they moved to Surprise, where she continued her nursing career at Arizona Medical Clinic until retiring in August 2011 after 50 years in nursing. Anyone who knew Ardie could attest to her passion for emergency nursing. She loved shopping for a bargain, driving her PT Cruiser, cheering for the Denver Broncos, traveling to visit family and friends, and the Navy. Ardie was a great cook, and loved sharing recipes and entertaining. Survivors include her husband of 49 years, Don Camarigg of Surprise; her son, Deric Camarigg of Los Angeles; her daughter, Alyson (Paul) White of Temecula, Calif.; three grandsons, Grant, Andrew and Brady White; a sister, Judy (Schulke) Winterhof of Galva; a brother, Harlan Else of Galva, and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Memorial contributions may be made to the Ardie Camarigg Nursing Memorial, c/o St. Luke's College, 2720 Stone Park Boulevard, Sioux City, Iowa, 51104. The Camarigg family thanks her friends through the years for all of the joy and memories.

Ray G. Kelley (1931-2012) This input was provided by Cathy Crossland, spouse of Joe Crossland, deceased Member of the GCA/ATC Association. Ray G. Kelley was a Radar Man (RD1) assigned to numerous ships and as a Controller at the GCA Unit at NAS Beeville, Texas. He was a close friend and shipmate of a number of ATC/GCA Association members stationed at Beeville, including Joe Crossland, Elmer Lee Baker and David Lee Richardson.

There was only one **Ray G. Kelley** of Carson City, Nevada. With his daughter, Kelli and his son-in-law, Sonny by his side, Ray passed from Earth on August 27, 2012. He well used his 81 years here. Some knew Ray as "Chief" in recognition of the 22 years he spent serving in our country's Navy or for the 15 years he devoted to teaching Carson High NJROTC students. Whether you knew Ray or the Chief, you knew he was one of a kind. Ray always said he never met a stranger.

Ray was born to Annie Kelley in Walhalla, South Carolina on May 26, 1931. While he left home at age 19 to join the Navy; Carolina never left him. The many stories about the South he brought back to Nevada were priceless.

As a sailor Ray served aboard the USS Henrico, USS Halsey Powell, USS Twining, and the USS Constellation. His service took him to the Naval Air Station in Beeville, Texas where he married Benita Stockham of Ely, Nevada, in 1960. Together they were golden and enjoyed 28 years of marriage. Their daughter Kelli and her husband, Sonny Newman, raised Ray's grandchildren, Garrett and Gabrielle, who will treasure the many great times with their Papa.

Ray took off his NJROTC uniform in 1987 and enjoyed retirement for only a year when he lost his sweet Benita in 1988. During the next chapter of life you could find him holding court downtown or on the golf course surrounded by his many friends.

Ray is survived by his only child, Kelli Newman, son-in-law, Sonny Newman and his two treasured grandchildren, Garrett Lee Newman and Gabrielle Rae Newman.

The Chief was laid to rest on Friday, September 7th at 11:00 a.m. at Walton's Funeral Home in Carson City, Nevada.