

# THE AIRSHIP



Navy Lakehurst Historical Society

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Jan - Feb 2014

## US Air Force Announces Air Show at Joint Base M-D-L Sat & Sun May 10-11, 2014

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### How True

When the President calls 911, the aircraft carriers answer!

When the aircraft carriers call 911, Lakehurst answers!

### View from the Top Presidents Message

The years keep going by at such a rapid pace - 2013 is now history. As NLHS enters the year 2014, your officers, trustees and President look forward to a year of continued success, growth and several special events programs. One very special event will be the May 10-11, 2014 Air Show featuring the "Thunderbirds" at Joint Base McGuire. Once again NLHS will participate, so check our website and your newsletters for more information as the date gets closer.

A special thank you to all who have renewed their membership. I encourage all of our members to take an active part in all NLHS activities and to recruit new members.

### Meeting Notice

Our first general membership meeting will take place on Wednesday, Jan 08, 2014 at 7 PM at our usual location - Bldg 484 Joint Base Lakehurst Galley conference Room. Elections for Sr. Vice President and 3 Trustees will also take place. This year's ballot lists Don Adams for Sr. Vice President (2 yr term), John Niedzwiecki, Peter Larkin and Jane Niedzwiecki for Trustees (1 yr term). Nominations were closed on Dec 19, 2013. A special thank you to our Nominating Committee chaired by Tom Kuchler. As has been our policy, our election night meeting does not feature a guest speaker so after our elections, our Jan 8th meeting will feature an open forum. The remaining general meeting dates for 2014 are on the 2nd Wednesday of March, June and October.

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### Officers Meeting

Our first Officers & Trustees Meeting of 2014 will be on Saturday, Feb 15, 2014 at 9:30am in our usual location - conference room Bldg 150. As in the past all board members are expected to attend.

### Volunteer Hours

Volunteer hours for Nov - Dec 2013 for the NLHC and Ready Room, tours, work projects and outside speaking engagements totaled over 475 hours. Many thanks to our volunteers for your support: Don Adams, Carl Larsen, Rick Zitarosa, Frank Dennis, Nick Rakoncza, Stephanie Phillips, Ron Montgomery, Charlie Bish, Ron Stryshak, Frank Smith, Kevin Mulligan, Pete Lovering, Pete Murphy, Kevin Pace, Howie Sjursen, Elizabeth Rossell, John & Jane Niedzwiecki, Peter Larkin, Susan K. Koller, Roger Jordan, Jim Morano and Carl Jablonski.

## Tours

Our tours continue to be a very popular attraction. Don Adams, Nick Rakoncza, Frank Dennis, Carl Larsen, Ron Montgomery, Carl Jablonski, Kevin Mulligan, Elizabeth Rossell, Susan K. Koller and Rick Zitarosa continue to serve as tour guides and John & Jane Niedzwiecki staff the gift shop.

NLHS is now offering our Winter Tour Schedule – every Wednesday and every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday from 10am to 1 pm.

## Dues Notice

Our membership Director has sent out renewal notices in early November. Dues are \$25 for 1 year and \$45 for 2years.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated renewal and prompt payment. Any questions call Don at 732-244-6004. Many thanks to all who have renewed.

## Election Notice

At our January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 membership meeting, ballots and votes will be cast for the following positions:

- 3 – 1yr Trustee terms
- 1 – 2yr term for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Our incumbent Trustees, Peter Larkin and John Niedzwiecki have agreed to seek re-election. Our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice president, George Smith will not be seeking re-election – Don Adams will be running for this office. Jane Niedzwiecki is seeking the Trustee position vacated by the passing of Harry Herbert.

## Member Honors

*NLHS proudly acknowledges the following members for their support and outstanding contributions to NLHS.*

Ron Montgomery, Peter Larkin, Peter Murphy, Peter Lovering, Ron Stryshak, Charlie Bish, Roger Jordan, Jim Morano, Carl Larsen Howie Sjursen and Susan K Koller for your many hours of dedication and the pride you take in maintaining and upgrading our display areas in Hangar 1. Thanks for being so dedicated.

**Lillian Sawyer** is one of our most senior members (a young and vibrant 87 years). Lillian, thanks to her daughter Dorothy, is very supportive and an active participant in every NLHS event, meetings, retirements, Change of Command, picnics, Air Shows and much more. Lillian we are honored to have you as a member. We look forward to seeing you at many more of our upcoming events.

## TAPS

### Colonel Charles Waterhouse, USMCR

Colonel Charles Waterhouse, USMCR, 89, passed away early on Saturday morning, November 16, 2013, at the home of his daughter and son-in-law in Toms River, NJ. Waterhouse was the first and only the artist-in-residence of the U.S. Marine Corps. He continued to paint until three weeks before his death. A lifelong New Jersey resident, Waterhouse was a member of the Class of 1942 at Perth Amboy High School. Upon graduating, he enlisted in the Marine Corps and was attached to Company C 5th Engr. Bn. 5th Marine Division, FMF. On February 19, 1945 Waterhouse was seriously wounded during the first wave at Iwo Jima. Nerve damage resulted in him losing the feeling in most of his left hand. But there was no damage to the hand that would become his painting hand. After the war, two pivotal events occurred in his life: he began attending classes at the Newark School of Fine and Industrial Arts, and he married the love of his life, Barbara Andersen. After graduating from the NSFIA, he stayed on at the school as a teacher and spent the next 28 years building a reputation as an illustrator for publications such as Outdoor Life, Readers Digest, Rutgers Press and the Boy Scouts. Three tours of duty as a combat artist in Vietnam resulted in hundreds of on-the-spot drawings that were later turned into one large volume called Delta to DMZ.

In 1973, at the age of 49, Waterhouse was brought back to active duty at the rank of major to create a series of 14 paintings of the Marines in the Revolution in celebration of the

bicentennial. It was supposed to be a 9 month commission but the Marines had found "their Rockwell" and they kept him on until his retired on 19 February, 1991, the 46th anniversary of the landing on Iwo. By that time he had completed over 160 major works for the USMC, and had painted every campaign in the history of the Corps from its inception through Operation Iraqi Freedom. After his retirement he continued to paint his beloved Marines. In 1999 the Colonel Charles Waterhouse Museum, a non-profit organization based in Toms River, was established. When the museum closed its doors, the majority of Waterhouse's body of work was gifted to the United States Marine Corps. In his final years, Waterhouse embarked on a series of paintings chronicling the USMC and Naval Medal of Honor recipients.

Predeceased by his devoted wife Barbara in 2009, the Colonel is survived by daughters Jane and Amy, son-in-law Gary Lotano, grandchildren Noelle, Matthew and his wife Melissa, and Baylen; great grandchildren Colin, Sam and Elle Charlie, and his Marines, to whom he was always faithful, and by his paintings, which will live forever.

A private memorial service was held for the immediate family. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Colonel Charles Waterhouse Scholarship for the Arts, Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, 909 N. Washington Street, Suite 400, Alexandria, VA 22314.

*NLHS is grateful for the paintings donated by Col. Waterhouse.*

## Bravo Zulu

A sincere thank you to Horace Hagen, President and the members of East Coast Flight Modelers Club. These gentlemen belong to the group that flies model planes in Hangar 1 on weekends.

Once again, as in 2012, a very generous donation was made to NLHS by President Hagen. NLHS is sincerely grateful for your continued support.

**Q & A articles will resume in next newsletter.**

## Birthday Wishes

Happy Birthday to Don Adams and George Smith both on Feb 14, 2014.

Belated Birthday greetings to Carol Montgomery whose birthday was on Nov 11, 2013.

## Calendar of Events

**Jan 8, 2014** – Membership Meeting – 7PM Bldg 484 - Elections to be held

**Jan 20, 2014** – Martin Luther King Day

**Feb 15, 2014** – Officers & Trustee Meeting

**Feb 17, 2014** – Presidents Day

**Mar 12, 2014** - General Meeting

**Mar 15, 2014** – Officers meeting

**Mar 17, 2014** – St. Patrick's Day

**Apr 1, 2014** – April Fools Day

**Apr 20, 2014** – Easter Sunday

**May 7, 2014** – 77<sup>th</sup> Anniv. Hindenburg, 7PM observance at Memorial Site

**May 10 & 11, 2014** – Joint Base M-D-L Air Show - Times to be determined

## HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL NLHS MEMBERS



## PDF Newsletter

If you are interested in receiving the newsletter in PDF electronic format, you can see current issue by going to the Newsletter link on the NLHS website which is located at: <http://www.nlhs.com>

This will also give you an idea of how long it takes to download. Those who would like to receive the pdf newsletter should send an email to:

[newsletter@nlhs.com](mailto:newsletter@nlhs.com) with your name, address & phone number to verify you in the database.

Remember, you must have a copy of the Adobe Acrobat viewer on your computer in order to view this Newsletter. You will receive the newsletter faster.

**Help NLHS save on postage, which is going up again in 2014 to 49 cents for first class mail.**

**NLHS January Meeting Attendance Coupon Wednesday, Jan 8, 2014 7PM**  
**Meeting Location: The Galley Conference meeting room located in Bldg. #484**

**FULL NAME in following format: *(please print) Make copies for each person attending***

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First name \_\_\_\_\_

Full Middle Name *(not maiden name)* \_\_\_\_\_

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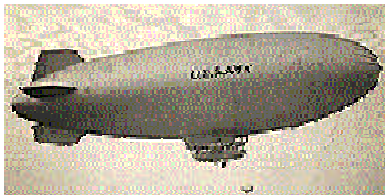
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**Or e-mail information to : [NAVLAKE@PRODIGY.net](mailto:NAVLAKE@PRODIGY.net)**

**ATTN: January Meeting**

**DEADLINE: Jan 4, 2014 by 12 noon**

**You must fill out this coupon if you plan on attending the meeting and don't have a pass for the base.**

**NOTE: Your NLHS Membership card IS NOT a base pass.**



## Navy Lakehurst Historical Society, INC

*Preserving the Heritage of Naval Air Station Lakehurst*

*A New Jersey Non-Profit Corp.*

The Navy Lakehurst Historical Society would like to offer our members and the general public, the opportunity to memorialize a loved ones service to our county with a permanent brass nameplate. These plates will be mounted on the wall of the museum, midway between the floor and the ceiling. Each nameplate will be seen by visitors who come to the museum each year. It is a wonderful, yet inexpensive way, to insure your family member will be remembered in a setting befitting their service to our state and to the nation.

The donation cost of each brass plate is only \$50.00. Even this minimal cost is offset by the fact the museum is a 501-C(3) non-profit, enabling you to deduct the full cost when you file your income taxes.

Your donation serves two purposes. First, and most important, it serves to memorialize a family member who served this country in peacetime or in war. It also allows the museum to continue to grow and expand, insuring tomorrow's youth learn what the price of freedom is and WHO paid it.

Below are some samples of what can be put on the memorial plate:

Sgt. John Smith US Army Co. A 12 <sup>th</sup> Inf Rgt 5 <sup>th</sup> Inf Div European Theater - WWII	Maj. John Smith USAF – USAF Res 30 <sup>th</sup> Tac Ftr Sq 354 <sup>th</sup> Tac Ftr Wg Cold War	Capt. John Smith USAAF 705 <sup>th</sup> BMS 384 <sup>th</sup> BMB GRP Pacific Theatre – WWII
Cpl John Smith USMC 5 <sup>th</sup> Bn 7 <sup>th</sup> Marines Korean War	S/Sgt. John Smith USAF Air Nat Guard 132 <sup>nd</sup> FIS 101 <sup>st</sup> FIW Vietnam War	CPO Mary Smith US Navy USS IOWA Cold War

Please fill out the exact wording you'd like on the memorial plate. ( Please PRINT )

Name, rank & branch of service:
Unit Identification:
Time or area of service

To place an order, please call 732-244-8861 or mail your completed order from to:

NLHS PO Box 328 Lakehurst, NJ 08733

ATTN: Memorial

**NLHS STORE ITEMS – See Website for pictures of items [www.nlhs.com](http://www.nlhs.com)**

Item #	Category	Description	Price	Notes
511	Patches	Lakehurst Decal	\$2.50	Ship incl
706	Patches	NAS Lakehurst Patch or Naval Support Activity Patch	\$7.50	Ship incl
708	Patches	ZP-1 Patch	\$7.50	Ship incl
701	Patches	Airship Squadron Two Patch	\$7.50	Ship incl
703	Patches	Blimp Squadron 12 Patch	\$7.50	Ship incl
709	Patches	ZP-14 Patch	\$7.50	Ship incl
702	Patches	Bayou Bomber Patch	\$7.50	Ship incl
704	Patches	Lambda Tau Alpha Patch	\$7.50	Ship incl
711	Patches	ZW-1 Patch: Early Warning Squadron Patch	\$7.50	Ship incl
710	Patches	ZP-3 Patch	\$7.50	Ship incl
801	Patches	Navy Lakehurst 90th Anniversary Patch	\$7.50	Ship incl
96	Ballcaps	NAS Lakehurst ballcap	\$23.00	Ship incl
97	Ballcaps	USS Macon (ZRS-5) ballcap	\$23.00	Ship incl
98	Ballcaps	Hindenburg (D-LZ129) ballcap	\$23.00	Ship incl
99	Ballcaps	USS Shenandoah (ZR-1) ballcap	\$23.00	Ship incl
100	Ballcaps	USS Akron (ZRS-4) ballcap	\$23.00	Ship incl
101	Ballcaps	USS Los Angeles (ZR-3) ballcap	\$23.00	Ship incl
10	Books	Inside the Hindenburg	\$12.00	\$5 shipping
11	Books	Fleet Angels of Lakehurst	\$15.00	\$5 shipping
95	Books	Guide to over 900 Aircraft Museums – USA and Canada	\$20.00	Ship incl
205	Books	Images of America: Naval Air Station Lakehurst	\$22.00	\$5 shipping
209	Books	The Airship Experience	\$23.00	\$5 shipping
213	Books	US Navy Airships 1915-1962	\$23.00	\$5 shipping
212	Books	US Army Airships 1908-1942	\$23.00	\$5 shipping
208	Books	Snafu	\$20.00	\$5 shipping
201	Books	American Airship Bases and Facilities	\$25.00	\$5 shipping
216	Books	Aweigh and Up	\$25.00	\$5 shipping
217	Books	The Van Dyk Collection of LTA Plans & Drawings	\$25.00	\$5 shipping
218	Books	Airships vs Submarines	\$28.00	\$5 shipping
404	Lithographs	USS Shenandoah ZR-1 (Daughter of the Stars)	\$30.00	\$5 shipping
406	Lithographs	Hindenburg Final Moments (color)	\$30.00	\$5 shipping
510	Mugs	Hindenburg Coffee Mug	\$10.00	Ship incl
85	Mugs	Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst Mug	\$10.00	Ship incl
106	Shirts	Navy Lakehurst T-shirt (Blue) Sm – XL <b>(2XL -3XL-\$22)</b>	\$20.00	Ship incl
102	Shirts	Navy Lakehurst Golf Shirt (Dk Blue) Med – XL <b>(2XL -3XL-\$31)</b>	\$26.00	Ship incl
103	Shirts	Navy Lakehurst Crew Neck Sweatshirt (Navy Blue) M – XL <b>(2XL-3XL-\$32)</b>	\$29.00	Ship incl
104	Shirts	Navy Lakehurst Hooded Sweatshirt (Navy Blue) M – XL <b>(2XL - 3XL-\$38)</b>	\$35.00	Ship incl
105	Shirts	Blimp T-shirt (grey) specify K, L or G Blimp image - M-XL <b>(2XL - 3XL-\$22)</b>	\$20.00	Ship incl
301	DVD	The Blimp Goes to War Again (color)	\$35.00	Ship incl
308	DVD	Airships Fight a Cold War (color)	\$35.00	Ship incl
302	DVD	Airship Handling (B&W)	\$25.00	Ship incl
305	DVD	The Nan Ships (B&W)	\$25.00	Ship incl
303	DVD	LS-129 Hindenburg (B&W)	\$25.00	Ship incl
699	Special Order	Hindenburg Display Model (44 1/4 inches long and 9inch diameter)	\$349.00	plus ship
698	Special Order	Hindenburg Display Model (65 inches long and 14 1/4 inch diameter)	\$599.00	plus ship
697	Special Order	Graf Zeppelin Kit	\$99.95	plus ship
696	Special Order	USS Macon Display Model	\$199.00	plus ship
800	Military Posters	6 different choices see website for information	\$12.00	\$5 shipping
307	Sculpture	Hangar One Wood Sculpture	\$17.00	\$5 shipping
306	Sculpture	Hindenburg Wood Sculpture	\$24.00	\$5 shipping

