

THE AIRSHIP



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Jan – Feb 2015

Happy New Year! 2015 is almost here!

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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

Wow, it's hard to believe 2014 is almost over and 2015 is around the corner. These past 12 months have been very busy ones. Many events took place: Air Show, Hindenburg Anniversary, Battle of Midway, retirements, Change of Command, promotions and of course, many tours just to name a few.

Sadly we lost too many members who passed away: John Kocher, Harry Herbert, Robert Martin, George Smith, Hank Applegate, William Moreau and Werner Franz. May they Rest In Peace.

As I look forward to 2015, I offer a sincere thank you to my officers, trustees, members and military friends and all NLHS supporters including Freeholder Director Joe Vicari and his Co-Freeholders for your support.

Season's Greetings to All and Best Wishes For a Happy New Year.

Meeting Notice Election Night

Our next general membership meeting will take place on Wednesday, Jan 14, 2015, at 7 PM at our usual location - Bldg 484 Joint Base Lakehurst Galley conference Room. Election of Officers and Trustees will take place and an open forum meeting is planned to give our members an opportunity to ask questions, etc.. and offer any suggestions and input. Information regarding our 2015 events and programs will also be presented.

See attendance coupon in this newsletter for admission, if you don't have a military ID.

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Cancellation Notice

In the event of snow, sleet, freezing rain or ice occurring on a NLHS meeting day, a decision whether to hold or cancel the meeting will be made by your President by 12 noon of the meeting date. If in doubt, members can call 732-244-8861 or 732-600-8055 after 12 noon for a recorded advisory. Thank you.

2015 Slate of Officers & Trustees

**Carl Jablonski	Pres.	2 yrs
**Rick Zitarosa	VP	2 yrs
*Kevin Pace	Trustee	2 yrs
*Elizabeth Rossell	Trustee	2 yrs
*Marion Kuchler	Trustee	2 yrs
*Peter Larkin	Trustee	1 yr
Mark Lamb	Trustee	1 yr
Thomas Kunz	Trustee	1 yr
Tara Cunningham	Trustee	1 yr

*Incumbent Trustee

**Incumbent Officer

If you have an interest in a position herein mentioned, please contact our Nominating Comm. Chairperson, Thomas Kuchler for details and requirements at 609-567-4082. Deadline to register is Dec 27, 2014.

Officers Meeting

Officers & Trustees Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, Dec 20, 2014 at 9:30 am in our usual location - conference room Bldg 150.

Volunteer Hours

Volunteer hours for Sept, Oct & Nov 2014 for the NLHC and Ready Room, tours, work projects and outside speaking engagements totaled over 1825 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, Peter Larkin, Susan K. Koller, Roger Jordan, Jim Morano, Robert Hull, Diane Chierchie 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. Starting Now through March 2015, tours will be given every Wednesday and every 2nd Saturday of the month from 10am to 1 pm. Except noted here: Not open Dec 24 and Dec 31, 2014. The same schedule applies to our Gift Shop.

The Gift Shop will also be open for Christmas Gift purchases Wednesday Dec 17 and Thursday Dec 18 from 10 AM to 1 PM. As always, members receive a 10% discount

Member Updates

If your address or phone number has changed please let us know. Also if you can and want to receive your newsletter by PDF let us know. This will save our postage expenses.

Members Honor Roll

At this time I wish to spotlight our behind the scenes personnel who devote many days and hours to NLHS.

Our volunteers in the museum spaces: Ron Montgomery, Roger Jordan, Peter Larkin, Peter Lovering, Charlie Bish, Susan Kohler, Jim Morano, Carl Larsen, Ron Stryshak, Pete Murphy, Howie Sjursen and Frank Smith.

Our Tour and Gift shop personnel: Nick, Kevin, Elizabeth, Stephanie, Robert, Diane and Frank.

Fellow Officers VPs Don and Rick, Tom & Marion, Kevin, Tom K, Tara, Elizabeth and Max (our Jimmy Olsen).

Many thanks for your support all year long.

PS: Special thanks to Edna W for your many sacrifices and understanding ways.

NLHS is grateful to Doug Smith and Meredith for your membership and many donations of materials, plants, flowers and painting and sinage donated to NLHS this past year.

Bravo Zulu

A very special thank you to Timothy G. Hart, Ocean County Historian and Director Ocean County Cultural and Heritage Commission, for your excellent and informative presentation "Battle at Cedar Bridge" at our Oct 8, 2014 meeting. Tim spent a lot of time and energy for his topic and it was well received.

Dues Notice

Our VP and membership chairman, Don Adams, recently mailed out NLHS dues renewal notices. A sincere thank you to the many members who have sent in their renewals. An NLHS membership would make a great Christmas stocking stuffer. Dues are \$25 for 1 year and \$45

for 2 years. All members are entitled to a 10% discount on gift shop purchases. Your President strongly urges all members to actively participate in our many activities and programs.

A special thank you to Rita Kocher, who recently joined NLHS by assuming the membership of her late husband John Kocher.

A Bravo Zulu to Don Adams for the excellent handling and mailing of our member renewals.

TAPS

NLHS regrets to announce the passing of fellow member Henry "Hank" Applegate.

Henry "Hank" Applegate will be remembered for his many many contributions to NLHS. Hank devoted many years and hours to NLHS as a founding member, President, spokesperson and active supporter of NLHS. His knowledge and devotion to the History of Airships, especially the Hindenburg, was invaluable. I'll always remember our many events and programs that we worked on together, especially the Reading Day Program at Lakehurst Elementary School which Hank did for close to 30 years. Rest in Peace Dear Friend. NLHS extends condolences to his wife Mary Ellen and family.

Henry J. Applegate

Henry J. Applegate, 70, lifelong resident of Pennsauken, New Jersey, passed away on November 3, 2014. He retired as Fire Chief from NAEC-NAWC Lakehurst, NJ, served his country in the United States Army and retired from the Air National Guard. He was a lifetime member of Highland and East Pennsauken fire departments. Among his many passions he belonged to and supported; AmVets, VFW, the Navy Lakehurst Historical Society, and multiple Philatelic organizations- and all things Airships / Hindenburg.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years Mary Ellen, his son David, daughter Heather and grandchildren Lauren, Matthew and Amanda.

A viewing was held on Saturday, November 8th, 2014 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM immediately followed by the funeral service at noon, both at the

Mount Laurel Home for Funerals, 212 Ark Road, Mount Laurel, NJ. Donations may be made in memory of Henry to the American Heart Association, 7272 Greenville Ave., Dallas, Texas 75231.

New Members

We welcome the following new members who recently joined NLHS:

Tara Cunningham Toms River, NJ
Robert Hull Manchester, NJ
Diane Chierchie Jackson, NJ
Audrey Brainard Manchester, NJ
Rita Kocher Yardville, NJ

NLHS extends welcome aboard greetings and invites you to become active members and partake of our many events and programs.

Visit our New & Updated Web Site

Thanks to Tara Cunningham for your talents as Web Master and grant coordinator. Thanks to Margaret Burgess and her husband Dave who set up our previous website and who still do a great job in printing our newsletter.

Join Us

We encourage all of our members to join in our many activities, tours, displays, work projects...etc. For info call Carl at 732-244-8861.

Speakers Bureau

We get many requests for outside speaking engagements. If you are interested in this program call Carl at 732-244-8861

Congrats Sgt Sean Montgomery, USMC

Corporal Sean Montgomery, USMC of Whiting, NJ, received a Meritorious Promotion to the grade of Sergeant on 31 Oct 2014 from Headquarters Company, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, California. SGT Montgomery recently returned from deployment in

Helmand Province, Afghanistan. He is a 2006 graduate of Saint Leo University. SGT Montgomery joined the Marines in 2012. He is married to the former Lara Douglas of Whiting and has two children.

Sean is also a member of NLHS and the son of Carol and Ron Montgomery, VP and Curator NLHS Museum Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, Lakehurst Hangar One.

PS: Belated birthday Wishes to Carol Montgomery Nov 11, 2014.

Welcome Aboard

NLHS welcomes aboard our new gift shop managers – Robert Hull and Diane Chierchie. Both Diane and Robert work very well together and have assumed their responsibilities with zeal and enthusiasm. Their ideas and interest in our gift shop have been well received by our visitors and our fellow members. Best wishes for continued success.

Navy Ball 2014

This year's Navy Ball held at Caesars, Atlantic City, was attended by over 500 guests who celebrated Our Navy's 239th Birthday. Representing NLHS were Morris Goldman and his escort Bette, Dana and Frank Lancelloti, Dina Vicari, Edna Weigand and Carl Jablonski. A sincere thank you to all who attended.

Google Signs 60 yr lease on Navy Dirigible Hangar

Google has signed a 60-year lease on a former Navy dirigible hangar smack in the middle of Silicon Valley, NASA said.

The Internet company will pay \$1.16 billion in rent to the federal government for access to the 350,000 square foot structure, called Hangar One.

First announced on Feb. 10, the deal was finalized on Monday.

A Google subsidiary, Planetary Ventures LLC, will use Hangar One for research and development of technologies related to "space and aviation, assembly and testing in the areas of space exploration, aviation,

rover/robotics and other emerging technologies" according to NASA.

The property includes three aircraft hangars, an airfield flight operations building, two runways and a private golf course.

The property is 3 miles from Google headquarters in Mountain View, Calif.

Google plans to invest more than \$200 million in improvements to the property, including rehabilitating the hangars and creating an educational facility where the public can explore the site's legacy and the role of technology in the history of Silicon Valley.

The site is part of the former Moffett Federal Airfield on the San Francisco Peninsula.

Preservationists have been fighting to save the historic structure for years.

Moffett Field's Hangar One is a well-known landmark, clearly visible on the drive down Highway 101 from San Francisco to San Jose.

The hangar is a part of the nation's early aviation history. The Navy built it at Moffett in 1932 for the USS Macon. It served as the West Coast base for the U.S. lighter-than-air aviation program.

NASA said the hangar will be used for research and development "related to space exploration, aviation, rover robotics and other emerging technologies."

The Navy transferred ownership of the hangar to NASA in 1994 after Moffett was decommissioned.

"As NASA expands its presence in space, we are making strides to reduce our footprint here on Earth," said NASA Administrator Charles Bolden.

"We want to invest taxpayer resources in scientific discovery, technology development and space exploration — not in maintaining infrastructure we no longer need. Moffett Field plays an important role in the Bay Area and is poised to continue to do so through this lease arrangement," he said.

Have you "Zoo'd" lately?

If you have not been to a zoo in years, Zoo Miami located in Miami, Florida is a great place to begin enjoying our world's magnificent wildlife. Visitors are in for a pleasant surprise here because gone are the days of animals

stuck in tiny cages pacing back and forth. This place is full of wonderment.

The wildlife at this zoo live in more natural settings with trees, watering holes and water sprays to keep them cool and hydrated. There are plenty of zookeepers attending to the animals in every area. Zoo Miami boasts of 750 acres full of free range animals. This zoo is home to over 3000 animals representing about 500 species, some of which are considered endangered species. It is also home to over 1000 trees, palms and plants and is considered the only tropical zoo in the continental United States.



Guests can see lions, tigers and bears but some of the other animals include lowland gorillas, chimpanzees,



giraffe, zebra, meerkats, African and Indian elephants. Some of the featured attractions include feeding giraffes, parrots and Indian Rhinoceros as well as a chance to ride a camel. There is also a children's zoo with a petting station. One of the most amazing exhibits is the Birds of Asia attraction. It is a fully contained aviary complete with ponds, waterfalls, trees, flowers, and plants in a beautiful setting filled with over 300 rare and in some cases, endangered Asian birds. Huge netting soars way above the trees and there are so many species of birds perched above, in the ponds, walking or

flying right by. The sounds are just amazing.

The zoo is not only a great place to visit, Zoo Miami is essential to many wildlife conservation and habitat preservation goals. The staff and volunteers work closely on projects to ensure the future of many magnificent creatures. Just some of their philanthropic efforts include the Florida Panther Recovery Program and the Florida Flamingo Preservation Project. The wildlife ambassadors on display here are part of the effort to ensure many of these species survive in the future. If a visit is not possible, donations for their projects are accepted.

Zoo Miami offers military and senior discounts and is open all year round including holidays. The zoo is located just off Exit 16 of the Florida Turnpike at 1 Zoo Boulevard, 12400 SW 152 Street in Miami, Florida. It's time you Zoo'd again.

<http://www.zoomiami.org/>

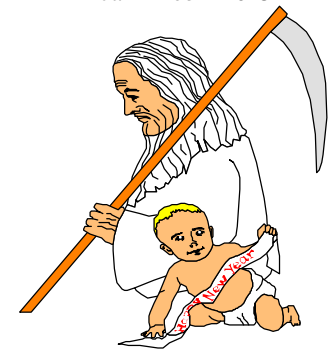
(Submitted by Diane C as part of our member's submitted stories.)

PDF Newsletter

As mentioned before the NLHS website has been moved to a new server and updated. You will again receive notices if you signed up for the pdf newsletter.



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS
TO ALL**



**HAPPY NEW YEAR
WELCOME 2015**

Calendar of Events

Dec 20 - Officers & Trustees Meeting
9:30 AM, Bldg 150

Dec 24 - Christmas Eve - Gift shop closed and no tours

Dec 25 - Merry Christmas

Dec 26 - Happy Kwanzaa

Dec 31 - New Years Eve - Gift shop closed and no tours

Jan 1, 2015 - Happy New Year to All

Jan 7 - Gift shop re-opens and tours available 10 AM to 1 PM

Jan 14 - 1st Membership meeting and election of officers. 7PM Bldg 484, Galley Conference Room

Jan 19 - Martin Luther King, Jr Day

Feb 14 - Valentine's Day (PS: Happy Birthday to Don Adams)

Feb 16 - President's Day

Feb 21 - Officers and Trustee Meeting
9:30 AM, Bldg 150

Mar 17 - St. Patrick's Day

Apr 3 - Good Friday and Passover

Apr 5 - Easter Sunday

Apr 8 - Membership Meeting
7 PM, Bldg 484

NLHS January Meeting Attendance Coupon Wednesday, Jan 14, 2015 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) _____

Drivers License #: _____ **State:** _____

PHONE (with area code): _____

MAIL TO: Navy Lakehurst Historical Society P.O. Box 328 Lakehurst, NJ 08733
Or e-mail information to : NAVLAKE@PRODIGY.net

ATTN: January Meeting

DEADLINE: Jan 9, 2015 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.

NLHS STORE ITEMS – See Website for pictures of items 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 (2XL -3XL-\$22)	\$20.00	Ship incl
102	Shirts	Navy Lakehurst Golf Shirt (Dk Blue) Med – XL (2XL -3XL-\$31)	\$26.00	Ship incl
103	Shirts	Navy Lakehurst Crew Neck Sweatshirt (Navy Blue) M – XL (2XL-3XL-\$32)	\$29.00	Ship incl
104	Shirts	Navy Lakehurst Hooded Sweatshirt (Navy Blue) M – XL (2XL - 3XL-\$38)	\$35.00	Ship incl
105	Shirts	Blimp T-shirt (grey) specify K, L or G Blimp image - M-XL (2XL - 3XL-\$22)	\$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
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

