

# THE AIRSHIP



Navy Lakehurst Historical Society

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## NLHS Election Results Are In!

### NLHS OFFICERS

#### President

Carl Jablonski

#### Vice Presidents

Don Adams  
Ron Montgomery  
Rick Zitarosa  
Charles Bish

#### Trustees

Kevin Pace  
Elizabeth H Rossell  
Marion Kuchler  
Peter Larkin  
Tara Cunningham  
Mark Lamb

#### Assistant Treasurer

Peter Larkin  
Thomas Kuchler

#### Chaplain

Fr. Emmett Carroll OFM CONV.

#### Corresponding Secretary

Thomas Kuchler

#### NLHS Historian & Curator Director

Rick Zitarosa

#### NLHS Base Tours Membership Director

Donald Adams

#### NLHC & Ready Room Director

Ron Montgomery

#### Asst NLHC & Ready Room Director

Pete Lovering

#### NLHC Curators

Kevin Pace  
Alex Swaim  
Ron Stryshak

#### Legal Counsel PAO

Thomas Kunz Elizabeth Rossell

#### Gift Shop Manager

Robert Hull & Diane Chierchie

#### NLHS Photographer

Max Frei

**Webmaster:** Tara Cunningham

### 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

I'm sure we are all looking forward to the arrival of Spring. So far this winter has been very harsh (snow, ice rain wind, cold temps). Recent weather conditions have had an impact on the number of visitors and gift shop sales. However, tour requests for April, May and June are coming in at a good rate. I'm grateful to our volunteer tour guides and display area volunteers who, despite adverse weather, have been coming in to do our tours and maintain our display areas and work on our winter projects. Elections were held on Jan 14, 2015 and I'm honored to have been elected to serve as your President for 2 more years. A slate of outstanding officers and trustees were also elected. We all look forward to working together and facing the challenges that lie ahead.

### Meeting Notice

Our next general membership meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 8, 2015, at 7 PM at our usual location - Joint Base Lakehurst Bldg 484 Flight Deck Lounge conference room. At the time of this newsletter, a Guest Speaker has not been decided upon.

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

### Officers Meeting

Officers & Trustees Meetings are scheduled for Saturday Apr 18, 2015 and Saturday June 20, 2015. All meetings will begin at 9:30 AM in our usual location - conference room Bldg 150. All officers and trustees are expected to attend.

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### Election Results

The following are the Officers/Trustees recently elected. Congratulations to all.

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

### Volunteer Hours

Volunteer hours for Dec/ 2014 and Jan. 2015 for the NLHC and Ready Room, tours, work projects and outside speaking engagements totaled over 725 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month from 10am to 1 pm.

## 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.

## 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 gift. 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.

If you have not sent in your renewal, please do so now or you will be removed from our mailing list.

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

## Speakers Bureau

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

## New Members

We welcome the following new members who recently joined NLHS:

**Bruce Holtzman Davidsonville, MD**  
**Caroline Labriola Irvington, NJ**  
**Adrienne Gold Toms River, 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.

## Website Statistics

On Dec 16, 2014 Pres. Obama visited Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst at McGuire and addressed our troops. On that date 1008 people checked our website. In addition, we now have 248 Twitter and 124 Facebook followers as well as 114 people visited our Gift Shop Web Site. Thank you to Tara for your great website work.

## Congratulations

Ron & Carol Montgomery recently welcomed the arrival of their newest grandson & granddaughter. Noah Montgomery born to USMC Sgt. Sean Montgomery & wife Lara of Oceanside, California.

Kelsey Alexandra Parker born to Katie Montgomery Parker of Maryland.

NLHS offers congrats to all and maybe, down the road, we will be welcoming 2 new members.

## Honor Roll

*This edition of your newsletter honors the following volunteers for their dedication and volunteer hours above and beyond the call of duty.*

**Roger Jordan** – Roger spends his time in our Ready Room, Joint Service Room and our other display areas. Roger served in the USAF and retired as a Master Chief Sgt. His many volunteer hours and skills have been an asset to our many displays and work projects especially with regard to the restoration of the 2 airplanes NLHS has been working on. Roger is very knowledgeable and jumps in when needed to answer questions from our tour visitors. Keep up the good work; we are honored to have you as a member.

**Thomas Kuchler & Marion Kuchler** – Tom and Marion have been involved in the "Behind the Scenes" and daily operations of NLHS for many years. As President, I'm grateful to Tom and Marion for being there when needed, from serving as Asst. Treasurer, Secretary, Trustee, Tour guides, Air show and much more. Your talents spirit and support of NLHS, and the president, have been outstanding and greatly appreciated. Keep up the good work.

## USS Pueblo

Forty-seven years ago this month a US Navy vessel was attacked and blatantly seized by the government of North Korea. The ship, the USS Pueblo, was towed to North Korea waters and its 82 surviving crew members imprisoned and tortured for nearly a year.

While the Pueblo remains an active commissioned warship in the Navy, the vessel remains in North Korea, where it serves as a tourist attraction. It's time to bring the Pueblo home.

In honor of her crew, one of which was killed when the North Koreans fired on the Pueblo in international waters, I'm calling on all of our congressional representatives to pledge they will make every effort to return the USS Pueblo to the US.

This humiliation has gone on long enough. Washington needs to remind North Korea that the Pueblo has not been forgotten. Let us send a message that we will not rest until the Stars and Stripes once again are raised on the mast of the USS Pueblo.

*Joseph H. Vicari  
Toms River, NJ*

## Navy's First Laser Weapon Ships Out

The U.S. Navy turned science fiction into reality over the summer by deploying its first laser beam weapon on the USS Ponce, a transport ship. The solid-state Laser Weapons System blasts targets with an energy beam that's concentrated enough to set drones and small enemy boats ablaze. The weapon uses just 30 kilowatts per shot, which means it's also cost effective. (An electric clothes dryer uses about 3 kilowatts per load.)

"You're getting shots for less than a dollar, as opposed to ammunition, which can cost hundreds of dollars per round." says Navy Cmdr. Vince Chernesky.

## 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.

## Calendar of Events

**Mar 17** – St. Patrick's Day

**Apr 3** – Good Friday and Passover

**Apr 5** – Easter Sunday

**Apr 8** – Membership Meeting  
7 PM, Bldg 484

**Apr 18** - Officers and Trustee Meeting  
9:30 AM, Bldg 150

**May 6** –"78<sup>th</sup>" Memorial Observance,  
Hindenburg Disaster, 6:45 PM  
Joint Base Lakehurst

**May 10** – Mothers Day

**May date TBD** – Parade of Wreaths,  
JB McGuire – time TBD

**May 25** – Memorial Day

**Jun 4** – Battle of Midway Observance,  
JB Lakehurst – 10 AM Flight  
Deck Conf. Room Bldg 484

**Jun 20** - Officers and Trustee Meeting  
9:30 AM, Bldg 150

**Jul 4** – Happy Birthday USA

**NLHS April Meeting Attendance Coupon Wednesday, Apr 8, 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:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**ATTN: April Meeting**

**DEADLINE: Apr 3, 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](http://www.nlhs.com)**

<b>Item #</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>Notes</b>
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
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

