

THE AIRSHIP



Navy Lakehurst Historical Society P.O. Box 328 Lakehurst, NJ 08733

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July-Aug 2014

Members Meeting Wed., July 9, 2014 at 7PM NLHS Annual Picnic – Saturday, Aug 16, 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

A warm summer greeting to all of our members and benefactors. A sincere thank you to our members who manned our display tables at the Air Show on May 10-11, 2014. Our displays attracted a vast amount of interest and our sales were exceptional.

Once again our members annual picnic will be held on Saturday, Aug 16, 2014 at Joint Base Lakehurst, Freedom park from 12 noon to 4 PM. I sincerely encourage our members to attend. If our attendance continues to decline, NLHS will have to consider canceling this event.

This is a great opportunity to meet new friends and renew acquaintances with old friends. NLHS will provide the food, condiments and beverages. As usual members are welcome to bring a covered dish or deserts. Fill out and return the coupon in this newsletter if you plan on attending.

Meeting Notice

Our next general membership meeting will take place on Wednesday, July 9, 2014 at 7 PM at our usual location - Bldg 484 Joint Base Lakehurst Galley conference Room. Our Guest Speaker will be Freeholder John Bartlett who will discuss his days spent at Lakehurst Naval Air Station and World War II. Please join us as we welcome Freeholder Bartlett. See attendance coupon at end of this newsletter.

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Officers Meeting

There will be no Officers Meeting in July or August. Our next Officers & Trustees Meeting of 2014 will be on Saturday, Sep 20, 2014 at 9:30am in our usual location - conference room Bldg 150. All officers and trustees are requested to attend this meeting

Volunteer Hours

Volunteer hours for March, April & May 2014 for the NLHC and Ready Room, tours, work projects and outside speaking engagements totaled over 625 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.

Beginning in April 2014 and through Oct 2014, tours will be given every Wednesday and every 2nd Saturday and 4th Saturday of the month from 10am to 1 pm.

In the Mail

I just wanted to take a moment to thank you all for making today's student visit a success. Each and every one of your areas was of interest to the students. Many of these students had taken an "Engineering" class their freshman year of high school and wanted to come visit our Lakehurst facilities. I think we gave them a great breadth on information as to what an engineer could do in their career. This will help guide them in determining what classes to take in their later years of high school.

Thanks Again,

Gaetan Mangano

Nav Air Systems Command Lakehurst
Technology Transfer Office Site Lead
Education Outreach Site Lead

New Members

We welcome the following new members who have joined NLHS over the last several months:

Barbara Owens - Island Heights, NJ
John Lyle III - Matawan, NJ
Charles Muller - Manchester, NJ
Robert D. Bittay - Albuquerque, NM
Walt Speelman - Eldorado Hills, CA
Arlene Mikkelsen - Dayton, NJ
Alta L. Schmidt - Lorton, VA
Gregory W. Smith - Toms River, NJ
Gaye Williams - Wall, NJ
Meredith Davis - Lanoka Harbor, NJ
Matthew W. Nawn - Hanover, PA

Members Honor Roll

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

Ron Stryshak, Curator: Ron's untiring efforts in logging in the many donations of artifacts received, inventory of same and writing thank you letters is greatly appreciated. Ron spends many hours on and off base doing a very excellent job.

Kevin Mulligan, Docent: Kevin has a very special way about him as he conducts a tour. Compliments abound from our visitors about his work. One of Kevin's specialties is when he plays the Herb Morrison recording of the Hindenburg Crash. Kevin is also a loyal fan and member of the Sons of the Desert, Laurel & Hardy Society.

NLHS Picnic Reminder



All members are invited and strongly encouraged to attend our NLHS Annual Picnic on Aug 16, 2014 from 12 noon to 4PM. The picnic will be held at Joint Base Lakehurst, Freedom Park. This is a great opportunity to meet new friends and old friends. NLHS will provide the food, condiments and beverages. As usual members are welcome to bring a covered dish or deserts. All members must fill out and return the coupon in this newsletter if you plan on attending (even if you have a gate pass). We need a head count for ordering food.

TAPS

Since our last newsletter, the following members have passed: Stanley Niedzwiecki and John Kocher. Sincere condolences are extended to their families and relatives.

Stanley J. Niedzwiecki

Stanley J. Niedzwiecki, 93, of Brick, passed away Thursday, April 17, 2014, at home, with his family by his side. He

was born in Jersey City and moved to Brick in 1955. Stanley honorably served in the United States Army during World War II. Stanley and his brother were the owners and operators of Niedzwiecki Brother's Painting and Paper Hanging. He was a parishioner at the Church of the Visitation, where he served as the head usher.

He is predeceased by his wife, Mary Stecz. Stanley is survived by his son, Stanley Niedzwiecki and his wife Sharon; his daughter, Barbara Campbell and her husband James; four grandchildren, Ashley, Candace, Christopher, and James; four great-grandchildren; he is also survived by one sister, Helen Seigle.

Services were handled by Weatherhead Young Funeral Home, 885 Mantoloking Road, Brick.

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John J. Kocher

John J. Kocher, 77, of Yardville, passed away Thursday, May 29, 2014, at Merwick Care Center in Plainsboro. John was born in 1936 in New York, NY and lived in Manhattan until 1973, when he moved his young family to Cranbury before settling in Yardville in 1978. John was a United States Army veteran of the Korean War. He retired from the United States Naval Reserve Seabees after more than 40 years of combined service. John served with distinction as Commanding Officer of Naval Squadron 1 of Lakehurst, the United States Sea Cadets, Trenton Division, and the Fort Dix Sea Cadets, and he was a Lieutenant Commander in the New Jersey Navy Militia Joint Command/Navy State Guard. John was Council President and National Director of the Navy League of West Jersey and a Trustee and life member of the Battleship New Jersey Historical Museum Society. He was a life member of the V.F.W. Post 31, the Naval Enlisted Reserves Association, the AMVETS Post #2, the 24th Infantry Division, the American Legion Post #2, the Navy Lakehurst Historical Society, and the Tin Can Sailors. John also had a long career with the City of New York I.U.O.E. Local #15, retiring in 1991, and he was a member of St. John's Church in Allentown.

John was the son of the late Alex & Mary Kocher, and brother of the late

Alex Kocsis (Johanna). He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 46 years, Rita Kocher; his beloved children, Paul and Lori Kocher of Hightstown; Michael Kocher and Terry Robinson of Flanders, and Robert and Ellyn Kocher of Burke, VA; and his daughter-in-law, Paulette Palmieri of Hamilton. He is also survived by his grandchildren, whom he adored: Hallie, Julianne, Rachael, Dominic, Danny, Chelsea, and James; and predeceased by a grandson, Michael D. Kocher. He was blessed with many nieces and nephews, great-nieces and nephews and cousins in a large and loving family.

John was an exceptional friend, mentor and leader. He inspired and encouraged many in his lifetime, setting an example for those around him of embracing life and serving others.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Monday, June 2 at St. John's Church, 1282 Yardville Road, Allentown. Interment followed in the parish cemetery.

Air Show & Open House

Over 300,000 people attended the Joint Base M-D-L Air Show & Open House featuring the Thunderbirds USAF precision flying team.

Our NLHS display and sales tables were very busy and sales were very brisk. Special thanks to our gift shop managers John & Jane, who packed, transported, displayed and restocked our gift shop over a 4 day period. A well done to our volunteers who helped man our tables: Nick Rakoncza, Mark Lamb, Tom & Marion Juckler, Elizabeth Rossell, Keith Justice and Frank Dennis.

Battle of Midway

On June 3, 2014, NLHS and Joint Base M-D-L hosted the annual Battle of Midway Commemorative Service. This year's event honoring the 72nd year was held at Joint Base Lakehurst at the Flight Deck Lounge. Opening and Closing Prayers, remarks by Capt. Chris Fletcher, USN JB M-D-L Deputy Cdr and CO NSA Lakehurst, a wreath presentation and taps were the program highlights. An overflow crowd was in attendance. NLHS had a Battle of Midway display for all to view and did tours of Hangar 1.

AIR SHIP News

The Navy Airship has returned to JB M-D-L for a maintenance period and is currently berthed in Historic Hangar One. Estimates are that the Air Ship will be here for about one month.

Joint Base M-D-L NAV Air Picnic

JB M-D-L Annual Appreciation Day NAV Air Picnic will be held on Friday, June 27, 2014 from 11:30AM to 2:30 pm at the Joint Base Lakehurst ball fields. NLHS members are welcome to attend. We will have a display and we are asking for volunteers to help out.

Car Show

Once again NLHS will participate in the Borough of Lakehurst Classic Car Show. This event is held on July 4, 2014 at the Borough School on Union Ave in Lakehurst. Hours are from 9AM to 5PM.

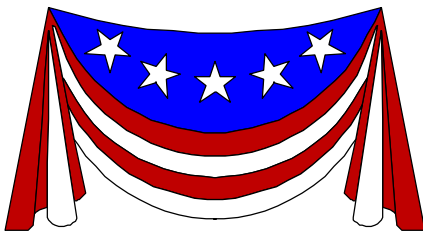
NLHS will have a display and is in need of volunteers to help.

Calendar of Events

- June 27** – Joint Base M-D-L Appreciation Day Picnic at JB Lakehurst ball fields
11:30AM to 2:30PM
- July 4** – Happy Birthday America
- July 4** – Borough Lakehurst Car Show
- July 9** – Members meeting 7PM flight Deck Lounge, Bldg 484 – Guest speaker Freeholder John Bartlett
- Aug 16** – NLHS Annual Picnic 12 noon to 4PM, JB Lakehurst Freedom Park
- Sep 1** – Labor Day
- Sep 20** – Officers & Trustee meeting 9:30 AM, Bldg 150 (usual location)
- Oct 8** – Members meeting 7PM same location as July meeting.
- Oct 13** – Columbus Day Holiday
- Nov 15** – Officers & Trustees Meeting
- Dec 20** – Officers & Trustees Meeting

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.



**Have a Safe and Happy
4th of July**

NLHS Annual Picnic Saturday, Aug 16, 2014 12 noon to 5 pm Freedom Park, Joint Base Lakehurst
FULL NAME in following format: (please print) Make copies for each person attending

Last Name _____ Full Middle Name _____

First name _____

Date of Birth: _____ Phone (with area code): _____

Drivers License #: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

People Attending: _____ / Yes I will bring a covered dish

Type of Covered Dish I will bring _____

MAIL TO: Navy Lakehurst Historical Society P.O. Box 328 Lakehurst, NJ 08733
ATTN: PICNIC

DEADLINE: Aug. 11, 2014 noon - No reservations will be taken after this deadline date
NO PHONE CALLS – MAIL RESERVATIONS ONLY!

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

NLHS July Meeting Attendance Coupon Wednesday, July 09, 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) _____

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: July Meeting

DEADLINE: Jul 3, 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.

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

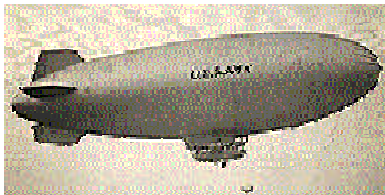
NLHS MAIL ORDER FORM
(see www.nlhs.com for pictures of items)

Item #	Description	Color	Size	Price	Quantity	Shipping	Total	
	TOTAL Remitted							

Name _____
Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Phone Number (in case of problem with order) _____

Please send this form with check or money order payable to Navy Lakehurst Historical Society to:

Navy Lakehurst Historical Society
PO Box 328 **Lakehurst, NJ 08733**



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 th Inf Rgt 5 th Inf Div European Theater - WWII	Maj. John Smith USAF – USAF Res 30 th Tac Ftr Sq 354 th Tac Ftr Wg Cold War	Capt. John Smith USAAF 705 th BMS 384 th BMB GRP Pacific Theatre – WWII
Cpl John Smith USMC 5 th Bn 7 th Marines Korean War	S/Sgt. John Smith USAF Air Nat Guard 132 nd FIS 101 st 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