

THE AIRSHIP

Navy Lakehurst Historical Society - P.O. Box 328 - Lakehurst, NJ 08733 <http://www.nlhs.com>

September 2019

Members Meeting Wednesday, September 18th, 2019 7PM, Cathedral of the Air, Rt. 547, Lakehurst

President's Message



September has arrived, schools are reopening, the days are getting shorter, before long the fall weather and year end holidays will be here. At NLHS we are gearing up for a busy Fall and Winter season. Quite a few tours are already reserved, several work projects are scheduled, and our Navy Airplane and Army Helicopter restorations continue. NLHS is preparing for the May 16th & 17th, 2020 JBMDL Air Show featuring the Blue Angels at Joint Base Mc Guire. I encourage our members to join in the many activities that are available. Volunteers are welcome as docents, Gift Shop personnel, and Ready Room staff. Call 732-818-7520 or 732-244-8861.

Meeting Notice

Our next General Membership Meeting will be on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 7 PM, at Cathedral of the Air, Rt. 547, Lakehurst. No gate pass required, site is off-base. Our next board meeting is Saturday, September 21, 2019 at 9:30 AM, Bldg. 150.

Welcome Aboard

On Friday, July 12th, 2019 Captain William Sherrod, USN assumed command as CO of Naval Support Activity, JB Lakehurst and JBMDL Deputy Commander.

On Friday, July 26th, 2019, Col. Bridget Gigliotti, USAF assumed command as Installation & 87th Air Wing Commander.

NLHS welcomes Col. Gigliotti and Captain Sherrod to JBMDL. We look forward to continuing our support of your Commands.

Capt. William R. Sherrod *United States Navy*

Captain William "Bill" Sherrod is a 1994 graduate from Jacksonville University, earning a Bachelor of Arts in Communications and his commission through the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps. He holds a Master of Arts in National Security Affairs from the Naval War College, College of Naval Warfare.



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Following initial Surface Warfare Officer training, Capt. Sherrod served as the plankowner First Lieutenant onboard USS GONZALEZ (DDG 66) where he earned his Surface Warfare Officer designation. In 1998, he served as the Operations Officer and Navigator on USS SHAMAL (PC 13).

In 1999, Capt. Sherrod transitioned to Naval Aviation and earned his Wings of Gold in November 2000. Following initial training in the SH-60B Seahawk helicopter, he served at Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light (HSL) 46, based in Mayport, Florida where he deployed embarked on USS Dewar (FFG 45) as Detachment Operations Officer, USS Vella Gulf (CG 72) as Detachment Maintenance Officer, and USS Winston S. Churchill (DDG 81) as Detachment Officer-in-Charge. In 2004 he reported to HSL-44 serving as Training Officer, Operations Officer, and Detachment Officer-in-Charge deploying embarked USS Hue City (CG 66).

Ashore, Capt. Sherrod was assigned to U.S. Special Operations Command as a Joint Concepts Planner where he volunteered to augment deployed units and served as the Chief of Operations for the Joint Task Force, Balad in 2009.

In 2011, Capt. Sherrod served as Executive Officer of HSL-49 in North Island, California. He assumed command of the SCORPIONS in August of 2012. During his tour, HSL-49 earned Commander, Helicopter Maritime Strike Wing Pacific's 2013 Golden Wrench (Expeditionary) Award for Maintenance Excellence, a third consecutive Chief of Naval Operations Aviation Safety Award, and subsequently earned the Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation.

Capt. Sherrod served as Navigator on USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) in January of 2014 until March of 2016, conducting a ten-month deployment in direct support of Operations Odyssey Dawn and Inherent Resolve. Capt. Sherrod served as Executive Officer and Commanding Officer of USS Somerset (LPD 25) June 2016 to April 2018.

Capt. Sherrod's personal awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious

Service Medals, and several Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medals, Joint Service Achievement Medals, and Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medals.

Col. Bridget Gigliotti **US Air Force**

U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. John R. Gordy II, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst Expeditionary Center commander, passes the guidon to Col. Bridget Gigliotti, who assumed command of Joint Base MDL and the 87th Air Base Wing, Joint Base MDL, New Jersey, July 26, 2019. Gigliotti comes from Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, where she was the Director of Manpower, Personnel and Services. Prior to that, she was stationed at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas, where she was the 37th Training Group commander. *(U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Ariel Owings)*



NLHS Members Picnic

On Saturday, August 24th, our annual members day picnic was held at Freedom Park, Joint Base, Lakehurst from 12 - 4pm. The weather was perfect, over 50 members and guests attended. Chicken, Burgers, Hot Dogs, Salads, Appetizers and many more goodies were enjoyed by all. Many thanks to our shopper & chef, Kevin Pace, Don Adams our go-fer guy and all who brought a covered dish and a dessert.

Thank You E.C.I.M.C.

A sincere thank you to East Coast Indoor Modelers Club and president Horace Hagen for your very generous donation to NLHS. E.C.I.M.C. Has been and continues to be a welcome sight to our tour visitors who really enjoy seeing your model planes flying as they tour. Keep on Flying ECIMC.

Navy Ball - October 4, 2019

This years Navy Ball will be on Friday, October 4th, 2019 at Caesars Palace, Atlantic City. NLHS is sponsoring a table, this event is open to all, members, guests of members. Tickets are \$85 per person. Please join NLHS at our sponsored table. For reservation and info call Carl at 732-600-8055.

Help Wanted

NLHS has openings for Volunteer Tour Guides, Gift Shop Personnel, a Full Time Treasurer, and Ready Room & Plane Restoration Projects. Call Carl 732-244-8861.

Gift Shop

Our gift shop is fully stocked with many new items. Check our website for a listing. Many items, including an NLHS membership, would make great gifts for that special occasion (Anniv., birthday, etc...). **NLHS now accepts Pay Pal orders, see the web site for details.**

NLHS Web Site

NLHS has entered into an Agreement with Web Alliance International Agency to UPDATE and enhance our website. Now is the time for our members and friends of NLHS to submit your favorite photos and story. Call Carl 732-244-8861 to do so.

Tours

Our tours continue to be a very popular attraction. Our tours will be given every Wednesday and every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month from April through October from 10 am to 1 pm. From November to March our tours will be every Wednesday, and the 2nd Saturday of the month. Don Adams, Frank Dennis, Carl Larsen, Ron Montgomery, Carl Jablonski, Kevin Mulligan, Jim Larsen, Elizabeth Rossell, Susan K. Koller, Lauren Rowek, Pete Garvey and Rick Zitarosa continue to serve as tour guides.

Lights, Camera, Action

The end of July and early August saw two separate London Based Film Company's visit JB Lakehurst and shoot scenes for an upcoming

Discovery Channel documentary on the Hindenburg Disaster. The Memorial Site, our Gift Shop and Ready Rooms were all part of the filming. Our own Nick Rakoncza was also filmed, no air date has been announced, NLHS will put air date on website.

Welcome Aboard New Members

**Doris Soper, Toms River, NJ
Kenneth W. Behannon,
Washington, DC**

NLHS welcomes you all! We invite you to join us in our events and activities.

Grants

Our Volunteer Grant Writer Connie Fahim has obtained several grants for NLHS, and is still pursuing others. Many thanks Connie for your expertise and many hours of volunteer time.

Sign Up

NLHS membership is open to all. We ask our members to recruit a new member. NLHS memberships make a great gift!

Volunteer Hours

Volunteer hours for June, July and August 2019 amounted to approximately 1450 hours. Thanks to Ron, Pete, Roger, Bobby, Susan, Don, Elizabeth, Jim, Kevin P., Kevin M., Peter G., Nick, Lauren, Ron S. Julie, Zac and Rick Z.

Election Notice

The 2 year term for VP Don Adams is due for re-election.

The 1 year term for Trustees Thomas Kunz, Susan Koller and Peter Larkin are also due for re-election.

The election date is Wed., Jan. 8, 2020. 7PM meeting at Cathedral of the Air.

If interested in any of these positions contact Tom or Marion Kuchler, Nominating Committee 609-567-4082.

Appointment

NLHS has appointed Lauren Rowek as NLHS Archivist. This position will enable NLHS to obtain grants and donations more quickly and in a professional manner. Lauren is one of our newer members who has given many volunteer hours for our various projects, Your President and Board Members are glad that Lauren accepted this challenging task.

New Gift Shop Item



Now available USS AKRON LITHO Now through November 15th, 2019 for \$19.95 + \$5 for S&H. Make payment to NLHS Via check, money order or PayPal (sorry no Credit cards) Mail payment to NLHS - PO Box 328, Lakehurst, NJ 08733

Calendar of Events

- 9-18-19 General Membership Meeting, 7PM,
Cathedral of the Air
- 9-21-19 Officer & Trustee Meeting, 9:30AM
Bldg. 150
- 9-30-19 Rosh Hashanah
- 10-4-19 NAVY BALL, Caesars, AC - 6PM
- 10-9-19 Yom Kippur
- 10-14-19 Columbus Day
- 10-31-19 Halloween
- 11-5-19 Election Day
- 11-11-19 Veterans Day
- 11-11-19 Happy Birthday
Carol Montgomery & Edna Weigand
- 11-16-19 Officer & Trustee Meeting, 9:30AM
Bldg. 150
- 11-27-19 Gift Shop Closed * No Tours
(Thanksgiving Eve)
- 11-28-19 Happy Thanksgiving
- 12-4-19 Tours & Gift Shop Resume

Happy Birthday

Sincere & Happy Birthday Wishes to my dearest Edna, you are my inspiration, Love Carl.

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Email Update

Please excuse the delay with regard to the E-Mailing of the Airship Newsletter. NLHS desperately needs a volunteer to assume this task. We apologize for the inconvenience. Meanwhile rest assured your NLHS Airship will be mailed to your listed mailing address.

We Need to Know!

Please, please let us know if your address has changed. We are not mind readers. Too many newsletters are being returned by the post office for improper address. This is causing NLHS an unnecessary expense.

N.J.'s military installations are vital in many ways

New Jersey is home to five military bases, from Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst to Picatinny Arsenal, from Naval Weapons Station Earle to the Coast Guard Training Center in Cape May and the 177th Fighter Wing in Atlantic City. These installations are essential to our national security – and our location has made them critical pieces of our nation's military preparedness.

But, even beyond their importance to national security, our bases are also critical to our state's economy. Together, our bases employ 70,000 residents both directly and indirectly. Our communities are made stronger by our military families, and local economies are made stronger by them, too.

It is impossible to overlook the importance of these installations to our preparedness, but we cannot overlook the role our military bases and servicemembers play in contributing to our economy. Our servicemembers are our family and neighbors. They contribute as much to our state as they contribute to our nation. The military is New Jersey's second largest employer and brings more than \$6 billion in economic benefit to our state – \$3.8 billion in direct economic impacts and an additional \$2.7 billion in indirect economic impacts.

We recently led a day-long series of visits to New Jersey's military bases for New Jersey's congressional delegation and state officials. We started

the day at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst – a sprawling installation that spans two counties and eight municipalities – where we met with New Jersey Army National Guard leadership under the command of the Adjutant General, Brigadier General Jemal Beale, as well as the base commander, Air Force Colonel Neil R. Richardson. The tour continued with visits to the 177th Fighter Wing in Atlantic City, Picatinny Arsenal in Morris County, and Monmouth County's Naval Weapons Station Earle.

This was more than just an opportunity to thank our troops for their selfless service and sacrifice. It was also an opportunity to learn from military and civilian officials about the varied needs of our servicemembers, their families, and our military installations. And, it gave us a greater understanding of the need to work together to secure the futures of these installations.

New Jersey has long played a vital role in our national security. Our five military bases – more than Connecticut or Pennsylvania – speak to our strategic location. Tens of thousands of servicemembers and civilians currently call the Joint Base home and the KC-46 fleet that is coming to the base will bring new jobs and growth to our state. Plus, the KC-46 refueling tankers will strengthen the Joint Base's role as an indispensable starting point for national security missions on the East Coast. Additionally, countless Coast Guardsmen have received their training off the coast of Cape May and the Airmen at the Air National Guard's 117th Fighter Wing conduct critical homeland defense missions with their F-16 fleet. And, many of the technological innovations and strategic weaponry that have changed the very nature of military action have been made at Picatinny Arsenal and Naval Weapons Station Earle.

We must continue to invest in our military installations to prevent reductions in size and closures by actively pursuing growth strategies that will retain and enhance missions already in the state while creating an environment that acknowledges the importance of our bases as economic drivers.

Like so many fields in the innovation economy – from direct technological research and develop-

ment to advanced logistics, among others – our military installations are primed for growth. Additionally, many of our New Jersey academic institutions – including the New Jersey Institute of Technology, Princeton University, Rowan University and Rutgers University – are receiving federal defense grants for cutting-edge research projects to enhance our national security. We have a lot to lose if we don't recognize and promote both the strategic and economic value of military projects in our state.

And we simply can't afford to allow New Jersey's installations to weaken or become decommissioned. We already saw the upheaval to the local economy caused by the 2011 closure of Fort Monmouth. Avoiding a repeat means identifying opportunities to increase the investment in our military installations. At the same time, we'll be looking out for our servicemembers and their families by improving base family housing, working to prevent exposure to potentially cancer-related contaminants in the water, providing opportunities for military spouse employment and advancing critical infrastructure projects.

In Congress today, New Jersey's delegation is well-positioned to vocally fight for this. We have two new members on the House Armed Services Committee – Representatives Andy Kim and Mikie Sherrill – and our colleagues have secured key roles advocating for economic and national security, including seats on the Appropriations, Energy and Commerce, Foreign Affairs, Homeland Security, and Transportation Committees.

We always thank our women and men in uniform and the civilians that work alongside them for their service in defending our freedom and security. But, we also must thank them for keeping our communities strong and vibrant. And, working together with our military partners, we intend to keep them as a vital part of our communities, too.

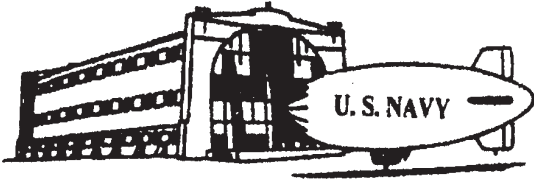
Phil Murphy is the governor of New Jersey. Congressman Donald Norcross is a senior member of the House Armed Services Committee and Chairman of the Tactical Air and Land Forces Subcommittee.

Items Available for purchase in our Gift Shop

ITEM.....	NAME	PRICE
DVD	Black & White.....	\$15.00
	Color.....	\$25.00
	Silver Wings.....	\$15.00
LITHO	Daughter of the Stars	\$25.00
	Daughter of the Stars - signed by artist & No. ...	\$28.00
	Daughter of the Stars - signed by John	\$30.00
	Final Moments	\$30.00
B & W	Hindenburg	\$5.00
PEN	All	\$1.00
POSTER	Military Poster.....	\$12.00
SHIRTS S/M/L/XL	Golf.....	\$24.00
	Sweatshirt Crew Neck Navy Blue	\$18.00
	Sweatshirt Hooded Navy Blue.....	\$26.00
	Sweatshirt Hooded Zip.....	\$28.00
	T-Shirt.....	\$12.00
SHIRT 2X/3X.....	Golf.....	\$26.00
	Sweatshirt Crew Neck Navy Blue	\$20.00
	Sweatshirt Hooded Navy Blue.....	\$28.00
	Sweatshirt Hooded Zip.....	\$30.00
	T-Shirt.....	\$14.00
MAGNETS	All	\$2.00
MISC.	Flashlights	\$3.00 & \$5.00
	Lanyard.....	\$5.00
	Mouse Pad	\$4.00
MODEL	E-Z Build (all)	\$12.00
	Helo Limited Edition.....	\$18.00
	Humvee.....	\$18.00
	Tanks (all)	\$18.00
	In Air Raptor.....	\$10.00
	Legend of Flight (all).....	\$10.00
	Willys Jeep	\$10.00
MUGS	All	\$6.00
POST CARDS	All	\$1.00
SCULPTURE.....	All	\$18.00

E-Mail your orders to navlake@prodigy.net or use PayPal.

ITEM.....	NAME	PRICE
PATCHES.....	Patches	\$7.00
	AIRSHIPRON #1 Shoulder Patch	\$5.00
	Navy Lakehurst mini patch	\$2.00
	Navy Lakehurst Historical Society	\$4.00
PIN	Shenandoah Lakehurst.....	\$6.00
SHOT GLASS.....	All	\$4.00
TOYS	Bucket Large.....	\$12.00
	Bucket Mini	\$7.00
	In Air Die Cast Flyers.....	\$6.00
	In Air Die Micro Fighters WWII.....	\$8.00
	Military Vehicles - Misc.	\$5.00
	Pull Back Aircraft (all)	\$10.00
	Pull Back Stealth.....	\$5.00
	Pull Back Tank.....	\$7.00
	Air Glow	\$4.00
	Classic Armor - Jeep/Humvee	\$7.00
BOOK	Aircraft Museum Guide.....	\$10.00
	Airship Experience.....	\$20.00
	Airships vs Submarines.....	\$24.00
	Arctic Mission.....	\$35.00
	Engineering History of Fin Design	\$20.00
	Fleet Angels of Lakehurst	\$15.00
	Goodyear	\$20.00
	Hindenburg - The Wrong Paint.....	\$15.00
	Lakehurst.....	\$20.00
	Lighter Than Air.....	\$27.00
	Personal Memories - Aweigh & Up	\$20.00
	SNAFU	\$15.00
	The Van Dyke Collection.....	\$25.00
	Toms River Was In Flames.....	\$15.00
	They Sailed The Skies	\$20.00
	US Army Airships.....	\$20.00
	USN Airships - Schock.....	\$20.00
	USN Airships - Rosendahl	\$20.00
	USS Los Angeles - soft cover.....	\$25.00
BLIMP	Inflatable	\$5.00
CAPS	All	\$15.00
DECAL	Lakehurst Airship.....	\$1.00



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A small illustration of a blimp with "U.S. NAVY" written on it, positioned between the words "THE" and "AIRSHIP" in the main title.

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