

THE AIRSHIP

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

Aug./Sept./Oct. 2021

NLHS Heritage Center & Museum Now Open For Tours

Dear Members,

1. Great news! The NLHS Heritage Center and Museum located in hangar one Joint Base Lakehurst has officially re-opened for tours on Wednesday, July 7, 2021. Tours begin at 10 AM preceded by Participant Assembly and check in at 9:30 AM at the Cathedral of the Air Chapel, Route 547 site. From August through October 2021 Tours will be on every Wednesday and the second and fourth Saturday of the month. *Participants must Pre-register and provide the following info for a security check: First, Middle and Last name, date of birth, your drivers license number and state of issuance. EMAIL this info to TOURNLHS@gmail.com. No phone calls accepted. All tours are free and current CDC guidelines will be in effect on tour dates.*
2. Meeting Notice: An Officer & Trustee meeting will be held on Saturday, September 18th, 2021, at 10:00 AM at the Cathedral of the Air, Route 547, Lakehurst. All Officers and Trustees are expected to attend.
3. NLHS Welcomes Col. Wes Adams, USAF 87th ABW, JBMDL Installation Commander, and USN Captain Frank Ingargiola, Deputy Commander, JBMDL, and CO Naval Support Activity to JBMDL.

COLONEL BERT W. ADAMS

Col Wes Adams is the Commander, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst (JB MDL) and 87th Air Base Wing, JB MDL, New Jersey. Col Adams provides installation support to more than 80 mission partners at the Defense Department's only tri-service joint base. He is also responsible for providing mission-ready expeditionary Airmen, Guardians, and Sailors to combatant commanders in support of joint and coalition operations.

Col Adams was commissioned in 1999 as a Distinguished Graduate of the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program at The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina.

Col Adams has previously commanded a group and two squadrons. He has also held a variety of positions at the field, depot, and headquarters levels; including flight line production operations officer, executive officer, commander's action group, and speechwriter. He was also a Service Chiefs Fellow at the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA).



EDUCATION

1999 Bachelor of Science, Business Administration, The Citadel, Charleston, S.C.

2000 Aerospace Basic Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2004 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2008 Master of Aerospace Science, Aviation Management, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, McGuire AFB, N.J.

2009 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence

2013 Master of Science, National Security and Strategic Studies, US Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

2014 Master of Philosophy, Military Strategy, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2019 National Defense Fellowship, The Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 1999 - Feb. 2001, Assistant Flight Commander, 60th Aircraft Generation Squadron, Travis AFB, Calif.
2. Feb. 2001-April 2002, Assistant Maintenance Supervisor, 60th Aircraft Generation, Squadron, Travis AFB, Calif.
3. April 2001 - June 2001, Production Flight Commander, 60th Aircraft Generation Squadron, Travis AFB, Calif.
4. June 2001 – June 2002, Maintenance Control Officer, 60th Logistics Group, Travis AFB, Calif.
5. July 2002 – June 2003, Deputy Chief, Logistics, Engine Production Division, Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center, Tinker AFB, Okla.
6. June 2003 – May 2004, Executive Officer, Directorate of Maintenance, Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center, Tinker AFB, Okla.
7. May 2004 – June 2005, Deputy Chief, Commander's Action Group, Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center, Tinker AFB, Okla.
8. June 2005 – September 2005, Assistant Maintenance Operations Officer, 605th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, McGuire AFB, N.J.
9. September 2005 – June 2006, Officer in Charge, Raven Aircraft Maintenance Unit, 605th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, McGuire AFB, N.J.
10. June 2006 – September 2006, Officer in Charge, Eagle Aircraft Maintenance Unit, 605th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, McGuire AFB, N.J.
11. September 2006 – December 2006, Student, Advanced Aircraft Maintenance and Munitions Officer School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
12. January 2007 – February 2008, Maintenance Operations Officer, 305th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, McGuire AFB, N.J.
13. February 2008 – May 2008, Maintenance Operations Officer, 605th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, McGuire AFB, N.J.
14. May 2008 – June 2009, Executive Officer to the Commander, United States Air Force Expeditionary Center, Fort Dix, N.J.
15. June 2009 – April 2010, Director, Aircraft Maintenance and Munitions Officer Courses, Sheppard AFB, Texas
16. April 2010 – June 2012, Commander 982d Maintenance Squadron, Sheppard AFB, Texas
17. July 2012 – June 2013, Student, College of Naval Command and Staff, US Naval War College, Newport, R.I.
18. July 2013 – June 2014, Student, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
19. July 2014 – June 2016, Commander, 730th Air Mobility Squadron, Yokota Air Base, Japan
20. July 2016 – June 2018, Lead Speechwriter to the CSAF, SecAF/SCAF Executive Action Group, Pentagon, Washington D.C.
21. July 2018 – June 2019, National Defense Fellowship, Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Cambridge, Mass.
22. June 2019 – June 2021, Commander, 6th Maintenance Group, MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.
23. June 2021 – Present, Commander, 87th Air Base Wing, Joint-Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant June 6, 1999
First Lieutenant June 6, 2001
Captain June 6, 2003
Major March 1, 2009
Lieutenant Colonel September 1, 2014
Colonel March 1, 2019
(Current as of June 2021)

CAPTAIN FRANK T. INGARGIOLA

Captain Frank T. Ingargiola is a 1993 graduate from SUNY Plattsburgh, earning a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Science. He joined the United States Marine Corps in 1996 and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in 1997. In 2003, Captain Ingargiola transitioned to the Navy to attend advanced flight training and reported to HT-28 in Milton, Florida.



LT Ingargiola received his wings and was designated a Naval aviator on 16 July 2004. Following initial training in the SH-60F & HH-60H Seahawk, he reported to Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Three (HS-3) based in Jacksonville, Florida where he soon deployed on the USS Theodore Roosevelt supporting OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM from 2005-2006. After his tour with the Tridents, CAPT Ingargiola was hand picked to serve as the HSCWSL JAX OIC focused on spearheading the transition from legacy HS to the new HSC community. In 2010, he joined HS-7 on deployment for his department head tour. Upon return, he was made the Assistant OIC and Operations officer for the newly established HSC-7. Ashore, CAPT Ingargiola served as a staff officer from 2013 to 2015 at NATO Allied Command Transformation as a Strategic Communications expert publishing multiple NATO articles and the NATO Strategic Communication's Handbook.

In 2015, CDR Ingargiola reported aboard Helicopter Sea Combat Weapons School Pacific (HSCWSP) as Executive Officer and assumed command in August 2016. During his tour, he designed, planned and executed two iterations of exercise PHOENIX FIRE - the only Navy (HSC) led Close Air Support (CAS)/SOF exercise. Additionally, he led the HSC Community in developing Unmanned/Manned systems tactics for the MQ-8B/C.

Capt. Ingargiola served as the Air Officer (AIRBOSS) onboard the USS KEARSARGE (LHD 3) from January 2018 to February 2020, conducting a seven-month deployment including direct support to Operations Inherent Resolve and Freedom Sentinel.

Capt. Ingargiola is currently serving at the Combined Joint Operations from the SEA Centre of Excellence (CJOS COE) and leads NATO interoperability efforts for Commander SECOND FLEET/ Joint Force Command Norfolk.

Capt. Ingargiola's personal awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medals, Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medals, and Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medals.

4. Welcome Aboard

NLHS welcomes our new members
 Daniel Auerbach, Collingswood, NJ
 Robert Sawyer, Williamsburg, VA
 Gerald C. Weber, Riverton, NJ
 Carlo Parducci, Toms River, NJ

You are welcome to join in all of our activities, and events. Please enjoy your members!

5. On Thursday, July 8th, 2021, Capt. William Sherrod was relieved by Capt. Frank Ingargolia at a change of Command Ceremony, held in Hangar One. Please read Capt. Frank Ingargiola's biography printed in this newsletter.

6. On June 25th, 2021, the 100th Anniversary of JB Lakehurst & Hangar One was celebrated.

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LAKEHURST – Sailor Govea Celestine, a logistics specialist seaman recruit, began her Navy career eight months ago, moving from Fort Worth, Texas to the Joint Base in the borough. She quickly realized she was working in a very historic place.

This year marks the centennial year for Lakehurst and the Lakehurst Naval Base. This milestone was recently celebrated near the famous Hangar 1.

The facility's place in aviation history is well known as the 'airship capitol of the world.' Lakehurst's town symbol is the airship and it is synonymous with the Hindenburg disaster that occurred more than eight decades ago.

That tragedy, however, does not define a century's worth of work and technological advancement. The recent celebration featured speakers and concluding with a special cake cutting ceremony. There were helicopters and jets on display and attendees were invited to explore Hanger 1 and the various attractions present inside.

Also present were USO, Red Cross, food tents, and military support groups. Representatives for Senator Bob Menendez (DNJ), Senator Donald Norcross (D-1st), and Congressman Chris Smith (R-4th) made presentations and Ocean County Commissioner Joseph Vicari, Toms River Mayor and Navy veteran Maurice "Mo" Hill spoke during the event along with Navy Lakehurst Historical Society President Carl "Mr. Lakehurst" Jablonski and Vice President Rick Zitarosa.

Command Senior Chief Jeffery Jones Jr. who served as master of ceremonies for the event introduced Captain William Sherrod. The captain, who will be concluding his time as the base's commander, said, "thank you for being here - for coming to celebrate a centennial of service here at Lakehurst. It is a beautiful day for a birthday. We are here to reflect on 100 years of our nation's most unique military installation."

He said the event honors "not only of what we've done here over the last century but of the evolution of a community. In the hangar behind us and the fields over here bore the spirit of innovation. Fearless aviators, engineers, craftsman and those who support, came, learned, lived, served and turned their eye to the heavens, had aspirations to fly and touched the clouds. As we stand in the shadow of Hangar 1 we are joined by heroes."

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—Photos by Bob Vosseller
Attendees examine one of the helicopters that was present just for the event.



Joint Base-Lakehurst Naval Engineering Base Commander William Sherrod addressed attendees at the recently held 100th celebration anniversary ceremony.

Captain Sherrod described Jablonski and Zitarosa as “true lamplighters of Lakehurst who keep the torch of knowledge and history alive for our community. They remind us of where we came from, not to relish in our past and the greatness that once was, but to find comfort and to help us understand the determination that is intrinsic in all of us as service members to serve our nation and our communities.”

“They built things to last back then. Today, this hangar still serves the needs of the military. They train people on flight deck operations. It is a storage facility for airplane parts. We have several display areas here,” Jablonski said regarding the Society’s Museum.

“I am honored to be here having served as president for the last 25 years and as a member for roughly 35 years but I did not fly on the Hindenburg. A lot of people ask me that question,” Jablonski added.

“Lakehurst was the Cape Canaveral of its day. The best and the brightest were sent here to learn and hone the technology of lighter than air, aircraft which was pretty much a European invention. The United States was going to use it to protect and project our interests. Airplanes couldn’t do the job at the time but giant airships could,” Zitarosa said.

He said Hangar 1 was, “a great physical example of the size and scale of the program. Unfortunately, there was a lot of losses but a great deal of heroism and a great deal of improvisation. Everyone remembers the Hindenburg disaster which to me is over-hyped. It is the most famous but hardly the most important thing that happened here.”

“A great deal went on here before and after the Hindenburg. We like to say the Hindenburg disaster was the closing of the early chapters of what became Naval Air Station Lakehurst then Naval Engineer Station and now the Lakehurst portion of the Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst,” Zitarosa said.

Commissioner Vicari presented the Centennial proclamation He noted that the American flag, which was flying beside flags representing each military branch of the nation, including the newest, the U.S. Space Force, “represents the greatest nation in the history of the world.”

“We are one nation. We believe in something that is very, very important, human rights. No one can take that away. Your freedom is safe, you can do what you want. We have the most veterans living in Ocean County than anywhere in the state of New Jersey. We respect what you do, every day. We thank you for what you have done.”

Vicari noted Commissioner Virginia “Ginny” Haines who was present in the audience, “her mom was a nurse during the time of the Hindenburg serving those who were injured. We have to make sure that 100 years from today that the spirit of America will still be alive and we will still believe in freedom and the spirit of the American dream.”

At the close of the ceremony per Navy tradition, the oldest person who served in the Navy joined the youngest which was Celestine, to cut the cake.

“When I was in school my teacher would share with us stories about this base. I had no idea though what it would be like when I arrived. I am honored to be here,” she said.



–Photo by Bob Vosseller

The famous Hangar 1 holds within it a variety of historic displays of jets and aircraft.

- 7. NLHS FILM CREW** NLHS now has a state of the art professional film crew headed by our own Jennifer Suwak. Jennifer is a Professional Film Producer, Director, and Editor specializing in documentary's and veterans stories. Several of her productions have won Best Film Awards. Jennifer is a tenured College Professor teaching Film and Media classes at Kutztown University in Pennsylvania. A special thank you to Jennifer for her filming of the 100th Centennial, and recent Change of Command, which can be viewed on our Facebook page. Our film crew is presently filming our docents, ready room, and air craft volunteers. Our displays, when completed, will be posted on our upgraded website. Jennifer also serves as our Secretary and XO to your President.
- 8.** Dues notices were recently mailed, a sincere thank you to the many members who have renewed their memberships. If you have not renewed, your prompt response and renewal will be appreciated. Many thanks to all who have recently renewed!
- 9.** Remember a loved one with a memorial plaque Wall of Honor gift. See the next page for details.
- 10.** Please, Please, Please, if you have recently moved, please send us your new address.
- 11.** Due to COVID-19, unfortunately once again, there will not be a NLHS Member Day Picnic.
- 12.** If you have a special event, story, or special suggestion for our Airship Newsletter, please send it to NLHS, PO Box 328, Lakehurst, NJ 08733.
- 13.** Thank you Connie Fahim our Volunteer Grant Writer for your hard work in attending seminars and in obtaining additional grants for NLHS.
- 14.** NLHS is in the planning stages for a very special Veteran's Day program. More to come...
- 15.** The 20th Anniversary of 9-11 is upon us. Please remember those who lost their lives with a prayerful thought.
- 16.** Veteran's Day, November 11 is coming up, please keep in your thoughts, those who made the Supreme Sacrifice. Please also remember our surviving veterans.
- 17.** Late Breaking News... NLHS just received news that Anne Close Springs passed at the age of 95, in Fort Mill, S.C. Mrs. Springs was the last known Hindenburg Passenger on a Sept. 1936 flight. She was 10 or 12 years old and received recognition as the 1000th passenger. Mrs. Springs was a guest of honor at our 80th Anniversary Dinner. Dr. Horst Schirmer remains as the last living person to have flown on the Hindenburg.

Keep Well and Safe.
Your President,
Carl Jablonski

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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

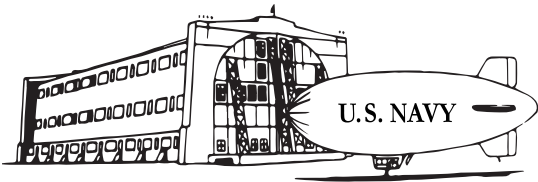
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Time or area of service

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