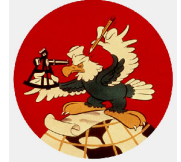




THE BUZZARD



U.S. Coast & Geodetic Survey Heritage Society Newsletter

October 2012

Annual Meeting and Luncheon – December 6, 2012

The Annual Meeting and Luncheon will be held on **Thursday, December 6, 2012**, at the Rosensteel Knights of Columbus in Silver Spring.

Members, guests, friends and prospective members are all welcome. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served starting at 11:30 a.m. There is an open bar for beer and wine, and cash bar for mixed drinks. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$20.00 per person.

We will have a special presentation:

“Bear Hunt: Search for the Revenue Cutter BEAR”
CDR Jeremy Adams, Skip Theberge, and James Delgado will discuss the history of the Revenue Cutter BEAR, and current Coast Guard/NOAA efforts underway to locate and explore the BEAR.

Following the luncheon, the Society's Annual Meeting will convene for a short business session. The Board of Directors includes nine elected Directors, an appointed Treasurer of the Society, and the President of the Northwest Chapter. Each elected Director serves a 3-year term, and terms are arranged so that normally one-third of the Directors are elected, or re-elected annually. This year we have three 3-year slots to fill plus a 1-year slot.

Our Nominating Committee has put forward the following nominees for the 3-year terms: Phil Kenul, Cheryl Oliver, and Sam DeBow. The nominee for the 1-year term is Lynne Mersefelder-Lewis. Write-in nominations for other candidates are also acceptable. These positions are open to all members of the Society in good standing. Elected Board Members must be in a position to attend regularly scheduled meetings in the Washington Metro Area at their own expense.

An Absentee Ballot and a return envelope are enclosed. Please return by November 22, 2012.

The Rosensteel Knights of Columbus facility is located in Silver Spring, Maryland just off the Beltway at Georgia Avenue, easy to reach by auto or Metro. If you are driving, take the Georgia Avenue Exit off the Beltway and proceed North on Georgia Avenue. At the first intersection, turn left on Forest Glen Road. Proceed west on Forest Glen Road approximately 3 blocks to Rosensteel Avenue. The Knights of Columbus building will

be on your right. The building is handicapped accessible. There is plenty of free parking. If you elect to use the Metro, it is a short walk from the Forest Glen Metro Station on the Red Line.

Please sign up by completing the reservation slip on the back page of this newsletter, and then mail the slip in the envelope with your Ballot.

President's Message

Dear Members... Hard to believe we are nearing the end of another year and my first year as



President of the Heritage Society! With that said let me first thank the Board of Directors and Officers. When I was asked to serve as President, I agreed as long as the Board and the Officers were willing to 'prop me up' ... and they have ...

especially VP Charlie Challstrom ... thank you!

As we end this year, we welcomed back Sam DeBow to the Board. We also are saying Goodbye to long time friends and supporters of the Society, Harley Nygren and Donnie Marth. We will miss you but will definitely stay in touch by telephone, email and snail mail!

What does the new year bring for the Society? Well, we are looking to create some opportunities to sponsor and co-sponsor activities that will showcase the Society and increase membership. This year we sponsored the refreshments for the commissioning of the 'Hassler' in Norfolk. The future of the Society depends on current and new members and we want to hear from you! A small planning group is looking at social events including a speaker series, happy hours and perhaps some behind the scenes visits to museums. Drop me a line (11012 Hemingway Court, Silver Spring, Maryland 20902) or an email at Cheryl.Oliver@noaa.gov. Love to hear from you and hope to see you at the annual meeting and luncheon! Cheryl Oliver

2012 Officers & Board of Directors

President	Cheryl Oliver
Vice President	Charlie Challstrom
Secretary	Diana Lewis/Donnie Marth
Treasurer	Don Spillman
Director	Sam DeBow
Director	Phil Kenul
Director	George Leigh
Director	Diana Lewis
Director	Donnie Marth
Director	Craig McLean
Director (NW Chapter)	Larry Mordock
Director	Dave Peterson

2012 Committee Chairs

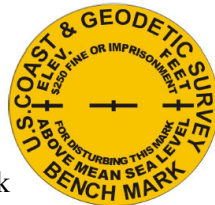
ACO Liaison	Don Spillman
Awards	Donnie Marth
By-Laws	Charlie Challstrom
Financial Review	Dave Peterson
History	George Leigh
Membership	Diana Lewis
Merchandise Sales	George Leigh
Scholarships	Charlie Challstrom
Special Events	Donnie Marth
Sunshine	Diana Lewis

Society Items



Caps w/Bench
Mark Patch
\$ 14.00

\$ 4.00
Bench Mark
Patches (3 5/8")



Lapel Pins \$ 3.00 (all plus shipping) To order, please contact George Leigh at: gleigh9@gmail.com

Society Scholarships

Applications for the Clem Arens and Gerald Short Scholarship Awards are due November 15, 2012. Scholarships are open to all members and their families, and two \$1,000.00 awards are made each year. Application forms and instructions for the Scholarships are on the Society's webpage: <http://home.comcast.net/~CGS.Heritage.Society/>

Completed scholarship applications must be mailed to: Charlie Challstrom, P.O. Box 271, Washington Grove, MD 20880. Scholarship recipients will be announced during the Annual Meeting.

Basic Officer Training Class



Rear Admiral Mike Devany speaks to the officer candidates of Basic Officer Training Class 120 (BOTC 120) near the end of their 2-week training cruise on the USCG Barque Eagle. This group of new NOAA Corps officers is the first to be integrated with the USCG Officer Candidate School at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut. This marks the completion of the NOAA Corps shift to re-locate our Training Center to the Coast Guard Academy after the closure of Global Maritime and Training School at the Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, New York.

Treasures Exhibit in Galveston



Beginning October 8, 2012, the Texas Seaport Museum in Galveston, Texas will exhibit Treasures of NOAA's Ark. The exhibit will showcase artifacts representing science, service and stewardship by NOAA and its ancestor agencies -- from 19th century maps and charts to early scientific instruments that recall the agency's proud heritage and legacy of service to the nation.

The exhibit, last shown at the Hatfield Marine Science Center in Newport, Oregon, will run at the Texas Seaport Museum through the mid summer 2013. The Museum is located at Pier 21, Number 8, Galveston, Texas.

In Memoriam

Captain Philip A. Smith passed away on January 18, 2010, at the age of 62 while working off the coast of Chile aboard the University of Washington's R/V THOMPSON. Phil attended the University from 1965 to 1967, and played football for the Huskies for a season. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1967 and served with them until 1969, including a tour of duty in Vietnam, where he was wounded. After many years working in the maritime industry, Phil returned to the University in 1999 as one of the captains on the R/V THOMPSON. Phil is survived by his daughter, Rachael, and his brother, Paul.

Dorothy Elizabeth Reh of Owings, Maryland, passed away on August 19, 2011 at the age of 83. Dorothy was the devoted wife of 61 years of Fred Reh, Sr.; mother of Cynthia Barnett of Owings; grandmother of three; and great-grandmother of three. Her son, Buddy Rey, predeceased her. Dorothy worked for C&GS for 30 years and retired in 1983.

Rear Admiral Raymond Lewis Speer passed away on July 24, 2012 in Lacey, Washington. Ray started with C&GS in 1959 as a commissioned officer to pursue his love of flying. He went on to become a seaman and retired as a Rear Admiral in 1992. He and his wife Dottie made their home in Virginia, Florida and Washington. After retirement, Ray and Dottie and their fur child, Minnie Mite, traveled the states enjoying a life of leisure and spending time with family. In addition to Dottie, Ray is survived by his brother and sister-in-law, Walter and Mary Speer, his step-son and daughter-in-law, Frederic and Trenna Rothenbuhler, five grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

James H. Taylor passed away July 20, 2012 at the age of 70 in Bedford, Pennsylvania. Jim was a Cartographer at NOAA and retired in 1998 after 38 years of employment. He served in the U.S. Army and was honorably discharged in 1962. Jim is survived by his wife Doris, three children, Scott, Susan and Tracy, three step-children, Mark, David and Brian, four grandchildren and four step-grandchildren. He was admired by many for his expertise in many things and was becoming known as a "Walking Consumer Reports."

Helen Ann Ginn Jeffries passed away August 20, 2012 in Schertz, Texas. Helen was born and raised in Chester, Pennsylvania, and received a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Oklahoma. Helen embraced her career as a teacher believing that children could reach their fullest potential with caring guidance. Helen leaves her husband, Rear Admiral Freddie Jeffries; her children, Ivy Jeffries, Elizabeth Jeffries, Terri Jeffries, Joyce Jeffries (David Cichy), and Lee Jeffries. Her father-in-law, grandchildren, brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, and cousins are also mourning her passing.

William John Luedtke of Fairfax, Virginia, passed away on September 1, 2012. William was the husband of the late Juanita Luedtke; father of William John Luedtke, Jr. and Ronald Luedtke; grandfather of David, Luke, and Christopher Luedtke; brother of Mabel Sullivan; and brother-in-law of Carolyn Luedtke. He is also survived by several nieces and great nieces and a nephew, as well as many friends. William was a long term and active member of the Fairfax Presbyterian Church, a member of the Columbia Masonic Lodge # 1 and a member of NARFE. He worked for the federal government as a Cartographer for 30 years.

Captain Eugene W. Richards passed away peacefully on September 26, 2012 at his home in Mount Vernon, Washington, with family at his side. Gene was an Eagle Scout, graduated from the University of Washington in Engineering, and served during WW II as a Naval Officer in the Pacific. Gene had a 27-year career as an officer with the Coast and Geodetic Survey. Gene was married to his devoted wife, Leona for 68 years until her death in 2010. He is survived by his children, David (Judy), Sharon Kran, Stephen (Gloria), and Tom (Elizabeth). Gene had eleven grandchildren, many great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Angelo Arthur Ferrara passed away on October 9, 2012, in Silver Spring at the age of 94. Angie was the loving husband of 68 years of Natalie; father of son David and daughters Deborah (Randolph) Sese, Donna (Randall) Householder, and Diane (Robert) Elam; also survived by two granddaughters, five grandsons and a brother George. Angie is remembered for his many years of service to the Coast & Geodetic Survey beginning in 1939, for his enthusiastic participation in Society events, and for his dedication to his family.

Please contact the Society's Bereavement Chairperson Diana Lewis
by email dddinah55@yahoo.com or by telephone 301-528-7383
to notify us regarding members who have passed.

You Are Invited!

**COAST & GEODETIC SURVEY HERITAGE
SOCIETY'S**

ANNUAL MEETING & LUNCHEON

Thursday – December 6, 2012
Rosensteel Knights of Columbus
9707 Rosensteel Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland



Social Starts at 11:30 a.m.
Hors D'oeuvres, Beer, Wine & Soda
Cash Bar for Cocktails



Luncheon Buffet Served at 12:30 p.m.
Salad, Steamship Round of Beef, Stuffed Chicken Breast,
Green Beans, Rotisserie Potatoes, Rolls and Butter,
Dessert, Coffee and Tea

Cost -- \$20.00

RSVP by November 22, 2012

Complete the slip below making checks payable to the
C&GS Heritage Society and mail (with your ballot) to:

Donnie Marth
15744 Buena Vista Dr
Derwood, MD 20855-2656
Telephone 301-948-3903 -- e-mail: Dmarth47@yahoo.com



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Luncheon Reservation Slip (cut and return in envelope)

Name(s) _____
Phone # _____
of Reservations _____ x \$20.00 = Total Amount _____



**U.S. Coast & Geodetic Survey Heritage Society
Annual Meeting – December 6, 2012
Member Absentee Ballot**



Each member, in good standing, is requested to cast his or her vote on one item of business that will be brought before the membership for a vote at the 2012 Annual Meeting. This item is the election of Board Members.

In keeping with Article III, Section 3 of the By-Laws, a quorum at the Annual Meeting is defined as 10 percent of all members. A quorum requirement can be met by a combination of members present and those casting absentee ballots. Issues brought before the membership will be approved by a simple majority of those voting.

Please return your ballot in the enclosed envelope by no later than November 22, 2012.

Board Member Election

Members are requested to vote for the nominees listed below to serve on the Board of Directors for the terms so indicated commencing January 1, 2013. The nominees have agreed to accept and serve in these positions if elected.

Any member in good standing is eligible to serve as a Board Director. Write-in nominations are acceptable; please specify term for each write-in nomination.

All elected Board Members must be in a position to attend regularly scheduled meetings in the Washington Metro Area at their own expense.

<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>
Cheryl Oliver	3-year	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Philip Kenul	3-year	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sam DeBow	3-year	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lynne Mersefelder-Lewis	1-year	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Write in Nomination(s)

(please print and specify term)

Member Name (please print)

Member Email

Member Signature

Date

Please return using the pre-addressed envelope to: Donnie Marth, 15744 Buena Vista Dr., Derwood, MD 20855-2656. Thank you.