

Atlantic Ocean (Nov. 4, 2005) The Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) is reflected in a set of "Big Eyes" binoculars on the signal bridge of the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75). U.S. Navy photo by **Photographer's Mate Airman Ricardo J. Reyes** (RELEASED)

From the Bridge...

Dear USNPAA Members:

Thanks to all of you who were able to attend our reunion in September. I was very pleased with the

attendance. We had close to 130 folks at our dinner Friday evening, including 16 CHINFO staff members and their guests. The white military uniforms added immensely to the evening at the Army Navy Country Club in Arlington, Virginia.

David Martin was our banquet speaker and provided some excellent 'then and now' insight. David, as many of you know, has been CBS's national security correspondent since 1983.

In addition to hearing from David, we were proud to honor our award winners: Judy Van Benthuysen for her four decades (repeat four decades) of service in CHINFO; CDR John Alexander for his work with the Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society; *Stars and Stripes*; and MC2 Anita Newman of the Defense Media Activity. Summaries of their accomplishments are included in this issue.



Rear Admiral Tom Jurkowsky

Our Saturday morning speakers also provided some tremendous insight. We were all anxious to hear from Rear Admiral Charlie Brown as he laid out both his vision and challenges as the Chief of Information. (See the letter he sent to Team PA on page 3.) We previously distributed notes from the Saturday morning session. The notes do a great job of capturing the speakers and also the open session that followed.

During his remarks, Rear Admiral Brown pledged his support of the Association. He has quickly followed through on that commitment by assigning a CHINFO liaison to the Association, LCDR Beth Teach. I recently met with Beth and found her to be an energetic and enthusiastic young officer. She has some excellent ideas on how we—USNPAA and CHINFO—can work together. As a matter of note, LCDR Teach will be submitting periodic columns in *Sightings*. Her first column appears in this issue, and I think you will clearly sense her energy and enthusiasm. At the USNPAA board meeting that followed the Saturday morning open session; the board agreed that we should develop ways to support CHINFO.

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CHINFO Liaison LCDR Beth Teach APR+M During the general meeting, Rear Admiral Brown stated that one of his top priorities was professional development to increase the professional excellence of U.S. Navy active duty and civilian public affairs professionals. He welcomed any assistance from USNPAA. That led to Rear Admiral Brent Baker offering to draft an action plan aimed at supporting those priorities, an offer I readily accepted. Brent and I are working on a draft and will meet with Rear Admiral Brown to discus the plan to ensure it complements his goals.

Congratulations are in order to Rear Admiral Paula Dunn, the new Vice Chief of Information. I recently had a chance to see Paula wearing her new star during my visit to CHINFO. Paula succeeds Rear Admiral Roberto Durand. Roberto was in attendance at the reunion dinner and assisted with the presentation of awards.

Congratulations are also in order to Captain Brook DeWalt who was named PR Professional of the Year by the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) in October. The award is given to "an individual who, in the previous year, represented the best in public relations as an outstanding example of the management function that established a mutually beneficial relationship between an organization [the Navy] and the public upon who its success or failure depends." What an incredible honor!!! Brook is currently the Director of Public Affairs Operations in the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

I'd like to see professional luncheons or other similar sessions that assist in professional growth. We have a luncheon scheduled in Washington on 18 November at the National Press Club where we will hear about the threats from China, Russia, Iran and North Korea. I hope our membership in key fleet areas such as Norfolk, Jacksonville, San Diego and Bremerton can do similar events. If you are in the Washington, DC area, please plan on attending.

If you haven't already, please visit our <u>website</u> to see some of the great photos that Toby Marquez and Scott Allen took at the reunion. See if you can recognize some of your colleagues.

And finally, I'd like to mention once again those individuals who were the masterminds of the reunion. First of all...

- Especially my core group—Sheila Graham, Dick Thompson, Jim Noone and Chuck Connor. These folks, especially Sheila, are the ones who planned and executed the event. As I have said previously, these folks began their work a year ago. They worked unbelievably hard to ensure the weekend went well. I feel very blessed and privileged to have had them as my 'brain trust.' Their efforts were flawless.
- Betsy Bird who put together a tremendous photo display and video, along with beautiful floral arrangements at each dinner table.
- Jill Votaw who coordinated the volunteers who played key roles both Friday evening and Saturday.
 - Toby Marguez and Scott Allen for their photography.

Enjoy this issue...and the fall weather.

Tom Jurkowsky

CHINFO's All Public Affairs Message - "At The Helm"

(Sept. 2019 - Used with RDML Brown's permission)

Team PA,

My first priority for our PA community is alignment, and as you know, that is more than just alignment of talking points. It's alignment of effort toward outcomes.

We need to make sure our work moves us forward to our goals. Before, during and after any public communication activity, we need to be able to answer some simple questions: What are we trying to achieve? What are we doing to achieve it? How will we know whether we were successful or not?

I want to share with you one example of what we are doing at CHINFO to answer those questions – a year-long communication campaign called "**At the Helm**". Part of our broad collective purpose is to help connect the American public with their Navy. To align our activity to that broad outcome, we looked at where we needed to improve.



RDML Charlie Brown, APR+M Chief of Information

Through our community outreach efforts, we identified groups within the American public where we need to build new connections, including members of Gen Z, Millennials, women and recent college graduates. These groups may not get their news from outlets that typically cover the Navy. They don't follow the Navy Facebook page or look for information from Navy.mil or All Hands. The "At the Helm" campaign intends to help us connect with those groups where they get their information, and in innovative ways with stories that resonate with them.

There are so many Americans unaware of what their Navy does or why it matters to them, in areas that they tell us DO matter to them – world affairs, leadership development, economic prosperity and humanitarian initiatives. It is our job to share information so that all Americans can better understand their Navy. We are not going to reach everyone using the same approaches we always have. We need to do things differently if we want different results.

The "**At the Helm**" campaign will push us to think creatively. We will develop and implement innovative approaches. We will stay focused on the outcomes we are trying to achieve during the next year.

We've already started applying some of these new approaches during Chiefs Season. We'll assess and adjust our tactics leading up to the kickoff of the campaign on the Navy Birthday, and then continue to assess and adjust as we go. Next year, we'll be able to grade ourselves against our objectives to see where we succeeded and where we still have work to do.

This campaign won't succeed without your participation. We need your stories; your content and most of all your ideas on how we can reach people that otherwise don't know what their Navy does for them. Please share this email with your teams and subordinate units in order to maximize this effort. I'm excited to see what you share. The CHINFO team will provide additional details soon. Please reach out to CDR JD Dorsey at lereal.Dorsey@navy.mil with any suggestions, questions or criticism.

Thanks for all you do each day. Press forward.

V/r, cb

RDML Charlie Brown, APR+M Chief of Information

CHINFO Liaison

Building a Network of Navy Communicators

By: LCDR Beth Teach, APR+M

By way of a simple introduction, I'm the new CHINFO liaison for USNPAA. Rear Adm. Charlie Brown asked me to be part of this, and I gladly accepted. Thank you for reading my first submission to *Sightings*.

I had the opportunity recently to meet with Adm. Jurkowsky, which was the highlight of my week at the Pentagon! While he shared stories of clipping news articles and creatively getting press releases off the carrier it occurred to me that as much as the job has changed, it has also stayed the same.

Many former CHINFOs and retired Navy communicators remain connected to the public affairs community and continue to look for ways to stay involved. I'm sure there are also members of our community – both PAOs and MCs – who left the service before the 20-year mark who are still working in public relations, communication or media. I think this is an opportunity to reenergize across all fronts!

LCDR Beth Teach onboard USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN-71) where she served as the public affairs officer prior to her assignment as PAO for the VCNO.

To start, I would like to create an engagement plan for 2020. Let's brainstorm together. Initial ideas include brown-bag discussions, topic-based luncheons, and social networking

events. We're all busy. I don't know a single PAO – retired or still serving – who isn't putting out fires, working a surprise media query, or finding the end of the Internet via social media. The more input we receive, the more likely these events are going to be worth the investment of your valuable time and energy.

So we need to hear from more USNPAA members and former PA community members! Let us know where you live and work, what opportunities you've had since leaving the Navy, and where your experience might intersect with the active duty Navy communicators. I'm personally excited to get a glimpse into the wide array of professionals and their areas of expertise. Those details will help us create meaningful connections and events for everyone involved.

Before the year ends, there will be a couple events on the calendar in the National Capital Region. Over time, the mentorship and networking opportunities could expand nationwide and beyond through the PA community's established regional mentorship coordinators. The idea is for USNPAA to become part of the fabric of our team. I'm open to each of your thoughts on how to do this.

Let's stay in touch! I'll be using social media in the coming months to build awareness and following of USNPAA events. Look for me on Facebook, LinkedIn, and Instagram to connect! Email works, too: beth.teach@navy.mil // @bethteach

I look forward to meeting you, I welcome your feedback, and go Navy! VR/Beth

(LCDR Teach is currently the PAO for the Vice Chief of Naval Operations. Prior to assignment at the Pentagon, she deployed aboard aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) from 2016-2018.)

Professional Development Luncheon!!!

Who: Mr. Brennan McKernan, U.S. Navy intelligence analyst

What: USNPAA Luncheon

When: Monday, 18 November 2019, 12 Noon

Where: National Press Club (McClendon Room)

Why: To learn about the threat from the Chinese & Russian navies,

but also from Iran and North Korea

Dear Washington Area USNPAA Members,

If you are in the area I strongly urge you to join us on 18 November for a lunch and learn session at the National Press Club....our speaker will be Mr. Brennan McKernan, a Navy senior intelligence analyst who will discuss the threats from Russia, China, Iran and North Korea.

The cost of the buffet luncheon is \$25.00, including tax and gratuity. Please send your payment to me NLT Friday, 15 November. Payment at the door cannot be accepted and seating is limited. Checks should be made out to: **USNPAA** and mailed to me:

Tom Jurkowsky

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• The National Press Club is located at 529 14th St., NW, Washington, DC (14th & F Streets). The Metro Center metro stop is a short walk to the Press Club. I hope you can join us.

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2019 Reunion Highlights

By Tim Beecher Photos by Toby Marquez and Scott Allen

PAO's and members of the community, spouses and friends gathered Friday evening Sept. 20 in the main

ballroom of the historic Army Navy Country Club in

Arlington, Va.

David Martin was the keynote speaker. Martin started covering the Pentagon for CBS in 1983. An English major who graduated from Yale, he served as an officer aboard a destroyer during the Vietnam War for threeplus years, including collateral duty as a PAO. He shared many insights and anecdotes from his 36 years covering the Pentagon for CBS. His pro tip for PAOs: credibility. "I've already accumulated 13 million steps so don't make me walk across the Pentagon to get information I can't trust," Martin said.



Keynote speaker David Martin speaks at the recent USNPAA reunion in Sept. 2019.

Awards and Honors

Dedicated, smart work was the theme for the awards presented at the dinner. First to take the stage was Mass Communication Specialist 2nd (AW) Class Anita C. Newman, USN, who was honored with the association's **Award for Exemplary Service**.

Petty Officer Newman distinguished herself by exemplary service as a multi-media specialist at the Defense Media Activity from February 2017 to September 2019. During this period, she contributed to the Navy's official publication, All Hands magazine, by leading 19 sailors in the production of six multimedia pieces, 15 written stories and nearly 700 photos, as well as 85 hours of b-roll in support of 15 additional multimedia pieces. Moreover, she was instrumental in the production and broadcasting of

nine live televised events, including performances by Navy musicians in regional schools and five ship commissioning ceremonies.



MC2 (AW) Anita C. Newman, USN receives USNPAA's award for Exemplary Service from RDMLs Tom Jurkowsky (right) and Vice CHINFO, Roberto Durand.

Petty Officer Newman's work directly assisted the Secretary of the Navy, Chief of Naval Operations and Chief of Information in distributing key strategic internal and external messages to the fleet and an audience of some 42 million worldwide. Petty Officer Newman's exceptional quality of work led her to be selected as the 2018 Writer of the Year for both the Russell Egnor Navy Media Award and the Department of Defense's Thomas Jefferson Award.

Off duty, she volunteered more than 150 hours at a local equestrian stable that included teaching proper safety and equestrian skills to 13 Sailors.

A newspaper flag known well to all PAOs, *Stars and Stripes*, was honored with USNPAA's **Distinguished Service Award**. The iconic military newspaper has a colorful history going back to the Civil War. It has published continually since World War II and now operates as a multimedia news organization. In 2004 it



Stars and Stripes publisher, Max Lederer accepts USNPAA's Distinguished Service Award from organization President, Tom Jurkowsky in Sept. 2019.

began offering its newspaper in a digital edition and in 2012 *Stars and Stripes* started offering apps for both phones and tablets.

On any given day, readers and visitors number about one million. Today, *Stars and Stripes* has one of the widest distribution ranges of any newspaper in the world. In Europe and in the Pacific, the paper is available on base. Home delivery is available in Belgium, Germany, Italy, Japan and South Korea. It is printed in Japan, South Korea, Germany, Italy and Afghanistan. Stars and Stripes maintains news bureaus around the world, including Europe, Pacific and the Middle East.

In short, the paper goes where the U.S. military goes. It is the 'hometown newspaper' for service members, government civilians, and their families

stationed overseas. *Stars and Stripes* has seen many changes throughout its long history, but its mission has remained the same: To provide independent news and information to the U.S. military community.

Stars and Stripes publisher Max Lederer accepted the award on behalf of the newspaper, citing Navy PAO's as "the best we deal with".

The CAPT Thomas Coldwell Award for Significant Achievement is named for one of the Association's plank-owners. Tom Coldwell was well known and deeply respected for his energy and commitment to the Navy, the 1650 community and to USNPAA. His widow, Mary Ann Coldwell presented the award to the 2019 honoree, CDR John Alexander, USN (Ret.).

After retiring from the Navy in 1992, CDR Alexander played a key role on the executive team of the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society. The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society provides



John Alexander receives USNPAA's CAPT Tom Coldwell Award for Significant Achievement from Mary Ann Coldwell and Thomas Jurkowsky in Sept. 2019.

financial, educational and other assistance to members of the Naval Service and their families in a sensitive and compassionate manner—helping Sailors and Marines get through challenging times. During his tenure at the society, Commander Alexander first served as its Vice President of Communications. After a few short years, Chief of Development was added to his responsibilities. In this latter role, he became responsible for the organization's fundraising operations—the engine that allows the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society to function and meet the needs of our Sailors, Marines and their families.

Commander Alexander retired from the Society in 2012. During his tenure, he was largely responsible for raising approximately \$300 million for the Society's charitable activities while also overseeing a highly

effective public affairs program. He was asked by Navy-Marine Corps Society leadership to rejoin the organization in May 2019—illustrating just how effective Commander Alexander was in his role at the

Society. Throughout his tenure at the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, Commander Alexander has helped guide the Society to excel in its mission. He has demonstrated a unique understanding of the Navy/Marine Corps family.

The award citation reads, "Accordingly, the United States Navy Public Affairs Association is pleased to present its CAPT Thomas Coldwell Award for Significant Achievement to Commander John W. Alexander, USN (Ret.) for his humanitarian commitment to our Sailors, Marines and their families. Commander Alexander's compassion and sensitivity are extraordinary and are in keeping with the spirit and lifelong achievements of Captain Thomas Coldwell".

Virtually all members of the PAO community know the name, Judy Van. She was honored with the



USNPAA's **Special Recognition Award**. During her 58 years of government service, **Judy Van Benthuysen** - or Judy Van to all who know her - has exemplified the extraordinary dedication and selfless service we hope for in all civil servants. Since her arrival at the Navy's Office of Information more than four decades ago, she has been the heart and soul of that office, assisting, befriending and mentoring hundreds of public citizens, colleagues, officer and enlisted personnel and Chiefs of Information.

As the longtime leader of the Office of Information's Public Inquiries branch, she has been the kind, friendly and responsive voice to the thousands of citizens who contact the Navy's Office of Information

often surprised to hear an actual "live person" quickly answer the

Judy Van Benthuysen "Judy Van" receives a Special Recognition Award from USNPAA organization at the Sept. 2019 reunion in Arlington, Va.

seeking help and answers. In a day and age where automated responses have become the norm and customer service is a forgotten art, citizens who reach out to the Office of Information are

phone or personally respond to their email. And they - along with our Navy - have been most fortunate that the person on the end of that phone call or email response has been Judy Van. Whether it has been the family of a veteran trying to replace lost medals, a mother trying to get in touch with her deployed daughter, a recently widowed spouse with questions about survivor benefits, a cash-strapped young Sailor who needs direction on where to go for a loan so he can purchase new uniforms, or a Navy commander who while on leave with his family in France loses his wallet, Judy Van helps them all.

Government institutions often have a reputation for being bureaucratic and unresponsive - Judy Van has proven that wrong for decades. Her network, depth of knowledge and understanding of how to get things done is without parallel. As a result, when events at the Office of Information require an "all-hands on-deck" effort – whether it be on the Navy News Desk or a large Community Outreach Project - staff members turn to Judy Van. Without fail, she is always there. Simply put, Judy Van knows how to make things happen and get the job done. Judy Van has made the Office of Information feel less like a place of work and more like a family.

As decades of previous Chiefs of Information will attest, the one irreplaceable person at the Office of Information is not the admiral; it's Judy Van, our humble friend.



A wide-angle view of attendees at the USNPAA Reunion in Sept. 2019 at the Army/Navy Country Club in Arlington, Va.

An excellent collection of photography by Toby Marquez and Scott Allen from the USNPAA Sept. 2019 reunion can be found on the organization's website at - http://www.usnpaa.org/usnpaareunion2019photos.html

Under, VCNO

Engage Press at Reporters, Editors Conference

ARLINGTON, Va (NNS) -- Navy leadership spoke to reporters at the 2019 Military Reporters and Editors Conference, Oct. 25. - Article courtesy Navy News Service –

Undersecretary Thomas B. Modly and Vice Chief of Naval Operations (VCNO) Adm. Robert Burke emphasized the need to engage with the public and communicate department strategy and goals as the Navy operates in this era of great power competition.

"Everyone in this room is instrumental in telling the stories of our military, our Navy, and of our Sailors and Marines – whether those stories are about strategic challenges, budget moves, current events, or of the human aspect of the service." said Burke. "Seeing how our Navy is reflected in your reporting helps us to focus on how we connect with America and our allies and partners." The open, on-the-record engagement reinforced the Navy's resolve to connect with the press, Congress, industry leaders, and the American people.

"I want to express the Department of the Navy's respect and gratitude for the military press," said Modly. "And I want to affirm our commitment to transparency and accessibility as you go out and do your jobs." Both leaders discussed focus areas of the Department of the Navy, their assessment of current events and the desire to highlight the Navy to increase awareness and understanding of the Navy's role in supporting the National Defense Strategy.

"We've talked about the maritime environment being a central focus of our National Defense Strategy, and many of you understand the "why" behind this sense of urgency," said Burke. "But I have to tell you, I don't think the American public understands that yet."

During the conference that focused on military-media relations, a panel of military public affairs representatives discussed the challenges and opportunities faced by military leaders when seeking a

balance between transparency and operational security requirements. The panelists, including the Navy's CHINFO, RDML Charlie Brown, urged the necessity of open communication.

It's The Science, Sailors!

Mary E Hanson, Capt., USNR (Ret.)
Former Public Affairs Director, National Science Foundation (NSF)

Antarctica is extraordinary in so many ways. It teaches you. It certainly taught me. Navy people who served in Antarctica tend to naturally emphasize the Navy mission. They are justly proud of this unique piece of Navy history and sometimes forget our main purpose there: science.

In fact, Antarctica is the only continent on earth preserved by international treaty for *non-military* purposes. The Antarctic Treaty, which took effect in 1961, banned military activity in favor of scientific exploration. This treaty was the first arms control agreement of the Cold War.

The National Science Foundation (NSF), the federal agency that funds basic or fundamental science, manages the U.S. role in Antarctica. (Basic science undergirds the mission-oriented science that follows, such as space or health—but because this role is less dramatic, its impact is less-known.)

I worked at NSF for 15 years, from 1992 to 2007, while remaining active in the Navy reserves. As NSF's media director and then public affairs director, I managed and oversaw all U.S.-sponsored media visits to Antarctica and helped select who went. Although immediately (and always) eager to go to "The Ice" myself, I generally let my staff go instead as an incentive and reward—but finally made two visits myself.

One visit comprised a full month of solo escort for seven journalists (including a CBS News crew) who wanted to go in different directions and hoped to do what they wanted, when they wanted to, heedless of logistics needs and safety concerns. It was the kind of public affairs challenge most experienced PAOs know well. Because I spent 30 uninterrupted days there, I earned the Antarctic Service Ribbon (photo at right). I was authorized to wear it on my Navy uniform, and proudly did so. The trip to the South Pole with

the Washington Post science editor remains one of my most vivid memories, along with emergency training (in which we build our own igloos and sleep in them) and a solo ski in a sudden blizzard.

My other visit to Antarctica was more perplexing, because it coincided with the end of the Navy's support mission there, as it was

handed over to the U.S. Air National Guard. I played my PA hand carefully because I represented NSF, not the Navy, and didn't

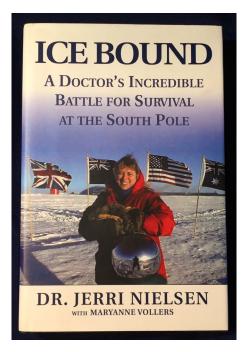
Mary Hanson proudly stands at the South Pole during one of her trips to Antarctica in the 1990s.



want Antarctic program executives or my staff to question my loyalty. (Few people at NSF had experience with the military, and I felt their underlying suspicions. This was before 9/11 and before the country embraced the military anew.)

I certainly wanted publicity, but was discouraged from creating it myself. I expected a major event, initiated by the Navy, so the understated good-bye in the bar at McMurdo Station surprised and confused me. I learned later that the Antarctic Program executives were a bit weary of the Navy taking the publicity lead for so many years, giving little attention to their real purpose there – which was to support science. I realize now that the Navy was simply better at public affairs, and still is. (It is also easier to communicate the relevance of the military than to communicate the relevance of science.)

From a PA standpoint, my biggest challenge was managing the international media interest in the 1999 wintertime rescue of the South Pole doctor, Jerri Nielsen, who had developed breast cancer. (My "Media Tips" are published in her book, *Ice Bound*.) I used the human drama to educate journalists about the science at the South Pole, convincing a reluctant NSF Director to hold a national press conference—which, I believe, remains the only one ever held at NSF. And I played gatekeeper for Jerri because she wanted privacy--until she didn't. (It brought memories of my gate-keeping for Navy Lt. Paula Coughlin shortly after the 1991 Tailhook incident.)



My time at NSF and Antarctica was the highlight of my professional life—right alongside 30 years in the Navy--but it wasn't easy. If I succeeded better, the world beyond academia would know NSF better today! (I did manage many front-page, above-the-fold stories in the *New York Times*, developed a media awareness and training seminar for scientists that became very popular, and created a superb national network of science journalists and university PIOs. These all seem so old-fashioned now.)

Challenge teaches. Antarctica teaches. Here are some of my public affairs lessons-learned.

- When pulled by two interests, remember where your loyalties lie but don't be blind.
- When trying to communicate a complex topic, look for the "pop." Find your Antarctica.
- When escorting media to a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity (like a visit to the South Pole, or an aircraft carrier), expect push. Maintain calm firmness. Just do what you can!
- When working at an extraordinary place, find time to be alone if only briefly. BE THERE.

Perhaps the biggest lesson I take from Antarctica is the same one I take from 30 years of Navy service: when *not* to play "the military hand." Antarctica reminds us what is possible when the military does what it does best – deter. The treaty that preserves Antarctica for peaceful purposes is "an example of nations exercising foresight and working in concert to *prevent conflict before it develops*" (Encyclopedia Britannica). So the Navy played an historic role in creating a continent for peace. How cool is that.

Plus, the science is amazing - diverse, intriguing, and potentially life changing. Take my word for that.

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A squadron patch created in honor of VXE-6's 45 years in support of the National Science Foundation and Operation Deep Freeze.

(Mary Hanson retired from the Navy in 2014 after 30 years of Navy service (10 active and 20 in the Naval Reserve), and from the federal government in 2016 after 24 years of civil service. She is now a Licensed Unity Teacher and a judge for the Center for Plain Language

and the Federal Report Card. She splits her time between Arlington, Va. and Michigan's Upper Peninsula, where she is creating a rustic waterfront camp for reflection and outdoor activity.)

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Sightings

If you have any *Sightings* (photos) of members and or yourself involved in something of note please send your stories and photos to Tim Beecher at beechert@icloud.com or Joe Quimby at josephquimby@comcast.net

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