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### *Kaiser Aluminum Salaried Retirees Association*

#### A MESSAGE FROM THE KASRA PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Retirees/Surviving Spouses:

The closing of yet another year is approaching, and we again have much for which to be thankful. Thank you again for letting me serve as your President and placing me in touch with so many good Kaiser retirees with whom I'd worked over the years.

The KASRA Board challenge today is significant. The recruitment of new persons with fresh perspectives for the KASRA Board is getting tougher as the years go by. As you know, KASRA's main objectives at this point are: to provide our retirees and surviving spouses with a vehicle to communicate current information about benefits and news about other retirees via the newsletters, website and mass e-mailing; to answer queries about matters concerning retirement by phone, regular mail or e-mail; and to share information about retirees many activities with colleagues and friends. This allows us all to keep in touch with you and to facilitate communications between you and the many former colleagues and life-long friends with whom you have shared a common path during your association with Kaiser.

Historically, board members have been recruited from the East Bay in California to facilitate on site meetings and coordinate ongoing work efforts regarding KASRA affairs. But, the pool of candidates available in the East Bay is dwindling.

**We now face a dilemma.** Simply stated, we need to either widen our volunteer base geographically or seek dissolution of KASRA at some point in the near future. It should be noted that the main focus of

KASRA initially was to protect our benefits and the need to strategize on the best legal way to achieve this end. This main focus has shifted with the settlement with Kaiser Aluminum and the formation of VEBA. We believe the face-to-face meetings (as opposed to virtual meetings with the use of technology) to conduct the current affairs of KASRA may not be as critical and necessary in view of our changed and reduced focus. We believe the KASRA board business can be effectively performed from any location (or combination of locations) through telephones and other technology if needed.

**We need volunteers to serve.** The KASRA board work is not overwhelming but requires commitment. Truth is — the board experience is gratifying and rewarding! The bulk of the work is currently performed by volunteers and contractors (newsletter, printing and distribution, maintenance of database, website, handling mail and telephone messages). The main functions of the KASRA board continue to be -- oversight of those functions mentioned above, adherence to policy directives, cash management, addressing the various inquiries which come through by email, website and letters, and the occasional need to deal with issues that surface. We have a strong support base from former board members who are often called upon for guidance and assistance. New board members will continue to have this support base behind them.

Personally, I need to step off the Board as President by the end of the year as do some of our other Board colleagues (Afterall, I've been President for four years!). We need your help! Volunteer to join the KASRA Board. I can promise it will be a satisfying experience. So, please consider serving and feel free to email

## WHAT'S GOING ON

### Accomplishment . . .

Congratulations to former Kaiser Oakland, CA worker **Benita Cunha Schontag** (Benicia, CA) who recently e-published Volume Two of her short stories, which includes "Halloween Schemes," "Eve's-Drop Cafe" and "Flight to Cydonia."

### Birthday, Anniversaries . . .

**Norman Whitford** (Otis Orchards, WA) celebrated his 92nd birthday on Sept. 2. Following the death of his wife in 2006, Norman lived alone until his grandson moved in last spring while doing an internship program for his Doctor of Pharmacy degree. "I'm alone again now that he's a doctor. He really spoiled me with his cooking and cleaning. But I have another student who should be moving in soon. Also celebrating a birthday is **Anna Benevides** (Bristol, RI) who turned 90 on July 15.

On September 25, **Jean A. Tygrett** (Ripley, WV) and her husband Tom celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. Jean worked in the engineering department at Ravenswood, WV. Congratulations to **Bob Irelan** (Rancho Murieta, CA) who became a great grandparent for the first time in July. When not doting over the latest family member, Bob volunteers at the campaign office for U.S. Rep. Ami Bera. He also found time for a golf outing to Carson Valley, NV, followed by an annual visit to Maui, HI. "I recently shot my age (77) on a par 72 course!"

### A Little of This, A Little of That . . .

**Kathy Stromberger** (Naples, FL) enjoys volunteering at the Conservancy of SW Florida in the wildlife clinic. "I work with injured birds, turtles and more," she says. Kathy lives close to her mother, Betty Andersen, who turned 95 in October. After 42 years, Kathy returned to Ghana for a visit. "I stayed mainly in Accra but went back to Community 6 in

Tema to revisit where we lived, loved and laughed. I also went to see the Akosombo Dam and Elmina Castle. It was an amazing trip," says the former Mead Works, WA, employee.

**John Gormanos** (Spokane, WA) and his wife Karrie send their thanks for the KASRA newsletter. He and Karrie have been married for over 50 years and are looking forward to celebrating the big 60. Also enjoying the KASRA newsletter is **Carl Hinger** (Spanish Fort, AL). "I don't get out much anymore since I'm the health care provider for my wife. Her brain cancer has left her paralyzed on her left side, so I really enjoy keeping up with the people I knew or met during my time with Kaiser Aluminum through the newsletter."

Former Gramercy, LA, employee **Marian Wright-Brady** (Norco, LA) spends her free time gardening while W.N. **Hughes** (Diamondhead, MS) also enjoys the outdoors fishing and hunting when not busy with his consulting job. **David Martin** (Humboldt, TN) still plays golf two times a week and volunteers at his church. Also enjoying a good golf game is **Jim Holland** (Granville, OH). Spending half the year in Ohio and the other half in Florida, Jim also enjoys traveling, gardening and farming his 22 acres.

Keeping in shape, **Corrine Jennings** (Central Point, OR) goes to the gym three times a week and walks with friends two times a week. In between, she enjoys art and gardening as well as visiting her oldest daughter in Chico, CA. **Marsha Rhodes** (Ravenswood, WV) finds time to volunteer at her local food pantry, while neighbor **Jim Comer** (Ravenswood, WV) volunteers with the Ravenswood Lions Club. He also made a trip to Lake of the Woods, Canada, with his son and two grandsons for some great fishing.



Benita Schontag published a new volume of her short stories.



Kathy Stromberger with her mother, Betty Andersen.

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### Traveling Near and Far . . .

A river cruise kept **Law Albright** (San Diego, CA) and his wife Shirley busy this past August. They traveled the Rhine Valley from Basel, Switzerland to Amsterdam with a stop in Koblenz, Germany. At home in California, Lew conducts a jazz appreciation program at his retirement community. **James Martin** (Pacific Grove, CA) also found time for a cruise this summer. He spent 10 days on an Alaskan cruise and also drove to the northwest to visit family and friends. He celebrated his 60th wedding anniversary by having emergency gall bladder surgery but is doing fine.

**Ford Evans** (Nicholson, MS) visited his grandchildren (10 and 15 years of age) in Texas and heard them sing in a concert. When not visiting relatives and traveling around Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas, Ford volunteers at rehab centers and does short tours singing gospel music. During spring break, **Dennis English** (Venice, FL) went on a family vacation with three of his children and six grandchildren to Gulfshores, AL. During the summer, he spent time in Traverse City, MI, with his siblings boating, jet skiing, golfing, fishing, kayaking and enjoying grilling favor-

ite foods and good wine.

Returning from a great trip to Scandinavia, **Tony Procanik** (Ormond Beach, FL) and his wife Kathy visited Denmark, Sweden and Helsinki, Finland. "We also managed to be in Berlin for the Worlds Cup finals," he says. "Along with millions of others, we went to the Brandenburg Gate and enjoyed the amazingly beautiful sights of St. Petersburg, Russia. This trip allowed us to visit 50 countries."

Recent trips to Texas brought mixed emotions for **Kenneth Bailey** (Tracy, CA). His first trip was for his brother's funeral and the second one allowed him to visit with his newlywed granddaughter and her husband in Ft. Bliss, Texas. He also visited the War Hawk Museum in Nampa, ID. "I lost my beautiful wife of 67 years last year. It was and still is the hardest thing I have ever had to go through," says Ken. **Richard Jeltsh** (Spokane, WA) spent part of 2013 traveling around the world in a combination business and pleasure trip. "I visited seven countries, each with a different currency and each with its own unique flavor and culture," says the former Mead Works, WA, employee.



Tony and Kathy Procanik at the beautiful fountains of the Peterhof Palace in St. Petersburg, Russia.

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me at [ChrisLD@EQ-Organization.com](mailto:ChrisLD@EQ-Organization.com) or contact the other board members if you are interested.

As a separate item, many Kaiser Aluminum salaried retirees may not know the details surrounding the formation and operation of KASRA, nor how the Association's leadership, membership, and mission have changed over its 25-year life. This rich story is recounted in Ed Westerman's informative overview "KASRA-Past, Present, and Future" which can be found on the KASRA Communications News page of the KASRA website. If you

haven't already, read it and gain a new appreciation for our extraordinary organization! Go to [www.e-kasra.com](http://www.e-kasra.com) for a copy of this masterpiece.

Enjoy the holiday season wherever you may be these days! Celebrate the memories of family, friends and colleagues as you gather round the table for a fine holiday meal. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all!

*Chris*

Chris Laszcz-Davis  
President, KASRA

Billy Doyle, John D'Antonio and Joanne D'Antonio enjoyed the Chalmette luncheon on Sept. 3, 2014.



## PAYING TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO SERVED

With Veteran's Day on November 11, we thought it only appropriate to feature some of the many Kaiser retirees who served their country. Some of the men and women in this issue served during peacetime while others distinguished themselves in combat during World War II, the Korean War and in Vietnam. We salute all of them for their bravery and for their dedication!

Out of 350,000 men and women serving in the 8th Air Force in England, **William "Bill" Boyd** (Moraga, CA) feels fortunate to be alive. "Twenty-six thousand were killed in action and 28,000 of us were prisoners of war," he explains. Bill joined the Army Air Force in November 1942 and, with a 10-man crew, flew the B-17 Flying Fortress bomber for the mighty 8th. On July 21, he was flying with the squadron leader on his 18th mission. The aircraft sustained several hits and the crew parachuted out. "I was one of four survivors. Five of the crew were murdered by Nazi civilians," he remembers. "I hid all day, and when I tried to walk out of the area that night, I was captured. After being interrogated, they hospitalized me for my shoulder wound and then sent me to Stalag Luft I in Barth, Germany on the Baltic Sea. We were liberated by the Russian army in May of 1945." Bill received the Purple Heart. Following the war, he worked as the Marketing Manager at the Kaiser Refractories Division in Oakland, CA.

Joining the U.S. Navy in July 1944, **Dale Doerr** (Oroville, CA) trained as a deep-sea diver. His first deployment was aboard the USS Protector, then at Eniwetok Atoll in the Marshall Islands, South Pacific, to serve as Diving Officer. Following a disastrous attempt by an inept Salvage Officer as the crew

attempted to bring up a U.S. plane that had sunk, Dale was promoted to both Diving and Salvage Officer. When the Japanese surrendered following the atomic bomb, the USS Protector reported for duty at Yokosuka, Japan. Dale spent the next four months clearing the harbor of mine sweeps and other debris sunk by the Japanese to hinder the U.S. from invading. Called back to San Francisco, CA, for de-commissioning of the Protector, Dale, now promoted to Lt. (junior grade), stayed aboard to dispose of various equipment. "The Eniwetok Atoll was a bit of paradise," recalls Dale. "Unfortunately, the natives who lived there before the war were moved to another set of Islands, and Eniwetok was used for further testing of atomic bombs and is no longer inhabitable."

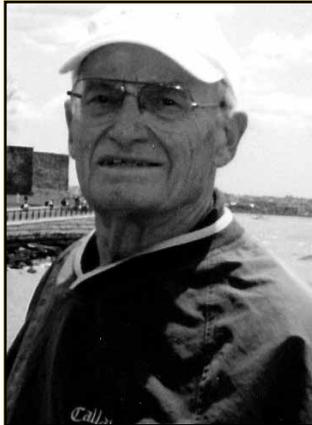
**Sgt. Del Dow, 1944**

Ninety-one years young, **Delmar Dow** (Sonoma, CA) joined the Army reserves between his freshman and sophomore years at Washington State (now university). His basic training took place in 1943 in the cavalry at Fort Riley, KS. After basic, Del was sent to the University of Wyoming for engineering classes.

But when the Army's specialized training program was cancelled, he went to



**Del and Jean Dow, 2013**



**William E. Boyd, 2014**



**Lt. Dale Doerr, 1945**

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the 303 Infantry, 97 Division, where he received amphibious training. “We were staged for shipment to the Pacific when the Battle of the Bulge occurred and found ourselves rerouted to Europe,” he says. Del spent the last part of the war fighting in Europe and was 45 miles from Prague, CZ, when it ended. He returned to the U.S. before being sent to Japan for occupation duty. During his service, he received: the Combat Infantry Badge; Bronze Star; ETO (European-African-Middle East) Campaign Medal with two battle stars; American Theater Medal; Pacific Theater Medal and Good Conduct Medal.

After leaving the service, Delmar worked for Kaiser at the Center for Technology in Pleasanton, CA. He and his wife Jean celebrated their 68th anniversary on September 1. Still living in their own home, the couple enjoys visits from other Kaiser retirees including **Jack Peasley** and **Jim Mukerjee**. Del notes that Jim still takes classes at Oxford, England during the summer months.

Working for Kaiser at Ravenswood, WV, **Darwin Ekstrom** (Polson, MT) served four years in the U.S. Navy Seabees in San Diego, CA and Japan. Serving from



**Steelworker 2nd class Darwin Ekstrom, 1954**

1954 – 58, he built pontoon landing barges, which included welding, assembly and other ironworking skills. Upon leaving the Navy, he used the Korean GI Bill to attend the Montana

School of Mines in Butte, MT. “I received a degree in Metallurgical Engineering and worked for Kaiser at Ravenswood Technical Department, WV, from 1966 until the plant was sold,” says Darwin.

Proudly serving in the U.S. 3rd Army, 94th Infantry Division under General George Patton, **JF Harold “Johnny” Fussell** (Baton Rouge, LA) has many stories to tell. During one altercation, Johnny was wounded and laid in the snow for two days before his platoon could reach him. He received a Purple Heart for his injuries. He later received a Bronze Star for taking out a German machine gun and gunner. According to his children, one of his favorite stories involved entering a German town after the townspeople had fled. “They found a house where the family had been about to sit down to eat,” they recall. “Daddy and the men with him sat down and ate their first hot meal in sometime.” Johnny, who passed away on June 1, 2014, returned from the war to marry his sweetheart, Dorothy. The two celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary on March 31 2014. They have six children, 12 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren and three great, great grandchildren.

**Don Gallogly** served in the U.S. Marine Core from August 1951 to August 1953. “I had duty on both coasts but was never sent overseas,” he says. “I visited several bases while on the rifle team and ended my service at Memphis Naval Air Station with the rank of Corporal. Don worked for Kaiser at the Newark, OH, plant from 1954 to 1980 before being transferred to Bedford, IN. He retired from Kaiser in 1985 and now resides in Marysville, OH.

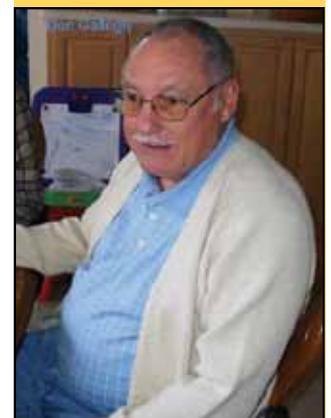
**Sherwood Gray** (Colorado Springs, CO) remembers his year in Italy as a



**JF Harold “Johnny” Fussell (deceased) served under Gen. George Patton.**



**Corporal Don Gallogly, 1952**



**Don Gallogly, 2014**



U.S. Merchant Marine  
Howard Hanson and his  
wife Dorothy, 1945



Sgt. Donald F. Hebert, 1944



SSG Joseph C. Magdich,  
1943



1st Lt. U.S. Army Air Force  
Cornell Maier, 1944

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working guard at a German POW camp. “There are a lot of memories, some good and some bad,” he says. Sherwood also made 20 plus jumps while a paratrooper with the 504 P.I.R. of the 82nd Airborne Division. As a civilian, Sherwood worked in the Refractories Division for Kaiser in Oakland, CA.

U.S. Merchant Marine **Howard A. Hanson**, Sr. (Baton Rouge, LA) served from 1942 until 1946. A graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Core, Howard sailed on eight ships. While serving on the SS Robert E. Lee, his ship was sunk by a German submarine U-166. During his tour of duty, Howard sailed the Atlantic and Pacific oceans and the Mediterranean Sea, among others.

Joining the U.S. Marines at 17 years old, **Donald F. Hebert** (Gramercy, LA) served from 1944-48 in Guam and China. When he returned to the U.S., Don played football for the Camp Pendleton Marines. Following his service, he worked at Kaiser’s Gramercy Works in Louisiana. Don and his wife Barbara celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary on June 30, 2014.

With 37 years of service in the Army reserves, **Fred Lawson** (Carmel, CA) did a bit more than “just his duty.” The former Kaiser Vice President enlisted in 1945 at the age of 17 and served in the European Theater. Garnering five promotions in four years, he left active duty following the war and entered the reserves where he completed Officer Candidate School at Ft. Benning, GA. Commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army Corps of Engineers, he served in prewar Korean and helped to build what is now Kimpo International Airport. He attended the University of Illinois

majoring in industrial engineering on the GI bill and continued serving in the reserves.

Offered a job by Kaiser, Fred worked in Spokane, WA, Oakland, CA, and Moss Landing, CA. When Kaiser sent him to Australia, Fred thought that was the end of his reserve career until he discovered that the Army had a reciprocal agreement with the Australian Army. He describes his experience with the Royal Australian Engineers as “delightful.” During his Kaiser career, Fred also attended the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and the War College. He retired from Kaiser in 1982 and went to work for BHP Mining, an international mining corporation, before retiring with his wife Peggy in Carmel, CA, where they still reside. The couple recently celebrated their 60th anniversary. They have two children and two grandchildren and stay very busy with lots of community service.

**Joseph C. Magdich** (Oregon, OH) joined the Army’s 233rd Anti Aircraft Artillery Searchlight Battalion during World War II. He served in Fiji and New Guinea before being reassigned to the 40th Infantry Division in the Philippines. En-route, Japan surrendered and Joe became the ranking non-commissioned officer for the Criminal Investigations Division.

During World War II, **Cornell Maier** (Piedmont, CA) flew 50 combat missions as a 1st Lt. in the U.S. Army Air Force. He was stationed with the 15th Air Force in Italy. Following his service, Cornell received a B.S. in electrical engineering from the University of California at Berkeley and joined Kaiser Aluminum in 1949. He worked in various sales, production and administrative positions in the U.S. and Europe for almost 40

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years. Although Cornell started out as a junior clerk making \$225 a month, he retired from Kaiser at the end of 1988 as the Chairman and CEO of the company. Cornell keeps very busy with his many volunteer commitments including Northern Light School, Children's Hospital of Oakland, CA, and Holy Names University. He also manages to play tennis several times a week.

Upon graduation from high school in Melrose, MA, **Doug Mann** (Orinda, CA) found himself without a home. His father



**Doug Mann, a Corporal in 1949 and a Staff Sgt. at the end of his service**

had remarried, following the death of his mother, sold the family home and moved away with his new family. Doug decided to delay college and joined the Air Force. Stationed at

Norton Air Force Base in San Bernardino, CA, he was transferred to the local base hospital in an administrative role when his squadron shipped overseas. "I worked the midnight shift," he says. "It usually wasn't real busy so I started playing bridge with the doctors and nurses in the OB/GYN wing. Before long, the doctors had me scrub up and assist with deliveries." Doug recalls one particularly harrowing night when he was asked to accompany the ambulance answering an urgent call from a military dependent. "The mother lived some 25 miles from the hospital, and she was in the bathtub when we arrived. Her water had broken and this was her first child. We got her into the ambulance and drove at a

ridiculous speed down bumpy roads," explains Doug. "By now, it was 2:00 a.m. when the baby started to arrive. I found the sterile kit, used mostly for wounds, to get what I needed to clamp off the cord and then I wrapped the little guy in what was left of the sterile package. That child would now be well into his 60s." Doug left the Air Force with the rank of Staff Sgt.

Following discharge and college, Doug joined Kaiser in 1956 and worked at many locations across the United States, retiring in 1988 from Oakland, CA. He continued giving seminars and motivational speeches for many years following his Kaiser retirement. He lives with his wife Stephanie, a published author, in Orinda, CA.

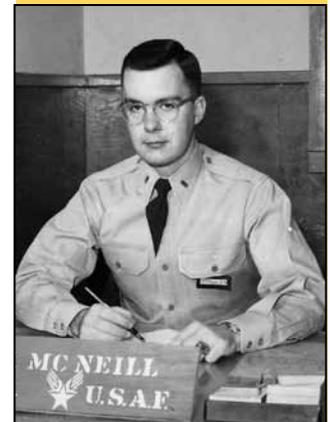
**Fred N. McNeill** (Covington, WA) served in Osan, South Korea, in the '50s as an Air Force Ground Safety Officer assigned to an Army Engineering Battalion. "I received a phone call from an Air Force captain telling me that our cement mixer had smashed a plane," says Fred. Evidently, the pilot had left the engine of his Piper Cub running and went into Base Headquarters. Meanwhile, an Army private got into the plane and released the brake. "There was no damage to the mixer, but the plane was in sad shape. That night, we toasted our good old cement mixer with a few beers and a lot of laughs."

**Bobby Olson** (Watsonville, CA) joined the Army in 1950 when he was just 17. He trained at Fort Ord, CA, before shipping out to Guam and then Korea, where he served for two years in the 15th QM, Co. 1st Calvary Division. He returned briefly to the U.S. before being sent to Hokkaido, Japan for nine months.

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**USAF Captain Fred N. McNeill, 1955**

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Helicopter pilot Bob Schoen, 1970

During his service, Bobby received five Bronze Stars and a United Nations Service Medal.

Discharged as a corporal in 1953, Bobby went to work for Kaiser Refractories in Moss Landing, CA, for 33 years. When Kaiser sold to National Refractors, he worked another 11 years for the new company. Retiring in 1996, Bobby stays involved through American

Legion Post 121 where he has served on the board of directors for many years. Post 121 selected him to be Veteran of the Year for 2014.



Naval Chief Store Keeper Anita (Hall) Parker, 1945

**Anita (Hall) Parker** (Fairfield, CA) joined the Navy Waves (Women's Auxiliary Volunteer Emergency Service) in 1943. Boot camp took her to Hunters College in New York before being sent to Georgia State College for storekeeper training (disbursing and supplies). "I did duty in the Pay Office at Pasco Naval Air Station in Washington State and then transferred to Hawaii," she explains. "I worked in the pay office at a hospital compound, and after the war was over, at the Hawaii Naval Air Station in Pearl Harbor." Prior to mustering out in 1946, Anita advanced from Seaman 1st class to Chief Store Keeper. Following her service, Anita worked for Kaiser in Industrial Chemicals in Oakland, CA.

Like many young men in 1945, **Tim Preece** (Danville, CA) desperately wanted to serve his country. With a deformed leg from polio and bad eyesight, his father, a head physician for the local draft board in Iowa, informed him he was 4-F. Undeterred, Tim went to a local U.S. Navy recruiting station

and, when the recruiting officer wasn't looking, Tim memorized the eye charts on the wall. He passed the eye test with flying colors. Sent to the state headquarters for a full physical, he found the same eye charts and managed to hide his leg because of his athletic training. "I avoided flunking the difficult obstacle course by becoming the company mailman and scheduling the mail pickup each day just as the company had to climb the wall in the course," says Apprentice Seaman Preece. Although the war ended before Tim saw any action, he assisted Navy and Marine amputees at Mare Island near Vallejo, CA. "Some had lost all four limbs," he recalls. Tim joined Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical headquarters in Oakland, CA, in 1967 and became a Senior Vice President before his retirement in 1987.

Retired Kaiser employee, **Bob Schoen** served as a helicopter pilot for the U.S. Army in Vietnam from July 1970 until July 1971. During that tumultuous year, he logged over 1200 hours of flying time. His missions included troop insertions, resupply and medevac on call. "The Army had a crew chief named Joe Kline, who later became a well-known aviation artist," says Bob. "One of his oil paintings called "Good Vibrations" hung in the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum. He customized a print of it for me so that it looked like my Huey in Nam." Following the war, Bob worked at Kaiser's Baton Rouge, and Gramercy, LA, facilities.

The responsibilities of World War II transformed young college student **James R. Schultz** (deceased 2014, Lafayette, CA) into a highly capable naval officer and captain of his own ship at the tender age of 25. A native of Northwest

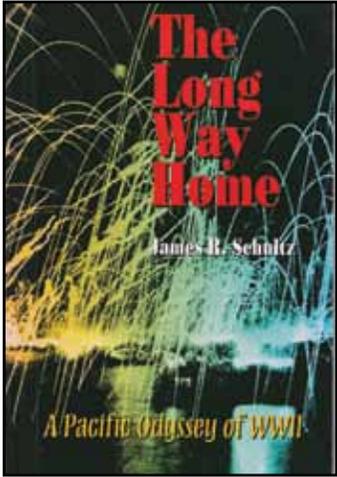


Apprentice Seaman Timothy F. Preece, 1945

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Pennsylvania, Jim was attending Harvard Business School in the fall of 1941 when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. He, along with many former classmates, joined the Naval Reserve. His remarkable stories take him from the Oregon coast



Jim Schultz chronicles his war experiences in his novel "The Long Way Home."

where he and his shipmates tried to save an American tanker that had been torpedoed by the Japanese just 30 miles off the Oregon coast, to the South Pacific and Shanghai, China. Jim chronicled the excitement, boredom, humor and fears of life at sea in a world at war in his novel "The Long Way Home," available in libraries and through the Creative Arts Book Company in Berkeley, CA.

After the war, Jim returned to Harvard and graduated with an MBA. He married Dorothy Louise Koster, who was also in the Navy. He was the Personnel Director at KACC for many years before retiring and entering the executive recruiting field. He lived in Lafayette, CA, with his wife Dorothy until his death earlier this year.

After two years at Harvard College, **Norman Van Patten** (Oakland, CA) had to drop out of school for financial reasons. At the same time, the conflict between North and South Korea broke out and the young student found himself in the U.S. Army. He did his basic training at Fort Ord, CA, before being

sent to Fort Sill, OK, for additional training. He became a 2nd Lt., Artillery and joined the conflict in Korea in the fall of 1952 as part of the 2nd Infantry Division, field artillery. Serving on the front lines of combat, Norman soon became a 1st Lt in Artillery.

"When I returned to San Francisco in 1953, I got married, finished my undergraduate education at Berkeley, and then went on to Stanford Graduate School of Business, where I received an MBA," says Norman. "Then I joined Kaiser Aluminum working in various capacities for the next 40 years." Norman retired from Kaiser in 1996.

**Bruce Wilson** (Pleasanton, CA) remembers riding out mountainous seas in a typhoon on Ocean Station Victor by Wake Island as a Coast Guard ensign during the Korean War. Serving aboard a Coast Guard cutter, he traveled a lengthy circuit, serving three week tours on each of several remote ocean weather stations separated by three weeks of air-sea rescue duty on Midway, Guam, Yokosuka, Japan, off Petroplovsk in the North Pacific, and on Adak Island in the Aleutians.

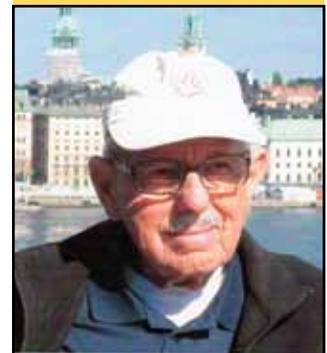
"During the typhoon, we had winds at 120 knots and the ship was rolling 58 degrees while we played sonar tag with Soviet submarines who prowled Ocean Station Sugar (off Petroplovsk) trying to intercept our weather reports. I also remember the beauty of serving for weeks at a time between the blue Pacific below and its spectacular day and nighttime skies above." Bruce left the Coast Guard as a Lieutenant Junior Grade at the end of November 1953 and joined Kaiser Aluminum in Oakland, CA as an export clerk.



Lt. Junior Grade Bruce Wilson on Midway Island, 1952



1st Lt. Norm Van Patten, 1952



Norm Van Patten, 2011

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**Dec 1, Jan 5** **Los Angeles**  
Lunch is usually held on the first Monday of each month at The Elephant Bar, 1403 Firestone Ave., La Mirada. Contact Bob O'Leary at (714) 898-7463 to confirm time and location.

**Nov 13, Dec 11** **Mead**  
Lunch at 11:30 a.m. at Cathay Inn, North Division St. Contact Danny Petrus (509) 483-2171 or dpjr70@Comcast.net to confirm.

**Nov 15, Dec 20** **Erie**  
Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. at Shirley's Country Kitchen, Wattsburg Rd., Erie. Contact Tim Healy (814) 474-3536 to confirm.

**Nov 18** **Trentwood**  
Lunch – Meet at 11:00 a.m. with a hot meal served at 11:30. Location: The Valley Eagles, 16801 E. Sprague Ave. Guest speaker will be Steve Smith and his subject is "Identity Theft." Mead KASRA retirees are always welcome. Contact Steve Harvey (509) 924-1132 or slharv3y@comcast.net.

**Nov 19** **Baton Rouge**  
Lunch – 11:30 a.m. at Oak Lodge in Baton Rouge. Guest speaker will be Col. Edmunson of the LA State Police. Please RSVP by Nov. 4 to Bob Eisenbach at (225) 926-1334. Include with your RSVP questions you would like speaker to address.

**Dec 3** **Chalmette**  
Lunch at 11:00 a.m. at La Rosetta Trattoria, 345 Robert Blvd. Slidel. Cost \$20. Contact Chuck Schimmel (985) 643-0437 or schimcol@aol.com to confirm.

**Dec 3** **Tacoma**  
Lunch 11:30 a.m. at Johnny's Dock, 1900 East "D" St., Tacoma. Contact Bob Mohr (253) 820-6569 or Roy Brennan (253) 535-4942.

**Dec 5** **Ravenswood**  
Winter dinner at Greenhills C.C., Con-

tact Lee Corder (304) 273-9457 or Dave Whitman (304) 273-5548 or dwhitman@gmail.com to confirm.

**Dec 1** **Bay Area (KARLA)**  
Social hour 11:00 a.m. Lunch 12 noon at Wedgewood Banquet center, San Ramon Golf Club. Guest speaker will be Paul King, a local and well known guitarist. Contact Sharon Fraetis at (925) 934-4334 or lafnatv@silcon.com.

**Dec 9** **Newark**  
Lunch 11:00 a.m. at Stacy's Hometown Buffet, Heath. Lunch is paid for by the Newark plant. Contact Bill Snider (740) 403-8328 or colbill44@roadrunner.com.

### *In Memoriam*

*Alfred W. Goddard - Bethlehem, PA*  
*Charles W Johnson - Castro Valley, CA*  
*Marilyn E. Lawrence - Oakland, CA*  
*Yuhel L. Massey - Ravenswood, WV*  
*Helen E. Myers - Bakersfield, CA*  
*Bruce W. Pairman - Vevey, Switzerland*  
*George E. Speicher - Spokane, WA*  
*R. C. "Joe" Strauss - Minocqua, WI*  
*Carl Van Sickle - Cottageville, WV*  
*Charles "Mike" Tacker - Concord, CA*  
*Lewis W. "Lew" Taggart - Tulsa, OK*  
*Vernon Carl "Vern" Wheatcroft*  
*Spokane, WA*

Please inform us of a retiree or spouse passing. Include date of death, city and state and first name of surviving spouse. If possible, a copy or link to the obituary or name of the newspaper would be helpful. Contact Klaus Adler, 1127 Rachele Rd., Walnut Creek, CA 94597 or (925) 935-2938 or kcharlie34@comcast.net. The Board of Directors expresses its deepest sympathy to families and loved ones.