



## POMFLANT Remembered

The POMFLANT Alumni was organized about 20 years ago.

### Special Interest Items:

**Breakfast Club** - The POMFLANT Alumni Breakfast Club meets in the back room at the Perkins Family Restaurant, on Rivers Avenue adjacent to Ashley Phosphate Road, every other month at 0930 for a breakfast gathering. No set schedule as of this date. See all of you there!

**Website Addition** - I have added a link to a downloadable and or printable version of the newsletter. It is located at the top of the website newsletter and under the title "POMFLANT Alumni Newsletter." It is in Acrobat format and will require the free version of Adobe Acrobat Reader. Which can be downloaded from:

<http://get.adobe.com/reader/?promoid=BUIGO>

**Strategic Systems Programs (SSP)** – SSP now has a public website with all programmatic history and facts about SSP, the Fleet Ballistic Missile Program and current initiatives. <http://www.ssp.navy.mil>

**Requests** - We have been getting a lot of E-Mail returned from the domain mailing list as undeliverable for numerous reasons. We have lost touch with some of our friends. So, I would like to request the following things of you.

1. **PLEASE DO NOT REPLY** to the update e-mail addresses "pomflant, pomflant1, pomflant2, or pomflant3@multiwebs.net."
2. Please verify that the following E-Mail addresses are in your allow list and not blocked by your E-Mail Program or Internet service provider: [thunderer@windstream.net](mailto:thunderer@windstream.net) and [pomflant@multiwebs.net](mailto:pomflant@multiwebs.net).
3. I would like all of your snail mail addresses, if you have not already sent them to me. This will allow us to keep in touch with you if your E-Mail address changes or has other problems. We do not release this information to anyone outside of this association. Thank you for your support.

### News from our Members:

**Charlie Wright** – I was a civilian contractor from 1960--1968 (GEOS). I worked in the office next to the Chief Engineer's office in ESB.

LCDR Lester Moon, who lived just across the street from me at Huntington Woods (North Charleston), was Officer in Charge of the Missile Assembly Building at POMFLANT for many years. I knew him well---he was "one of the good ones." He retired circa 1968 and was driving to his retreat property north of Charleston when he was killed in an automobile crash. I was told that he had wrongly turned left into oncoming traffic. It was a tragedy.

**Other memories** - When I first came to POMFLANT (Naval Weapons Annex) in 1960, Ensign Morrissey was in charge of the Guidance System Test and Calibration building. I remember 2 outstanding CPOs that were there, Chief Burley and Chief William Tucker. After I left POMFLANT in 1968, I was told that Bill Tucker had died of heart failure while sitting in a Charleston movie theater. Burley was a staunch and very astute leader; and Tucker was about as "salty" as they come. They were both great men. They liked me and I liked them. I had been an enlisted Navy technician (AT1) before going to college and was presently a Ready Reserve Naval officer. I was "one of them," so to speak.

**At POMFLANT**, I was a civilian GE engineer, assigned to work with (for) Burley to originally document test procedures for the power supply, servomechanisms and the computer of the Polaris guidance system.

**Ed Haka** - I was employed by Lockheed at POMFLANT from 1977 until 1986 when I transferred to Kings Bay. At POMFLANT I worked in ICPB getting the C-4 Cable testers up and running, then worked activating the RIBs. I also provided engineering support to the X-ray Ops in NDTIB. I retired in 2009 after 32 years and now spend

my time slashing and hacking golf balls and running errands for my wife Joy. We have two sons, Jason and Brian, both adults and doing well. Jason and his wife Lorin have graced us with two grandchildren. We live in St. Marys, Georgia, home of the common (and plentiful) large-mouthed, repellent-tolerant, sand gnat.

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**John Maney** - I went to the POMFLANT breakfast in October. There were 12 in attendance Leon Mayes, Dennis Brantley, Chuck Wilson, John Maney, John Fortune, Bob Brinson (the organizer), Earl and Mrs. Pringle, Abe Frazier, ? Johnson, and old age is creeping in and completely forgot the other two names. We all had a good chat and hung around a little longer than usual.

They are not planning on a weekly breakfast anymore, maybe bi-monthly. I will let Ron know when so he can put out some e-mail to all.

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**Andy Andrews** – Greetings, I am attaching a message brief regarding the OHIO replacement, which you may or may not have seen. Hope it will be of interest.

For those members in the Puget Sound area: The Seattle area performance by the USNA Women's Glee Club for March 11th, which was announced at the last meeting, has been canceled as a result of the current uncertainty in the budget situation. Thank you, Bill Rother CAPT, USN (Retired), President, Pacific Northwest Chapter, Naval Submarine League. On website only! [Click Here](#).

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**Jack Armstrong** – I retired at SWFLANT from Lockheed Martin as Assistant Resident Director on 31 December 2012. I plan on a long and fruitful retirement.

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**Mark Prestero** - Just found your POMFLANT Remembered web site. It sure is great to see that something remains that keeps the place alive. Great job!

Since POMFLANT I've worked at Draper Laboratory in Cambridge MA. I retired from there in 2005 and went to work for another outfit that ended up focusing on photovoltaic power generation. After a 3 year run at that (which followed 20 years of success at the previous business), the company went bankrupt last year, so we're all out looking for a job.

We're coming to the area for our semi-annual visit, and this time we have an added task, to do some college tours with our grandson, who has the Citadel on his list. Our oldest son lives in Summerville, and works as an instructor for Boeing employees - doing what he did in the Air Force until he retired a year and a half ago.

Anyhow, say hi to the folks for me. And keep in touch.

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**Ron and Nancy Thomas** – I had 2 surgeries back to back and as a result have been slower to get totally back to normal. The lipoma on my back was a breeze as compared to the 9 hernias that I had fixed in September. The doc was surprised, but said that I didn't have the record for more than 11 in one operation, since I had only 9.

Nancy and I have stayed busy with our Homeowner's Association, it has been like a full-time job. We have 149 homeowners (like children at times) that all want to complain about something, but give you little support in taking care of them. Sometimes trying to make a difference and raising your hand to volunteer is DUMB! But the other side of the coin in being a Volunteer Deputy Sheriff is still enjoyable and hopefully makes a difference.

We didn't take our usual October cruise last year, but went in February this year instead. The weather cooperated and we stayed warm, but windy. We will go later this year in October and get back on track. We spent another Christmas in sunny Florida and enjoyed family and friends, had hamburgers/hot dogs and Secret Santa gifting. It was fun for all with many laughs and giggles.

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**Our Sad News:**

Since our last newsletter, I have received information that the following co-workers, co-workers family members and or friends that have passed on:

**Hoyt M. Long** – Lockheed, Passed 01 January 2008

**Ruth E. Greene** – Civilian, Passed 15 August 2011

**Richard “Dick” E. Wilson** – Lockheed, Passed 08 February 2012

**Robert J. “Bob Wallace** – Lockheed, Passed 26 September 2012

Our Deepest Sympathy goes to those and their families who have lost their loved ones.

Please keep us informed of any news about our POMFLANT family. We welcome any and all inputs for upcoming newsletters. Any inputs can be sent to the below E-Mail addresses at anytime and will get into the latest newsletter. Without your inputs we have little to write about. The POMFLANT web Site is located at:

[www.multiwebs.net/pr/index.html](http://www.multiwebs.net/pr/index.html)

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*Take Care,  
Ron & Nancy Thomas*