



## POMFLANT Remembered

The POMFLANT Alumni was organized about 23 years ago.

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### Special Interest Items:

**Breakfast Club** - The POMFLANT Alumni Breakfast Club meets in Charleston, SC, on the 3rd Thursday of the odd numbered months at 0930 at Cracker Barrel, 7351 Mazyck Road, I-26 & Ashley Phosphate Road, North Charleston, SC 29406-6422. 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.

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### News from our Members:

**Robin Doran** – Dennis and I are good and enjoying retirement. I came across an obituary in a Sacramento, CA newspaper that quite shocked me. It was for Bebe Butrym. It was under Elizabeth F., and listed the nickname Bebe. It was dated in 2013. I cannot imagine there is another Bebe, but most of the obit was blocked and required a fee to review fully. Thought you might want to know for the POMFLANT site, but you might want to try to confirm with someone who knew her well. Take care...Fondly, Robin

**Charlie Wright** – To All Of My POMFLANT Friends. I was an original POMFLANT employee. I worked as a civilian engineer for GEOS, prime contractor for the missile guidance system. I was at POMFLANT before the buildings were constructed. Since there were no accommodations at the facility, I went to Lockheed/Sunnyvale for many months to further study the missile and the testing that was associated with its inertial guidance system.

Later, back at POMFLANT, I worked in the inner high-security compound. I wrote procedures for testing and trouble-shooting the individual subunits of the guidance system (computer, power units, and the servomechanisms). Then I was assigned as Training Engineer, teaching facility personnel the testing and calibration methods for the overall guidance system. Eventually, I was designated as Guidance System Specialist, working in the GEOS Engineering Section at ESB, the Engineering Services Building. I wrote secret missile accuracy reports and reliability reports for the Director of the Special Projects Office in Washington DC (Admiral William Raborn); and I conducted special investigations of issues and problems associated with the guidance system, its calibration consoles, and associated equipment on the submarines. I later became Engineering Supervisor for GEOS at ESB; in this job I was responsible to supervise others who were then taking over my previous responsibilities. Additionally, I was responsible for interfacing with the missile prime contractor and the facility Chief Engineer; I took part in the design of any facility construction

associated with later versions of the guidance systems of the missile triad.

One of the stories that I much later wrote for my children had to do with this Polaris/Poseidon/Trident ICBM triad. Since each of you played an integral part in POMFLANT operations, you may be interested in this triad story that I wrote. If so, send me a request by e-mail, and I will send the story to you. [hcw@cfw.com](mailto:hcw@cfw.com)

After I eventually left POMFLANT, I worked as a civilian consultant to NASA HQ managers on issues having to do with Apollo spacecraft Guidance and Navigation Systems. You can also have that story if you wish, Apollo was a great adventure.

As you can see below, I also had a Navy career, another very exciting adventure. Charlie Wright, Captain USN (Retired) Naval Air Systems Command HQ.

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**Ron Thomas** – Hard copy newsletters will no longer be sent. Everything has now gone to digital format and is available online.

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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:

[Elizabeth "BeBe" F. Butrym](#) – Civilian, Passed 14 March 2013 (CAPT S. Bruce Butrym's Wife.)  
[Richard "Dicky" H. Laidlaw](#) – Civilian, Passed 26 July 2015  
[Robert M. Mercer](#) – AeroJet General, Passed 18 August 2015  
[Curtis F. Jenkins, Jr.](#) – Lockheed, Passed 07 September 2015  
[Dorothy P. Richardson](#) – Civilian, Passed 15 November 2015  
[James F. Criddle, Sr.](#) – Civilian, Passed 17 November 2015  
[Katherine "Susie" B. Brown](#) – Civilian, Passed 31 December 2015  
[Duane V. Mitton](#) – Lockheed, Passed 11 February 2016  
[Harold E. Denton](#) – Civilian, Passed 16 March 2016  
[Robert J. Marangelli](#) – Civilian, Passed 16 March 2016  
[Doris Peak \(Pelligrini\)](#) – Civilian, Passed Unknown

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

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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*