



POMFLANT Remembered

The POMFLANT Alumni was organized about 12 years ago.

Special Interest Items:

Let's Party! - It has been too long since our last get together (it was April 2001). Mary Adams tells us that we have some money left in our old POMFLANT Alumni account, so we are planning a Bar-B-Q picnic get together for next spring. Depending on your response, there should be little or no out-of-pocket cost to you. We have enough to pay for approximately 100 people. If we have a huge response and we exceed our available funds, we will pass the hat at the picnic, (e.g., if we get 125 people, we would each need to pay \$2.50.) Also, there will be a \$1.00 per person admission fee at the gate to enter the park that each of us will be responsible for. The current plans for the next Get Together Picnic are:

DATE: 08 April 2006
TIME: 11:00am to 4:00pm
PLACE: Wannamaker County Park, Tupelo Shelter, University Blvd. (Hwy. 78), North Charleston, SC.
FOOD: Bar-B-Q and fixing's

We will need your RSVP's no later than 08 February 2006. Please send them to either the POMFLANT Remembered Web Site E-Mail address: defiant@1st.net or to Mary M. Adams' E-Mail address: madams1202@aol.com or please phone 843-873-4596.

We hope you can all come. We have a lot of catching up to do. See you there!

SSP 50th Anniversary Party - 15 August 2005 was the last day for submitting monies for reservations.

Request - We have been getting a lot of E-Mail returned as undeliverable for numerous reasons. We have lost touch with some of our friends. So, I would like to request two things of you.

1. 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: defiant@1st.net; webmaster@multiwebs.net; and pomflant@multiwebs.net.
2. 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. Thanks for your support.

News from our Members:

Nap & Lynn Flores - Write to tell us about the new Cooper River Bridge in Charleston, SC. It can be seen on the web at <http://www.cooperriverbridge.org/index.asp>

Barry Loonham - As you can see by the email address I am back to the real world, FBM Program Support! I have been here about a month and it is great in the Pacific North West. My son Shawn (MT1 (SS)) is stationed here at SWFPAC, and brought his wife Jaimee and the 2 granddaughters (Sydney 6 and Jordan 2). So, when Wanda and I visited last year she said, this is a nice area, maybe we should move here. I started thinking that would be fun, after a few interviews and hooking up with an old friend from POMFLANT, Joseph Peck. He hired me to help in the documentation side of RB Processing. It was hard getting used to the 0500 getting up and being in the building by 0615, but getting off at 1500 is awesome. Lots of time to house hunt and read and play with the girls and spend time with Shawn & Jaimee, but I miss Wanda. So, I left to go back to Summerville, SC and packed out our home of 23 years and brought Wanda out here to be with our 3 grandchildren. Logan Michael was born three days before I got here. Attached is my new favorite picture. Why we would move clear



across country! Our other son Chris is a Network Administrator for a major online company in Atlanta, GA, and like us purchasing a new home soon in downtown Atlanta. My mailing address is P.O. Box 6745, Silverdale, WA 98315

Trena Haskell - I am currently employed as an Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Staff for the Charleston County School District. My son, Ryan, is now 16 and stands 6'1". He's a sophomore at Stratford High School.

Donald R. Coffman - I would like to form a POMFLANT club in the Goose Creek, SC area, if people are interested. Please let me know (by e-mail card or letter). My home address is: 529 Myers Road, Summerville, SC 29483 and my E-Mail address is: DonaldC321@aol.com. If you are interested, we can meet at the Goose Creek Senior Center.

Bill & Betty Brandhorst - Bill and I have missed reading the newsletter. My new email address is bbrandhorst@sc.rr.com. We sold our home in Goose Creek and moved to Summerville last year. Our new address is 1801 Congressional Blvd. Summerville, SC 29483. We both are doing well and enjoying retirement. Bill is playing golf and fishing. I still spend a lot of time with my quilting.

Barbara Moyer - I am recovering from the Jan 10th automobile accident and can now walk without a cane and am up to walking 1/2 mile without resting, which is a big improvement from just two weeks ago. Still have a lot of back and shoulder discomfort and shortness of breath but am so much better I'm not complaining. I was able to hold Larry's funeral on April 24th. Thanks for all the sympathy and get well cards, phone calls, visits and most of all, your prayers.

Bob Weaver - Just wanted to let us know that we can remove the link to Bob's Sundial Page in the Contractor list. I have done away with my Sundial page and gotten out of the sundial hobby completely.

Barbara McCutcheon - I've been trying to get my son Brian, to come and send you some of what he wrote about his father, at the memorial we had for him. Don died Dec.13th of 2001, at the age of 70. He died of lung cancer, directly linked to smoking. Brian wrote a nice eulogy in remembrance of his father. I can't remember it. Don had flying lessons in Spain and loved them. He said constantly wouldn't you rather be flying? So, I had his ashes scattered over the mountains near our home. When I can get Brian to find his notes I'll have them passed on to you. Don and I were married for 40 years and I still miss him. Barb, the widow of Don McCutcheon can be reached by e-mailing barbimcc6399@yahoo.com. She would love to hear from old friends.

Chuck Wilson - I wish to thank you both for all you'll do for the POMFLANT Alumni. Being retired makes for a full and active life for myself, so much to get involved in and as always not enough time to do it all. Again, a big thank you.

William R. "Bob" Thomas - I am retiring after 30 years with Lockheed Martin on 30 June. So, effective 01 July please send email messages to me at home at wrthomas@tds.net. I have been here at SWFLANT for 20 years this month, spent 2 years in Sunnyvale and as you know 8 years at POMFLANT where I started out doing time studies as an IE observing you and other sailors.

Paul and Rachel Fitzgerald - We are currently in Douglas, GA, where we perform volunteer work at General Coffee State Park. The park web site is www.members.tripod.com/gcstatepark. They plan on remaining at the park until the middle of September. We are now Great Grandparents. Nevaeh Rachel was born on 11 July and weighed in at slightly over 6 pounds and was 19 inches long. Mother and daughter are doing fine. Are we getting old?

Bobby Lawson - We are still in Greenwood, SC, enjoying retirement and doing most of the things we enjoy. Would like to know when you have the next get-together for the group as we'd like to come.

Paul Weaver - There are no major events from us in Northern Alabama, but just a note to let you know I was on a work assignment for 10 weeks on Shemya Island, Alaska last year, (the former Air Force site of Eareckson Air Station). I will send a couple of photos to anyone who requests it or will be glad to swap tales with anyone who has been there. My E-Mail address is: pbsphoto@hiwaay.net.

Gary M. Trammell - Hello folks. Well, we finally made it back home from our vacation. We left on the morning of the 8th of July and got home this past Wednesday, 27 July. We spent all day Thursday and half of this day cleaning up the motor home and putting it away until the next trip. Not sure when that will be, but it sure won't be for a couple of months. We are absolutely exhausted. Driving 3,291 miles will wear you out. Anyhow, just wanted to let everyone know we we're back home and that I can now answer emails, etc, gmtrammellsr@netzero.net.

Brian Burrough - I was a L/Cpl in the Marine Corps there at the facility from 85-88. It is good for someone to save the history of that facility. I have often wondered what had happened to the old place since I left. Thanks to your site I was able to read and find out. What happened to the old Marine Barracks and to our old reaction building inside post 11? I don't remember the building numbers. It is always great to see someone preserve history, no matter how great or small.

Red and Maggie Fulcher - Our adopted son, Chris Cannon, graduated from the Citadel in May and is now at Pensacola Naval Air Station for Naval Flight Officer training.

Laura Herrick (Hugh Herrick's Widow) - This September 27th will be 6 years ago Hugh went to a higher and better place. He loved my children & grandsons as he never was blessed with children of his own. My grandson Trey Turner 19 has now been at Parris Island, SC since the 18th of July. Drew Miller my 18 year old grandson is going in to the Citadel Saturday the 13th of August. I never have put anything in the news letter or attended any of the get togethers at Dorchester Park, are ya'll still having them there? I have not married and will not. I feel it's not the thing to do, but, have been in a relationship with a writer. He lives on the lake, but, the other side of Lake Marion, via the lake it is approximately 8 miles, on the road 19 miles. Not to close and not to far, just right. His book consisting of 28 short stories is being published now and will be on sale on line and at Barnes & Noble book stores. I'm here in Eutawville enjoying the solitude of country living, no road rage or loud hip hop music here. Not even a stop light. I live on a dirt road and am enjoying it. I am 10 miles from Santee and I-95. Anyway, this is just a short note to let you know what's happening here. God bless you and yours. Also, I am wishing you and yours, health, peace, love, happiness and quality of life.

John and Anne Spear - Anne and I just returned from our tenth trip to Europe. We had a great time. We visited Paris, Rouen and Bayeux, France. While in Bayeux we toured the Normandy Beach areas and the American Cemetery there. It was inspiring to see the beaches of Omaha and Utah. It makes one very proud of the courage and determination of our troops when they landed on that beach at low tide and made there way through withering machine gun and cannon fire to the high water mark. We also visited Arles and Nice, France. Then we went over to Genoa, Venice and Milan, Italy. Then up to Strasbourg, France and Ramstein, Germany. Then off to Home Sweet Home. The cats were glad to see us after a month's absence. We miss seeing our friends from POMFLANT!

Dean and Peggy VanDeLeest - Our daughter, Amanda, graduated from Gonzaga University on Mother's Day with a Bachelor of Arts, major in Political Science and minor in Biology. She is currently seeking employment in the political science field. Our twin sons, Matthew and Ryan, continue their education at local community colleges. Matthew is currently working on pre-requisites for the Radiology Tech program and Ryan is considering computers. Our family traveled back to Charleston, SC this June to attend a wedding of Peggy's oldest niece. Peggy and Amanda spent 2 weeks there, catching up with old classmates and leisurely spending time with family. Dean and the boys arrived on Father's Day. They spent a whirlwind week with beach, sightseeing, eating at Kelly's BBQ in Summerville, and wedding activities. The time went by so fast. In July Dean and I traveled to Red Lodge, Montana for a family reunion on her Mother's side. It had been 35 years since she had seen some of her cousins and it was great to visit and pick up the threads of family. Everyone brought history with them, the old photos and mementoes were a treasure to explore. I continue to recuperate from the motorcycle accident. I had a bone graft in January and it shows signs of working. Complications occurred and I have a serious blood clot which has yet to be resolved. But I usually remain optimistic and continue doing what I like and can - I get bored easily so tend to fill the days. Dean stays very busy with the Inland Northwest Blood Center. They have had cutbacks recently, but his schedule was not affected. He's always conducting training, keeping employees up-to-date and managing a larger fleet of mobiles. They stressed that his hours were not to be lessened.

Buddy Gaillard - Some not so good news. Connie Gaillard has inoperable lung cancer and undergoing radiation and chemotherapy treatments. The prognosis is not too good but modern medicine can sometimes perform wonders. We will just have to go through the treatments and pray for the best.

William Hartman - Hi Folks, Just a memo with some more bad news about another POMFLANT member passing away. This time a Thomas! Mr. Rex L. Thomas, Sr., died 17 June 2005. Mr. Thomas transferred from the Charleston, SC, Naval Base Electronics Shop to the Inspection Department, POMFLANT in late fall of 1962. He retired from Production Planning and Control Department in the early 1980's with a total of 32 years of Government service. He also was a US Navy World War II Veteran. He was born in the State of Nebraska and after retirement he moved to up state SC, (Seneca) on the one of those many lakes up there. He and I had been friend since after WWII and had worked on many jobs together. He left a wife (Betty), 4 Children, Eight Grand Children and 5 Great Grand Children. Rex was 79 years old.

Ron and Nancy Thomas - I decided to retire and did so on 02 May of this year. I completed 35 years of Government service all in the Fleet Ballistic Missile Program. Nancy still has about a year before she is eligible to retire. She, at this time is unsure if she will retire or not. I think it must be that she married me for better or worse, but, not 24 hours a day ;-). Take care my friends. Our side business, Southeastern Synthetics, will continue to sponsor the website and the newsletter at no cost whatsoever to the Alumni Association. This includes the web, newsletter materials and any applicable postage costs.



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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 have died:

[Earline Byrd](#) - Al Byrd's Wife, passed 07 March 2005
[Rex L. Thomas, Sr.](#) - Civilian, passed 17 June 2005
[David B. Vail](#) - Civilian, passed 19 July 2004
[Mary E Hunt](#) - Elmer G. Hunt's wife, passed 20 October 2003
[William "Bill" Laughlin](#) - Lockheed, passed date unknown
[Thomas T. Jenkins](#) - Lockheed, passed date unknown

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 address 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

Please keep Ron Thomas: defiant@1st.net and/or John Maney: jmaney@sc.rr.com up to date, with your current e-mail addresses and or current snail mail address and telephone number changes.

Take Care,
Ron & Nancy Thomas

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