



POMFLANT Remembered

The POMFLANT Alumni was organized about 14 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 Wednesday at 0930 for a breakfast gathering. 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://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>

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 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@alltel.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. Thank you for your support.
3. For those members using their work E-Mail address from Lockheed Martin. Lockheed Martin is rejecting E-mails from the mailing list, with an error message of "556 5.7.1 Message refused by Lockheed Martin due to content or security policy violation." I will need another non-LMCO e-mail address or a snail mail address if you wish further updates from the POMFLANT Remembered Website. Please respond with your name and alternate E-Mail address to thunderer@alltel.net. I am sorry for this inconvenience.
4. AOL and CompuServe (cs.com) have now started blocking my mailing list as SPAM on some AOL and CompuServe accounts. For those AOL and CompuServe members please read item 1 above. Your names will be removed from the e-mail list. You may try contacting AOL customer service and see if they will unblock the e-mails from my domain. I am sorry for this inconvenience.
5. Comcast is now blocking the POMFLANT update e-mails as SPAM. Please resolve this issue with your provider or I will be forced to remove your address from the e-mail update lists. I might suggest that you get a Hotmail, Yahoo, or Gmail account for the newsletter and website update E-Mails.

News from our Members:

Bob Marangelli – Greetings, the e-mail address (rmarangelli@comcast.net) you have for me is good however Comcast somehow has screwed things up by sending an undeliverable message even though I get the messages sent to me. Please let everyone know to disregard the undeliverable message and if they want to ask for a receipt to be sent to them, thanks. Now for some bad news, as I had lost two brothers recently due to lung cancer, I decided to be pro active and request screening for myself. Guess what? I had a lung biopsy two weeks ago and it was positive that I now have lung cancer in both lungs. I start chemotherapy on 27 March and the doctor says that he thinks its really looking good as the cancer type I have should be very receptive to the treatments. The chemotherapy should be able to zap it into remission. The doctor said "if you're going to have cancer that the type I have is the kind to get. I say BS! There is no good kind of cancer to have. My spirits are good. My wife's also and

we'll beat this thing just like my stroke over 8 years ago. But, I believe in prayer so if anyone wants to contribute, thanks.

Great newsletter, keep up the good work and my wife and I are so sorry to hear about your grandchild. Keep positive.

Henry & Brenda Nix - As you know Henry (Nicky) and I retired in January 2006. We sold our home in Ridgeland, SC in February 2007 and have moved back to Charleston, SC to be closer to our families (especially those precious little grandsons of ours, Hunter age 7 and Nicholas age 20 months). We now live just outside of Goose Creek, SC in Spring Grove Plantation, 421 Black Horse Road, Moncks Corner, SC 29461. Our new e-mail address is bnnix@homexpressway.net.

Catherine Glover - I have the unfortunate news that my dad, Ronald L. Glover; who was with civil service for many years has passed away of liver cancer. He was a terrific dad to my brother and me. We miss him in the up most way. Ronald L. Glover, 02 April 1933 to 23 January 2007. God bless all of you who served for the United States of America. I thank you!

Carol Niemeyer - Our former POMFLANT Accounting Officer (Comptroller), was selected and featured by People magazine in a Dove Pro Age ad as one of the "50 most beautiful women over 50" in their 08 May special edition "Worlds Most Beautiful". Her picture and bio were submitted by Pat Hood Miller, a friend and fellow member of Hat ladies of Charleston. Carol resides in Summerville and is active in social and charity work and is soon to publish a book of poetry.

David Ruff - I was stationed to the USNS Furman (TAK) at SWFPAC from 1975 to 1978 and would like to know if you have anyone that has been aboard the slow moving bucket. If so, he can be reached at E-Mail: swordfish2@comcast.net.

John Maney - I purchased my first boat in March. I have been retired for 9 1/2 years, so I figured it was now or never. There is some truth to the saying that a boat is a hole in the water that you pour your money into. I have been having fun adding things to the boat ever since I got it.

I have been doing a lot of fishing, unfortunately not a lot of catching. I am concentrating on salt water for now, and I have a lot to learn. John Fortune has gone out with me a couple of time to give me lessons. He still catches most of the fish.

Gary Morrison - Gary and his wife Barbara recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Congratulations are in order from all of us here.

Paul and Rachel Fitzgerald - We still reside in Kissimmee, FL. Presently Paul does volunteer work at Give Kids the World (www.gktw.org), a wonderful place. They currently have seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Not expecting any more of these? If you are ever in the area give us a call. We are listed in the phone book and welcome all of you. I also put up a POMFLANT page that the older folks might be interested in it is at: <http://members.tripod.com/~paulandrachel/pomflant.htm>.

Gary M. Trammell - There isn't much to report way out here in Texas. About the most significant thing that has happened out here is that as of this writing the temperature has yet to exceed 100 degrees, and here it is August 10th. However, they are forecasting the triple digits starting tomorrow and for at least the next 10 days. Normally, we start seeing a few 100 degree days in early June.

Barbara and I returned from a 12-day sea/land cruise/tour to Alaska. We embarked on the Sapphire Princess in Vancouver, Canada on June 30th and had stops in Ketchikan, Juneau, and Skagway. Took several land tours in each of the stops and we disembarked in Whittier, Alaska on July 7th and were placed on the Denali Express Train to Denali National Park. That was a 10-hour train ride to our Denali Wilderness Lodge where we spent two nights. We got to see Mt. McKinley and the beautiful Denali National Park. That included seeing three grizzly bears, many bald eagles, Dahl sheep, and beautiful mountains. We were taken by motor coach from Denali to Fairbanks where we spent two nights. On the way to Fairbanks we encountered a huge cow moose just a few miles from our Denali Wilderness Lodge on the way to Fairbanks. I had never really realized how big these animals were until I got to see one up close. We played a round of golf while in Fairbanks. We finished playing at 10:45 P.M. and it was still plenty of day light left that we could have played another 9 holes without any problems. As a matter-of-fact, the golf course takes tee-times for 18 holes as late as 10:00 P.M. It is pretty amazing when you have over 22 hours of day light. All-in-all it was a great vacation, and I would recommend it to anyone. The entire trip went like clock work with only one minor blip. On the return trip we flew from Fairbanks to Seattle, changed planes and flew to Denver.

Was suppose to have only 1-1/2 hour lay over in Denver, but the plane that was to take us on to D/FW came in with it's radar on the blink. So we sat at DIA from about 5:30 P.M. to midnight before the airline finally decided to find us another plane to take us to D/FW. We finally got home about 3:30 A.M. the next morning. That made for a long 26 hour day. Like I said, it was a great trip, but let me also say that there are some areas in Colorado, Montana and other states that are just as pretty as Alaska.

Our next trip will be to Charleston, SC in early October, we will be visiting my sons. One lives in Moncks Corner and my other one in Florence. Maybe I'll get to see some ole acquaintances while I am in the Charleston area. My oldest son, Gary, produces and announces a rodeo during the 2nd weekend in October. This will be his 4th year producing a rodeo in Moncks Corner and it has be a sellout both nights each year. He does a really great job, very professional. He goes all around the east coast announcing rodeos. He is also a computer geek. He owns a computer store on Main Street in Moncks Corner. His web site is www.MoncksCornerComputers.com. Please check it out.

Allen Whilden Holmes - Retired from Lockheed Martin on 15 June 2007 (after 23 years) and moved back to Charleston, SC. On 9 August 2007, my wife Kris and I opened Dixie Supply Breakfast & Cafe at 62 State Street, in Charleston, between South Market Street and Cumberland Street.

Glenn A. Kelsey - Hello to All: I wanted to take a moment to extend my families gratitude for your many and varied expressions of sympathy and remorse after Dad passed in May. So many of you did so much, your prayers, phone calls, visits with the family and donations to The Scottish Rite's Children's School there in Charleston were heart warming. Someone had reported here that he died of complications after a routine angioplasty. That was not the case. With the possibility that this misinformation might frighten even one person from having such an important procedure, I wanted to set the record straight. Doctors had discovered a very small aortic aneurysm just above his waist in 2005. They had been checking its size every few months. It started to show signs of enlarging just before his death. He faced major surgery or waiting for it to burst at an undetermined time he chose surgery. He knew recovery would be tough but with a survival rate of 90 percent he took the chance. Although my analogy of the situation might sound crude it is simple. Dad taught us kids to play penny ante poker. Some of my fondest memories are of nights at our house, campsite on the Edisto River or wherever the family joined around the table. We of course allowed friends to lose their funds as well. The stakes were low and I don't recall anyone walking away with more than ten dollars or losing more than five. The fun, fellowship and memories created around those tables are priceless. Our family was blessed the night he passed. We were all able to be with him as he folded his last hand. You see the queens he thought he had turned out to be deuces. He let us know it was his time and that he was going home.

I was fortunate enough in the last several years to spend a good bit of time with Dad. There was never a visit that he did not fill me in on all the news from the Wednesday morning POMFLANT breakfast. I believe he attended it as faithfully as he attended POMLANT. He always encouraged me to go with him and come up for the annual gatherings. I have attended on several occasions and always enjoy the fellowship. I hope to see you all there in September while I am visiting Mom. I will be there more often now as Dad was a procrastinator and collector of fine things. I don't know perhaps that was his way of ensuring I would spend a proper amount of time with Mom.

Off to brighter subjects! It is hard to believe that the last of us left POMFLANT as we knew it 15 years ago next month. I have been here at the Eastern Range now almost 8 years. Mom is doing well and has already spent some time here with us in Florida. We just bought a new home in Cocoa. We miss the beach but the Tax and Insurance folks finally ran us out. It's all right though because we have much more space. The bride has her sewing / craft room, I a two car garage and covered boat parking. We pass occasionally in the breakfast nook or the large screened living room. A few notes for those of you who knew us best. Laura with her solider at Fort Hood, TX, turns 30 in November. She has to quit having birthdays. I'm beginning to feel old. She doesn't hide the fact since she gave us our first four grand children. Travis is on his second enlistment in the Air Force with a charming bride at Nellis AFB Las Vegas. Robbie is still living in Idaho and just had his second child last week. Is anyone here counting grand children? On Sheila's side David is living in Colorado Springs and going to school. Amanda is in Vancouver Washington. The youngest of the Grandchildren graduates in January with a BA in education. She plans to teach High School history. I have got a little long winded here. I hope to see some of you soon in Charleston, until then may you meet only "Fair Winds and Following Seas!"

Ron and Nancy Thomas – We celebrated our 21st anniversary in June. Nancy, who retired in January was asked to come back to work at SWFLANT to help train the new Quality Assurance Specialists that were being hired. So, she accepted a temporary rehire for a year until May 2008. They made her an offer she could not refuse as an annuitant.

I have been building a two story workshop and remodeling our kitchen which has been taking most of my time so as usual, I am late getting this newsletter out. Our youngest Grandson started college this fall at the University of North Florida. I guess we are starting to get old.

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. 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 that have passed on:

John S. Carter – Civilian, Passed 21 March 1990

Tony J. Davis – Unknown, Passed Fall 2006

Ronald L. Glover – Civilian, Passed 23 January 2007

Charles A. Blaich – Civilian, Passed 22 March 2007

Donald R. Coffman – Civilian, Passed 26 March 2007

Maurice L. Kelsey – Civilian, Passed 23 May 2007

LCDR Alfred James Billings (USN Retired) – Military, Passed 07 June 2007

Ann Huxford Guerry – Lockheed, Passed 04 August 2007

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 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

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Take Care,

Ron & Nancy Thomas

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