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Hello Windy City Chapter,

Summer is almost half over and the first few weeks of July have been hot. I hope we get a good day for our family picnic on July 30, 2016, starting at 14:00. Even when it's really hot, John and Darlene have so many trees that their yard is always shady and comfortable. It's a great place for a picnic!

The date to RSVP by is July 23. That's the day I'm writing this (bad planning by me), so I hope everyone who can go has contacted Darlene.

Thank you John and Darlene for sharing your home and for all of the effort that you put into our parties. They are always successful and fun. Thank you to Larry for cooking the great food too. I want to name everyone, but my CRS is getting the best of me right now.

Please check the Events Page of our web site for the full details. [wcchapter.org](http://wcchapter.org) The link to the Events page is near the top center of our main page.

Our next meeting is Tuesday August 9, 2016. It will be at American Legion Post 888 in Northlake starting at 20:00. These details are also on the Events Page of our web site.

Respectfully,

Ed Whiteside

**Mark Your Calendar: August 9, 2016 Meeting!**

Meetings are conducted at 2000 hours on the second Tuesday of even numbered months:

At the American Legion Post in Northlake, IL

**Windy City Chapter Meeting Minutes-June14, 2016**

Meeting of the Windy City Chapter convened at 20:03. President, Vice President, Treasurer, Executive Council and Secretary present. A quorum exists.

**List of Attendees:**

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| Ed Whiteside      | Andy Anderson    | Gene Koelker |
| Paul Smurawski    | Vicki Koehnke    | Alan Koehnke |
| Connie Koehnke    | John Nickelson   | Mike Brock   |
| Darlene Nickelson | Butch Michaelson | Larry Monroe |
| Dennis Devitt     |                  |              |

April 2016 newsletter was read and accepted as stated. MX-Butch Michaelson, 2X-Mike Brock.

**President:** If you have any articles that have importance to share in the chapter's newsletter, please forward the article to the Web Master (in word documentation format and/or pdf)

**Treasurer's Report:** Accept the Treasure report as stated- MX-Darlene Nickelson, 2X- Mike Brock.

**Sunshine Fund:** Donations were made to Don Mitchell's and Bob Hammond's memories.

**Executive Council:** Regarding the Recruiting event, to rent the beach house at Great Lake will be \$50.00 per hour. The next combined drill weekend is July 9 which the beach house is booked. The next drill weekend will be

August 6 and August 20<sup>th</sup>. Will have to call on availability of the beach house. MX-John Nickelson, 2X-Mike Brock.

**Communications:** Gene Koelker received thank you letter from Don Mitchell's wife and National Kidney Foundation of Illinois (in honor of Don Mitchell).

-John and Darlene Nickelson attending Bob Mackey wake and presented a sympathy card on behalf of Windy City Chapter.

### **Old Business:**

-Received our order of 25 NERA anniversary coins, available to purchase. Cost \$10.00 per coin.

-Windy City store still has shirts available for purchase.

### **New Business:**

-Windy City Chapter annual picnic and fish fry—SAVE THE DATE- July 31, 2016, at 14:00, location: Clubhouse Location-John and Darlene house. Cost \$5.00 a person, bring appetizer, side dish and/or dessert to share. Contact John and Darlene to RSVP and what dish you will be bring to share. Chapter will be providing Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Brats, Fish, Soda and Beer. MX-Gene Koelker, 2X-Mike Brock. The picnic date has moved up a month due to an active member coming home for leave. MA3 Richard Koehnke will be arriving back home for 30 days leave from July 11 to August 7.

### **Good of the Chapter-**

-Gene Koelker asked for all attending meeting at the member to show their challenge coins. Then he told a story. A construction worker who was NEVER in the military was sitting at a bar with a person, this guy brought his kid in the bar over the years and this construction worker and guy his kid become bar friends over the years. Years go by and the kid grew up and he joined the Navy. One day the kid went to this bar and the construction worker still was going to the same bar and on this day the construction worker was buying drinks. The construction, remember his is not military, he tapped on the bar with the coin and the Navy kid, said, I guess I have to buy you a drink. The Navy kid forgot his coin.

-Outback Steakhouse and Carrabba's Italian Grill-A Challenge Coin is exactly what it sounds like...it's a coin or medallion used by members of the military to challenge one another in an honorable, fun and morale-boosting way. The actual challenge is initiated when the challenger

produces his or her coin; all parties being challenged must immediately present the same coin...and anyone who's unable to do so has to buy a round of drinks.

To celebrate and support Folds of Honor, an organization that provides scholarships and assistance to the spouses and children of those killed or disabled in service to America, Outback Steakhouse and Carrabba's Italian Grill have created a Challenge Coin of their own. By purchasing one, you'll be committing a thoughtful, charitable act of kindness for our troops' families, as 100% of all proceeds go to the cause.

To keep the Challenge Coin tradition going strong and to show our thanks for your support, we'll give you a free Coca-Cola product each time you produce your Challenge Coin at an Outback Steakhouse or Carrabba's Italian Grill. Please think of it as a small token of our appreciation...and find comfort in knowing that you've bettered the lives of our heroes' families.

Go to <https://challengecoin.foldsofhonor.org/> to purchase your coin and it is ONLY offer on-line, you cannot purchase the coin at the restaurants.



-Windy City Chapter member Jim Premeske's health is improving and is on the road to recovery.

-Paul Smurawski won 50/50 raffle.

-Motion to adjourn @ 20:50 MX-Vicki Koehnke, 2X-Butch Michaelson.

## **NAVAIR Marks First Flight with 3-D printed, safety-critical parts**

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From Naval Air Systems Command Public Affairs

NAVAL AIR STATION PATUXENT RIVER, Maryland (NNS) -- Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) marked its first successful flight demonstration of a flight critical aircraft component built using additive manufacturing (AM) techniques, July 29.

An MV-22B Osprey completed a test flight outfitted with a titanium, 3-D printed link and fitting assembly for the engine nacelle. This link and fitting assembly is one of four that secure a V-22's engine nacelle to the primary wing structure and will remain on the aircraft for continued evaluation. The flight was performed using the standard V-22 flight performance envelope.

"The flight went great. I never would have known that we had anything different onboard," said MV-22 Project Officer Maj. Travis Stephenson who piloted the flight.

AM uses digital 3-D design data to build components in layers of metal, plastic and other materials. The metal link and fitting assembly for this test event were printed at Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division in Lakehurst, New Jersey.

Prior to this flight, multiple V-22 components built by Lakehurst and Penn State Applied Research Laboratory were tested at Patuxent River to validate performance.

"The flight today is a great first step toward using AM wherever and whenever we need to. It will revolutionize how we repair our aircraft and develop and field new capabilities - AM is a game changer," said Liz McMichael, AM Integrated Product Team lead. "In the last 18 months, we've started to crack the code on using AM safely. We'll be working with V-22 to go from this first flight demonstration to a formal configuration change to use these parts on any V-22 aircraft."

Naval aviation has employed additive manufacturing as a prototyping tool since the early 1990s and in recent years has begun the process of printing non-flight critical parts and tools. Today's demonstration is the first time a U.S. Navy aircraft flew with an AM part deemed essential to maintaining safe flight.

Navy officials envision a future where all parts can be made on-demand globally by fleet maintainers and operators, and our industry partners - stocking digital data instead of ordering, stocking and shipping parts. Today's flight is an important step toward achieving that vision.

Including the V-22 link and fitting assembly, McMichael and her team have identified six additional safety-critical parts they plan to build and test over the next year for three U.S. Marine Corps rotorcraft platforms: the V-22, H-1 and CH-53K. Three of the parts will be made out of titanium, while the other three will be stainless steel.

Even with the success of today's flight, NAVAIR officials advise that there is a lot of work to do before deployed aircraft are flying in theater with 3-D printed, safety-critical parts.

"Our AM team has done some incredible work in a relatively short period of time - both internally through its production of aircraft components to be used in flight testing and externally through its liaison with industry and other government organizations," said Vice Adm. Paul A. Grosklags, NAVAIR commander. "Although the flight today is a great step forward, we are not trying to 'lead' industry in our AM efforts, but it is absolutely critical that we understand what it takes to successfully manufacture and qualify AM parts for flight in naval aircraft, which we expect will largely be manufactured by our industry partners. Where I believe we can 'lead' industry is in the development of the AM 'digital thread,' from initial design tools all the way to the flight line - securely maintained and managed through the life of an aircraft program."

## **PLAN OF THE DAY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Sailor 2025: What you need to know**

The Sailor 2025 program, being worked under CNP, now includes 43 different initiatives designed to put the Navy in a better position to deal with the talent market challenges of tomorrow. Those initiatives fall under 3 categories: Modernize the entire personnel system, Modernize the training process, Enrich Navy culture. To learn more visit <http://bit.ly/2aeBhok>

### **Testing Options Expanded for SAT, ACT**

Service members planning to start their college education have a new option for taking admissions tests, including the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) and the American College Test (ACT) Assessment Program. New to the programs is a reimbursement option for members taking the ACT/SAT at off-base locations, including local high schools or colleges. Visit the DANTES website: <http://www.dantes.doded.mil> for info.

### **Sailors Taking Fall Classes Should Start the Tuition Assistance Approval Process Now!**

Sailors planning to take college courses this fall using Tuition Assistance (TA) should submit their requests as soon as possible, so they may be reviewed and approved before classes start. Contact the Virtual Education Center for assistance: 1-(877) 838-1659 (6 a.m.-9 p.m. EST), or by email at [VEC@navy.mil](mailto:VEC@navy.mil).

### **Blended Retirement: Breaking down options**

The new blended retirement system offers more options to Sailors with less than 12 years of service. If you have more than 12 years of service by Jan. 1, 2018, you don't have the option to switch but the new plan will be mandatory for new Sailors joining the Navy. Sailors who are currently serving will be grandfathered into the current retirement system. Go to <http://bit.ly/29P2Kva> to find out what you should know.

### **Education Questions Answered during DoD's Virtual Education Fair**

The Department of Defense (DoD) Voluntary Education Program will host its second pilot DoD Virtual Education Fair, August 11, 2016, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. EST, in an effort to help make higher education more accessible to service members, veterans and family members. Registration is required to participate and is open at [www.dodeducationfair.com](http://www.dodeducationfair.com).

### **September 2016 E4-E6 Advancement Cycle Announced**

The September 2016 Navywide enlisted examinations (Cycle 232) testing dates for active duty, full time support and canvasser recruiter Sailors who are advancement eligible to the paygrades of E4-E6 have been announced in Naval Administrative Message (NAVADMIN) 083/16, released April 4. Bibliographies for the September exams have been posted and can be downloaded on the Navy Knowledge Online and Navy COOL websites.

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## Courtesy Retired Activities Office

The Navy Retired Activities Program has offices worldwide that are manned by volunteer retirees from all services. Retired Activities Office (RAO) volunteers assist the retired community by serving as a point of contact between retirees and military agencies, local and at the headquarters level. RAO volunteers provide follow-up service and liaison support to survivors of retirees and their family members to ensure they are aware of all entitlements. Additionally, RAO volunteers assist in conducting retiree annual seminars/appreciation days sponsored by their installation. The dedication and commitment

of all RAO volunteers is invaluable and without their support the program would not survive. As volunteers

retire, sometimes after serving more than 20 years on the RAO staff, some of the locations are now low on staff and have been forced to significantly decrease the number of hours they are able to provide service to the retired community and their family members. The Navy is aggressively recruiting retirees from the local community and is looking for military retirees who are willing and able to donate three to four hours during the work-week. All RAOs operate during weekdays (times and days varies per location). Volunteers will receive on-the-job training and experience the satisfaction of serving our country in a different capacity. Please see that back of this publication for a complete listing of all Navy RAOs. For more information contact Navy Retired Activities Office at (901) 8746723/6949.

## How to report a Retiree's death

Navy retired pay ends when the retiree dies. Survivors must promptly report a retiree's death to help avoid delays and possible financial hardship to surviving annuitant beneficiaries, family members or executors who will be required to reimburse any retired pay overpayments.

Please follow the steps below to report the death of a military retiree:

**Step 1** - Notify the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) Casualty Care Team at 1-800-321-1080. Please have the retiree's Social Security Number and the date of death when you call.

For customers located overseas, the commercial number is 216-522-5955, select option 3 to be directed to the appropriate representative.

Upon notification, DFAS will begin to close out the pay account to prevent any overpayments.

**Step 2** - Contact your financial institution and inform them of the death of the retiree.

**Step 3** - Within 7-10 business days of reporting the death to DFAS, you should receive a condolence letter.

If the member is due arrears of pay you will also receive a Claim for Unpaid Compensation of Deceased Member of the Uniformed Service (SF 1174).

If the decedent was enrolled in the Survivor Benefit Plan or the Retired Serviceman's Family Protection Plan, you should also receive an Annuity Care Package for completion and return.

**Step 4** - Complete the SF 1174 you received with your condolence letter and return with a copy of the retiree's Death Certificate that reflects cause of death to:

DFAS U.S. Military Retired Pay  
P.O. Box 7130  
London, KY40742-7130  
Fax: 800-469-6559

If you need assistance completing your claim form please contact the DFAS call center at 800-321-1080. You can also contact Navy Retired Activities by calling the Navy Personnel Command Customer Service Center at 866-827-5672 and asking for extension 4308.

Contact List: In addition to notifying DFAS, you should also notify the following agencies/departments as soon as possible:

- Social Security Administration at 800-772-1213.
- Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System at 800-538-9552.
- Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) at 800-827-1000 for military retirees receiving disability compensation.
- Office of Personnel Management at 888-767-6738 if the member was a current or retired federal civilian employee.
- VA at 800-669-8477 for retirees enrolled in a VA-sponsored life insurance policy, such as National Service Life Insurance.
- Office of Servicemember's Group Life Insurance at 800-419-1473 for retirees enrolled in Veteran's Group Life Insurance.

Families and executors may also receive assistance with administrative requirements from a Casualty Assistance Officer or Retired Activities/Affairs Office if available from a military installation nearby.