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*Coast Guard Cutter Polar Star at McMurdo Ice Pier*

## **Polar Star Change of Command Ceremony**

*Compiled by Billy-Ace Baker*

Since the late 1970s, the 400-foot mammoths of the Coast Guard fleet, based in Seattle, Washington, have been traveling north and south on their primary mission of scientific and logistical support in both Polar Regions. Polar class icebreakers, the *Polar Star* and the *Polar Sea*, have a variety of missions while operating in Polar Regions. During Antarctic deployments, their missions include breaking a channel through the sea ice to McMurdo Station in the Ross Sea. Resupply ships use the channel to bring food, fuel, and other goods to McMurdo Station. In addition *Polar Star* serves as a scientific research platform with five laboratories and accommodations for up to 20 scientists.

The “J”-shaped cranes and work areas near the stern and port side of ship give scientists the capability to do at-sea studies in the fields of geology, vulcanology, oceanography, sea-ice physics, and other earth science disciplines.

On 10 June 2006 at 10:30 a.m. in Seattle Washington, a change of command ceremony took place aboard the Coast Guard Cutter *Polar Star* at Pier 36.

On 30 June, the icebreaker entered caretaker status at its homeport in Seattle pending a decision whether the ship will be decommissioned or undergo a major renovation.

See *Polar Star* on page 4.

**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

John Lamont West—OAEA President

**T**O ALL OAEs—Summer is upon us and the Old Antarctic Explorers Association 2006 Symposium is just around the corner. I look forward to seeing you in Rhode Island. There is still time to submit your registration to attend this gala event, to renew old acquaintances, and to swap some stories about your experience on the Ice.



The results of the 2006 Election of OAEA Officers are in; we offer our congratulations to the following individuals: John Lamont West, re-elected for a second term as President; Henry Storm, re-elected for a second term as Executive Vice President; Buz Dryfoose, re-elected to the Board of Directors; Dave Hazard, elected to the Board of Directors; and, Bill Spindler, elected to the Board of Directors.

Our thanks go to Bill Maloney and Jim Wallace, the outgoing members of the Board. Each made valuable contributions to the Old Antarctic Explorers Association during their tenures. We do appreciate the time and effort they expended to make our organization just a little better.

For those gallant members who volunteered as candidates during this election and were not elected, we extend a hearty 'thank you' for offering to serve. Although there were only five vacancies up for election, we were fortunate to have fifteen members who were willing to step forward and be considered candidates for office. See page 19 for more election details.

I encourage all members to contribute their ideas, suggestions, time, and means to perpetuate the goals of The Old Antarctic Explorers Association, to assist in the growth of the OAEA, and to share membership with your friends and associates. I solicit your recommendations and suggestions on those areas you perceive as going well in addition to those areas where you feel we can do better. Feel free to e-mail me at Westjl42@aol.com or write to me at 15838 Beaufort Blvd., Selma, TX 78154-3839.

Efforts are continuing to develop an Old Antarctic Explorers Association Log that will, feature individual biographies, and photographs. We hope to hear more on this topic from Walt at the Symposium.

Marty Diller and his group are doing a fantastic job organizing and setting up events for all to enjoy at the Symposium. We appreciate the many hours and tremendous effort that Marty and his committee are contributing to this herculean task to ensure that we have a wonderful time.

In closing, I wish to remember those who have lost a loved one. I express my condolences to the families of the many OAEs who have passed away. To those under the weather, we wish you a speedy recovery. Until the next time, take care. Remember, I look forward to seeing you at the OAEA Symposium, 17–19 August 2006, in Warwick, Rhode Island.

*John Lamont West*



**GROWLERS & BERGY BYTES**

*Feature Stories, Odds & Ends, Collected, Compiled & Written by Billy-Ace Penguin Baker*

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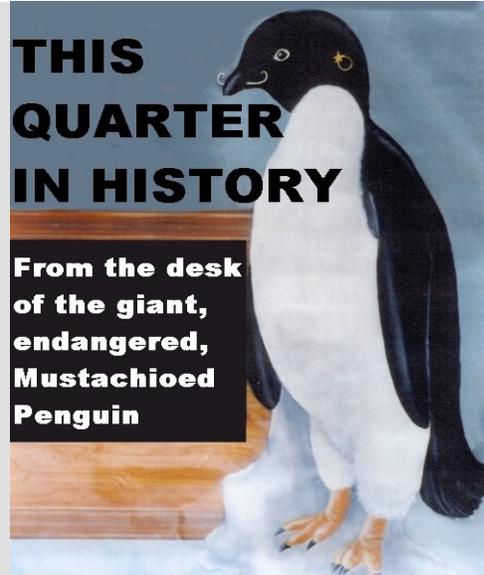
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# THIS QUARTER IN HISTORY

**From the desk of the giant, endangered, Mustachioed Penguin**



## July Events

- 12 Jul 1957 AD2 Nelson Cole dies from burns received in helo crash in the vicinity of McMurdo.
- 15 Jul 1964 PM-3A nuclear power plant scrambled during scram logic tests. Sir Lofless leaves town.
- 15 Jul 1967 ENC G. L. Mello re-enlists at McMurdo for four years.
- 22 Jul 1968 Wilkes Station radio operator, R. M. Sullivan, killed in a crevasse accident on a field trip.
- 04 Jul 1971 Marble Point nurses conduct waffle-weave raid on McMurdo. Dragon Killers leave town.

## August Events

- 06 Aug 1903 Allan Ramsay died aboard the *Scotia* and was buried on Laurie Island.
- 08 Aug 1912 Richard Vahsel dies of an old illness aboard the *Deutschland*.
- 31 Aug 1957 80 mph winds blow Otter away at Little America V.
- 11 Aug 1968 Snow-melting building at South Pole destroyed by fire.
- 11 Aug 1970 Earthquake at 60°36'S, 25°24'W (Atlantic Basin) registering 6 on the Richter Scale.

## September Events

- 10 Sep 1902 Roys, Koettlitz, and a party of four sledge to Cape Crozier.
- 16 Sep 1911 Amundsen returns to Framheim due to bad weather.
- 05 Sep 1936 British Graham Land Expedition conducts in-depth study of Antarctic Peninsula.
- 13 Sep 1967 McMurdo reports shortage of U-barrels.
- 21 Sep 1971 PM-3A shutdown for maintenance after a record run of 4400 hours and 20 minutes.

## Polar Star

From page 1



Chief Warrant Officer Kenneth D. Stuber relieved Capt. Richard A. "Mac" McCullough who retired following a 40-year Coast Guard career.

Rear Adm. Jeffrey M. Garrett (Ret) presided over the ceremony. A change of command ceremony is a time-honored tradition which formally restates the continuity and authority of command.

As the *Polar Star's* 17th commanding officer, CWO Ken Stuber faces a new challenge. He will command a crew of 34 personnel as *Polar Star* assumes caretaker status for an 18 to 24 month period. Stuber reported aboard the *Polar Star* as the First Lieutenant in June 2005. During a recent 10-week deployment to Antarctica in support of Operation Deep Freeze 2006, he renewed his Deck Watch Officer qualification and certified as an ice pilot. Stuber has previously served as commanding officer of Station Humboldt Bay, Calif., Station Umpqua River, Ore., and the National Motor Lifeboat School, Cape Disappointment, Wash.

*Polar Star*, which turned 30 years old in January, is a 399-foot Polar Class icebreaker with a 130-person crew. The ship was specifically designed for solo icebreaking in Polar Regions.

The red cutter has a reinforced hull made of 1.5 inches of steel covering a specially contoured icebreaking bow. The Polar Class icebreakers can call on 75,000 shaft horsepower enabling them to break up to 21 feet of ice and are the world's most powerful non-nuclear icebreakers.

The *Polar Star* went into caretaker status because more money is needed to maintain the country's aging heavy icebreakers. Neither Homeland Security nor the National Science Foundation can agree on who should pay for maintenance and upgrading of the

icebreakers. To add to the turmoil management of the entire icebreaker-funding package was recently shifted from the Coast Guard to the NSF.



CWO Ken Stuber

The nation's two heavy-duty icebreakers are nearing the end of their useful lives. There is neither enough money to maintain them nor a plan to replace them, according to a report from a panel of the National Academies.

In a preliminary report requested by Congress and released last December, the panel said a lack of both money and a new generation of vessels could undermine the USAs ability to conduct operations in the Arctic and the annual opening of the routes to American research stations in Antarctica.

According to the report the increase in human activity in more northerly latitudes will most likely increase the demand on the U.S. Coast Guard to have a greater presence in and around the ice margin to perform its many safety, security and law-enforcement missions.



Russian Icebreaker at McMurdo

For the past two years, the United States has resorted to chartering a Russian icebreaker to help break the ice into McMurdo Station, but the rising commercial activity in the Arctic is likely to reduce the availability of the Russian ships, the report said.

The United States has three large icebreakers. The *Polar Sea* and the

*Polar Star*, both built in the 1970s, are the most powerful, and can smash through floes more than six feet thick. The third, the *Healy*, was built in the 1990s and is designed for ice about four and a half feet thick.

An investment of a massive amount of money to rebuild the vessels or replace them is required if the USA is to stay in the icebreaking business.

The *Polar Star*, currently under going extensive repairs in Seattle, is out of service until at least next fall.

The money that was provided, about \$48 million, was about \$20 million less than what the Coast Guard and the NSF said would be needed just to maintain the ships, the report said. The lack of funding caused maintenance to fall behind schedule.

### Icebreaker listed on eBay

A recent Internet auction to try to sell the former Canadian Coast Guard icebreaker ended without any bids, but the owner is confident a buyer for the ship will be found

Dan Burry of Clarendville, New Foundland, bought the ship several years ago at a government auction, and renamed it the *Polar Prince*.



Icebreaker Polar Prince For Sale

He put it up for sale on the Internet auction site eBay with a starting bid of \$1 million US. Despite several expressions of interest, no one was willing to put in a formal bid by the deadline. The owner plans to list the icebreaker again:

*Editor's Note: During the auction the following email was sent to a prominent NSF executive: "Someone is selling an icebreaker on eBay. Could this solve the NSF icebreaker dilemma?" His only response was: "Interesting."*

# PENGUIN PAGES

## Politically Correct Penguins

*Contrived from a story by Adrain Tame*

**A**T THE SEA WORLD THEME PARK IN Queensland, Australia the fairy penguins have been renamed "little penguins" to avoid offending the gay community.

In an act of political correctness gone overboard, the theme park operators on the Gold Coast changed the name of their star attraction to avoid being "offensive".

A spokesperson for Sea World, confirmed: "We didn't want to upset the gay community."

There had been no known complaints about the name of the penguins, but someone thought it could be seen as offensive so the powers-that-be decided to change it to little penguin just in case.



**Fairy Penguin Chick**

"It's no big deal, the name is now more politically correct."

But according to some sources the name change has had the opposite effect. The gay community described it as a ludicrous, knee-jerk reaction and unnecessary.

"If they were called poofter penguins or something more direct, it might be a problem. But I don't see the name fairy penguin as a slur against gays," the chairperson of the gay support group, said.

On Phillip Island, where the colony of 60,000 penguins attracts 500,000 visitors a year, operators are quietly amused by the name change.

Technically, the name little penguin is closer to their scientific title, *Eudyptula* (meaning good little diver) *Minor*, so they are called that as well and it has nothing to do with the gay community. In New Zealand they are known as the Little Blue Penguin.



**Fairy's on parade**

The evening parade has become a major tourist attraction; the parade is still widely known as the *fairy penguin parade*.

Fairy penguins are found only in the southern hemisphere—particularly off Victoria, Tasmania, and New Zealand. They were given the common name "fairy penguin" almost 100 years ago as the smallest of all penguin species.

A prominent gay lobbyist said: "I don't think our community is sensitive about those things. Sea World deals with kids and children love fairies, so they should have left the name as it was. It's cuter."

Another gay-rights group spokesman said "fairy" had not been offensive to gay people for about 30 years. A spokeswoman for gay and bisexual teenagers said young people grew up recognizing the birds as fairy penguins.

The spokeswoman for Melbourne Zoo, said the zoo's fairy penguins were properly titled "little blue penguins", but she added that it hadn't "crossed anybody's mind to rename them because of the gay community".

*Editor's note: The Fairy Penguin aka Little Blue Penguin was featured in the Explorer's Gazette, Volume 3, Issue 2, Spring 2003*

## Giant penguin wanders in from the cold

*From a story by Anne Mathere*

**I**T IS NOT EVERY DAY that a sub-Antarctic penguin standing almost three feet high takes a wrong turn and comes ashore.

But this gentoo penguin recently waddled ashore at Conningham, near Hobart Tasmania—a long, long way from home.

Gentoo penguins breed on sub-Antarctic islands and on the Antarctic Peninsula. Their closest breeding ground to Tasmanian is over 900 miles away on Macquarie Island.

A walker on the Conningham beach spotted the penguin that was about 36 inches tall, and contacted wildlife authorities. Marine biologist Rosemary Gales said it was a rare visitor.

"These really are rare in our waters—we've seen only two in Tasmania over the last few decades," said Dr Gales, from the Biodiversity Conservation Branch of the Department of Primary Industries and Water.



**Gentoo Penguin**

The gentoo penguin is the third largest penguin found in the Antarctic region. Their normal size is 32 inches tall and weighs around 15 pounds; this one was somewhat bigger—but not a giant by any stretch of the imagination.

She said the stretch of beach where the penguin was spotted was popular among dog walkers, so a wildlife team took the penguin from Conningham, releasing it at a safer spot south of Hobart.

The penguin, which was in good health and condition, was released on Monday. The penguin preened on the beach for half-an-hour before entering the sea. It was hoped the bird would safely make its way back south.

"Ideally, we just leave them alone. In this case we needed to take it to a safer location because it was in danger of being threatened by people or dogs."

The bird's age was unclear, although it was thought to be a young bird that was roaming the southern seas.

"When they are young, they spend several years at sea before coming back to land," Dr Gales said.

"This one has ventured a bit farther north than is typical."

Gentoo penguins are the least abundant of the penguins found on the sub-Antarctic islands, with a total breeding population of about 314,000 pairs. There are about 5000 breeding pairs on Macquarie Island.

*Editor's Note: The Gentoo Penguin was featured in the Explorer's Gazette, Volume 2, Issue 2, Summer 2002.*

## March of the stressed penguins

*From a story by Michelle Quirke.*

**A study into what causes penguin stress will help organizations develop guidelines for visitors to the Antarctic continent.**

A team of Antarctic researchers is studying what stresses emperor penguins.

Each year the Antarctic penguins return to rookeries in the thousands to start the breeding season, a journey recorded in the Academy Award-winning film *March of the Penguins*.

Dr John Cockrem, Dr Murray Potter, and Paul Barrett from Massey University's Institute of Natural

Resources camped about a mile from an emperor penguin rookery on a recent research trip to Antarctica where they measured the penguins responses to stressors, such as being followed, held, or caged for short periods.



**LINE UP: Stress on emperor penguins was the subject of a study by university researchers.**

"We're interested in stress in penguins and birds in general: how they react to natural changes and stresses in their environment, how they respond to people in different situations."

The researchers took blood samples from the birds to measure the levels of a stress hormone, corticosterone, as well as height and weight measurements and observations on their behavior.

The findings from the first stress study involving emperor penguins showed they did become anxious when confined or when they felt they had lost control of their environment. The inquisitive birds did not have the same reaction when they wandered over to investigate the campsite or visitors of their own volition, Dr Cockrem said.

The findings will be useful for organizations such as Antarctica New Zealand, the National Science Foundation, and other signatory nations of the Antarctic Treaty that develop guidelines for tourist operators and other visitors to the continent.

Environmental changes caused by global warming could also have an impact on penguin stress levels, as both the emperor and Adelie penguins rely

on floating ice to rest on after feeding in the ocean.

The breeding season is as much about death as it is about life. The transfer of one egg from the feet and protective folds of fat from one parent to the feet and fat of another is a delicate operation. The Antarctic ice is littered with the frozen eggs of failed attempts. Parents who have lost an egg will often fight another parent for their chick, which can be accidentally killed in the conflict.

Emperor penguins weigh up to 70 pounds and spend a lot of time standing side-by-side and preening, Dr Cockrem said. Up close, the bird's plumage is very dense with shades of yellow and pink.

"There's something about penguins. If we were working with skuas, which look like black gulls, people wouldn't be as interested. When they walk the emperor penguins flippers hang down at their sides, and when you see them walking along in the distance they look like people. It's quite uncanny."

Camped out on relatively thin ice near the rookery, the researchers had to keep an eye on their tents after overhearing a radio conversation from a nearby Italian research team as they raced to rescue gear left on ice which had broken off and floated away.

The Massey researchers, who stay for two-week stretches each November, and the Italians, who spend entire seasons on the ice, visited each other. Even in one of the harshest environments on Earth, the Italians could still rustle up fresh pasta and wine for dinner.

At night, tucked in his sleeping bag in a tent pitched on a six-foot ice layer, Dr Cockrem could hear the eerie calls of Weddell seals swimming in the water beneath him.

The team has studied emperor penguins at Cape Washington and Adelie penguins on Ross Island in previous years. They hope to continue their stress research this year at an Adelie penguin rookery they discovered on their most recent trip. They were the first humans to visit it.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Billy-Ace,

Just finished reading the *Explorer's Gazette*. It is really great! Thanks for the update on the bisexual zoo penguins. Who is Fat Sam Rodman? . . . I went back to the previous issue and saw that I had forgotten to order some of the insulated Tervis mugs with the embedded OAEA logo. I just sent an email to Buz, and hope he still has some for sale. They will be a great Father's Day gift for the great Erebus Wizzer, don't you think?

OOO Joyce Blackwelder

*Editor's Note: Fat Sam Rodman was mentioned in the 'This Quarter in History Column' in the last issue. Fat Sam is the guy who takes care of your girl friend or wife and family. He drives your car, wears your clothes, and does other things that you would do if you were home. In the Marine*



**Fat Sam**

*Corps they call him Jody. He is a recurring character, a civilian named Sam or Jody whose luxurious lifestyle is contrasted with military deprivations. He is the person who stays at home while the serviceman is deployed. This photo of Fat Sam appeared in the 2 May 1971 issue of the *McMurdo Super Sunday Sometimes*.*

BB:

Colleen and I were married on 14 February 1964 in Christchurch. Pat Highstead was retained to provide law and order at our wedding reception. He failed miserably, as he was as drunk as the rest of us. Sorry to hear that he passed away. We "worked" together on many very important cases when I was on the MAA Force.

Pig Pen

(Ken Henry WO Eights 63 & McMurdo 67)

Hi, Billy-Ace!

Thought we'd forward this happy customer's comments

Buz and Sam (Dryfoose)

Sam:

The mugs arrived today in good shape. Thanks for the speedy service. What I like most is the patch in between the layers of plastic the cups are made of. I'm glad I got mine straight away.

LTCOL George McLaughlin USMC(Ret)

Billy-Ace

Sorry to hear about Ken Snyder. I knew him. He gave me my check-ride in the Beachcraft—I almost didn't pass because I tried to start taxiing before starting the 2nd engine - duh, 2 engines that's new and different to us old recip whirly pilots!

I didn't recognize him nor connect the name when I met him in Pensacola. I realized who he was the next day driving home. Have been hoping to get back up and see him again. Another missed opportunity.

John Colson

Good Morning Billy,

Thank you for your great efforts on behalf of all OAEs. You put together a great publication.

I am interested in submitting some photos for the Antarctic Photo Library. I emailed Elaine Hood using the email address on page 8, however the delivery failed. I also wanted to help Bill Williams with his request on page 19, but that also failed. Could you check those email addresses for me?

Jack Cummings

*Editor's Note: The reason for the failures that Jack experienced when clicking on the email links for Elaine and Bill in the PDF file was because the period "." in "Elaine." and the underscore "\_" in "wm\_" was dropped from the email addresses. I tried all the other email address links in the Apr-Jun 2006 issue of the Gazette and they all worked fine. Apparently Adobe Acrobat does not like the period and the underscore in these addresses.*

Billy:

Probably a dumb question, but is there a West Coast group? I did see information for the Pacific North West group.

By the way, the last issue of the Gazette was super! OK, they all are. The picture of McMurdo floored me. It looks like a suburb of Chicago. I can only see one remaining structure from the 60's...the balloon inflation building from which I used to launch weather instruments...at least I think that's what it is. I guess that is progress. I really think they ruined it.

AGC Jerry O'Neal

*Editor's Note: The West Coast OAEA Group meets quarterly in Oxnard CA. See meeting report on page 8 of this issue.*



Billy-Ace

Thanks for publishing my article about the Air Force Navigators. After reading it, I did some additional research, and I came up with a cartoon of the incident in my Deep Freeze 64-65 cruise book. At that time I was on the Connie crew.

Maury Unger



Editor's Note: Does anyone know who drew the cartoon? The initials B.K. didn't mean anything to Maury but hopefully some of our readers might know.

Hi Billy Ace,

The special event for Dusty Blades went off just fine. There must have been 20 plus people there.

I plan to attend the Reunion in RI in August. I'm mailing my registration form with check today. I hope it isn't too late!  
Chris Shepherd

Uncle Billy:

In the obituaries you stated that there would be a related story about Capt Farwell on page 10, however, there was nothing there about him. I remember Capt Farwell and his wife Marlyn. The Captain was on the Admiral's staff and he very seldom, if ever, went to the ice. What was the related story anyway?

Kiwi Pam



Marlyn and Fred Farwell McMurdo 1968

Editor's Note: Marlyn went to the ice on a tourist ship. She holds the distinction of being the first Navy wife to visit Antarctica. Captain Farwell had to manifest himself South in order to be there to greet her when she arrived.

## OAEA West Meeting

By Bob "Gabby" Gaboury

**T**HE OAEA WEST MET ON 17 JUNE 2006 FROM 1130 TO 1300. The meeting took place at a great little feeding place called the Way Point Cafe at the Camarillo Airport.

We had Harry Heverly, Jim Maddox, Allen Cox, and myself at our gathering. Allen was with VX/E-6 from 1961-67, and 1978-80. At our last meeting there were six people present; the interest in forming a chapter seemed to be there. For this meeting, Jim Maddox had a list of about 10 local OAEs whom he contacted; some said they would show but were AWOL at the luncheon.

The lunch quickly converted to old sea stories, mostly Airdale one's about the LC-130s.

The cruise books came out and we glanced at them for a while. We spoke a little about setting up a chapter, but it appears that there is not much interest outside of the three of us regulars. That project is moving very slowly.

It was mentioned that a local press release had announced that groundbreaking for the new Seabee Museum, to be located just outside the main gate of the Construction Battalion Center, Naval Base Ventura County,



Allen Cox, Jim Maddox, Bob Gaboury, Harry Heverly

is scheduled for December 2006. There was no mention in the news story about the possible relocation of the South Pole Dome to Port Hueneme.

Lunch lasted about an hour and a half, and we made plans to meet again in three months.

## OAEA- Life Membership Presented to Dusty Blades

*Story by Elaine Hood*

*Editor's Note: On 23 February 2006 the OAEA Membership Committee inducted Jehu "Dusty" Blades into the OAEA as a Life Member.*

Although Dusty is not the first person to have been inducted into the OAEA, he is the first who has had his membership certificate presented in such a manner.

On Sunday 25 June, a certificate bestowing Life Membership in the Old Antarctic Explorer's Association was given to Jehu "Dusty" Blades. The ceremony took place in the home of Dusty's son, Rick, in Boulder, Colorado. OAEA members in attendance included Sam Feola, Chris Shepherd, Gene Brush, Nick Licciardi, and Elaine Hood. About twenty additional friends, family, and Antarctic personnel were also present.



*Photo by Chris Shepherd*  
**Dusty Blades holds his OAEA Lifetime Membership certificate.**

Elaine Hood made the certificate presentation, followed by Dusty regaling the crowd with stories of his days on the Ice. He recounted the Kiwi "invasion" of McMurdo on 4 July 1965, complete with a smoking cannon (made from stove pipe) and his great friendship with Russian exchange scientist, glaciologist Igor Zotikov.

Asked how he acquired the nickname "Dusty," he explained that he gave it to himself when he went to college. He realized he would never survive in his fraternity with a name like Jehu (pronounced Jee-you), so he quickly came up with the name Dusty. And the name stuck.

Jehu "Dusty" Blades joined the Navy in 1943, earned his wings in

1945, and was a fixed-wing test pilot before learning to fly helicopters in 1949. He flew search and rescue missions during the Korean War, and later participated in a Navy experimental program to base helicopters on board submarines. In 1952 he began his work in Polar Regions when he flew ice reconnaissance off an icebreaker in the Beaufort Sea in the Arctic Ocean.

In 1954 Dusty signed up to join the brand new Air Development Squadron Six (VX-6) and soon found himself commanding the YOG-34 fuel barge that was towed to New Zealand in 1955 (see the Spring 2004 issue of the *Explorer's Gazette*).

Upon arrival on the ice, Dusty flew helicopters during the austral summer 1955-56. He transported cargo and scientists throughout the region. He knew both Admirals Byrd and Dufek.

Dusty left McMurdo in March 1956, assigned to the icebreaker Glacier as an ice reconnaissance pilot for the trip home.



*Photo by Chris Shepherd*  
**OAEA members pose with Dusty Blades. L to R: Sam Feola, Dusty Blades, Gene Brush, Elaine Hood, and Chris Shepherd. Not shown, but also in attendance was Nick Licciardi.**

Dusty returned to the Ice in 1964-65 as the Commanding Officer for the DF-65 winter-over party.

One of Sir Robert Falcon Scott's Siberian ponies was named Jehu, so perhaps it was destiny that Jehu "Dusty" Blades would end up in Antarctica as well.

Dusty and his wife Cecilia were married in 1946. Cecilia raised their

children while Dusty served his tours of duty overseas. Both Cecilia and Dusty are 80 years old.

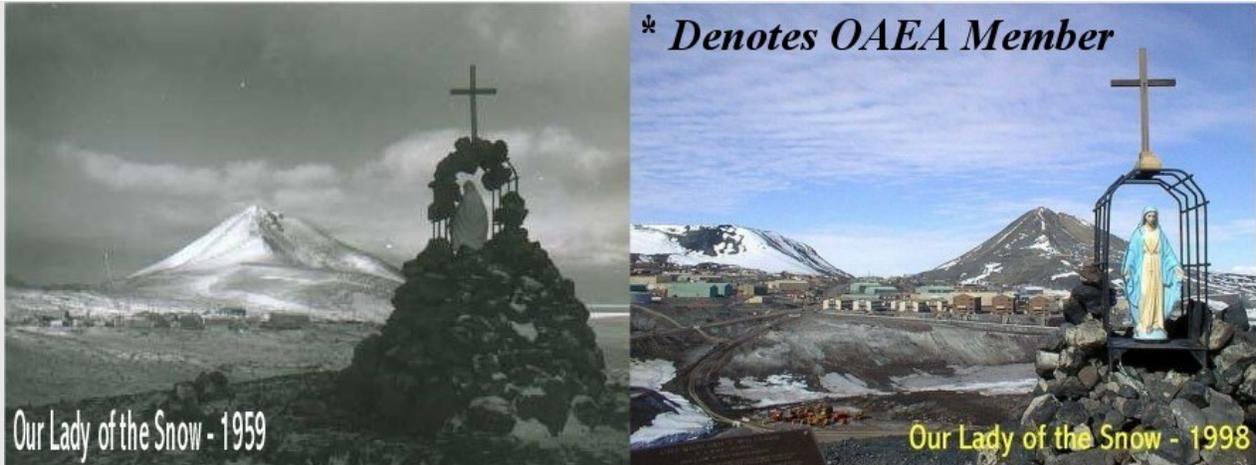


*Photo by Rick Blades*  
**Dusty with his son Rick Blades.**

Elaine asked Dusty if he was ready to go back to Antarctica, explaining that he would have to pass a physical in order to do so. "I might surprise you," he said with a twinkle in his eye.

Gene Brush brought Noel Gillespie's book, *Courage Sacrifice Devotion* to the presentation, so he, Shepherd, Feola, and Licciardi sat around swapping stories as they browsed through the book. They weren't all on the ice at the same time, but had enough overlap that they all knew some of the same people. They would find photos in the book and say, "hey, did you know X", and the stories would continue.

Ironically, there were two guests there that I knew, but had not invited as they are not OAEA members (yet). Joe Pettit has been going to the Ice as a civilian since the mid-1990s. He is now the assistant director to Palmer Station. His significant other was a doctor at Palmer Station several years ago. Now get this, she is Dusty's physician in Boulder! When they walked in I was surprised to see them. I asked Joe how he had heard about the event, assuming Sam Feola or someone had told him and since he and Kristen live in Boulder they just came over. But no, Rick and Dusty had invited Kristen because she is Dusty's doctor. Joe and Kristen attended, not thinking they would know anyone else there.



## I N M E M O R Y

Aaron Campbell, 50, died on 1 July 2006, in the Boulder, CO area. Aaron worked for Raytheon Polar Service since 2002.

OAE Jeffery Harbers, 54, died on 24 June 2006, in Big Timber, MT. Jeffery wintered-over during DF-75 at Siple Station as the Station Manager/Facilities Engineer.

OAE Edward Rice "Ted" Ardery, Col, USA (Ret), 85, died on 20 June 2006, in Arlington, VA. Ted served as an Army Medical Corps observer on the USS *Edisto* during Operation Windmill. Ardery Island is named in his honor.

OAE Jane Pon, 47, died on 11 June 2006, in San Francisco, California. In junior high school the school mascot was a penguin and from that time she adopted the penguin as her personal totem. Jane visited penguin rookeries in Chile, South Africa, the Falkland Islands, South Georgia, and Antarctica.

OAE Luther, Roger W. Capt USN (Ret), 94, died on 8 June 2006, in Hawaii. Roger was the CO of the USS *Edisto* during DF-I. Luther Peak is named in his honor.

OAE Helen W. Osterman, 93, died on 24 May, in Seattle, Washington. Helen visited Antarctica as a tourist when she was 80.

\*OAE Walter "Wally" Glennon, 63, died on 17 May, in Beaufort, South Carolina. Wally served in VX/E-6 as a flight engineer for 12 seasons during the 60s and 70s.

OAE Richard L. Baker, Sr., 69, died on 14 May 2006, in Mystic, Connecticut. Richard served on one of the Task Force 43 ships during DF-I and II.

\*OAE Oscar Thompson Cassity, Major, USAF (Ret), 82, died on 11 May 2006, in Greer, South Carolina. Oscar served during DF-I and II.

\*OAE Kenneth "Doc" Aldrich, 84, died on 16 April 2006, in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Doc wintered-over at Little American during DF-I. He was also a member of the ADF.A.

Pat Highstead, 88, died on 27 April 2006, in Christchurch, New Zealand. "Pat The Cop" as he was known was a Christchurch Airport Police Officer. He frequented the clubs at Harewood and the Dirty Duck and was a well-known personality by Deep Freeze personnel.

Hazel Angeline Douglas, 99, died on 23 May 2006, in Toledo, Ohio. Hazel was one of several women who wrote letters to Deep Freeze personnel serving on the ice.

OAE Joshua Spillane, 33, is presumed to have died on 17 April 2006, en route from Palmer Station to Punta Arenas, Chile. Joshua apparently fell overboard from the USAP ship the RV *Lawrence M. Gould*. Joshua had worked for RPSC for 10 years as a Marine Technician.

OAE Melanie Haben, 50, died on 2006, in Lakewood, Colorado. Melanie worked for ASA in science support and deployed to Antarctica several times during the 1990s.

OAE Cameron Paul Young, 68, died on 6 May 2006, in Orange County, California. Cameron served on the USS *Burton Island* during DF-60 as a hospital corpsman.

OAE Donald Thompson Hamilton, 76, died on 29 May 2006, in Jacksonville, Florida. Donald visited Antarctica as a tourist. OAE William "Skip" Wren, 83, died on 12 May 2006, in Phoenix, Arizona. Unit assigned to and year(s) in Deep Freeze unknown.

OAE Joseph Blaze Basich, Jr., 66, died on 24 April 2006, in Pittsgrove, New Jersey. Joseph served on the USS *Glacier* during DF-II. He was a member of the Glacier Society.

OAE John Michael Vukelich, 58, died on 18 May 2006, in Seattle, Washington. John served on the ice with the Coast Guard. Unit attached to and dates unknown.

OAE William A. J. Dalton, 79, died on 28 May 2006, St Charles, Missouri. William wintered-over. Unit assigned to and dates served unknown.

OAE Blair E. Ford, 77, died on 2 May 2006, in Elizabethtown, Utah. Blair served on the USS *Brownson* during Operation Highjump.

OAE Sayed Z. El-Sayed, 79, died on 21 December 2005, in Whidbey Island, Washington. Sayed was a USARP oceanographer with the International Weddell Sea Oceanographic Expedition during DF-68 and 70. El-Sayed Glacier is named in his honor. He was a member of the American Polar Society.

OAE Adolfo Z. Oracion, 64, died on 30 April 2006, in Buffalo Grove, Illinois. Adolfo wintered over in the early 60s. Unit assigned to and date unknown.

OAE Clifford Turner McElroy, 81, died on 29 March 2006, in Australia. Cliff served with the USARP as a "visiting scientist" during the summer season of DF-65, 67, and 81. McElroy Glacier is named in his honor.

OAE Thomas A. Galey, CEC, USN (Ret), 71, died on 16 February 2006, in Lubbock Texas. Thomas served as the winter-over chief at the Penguin Power electrical plant at McMurdo during DF-70.

John Cross, 90, died on 29 November 2005, in Christchurch, New Zealand. John was the National President of the New Zealand Antarctic Society from 1972-74. John and his wife Ethel were well known for their hospitality and friendliness to members of Deep Freeze.

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Cecil D. Harper—OAEA Chaplain

The newest version of the Bible is called *The Message* by Eugene Peterson. It is a modern day rendering based on the original text, and much more understandable than previous ones.



The first verse of the fourth chapter of the book of James reads, "Where do you think all these appalling wars come from? Do you think they just happen? Think again. They come about because you want your own way and fight for it deep inside yourselves. You lust for what you don't have and are willing to kill to get it. You want what isn't yours and will risk violence to get your hands on it."

Psychologists have had a lot to say about this truth. The person who harbors conflicting purposes and desires will inevitably find himself in conflict with his neighbor. The things outside us that annoy and disturb us would be powerless if we possessed complete harmony within. Jesus found peace even in the Garden of Gethsemane because He was able to bring His own will into complete surrender to the will of God.

Wars do not start in departments of state or in foreign offices. Rather, they begin in human hearts. The relationships between men and nations reach an explosive point largely because individuals are either reluctant or unable to reconcile the discordant forces that struggle for dominance within them. When the storms within the human spirit have been calmed, there is small chance that friction and discord will disrupt the world scene.

These inner conflicts can be relieved only as we are able to bring our entire being into absolute harmony with the purposes of God for each of us as revealed in Christ Jesus. As we find our personal unity with Him, we shall also discover a similar unifying atmosphere taking possession of the situations in which our lives are placed. He who also calmed the troubled waters on the Sea of Galilee can bring quiet and calm to our lives, and through us bring that peace to a troubled world for which millions are now praying.

We pray that God will come into our discordant personalities and bring order out of chaos and calm the storms raging within us, And may He grant us such complete harmony within that we shall be able to contribute to a lasting good will among the nations.

Cecil D. Harper

## Glacier's Icebucket has a new name

by Billy-Ace Baker

The former USCG survey boat *Icebucket* has been renamed *Arctic Scout*. The boat will be used at the Glacier Society's Youth Maritime Training School to educate youths aged 12 through 18 in seamanship, basic marine sciences, and leadership skills. The long-term youth leadership and training program, in conjunction with Sea Cadet, Sea Scout, or other youth organizations, will prepare students for a USCG boat operator's license, qualify for further training as crewmembers for *Glacier*, and serve on her humanitarian missions in the Arctic region.



When in the service of the Coast Guard, the *Arctic Scout* was known simply as ASB 39020. Arctic survey boats such as *Arctic Scout* were carried aboard icebreakers to conduct cold climate surveys, take depth soundings ahead of the ship, assist in rescue operations, ferry personnel from ship to shore, and serve as a lifeboat. *Arctic Scout* is constructed of a single skin fiberglass-reinforced hull. It has a reinforced bow for minor icebreaking and a reinforced belt around the waterline for protection against ice fields. Diesel-powered, it

has a maximum speed of 10 knots and a range of 320 miles. The normal crew is six people.

## GLOSSARY OF SNOW AND ICE



Compiled and edited by Billy-Ace Baker

**Belt** — A long area of pack ice from a few km to more than 100 km in width. Spanish equivalent: *Faja de hielo*.

**Firn** — Old snow that has been transferred into a dense material. French equivalent: *Névé*.

**Nunatak** — A rocky crag projecting from a glacier or ice sheet. Icelandic equivalent: *Jökulsker*.

**Packing** — A rite of passage ritual that is performed on Fengees. Polish equivalent: *Lód dupa*.

## OAEA Donor Adelle Penguin Awards as of 1 July 2006

Submitted by Jim O'Connell

Asterisks indicate new donors, or donors who have reached the next level.

### BLUE Donations of \$50 (1st 100 only)

\*Baker, Ashlee F.  
 Baker, Billy-Ace  
 Baker, Jamie  
 Baker, Sean  
 Baker, Tracey  
 Biery, Roger W.  
 Blackwelder, Billy  
 Blewett, Thomas  
 Bolt, Ron L.  
 Boyer, Robert E.  
 \*Callender, Gordon W.  
 \*Capozzoli, Albert A.  
 Communicator Group Fund  
 Conklin, Harold  
 Cordes, Fauno  
 DeLeon, Emilio  
 \*Dieckhoff, Charlotte M.  
 Dostal, W (Dusty) A.  
 DuBeau, Earl  
 Eubanks, Paul  
 Hall, Richard M.  
 Henley, Elizabeth

Henley, Joseph  
 Hilt, John W.  
 Hutchinson-Sabbatini, Kristan  
 Konrad, Kerry  
 Konrad, Robert D.  
 \*Konrad, Robert K.  
 \*Lippka, Ray E.  
 \*Loftus, Leo G.  
 Morris, Marion E.  
 \*Morton, John E.  
 Moulder, Evelyn  
 Munson, Evelyn  
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 O'Neal, Jerry  
 Owler, Robert  
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 \*Rubin, Harry  
 Spaulding, Richard  
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 Werner, Alexander  
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 \*Yow, Maxine V.

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Biery, Roger W.  
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 Conklin, Harold  
 Dostal, W (Dusty) A.  
 Hall, Richard M.  
 Henley, Elizabeth  
 Henley, Joseph  
 \*Morton, John E.  
 Munson, Evelyn  
 \*O'Neal, Jerry  
 Owler, Robert  
 \*Phillips, Elmer F.  
 Spaulding, Richard  
 Werner, Alexander  
 Whitehead, Eugene

### GOLD Donations of \$500

Cordes, Fauno

### SILVER Donations of \$1,000

Baker, Billy-Ace  
 Communicator Group Fund  
 VX/VXE-6 Para-Rescue Team

## Connecticut is Site of New England Chapter's Summer Meeting

By Marty Diller,  
New England Chapter Secretary-Treasurer

The New England Chapter's Summer meeting on 24 June occurred in the midst of a widespread and lengthy rainy spell, but the weather kept few OAEs away—the Chapter set a new record with 35 members in attendance. Steadily increasing attendance numbers have caused the Chapter to outgrow all previous meeting sites, but OAEA members Jim Kelly and Don LeRoi discovered Norwich's Yantic River Inn, which is big enough to accept even larger crowds than the 43 attendees who braved the weather on this day. The Chapter, which now has nearly 130 members, is expecting they'll meet again next year at the Inn.



**Chapter President Dave Hazard conducts business**

Charlie 'CB' Bevilacqua once again led off the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, providing the US Flag and POW/MIA flag that are flown on Christmas Day every year at South Pole Station. Chapter President, Dave Hazard, started off the business meeting by thanking Jim Kelly for setting up the meeting. Not only did he have a hand in finding the meeting site and negotiating the menu price, Jim also arranged the

services of the meeting's guest speaker, Carolyn Gatesy, as well as the attendance of a newspaper reporter from the *Norwich Bulletin*. The next day, the *Bulletin* carried a brief story about the meeting, mentioning not only Carolyn, but also the OAEA and the Chapter, and included a photo of Jim at the Pole, and quotes by both Jim and CB Bevilacqua.



**Guest speaker, Carolyn Gatesy selects the powerball ticket raffle prize from Hoot Hartman.**

### Featured Presentation

In January 2006, Carolyn Gatesy and her husband, Don Lewis, and their guide made an Antarctic expedition to the Patriot Hills of the Ellsworth Mountain range, to climb the highest peak on the continent—Vinson Massif (16,863ft./5,140m.). Carolyn shared the amazing story of their expedition, for which they utilized Antarctic Logistics and Expeditions (ALE) to get to and from their base camp near the mountain, and the frequent delays and problems caused by Antarctic weather that almost resulted in having to terminate the climb before they even got started. They persevered, however, and in so doing, became the oldest couple to ever summit on Vinson Massif—with a combined age of 117. Carolyn quipped, though, that "...if I'm thirty, that makes my husband 87!"



**Whit Whitney, Bob Epperly and Al Lishness share a table and memories of DF-III & IV**

### Other New England Chapter News

**Chapter Dues Shortfall.**—Secretary/Treasurer Marty Diller made a plea for members to pay their annual dues. He explained that with the Chapter membership numbers ever climbing, conducting Chapter elections of Officers by mail is using a large chunk of the Chapter's checking account. At only \$5.00 annually, Chapter dues aren't a burden for the majority of members to bear, and if the majority of members would pay their annual dues, the Chapter would be able to keep up with administrative expenses such as postage, copying and printing ballots and envelopes. However, the majority of members fail to keep their dues current, and the Chapter checking account is suffering for it. A motion from the floor to increase annual dues to \$10 and to establish Chapter lifetime dues was tabled and referred to the Chapter Board of Directors for consideration. Placing an additional monetary burden on those members who do faithfully pay their annual dues doesn't seem like a fair way to fund the Chapter's account, and members are hopeful that the Chapter BOD will provide a proposal for their consideration at the Fall meeting.



**Attendees pay rapt attention to guest speaker**



**Bob Epperly displays lithograph penguin scene won in raffle—an excellent way to celebrate his birthday!**

**Elections of new Officers.**—The two-year terms of the Chapter President, the Executive Vice President and one Director (Hoot Hartman's) end this fall, and the Chapter election process is in



**Martha and Jim Pedone enjoying the meeting**

full swing. Four volunteers stepped forward to man the Election Committee and count votes. Committee Chairman Bob Sexton, and helpers John Hasty, Jim Heffel, and Don LeRoi will count votes after the voting period ends on 31 July. Results are due to the Secretary before 15 August.

## Fundraising

At this meeting, black fleece jackets and vests bearing the OAEA logo patch were offered for a donation, as well as the usual OAEA-NE polo shirts. For everybody's favorite event—the raffle ticket drawing—winners included: Jim Heffel (AE3; VX-6), bottle of 'the Little Penguin' Australian Merlot, stained glass penguin sun-catcher, and penguin tea towels); Jerry Fichera (VX-6 bottle of 'the Little Penguin'); Al Lishness (VX-6, Dr. Jerri Nielsen's book, *Icebound* on tape); Gloria Hollo (spouse, book *Race to the Pole* by Ranulph Fiennes); guest speaker Carolyn Gatesy (Vinson Massif expedition DF-06, Powerball ticket); Jack Dever (ASA, penguin ice cube tray); Jim Pedone (CBU-201, gift pack of Godiva chocolate bars); Andy Andersen (VX-6, penguin ice cube tray); CB Bevilacqua (MCB Special, penguin and baby figurine and penguin

poster); Dave Hazard (VXE-6, NSFA ashtray); Bob Epperly (VX-6, lithograph of penguins, gift pack of Godiva chocolate bars and US flags for a car); and Dave Killian (VXE-6, US flags for a car). Lucky JDRC gave back one winning raffle ticket, but still walked away with three prizes—every golfer will want to team-up with him at the Reunion Golf Outing! All raffle prizes were either donated by Chapter members or provided by the Chapter.



**Jerry Fichera and Marty Diller looking over Antarctic memorabilia**

**Meeting Schedule.**—The next OAEA-NE Chapter meeting is planned for 1:00 pm on Saturday, 16 September, probably in Rhode Island at a place To Be Announced.

**2006 Reunion Update.**—Reunion Committee Chairman Marty Diller briefed attendees on the progress in preparing for the August 2006 OAEA National Symposium/Reunion in Warwick RI, and made another appeal for more volunteers—especially volunteers in the Warwick area. Pre-Registration numbers have been disappointing, forcing the Committee to cut back on the niceties that make a Reunion more enjoyable for everyone. In addition, maximum reductions in hotel room blocks allowed by the contracts, and major cutbacks in bus transportation and dinner/dance cruise reservations have been made.

“Officially”, the 2006 Symposium/Reunion Pre-Registration deadline ended on 15 July. By that date, the Reunion Committee was required to submit Reunion merchandise orders and meet contractual requirements that set limits on event participation. Of course, the Reunion Committee will continue to accept Pre-Registration Forms, but for those who have not yet Pre-Registered by mailing in payment and the form, here is some important information:

—Hotel rooms at both the Crowne Plaza (\$109) and Holiday Inn Express (\$99) are still available, however after 17 July reservations may not be honored at the OAEA Group Rate. To make a reservation, call the hotel directly at 401-732-6000.

—Late registrants risk not being able to participate in the Friday Newport mansion tour due to lack of bus seats. Currently, there are about a half-dozen seats available for the Newport Mansion Tour at \$40 per person, and about 25 seats left to fill the main deck of the M/V *Vista Jubilee* for the Friday night Sunset Dinner/Dance Cruise on Narragansett Bay.

—Late registrants may not be able to get the complimentary Reunion Logo T-Shirts in the sizes they want, and may encounter other limitations in service.

—Complimentary Reunion Logo T-Shirts are now only available in adult sizes M, L, and XL, and additional Reunion Logo T-Shirt orders are also now limited to adult sizes M, L, and XL for \$12.00 each.

We apologize in advance if you are unable to get the Reunion Logo T-Shirt in your size, or if you experience any other cutbacks in Reunion programs or events. We encourage everyone who is still dragging their feet to send in their Pre-Registration forms right away. Please contact your former Antarctic coworkers and shipmates and urge them all to meet you in Warwick in August.

## Tidewater Group Meeting

By Ed Hamblin

The recent "sort of quarterly" Tidewater Area Old Antarctic Explorers social outing took place at the House Of Eggs Restaurant in Norfolk on 3 June. Two new OAE attendees brought welcome stories and new pictures. First time attendee Brian Fogg and his son, Scott, were welcomed, along with Brad Miller. Brian wintered over as a Radioman in the 1971/72 season. Brad was part of the Naval Support Force Antarctica during the time of "social experimentation" in the middle '70s when the decision was made to greatly reduce the size of the winter-over parties. The year Brad showed up to winter-over, the winter-over party was cut to less than 50 military. Scott Fogg hadn't been to the ice, but had certainly heard the stories from his father, and was now convinced they were for real. Besides Brad, Brian, and Scott, some of the more "familiar" faces that were there included Ed Hamblin, John Strider, Bill Raymus, Homar Hall, Jim Silverstorf, Neil Sugermeyer, Gordon Boyd, Fred Nootnagel, and Bob Cantrell.

We are scheduled for our next social get together at the House Of Eggs Restaurant, Saturday 9 September at 3PM. Hope to see anyone that can make it there. At least three of our area OAEs will be attending the OAEA symposium/reunion in RI, and should have pictures and other information to share then. See you there.

The Tidewater area of southeastern Virginia has one of the largest concentrations of active duty and retired military people in the USA, so it should come as no surprise that there is a group of OAEs that call it "home". Although there is no formal organization at present, four times during the year (January, April, June, and September), there is an informal "no host, no business", social get together at a Norfolk restaurant to share a meal, stories, pictures, and other "ice" memorabilia. All that come have ice stories to tell, and share the understanding that they all were a part of something special and so unique it is hard to believe. For most, the only way that time can be recaptured is to share the memories with others who were also there.

Ed Hamblin (OAEA Life Member) acts as "coordinator" for the Tidewater area, and maintains a database of OAE contacts; as new names in the area come to light, he adds them to the list. At present, there are about 35 email addressees on his list. About 2-3 weeks before each get together, he sends out emails for those he has addresses for, and phones others not connected to the Internet. A follow-up the week before the get together is the only other correspondence. Everyone is welcome; if you are interested, and haven't been receiving information about the quarterly Tidewater area OAE "social" and want to be included starting with the September "do", drop Ed an email at [ehamblin@cox.net](mailto:ehamblin@cox.net), or phone (757) 405-3362.



**Standing, from left-Gordon Boyd, John Strider, Bob Cantrell, Neil Sugermeyer, Fred Nootnagel, Bill Raymus, Brad Miller, Brian Fogg, Homar Hall, Jim Silverstorf. Kneeling, from left-Ed Hamblin, Scott Fogg**

**REUNION INFORMATION**

Send reunion information to Billy-Ace Baker at [upizauf@aol.com](mailto:upizauf@aol.com) for publication in the Gazette

**MCB/NCB-71:** Branson, MO, 9-13 August 2006. Contact John Allsworth, 309 682 1658, or [jba843@aol.com](mailto:jba843@aol.com). MCB-71 served during DF-72, 73, and 74.

**MCB-8:** Pigeon Forge, TN, 27 Sept-1 Oct 2006. Contact Ron Dougal, 480 807 3016, or [douglasr@aol.com](mailto:douglasr@aol.com). MCB-8 served during DF-64.

**MCB-1:** Las Vegas, NV, 11-13 August 2006. Contact Peter Dowd, 781 837 0393, [mcb1reunion@verizon.net](mailto:mcb1reunion@verizon.net). MCB-1 served during DF-II, III, IV, and 62.

**Palmer Station DF-77 WO 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion:** Newport OR, 15-17 September 2006. Contact Gary Cullen, [kcmoo@aol.com](mailto:kcmoo@aol.com), or 707 649 2388. Newport is the home of the RV *Hero*. An evening aboard the *Hero* is planned.

**The Navy Helicopter Veterans Association:** Virginia Beach, VA, 17-21 October 2006. Contact Phil Poisson, 619 429 4712, or [hc7csar@cox.net](mailto:hc7csar@cox.net). Several of the squadrons represented at this reunion served aboard Deep Freeze icebreakers.

**All Seabee Reunion:** Gulfport/Biloxi, MS, 08-10 November 2006. Contact Jerry Schmuck, 228 832 8491, [jschmuck@cableone.net](mailto:jschmuck@cableone.net).

**OAEA 3<sup>rd</sup> Symposium/Reunion:** Warwick, RI, 17-19 August 2006. See Reunion Update on page 14.

**USS Wilhoite (DE/DER-397):** Myrtle Beach, SC, 4-7 October 2006. Contact John Caldwell, 919 471 4513, or [bcaldwell2@nc.rr.com](mailto:bcaldwell2@nc.rr.com). The USS *Wilhoite* served during DF-61.

**USS Brough (DE-148):** Dearborn, MI, 5-9 September 2006. Contact Ron Zarem, 989 345 0237, 1310 Rifle Lake Tr., W. Branch, MI 48661. The USS *Brough* served during Deep Freeze II, III, and IV.

**USS Mount Olympus (AGC-8):** Cocoa Beach, FL. 17-20 September 2006. Contact Joan Coratti 386 788 6451. The USS *Mount Olympus* served during Operation Highjump.

**USS Yancey (AKA-93):** Chicago, IL, 1-4 November 2006. Contact George Clifton, 708 425 8531, or [clifs@ameritech.com](mailto:clifs@ameritech.com). The USS *Yancey* served during Operation Highjump.

**USS Pine Island (AV-12):** San Diego, CA, 10-12 October 2006. Contact Bob Buscher, 785 582 4460. The USS *Pine Island* served during Operation Highjump.

**Antarctic Deep Freeze Association (ADFA):** Corpus Christi, TX, 5-11 May 2007. Contact information to be published later.

**NEW OAEA MEMBERS**

The below listed personnel have joined the OAEA since the Apr-Jun 2006 issue of the *Gazette*

\*Denotes Associate member

Annexstad, John Civ	Life	USARP/USAP 57 to 06
Bertrand, Bill M. UT2	Life	MCBU-201 DF-66
Berube, Robert EO2	Annual	CBU-201 DF-69
Bermel, Peter F. Civ	Life	USARP DF-61 & 63
Brantley, Rudy F. ETR2	Life	ASA DF-69
Buckles, Alan F. EO3	Life	ASA DF-66 & 67
Butler, James B. EO2	Annual	CBU-201 DF-67 & 68
Cousins, Jack W. MR1	Life	ASA DF-61
Dawson, Stan T. Civ	Commem	ANARE
Dieckhoff, Charlotte Civ	Life	Daughter of F.J. Ferrara
Elliott, Roger LCDR	Annual	VXE-6 84-86
Ferrara, Frederick ADC	Commem	VX-6 DF-I
Founier, James M. CAPT	Life	USCGC <i>Burton Island</i> 70-72, 75-77
Frost, Reginald J. Civ	Commem	ANARE
Gagnon, Ann M. Civ	Life	Widow of Charles
Garwood, Patricia Civ	Life	Widow of Jim VX-6
Halter, Jeanette Civ	Annual	Tidewater Mess Attendant DF-75
Hornbrook, Thirl BMC	*Annual	USS <i>Arneb</i> (didn't deploy to the ice)
Hunt, Robert B. LT(MC)	Commem	ASA Byrd WO DF-66
Janke, John W. RM2	Life	WO Eights DF-64
Jones, Alvin J. CSC	Commem	VX-6 59-62
Lovejoy, Owen B. CDR	Life	VX-6 62-64
Lowell, Chris E. ABH2	Annual	NSFA DF-81 to 84
Lussier, Judi Civ	Annual	Widow of Don
Lyons, Richard E. AE2	Life	VXE-6 82-86
Manning, Arthur SMSGT	Life	USAF DF-II
Martin, Lawrence HMC	Life	NSFA 74-76
May, William J. ETCS	Life	ASA WO LA V DF-III
McCormick, Patrick BU2	Life	MCB (Special) DF-I & II
McKay, Leonard R. E-7	Annual	VXE-6 67-70
Morton, John E. AFCM	Annual	VX-6 DF-66
Paulk, Virgil H.	Life	USS <i>Edisto</i> 47-48
Pierson, Garl L. Civ	*Life	ASPP Historian
Phillips, Elmer AMCS	Life	VX-6 63-66
Proctor, Kenneth BUL2	Life	MCB-6 DF-66
Raky, Elizabeth Civ	Life	Daughter of Whitehead
Roberts, Eugene	Life	MCB-6 DF-66
Rubin, Harry, COL	*Life	Brother of Morton
Rubin, Morton J. CIV	Commem	IGY WO Mirny DF-II
Rutford, Robert H. Civ	Life	USARP/USAP 59 to 06
Rhyne, Ted H. CMS	Life	USAF 59-61
Sheldon, William H. E-5	Life	ASA 59-61, 63-65
Stokely, Gerald F. AMH1	Life	VX-6 60-62
Sullivan, Ronald LCDR	Life	OIC South Pole DF-67
Synowicz, Alex J. UCCM	Life	ASA/MCB-1 58/65
Therault, Susan Civ	Annual	VXE-6 Guest 70s Aka Sue Bell
Tyler-Lewis, Kelly Civ	Annual	NSF Artists & Writers
Whitehead, Willie MCPO	Commem	VX-6 DF-I & II
Windsor, John J. CIV	Commem	ANARE
Wickliff, Phillip M. LCDR	Annual	VXE-6 88-91
Yoas, Allan Patrick AE2	Life	VXE-6 70-74

## OAE LOCATOR

Send locator notices to the editor at [upizauf@aol.com](mailto:upizauf@aol.com)

- Sebastiano J. Milardo aka "The Skinny Ginny With The Ravioli Eyes" was in Antarctica during DF-I as a DC3 on the USS *Eastwind*. After damages to both screws, the Seabees heard that the *Eastwind* was going home, so they gave them a paddle as a going-away gift. The DC shop decided to build a fire hydrant and gave it to the wintering over Seabees. He would appreciate hearing from anyone who knows what happened to either item, he can be reached at [pkelly@mvlc.org](mailto:pkelly@mvlc.org), or 919 496 6627 (Sep-Jun), or 978 346 0473 (Jun-Sep), or 3145 NC 39 Hwy N, Louisburg NC 27549.
- Don Moriarty is looking for information about the Antarctic ONTOS, or anyone who operated the ONTOS during DF-I or later years. Don can be contacted at [donmor3@yahoo.com](mailto:donmor3@yahoo.com), or 401 W. Main St Vine Grove, KY 40175. More information and photos of the ONTOS can be seen on Don's web site at: <http://hometown.aol.com/biskit89/DeepFreeze.html>
- Cliff Bekkedahl, Editor of the *Polar Times* is looking for anyone who served at or visited Plateau Station. Cliff can be contacted at PO Box 2595 Amagansett NY 11930, or [ev1957@optonline.net](mailto:ev1957@optonline.net).
- Don Boomer is looking for anyone who wintered-over during DF-68. Don can be contacted at: [dboomer@telecomtech.com](mailto:dboomer@telecomtech.com), 419 385 4143, or 2102 Arlington Ave., Toledo, OH 43609.
- Dolores Conroy is looking for Navy personnel who served aboard USS *Wyandot*. Contact Dolores at 746 Charing Cross Road, Baltimore, MD 21229-1113, [dolcon@bcpl.net](mailto:dolcon@bcpl.net), or 410 744 1050.
- Leo Murawski is looking for anyone who wintered during DF-77 at McMurdo. Leo was one of the mechanics and hosted the Polish Cowboy morning radio show. Leo can be contacted at: PO Box 381, Caleinte, NV 89004, or [leo3seabee@lcturbonet.com](mailto:leo3seabee@lcturbonet.com)
- Nick Ryder is looking for friends from 1973-76. Nick can be reached at: 1590 Carver Rd Griffin GA 30227, or: [nickryder@aol.com](mailto:nickryder@aol.com)
- Rick Lyons served in VXE-6 in 1982-86 and is looking for Jim Garris or Mike Deriggi. Rick can be contacted at: [lionheart@casscomm.com](mailto:lionheart@casscomm.com), 101 W. Sylvan Box 101, Virginia, IL 62691, 217-452-7568
- Charlotte (Ferrara) Dieckhoff is looking for information about her Dad, who is now deceased, ADC Fred J. Ferrara, who was a crewmember of the P2V Neptune *Amen* during DF-I. She can be reached at 1100 Pawnee Drive, Elizabethtown, KY 42701, phone 270-769-5388, or [dieckhof@comcast.net](mailto:dieckhof@comcast.net)

- Rosemary Olander-Beach is interested in hearing from anyone who knew her Dad ET1 Ray Olander who wintered during DF-63 at Eights Station. Ray died in 2002 from Lou Gehrig's disease. Rosemary and her sister are looking for photos, memories, and so forth that would add to their research of his time there. Rosemary can be contacted at: 841 Waverly Place Baldwin NY 11510, or [tbeach@optonline.net](mailto:tbeach@optonline.net).

- Tony Herman is looking for fellow radiomen J.P. Burns and Al Allison. Both wintered during DF-63. J.P. at McMurdo and Al at Hallett. J.P. may be in the Boston area. Al was last known to be working in civil service at Point Mugu CA in 1972. Tony can be contacted at: [herman001@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:herman001@hawaii.rr.com), 808 678 6936, or 94-1054 Paha Place N6, Waipahu, HI 96797.

- Stan Wiley is looking for people to participate in the Second Annual Poker Run to be held on 5 August 2006. The purpose of the run is to raise money for the Seabee Museum and to send CARE packages to Seabees serving in Iraq. Stan can be contacted at [eo3swiley@hotmail.com](mailto:eo3swiley@hotmail.com), or 1350 Whittier Lane, New Castle IN 47362.

### ACTIVITIES BY LOCALE

**New England Area**—See meeting information on page 13. Contact Marty Diller at [mgdiller@blazenetme.net](mailto:mgdiller@blazenetme.net) or 207 729 0197.

**Gulf Coast Group**—See meeting information on page 18. Contact Les Liptak at 850 492 1666 or [lcliptak@hightec.com](mailto:lcliptak@hightec.com) or Billy-Ace Baker at 850 456 3556 or [upizauf@aol.com](mailto:upizauf@aol.com))

**Tidewater Group**—See meeting information on page 15. Contact Ed Hamblin at [ehamblin@cox.net](mailto:ehamblin@cox.net) or 757 405 3362 for more information.

**PNW Group**—Jerry Schleining retired from the VA on 30 June and plans on devoting some serious time to contacting all OAEs in the PNW in order to have a get together and to start a chapter. Anyone living in Oregon, Washington, or Idaho who is interested should contact Jerry at: 3892 SW 8<sup>th</sup> St, Gresham, Oregon 97030, 503 661 2986, or [csmgis@verizon.net](mailto:csmgis@verizon.net)

**Midwest Group**—Dave Kahlow recently moved to the Midwest area and he will soon be contacting OAEs in Illinois, Wisconsin, and Iowa. Dave can be contacted by email: [Kahlow@mac.com](mailto:Kahlow@mac.com), or telephone: 708 383 378.

**West Coast Group**—See meeting information on page 8. Contact Jim Maddox 661 945 0469, or Bob Gaboury: 805 388 5755.



## GULF COAST GROUP MEETINGS

by *Billy-Ace Penguin Baker*

**P**ensacola, Florida, Saturday 20 May 2006—Thirty members, including guests, turned out for a meeting that did not have a featured guest speaker.

As was announced on the meeting postcards, impromptu performances would be the order of the day and *Gong Show* rules would apply. It was rumored that someone would impersonate Billy Blackwelder urinating into Mount Erebus and a bucket bearing a Mount Erebus sign mysteriously appeared on one of the tables. However, no one volunteered to perform the impersonation and Billy declined an invitation to impersonate himself committing the infamous act, so the bucket remained empty until Glen Harris

commandeered it to serve as a receptacle for the raffle tickets. New member John Jaenisch produced a VCR tape of footage that was taken by the VXE-6 Command Master Chief during the 1990s time frame. Roger "Duck" Talbert also brought along an old VCR movie about the ice, but we never found out what the title was because the Kooter's supplied video recorder ate the tape that Jaenisch was showing.

Glen Harris started collecting money for the 50/50 raffle early and once he was satisfied that he had collected enough money he asked one of the lovely waitresses to draw a ticket (from the Mount Erebus Bucket) and he was about to

announce the winning numbers until Les told him to hold off until the introduction of guests and first time attendees was taken care of and other Gulf Coast Group business was dispensed with. Glen was chagrined and turned the money and the drawn ticket over to me until the floor was given to Glen so that he could read off the winning numbers. As it turned out Les was the winner and he pocketed \$49 as his share of the raffle.



***Billy Blackwelder patiently waits for someone to impersonate him***



***Les patiently waits for Glen Harris to sit down***

Les gave a brief update of the status of the *Que Sera Sera*. Basically nothing has been done since his last sitrep. He mentioned the forthcoming election of OAEA officers and encouraged everyone to vote. Les concluded the meeting by announcing that the next meeting would be on Saturday 24 June and that the tables would be arranged in a cube fashion in order to have everyone seated in groups based on the decade in which they served on the ice.

**T**here were 25 members and guests at the 24 June meeting and the table arrangement for the round-table discussion had to be abandoned because we ended up with less room than we have with the normal table arrangement. After the tables were back in-place, everyone was seated in groups for the 1940s-50s, 1960s, 1970s, and the 1980-90s.

Each group is to develop a presentation for future meetings. While plans were being discussed Glen Harris collected money for the 50/50 raffle. Our photographer, Lennie Bourgeois forgot to bring his camera so there were no pictures taken to commemorate this meeting.

At the conclusion of the round-table discussion the 50/50 raffle was drawn and Billy-Ace held the winning ticket and took home \$45 as his share. Les announced that the next meeting would be on 29 July and that there would be no meeting in August. Lennie and Bill Fazio volunteered to present the 60s at the July meeting. Billy Blackwelder and the 70s group will present at the September meeting.



***Early arrivals Jim McCreary and Billy-Ace Baker. While Billy-Ace sets up the muster sheet and guest log Jim ponders the significance of the Mount Erebus bucket***

## 2006 OAEA Election Results

*Compiled by Billy-Ace Baker*

*Prologue: During the winter of DF-79 an election for Mayor was held at McMurdo Station. The candidates were Dune the sled dog and RMC (SS) Stanley Worthley. Including the Kiwis and dogs at Scott Base the number of eligible voters was 115 souls. Stanley won by a narrow margin: 58 to 56. Ed Lisakov, the Russian Exchange Scientist, refrained from voting.*

*Editor's Note: By contrast the OAEA has over 900 eligible voters, but of the 910 ballots mailed out, only 418 were received by the Nominating Committee in time to be counted. However, what else did the residents of Ross Island have to do on that day besides cast their ballots?*

The results of the OAEA Election of Officers were disseminated via the bulk email system (topica.com) on 13 July 2006 by the OAEA Secretary/Treasurer Jim O'Connell for members who have email access. The text of his message is as follows: The results of the OAEA Election of Officers are in and are being sent to you for your information. Admittedly, there were some problems with the 'bulk mailing' of ballots that were not anticipated prior to their mailing and once we realized it was happening, there was nothing we could do. The Board of Directors has this subject on the agenda for the meetings in Rhode Island and hopefully, we can come up with a solution that will prevent it from recurring during the election scheduled for 2008.

*Editor's note: The winners in each category are in bold text.*

### PRESIDENT

**West - 276**

Donnellon - 127

### EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

**Storm - 268**

Donnellon - 125

### DIRECTOR (3)

**Dryfoose - 184**

**Hazard - 173**

**Spindler - 135**

Brunelli - 62

Donnellon - 52

Germann - 23

Hamblin - 131

Herr - 84

Jaburg - 63

Kahlow - 44

Landy - 92

Selke - 47

Tyler - 89

## 2006 OAEA Symposium/ Reunion BOD Meeting Agenda

*By OAEA Secretary/Treasurer Jim O'Connell*

**First Officer's Meeting:** Thursday, 17 August  
(0800-1100)

Call to Order: John West

Introduction of newly elected officials (attending this meeting as guests/observers): John West

Minutes of previous officer meetings: Jim O'Connell—As the last 3 meetings are inter-related, copies will be provided to attendees and reading of them will be omitted

### Old Business

- By-Laws Revision: Billy-Ace Baker will provide officers with status update
- Standardization of OAEA Statement of Purpose: Billy-Ace Baker will provide officers with status update.
- BOD Resolution Process Brief : John West
- Copyright and Authorized use of the OAEA Logo: Billy-Ace Baker will provide officers with status update
- Scholarship Awards to OAEA members: Walt Walters will provide officers with a status update

### New Business

- BOD Resolution Process Brief : John West
- Election Procedures: Discuss and develop procedures to be used for future elections (Official Responsible, communicating with membership, counting ballots, etc)
- Floor Open

Adjournment

**2nd Officer's Meeting:** Thursday, 17 August 1300-1600) (Newly Elected Officers)

Call to Order: John West

- Establishment of Chapter Representative on OAEA Board of Directors: Marty Diller
- OAEA National vs OAEA Chapter procedure applicability: Marty Diller
- Associate Membership Category: Marty Diller
- Chapter Coordinator Committee Chairman: Jim O'Connell
- Standing Committee/positions responsibilities: Jim O'Connell
- Open Floor

Adjournment

**General Membership Meeting:** Friday, 18 August  
(0900-1130)

Call to Order: John West

- Introduction of newly elected officials and implementation of new officers as applicable
- Election Procedures: John West
- Financial Report: Jim O'Connell
- Merchandise Program: Buz Dryfoose
- Scholarship Program: Walt Walter
- Floor Open

Adjournment



## OAEA MERCHANDISE



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The mugs and tumblers are in short supply, so this might be your last chance before they're all gone.

**For members who are not Internet capable, orders may be placed by telephone: 812 988 2637.**

### POLO SHIRTS

Embroidered OAEA polo shirts are still available on the Antarctic Connection web site.

A link to the Antarctic Connection is available on the OAEA website at: <http://www.oaea.net>. Part of the sales price of these shirts is returned to the OAEA treasury and in addition, identifying yourself, as a member of the OAEA will generate a 10% commission to the OAEA on any other merchandise ordered from the Antarctic Connection when placing an order for OAEA polo shirts.

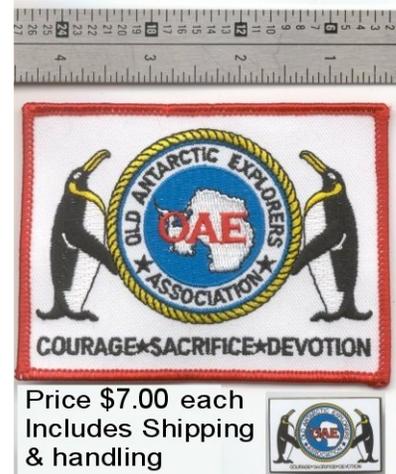
When ordering online identify yourself as OAEA in the text box labeled "Order Comments and Special Requests". When ordering by telephone mention that you are OAEA.

**For members who are not Internet capable, OAEA polo shirts may be ordered by dialing this toll free number: 877 766 9423.**

## OAEA Pin & Patch

Ball cap pins and embroidered patches are now available. For details contact the editor at [upizauf@aol.com](mailto:upizauf@aol.com) or by phone at 1 850 456 3556.

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