



AMS News

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Association of Mapping Seniors Newsletter

Events Cancelled

During this unprecedented year 2020, AMS has not been able to host any of the planned events. This includes the St. Patrick's Day Luncheon, Spring Luncheon, and now the Crab Feast which was originally scheduled for August 5.

Future Events

The next scheduled events for 2020 are the Picnic on October 14 at Carderock Park, Bethesda, MD and the Holiday Luncheon/Annual Meeting on December 2 at Dutch's Daughter, Frederick, MD. In September the Board reviews the feasibility of hosting the outdoor picnic at Carderock Park being aware of the current virus conditions and will adhere to the Maryland State recommendations for group gatherings determining the feasibility of hosting these events. Notification to the membership will be made via email, Facebook, and on the website.



LABOR DAY
September 7, 2020

Labor Day pays tribute to the contributions and achievements of American workers and is traditionally observed on the first Monday in September. It was created by the labor movement in the late 19th century and became a federal holiday in 1894.

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COVID-19 Frauds and Scams

Beware!!! Warnings are everywhere concerning frauds and scams resulting from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. These frauds and/or scams are spreading faster than the virus and are worldwide. Everything from acquiring medical supplies, COVID-19 cures, family members are ill and need money, to investments. Read how to prevent from falling victim to one of the frauds and/or scams. Many of the links below explain the content of the fraud and/or scam, how convincing the fraudster is, and in most cases what to do. If approached via a phone call, simply hang up/disconnect the call. Definitely do not provide any type of information such as your Medicare and/or insurance numbers, any credit card numbers or banking information, SSAN, birth date, etc. If approached via email or a text message – delete the email /text message and definitely don't open any attachments or click on any links!!

Federal Trade Commission -

<https://www.ftc.gov/coronavirus/scams-consumer-advice>

AARP - <https://www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/info-2020/coronavirus.html>

NWFC - <https://www.nwfcu.org/protect>

CHECKBOOK -

<https://www.checkbook.org/washington-area/consumers-notebook/articles/Scammers-Cash-In-on-COVID-19-How-to-Protect-Yourself-7365>

Consumer Report -

<https://www.consumerreports.org/search/?query=C OVID%2019%20fraud>

AMS PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE



Are you missing the freedom of coming and going when and where you want or maybe stopping by a friend’s home when you are in the neighborhood or visiting a sick family member who is in the hospital or nursing home - I am! During these past several months our coming and going has become intentional –

grocery shopping, picking up medications, or business appointments. Of course, we are to adhere to our local COVID-19 advisements – a mask, stay at least 6’ apart, a plexiglass barrier is between you and the individual. What exactly will our new normal be like. Who knows – maybe only the “Shadow” knows! We are adjusting to our current new way of life. Using today’s technology, we are staying in touch with family, friends, attend worship, and even our medical appointments. Some folks are actually hand-writing notes letting folks know they are thinking of them. Whatever your method of staying in touch – use it and use it often!

“Having Fun and Keeping in Touch!”

Membership

Remember!! Keep **YOUR** contact information - postal address, phone numbers, and email address current with AMS! To update your own contact information and provide information/status for the missing members listed below inform

Merle Biggin, AMS Membership Chairman,

Address: 4808 Walbridge Street,
Rockville, MD 20853

Phone: 301-946-4485 or

Email: merlebiggin@uwalumni.com

Missing Persons	
Frances A Davis III	Karen S Talbert
Gladys Dossi	Joanne L. Weber
Phyllis Evans	Frank R Walden
Ruth C Leonard	

AMS Directory

The most up to date AMS Directory dated June 15, 2020 is only available online via the AMS Website and is password protected. If you do not know the password, contact our webmaster, Ralph Mayor at ralphmayer222@outlook.com who provides the password to AMS members only!

AMS Keeping in Touch



If you are not receiving emails from AMS check your “JUNK” mailbox or verify your email address with Merle Biggin at merlebiggin@uwalumni.com. Email is just one method for announcing events, registration forms, death notices, and other pertinent information. Send your AMS info and inquiries to this mailbox address. Greg Cross is the custodian for the AMS mailbox at mappingseniors@outlook.com



AMS website www.mappers.org is a source of information of current and past AMS events. Check out the many tabs that are filled with a wealth of information about our members and events! Forward your information to our Webmaster, Ralph Mayer at ralphmayer222@outlook.com



AMS has a Facebook page and you are invited to join and include your contributions! Let everyone know what you are doing in retirement since the good ‘ole days at the “Map Factory”. Tell us how you are enjoying retirement! Keep current with AMS activities. On the Facebook search block enter Association of Mapping Seniors and from the drop-down list select **Association of Mapping Seniors** with the **Public Group**. **Once on AMS page select “Join” to “Keeping in Touch and Having Fun!** Pam Troutman is the AMS Facebook custodian!!



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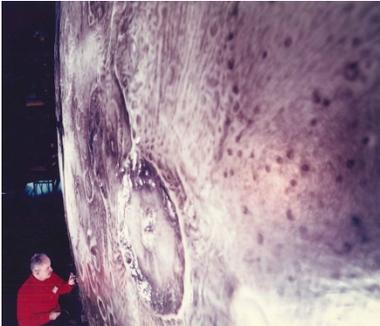
I don't feel old.
I don't feel anything until noon.
Then it's time for my nap.

Bob Hope



**A Day in History -
One small step for man and
one giant leap for mankind!**

On July 20, 1969, astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin stepped out of the Apollo 11 spacecraft and onto the moon's surface. When they and fellow astronaut Michael Collins returned to Earth four days later, they fulfilled President John F. Kennedy's promise to put a man on the moon and return him home safely.



The NASA National Aeronautics and Space Administration, then a relatively new government agency, played the lead role in the mission, but NASA didn't do it alone. Cartographers from predecessor agencies of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency created detailed maps and charts of the lunar surface, which provided NASA scientists and technicians precise coordinates and optional landing sites.



Beginning in 1957 and 1958, respectively, the United States Air Force Aeronautical Chart and Information Center and the US Army Map Service initiated efforts to collect telescope observations and

photographic data with an eye toward composing maps of the moon. With this step, the cause of lunar mapping enlisted for the first time the services of professional cartographers experienced in the production of terrestrial maps of the highest quality.



Without the work of the ACIC and AMS – and later the **Defense Mapping Agency** – NASA would not have had the critical knowledge of the moon necessary for the American manned space missions.

If you worked on the Lunar Project, send an email to mappingseniors@outlook.com telling us about your contributions.

CBS News Segment

CBS did a segment about NGA's role of commercial imagery which aired in June 2020. It was about the role of commercial imagery. Stacey Dixon was featured. Here is the link.

<https://www.cbsnews.com/video/us-eyes-in-the-sky-track-risks-of-global-reopening-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>

The director did an interview on Government Matters TV show and each week there is a video chat on the USGIF program. All are available on the NGA twitter site.

NGA West Progress

The progress in preparation of NGA-West Campus continues in spite of COVID-19. The expected completion is in 2023, with IT installation in 2024 with the move-in date of 2025. Use this link https://www.nga.mil/MediaRoom/News/Pages/N2W_construction.aspx for pictures and the current status on the progress.



Northwest Federal Credit Union is a full-service financial institution ranking among the largest credit unions in Virginia and in the top 60 credit unions in the nation. Established in 1947 and headquartered in Herndon, Va., Northwest Federal's Why is to serve and inspire to transform lives. The Credit Union currently serves more than 260,000 members and has assets in excess of \$3.4 billion. For more information, visit www.nwfcu.org or connect with us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [LinkedIn](#).

Bain Teasers

1. Johnny's mother had three children. The first child was named April. The second child was named May. What was the third child's name?
2. There is a clerk at the butcher shop, he is five feet ten inches tall and he wears size 13 sneakers. What does he weigh?
3. Before Mt. Everest was discovered, what was the highest mountain in the world?
4. How much dirt is there in a hole that measures two feet by three feet by four feet?
5. What word in the English Language is always spelled incorrectly?
6. Billy was born on December 28th, yet his birthday is always in the summer. How is this possible?
7. In California, you cannot take a picture of a man with a wooden leg. Why not?
8. If you were running a race, and you passed the person in 2nd place, what place would you be in now?
9. Which is correct to say, "The yolk of the egg are white"? or "The yolk of the egg is white"?
10. If a farmer has 5 haystacks in one field and 4 haystacks in the other field, how many haystacks would he have if he combined them all in another field?



Herndon, Va. (June 18, 2020)

Northwest Federal Credit Union

continues to expand its footprint in Loudoun County, most recently with a new branch in the One Loudoun shopping center in Ashburn, Virginia. One Loudoun is Northwest Federal's tenth public branch and its third in Loudoun County. Northwest Federal has over 7,000 members and business accounts in Ashburn and the surrounding area, and has been focusing on establishing professional and philanthropic partnerships with local organizations.

- 1. Johnny, of course.
 2. Meat.
 3. Mt. Everest; it just wasn't discovered yet.
 4. None. There is no dirt in a hole.
 5. Incorrectly
 6. Billy lives in the Southern Hemisphere.
 7. You can't take pictures with a wooden leg. You need a camera to take pictures.
 8. You would be in 2nd. Well, you passed the person in second place, not first.
 9. Neither, the yolk of the egg is yellow.
 10. One. If he combines all of his haystacks, they all become one big one.*

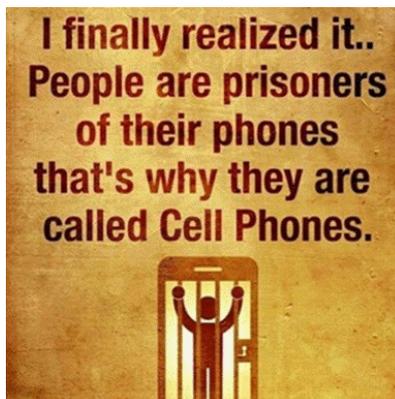
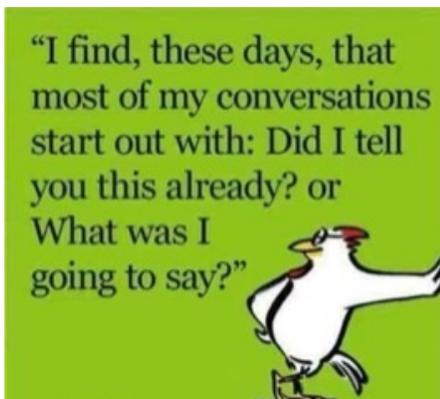
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IN REMEMBRANCE



Jay “Harry” Adams passed away peacefully on March 17, 2020. He was 94 years old. Originally born in Lexington, KY, he moved to the Washington, DC area with his family while in high school. A proud World War 2

Veteran and former member of the Army Air Corps, he was drafted into service and served as a radio operator aboard a B-17. He played the trumpet in the Air Corps band and his love of music was unmatched as he fondly recalled his mother telling anyone he was “better than Al Hirt.”

Harry spent the entirety of his working life in the DC area with his late wife, Ruth, raising two boys (Bob and Ron) and staying ever involved in their activities and pursuits. After a distinguished career in government service, he retired to the Delaware beaches where he remained active numerous organizations, including service as an Acolyte at his church, St Martha’s.

He could often be seen driving in his Mustang convertible that he affectionately called his “chick magnet” before Ann quickly won his heart.

He was preceded in death by his late wife of 62 years, Ruth, a son, Ron, and a great grandson, Connor. He is survived by his wife of 6 years, Ann Stewart Adams, a son Bob (wife Susan), daughter-in-law Ellen (to late son Ron), and grandchildren Nicholas (wife Stephanie), Bryan (wife Holly), Allison (husband Rob), and Brad. He had 4 great grandchildren, Brayden, Dylan, Camdyn, and Liam.



Nicholas Argyropoulos, 93, passed away to be with our Lord April 11, 2020 at his home with his family by his side. Nick was a true follower of our Lord Jesus Christ, a devoted husband, father and friend to all who knew him! Born on July 7, 1926 in Omaha

Nebraska to Greek immigrants, mother Athena and Father Paul Argyropoulos. He is survived by his beautiful wife of 68 years, Margaret, his one of a kind daughter Athena and husband Oliver Skinker, his son Paul and beautiful wife Kathy, and their two children, Alexander and Alyssa. Nick and Marge also had another son, Thomas, who passed away as an infant. Nicks life was filled with family, friends, fun and faith. Nick graduated from Roosevelt High

School in 1945, where he began his love affair with the great game of baseball. Nick also excelled in soccer and basketball. Following his high school graduation from Roosevelt High in 1945, he was drafted into the Army where he spent 2 years in the Pacific stationed in the Philippines with the 86th infantry. Upon returning home he attended Georgetown University’s Foreign Service School and the National Art School of Washington majoring in Commercial Art. In 1948, he met the love of his life Margaret Waters at the National Dance Club He married Margaret January 6th, 1952 at Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral. His love of art, meticulous and steady hand and desire to serve led him to his lifelong career as a cartographer, making maps for the civilian arm of the military at the Defense Mapping Agency. He retired from the Agency in 1986 after nearly 4 decades of esteemed federal service. Nick never lost his passion for sports, particularly baseball. Nick received numerous awards including being awarded the Most Valuable Player of the Worlds Fast Pitch Tournament held in Saint Louis in 1958. He was inducted into the Greater Washington Fastpitch Softball Hall of Fame and the Washington DC Jocks Club Hall of Fame. Upon retiring from “playing”, he remained involved serving as Commissioner of the Softball Hall of Fame Commission. Nick helped found the Saint Sophia youth basketball program and coached youth over the years. Nicks final place of rest will be with his Son Thomas at Arlington National Cemetery. He truly led a blessed life. His spirit lives on and may his memory be ever eternal.



Roberta Seifarth Danko, 78, passed away on March 18, 2020 at Edenton Retirement Community in Frederick, Maryland. She passed peacefully after a long decline from dementia and rheumatoid arthritis. Roberta was born on March 11, 1942 in Cumberland, Maryland to

Rosalie Kane and Robert Seifarth. Raised in Cumberland and later, Silver Spring, MD, she graduated from Sherwood High School in 1960. She worked for 17 years as a cartographer for the Department of Defense, where she was one of only a handful of women breaking through the gender barriers at that time. Roberta is survived by her husband David Danko of 54 years, and her only child Christina.



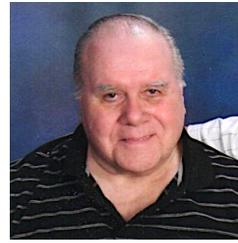
Nadine Elmira Maddox, age 94, passed away on September 24, 2019, in Potomac, Maryland. Nadine was born in Glen Echo, Maryland, on March 5, 1925 to Daniel and Mazie Etzler. Nadine grew up one block from the famous Glen Echo Park. She attended Bethesda Chevy-Chase

High School. After graduation, she worked at the United States Army Corps of Engineers Army Map Service, the military cartographic agency of the United States Department of Defense, where she met her beloved husband Edmund J. Maddox.

Nadine and Ed were married in Washington, D.C., on November 6, 1948, and were joyfully married for 46 years before Ed preceded her in death on August 16, 1995. They were blessed by God with six children. Nadine is survived by all her children: Donna Marie Taaffe, Theresa Nadine Wilson, Cecilia Frances Scott and spouse Scotty, Edmund Jerome Maddox Jr. and spouse Sybil, Katherine Irene Minor and long-time companion John, and Daniel Theodore Maddox and spouse Evelyn and four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. An inurnment at Arlington National Cemetery. If desired, memorial contributions may be made to: Montgomery Hospice, 1355 Piccard Drive, #100, Rockville, Maryland 20850.

Gail Raymond Marshall, 85, formerly of Springfield, Virginia, passed away on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at Country Meadows in Frederick, MD. Born on February 21, 1935, in Mt. Vernon, IL, he was the son of the late Jarvis Marshall and Inez (McClure) Marshall.

He served five years in the United States Air Force. He retired from DOD, National Imagery Mapping Agency, Graphics Arts Department in Washington, DC, after 37 years of service. Ray enjoyed genealogy, photography, coin collecting, trap shooting, and watching classic movies. He is survived by his son, Michael L. Marshall and wife, Tracy, of Cohasset, MA; two granddaughters, Paige and Samantha Marshall of Boston, MA; brother, James D. Marshall and wife, Jeanne, of Vienna, VA; three nephews and two nieces. Ray was preceded in death by an infant older brother, Robert.



Donald Proctor went to join his wife Carol and son Michael in Heaven on February 29th. Donald was born in Washington, DC, a 3rd generation native of that city. He lived in and near DC most of his life, until moving to Texas

with Carol to be near his eldest son Frank.

Don joined the Navy during the Korean war. Once discharged, he went to school to learn Mechanical Drawing. This led to his joining the Department of Defense, working at the Naval Oceanographic Office and then Defense Mapping Agency. Don worked there until retirement after 30 years with the agency. Don loved Carol, his kids, traveling, amateur photography, golf, the Washington Redskins, the Washington Senators (later the Nationals), and Washington Capitals. He also loved bird hunting, going regularly to Maryland's Eastern Shore for goose hunting outings. With his wife Carol, he traveled to many states, toured Europe and visited with his son Frank who was stationed in Germany. Later, Don and Carol went on a genealogy trip to Scotland and Ireland. They also went on an Alaskan cruise together.

During his school time, Don met his lifelong friend Manny Mayobre. Both being interested in the American Civil war, they traveled to many of the important battlefields. They also styled themselves "Stan and Ollie", and every Christmas would exchange the same desk calendar as a gag gift. Mr. Mayobre entered Heaven before Don, but now, Stan and Ollie are together again.

Carol preceded Don in passing, and he is survived by his son Donald Frank Proctor, and daughter Christina Walrath.

James “Moose” Kenneth Roberson, age 75, of Ocean View, DE passed away suddenly on Saturday, April 25, 2020 at Beebe Healthcare in Lewes, DE. He was born in Bethesda, MD on July 6, 1944 son of the late Marshall Roberson and Edith (Warfield) Roberson. He proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. Following his honorable discharge, he began his career as a cartographer with the Defense Mapping Agency, retiring in the late 90's after over 30 years of service.

“Moose” was well known for his Cedar Landing Community Christmas light display often referred to as the “Christmas House.” He enjoyed traveling, baseball, shuffle bowl and playing cards. “Moose”

Kindness changes everything

was also a lifetime member of Mason Dixon VFW Post #7234 in Ocean View, DE.

He is survived by his loving wife of 20 years, Sandra L. (Bedford) Roberson; a brother, Marshall Roberson; a son, Paul (Marie) Dubik; four granddaughters; two sisters-in-law, Janet Poplos and Doris Hunter; 1 niece & 6 nephews. "Moose" is also survived by his dear friends, Karen and Bill Wilson, Holli and Jerry Kirchner and Helen Gibbon. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions in Jim's name to the American Heart Association by visiting www.heart.org



Lon Smith of Charlottesville, VA, passed away at his home May 29, 2020, after a long struggle with Parkinson's disease. His wife of 54 years, Becky, and their eldest child, Brian, were by his side. He had turned 78 May 21.

Born in Harrisburg, Ark, Lon grew up in Jonesboro. He joined the Aeronautical Chart and Information Center in St. Louis in 1965. In all, Lon served the Defense Mapping Agency for over 32 years in both Washington, DC, and St. Louis, joining the ranks of the Senior Executive Service in 1982 and holding many key managerial positions. He received many awards for his distinguished service. After retiring in 1997, Lon and Becky moved to Charlottesville where he began a second 'career' volunteering. He swung a hammer for and served on the local board of Habitat for Humanity. He was also on the board of the PACEM homeless shelter and headed the committee that oversaw PACEM volunteers at Wesley UMC. Lon continued to volunteer until his Parkinson's disease limited his abilities.

He is survived by Becky; Brian and his children, Michaela and Cecilia of Charlottesville; and his daughter Laura and her children, Seb and Benjamin, of New York City. He is also survived by his brother Sam of San Antonio, TX, and his sister Sandy of Hot Springs Village, Ark.

The family expresses sincere appreciation for the compassion shown by his caregivers Judy, Kay, and Jahmire and for the support of Doctors Shah, Ballew, and Wooten. Respecting Lon's wishes, no service will be held. Please remember Lon in your own way. Donations in his memory may be made to Parkinson's research, Charlottesville PACEM, or Habitat for Humanity.



Lewis Lynwood Viands, 85, of Manassas, passed away on Thursday, June 11, 2020, at Inova Fair Oaks in Fairfax. He was born on Jan. 26, 1935, in Luray and was a son of the late Walter Viands and Elsie Mauck Viands.

Lewis worked for the Defense Mapping Agency as a division chief of Facility Engineering, retiring with 38 years of service. On Feb. 21, 1959, Lewis married Delilah Maxine Dovel Viands, who survives. Surviving in addition to his wife are two sons, Michael Viands and wife Jaylynn of Clifton, and Stephen Viands of Centreville; two sisters, Shirley Comer and Norma Jean Huffman, both of Luray; and three grandchildren, Michael Andrew Viands and wife Taylor of Leesburg, Nicholas Viands of Clifton, and Jessica Viands of Clifton. He was preceded in death by four sisters, Rebecca Viands, Nina Saylor, Alice Housden and Lucy Keyser; and three brothers, Calvin, James and Walter Viands. Memorial contributions may be made to the Leake's Chapel Church of the Brethren, Stanley, Va. 22851.



Rear Admiral Edward Anderson Wilkinson, Jr., SEP 21, 1933 - MAY 23, 2020

RADM E.A. Wilkinson (Andy) died at home in Alabama. Survivors include his wife, Sondra; sons, Dan, Andy, and

Dave; sister, Martha Reeves; and sister-in-law, Sandi Bro. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Barbara Parker, in 1992 and eldest son Daryl in 1980. Andy graduated from the Naval Academy in 1955 and earned his Wings of Gold. His 34 years of service included patrol aviation anti-submarine warfare, teaching at the Naval Academy, commanding two patrol squadrons and two major commands, and directing the Defense Mapping Agency. Afterward, he was an executive vice president at Intergraph Corporation for 21 years. A devout Christian, he was an active volunteer and friend to all who knew him.

Donations may be made to the Admiral Andy Wilkinson Memorial Scholarship at the National Flight Academy either online at <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/aawmsor> via mail to OCPB Foundation, P.O. Box 87, Lillian, AL 36549. A memorial service will be held at Arlington National Cemetery.

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