



# AMS News

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Association of Mapping Seniors Newsletter



## Spring Luncheon

Our Spring Luncheon is one of the members favorites! It is catching up on what occurred during the past holidays/winter months as well as sharing plans for upcoming summer months. In the past, some members even discovered their plans would bring them to the same area at the same time and decided to get together.

This is a time for taking your antique car out for a ride in Frederick, MD, turning heads along the highway and at traffic lights.

Being retired gives us many opportunities to take advantage of mid-week gatherings instead of waiting until the weekends. Make plans for this mid-week AMS event and gather with your friends and colleagues for "Keeping in Touch and Having Fun!" Contact your former cubicle mates and invite them to attend along with you.

The Spring Luncheon is at Dutch's Daughter on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 11:30 am at 581 Himes Avenue, Frederick, MD 21703. The reservation form with menu selections and cost are on page 7 and on the AMS website at [www.mappers.org](http://www.mappers.org)

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## Picnic in the Vineyard

Once again the AMS Picnic is at **Hiddencroft Vineyards at 12202 Axline Rd, Lovettsville VA 20180 on July 17 at 11:00 am**. The vineyard owners are AMS members Clyde and Terry Housel.



Folks enjoyed themselves so much last year, the desire is to return and the Housel's accepted your request. The day may include their popular Local History Tour! If you aren't familiar, think of it as a log building crawl with wine and food along the way. They may discuss the history of the property and the vicinity of Loudoun County. The property has many seating areas to relax and enjoy the lovely scenery. You can learn more about the winery at their website: [www.hiddencroftvineyards.com](http://www.hiddencroftvineyards.com)



This is Clyde using a refractometer to measure the amount of sugar in the grapes before harvesting the crop ensuring they are at the correct sugar content to produce the best wine.

Interested members should look for information on the plans, menu and costs via a future email and updates on the AMS website for the reservation form.

The event will be held rain or shine since there is a barn that everyone can gather into if the weather is inclement.



## AMS PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Lon Hamann, AMS President



The food was good and the conversation at our St. Patrick’s Day lunch at Finnegan’s Grill & Irish Pub in Ashburn, VA was very fun. If you missed it, your next opportunity is our Spring Luncheon on May 15<sup>th</sup> at Dutch’s Daughter in Frederick, MD. Join us and catch up with past friends and make a few new ones while your there. After

all, that is why, in 1974, employees of the Army Map Service established the private social organization we know as the Association of Mapping Seniors (AMS).

If you have done the math, you know 2024 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year for the AMS. That’s right, for the past 50 years almost 2,000 former coworkers and their spouses were “keeping in touch and having fun!”. My journey here began at DMAHTC, progressing through the DMA component consolidation, then NIMA standup and NGA. I retired in 2018 and attended the 2019 AMS Annual Meeting/Holiday Luncheon. I continue to enjoy the food, conversation, and comradery at the events I attend. Do you know a former coworker who enjoys good food and conversation? Share our website [www.mappers.org](http://www.mappers.org) with them and invite them to an upcoming event. Or, if they are on Facebook, maybe they would enjoy connecting with the 640+ members already on the AMS Facebook page. You never know, you could help them make some new friends online or in person.

While planning your activities for later this year, keep in mind our July 17<sup>th</sup> lunch/picnic at Hiddencroft Winery, the **AMS 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration luncheon September 11<sup>th</sup> at Rosensteel Hall**, and the Annual Meeting/Holiday Luncheon on December 4<sup>th</sup> at Dutch’s Daughter. Hope to see you there!!!

Remember too, we are also collecting members’ work recollections as short stories for the **AMS 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Storybook**. See information elsewhere in this issue on the process, rules, and guidelines for submitting a story for consideration. Take care of yourself and each other.

<p><b>2024 AMS Executive Board</b></p> <p>President – Lon Hamann  Vice President – Paul Mich  Secretary – Amber Beall  Treasurer – Merle Biggin</p>
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## AMS Keeping in Touch



Email is an important method for announcing events, registration forms, sharing obituaries, and other pertinent information. Send your AMS info and inquiries to [mappingseniors@outlook.com](mailto:mappingseniors@outlook.com)

If you are not receiving emails from AMS, check your “Spam or Junk” folder or email us with the subject line “**Attention Membership**” at [mappingseniors@outlook.com](mailto:mappingseniors@outlook.com)



The AMS website, [www.mappers.org](http://www.mappers.org), is another good source of information on current and past AMS events. Check out the many tabs filled with a wealth of information for and about our members and events! If you have

ideas or information for the website, please forward it to [mappingseniors@outlook.com](mailto:mappingseniors@outlook.com) and include “**Attention Webmaster**” in the Subject line.



AMS is on Facebook, and you are invited to join other members there and include your contributions! You can share your vacation and retirement adventures, and other activities you enjoy. Or just read the posts from other members while also keeping current with AMS activities too. Members are permitted to post directly but must keep content appropriate for and consistent with the AMS purpose, membership, by-laws, procedures and guidelines.

If you are not already a Facebook friend, go to the search block on Facebook and enter Association of Mapping Seniors or simply AMS and from the drop- down list select **Association of Mapping Seniors**. **Once on the AMS page select “Join”** and answer the 3 pertinent eligibility questions for “**Keeping in Touch and Having Fun!**” [Association of Mapping Seniors \(AMS\)](http://www.mappingseniors.org) | [Facebook](#)

<p>Did you ever notice that when you put these 2 words “The” and “IRS” together it spells “<b>Theirs</b>”</p> <p><b>April 15, 2024 – Filing your Income Tax</b></p>
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# MISSING MEMBERS

AMS does not have current contact information for the members listed below. If you know any of these members, please ask them to provide their current contact information including their email and/or home address and current phone number to AMS by emailing the information to [mappingseniors@outlook.com](mailto:mappingseniors@outlook.com) with the subject of “Attention Membership”. We want these folks to stay in touch and have fun at the AMS events.

No Current Contact Info	
Gladys Dantzler	Madge W. Lem
Zona J. Davis	June E Ludick (Thornton)
Nadine Dugan	William C. Miller
Annie Hibbs	Rojean T. Schreiber
Clifford W. King	Frank R Walden
Charles R. Kuchera	

**Welcome AMS New Members**

**Mary Grigg**  
**Austin Yamada**

**Looking forward to meeting you at future AMS Events.**

AMS Directory Updated as of February 2024  
Review **YOUR** contact info ensuring information is accurate!

If your contact information is inaccurate, provide corrected contact info to the Membership chair, via emailing AMS at [mappingseniors@outlook.com](mailto:mappingseniors@outlook.com)

Thank you!! Thank you!! To the members who have recently moved and provided their current contact information to “Stay in Touch” with AMS.

# 2024 Events

During 2024 AMS is excited to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. AMS sponsored events include a return to Hiddencroft Vineyards in Lovettsville, VA. AMS 2024 events also include returns to Dutch’s Daughter in Frederick, MD, and the AMS 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Below are the current updates for these events. Hoping to see you there!

**May – Spring Luncheon**

Date: Wednesday, May 15, 2024  
Time: 11:30 AM  
Place: Dutch’s Daughter  
581 Himes Avenue  
Frederick, MD 21703

**July – Summer Gathering**

Date: Wednesday, July 17, 2024  
Time: 11:30 AM  
Place: Hiddencroft Vineyards  
12202 Axline Rd  
Lovettsville, VA 20180

**September – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala**

Date: Wednesday, September 11, 2024  
Time: 11:30 AM  
Place: Rosensteel Hall at Knights of Columbus  
9707 Rosensteel Ave,  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

**December – Holiday Lunch/Annual Meeting**

Date: Wednesday, December 4, 2024  
Time: 11:30 AM  
Place: Dutch’s Daughter  
581 Himes Avenue  
Frederick, MD 21703

More detailed information and reservation forms will be forwarded to you within AMS News and to your email address as well on the AMS website.

**Monday, May 27, 2024**





As our members are scattered across 38 of these United States, it is likely that not everyone can attend the in-person events. Accordingly, we are including some online activities to enable members to participate from wherever they are living. The first such online activity is the “AMS Storybook.”

The **AMS Storybook** will be written by you! Yes, we are asking you the AMS members to submit a story from your experience working at any of the predecessor organizations that now comprise the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA). Of course, *all stories submitted are required to be entirely unclassified*, and short with between 300-350 words total. Story content must also be appropriate for the Association, not libelous, and consistent with the AMS By-Laws, history, and purpose. Submit your story online via email to [mappingseniors@outlook.com](mailto:mappingseniors@outlook.com) and include “Storybook” in the Subject line.\* The outline for submitted stories is:

- Your name.
- The year you started, the agency name at that time, and the department/office you were originally assigned.
- Your story, e.g., “What was your favorite “job” at the agency and why?” or an “interesting story you would like to share.”
- The year, the agency name, and the department/office when you retired.

Thank you for the many folks who have submitted their short stories for the Storybook. The Committee has read very interesting stories and it’s nice walking down memory lane as the stories are read for content. Very soon, these stories will be on the AMS website.

Plans are to periodically post stories throughout the year. If all goes well, at the conclusion of the AMS 50th Anniversary celebration, we plan to produce a special online edition of the AMS News containing the entire approved AMS 50th Anniversary Storybook content. No hardcopy is currently planned for production.

Look for more Anniversary Year information elsewhere in this newsletter, in your email inbox, and online at [mappers.org](http://mappers.org) and at the AMS Facebook page for the latest updates.

## 10 Things Seniors Value Most in Retirement

Sayings like, “You’re only as young as you feel” and “Age is just a number,” have become cliches because they are based in truth. Life expectancy in the U.S. has increased by 10 years since 1950, and as people live longer the quality of those extra years has become increasingly important as well. Senior care facilities are thriving and senior living options such as independent living and assisted living, allow older people to safely live as fulfilling a life as possible for as long as possible. Successful senior facility management services take into account what is most important to seniors in their retirement years. Here’s a look at the 10 things seniors value most.

### 1. Good Health

For many people, good health equates to freedom, independence and the ability to stay active.

### 2. Relationships

Strong connections to family and friends keep seniors from becoming isolated and lonely.

### 3. Routine

A regular schedule provides stability and consistency for older adults who may otherwise feel lost as they give up some control of their day-to-day lives.

### 4. Food

Food is an important part of self-care and also part of community in terms of sharing meals and celebrations.

### 5. Community

Whether participating in activities or finding companionship, being part of a community gives us a sense of belonging and connection that becomes even more critical as we age.

### 6. Respect

Seniors can feel marginalized when, even after a lifetime of contributing to society, they are ignored or treated like children.

### 7. Exercise

Physical activity and movement benefits the body, mind and spirit at any age.

### 8. Comfort

Both physical and emotional comfort are vital for anyone in long-term care.

### 9. Financial Security

Stress over finances is common at any age but for seniors, managing their money wisely is especially critical.

### 10. Independence

Most of us value our independence and want to maintain self-reliance as long as possible.

<https://colavria.com/health-wellness/10-things-seniors-value-most-in-retirement/>

### St. Patrick’s Luncheon



The luncheon was held Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at Finnegans Grill and Irish Pub in Ashburn, VA. The location in Ashburn was selected because it was close to Route 15 coming south out of Maryland.

The large open dining area encouraged us to talk with folks at every table since attendees could easily move around. A good time was had by all attendees.

The “Luck of the Irish” was present as the drawings for Door Prize and 50/50 raffle were both won by John Koslin. He also sang a short Irish song for our enjoyment.

The entrées of Fish and Chips, Chicken pot pie, or Reuban Combo were delicious.

**Attendees** – John Bik, Merle and Nancy Biggin, Jeanne Casamento, Tony Figliozzi, Lon Hamann, “Lucky” John Koslin, Paul and Maria Mich, Lieghton Stradley, Harry and Caroline Strats, John Waters-Helfin.



Maria and Paul Mich



Lieghton Stradley



John Waters-Helfin



Merle and Nancy Biggin



Lon Hamann



John Koslin



Caroline and Harry Strats



Tony Figliozzi and Jeanne Casamento

## I N R E M E M B R A N C E

Please view entire obituaries  
on the AMS website

<https://www.mappers.org/remembrance/>



**Lawrence ("Joe")  
Joseph Mulholland**,  
age 95, passed away on  
Friday, October 27, 2023, at  
Encompass Health in  
Salisbury, MD. Born in  
Philadelphia, PA, he was

the son of the late George Mulholland and Lucy Motti Mulholland.

Joe was a devoted father and husband who loved nothing more than telling a joke or three and sharing a few laughs with family, friends, and even complete strangers. He was a Navy veteran during World War II who went on to have a long career as a civilian cartographer with the Defense Mapping Agency, following his military service. He had a particular love for babies and small children, as did his wife Jane, and in his later years he spent a significant amount of time raising funds for a memorial commemorating the babies and young children who were laid to rest

at the Gate of Heaven cemetery without a proper headstone. He loved to garden, draw, and enjoy a "shot and a beer" while watching the game with family. He was an active and beloved member of the Sons of Italy and Knights of Columbus.

He is survived by his daughter, Kelly Hatzipanagiotis; brother Don Mulholland; grandchild, Joseph Hatzipanagiotis (Kelsey Marsh); and a great-grandchild, Ace Hatzipanagiotis.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his loving wife, Jane Mulholland, brothers John, David, Robert and George Mulholland, and sisters Rosemary and Marie Mulholland.

**Frank Pumphrey**, 89, a lifelong Maryland resident passed away on February 20, 2024. A U.S. Army Veteran, he served in the U.S. Army Reserve for 8 years. He was a U.S. Government employee and retired after 36 years of Federal Service. Frank was proud to be a Master Mason. He is survived by his 4 children Mark, Kevin, Cheryl and David Pumphrey; his 2 grandchildren Greg and Riley; his sister Nancy Kingsbury; and his best friend Norma.

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Visit NWFCU website to view additional financial information  
for various products offered to the members!

[www.nwfcu.org](http://www.nwfcu.org)



# RESERVATION FORM



## AMS Spring Luncheon

**Dutch’s Daughter** 581 Himes Avenue Frederick, MD 21703

**Wednesday, May 15, 2024 @ 11:30 AM**

Write the name of those attending and place a check beneath their menu selection.

Name (Please PRINT your name)	Atlantic Salmon \$29.00	Hawaiian Chicken \$29.00	Beef Medallions \$29.00	Crab Cake \$39.00
1.				
2.				

**Entrees include** --- Tossed Garden Salad, Seasonal Fresh Vegetable, Twice Baked Potato, Chef’s Choice of Dessert, Coffee, Tea, and Soda

Cost is per person as indicated with menu selection includes tax and gratuities.

**\*Note: Meal will be served between noon and 12:30pm**

Total amount \$\_\_\_\_\_ **Payment** by check (enclosed) \_\_\_\_\_ or PayPal (on-line) \_\_\_\_\_

Please volunteer assisting with:

**Distribute Name Tags** \_\_\_\_\_ **Sell 50/50 Raffle Tickets** \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for assisting!

**Completed reservation form and payment due by May 3, 2024**

### Payment Methods –

**1. Paper/mail** – Send completed reservation form and your check payable to the **Association of Mapping Seniors** to: **Merle Biggin 4808 Walbridge Street, Rockville, MD 20853**

**2. Electronically –**

- a. When using **PayPal add \$1.00 for each person to cover associated fees.**
- b. Access PayPal from the AMS website front page at <http://www.mappers.org/> and click on the “Donate” button. At the PayPal page, complete the information as requested.
- c. On page 2, click on the “Add special instructions to the seller” and enter – Spring Luncheon and the names and menu option for each person included with the payment. Example: AMS Spring Luncheon John Smith – Salmon; Mary Smith – Beef Tips.
- d. Forward an e-mail to Merle at [merlebiggin@uwalumni.com](mailto:merlebiggin@uwalumni.com) that includes the names, contact phone number, and appropriate menu selection for each person. State you are using PayPal to complete this transaction.

**Invite Your DMA, NIMA, NGA Colleagues to This Event!!**

**FROM: ASSOCIATION OF MAPPING SENIORS – April 2024**

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**NW NORTHWEST  
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## **2024 Annual Meeting**

**April 20**

- **Time: 9:00am ET**
- **Place: 220 Spring Street  
Herndon, Virginia**

Northwest Federal Credit Union's 2024 Annual Meeting will be held in person at Northwest's Herndon headquarters and can also be attended virtually via Webex. Printed copies of the 2023 Annual Report and the Consolidated Financials will be provided to meeting attendees.

Please check for instructions on how to register for the Webex and to review the event materials online at **NWFCU** at [www.nwfcu.org](http://www.nwfcu.org)

