Langley Alumni Association (LAA) General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, April 8, 2025

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2025 LAA Officers

President: Kathy Ferrare (757 880-8676)
Vice-President and Programs: Charlie Dunton (757 876-1830)
Secretary: Mary DiJoseph (757 217-5511)
Treasurer: Ray Rhew (757 880-5817)
Communications Officer: Richard Hueschen (757 868-6453)

2025 Committee Chairs and Other Officials

Membership Committee: Dave Hinton
Nominating Committee: Susan McClain
Hall of Honor Committee: Vacant
Website and Newsletter Committee: Rick Ross
IT Committee: Roman Paryz
Langley Representative: Jessica Friz and Virginia Morgan
Past President: Dan Palumbo
Registered Agent: Geoff Tennille

Board Members-at-Large By Class

2026	2027	2028
George Allison	Rich Antcliff	Mark Ballin
Charles Cockrell	Mary DiJoseph	Charlie Dunton
Kathy Ferrare	Susan McClain	Odilyn Luck
George Finelli	Craig Ohlhorst	Roman Paryz
R. Wayne Richie	Tony Pototzky	Liliana Richwine
	Ray Rhew	Eric Rissling
	Geoffrey Tennille	

LAA General Membership Meeting – April 8, 2025

11:30 PM to 1:00 PM

- **Welcome:** Kathy Ferrare
- **Vice President's Report:** Charlie Dunton
- **Speaker:** Bradley Weidenhammer, VDOT/HRBT
- **Break**
- **President's Report:** Kathy Ferrare
- **Secretary's Report:** Mary DiJoseph
- **Treasurer's Report:** Ray Rhew
- **Communication Report:** Dick Hueschen
- **Committee Reports:**
  - **Membership**: Dave Hinton
  - **Website and Newsletter:** Rick Ross
  - **IT:** Roman Paryz
- **Next Meeting:** May 13, 2025 (2nd Tuesday of the Month)
  Entrepreneurial Information and Life Experience
  Tim Ryan – Director, REaKTOR Innovation Center
  Steve Sandford – Founder and Chief Technology Officer, Psionic
- **Adjourn: Board Meeting next – *All LAA members are welcome!***

LAA Purpose

- ***Maintain relationships among former civil service and contractor associate employees*** of the Langley Research Center of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and its predecessor, the Langley Memorial Aeronautical Laboratory (LMAL) of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA)
- ***Assist the LaRC to maintain contact with Alumni*** to the mutual benefit of the LaRC and the Alumni
- ***Encourage and facilitate Alumni involvement*** in activities benefiting students from elementary school through college to increase the students' ability to succeed in all educational opportunities
- ***Recognize notable contributions*** with enduring impacts to the field of aerospace science
- ***Encourage and facilitate interactions between Alumni and NASA personnel to make available Alumni experience and knowledge*** in the various disciplines and systems that could benefit NASA missions and to ***support the LaRC's outreach efforts***

LAA Membership – 250+ Members

Membership is open to:

- ***All former NACA LMAL, NASA LaRC, or U. S. Army civil service, and contractor employees who have either retired or left employment at LaRC in good standing.*** Former employees of other NASA Centers or Headquarters are welcome to apply for membership as well. The Board will review the applications and approve if they meet membership requirements on a case-by-case basis.
- ***Current NASA or U. S. Army civil service and contractor employees of the Langley Research Center who are eligible to retire.***
- ***The surviving spouse of an individual who qualified for membership.***

Membership Dues:

- ***For new members, dues are waived for the remainder of the calendar year.***
- ***Two memberships:*** $10/year or $100 for a Lifetime membership

Questions? Please email Membership@larcalumni.org

Vice President's Report – Membership Involvement

April 22, 2025: ***Student Research Conference***

- ***Request: Would love to have LAA members come to interact with the students.***
- Location: Hampton University
- Time: 8:30 am to 4:00 pm
- Virginia Space Grant Consortium — Celebrating their 2024-2025 STEM research scholarship and fellowship recipients from UVA, Virginia Tech, ODU, William & Mary, Hampton University, and the Virginia Community College System.
- Graduate fellows will present their NASA-related research in short talks, and undergraduate scholarship recipients will have several poster sessions.
- Agenda and links to student research papers available after April 8 at https://vsgc.odu.edu/student-research-conference/

Let Charlie Dunton (cvdunton@me.com) know if you attend.

Vice President's Report – Upcoming Events

May 13, 2025: ***Entrepreneurial Information and Life Experience***

- *Tim Ryan – Director, REaKTOR Innovation Center*
- *Steve Sandford – Founder and Chief Technology Officer, Psionic*

June 10, 2025: ***Linda Bangert (LAA Member) & Chief Gary Bright***

- *Linda will share her experiences with the NINETY-NINES*
- *Mission: The NINETY-NINES® INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN PILOTS® promotes advancement of aviation through education, scholarships, and mutual support while honoring our unique history and sharing our passion for flight.*
- *Chief Gary Bright, NASA Langley Chief of Protective Services*

July 8, 2025: ***Annual LAA Picnic***

August 11, 2025: ***Sierra Space Dream Chaser***

- *Walt Engelund — Deputy Associate Administrator for Programs — Space Technology Mission Directorate (STMD)*
- *Mike Jeffries — Principal Aerospace Engineer – Sierra Space*

September 9, 2025: ***Jennifer Inman, Scientifically Calibrated In-Flight Imagery***

Today's Speaker

Bradley Weidenhammer

Operations Manager for the HRBT Expansion Project



Short break after the speaker

President's Report

- ***LAA Health: 255 strong (March +6), $18k***

- ***March Board Notes:***
  - ***November 11th General Membership & Board meetings are moved a week to Tuesday, November 18th***
    - November meetings fall on Veteran's Day (Center is closed)

- **New NASA Langley personnel working with the LAA:**
  - Michelle Ferebee
    - Langley's new Director for Center Support Services
    - Michelle will provide oversight and support Jessica, who will be your primary contact once she returns from maternity leave.

  - Virginia Morgan will support LAA logistics, badging, and coordination.

Our LAA Board meetings are immediately following the monthly Members Meeting – All LAA members are welcome!

Secretary's Report

- **March 2025 Board Meeting Minutes were approved and posted to BOX**
- **Attendance list posted to Box**
- **51 members attended in person and 15 on-line**

PLEASE SIGN THE ATTENDANCE SHEET BEFORE YOU LEAVE!

Treasurer's Summary for March 2025

- March 2025 Summary
  - Organization Share $25.00
  - Money Market Savings $15,244.46
  - Smart Checking $3,115.14
  - Total $18,384.60
  - Increase (from February): $521.92
    - Interest
    - Yearly and Lifetime Dues (12, 4)

- Thank you to those who have paid their dues!
- *Reminder (to everyone else) dues were requested by the end of January.*

- Budget update – delayed (additional information from Educ & Outreach)

In Memory Of individuals – April 8, 2025



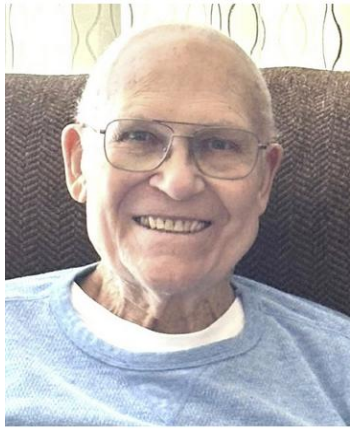
Clarence “Skippy’ Cole, 94



Kevin “Vip”Vipavetz, 70



John Barclay, 85



Bordie “Dan” Poole, 87

Membership's Report

Six new members:

- **David Cox** who retired in 2025 from the Dynamic Systems and Control Branch with 35 years service. David resides in Smithfield with his spouse Joan.
- **David Young** who retired in 2024 from the Office of the Director with 28 years service. David resides in Yorktown with his spouse Sally.
- **Hubert Senter** who retired in 2025 from the Research Directorate, Aerothermodynamics Laboratory Facility with 25 years service. Hubert resides in Smithfield with his spouse Sheryl.
- **Roger Lepsch** who retired in 2024 from the Vehicle Analysis Branch, SACD with 43 years service. Roger resides in Yorktown with his spouse Lynn.
- **Robert Parker** who retired in 2025 from the Engineering Directorate (detailed to the Game Changing Development Program Office) with 40 years service. Robert resides in Yorktown.
- **Brett Starr** who retires in 2025 from the Vehicle Analysis Branch, SACD with 25 years service. Brett resides in Portsmouth.

Deferred Resignation Program (DRP) members: Working with badging current employees

Take two (2) forms of government ID for badge pickup (current Activity Badge not accepted)

REAL ID requirement May 7

Please be sure to sign the attendance sheet!

Website & Publications

- Updated LAA brochure with officer/board information
- Deadline for June newsletter due by May 10
  - Thanks to all who have contributed to prior newsletters!
- Will be making enhancements to the LAA website