

Retirement Celebration – Need Assistance

Do you live near our retirees listed below?

If so, could you please deliver their Retirement Celebration packet?

Thanks!

Maria Dee

Anthony Cook

Chris Edwards

Michelle Ferebee

Lou Glaab

Stephen Hall

Glen King

Jason Jacobs

Lisa Rippy

Mark Vaughan

Langley Alumni Association (LAA) General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, June 9, 2026 (Rev 2)



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2025 LAA Officers

President: Kathy Ferrare (757 880-8676)

Vice-President and Programs: Susan McClain (757 285-3778)

Secretary: Jill Marlowe (757 209-2131)

Treasurer: Ray Rhew (757 880-5817)

Communications Officer: Richard Hueschen (757 868-6453)

2025 Committee Chairs and Other Officials

Membership Committee: Amy Radford

Nominating Committee: Susan McClain

Hall of Honor Committee: Mary Beth Wusk

Website and Newsletter Committee: Rick Ross

IT Committee: Roman Paryz

Langley Representative: Eileen Nelson and Mariya Georgieva

Past President: Dan Palumbo

Registered Agent: Geoff Tennille

Board Members-at-Large By Class

2027

Rich Antcliff
Mary DiJoseph
Susan McClain
Craig Ohlhorst
Tony Pototzky
Ray Rhew
Geoffrey Tennille

2028

Mark Ballin
Charlie Dunton
Odilyn Luck
Roman Paryz
Liliana Richwine
Eric Rissling

2029

Mike Fremaux
Wes Goodman
Jill Marlowe
Neil O'Connor
Amy Radford
Ray Whipple
Dave Young

LAA General Membership Meeting – June 9, 2026

11:30 PM to 1:00 PM

- **Welcome & President's Report:** Kathy Ferrare
- **Secretary's Report:** Jill Marlowe
- **Treasurer's Report / Ad Hoc Committee – Donation Guidelines/Process:** Ray Rhew
- **Communication Report:** Dick Hueschen
- **Committee Reports:**
 - **Membership:** Amy Radford
 - **Website and Newsletter:** Rick Ross
 - **Information Technology:** Roman Paryz
 - **Ad Hoc Committee – Retirement Protocols (NASA/LAA):** Kathy Ferrare
 - **Hall of Honor:** Mary Beth Wusk
- **Vice President's Report:** Susan McClain
 - *Speaker: Dr. Kevin Marlowe – Using AI to Power Up Your Retirement*
- **Next Month: July 14, 2026 – Picnic (Langley Cafeteria – 4:00-7:00 pm)**
- **Adjourn: Board Meeting next – All LAA members are welcome!**

President's Report (1)

- *LAA Health: Growth in Membership this month +5; Treasury is \$23k*
- **Significant Motions, Actions & Discussions from last meeting:**
 - DISCUSSION on Retirement Celebration. ACTION to Jill to finalize **archive of celebration documents** and move to Box once approved by Kathy.
 - ✓ Files archived under Committees > Retirement Protocols > Class of 2025 Retirement Celebration
 - June - Kathy to add to documentation files and distribute materials to retirees not able to make it
 - DISCUSSION on **next steps for Retirement Protocols Ad Hoc Committee**. ACTION to Rich to update next steps, including determining if a different committee needs to be stood up for protocol action including follow on annual celebrations.
 - Will be discussed during June 9th Board Meeting
 - DISCUSSION on having shirts for LAA 40th Anniversary. ACTION – Jill to look into **getting LAA logo digitized and have embroidered shirts created**, possibly as fundraiser.
 - Will be discussed during June 9th Board Meeting

President's Report (2)

- **Volunteers Needed: 2027 Nominating Committee Members**
 - **2 volunteers** to assist the Nominating Committee Chair with generating a slate of potential 2027 Officers and Class of 2030 Members-At-Large representatives for our November 10, 2026, General Membership Meeting
- **Retirement Celebration**

Photos are on Flickr: <https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjCVDEV>

Ceremony Recording is on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A1IGq2DM4T8>

Links to photos and recording are also referenced on our website/Events section

Thanks to Rick Ross for putting together our June newsletter and to the writers who submitting articles! We appreciate everyone's participation!

Secretary's Report

- **May 2026 General Meeting minutes approved & posted to Box**
 - ATTENDANCE: 51 in person, 19 on-line
 - No significant discussion / motions / actions
- **May 2026 Board Meeting Minutes approved & posted to Box**

PLEASE SIGN THE ATTENDANCE SHEET BEFORE YOU LEAVE!

Treasurer Summary for May 2026

- May 2026 Summary

• Organization Share	\$25.00
• Money Market Savings	\$4,460.29
• Smart Checking	\$3,326.03
• Certificate of Deposit	\$15,119.19
• <i>Total</i>	<i>\$22,930.51</i>
• Decrease (from April):	\$361.03

- Income:

- Interest
 - Dues (1 yearly)

- Expenses

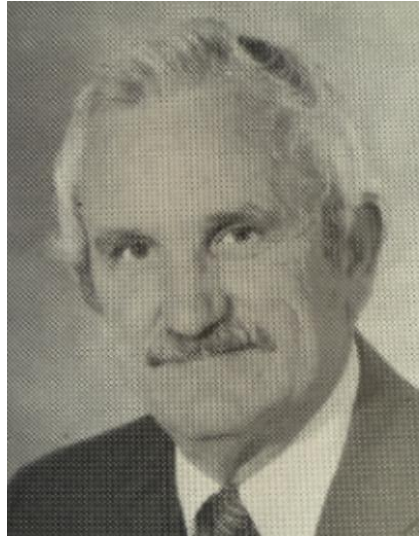
- Retirement celebration supplies
 - Website yearly fee

- Update on ad hoc committee – to be presented at Board meeting

In Memory Of Individuals June 9, 2026



Jeanette Carpenter, 89



Frederick Jones, 88



Robert Blanchard, 87

Membership Report

5 New members:

- **David Dress** retired from the Space Technology and Exploration Directorate in 2023 with 41 years service. David resides in Blacksburg with his spouse Catharine.
- **Luis Gutierrez** retired from the Center Operations Directorate in 2023 with 42+ years service. Luis resides in Hampton.
- **Darlene Pokora** retired from the Space Technology and Exploration Directorate in 2025 with 41 years service. Darlene resides in Yorktown with her spouse Duane.
- **Duane Pettit** retired from Safety and Mission Assurance in 2025 with 36 years service. Duane resides in Yorktown with his spouse Darlene.
- **Cathy Cronin** retired from the Office of the Chief Information Officer with 37 years service. Cathy resides in Poquoson.

Membership Report

- Currently, we have 301 Active Members
- Membership Committee Initiative Updates
 - Application Process
 - Updated the LAA website with new application process instructions
 - Online form went live May 29, 2026
 - *Next steps –*
 - *Migrate data from current roster*
 - *Start development of modules and workflows – Roster and Badge Requests*

Be sure to sign the attendance sheet!



Website & Publications

- Thanks and welcome to our new team members!
 - Jill Marlowe
 - Candy Johnson
- Updated the website with recent information & events
- LAA [Facebook page](#) continues to grow

***Thanks to all who submitted newsletter articles
for our June 2026 newsletter!***

IT Committee Report – Roman Paryz

- The LAA now has a LinkedIn page
 - You must have a LinkedIn account to view it
 - <https://www.linkedin.com/company/langley-alumni-association/about/?viewAsMember=true>
 - More content to come

LinkedIn profile for the Langley Alumni Association (LAA). The profile is viewed as a member. The header shows the LAA logo and name. The description states: "Maintaining relationships among former employees / contractors of the NASA Langley Research Center and its predecessors. Aviation and Aerospace Component Manufacturing · Hampton, VA · 4 followers · 201-500 employees". Below the description, it says "Mary Elizabeth & 1 other connection follow this page". There are buttons for "Message" and "Following". The "About" tab is selected. The "Overview" section is visible, starting with "LAA's Purpose: Maintain relationships among former civil service and contractor associate employees of the Langley Research Center (LaRC) 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)". On the right, there are promotional cards for "Roman, explore relevant opportunities with City of Richmond" and "People also follow" which includes "AIAA" and "NASA Goddard Space Flight Center".

Hall of Honor Committee Report

- **Electronic Nomination Form in Process (due Sept 1, 2026)**
- **Selection Committee Membership Almost Complete**
- **Ops Team Roles and Responsibilities**
 - **LAA Nomination Process (form, database): Jeff Antol and Steve Bauer**
 - **LAA Marketing Coordinator: Susan McClain**
 - **LAA Documentation (flyers, Ops Report, Day of Program): Neil O'Connor**
 - **LAA Event Prep (matts, frames)/Back up Comms: Wes Goodman**
- **Miscellaneous**
 - **HoH Updates made to LAA website**
 - **Article submitted for June quarterly LAA newsletter**
 - **LinkedIn account established for future advertisement**

Vice President Report – Membership Involvement

Langley Anniversary Orchestra – 1 inquiry to date

Musicians Needed for the NASA Langley Orchestra RSVP 6/19 – Fill out form

- As part of NASA Langley’s celebration of the 250th Anniversary, they want to showcase the incredible musical talent within our center. There is a special **Langley Anniversary Orchestra** and are inviting interested musicians to participate.

Dates:

Wednesday July 15th from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m - Rehearsal

Thursday July 16th at 3 p.m. – Dress Rehearsal for the concern

Thursday July 16th at 5:30 p.m. – concert

Music:

God Bless America

Jupiter – Bringer of Jollity from the Planets

America the Beautiful

The Star-Spangled Banner

The Empire Strikes Back



One-day badge
request for July 16th
concert will come out
later this month.

Vice President Report – Upcoming Events

Virginia Air & Space Science Center (VASC), AIAA, and the Viking Mars Missions Education and Preservation Project are coordinating a “Viking – 50 Years on Mars” event

Saturday, July 18th / 10:00 am – 4:00 pm / Open to the Public

Host Location: VASC (600 Settlers Landing Road, Hampton, VA)

Viking Mission Contributors

Reach out to us to hear about an additional special July 18th activity for you at VASC!

Email: info@thevikingpreservationproject.org

LAA Invitation to the NASA Langley Viking Symposium

Thursday, July 23rd / 2:00 – 4:00 pm Symposium

Trivia afterwards in Afterburners

One-day badge request for July 23rd will come out later this month.

Vice President Report – Upcoming Speakers

July 14, 2026 – LAA Picnic

- Place: Langley Cafeteria
- Time: 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

August 11, 2026 – Stephanie Letourneau, Wetlands Watch

September 8, 2026 – Allen Kilgore, Deputy Center Director, Update to the State of the Center

October 14, 2026 – Bryan Barmore, Master Naturalist Program

November 10, 2026 – Neil O'Connor, NASA Langley's Air Traffic Operations Lab

December 9, 2026 – Holiday Luncheon

2027 Potential Speakers

- Generation180
- Jennifer Inman – SCIFLI work on Artemis II launch
- NASA Langley Center Director – State of Langley

Today's Speaker



Dr. Kevin Marlowe
Using AI to Power Up Your Retirement