# *Langley Alumni Association (LAA) General Membership Meeting*
# *Tuesday, June 10, 2025*

Larcalumni.org

## 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 – June 10, 2025

**11:30 PM to 1:00 PM**

- **Welcome & 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
- **Vice President's Report:** Charlie Dunton
- ***Speaker: Chief Gary Bright, NASA Langley Chief of Protective Services***
  ***Linda Bangert (LAA Member) will share her experiences with the NINETY-NINES***
- **Next Meeting: July 9, 2025 – Picnic / B2102 Cafeteria / RSVP by 6/23/25**
  **August 12, 2025 - Sierra Space Dream Chaser (2nd Tuesday of the Month)**
- **Adjourn: Board Meeting next – *All LAA members are welcome!***
  **Nov 11th General Membership & Board meetings are moved to Nov 18th**

# President's Report

- ***LAA Health: Growth in Membership (May +4/June +4), $18k***

- ***May Board Meeting:***
  - ***New Activity -- Requests from members to inform LAA on useful resources***
    - Example: National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE)
    - Way for members to talk about resources at our monthly meetings
    - Easy template: History/purpose; LAA benefit, member experience, website
    - *Have a resource to share…email Kathy (Kferrare@verizon.net)*
  - ***Supporting NASA Langley employees***
  - ***Sending invitation email to LAA members on Thursday Pizza Talks***
  - ***Phishing emails -- Please be vigilant -- NO LAA Board Member will ask you to buy anything***
  - ***Successful FDRF tour on May 15th - 45 people attended***

- ***Picnic: July 8th (4:00-7:00 pm / B2102 Cafeteria)***

- ***Volunteering - several opportunities this summer! Please think about helping!***

# Secretary's Report

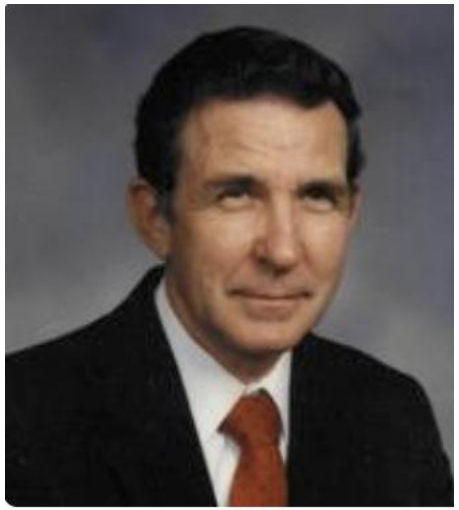
- **May 2025 Board Meeting Minutes approved & posted to Box**
- **Attendance lists posted to Box**
- **48 members attended in person and 26 on-line**
- **Summary of Meeting**
  - **Many volunteer opportunities at VESS and VASTS in July**

***PLEASE SIGN THE ATTENDANCE SHEET BEFORE YOU LEAVE!***

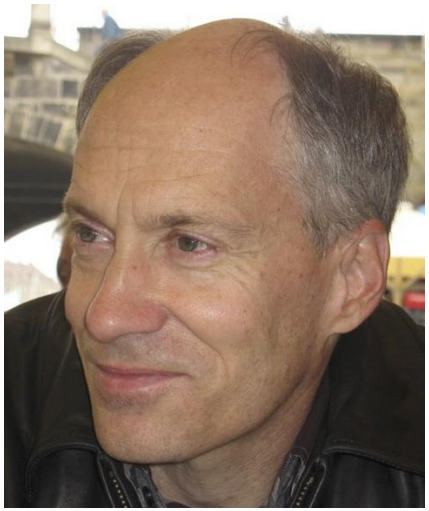
# Treasurer Summary for April 2025

- **May 2025 Summary**
  - **Organization Share** **$25.00**
  - **Money Market Savings** **$15,448.33**
  - **Smart Checking** **$2,604.36**
  - **Total** **$18,077.69**
  - **Decrease (from April):** **$47.98**
    - **Income:**
      - **Interest**
    - **Expenses**
      - **Website hosting service (HDL - $49.95/year)**

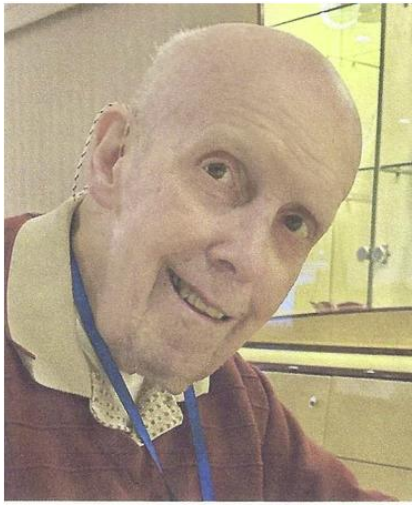
# In Memory Of Individuals June 10, 2025



William “Bill” Derby, 93



Dr. Christopher “Chris” Moore, 64



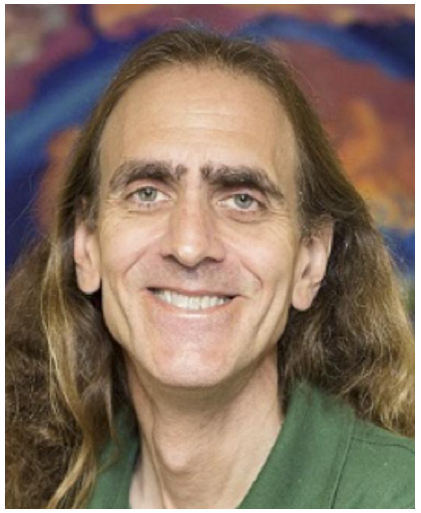
William “Bill” Matthews, 91



Ronnie Perry, 78



Gregory Wichorek, 89



Dr. David Kratz, 70

# Membership Report – Dave Hinton

**Four new members:**

- **Timothy Berkoff** who retired in 2024 from the Lidar Science Branch, Science Directorate with 10 years LaRC service. Tim resides in Port Haywood, VA with his spouse Christina.

- **Melissa Johnson** who retired in 2025 from the Cybersecurity and Privacy Division (matrixed to Aeronautics Research Directorate for the past 4 years) with 8 years service. Mellissa resides in Hampton with her spouse Jack.

- **James Plant** who retired in 2024 from D325 Structures and Materials with 37.5 years service. Jim resides in Norfolk with his spouse Cindy.

- **Steve Sandford** who retired in 2014 from the Space Technology and Exploration Directorate (STED) with 28 years service. Steve resides in Yorktown with his spouse Amy.

**REAL ID requirement May 7 – Feedback to Dave on your experience with the revised processes is welcome.**

***Be sure to sign the attendance sheet!***

# Website & Publications

- Continuing to make enhancements to the website

- June newsletter published and on the LAA website
  - *Thanks to all who contributed articles!*

  - *Unique vacation planned this year…think about an article for our September newsletter…send pictures also!*

# Vice President Report – Membership Involvement

***Viking Mars Missions Education & Preservation Project*** *(Dan Palumbo)*

- Rachel Tillman, Founder and Director of the Viking Mars Missions Education & Preservation Project will be at Langley in July for the purpose of acquiring any information or memorabilia related to the Viking project that could be contributed to their archives.

- ***Request: If you have information, stories or memorabilia that you would like to contribute, please contact Ms. Tillman directly as soon as possible in preparation for her visit.***

- **Ms. Tillman's email address is: Rachel@thevikingpreservationproject.org**

- **Update:**
  - Ms. Tillman mentioned she has received several inquiries from LAA members. *Thank you!*
  - Langley is looking into having a Sigma Series/Colloquium with Ms. Tillman in mid-July timeframe. More to follow.

# Vice President Report – Membership Involvement

***Your NASA experience and guidance would be invaluable in helping grades 11-12 students design a sphere event mission focused on Earth's systems and climate variability.***

***July 2025:*** **Virginia Earth System Science Scholars (VESSS)**

- **Request #1: Seeking mentors for 5 Sphere Teams per day**
- **Dates:** Monday, July 7th & Monday, July 21st
- **Time:** 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM

- **Request #2: Seeking final panel participants**
- **Dates:** Thursday, July 10th & Thursday, July 24th
- **Time:** 12:15 PM to 2:15 PM

# Vice President Report – Membership Involvement

***July 2025:*** **Virginia Aerospace Science & Technology Scholars (VASTS)**

- **Request:**
  - Seeking mentors to help our students design a hypothetical human mission to the Moon and on to Mars this summer
- **Dates:** June 23-26, July 14-17, & July 28-July 31
  Note: each set of dates is 3 groups of students
- **Times:** Drop in any time 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

***Please sign-up for VESSS/VASTS volunteer opportunities via the Microsoft Form due June 15th***
***(email from Richard Hueschen on May 31 has the link)***

# Vice President Report – Upcoming Events

***July 8, 2025:*** ***Annual LAA Picnic / B2102 Cafeteria***

***Please RSVP by June 23rd (microsoft form link sent from Richard Hueschen on 6/4)***

***August 12, 2025:*** ***Sierra Space Dream Chaser***

- *Walt Engelund — Deputy Associate Administrator for Programs — Space Technology Mission Directorate (STMD) — From the HL20 to Dream Chaser*
- *Mike Jeffries — Principal Aerospace Engineer – Sierra Space will speak about Dream Chaser, Sierra Space's runway capable space plane.*

***September 9, 2025:*** ***Scientifically Calibrated In-Flight Imagery (SCIFLI)***

- *Jennifer Inman of Langley's Aerothermodynamics Branch will speak on their use of telescopes, both ground and flight based, to obtain engineering quality data on spacecraft during launch and reentry.*

***October 14, 2025:*** ***Katrina 20th Anniversary Presentation***

- *Dave Throckmorton, Deputy Center Dir of Stennis Space Center at the time of Katrina, will share his experiences involving Katrina at both Stennis & Michoud. NASA Langley representative to talk about current activities.*

# Today's Speakers

***Chief Gary Bright***

*NASA Langley Protective Services*

***Linda Bangert***

*The Ninety-Nines and the History of Women in Aviation*



# Back-Up Details for VESSS/VASTS Volunteer Activities

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***July 2025:*** **Virginia Earth System Science Scholars (VESSS) Program**

- **Request #1: 5 Sphere Teams per day**
  - Seeking mentors for the Summer Academy
  - ***Your NASA experience and guidance would be invaluable in helping grades 11-12 students design a sphere event mission focused on Earth's systems and climate variability.***
- **Location:** In-person engagement takes place at NASA Langley
- **Dates:** Monday, July 7th & Monday, July 21st
- **Time:** 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM

- **Request #2:** Seeking representatives to participate on the final Panel
- **Location:** In-person engagement takes place at NASA Langley
- **Dates:** Thursday, July 10th & Thursday, July 24th
- **Time:** 2:15 PM to 2:15 PM

- **VESSS Contact:** Dr. Jennifer Penland (jpenland@odu.edu).

# Vice President Report – Membership Involvement

***July 2025:*** **Virginia Aerospace Science and Technology Scholars (VASTS)**

- **Request:**
  - Seeking mentors to help our students design a hypothetical human mission to the Moon and on to Mars this summer
  - ***Your NASA experience and guidance would be invaluable in challenging students grades 11-12 to design a human mission to Mars in just a few days helping grade 11-12 students design a human mission to Mars***
- **Location:** In-person engagement takes place at NASA Langley
  LaRC Bldg 1212: Rooms 200, 205, & 210
- **Dates:** June 23-26, July 14-17, & July 28-July 30
  Note: each set of dates is a unique group of students
- **Times:** Drop in any time 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
- **Contact:** Ian Cawthray (icawthra@odu.edu)

***We also look to our mentors to help provide career input to students hoping to enter the aerospace workforce. Your specific career path and feedback to students can make a huge difference in their lives!***