

B777 Tour
Oct 15, 2026

Langley Alumni Association (LAA) General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, November 10, 2026

Larcalumni.org

Board Members-at-Large By Class

2027	2028	2029
Rich Antcliff	Mark Ballin	Mike Fremaux
Mary DiJoseph	Charlie Dunton	Wes Goodman
Susan McClain	Odilyn Luck	Jill Marlowe
Craig Ohlhorst	Roman Paryz	Neil O'Connor
Tony Pototzky	Liliana Richwine	Amy Radford
Ray Rhew	Eric Rissling	Ray Whipple
Geoffrey Tennille		Dave Young

2026 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)

2026 Committee Chairs and Other Officials

Membership Committee: Amy Radford
Nominating Committee: Neil O'Connor
Hall of Honor Committee: Mary Beth Wusk
Website and Publications Committee: Rick Ross
IT Committee: Roman Paryz
Langley Representative: Eileen Nelson and Mariya Georgieva
Past President: Dan Palumbo
Registered Agent: Geoff Tennille

LAA General Membership Meeting – November 10, 2026
11:30 PM to 1:00 PM

- **Welcome & President's Report:** Kathy Ferrare
- **Secretary's Report:** Jill Marlowe
- **Treasurer's Report** (Kathy Ferrare) **/ Ad Hoc Committee – Donation/Grant Information** (Dave Young)
- **Communication Report:** Dick Hueschen
- **Committee Reports:**
  - **Membership**: Amy Radford
  - **Website and Publications:** Rick Ross
  - **Information Technology:** Roman Paryz (pass)
  - **Hall of Honor:** Mary Beth Wusk
  - **Nominating Committee:** Neil O'Connor
  - **Ad Hoc Committee – Retirement Protocols (NASA/LAA):** Rich Antcliff (pass)
- **Vice President's Report:** Susan McClain
  - Elaine Blount, NASA Langley's Air Traffic Operations Lab
- ***Next Month: December 8th – Holiday Luncheon -- Surf Rider (2:00 pm / 105 Rens Rd, Poquoson, VA)***
- **Adjourn: Board Meeting next –** ***All LAA members are welcome!***

President's Report

- **LAA Health: Growth in Membership this month +7; Treasury is $23k**
- **Significant Motions, Actions and Discussions from Oct 13, 2026, Board Meeting:**
  - DISCUSSION on proposed communication for future ad-hoc spirit wear orders; *confirmed that advertising in newsletter (and newsletter email) along with new member packet is sufficient.* Form will be blind posted on web site and can be hyperlinked in comms; low risk if it's accessible to the public.
  - DISCUSSION on Hall of Honor event and possible use of LAFB Innovation Lab (maker space) for Hall of Honor plaques and NASA maker space capabilities. Potential for cost savings.
- **By-law and Policies and Procedures (P&P) Documents Update**
  - Request sent to LAA membership soliciting major changes that could alter the core substance or meaning of our documents (10/16/26).
  - No changes received for the By-law document.
  - Received one update to the Policies and Procedures document from Amy Radford, Membership Chair. Since the LAA has moved to an electronic application form, there needs to be a change in Appendix 2 (page 10-11) verbiage and image.
- **Thank you to the Nominations Committee and Grant Application Review Team for volunteering!**
- **OSTEM Engagement Volunteer – see next page**

President's Report – OSTEM Engagement Volunteer

Do you have a passion for helping students understand NASA's exciting adventures?

If so, we are looking for your assistance to investigate and implement how the LAA can support Langley's Office of STEM Engagement!

- ***Background:***
  - The LAA has had preliminary discussions with Langley's Office of STEM Engagement.
  - Due to developments this past year, OSTEM could use LAA's assistance in organizing events.

- ***Our volunteer request:***
  - Meet with OSTEM to understand their priorities.
  - Identify potential events for the LAA.
  - Understand LAA's responsibilities and the process to implement.
  - Present findings and recommendations to the LAA Board.
  - Organize with LAA support the implementation of decisions.

Secretary's Report

- **October 2026 General Meeting minutes approved & posted to Box**
  - ATTENDANCE: 47 in person, 16 on-line
  - NO SIGNIFICANT DISCUSSIONS / ACTIONS / MOTIONS
- **October 2026 Board Meeting Minutes approved & posted to Box**

- ***Spirit Wear orders ready for pickup:***
  - ***Lil Richwine, Mark Ballin, MaryBeth Wusk***

PLEASE SIGN THE ATTENDANCE SHEET BEFORE YOU LEAVE!

Treasurer Summary

- **October 2026 Summary**
  - **Organization Share** **$25.00**
  - ***Money Market Savings** **$4,861.28**
  - ***Smart Checking** **$2,517.03**
  - ***Certificate of Deposit** **$15,326.15**
  - ***Total** **$22,729.46**
  - ***Increase (from September):** **$42.23**
    - **Income:**
      - **Interest**
- **Call for 2027 to the Board - expenditures needed for budget planning (Due: Nov 13)**
- **Call for Grants (Due Date: Nov 6) – Thank you for submitting nominations!**

***Estimated – final numbers will be updated and filed upon returning from travel**

LAA Grant Nominations

- **Grant Nomination Review Team**
  - **Charter: Organize, review, and prioritize grant nominations and present to the Board for approval**
  - **Members: Ray Rhew, Odilyn Luck, Eric Rissling, and Dave Young**
  - **Actions: Met on Oct 21st to discuss the application of the review criteria**

- **Nominations closed on November 6th (last Friday)**
  - 9 total nominations received from 5 different organizations
    - Melodyville LLC
    - Poquoson Education Foundation
    - Southwestern Elementary
    - Virginia Space Grant Consortium
    - Virginia Tech
- **Next Steps**
  - **Review nominations and make recommendations to Board in January 12, 2027**

In Memory of Individuals – November 10, 2026



Kenneth "Ken" Turner, 93



Vernie Knight, 94

Membership Committee Report

7 New Members – Total ***331*** Active Members

- **Janet Sellars** retired from Kennedy Space Center in 2024 with 24 years of service. Janet resides in Florida with her spouse Bernard.
- **Frank Ottofaro** retired from Mainthia Technologies, Inc, in 2026 with 20 years of service. Frank resides in Suffolk with his spouse Patricia.
- **Bill Seufzer** retired from the Office of Chief Information Officer in 2026 with 29 years of service. Bill lives in Yorktown with his spouse Mary.
- **Paul Vijgen** retired from Boeing in 2022 with 9 years of service working for the High Technology Corporation. Paul resides in Washington with his spouse Alison.
- **Kenny Elliott** retired from System Integration and Test Branch in 2024 with 36 years of service. Kenny resides in Calloway with his spouse Sarah Semones.
- **Dona Cauchon** left the Earth Environments Section in 1972 with 10 years of service. Dona resides in Canada.
- **Bryan Hefner** retired from Analytical Services & Materials, Inc. in 1992 with 14 years of service. Bryan resides in Williamsburg with his spouse Colleen.

Don't forget to sign the attendance sheet!

Website & Publications Committee Report

- **Maintained and updated the website**
- **Deadline for articles for the December newsletter is November 10.**



Thanks to those who already submitted an article for the December newsletter!



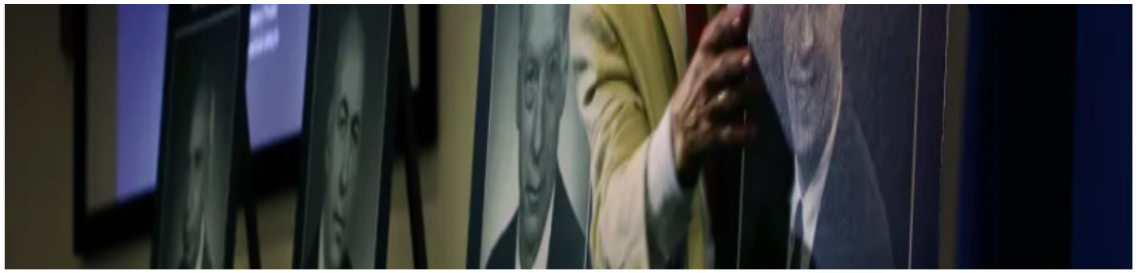
Hall of Honor Updates

- **On-line application open Sept 1st – Jan 8th.**
- **https://larcalumni.org/nomination-form/**

- **8 nominations have been received (11-4-26).**



Inside NASA Advertisement



Help Recognize Langley Legacy: Nominations for Hall of Honor Now Open

Ocano, Fabian (HQ-NA020)
Public Affairs Specialist

Published 10/5/2026

Do you know a former **NASA Langley or NACA** (National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics) team member whose work helped advance NASA's mission, even if their career took them beyond NASA Langley?

Maybe they helped advance a program, pioneered a technology, built an important partnership, mentored the next generation of innovators, or carried their Langley experience to another NASA center or organization.

Now is the opportunity to help ensure their contributions and their legacy are recognized.

The Langley Hall of Honor celebrates that legacy by recognizing individuals whose contributions have had a lasting impact. **Nominations are now open for the Class of 2027.**



Christine Darden was among the 17 people inducted into t...



In 1958, Mary W. Jackson became NASA's first black female...

Hall of Honor Advertising Plan

Please contact Susan McClain (Marketing Coordinator) if you have any other suggestions. Thank you!

COMPLETED Marketing Target/Action	*POC*
Updated 2027 HoH logo	Jeff Herath
Postings on the NASA Langley social media channels	Jeff Herath
Postings on LAA social media channels (Facebook, LinkedIn)	Mary Beth Wusk/LAA
Langley Alumni Association (LAA) Website	Jeff Antol
Langley Alumni Association Email	Mary Beth Wusk
Email to 3000 current employess at Nasa Langley	Rob Wyman
Article on Inside Langley	Rob Wyman
NASA Langley Contractors Steering Council (LCSC) {Meetings held monthly.)	Susan McClain/Jeff Herath
Virginia Air and Space Center (VASC)	Neil O'Conner
CNU PCSE (Physics, Computer Science and Engineering) Mentoring Coordinator	Mary Beth Wusk
CNU Lifelong Learning Society	Susan McClain
Society for Women Engineers Hampton Roads Chapter	Mary Beth Wusk
NASA Langley Center Leadership Council	Kathy Ferrare/Jeff Herath
AIAA Aerospace America magazine and AIAA Daily Launch	Steve Bauer
Science professional societies: American Geophysical Union (AGU) & American Meteorological Society (AMS)	Steve Bauer
Virginia AeroSpace Business Association	Susan McClain
Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers Southeast Virginia Professional Chapter - SHPE Region	Neil O'Conner
Tidewater Aero Club	Neil O'Conner
AIAA Hampton Roads Section Newsletter/general membership emails	Steve Bauer
LAA Newsletter (September & December 2021)	Jeff Antol

IN WORK Marketing Target/Action	*POC*
Video (Take 5-type for internal/external use) - short segment explaining the Hall of Honor/Nomination process	Mary Beth Wusk/ Jeff Herath
HRMFA	Kathy Ferrare
Other local professional organizations such as the Peninsula Engineers Council, the Virginia AeroSpace Business Association	Susan McClain
Hampton Roads Alliance (www.hamptonroadsalliance.com)	Susan McClain
Center for Innovative Technology (www.cit.org)	Susan McClain
National Technical Association Hampton Roads Chapter	Neil O'Conner
Federal Women's Program (FWP)	Kathy Ferrare
Universities (VT, UVA, NC State, others?)	All
NASA Langley Colloquium Series and Sigma Series	Neil O'Conner/Jeff Herath

Previous Honorees

Class of 2015	Class of 2017	Class of 2022
Ira H. "S" Abbott	Clinton Brown	Christine Mann Darden
John V. Becker	Robert Champine	Fereidon Farassat
Maxime A. Faget	Norman Crabill	Peter A. Gnoffo
Robert R. Gilruth	Smith DeFrance	Charles E. Harris
John C. Houbolt	Charles Donlan	Donald E. Hewes
Eastman N. "Jake" Jacobs	Cornelius Driver	Joseph S. Heyman
Robert T. Jones	Roy Harris Jr.	Paul F. Holloway
Samuel Katzoff	Harvey Hubbard	Ajay Kumar
Christopher C. Kraft, Jr.	Mary Jackson	James Donald Lawrence Jr.
Eugene S. Love	Katherine Johnson	Domenic J. Maglieri
Max M. Munk	Joel Levine	Samuel E. Massenberg
W. Hewitt Phillips	James Martin Jr.	Werner Pfenninger
John P. Reeder	M. Patrick McCormick	James M. Russell III
Henry J. E. Reid	Edward Polhamus	Terry St. Clair
John Stack	James Starnes Jr.	Darrel Tenney
Theodore Theodorsen	Floyd Thompson	Bruce Wielicki
Fred E. Weick	Dorothy Vaughan	A. Thomas Young
Richard T. Whitcomb	Charles Zimmerman	
Pearl I. Young		

Nominating Committee

- **Thank you to Neil O'Connor, Mark Ballin, and Lil Richwine for identifying candidates!**

- **Thanks to the 7 new Members-at-Large nominees for stepping up to be in the Class of 2030 cohort!**
  - Keith Arthur
  - Ken Goetzke
  - Christina Moats-Xavier
  - Walt Engelund
  - Heather Houlden
  - Frank Quinto
  - Vince Shultz

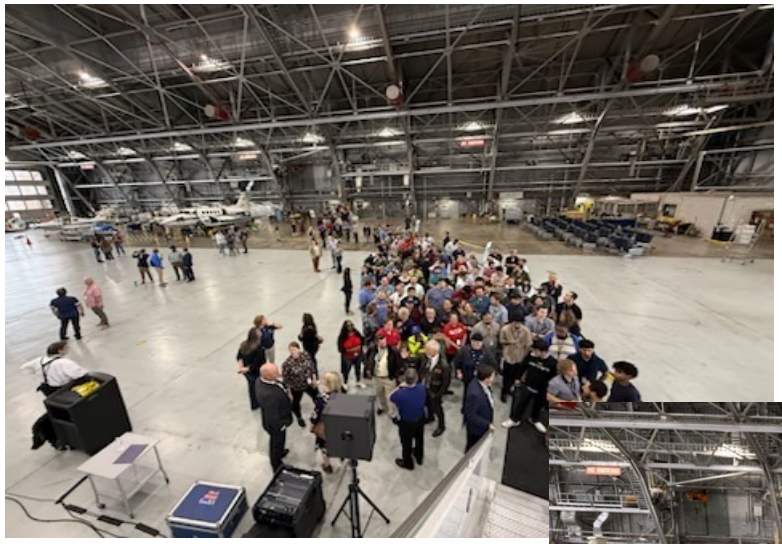
- **Nomination committee continues its search activities:**
  - Our open positions are Treasurer and Website and Publications Committee Chairs
  - We are reaching out to folks to discuss these opportunities.

- **Schedule:**
  - Mid December: send members final slate per By-laws (Article VI)
  - January 2027 General Membership Meeting: Elect Class of 2030 Members-at-Large
  - January 2027 Board Meeting: Elect Officers (President (Ferrare), Treasurer (Rhew or new nominee), and Communications Chair (Hueschen)). The President shall assign Committee Chairs.

Website and Publications Committee Chair

- Website efforts:
  - Website maintenance involves several monthly posts: upcoming meeting and speaker announcements, meeting slides and minutes, adding speaker photos
  - Additional occasional special announcements
- Newsletter efforts:
  - Once every three months
  - No content creation, merely organizing and publishing
- Additional duties:
  - Publishing the two-page annual report
  - Coordinating with other officers and committee members for special events
  - Monthly General Membership/Board LAA charts

Vice President Report – NASA B777 tour on October 15







Vice President Report – AIAA Invitation – Stargazing at VLM

- **The AIAA has invited us to stargaze at the Virginia Living Museum! Email sent from Richard Hueschen on 10/18/26.**

- **Date: November 14th**
  Time: 5:00 pm – 11:00 pm
  Requirement: Sign-up using the link below.
  Cost: $8 (paid when you arrive at the Virginia Living Museum)

- Join us at the Virginia Living Museum, 524 J Clyde Morris Blvd, Newport News from 5:00 PM to 11:00 PM for an evening of stargazing. Sunset will be at 5:00 PM, and we will attend a live planetarium show on "The Sky Tonight" at 6:00pm (included in price) to discover what constellations, planets, and celestial events are visible in the night sky this month.
- Telescopes will be set up outdoors for viewing throughout the evening. The main museum and outdoor boardwalk will be closed during this event.
- Optional music and laser-light shows (at an additional $8 each) will be held at 7:00 PM – Laser Genesis, 8:30 PM – Laser Queen, and 10:00 PM – Pink Floyd's The Wall.
- ***The first 25 AIAA members and their children (under 18) will be free, so sign up at <https://forms.gle/oA9fXh5RPufLud2dA>. If you don't get one of those slots, or are not an AIAA member, the price is $8 per person (any age).***

Thank you to our LAA member, Linda Bangert, for sharing this invitation!

Vice President Report – Langley Invitation – December19, 2026

NASA Langley Thanksgiving Meal

Date: Thursday, November 19th
Time: 10:30 am – 1:00 pm
Cost: $13

The Langley Center Leadership Team is honored to serve lunch as we celebrate this season of thankfulness together!

{No one-day badges will be processed.}



Vice President Report – Membership Involvement – December 8, 2026

- ***LAA Holiday Luncheon***
  - The luncheon will be at Surf Rider in Poquoson. Great seafood, steak or burger if that's your fancy, and vegetarian options.
  - It will be open menu. Order and pay.
  - Time will be 2:00 pm
  - Sign-Up form coming out this week!

- ***LAA Foodbank Drive***
  - Will be collecting food and monetary donations in the Surf Rider parking lot before our luncheon. More details to follow!

Vice President Report – Upcoming Speakers

November 10, 2026 – Elaine Blount, NASA Langley's Air Traffic Operations Lab

December 8, 2026 – Holiday Luncheon – Surf Rider (2:00 pm / 105 Rens Rd, Poquoson, VA)

January 12, 2027 – Bobby Berrier, Vice President of Membership, CNU's Lifelong Learning Society

February 9, 2027 – To be announced

March 9, 2027 – Dr. Trina Dyal, Director, NASA Langley Research Center, State of the Center

April 13, 2027- Ruth Amundsen, Norfolk Solar Solutions

2027 Potential Speakers

- Jennifer Inman – SCIFLI work on Artemis II launch
- Dragonfly Project

Today's Speaker



Elaine Blount
NASA Langley's Air Traffic Operations Lab