



# Lockheed Martin Management Association Retirees Newsletter

*Looking Forward Towards A Wonderful Retiree Future!*

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring is here! We can look forward to the colorful show of blossoming trees, blooming flowers, sunny weather, and the sounds of singing birds. This is a great time of the year to enjoy retirement!

I traveled with Carolyn Hobbs, Programs Director, to Roseville near Sacramento to help launch the new LMMAR-Sacramento Area Group. We enjoyed meeting all of the nice people at the luncheon. Thanks to Vern De Vincenzi and Irene Douglass for arranging and promoting the first formal LMMAR-Sacramento Area

## Congratulations LMMAR-Sacramento Area Group!

LMMAR has expanded with a launching of the new LMMAR-Sacramento Area Group. The new LMMAR-Sacramento Area Group had a kick-off luncheon party on March 6<sup>th</sup> at Carvers Restaurant in Roseville. Thirty-Four people attended the significant luncheon. The luncheon was coordinated by Vern De Vincenzi and Irene Douglass.

LMMAR Executive Board members Ken Koga, President, Carolyn Hobbs, Programs Director, Bill Hammerlund, Photographer, and Janet Hammerlund, Asst Travel were on hand from Sunnyvale to help launch the new group. The initial enthusiastic, new officers are Vern De Vincenzi, Director, with Emmett Taft, Assistant Director, and Randy Rasmussen, Activities Chair. Ken Koga presented the new group with a LMMAR Banner, and officially welcomed the new LMMAR-Sacramento Area extension group.



LMMAR-Sacramento Area Group has a great potential for membership growth. Northern California and the Reno/Tahoe Area have over 300 Lockheed Martin Retirees. The new group will plan luncheons and other activities.

If you know of any Lockheed Martin Retiree living in the Sacramento Area, please let them know they are welcome to join the new LMMAR-Sacramento Area Group. Contact: Vern De Vincenzi 916-408-4852, or Cell (408)348-4629

Group Luncheon. We are pleased to have Vern De Vincenzi accept the position as Director, Emmett Taft accept the position as Assistant Director, and Randy Rasmussen accept the position as Activities Chair. We have a strong leadership start. We have high expectations

for this group.

Don't miss our next Italian Cuisine Luncheon, "A Taste Of Italy!", April 25, 2008 at Nicolino's Italian Restaurant, Sunnyvale. Entertainment will

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be Tibor, a romantic, Gypsy Strolling violinist with piano accompaniment. Signup early! Facility limited to first 130 people. See Flier. I hope to meet you there.

LMMAR needs your help! We are in need of volunteers to fill Executive Board positions as Secretary, Asst. Secretary, Asst. Newsletter Editor, and Webmaster. We try to keep LMMAR meaningful and positive. We hope our members find positive motivation to realize the value of LMMAR and help. Volunteers are special people! I encourage all members to participate, volunteer your help, have fun, and meet great people.

Be Happy!

Ken Koga

President

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Travel for 2008 and 2009

**AUGUST 20<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008 ALASKA-YUKON** Explorer six night land tour plus four night Voyage of the Glacier Cruise aboard the Holland America's Statendam. Fly SFO to Anchorage, Alaska where you can check in to your hotel for the evening. The Next day begin your journey on the McKinley Explorer Domed Railcars through his-

toric Alaska to Denali National Park. The Next few days' travel to Denali National Park by motor coach, by rail to Fairbanks, Sternwheeler Riverboat, browse mining exhibits and pan for gold. Continue the Motor coach experience to Beaver Creek and much more. Reaching Whitehorse we once again travel by rail through amazing country. Arriving at Skagway we resume our journey by Cruise ship to Glacier Bay, Ketchikan and the Inside Passage, WOW what a trip that includes round trip air, Shuttle service (bay area) to SFO, depending on cabin selection prices range from \$3280.00 to \$3695.00 per person dbl occupancy. Four meals on land trip are included. The price of food in Alaska is expensive we are providing an option for nine additional meals while on the land portion for \$225.00 per person. Brochures are available. This is very short notice and if you are interested please contact Linda at Talbot tours 1-800-662-9933, as final payment will be due on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

**NOVEMBER 10<sup>th</sup> TO 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008 MEXICAN RIVIERA** cruise aboard the STAR PRINCESS. 10 Days round trip from San Francisco with stops at Acapulco, Ixtapa (Zihuatanejo), Puerto Vallarta, and Cabo San Lucas. Imagine sitting back and enjoying a short trip with out having to battle the airlines? This trip will give you two days to relax before the first stop at Acapulco where the cliff divers will amaze you with there expertise. While in Acapulco discover the beaches, local bistros and restaurants and the carefree attitudes of the Mexican culture. Ixatpa your next stop

where you may take a 7-mile ride to shop and snorkel, visit Zihatanejo a laid back fishing village and beautiful beaches. Puerto Vallarta our next destination that was a sleeping village that has been transformed into an international resort that has retained the charm of old Mexico. Finally we are reaching our final port of call Cabo San Lucas where you can enjoy searching the area for buried treasure where Pirates of a bygone era buried their rich treasures. We conclude this magnificent voyage to San Francisco well rested and ready to enjoy Thanksgiving with our loved ones. Depending upon cabin selection and double occupancy prices start at \$1290.00 to \$1910.00. This includes round trip shuttle transfers to pier 35 Brochures are available. Act now, as a limited number of cabins are available. Final payment for this cruise August 6, 2008

We should have confirmation for the following trips 2009 sometime June or July, 2008

March/April Rhine river boat for the Tulip Season  
Italy in the fall  
Somewhere in the USA and Canada

**MEMBERSHIP COLUMN**

**MONTHLY WINNERS:**

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Norm Dhom, Membership Chairman

#### WANTED

Names of Lockheed Martin employees, who volunteered in creating the Archery Range in Saratoga Hills in the 1960's.

Currently, the Archery Range celebrates 50 years of existence and they would like to post its original creators.

Iren N. Avgarski, active employee, sent email.

Contact: Norm Dhom (408) 732-2742  
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#### PRESS RELEASE

#### NEW MISSILE WARNING SATELLITE

BUILT BY LOCKHEED MARTIN PROGRESSING IN CRITICAL TEST PHASE  
SUNNYVALE, Calif., , March 19th, 2008 – Lockheed Martin [NYSE: LMT] announced today that the first Space-Based Infrared System (SBIRS) geosynchronous orbit (GEO-1) spacecraft is progressing through a series of key tests that will demonstrate the integrated satellite's readiness to enter the critical environmental test phase in preparation for launch in late 2009.

SBIRS is designed to provide early warning of missile launches, and simultaneously support other missions including missile defense, technical intelligence and battlespace characterization.

The test phase, known as Baseline Integrated System Test (BIST), is conducted at Lockheed Martin's Space Systems facilities in Sunnyvale, Calif. and is designed to characterize the overall performance of the GEO-1 satellite and establish a performance baseline prior to entering environmental testing.

The first phase of BIST, which included the GEO-1 spacecraft in an expanded configuration, was completed on Jan. 23, 2008. Following the successful test, the team assembled the satellite into the flight configuration, including the GEO-1 bus and payload and other critical subsystems. A comprehensive test of the integrated satellite is now underway.

Upon the completion of BIST in May, the team will integrate the satellite's solar arrays, deployable light shade, and thermal blankets and then prepare for acoustic and pyroshock test-

ing where the integrated spacecraft will be subjected to the maximum sound and vibration levels expected during launch into orbit.

Prior to the start of environmental testing, the team will also conduct a major test to validate that the SBIRS ground components and the GEO satellite can work together during launch and on-orbit operation.

"Our steady progress in this critical integrated satellite test phase reflects the entire team's hard work and dedication to operational excellence on this vital national security program," said Jeff Smith, Lockheed Martin's SBIRS vice president and GEO-1 program manager. "This first-of-its-kind satellite will provide unprecedented new capabilities for our war fighters and we look forward to achieving mission success for our customer."

The team was recently selected by the U.S. Air Force as its nominee for the National Aeronautic Association's 2007 Robert J. Collier Trophy for the successful development, deployment, test and on-orbit operations of the first SBIRS Highly Elliptical Orbit (HEO) payload.

Considered America's most prestigious award for aeronautical and space development, the Robert J. Collier Trophy is awarded annually for the greatest achievement in aeronautics or astronautics in America, with respect to improving the performance, efficiency, and safety of air or space vehicles, the value of which has been thoroughly demonstrated by actual

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use during the preceding year.

The first HEO payload has demonstrated that its performance meets or exceeds specifications. The test team safely pushed system performance so that data collection and processing results exceeded government specifications in over 95% of cases. Payload sensitivity, initial report time, pointing accuracy, potential for supporting unplanned missions, efficiency and safety were all largely improved by the multi-disciplinary approach this team undertook.

The SBIRS team is led by the Space Based Infrared Systems Wing at the U.S. Air Force Space and Missile Systems Center, Los Angeles Air Force Base, Calif. Lockheed Martin Space Systems Company, Sunnyvale, Calif., is the SBIRS prime contractor, with Northrop Grumman Electronic Systems, Azusa, Calif., as the payload subcontractor. Air Force Space Command operates the SBIRS system.

Lockheed Martin is currently under contract to provide two HEO payloads and two GEO satellites, as well as the ground-based assets to receive and process the infrared data.

## MEMBER LETTERS

Dear Norm,

What a wonderful surprise to receive the \$50.00 check for being the March winner!

My husband has been in bad health for sometime & I am going to use the money to take him out for a nice dinner. Every month I see in the associa-

tion paper [LMMAR Newsletter] the winners of the drawings & never thought I would be one.

Thank you so much,  
Sandra Mendoza

Dear Norm,

What a pleasant surprise to open my mail and find money in it!

I have donated my check to an animal organization I belong to here in Red Bluff. It is called PAWS (Partnership for Animal Welfare and Safety). It deals with health and welfare issues for mostly dogs and cats.

Our group expressed their appreciation to LMMAR.

Sincerely,  
Don Dewar

Greetings to All:

Thank you so much for the surprise Fifty-Dollar check I received. Year 2008 is really a year of new beginnings.

I wish to express my appreciation to all of you who spend so much time keeping us informed of the company and more importantly, keeping us informed of former associates and friends. Thank you.

Paul and I have been in Indianapolis going on eleven years. I really expected to relocate back to my California territory; however, I have run into a little snag on which I hadn't planned. My spouse loves it here. It is difficult for him to give up the environment he has discovered: old car shows, in

abundance, the Indy Races, basketball, football, fishing, his golf friends, who all play despite the elements (but for snow), and our spectacular four seasons. I must confess, I love California, but greatly miss my family more, whom I coaxed to California from the East Coast when I first moved; all still live there. Fortunately, they allow me unlimited visitation rights. For the moment, this helps me to sustain my Hoosier status for a little while longer. We are blessed with good health, so for now I will continue to enjoy our beautiful seasonal weather here in my 'Indiana home.'

Again, thank you for the gift and thanks to the staff for all you do on retirees' behalf.

Best wishes,  
Eleanor L. Herbert

## Government benefit programs in trouble

3/25/08

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER, AP Economics Writer

Trustee for the government's two biggest benefit programs warned that Social Security and Medicare are facing "enormous challenges" with the threat to Medicare's solvency far more severe.

The trustees, issuing their once-a-year analysis, said the resources in the Social Security trust fund will be depleted by 2041. The reserves in the Medicare trust fund that pays hospital benefits were projected to be wiped out by 2019.

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Both those dates were the same as in last year's report. But the trustees warned that financial pressures will begin much sooner when the programs begin paying out more in benefits each year than they collect in payroll taxes. For Medicare, that threshold is projected to be reached this year and for Social Security it is projected to occur in 2017.

Both programs are expected to come under increasing pressure as 78 million baby boomers start retiring and drawing benefits.

"The financial difficulties facing Social Security and Medicare pose enormous challenges," the trustees said in their report. "The sooner these challenges are addressed, the more varied and less disruptive their solutions can be."

Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, one of the trustees, warned of a fiscal train wreck unless something is done.

"Without change, rising costs will drive government spending to unprecedented levels, consume nearly all projected federal revenues and threaten America's future prosperity," Paulson told a news conference where he and the other trustees released the report.

President Bush, who wanted to make overhauling Social Security a top priority in his second term, tapped Paulson to lead that effort. However, Paulson has been unable to forge a consensus with Democrats, who took control of Congress in 2006. He has complained that he is getting tired of playing "solitaire."

Democrats contend that Bush lost valuable time after his 2004 reelection pushing a plan to allow younger workers to direct their payroll tax contributions into private ac-

counts, an idea that went nowhere in Congress.

Reaction in Congress divided along party lines with Republicans saying the new report was an urgent call for action while Democrats accused Republicans of using the report as an excuse for making Draconian cuts in benefits.

For the second year, the report contained a Medicare funding warning that will require the next president to submit soon after he sends his first budget to Congress next year recommendations for dealing with a shortfall in Medicare taxes and projected benefits.

Bush submitted the first of these required responses in February. He recommended among other things that wealthier Medicare beneficiaries pay higher monthly premiums for prescription drug coverage. Under the 2003 law that provided for drug benefits under Medicare, the president is required to submit cost-saving proposals to Congress if the trustees project Medicare will need to rely on general revenue for more than 45 percent of its funding in any future year.

Administration officials said Tuesday that Bush's recommendations, along with proposals to slow Medicare's growth included in the budget, would make a significant dent in the program's shortfalls. However, Democrats have attacked the proposals, making the prospect for legislation this year unlikely.

House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Charlie Rangel said Congress "will do what we have to in order to restore long-term financial stability to these programs."

But many analysts think the whole debate will be left for the next president to take up with Congress, given the difficulty of making changes in such politically sensitive programs as Social Security and Medicare during an election year.

While the Social Security trust fund will have resources until 2041, the more critical date in terms of government revenues will occur in 2017. In that year, Social Security, which has been providing billions of dollars in surpluses to the government for over two decades, will start having to pay out more in benefits than it will receive that year in payroll taxes.

At that point, the government will have to start replacing the money it has borrowed from the Social Security trust fund. It can do that only by increasing borrowing from the public, raising taxes or cutting other government programs. The elimination of the Social Security surplus is a key reason that experts are projecting sizable budget deficits in future years.

In 2041 when the Social Security trust fund is exhausted, the program will be collecting enough in payroll taxes to pay 78 percent of current benefits. That is up from an estimate of 75 percent last year. The improvement came in part from an increase the report made in the number and type of immigrants, both legal and illegal, who will be arriving in the country in future years. The higher number boosts the number of people paying into Social Security.

#### BRIDGE

Well we have settled into our new digs, but haven't seen anything of all of the

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people that said that we should move down the Peninsula so they could join us. Winners for the month are:

**Mar. 4,** Individual Duplicate (8) **1st** - Jorge Rodregues; **2nd** -Dan Sloan; **3rd** Glenda Murray; **4th** Alex Fucile

**Mar. 6,** Pairs (6) **1st** Chuck Schmidt & Gary Bea; **2nd** Chet Hayes & Ted Henshaw; **3rd** Caesar Grolemond & Bob Vegeant;

**Mar. 11,** Individ. dupl. **1st** - John Parker; **2nd** Angie Schynert; **3rd** -Don Pal-

ermo; **4th** Dan Sloan

**Mar. 13,** Pairs Dupl. (6) **1st** Don Palermo & Ken Krug; **2nd** Bert Vincent & Chuck Schmidt; **3rd** Roger Abegg & George Rodregus

**Mar. 18,** Individ. Dupl. (8) **1st**.tied) Dan Sloan & Glenda Murray; **3rd** Alex Fucile; **4th** Roger Abegg

**Mar. 20,** Pairs (7) **1st** Ken Krug & Don Palermo; **2nd** Erna Fichter & Angie Schynert;

**3rd** Bert Vincent & Chuck Schmidt

**Mar. 25,** Pairs (8) **1st** Chet Hayes & Ted Hinshaw; **2nd** Caesar Grolemond & Bob Vegeant; **3rd** Don Kies & Paul Pueker; **4th** -Roger Abegg & JCorge Rodregus

**Mar. 27,** Pairs (8) **1st** Ken Christie & Chuck Schmidt; **2nd** Bob Vigeant & Caesar Grolemond; **3rd** Jorge Rodregus & Roger Abegg; **4th** Ken Krug & Ted Hinshaw

April, 2008

## Activity Calendar

- 1. LMMAR Executive Board Meeting** \* First Monday of each month unless holiday conflict, then second Monday \* 9:00 a.m. \* Bldg. 157-Litrium \* Contact Ken Koga (408) 946-7292.
- 2. LMMAR Newsletter Mailing Session** \* Volunteers needed \* Second Thursday of each month \* 9:00 a.m. \* Bldg 157-Litrium.
- 3. LMMAR Travel** \* Cruises, Tours \* See Travel Section of Newsletter.
- 4. LMMAR Bridge Card Players** \* Join the fun! \* Every Tuesday and Thursday, 12:00 noon \* Palo Alto Elks Club \* Contact Ken Krug \* (408) 252-3023
- 5. Lockheed Martin Blood Bank** \* Second Wednesday of each month \* 8:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. \* Bldg. 163 \* LMMAR Contact Norm Dhom \* (408) 732-2742.
- 6. Lockheed Martin Tots-For-Tots** \* LMMAR contact Carolyn Hobbs \* (408) 248-3348.
- 7. Lockheed Martin Second Harvest Food Bank** \* LMMAR contact Carolyn Hobbs \* (408) 248-3348.
- 8. LMMAR "A Taste of Italy" Luncheon** \* Friday, April 25, 2008 \* Nicolino's Italian Cuisine Restaurant \* 1228 Reamwood Avenue, Sunnyvale \* Entertainment: Tibor, Romantic Gypsy Strolling Violinist with Piano Accompaniment \* Sign-up early! Facility limited to first 130 people \* **See Flier for signup deadline.** \* Contact: Jerry Vaughan, (408) 985-2708 or Ken Koga (408) 946-7292.
- 9. Filoli House & Garden Tour** \* Saturday, May 17, 2008 \* Come out and enjoy a Docent lead 2 hour House and Garden tour. Luncheon at 11:30am at "The Café at Filoli," which includes a hearty sandwich, pasta salad, seasonal fruit, cookie and beverage. COST: Member - \$25, Non-Member - \$30. (Transportation is on your own). **NOTE: Paid reservations must be made no later than April 30th** to guarantee the event will happen. Contact: Rob Giacomi at [robert.w.giacomi@lmco.com](mailto:robert.w.giacomi@lmco.com) or 408-742-8547 to get involved.
- 10. NASCAR - Sprint Cup Series:** \* Sunday, June 22, 2008 \* Sonoma \* Come out and enjoy a great day in Sonoma hearing and seeing the worlds best drivers compete in the Toyota - Savemart 350 at Infineon Raceway COST: \$85 Lower Grandstand (\$25 off the regular price) and optional \$75 "Cold" Pit Pass. (transportation is on your own). **NOTE: Paid reservations must be made no later than April 30th** to guarantee the event will happen. Contact: Rob Giacomi at [robert.w.giacomi@lmco.com](mailto:robert.w.giacomi@lmco.com) or 408-742-8547 to get involved.