



The Heritage

Heritage Chapter Bluebills
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Chapter Report

By Richard Vaughn



Bluebills Central Leadership Council has been working to complete their roster of candidates for election to the Council for the years 2019-2020. They have now succeeded in completing the Council for 2019-2020 and the Council consists of the following members: Newly elected members are: Howard Syder, Myron Vogt, Lonnie Stevenson and Mary Ulibarri. The four members who have one year to complete their terms of office are: Millard Battles, Norma Vaughn, Don Hilt, and Fran Parker. They are now working on the issues Bluebills face with Boeing for the future of Bluebills.

As far as the Heritage Chapter is concerned, we have had no one to step up and say “I will help this chapter survive”.

Today four volunteers have agreed to work together to help keep our chapter active. We all have hopes that some of the newer (and more seasoned Bluebills) will join them in this endeavor. The four current members who have said: “We cannot let this chapter die!” are: Doug Hoople (425-269-6910), Don Hilt (253-235-3084), Heinz Gehlhaar (206-495-2805), and Richard Vaughn (206-714-0451).

If you would be willing to work with us to save our chapter and if you have any questions about this effort give one or all of us a call. We need your support.

We have to help the organization survive. Do you care?

Richard

REMEMBER

Report your Volunteer Hours

By Email: Bluebills@boeing.com , **Or Phone:** 206-544-6286,

Or Mail: To Address on Form,

Or Bring Completed Reporting Form to the Monthly Meeting



Busy B's

from Janice Hawes

The Busy B's are back at work after our nice little break. Nothing much to talk about this month, just working on ideas for future projects. Our faithful Busy B Lana is not feeling so good and we missed her this week and hope to see her soon.

More news next month. Happy Valentines Day *Janice*

Speaker for February

By: Jim Beasley

The speaker for February will be Caleb Marshall, Executive Director, Building Together Seattle. Caleb will talk about the one day construction effort by the former Christmas in April organization now referred to as Spring Rebuilding Day.



Spring Rebuilding Day is Rebuilding Together Seattle's flagship program, first launched in 1990. Roughly 1,000 volunteers restore about 25 homes and nonprofit facilities in one day with the support of community sponsors and partners every year on the last Saturday in April. Also known as National Rebuilding Day, approximately 3,000 homes are restored by roughly 160 affiliates across the country.



January Chapter Meeting Recap

By Mary Ulibarri

Richard began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were two January birthdays – Melinda Stubbs and Eleanor Skinner, no anniversaries or new attendees. Eleanor mentioned that Ted Leyden was in the hospital for observation due to dizziness. And both Lonnie Stevenson and Fran Parker shared that Bob Lambert is in hospice due to failing health. Please keep our fellow members in your thoughts for quick recoveries.

Attendance was quite low and it was suggested that may have been because no January newsletter was mailed out. Boeing had not provided the Bluebills with a charge line for printing purposes. Dick Beham stated members can view last month's newsletter with a number of photos from the meeting/potluck on line at <http://www.bluebills.org/heritagenewsletters.html>. He also thanked those who save the tabs from pop-top cans for him. With Pop-Tops from Puget Sound Square dancers and matching funds donated to the cause, we were able to donate \$5,000 to Kidney Dialysis Research.

Richard reiterated the urgent need for new officers for both Heritage and Central Chapters. He encouraged members to step up for the new term. The Bluebills organization has proudly been functioning for 24 years, don't let them fade away now. In the meantime, Heinz Gehlhaar, Don Hilt, Doug Hoople and Richard have agreed to set up the meeting site each month in order to keep functioning.

Richard then spoke about the Boeing organizational issues pertaining to budget numbers and general support by Boeing. Conversations are ongoing in order to continue backing for the Bluebills.

Jim Beasley then introduce this month's speaker Cathy Filippelli. Cathy joined The Boeing Company in April 2018 as a Retirement & Financial Well-Being Strategy Specialist. She is responsible for driving the de-

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sign and application of strategy, guidelines and requirements for implementing, administering and communicating Boeing's U.S. qualified and non-qualified retirement plans, specifically financial well-being program strategy.

Cathy was also a benefits consultant for BP America in Houston and an actuary and benefits consultant for Mercer Human Resource Consulting in Chicago. Over her career, she has managed numerous retirement plan projects including early retirement windows, plan terminations, mergers and divestitures.



Cathy, along with Drew Hueler and Michelle Park, associates from the vendor partner Income Solutions, spoke to Financial Wellbeing in Retirement. Topics covered included retiree challenges like longevity, market volatility, social security and information on Boeing's 401(k) plan (Voluntary Investment Plan). Some interesting facts were provided as well as valuable information

on resources available to Boeing retirees. One of the resources highlighted was our partnership with Financial Engines who have advisors that can provide advice on the VIP investments as well as investments outside of the plan.

Options for those that still have a VIP account were presented including the ability to use part of that account to purchase a low-cost annuity through Boeing's partnership with Income Solutions. An annuity provides guaranteed monthly income for life and reduces exposure to market volatility. Through Income Solutions, one can model and compare quotes for highly-rated insurance companies on an apples-to-apples basis.

Resources are provided below for Boeing retirees. Note, look for information coming soon on a replacement website for TotalAccess. This access to Boeing retirement information *Manage My Retirement Income* is not changing, just the initial screens you use to access that website.

VIP - Log on to www.boeing.com/express using your BEMSID and your Boeing TotalAccess password. Visit TotalAccess > Total Compensation > My Retirement Benefits > Manage My Retirement Income.

Financial Engines Resources - Log on to www.boeing.com/express using your BEMSID and your Boeing TotalAccess password. Visit TotalAccess > Total Compensation > My Retirement Benefits > Financial Engines OR Request a Retirement Checkup.

Hueler Income Solutions Resources - Log on to www.boeing.com/express using your BEMSID and your Boeing TotalAccess password. Visit TotalAccess > Total Compensation > My Retirement Benefits > Manage My Retirement Income, select Lifetime Income Options.

Boeing Retirement Service Center - 1-866-473-2016
Representatives available Monday through Friday, 6am to 3pm Pacific Time.

Social Security Resources - www.ssa.gov

Jim thanked Cathy and presented her with the history of Boeing book. Richard then closed the meeting with the door prize drawing.

PUGET SOUND HONOR FLIGHT, 9/23/17 – 9/25/17

By David E. Strous

On day one, eight Masonic brothers arrived at SeaTac airport and met up with veterans and members organizing the event. The honored vets were given red shirts, the guardians blue ones to distinguish them, and then escorted to the departure gate. The four Purple Heart awardees and two Silver Star awardees were allowed to board first. There were a total of 54 honoree veterans on the flight consisting of 23 WWII vets, 30 Korean War vets and one Vietnam War vet.

Upon arrival, each Veteran received a handmade greeting card (made by grade school children). The group was then escorted through the airport amid much clapping, cheering and smiles to the awaiting buses. Once delivered to the hotel, baggage was checked and the group made their way to the dining room. In addition to a great meal, the group received the itinerary, emergency procedures and contact information.

Day two started with a 0615 wake up call, followed by breakfast and loading of the buses. Departure included a Motorcycle Escort of volunteer brother veterans who formed an Honor Flight riding club. They have escorted all Honor Flight events since the beginning of the program in 2009

The first stop consisting of 1-1/2 hours was at the WWII Memorial. After a group photo, the nations colors were presented by the Young Marines, followed by the singing of the National Anthem by a high school student and then by TAPS from another high school student. The Honor Flight Motorcycle club presented the veterans with a WWII memorial coin. The group was then allowed to review the memorial at their leisure.

The next stops were the Korean, Vietnam and Lincoln Memorials where the group was free to move about over the next hour. Many were honored by the public with thank yous, hugs and salutes, in addition to numerous questions about their experiences. The time was filled with a lot of admiration and respect.

On the way to the next stop, the FDR Memorial, the bus passed the Iwo Jima monument which was under renovation and unavailable for viewing. Along the way to the next stop, the group was treated to lunch, a much appreciated respite. At the FDR Memorial, the group was impressed by the very large memorial dedicated to our 32nd President. Next was a stop at the Navy Museum, which was very interesting and offered a break from the unseasonably hot weather.

The bus then returned to the hotel where dinner was provided, which began with a presentation of the colors and three naval personnel singing the National Anthem and other patriotic songs. A tribute to the empty chair was read, followed by instructions for the next day's sights and departure. Then a narrative of the meaning of the challenge coin was given with each attendee being presented an Honor Flight Challenge Coin. The oldest Veteran was 99 and there was one female Veteran.

Another early wake up on day three was followed with packing up, eating breakfast and meeting in the lobby for a briefing and loading of the buses. The first stop was at the Women's Memorial located just inside the Arlington National Cemetery. First the group viewed the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The ceremony was very moving for all; the guards

were very precise and impressive. They showed their respect for the Veterans in a time honored way by scraping their heels on the concrete as they passed by. This was followed by the laying of a new flower wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The group spent some time exploring the grounds and finding special gravesites, such as the one for Audie Murphy and other Medal of Honor winners.

The drive to the Air Force Memorial included more viewing of the Arlington National Cemetery and an explanation of plans for future expansion of the cemetery in order to accommodate additional burial sites. At this memorial the Honor Flight group again provided a much appreciated lunch and rest stop.

The group then proceeded to Dulles Int'l. Airport for the return flight to Seattle. While on the flight, the Veterans were surprised by a story concerning mail call and presented with letters from family members and children from around the country. At the airport, all of the Veterans exiting the airplane received a warm reception and was escorted by an active duty member from their particular branch of service. The Korean Embassy Ambassador presented the Korean War Veterans with the Korean War Medal of Recognition. Then all Veterans were greeted by family members. There were speeches and a few of the Veterans expressed their thoughts and praises for a wonderful trip.

David E. Strous

Rank: Staff Sergeant, USAF
 Active Duty: 11/22/51 - 11/22/55
 Inactive Reserve: 1955-1959
 Enlisted: Xenia, Ohio

Service Medal/Ribbons/Awards:

National Defense Service Medal
 Good Conduct Medal
 Korean War Medal
 Ground Crew of the Month Outstanding
 Airman Award

David was stationed full time at Fairchild AFB in Spokane, WA. He was the crew chief for the ground crews of the RB-36 (reconnaissance). He spent three-plus years in SAC, the best in the Air Force, a 24-hour/seven-day a week, year-round job. In June 1955, he was selected for the Outstanding Airman Award. He also attended some schools and took trips to other bases. David got out of the Air Force and went to work for The Boeing Company and got married. In September 2017, he was honored to be a part of the Puget Sound Honor Flight to Washington, DC.



Calendar of Events 2019

Jan 10	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jan 25	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Feb 14	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Feb 22	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Mar 14	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Mar 29	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Apr 11	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Apr 26	Chapter Monthly Meeting (Potluck)
May 16	Heritage Leadership Meeting
May 31	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Jun 13	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jun 28	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Jul 11	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jul 26	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Aug 15	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Aug 23	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Sep 12	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Sept 27	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Oct 10	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Oct 25	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Nov 14	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Nov 22	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Dec 12	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Dec 20	Chapter Monthly Meeting (Potluck)

Food Bank Schedule For 2019

Cash donations collected at each monthly meeting to be given to a different food bank each month.

January	Highline	Heinz Gehlhaar
February	Bellevue	Doug Hoople
March	Federal Way	Jim Lee
April	Maple Valley	Vaughn's
May	Kent	Bob Stubbs
June	Auburn	Martha Battles
July	West Seattle	Heinz Gehlhaar
August	Tacoma	Ted & Judy Leyden
September	Renton	Eleanor Skinner
October	White Center	Heinz Gehlhaar
November	Issaquah	Eleanor Skinner
December	Des Moines	Lonnie Stevenson

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Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting

February 22, 2019

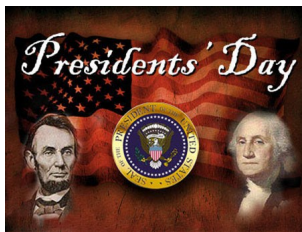
10:00AM Social,

10:30AM to 12:00Noon Meeting

Speaker: Caleb Marshall, Executive Director, Building Together Seattle

Subject: "Building together programs"

Bring a non-perishable food item to monthly meetings to be given to a different food bank each month



Please Note:

The Bluebills monthly meetings are held at the VFW Post 1263, 416 Burnett Ave South, Renton, WA. Parking is available in the lot immediately across the street from the VFW.

Bluebills Monthly Volunteer Hours

Volunteer Name _____

Phone Number _____

_____ **Hours worked** _____ **For** _____
(month/year) (agency name)

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(month/year) (agency name)

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(month/year) (agency name)

Please send completed hours form to Bluebills, PO Box 3707 1K-B02, Seattle, WA 98124
Email to bluebills@boeing.com or bring to Bluebills monthly meeting

Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting Directions

From the **north** take 405 S
Bronson Way. Keep right
and continue on S 2nd St. to
Williams Ave S. Turn left
onto Williams Ave S and turn
right onto 5th St. Go one
block and turn right onto
Burnett Ave S to VFW.
From the **south** go north on
Highway 405 to Exit 2 Hwy
167 Rainier Ave S. Go
north to S Grady Way. Turn
right on S Grady Way to
Talbot Rd (3rd light) turn
left on Talbot Rd. One block
left on Burnett Ave S. Con-
tinue three blocks to VFW.

