



Old Salts & Assorted Spies Newsletter, 3rd Quarter 2025

President's Message: Words from Michael Barnes

Passing of RADM Black – The passing of Admiral Black on 8 Jul 25 has been previously reported in a special edition of the newsletter published on 11 July. Tim Kathka and I had the honor of attending a “small” memorial service at a local church (see program details on page 4). The local church was full of his friends and admirers. And, at the invitation of his widow Margie, we spoke to the family and friends, briefly recalling the terrific years we served under his most capable command. We also attended a small reception after, and had a chance to share memories one on one with Margie. It was a solemn but inspiring event.

Internet and OS&AS website security - As time progresses, technology develops in amazing ways. So does the evil capability of the criminals who use it to cause harm. In a separate article, I raise the issues that have immediately impacted our organization, and what we have done about it. Just the last 2 weeks, “ransomware” hackers attacked my home state of Nevada systems, and brought state business to a standstill for some days to weeks (for some systems like DMV!) You cannot be too careful, **please read the separate security article, with the update on our website security from Gary Powers.**

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Editor's Corner:

I am enjoying the work on each newsletter. The articles submitted have been great.

Keeping sending them in to osasnewsletter@gmail.com. I plan to issue 4 newsletters per year.

Robin Barnes

President’s Message-continued:

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2026 Reno/Tahoe Reunion coming together - Tim Kathka and I are going to meet with the NAS Fallon PAO on 15 Oct to discuss details for the planning of our visit to “Top Gun”. They have just finished the annual tailhook convention (‘Hook 25) at the GSR Casino Resort in Reno. We are in discussion with the GSR to see if we can get the deal we want for our reunion and it is so far looking good! Also, Robin and I recently took an exploratory sightseeing tour and lunch cruise on Lake Tahoe on the “Tahoe Gal” tour boat to be sure we had a good plan for the 2026 reunion. We now know from firsthand experience it is going to be a terrific trip for those who join the group on that tour and lunch cruise! SEE SEPARATE RENO/TAHOE REUNION UPDATE.

Barnes’ Trip to Japan - Trip to Japan – Robin and I recently spent 23 days touring Japan, including 3 days in Tokyo on our own, and 2 back-to-back 10-day Princess cruises, wherein we circled the islands. Observations with more details are in a separate article with pictures.(see page 13-17)

We encourage all members to share their adventure and their interesting lives with the greater membership. We promise to do you proud with your submittals upon publication!

Chairman’s Message:Greetings from Bill Craig



It is with immense sadness that I find myself, for the second newsletter in a row, writing about the loss of one of the great icons of Naval Reserve Intelligence. Rear Admiral Bruce Black passed away in July after a battle with brain cancer. He was the second Commander, Naval Reserve Intelligence Command following Admiral Dickey. During his tenure in the aftermath of the Desert Shield/Desert Storm mobilization, the Command greatly expanded the number of secure Joint Reserve Intelligence Center drill sites which provided real time online connectivity with the gaining commands essentially serving as satellite analysis and production facilities. This significantly improved the ability to support the active forces both during weekend drills and during the subsequent mobilization for the Global War on Terrorism. Bruce served most of his Reserve career as a member of the RIA5 Rocky Mountain Navy in Denver. Our paths crossed late in our careers when we were both Captains. He was serving as a Special Assistant on Admiral Dickey’s staff in Dallas and I was a Deputy Chief of Staff. Due to the Navy’s frugality, there was insufficient housing at the BOQ at NAS Dallas and even O-6s were required to share a room.

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To our good fortune Bruce and I ended up as roommates and steaming buddies for several years. Later, when he was selected for Flag, he became my boss first when I served as his Chief of Staff and then when I was RIAC of RIA6 in Dallas. After we each retired, we reverted to a personal friendship relationship and made many great memories when Laura and I were able to visit with him and Marjie in Farmington. Admiral Dickey and Admiral Black were incredible friends, mentors, bosses, and shipmates for me as well as many other members of our community. Their passing leaves a huge void in our lives. Rest in Peace, Shipmates!

On a brighter note, Laura and I have just returned from a month-long RV road trip to the mountains of northern New Mexico and southern Colorado to escape the South Texas heat. The cool mountain air was very refreshing. We spent a lot of time exploring 4WD jeep roads visiting old mining ghost towns and enjoying spectacular mountain scenery. We did pass through Farmington and enjoyed a delightful dinner with Marjie Black and their son Bruce, Jr. (a retired Air Force colonel). Unfortunately, we returned to San Antonio too soon only to discover that the temperatures were still pushing 100 degrees!



Elsewhere in this newsletter Mike Barnes has an update on our plans for next year's Old Salts reunion in Reno. Rumor has it that the activities will include a tour of the Top Gun facilities at NAS Fallon as well as a dinner cruise on Lake Tahoe (another sea duty opportunity). Clear your calendars to make sure you can join us for what promises to be a fabulous time. I look forward to seeing you there!

RADM Bruce Black.....Michael Barnes

Obituary

Bruce Allen Black, a long-time resident of Farmington, New Mexico passed away on July 8, 2025.

Bruce was born August 20, 1936 in Albuquerque New Mexico to Ruth E. (French) and Harmon Black who preceded him in death.

Rear Admiral Black received his second star and was the Commander of the Naval Reserve Intelligence Command of the United States for five years.

Bruce A. Black graduated from Highland High School in 1954 in Albuquerque, New Mexico and joined the Naval Reserve as a seaman recruit in 1953. He received his Bachelors Degree from the University of Texas El Paso. Upon graduation in 1959, he married the former Marjorie Manget Watkins, his wife of 66 years. Bruce received his Masters Degree and his PhD in Geology from the University of New Mexico. After working for Shell Oil Company, he established his own company, Black Oil, as an independent consultant geologist. Most recently, he was the President of Black Exploration, LLC in Farmington, NM. He designed and created Kokopelli Cave, a unique Bed and Breakfast. He loved to fly his airplanes and fish the mountain streams.

Bruce served on the Board of the New Mexico Museum of Natural History during its establishment in Albuquerque. He also served as the President of the Rocky Mountain Section of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists and member the Board of San Juan Regional Medical Center.

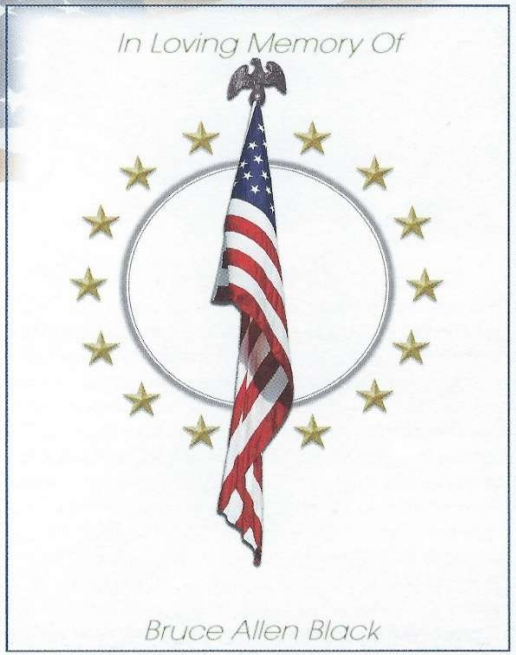
In addition to his parents, Bruce was preceded in death by his brother, James H. Black and wife Eleanor Black. He is survived by his wife of over 66 years, Marjorie, their children Leigh Irvin (Joel) and Bruce Harmon Black as well as grandchildren, Ashleigh (husband Vincent Gomez), Marilei Black and Alice and Tasha Irvin, and Great Granddaughter Ruth Gomez.

Contributions may be made to New Mexico Right to Life, The Wounded Warriors Project, San Juan College Foundation, or an organization of your choice

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Farmington Funeral Home

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In Loving Memory Of



Bruce Allen Black



Ladrons

The mountains rise to turquoise skies and it looks like broken bones, where granites thrust through brown earths crust, in the peaks they call Ladrons If you've never thrilled, or your hearts not chilled to the winds low dying moans, then come you must through sand and dust to the peaks they call Ladrons Stand at night at the mountains height where you know you're all alone. Hell it may be, but it's heaven to me 'cause here no sins do I own. On the mountain I'm free, it's just her and me. Except for God - were alone. Our secrets we keep and together we sleep, embraced in the love of Ladrón. So when I die, may my ashes lie, scattered by the wind and sown through the secret halls and the canyon walls, in the peaks they call Ladrón.

By: Bruce Black 1964

In Loving Memory Of
Bruce Allen Black

Date of Birth *Relieved of Duty*
August 20, 1936 July 8, 2025

Memorial Service
10:00 AM, Friday, July 18, 2025
New Covenant United Methodist Church
Farmington, New Mexico

Officiating
Pastor Tinker Boyd

Honorary Bearers
Ashleigh Alice
Marilei Tasha
 Ruth



Memories of RADM Black.....Anna Mae Clark



OLD SALTS & ASSORTED SPIES
Financial Report
Wells Fargo Operating Account
June 30, 2025

<u>2025 Financial Activity</u>		
Beginning Balance 1-1-2025		\$ 18,553.09
Donations	\$ 495.00	
2025 Reunion Proceeds	\$ 747.72	
Membership Expenses	\$ (313.88)	
Ending Balance 6-30-2025		\$ 19,481.93
Treasurer's Note: We are also maintaining a \$100.00 Reunion Account with Navy Federal Credit Union for future reunions.		

OLD SALTS & ASSORTED SPIES
2025 Contributors
June 30, 2025

Albert Baxter
Anna Mae Clark
Ben & Katherine Crew
Belton Jennings
Bill & Laura Craig
Carrie McCutchen
Don & Ana Maria McLeod
George & Jo Nelson
George & Peggy Sugars
George & Susan Snyder
Jeff & Stephanie Johnson
Jodi & Ben Gittes
Joe Maggiore
Michael & Robin Barnes
Mike & Shirley Winkler
Norman & Peggy Lussier
Paul & Judy Pappenheim
Ralph & Nina Ross
Richard Juda
Rick & Bea Martinez
Tim Kathka

Dear Old Selfs and Assorted
Spies,
I thank you all so much
for your generous donation to
The San Juan College
Foundation in Bruce's
name. The College meant
so much to Bruce and to
our whole family, and we
appreciate you thoughtfulness

*During a time like this
we learn how much our friends
and family really mean to us.*

*Your expression of sympathy will
always be remembered.*

Sincerely, Marij Black
and family

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Internet and OS&AS web site security.....Michael Barnes & Gary Powers

NOTICE - OS&AS leaders have recently experienced some internet scams aimed at their email addresses, utilizing some addressing and messages that appeared to be to our leadership members and from me (President). We have assessed that they were able to gain that information from our newsletter posted on our website. REMEMBER: If you get an email that does not seem right, or is strange in text or context, it could be a scam. Do not respond to the suspect email, instead, delete or go to the original source known to you to verify validity. We have taken measures to increase security across our platforms to prevent this from happening again, including the following:

We are eliminating email addresses for the leadership from our newsletter and instead directing the readers to contact OS&AS via email at osasusr@gmail.com. Gary Powers, Secretary Pam Harlin, and I are making a new plan to monitor the incoming messages and re-direct as appropriate.

We are fortunate to have Gary Powers continuing as webmaster! His skills and dedication are greatly appreciated.

OS&AS WEBSITE SECURITY MESSAGE FROM GARY POWERS:

The security upgrades to the OS&AS website are complete. In consultation with the provider tech team, we only installed the 2 modules that we needed, saving us some money. We installed:

- SSL Certificate - Provides site with HTTPS (Secure Site green lock), encrypts sensitive data, and allows us to make secure transactions through your website should we ever decide to allow online donations, payments, etc. Cost: **\$24.99/yr.**
- Code Guard - Protects website with daily automated backups, protection against viruses, hackers and even our own code that might accidentally break the site. Cost **\$23.99/yr**

Total cost for our annual security protection: **\$48.98.** That is pretty cheap insurance.

The security enhancements will be seamless to users.

The upgraded URL is <https://os-as.com>

Additional security guidance from Microsoft and government sites:

[Received a "Microsoft Security Alert", is this a scam? - Microsoft Q&A](#)
[Industry Alerts - Internet Crime Complaint Center \(IC3\)](#)
[Cybersecurity Alerts & Advisories | CISA](#)

OS&AS 2026 Reunion, Reno NV.....Michael Barnes

Plans for the 2026 Reunion target dates 13 Sep to 17 Sep 2026



NAS Fallon is home to the Fighting Saints of VFC-13, the Desert Outlaws of Strike Fighter Wing Pacific and the Naval Strike Air Warfare Center. NAS Fallon serves as **the Navy's premier tactical air warfare training center. NAS Fallon is the home of the Navy's strike fighter training, including "Top Gun" School**".

Lake Tahoe scenic lunch cruise we'll travel alongside the Truckee River to visit "Palisades Tahoe" (formerly Squaw Valley) on the way to a very scenic boat ride traveling the west shore of Lake Tahoe and enjoying a cruise in and out of Emerald Bay.



Tentative Schedule

- Reunion target dates are 13-17 Sep 2026. This is the week following Labor Day. We are looking to target an ideal tourism time without fighting crowds, other special events or weather.
- Reunion typical schedule: (Proposed)

Sunday 13 Sep - travel to Reno, check in at selected Reno hotel, with hospitality suite and a "President's Reception" in the evening. (NOTE: Negotiations are underway with the top-rated Grand Sierra Resort Hotel and Casino with many on-site attractions located close to most attractions in Reno area).

Monday 14 Sep - Tour to NAS Fallon (approved by NAS Fallon) (Or cruise on Lake Tahoe if priorities change.)

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Tuesday 15 Sep – Trip to Lake Tahoe and lunch cruise on the lake (or NAS Fallon if priority changes)

Wednesday 16 Sep – Business Meeting breakfast, late-morning & afternoon open for self-directed tours or events; guides/literature to be provided. Dinner banquet catered by hotel with our selected special/TBD guest speaker.

Thursday 17 Sep – Travel home or continue on your own in area (MANY great attractions from mountains, lakes, outdoor activities, indoor entertainment, and fine dining. (See next page for links to information about the wonderful Reno/Tahoe area and its many attractions.)

NOTE: **The Reno Hot Air Balloon Races** will finish a 4-day run on Sun 13 Sep. We are exploring the options for any that might want to come into Reno, NV a day early on Sat 12 Sep to view the final day of the Balloon races on Sun 13 Sep. Further details will be made available when we finalize plans. Races are an annual event showcasing various hot-air balloons (including special shapes), plus races, a glow show, and vendors.



Planning Considerations:

1. Visit to NAS Fallon requirements per discussion with PAO (further after our meet with him on 15 Oct 25).
 - a. Most all visitors from our group will have DOD retired ID or DOD dependent ID. A very few may not have DOD ID
2. Presentation (UNCLAS) from NAS Fallon and Squadron Command re: mission and capabilities; AND potentially (UNCLAS) presentation from the “Top Gun” mission.
3. Tour of the flight line? Or?
4. Potentially lunch at the Club
5. Tour will arrive/depart via chartered bus.
6. Further planning/next steps NAS Fallon PAO has signed off on the general visit terms and plans. We are moving ahead! Tim Kathka and Michael Barnes will meet with the PAO on 15 Oct 25 for further planning.

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7. Bus trip to Lake Tahoe and scenic 3.5 hr. boat ride across the Lake with lunch available off a great menu. This is a terrific ride on a “paddle-wheeler” replica that holds about 100 passengers. It has a full bar and attractive menu, for us to choose and pay for our selections.
 - a. We will stop for a short time at “Palisades Tahoe,” formerly known as Squaw Valley, home of the 1960 Winter Olympics.
8. We are in process of reserving the busses required for 14 and 15 Sep tours.
9. Final plans, pricing, and registration form will be in the 4th Qtr OS&AS Newsletter.

The following links will be active on the newsletter cover email.

Link to NAS Fallon and tourist and entertainment in the Reno/Tahoe regions, Etc.

NAS Fallon:

[Naval Air Station Fallon](#)

Reno-Tahoe Tourism:

[Reno Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority | Visit Reno Tahoe Home | National Automobile Museum](#)

Grand Sierra Resort & Casino:

<https://www.grandsierraresort.com/casino>

Tahoe Gal

[Tahoe Gal | Lake Tahoe Cruise | Lake Tahoe Boat Tour and Rides](#)

Palisades Tahoe

[Best Ski Resort Lake Tahoe | Palisades Tahoe](#)

Tahoe Resources

[Plan Your Lake Tahoe Trip and Reno Trip | Visit Reno Tahoe](#)

[Only Have 3 Days in Lake Tahoe? This Itinerary Hits All the Best Spots](#)

[HGTV names Nevada's most charming small town — here's the pick](#)

Reno Hot Air Balloon Races

[The Great Reno Balloon Race – World's Largest FREE Hot-Air Ballooning Event](#)

OS&AS Ship's Store.....ISCM Benjamin Crew

The OS&AS challenge coins originally sold at the 2024 reunion in Annapolis MD and advertised in the 1st Quarter Newsletter are now available for purchase. They can be ordered by emailing shipping information to ISCM Crew at iscmben@aol.com with the subject line COIN. Coin cost; \$10.00 each plus shipping, usually about \$5.50 depending on number and location, *to be paid for by personal check via return mail upon receipt*. Profits (\$4.75 each) will be contributed to the designated charity for the next reunion. In addition, OS&AS shipmates who served in Reserve Intelligence Area 19, or are otherwise interested, can also order RIA 19 challenge coins the same way.



But enough about challenge coins for now! Is there interest in a bigger Ship's Store; a Digital Ship's Store perhaps? A physical store, with significant inventory, shipping and bookkeeping requirements can be a challenge, even a financial risk for a "senior" operator. But what if we can identify providers willing to accept orders, and direct payment, and ship OS&AS logo products? Or some variation thereof? Would you be interested?

To begin, we would have to identify desired products, the level of interest in each, and desired art work (if any beyond our logo). With that information in hand a search for appropriate providers can begin. Please email your interest and suggestions to ISCM Crew with the subject line STORE.

Returning briefly to challenge coins; in addition to RIA 19 there were other RIAs that had logos or patches etc. Coins commemorating your RIA can also be produced for \$500 for an initial order of 50 if there is sufficient interest. If you have an image of your RIA logo please send a picture to ISCM Crew with the subject line LOGO regardless of whether there would be interest in ordering coins.

Japan Adventures – Part 1.....Michael & Robin Barnes

In August 2025, we traveled to Japan and had an amazing adventure. Japan is beautiful with a history back 1,000s of years. The City of Tokyo impressed us with its modernity and history; gardens and ancient treasures; and spotless and well cared-for streets and public areas, and feeling of safety and security. The many local people we met were friendly, polite, and showed a wonderful love and respect for their country, culture, and history. We traveled for 23 days beginning with 3 nights in Tokyo, then ventured on to Yokohama where we boarded the Diamond Princess for a 20-day cruise. This is a brief recap of what we saw and did.

We stayed at the Hilton Tokyo. It was a lovely, well-appointed hotel; close to the main tourist area. We enjoyed walking around the area and admired the very tidy landscaping. We had tasty meals in the breakfast buffet and St George's Bar. Our 2nd evening, we had a long walking city and foody tour, and on our final full day we visited many historic and cultural sites.



Hilton Tokyo



A Meal Stop



Godzilla



Meiji Shinto Shrine



Imperial Palace



Senso-Ji Buddhist Temple complex

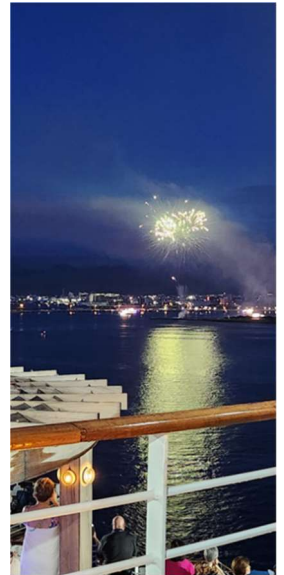


Tokyo Sky Tree Tower – view from 345M

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Our ship sailed from Yokohama and featured several summer festivals and fireworks:

Aomori, Japan – “Highlights of Aomori” We toured the Aomori Festival Museum but missed the afternoon parade due to rain. The festival features amazing ‘floats’ carried by hundreds or costumed participants. We also visited a great Buddha and enjoyed evening fireworks.



Sakaiminato, Japan – “Highlights of Sakaiminato” included visits to Adachi Art Museum, Matsue Castle, lunch, and Mizuki Shigeru Memorial Hall.



Adachi Art Museum Garden



Lunch



Matsue Castle



Shigeru as war correspondent



A fanciful Shigeru figure

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Busan, South Korea and Nagasaki, Japan were visited on a prior Asian cruise. We stayed on board our lovely ship.



Busan Harbor



Nagasaki Terminal, Skyline and Sail Away Entertainment

Kochi, Japan – self-guided tour of summer festival museum and festival parade which featured large groups of costumed dancers of all ages with Kochi “clackers”, loud music trucks, enthusiasm and endurance. We watched 1 hour of an 8-hour parade.



Kochi Festival Museum



Kochi Festival Venues



The sound and light truck



Performers of all ages and genders



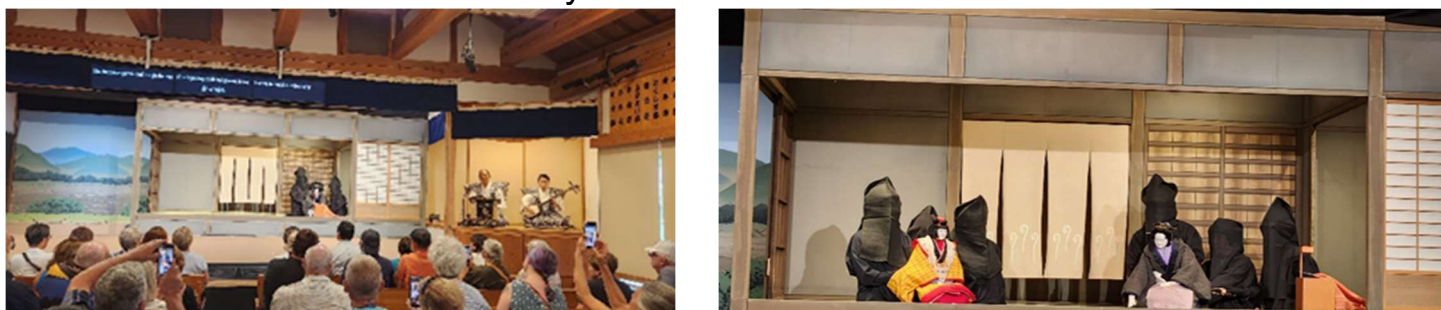
A row of scooters and bike with no locks

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Tokushima, Japan – “Traditions of Tokushima” featured Udatsu Town District an important preservation district of historic buildings and a performance of 400-year-old Awa puppetry at the Awa Jurobe Yashiki Residence Theater. We had an amazing 9-course lunch at the Grand Vario Hotel. Tokushima also has the Awa Odori Dance Festival which we skipped due to heavy rain.



280-year-old Imai Residence



400-year-old AWA puppetry



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Yokohama, Japan – “Kamakura: Image of the Great Buddha and Shrine” explored Kamakura, the capital of the first shogunate. The first stop was the 750-year-old Great Buddha at Kotokuin Temple, then on to Tsurugaoka Hachimangu Shrine, finally to Komachi-Dori Street where we found a great tempura lunch. Today the ship debarked and embarked passengers and we continued on for 10 more days.



Entry Gate to Buddha and Shrine



The Great Buddha



Tsurugaoka Hachimangu Shrine

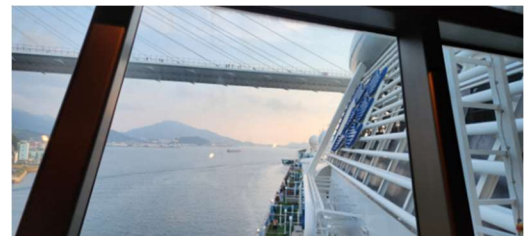


Buddhist Monks



Tempura Lunch

Some pictures around our ship:



END OF PART 1, TO BE CONTINUED IN 4TH QTR NEWSLETTER

FINAL ORDERS



Rear Admiral Bruce Allen Black, USN (ret.), a long-time resident of Farmington, New Mexico received permanent change of duty orders from God on July 8, 2025 at 10:45am. Bruce was born August 20, 1936 in Albuquerque, N. M. to Ruth and Harmon Black. Raised in Albuquerque, Bruce graduated from Highland High in 1954, and joined the Naval Reserve as a Seaman Recruit in January 1955. He attended the University of New Mexico one year, but was offered a football scholarship by Texas Western College (now UTEP), and transferred to TWC in 1956.

Upon graduation with a Bachelor's Degree in Geology he attended Naval Officers Candidate School, and was commissioned an Ensign (a mustang) in the United States Navy in July 1959. The same month he married the love of his life, the former Marjorie Manget Watkins ("The only woman I ever saw who stopped me in my tracks!"). He spent four years on active duty in the U.S. Navy as the Air Intelligence Officer for VP 50 (Seaplane Squadron) in Iwakuni, Japan and later as a Naval Intelligence Instructor at the Pacific Fleet Air Intelligence School in California. After active duty, Bruce remained in the Naval Reserve and he and Margie with their young son returned to Albuquerque where he worked nights on a gas station and attended graduate school in the day time at the University of New Mexico. He received his Master's Degree in Geology in 1964 and joined Shell Oil Company in Ventura, California. He became a Senior Staff Geologist and the Administrative Assistant to the Vice President of Shell Oil in the Pacific Coast Area. Bruce and his family were transferred to Farmington in 1969 where he initiated Shell's Albuquerque Basin Play in the Rio Grande Rift. While working full time for Shell he worked week ends and evening on his Doctorate at UNM. Bruce left Shell in 1970 to start his own company, Colorado Plateau Geological Services with his partner Mark Weidler. He received his PhD in Geology from UNM in 1974 and formed his own company Black Oil, Inc., and operated as an independent consulting geologist specializing in frontier exploration.

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Through the years Bruce remained actively engaged in the Navy, serving on both active and reserve duty for over 41 years. During those dual career years, he was the Commanding Officer of several Naval Reserve Intelligence Units across the country and was promoted to Rear Admiral in 1994. He received his second star (08), and served as the Commander of the Naval Reserve Intelligence Command for the United States from 1992 to his final retirement from the Navy in 1996. Bruce's numerous military medals included the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal with two gold stars, National Defense Medal, and the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with three-hour glasses.

After retirement from the Navy, Bruce continued his geologic consulting career. In his "spare time" he conceived, and with the help of his son finished building Kokopelli's Cave. This unique B&B was recognized by National Geographic's Magazine as the one of the ten most unusual accommodations in the world (and the only one named in the US). Under his and his son's management Kokopelli's Cave has become a nationally and internationally known and recognized Continental Bed and Breakfast in Farmington, New Mexico. Bruce was most recently the President of Black Exploration LLC, leasing and actively exploring 64,000 acres on the Zia Pueblo, and other lands in the Rio Grande rift. Bruce drilled, found, and produced the first oil sold out of the Rio Grande Rift in 1985. He actively pursued exploration in the rift for over 50 years.

Bruce served on the Board of the New Mexico Museum of Natural History during its initial establishment in Albuquerque. He also served as the President of the Rocky Mountain Section of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists. In Farmington he co-founded the San Juan Citizens Against Drug Abuse in the early 1970's and found time to serve on the Board of San Juan Regional Medical Center for three years. Bruce was proudest first of his family, second of his service to his Country and New Mexico, and third to his years of effort exploring and helping to open the Rio Grande rift as a new oil and gas-producing province. Bruce loved private flying, our mountains, hunting, fishing, and exploring, and with help built his own 7/8 scale Spitfire replica aircraft. In addition to his parents Bruce was preceded in death by his brother James H. Black and wife Eleanor Black. He is survived by his beloved wife Marjorie, his son Bruce H. Black, Daughter Leigh Irvin (husband Joel) and his beautiful grandchildren, Ashleigh and Marilei Black and Alice and Tasha Irvin, as well as his brand-new Great Granddaughter Ruth Iris Gomez.

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RADM Black will be cremated and he and Marjorie will eventually be interred together. On July 18th at 10:00am, a small service was held at New Covenant Methodist Church, 4600 College Blvd, Farmington, New Mexico 87401. In lieu of flowers and such, please direct any donation you would like to make to either the Wounded Warrior Project, or to the San Juan College Foundation as listed below.

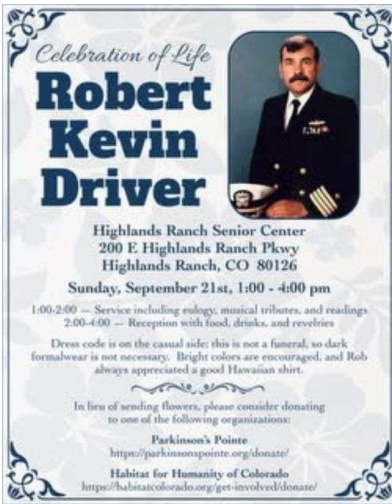
The Wounded Warrior Project - <https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org>

Click on the ways to donate tab, then on "Honor and Memorial Donation" option

The San Juan College Foundation - Where dad and mom both taught and put much love and effort into since we arrived here in 1969! San Juan College Foundation, 4601 College Blvd., Farmington, New Mexico 87402. Please note that it is in dad's name on the memo portion of your check or via an attached note.

A celebration of his life "well lived" will be held later. Contributions may be made to the New Mexico Right to Life Foundation, the Wounded Warriors Project, The San Juan College Foundation, or the charity of your choice.

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CAPT Robert K. Driver entered into rest on 8 AUG 25 after a battle with Parkinson's Disease. He served with several of our OS&AS shipmates in RIA 5, Denver, CO. A Celebration of Life was held on 21 SEP 25. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to:

Parkinson's Pointe

<https://parkinsonspointe.org/donate>

or

Habitat for Humanity of Colorado

<https://habitatcolorado.org/get-involved/donate>

More details will be published in the 4th Qtr Newsletter.

Please keep your membership information up-to-date.
Complete this form and email to osasmembership@gmail.com



MAILING ADDRESS AND INFORMATION FORM

NEW MEMBER _____

UPDATE _____

FIRST NAME: _____ M.I.: _____ LAST NAME: _____

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SPOUSE'S FIRST NAME: _____ YOUR EMAIL: _____

BUS. ADDRESS: _____ () Check if preferred address

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

PHONE: Home (_____) _____ CELL: (_____) _____ BUS: (_____) _____

RIA/NRIC of Retirement: _____ YEAR: _____ RANK/RATE: _____

I would like to donate \$_____ to the Operating Fund for the Association of Old Salts & Assorted Spies.

A yearly donation of \$25.00 is suggested for the Operating Fund. Any amount is appreciated!

Make checks payable to OS&AS and mail to: Richard P. Martinez, Treasurer

248 Palomino Court

The Woodlands, TX 77382-1812

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