



Hughes Aircraft Retirees Association

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HARA General Meeting

23 October 2025

LIDO Di Manhattan

1550 Rosecrans Ave.

Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Doors open @ 10:30 AM-1:30 PM

\$35.00 per Attendee



Programs

By Joanne

Konders

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NO PAYMENT AT THE DOOR

Mail your check for \$35, payable to
HARA to be received no later than

October 13, 2025

TO: JANET AKMAN
25329 Narbonne Ave.
Lomita, CA 90717
Phone: 310-927-1233



~~ Attention ~~

Please be sure that we
have your current e-mail
and phone number.

A couple of board positions are available and any volunteers will be greatly appreciated:

1. Treasurer
2. Memorabilia
3. Corporate Liaison



If interested in any position, please notify a current board member listed on page 6 and a brief job description will be provided.

Thank you for considering!!!!

ATTENTION HUGHES CULVER CITY PLANT RETIREES:

The folks who made the documentary on the development of the Culver City plant into the community of Playa Vista are looking to document the years that Mr. Hughes controlled the 1200 acres site from 1940 to his death in 1976. If there are any HARA retirees who worked on the site during that period, we'd like to interview you for our next film. There are still a few folks around from that period that we hope to be able to capture and document the history of the plant.

Our website is www.playavistainstitute.com, and the person to contact is Terry Conner at terry.conner@gmail.com, cell 310-302-7765, landline 424-289-8181. Our previous documentary is also on the website and available for your viewing. Thanks for your consideration.



Directions to LIDO Di Manhattan

From 405 North:
Left turn onto Rosecrans Ave.
Left turn into parking lot in .9 miles

From 405 South:
Right turn onto Rosecrans Ave.
Left turn into parking lot in .9 miles



LIDO di Manhattan

Octoberfest Inspired Menu:

- * Bavarian Potato Salad
- * Mixed Greens Salad
- * Bratwurst station w/choice of bun, condiments, Sauerkraut, bacon
- * Hot Pretzel station with mustard, cheese dip
- * Brussel sprouts, carrot & potato stir fry
- * Potato pancakes
- * Dessert: Apple Strudel
- * Water and Ice Tea station



PRESIDENT'S CORNER – 2025

By Fran Dailey



Once again thank you to Keith Sultemeier and his wonderful staff at Kinecta for hosting us for the BBQ in July. We had a very good attendance, the food was very good and the talk about avoiding scams was very good! We are very grateful to Kinecta for their continuing support.

We are also very grateful to the small group of people who give of their time and effort to keep HARA alive! **If there is anyone out there who would like to join us, we could use the help and we would welcome you!**

We hope you will join us in October as we celebrate October fest!

Remember, our primary purpose is to keep our friendships alive!

Fran



Entertainment:

Accordionist Mark Danisovszky



Mark has been playing solo Octoberfest events for 20 years and has been the featured performer at countless festivals, Sr. centers, and more, creating a fun mood.

Playing a Petosa Artist acoustic accordion sounds perfect for Polkas, Waltzes, and Bavarian songs. He also loves to banter with the audience!

Raffle Winners

7/24/2025

By Carl Rubly



Phyllis Fuller	Gift Card
Jack Bailey	Wine
Rick Salazar	Wine X 3
Roberta Young	Wine
Marie Dobner	Wine x 2
Kevin Curley	Wine
Karlene Kueteman	Wine
Tony Bressichello	Wine
Dave Williams	Wine

Robert “Bob” Grier Parke, Jr., HARA Treasurer & Corporate Liaison

March 28, 1945 - September 3, 2025

Bob passed away peacefully at Torrance Memorial Hospital after a long and courageous battle with kidney cancer.

Born to Robert and Peggy Parke in Cleveland Ohio and moved to California as a young boy. Bob graduated from South High School in Torrance, California (1963). He then earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in general management from the University of Houston (1968), and later a Master of Business Administration from the University of Southern California Marshall School of Business (1975). Additionally, he completed the Executive Management Program at the University of California Los Angeles (1988).

Bob served in the U.S. Army from 1968 to 1972, where he distinguished himself as a captain, helicopter pilot, and field artillery officer. His commitment and bravery were recognized through commendations, including the Distinguished Flying Cross, 37 Combat Air Medals, two Army Commendation Medals, and the Bronze Star. These experiences imbued him with values of leadership, discipline, and integrity that he carried throughout his career.

Upon transitioning to civilian life, Bob enjoyed considerable success in the business world. From 1972 to 2000, he worked at Hughes Aircraft Company, ultimately serving as the vice president of human resources.

Bob was also an active member of his community, served on the board of trustees for the Palos Verdes Library District since 2019 and became president in 2023. His legacy of service extended to organizations such as Daedalians, Children’s Dental Center, Junior Achievement of Southern California, Hughes Aircraft Retirees Association, the Palos Verdes Golf Club Scholarship Foundation, and the Peninsula Friends of the Library.

Bob is survived by his beloved wife of 56 years, Sharron Parke; his children, Kristi Ikemori (Ian), Greg Parke, and Alex Parke; his grandchildren, Keili and Keira Ikemori and more.

**Donna McGovern**

March 26, 1945 - June 25, 2025

Donna hired into Hughes Aircraft Company from 1963-1966 for a brief stint in Space and Communications, as an Administrative Assistant. She was again hired in 1977 and immediately transferred to the newly formed EDSG division and moved into the E1/E4 complex as soon as it was completed. She worked in Production Control and eventually was promoted to Department Head, supporting several programs with Configuration Control, Storerooms, and Shop Floor Control. She participated in introducing robotics for parts and supply movement to the Production Floor as well as circuit card automated population. She retired from EDSG in 2000. In 2005, she was rehired into the Radar Division, this time. She lead a team of Production Control Specialists supporting all Radar programs with warranty, repair and retrofit functions. She retired for the final time in 2014, with a total of 35 years with Hughes/Raytheon. Donna has been a member of HARA since 2000. She headed up the travel activities for a short period and accepted the Secretary position in 2016, along with the Sunshine Chair and liaison for the hugheshara.org website.

**Obituaries Continued on page 4**

To find Hughes people that have passed away, go to FACEBOOK and enter “Hughes Aircraft Friends and Family who have passed away” in the search bar.

The names that have been submitted are in alphabetical order. If you have additions or corrections, please email your requests to member, Bobbie Middlebrooke, who has graciously been maintaining this file for us.

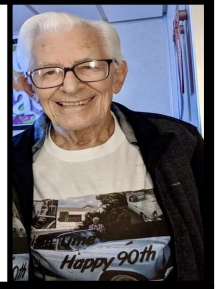
E-mail address: **bobbiemiddlebrooke@sbcglobal.net**

Robert J Marsino

- October 30, 2024

Robert worked at Hughes Aircraft from 8/1969 until 12/1989

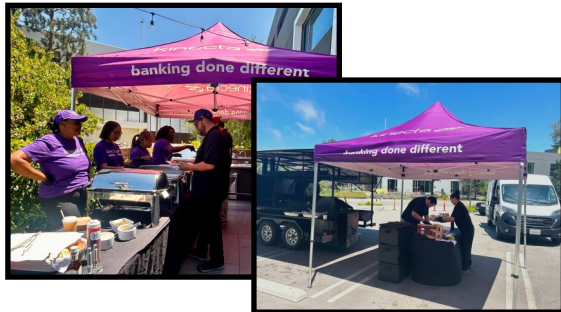
A Department Manager worked in design, layout, installation and maintenance of large program data communication networks. He completed the first total office to office and to framework with a fiber optics network.



Roy Rikimaru

Roy passed away December 2024. He lived to be 100 years old. We are grateful for his services at Hughes Aircraft and Raytheon. R.I.P. Brother.

JULY 2025, KINECTA OPS CAMPUS



With Tracy Fairbanks' leadership, Team Kinecta prepares our BBQ.

BBQ made by Ricardos (213) 448-3574 YUMMY!

Phyllis Fuller, Sonna & Teri
Vanos, Karlene Kuetsman



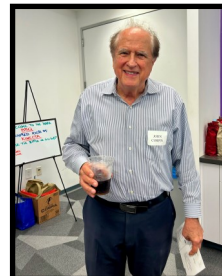
Anthony Bressichello
& Gerri Burke



Carole Martin



Dr. Omar Hefni, Martin Kvitky



John Corpin



Walt Ordway, Bonnie Beall



Colleen & Rodney Lineweber



Doris Darre explains how to use the
tapper to Leonard & Carol Davids.



Rex Ransom



Robert & Roberta Young



Kevin Curley, Rick Salazar, Carl Rubly,
Jeff Dobner, Ken Moody



Jack Bailey, Brian Fridlington, David Williams,
Carl Rubly, Ron CdeBaca & Doris Darre



Jack Bailey, Rick Salazar, Ron
CdeBaca, Brian Fridlington



Richard Dumke, Marianne Sfreddo



Anne Destabelle



Fran Dailey



Wallace MacPherson



Charles Rumbaugh

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Hello Fellow HARA Members:

Hope this newsletter finds you well. Thank you to those of you that have submitted their dues payments for 2023 and 2024.

REMINDER: There are still members that are delinquent in paying their 2024 dues. These members will be removed from our newsletter mailing list if dues are not submitted by yearend 2025.

Look for your membership expiration date above your name and address on this newsletter.

Dues are \$10 for each calendar year.

Please stay on the lookout for retired friends that may not know about HARA and encourage them to join us. We are a social organization that was established to provide all Hughes legacy company retirees with a way to stay connected with each other and other former Company (s) that may not know about HARA.

Michelle Di Marco

dimarco101@aol.com

310/738-9938



CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

WWW.HUGHESHARA.COM

Every effort will be made to keep this up to date for you. If you lose or misplace your newsletter, you can get another one, plus the calendar of events from the website.

Also visit Hughes Tucson Retirees Assoc. at:

www.hughestra.com/

HARA CALENDER

**OCT 23TH HARA General Meeting #141
- LIDO Di Manhattan**

Nov 14TH HARA Board Meeting at Kinecta

Jan 9TH HARA Board Meeting at Kinecta

Feb 13TH HARA Board Meeting at Kinecta

Mar 13TH HARA Board Meeting at Kinecta

(Next luncheon in April 2026 —stay tuned)

HARA Membership Application

For Renewal, New Member or Changes

Type of application:

____Renewal ____New Member ____Change of address

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City _____

State: _____ Zip + 4 _____

Phone Number:() _____

E-mail Address: _____

Newsletter Preference, select one:

EMAIL: ☐

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\$10.00 per year.

Mail your check, made payable to HARA,

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HARA Membership

P.O. Box 54

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Secretary	Joanne Konders	562-965-1491

Committee Chairpersons

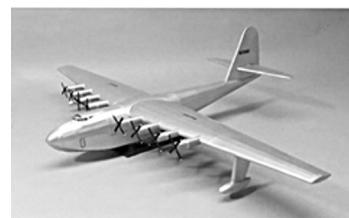
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Howard Hughes' Flying Boat

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**Is your membership expiring?
see date by your address above!**

**Membership is \$10 per year, made
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HARA—Attention Membership

P. O. Box 54

Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274 –0054

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Retirement Check From	Hughes Electronics/ AT&T	Raytheon Systems	Boeing Satellite Company
Retirement Plan	877-722-0020	800-542-4015	1-866-422-3539
Savings Plan & Investment	877-722-0020	800-354-3966 Fidelity 800-243-8135 Alight	1-866-422-3539
Benefits: Life, Medical, Death Claims	877-722-0020	800-358-1231	1-866-473-2016
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Employee Savings Tickets www.est.us.com	Access Code: RAYEMP	Access Code: RAYEMP	Access Code: RAYEMP
MetLife Legal Plans \$153.60 (year)	Access for professional legal representation at an affordable cost.	(800) 821-6400 www.memberslegalplans.com	Estate Planning Document Prep Traffic Offenses Family Law Financial Matters ETC.

