

Summit Old Guard

Historian's Annual Report

For 2022 (with a 3-year COVID retrospective)



Our 92nd year

"Come for the Program -- Stay for the Friends"

Summary

This annual Historian's report addresses not only 2022 but also the 2020-2021 period when we were acutely affected by the COVID pandemic and when we did not publish an annual report. We are publishing this Annual Report electronically as a PDF, so the Historian has used this opportunity to include pictures, graphics, and hotlinks to relevant websites which greatly augments the information available to our Members.

For 90 years, we had met in person every Tuesday. When the pandemic struck, we had to abruptly shift to remote meetings using Zoom, **only missing one weekly meeting**. All in-person activities were suspended. Slowly, we restarted various committees and activity & interest groups. The silver lining in this cloud was that we opened opportunities for new groups, since we were no longer restricted to meeting after the Tuesday plenary session. We were able to add four activity and interest groups, which are flourishing. We now host activities or meetings on most days of the week.

In late 2021, as we began planning a return to in-person meetings, we were informed that the Council Chambers of the New Providence Municipal Building would no longer be available. After three decades, we needed a new home and finally settled on the Parish Hall of the New Providence Presbyterian Church. We held our first meeting there on 7 June 2022. That and all subsequent meetings have been hybrid, with members allowed to attend in-person or via Zoom. We had 50 meetings in 2022 for which we provided speakers on a wide range of topics including history, environment, military, civic organizations, health, sports, and the arts. Videos of the presentations are on [YouTube](#). These programs are the highlight of each week and are our essence. Our final meeting of the year, December 20, 2022, was our 4200th meeting since our founding December 2, 1930.

As we enter 2023, the Summit Old Guard is healthy, vigorous, and enjoyable. Our motto "[Come for the Program. Stay for the Friends](#)" has never been more true!



A Tumultuous Three Years With COVID-19

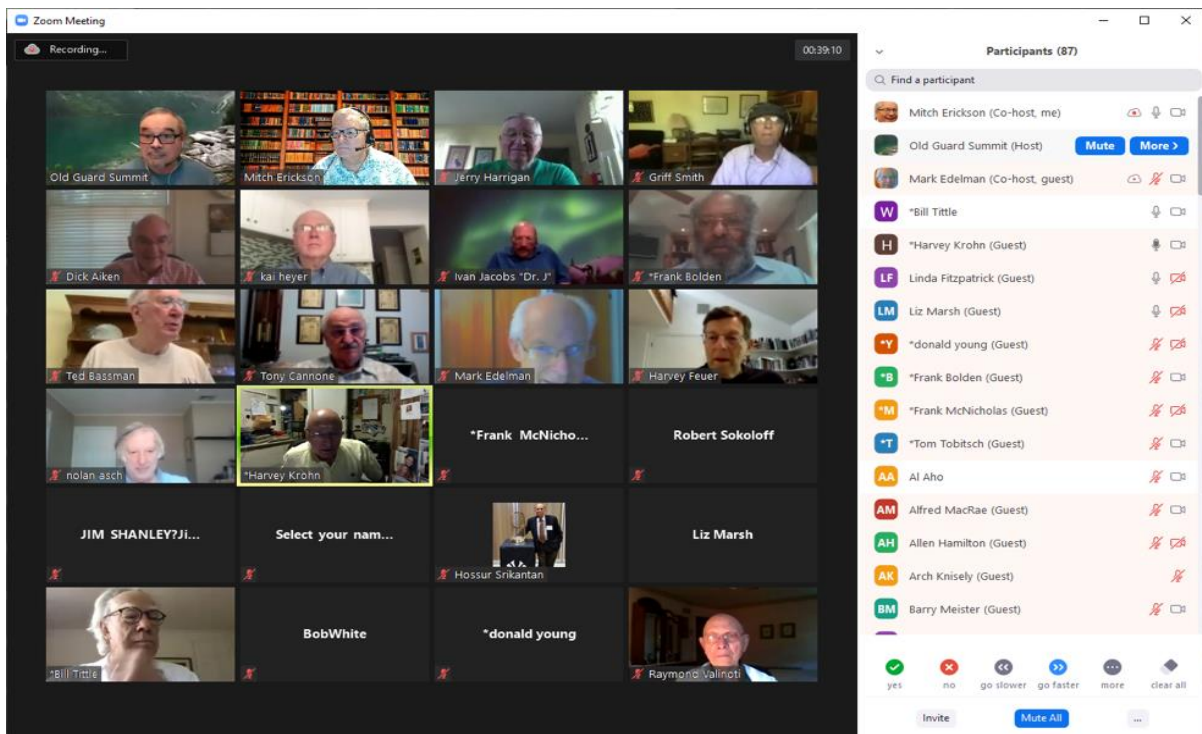
Early in 2020, we all became aware of the COVID-19 pandemic and were required to take drastic steps to stop its spread. After 90 years of uninterrupted Tuesday meetings, March 10th was our last in-person meeting. The A-V committee searched for a solution and decided to try the [Zoom](#) platform, an online communication platform which allows many participants to share simultaneous audio and visual contact. We began test meetings on March 13th, followed by a full plenary meeting on March 24th, where member Mike Martin gave an excellent talk on “Attributes of Great Painting.” Attendance was 101—almost as many as we would have expected in our old face-to-face format.

In general, members reacted positively to the new format. Although some regulars dropped away, some previously irregular- or non-attendees became Zoom regulars. Our attendance had been about 110 before COVID and averaged 108 during our Zoom-only period of 27 months. So, attendance remained about the same. We joyously celebrated our 90th anniversary on December 1, 2020.

There was a steep learning curve for members to learn how to use Zoom. Many received useful tutorials from the A-V committee, which eased the learning process.

Meetings of our committees and activity groups shifted to Zoom. We soon realized that we were no longer constrained by driving to a meeting and our groups could meet anytime, any day. Importantly, we could now accommodate more interest groups. During the next couple of years, we added the Book Discussion Group, the Financial & Investment Group, the Sports Forum, and Lunches by Zoom.

The efforts of the A-V team during this critical period were vital and without them, the Summit Old Guard might not have survived.



A screen shot from the 21 Jun 2020 meeting with 87 attendees.

In late 2021, we began planning a return to in-person meetings. We were immediately faced with three challenges: 1) where to meet, 2) how to protect our members from COVID, and 3) technology of hybrid meetings (in-person and Zoom).

We had been told that our long-term home at the New Providence Municipal Building would no longer be available. A Venue Committee was formed, which investigated 50 possible locations and selected the Parish Hall of the New Providence Presbyterian Church as our new home. The space is great, there is plenty of parking, it is only two blocks from our former meeting site, and the Church has been incredibly hospitable.

After long discussion, we decided that members who wanted to attend in person would have to be vaccinated and masked. Those who chose not to attend in person would be able to attend via Zoom.

The hybrid technology was perhaps the most vexing challenge. We were simply not sure that it would work. Nonetheless, the Council set June 7th as the target for our return to in-person meetings at the New Providence Presbyterian Church.

On June 7th, 62 members and guests attended in person and another 53 members and guests joined on Zoom. Despite a few startup problems, the technology worked, the church site was excellent, and we were delighted to be able to greet one another again (despite the masks).

This hybrid format allows remote members (we have members in many states), the infirm, sick, etc. to attend and enjoy many of the benefits of membership. Attendance has been split about half-and-half between the two options.

The following weeks and months witnessed further rollouts. On June 21st, we had our first Old Guard picnic in three years with 85 in attendance. And, on October 11th we held our first Ladies Day Luncheon in three years. 83 members and their ladies enjoyed an afternoon of fine food and good companionship. We were back!

Leadership

Council

The Council establishes policies and approves budgets and expenditures. It comprises The Director, Vice Director, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Membership Chairman, Treasurer, Historian, the immediate Past-Director and three Members-at-Large who advise the Director.

The council has met virtually since the beginning of COVID. Given that we are no longer constrained by driving to a meeting, we moved the meeting from immediately before the first Tuesday of the month meeting to the Monday before that plenary meeting. The council met every month in 2022.

Position	2020	2021	2022
Director	Bill Tittle	Mitch Erickson	Steve Varley
Vice Director	Mitch Erickson	Steve Varley	John Dory
Immediate Past-Director	Dick Aiken	Bill Tittle	Mitch Erickson
Corresponding Secretary	Harv Krohn & Ivan Jacobs	Harv Krohn & Ivan Jacobs	Ivan Jacobs
Recording Secretary	Paul Tukey	Rich Jaeger	Rich Jaeger
Membership Chairman	Jim Hewitt	Jim Hewitt	Jim Hewitt
Treasurer	Steve Varley	Peter Fasold	Peter Fasold
Historian	Mac McAndrew	Pete Bolton	Ron Hoke
Member-at-Large	Allen Hamilton	Paul Tukey	Paul Tukey
Member-at-Large	Ian Lutes	Joel Yudkovitz	Joel Yudkovitz
Member-at-Large	Mort O'Shea	Mort O'Shea	Ken Lindhorst
Associates (Vice-Chairs)			
Recording Secretary	Rich Jaeger & Ron Hoke	Tom Pate	Tom Pate
Corresponding Secretary	Miguel Velez & Tom Dolce	Ivan Jacobs & Harv Krohn	
Treasurer	Warren Braunwarth & Emil Butchko	Warren Braunwarth & Emil Butchko	Warren Braunwarth
Membership			Terry Dwyer
Membership			George Kull
Historian			Mitch Erickson

Trustees

The Trustees are responsible for oversight of the Council, assuring that the Corporation operates in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations; that its assets, consisting of digital, physical, and financial assets, are properly identified, managed, recorded, and safeguarded; that financial assets are properly invested, disbursed, and accounted for; and receiving and reviewing the audit report and then conveying its recommendations to the council.

The Trustees met three times in 2022. The audit report was reviewed by the Trustees on February 24th, and a revised report was sent to the Council on March 5th and presented to the Council on April 4th. Of note, we proposed, and the membership approved a change to the By-Laws that the Old Guard audit not only our finances, but also our physical and digital assets.

Position	2020	2021	2022
(Term ending 2020)	Kai Heyer	N/A	N/A
(Term ending 2021)	Ken Lindhorst	Ken Lindhorst	N/A
(Term ending 2022)	Rick Goldberg	Rick Goldberg	Warren Braunwarth
(Term ending 2023)	N/A	Harvey Feuer	Harvey Feuer
(Term ending 2024)	N/A	N/A	Jerry Harrigan
Ex officio	Dick Aiken	Bill Tittle	Steve Varley
Ex officio	Bill Tittle	Mitch Erickson	Mitch Erickson

Honorees of the Year

For decades, the Old Guard has honored members for their exceptional service and contributions with awards, notably *Life Membership* and the *Unsung Hero Award*.

Award	2020	2021	2022
Life Membership	N/A	Paul Tukey	Ken Lindhorst
Unsung Heroes	Aaron Rosenberg John Baxter	Nolan Asch Ron Hoke	Joe Masino Ray Valinoti

In 2022, we presented **Tom Pate** with the *Mover and Shaker Award* for his tireless service in leading a team to identify and secure the New Providence Presbyterian Church as our new meeting site after a year-long search and review of over 50 candidate locations.

Our members are all accomplished in their professional fields, but one was specially recognized in May 2021: **Al Aho** received the [Turing Award](#) (the “Nobel Prize” for math and computer science).

David Badertscher received the 2022 Humanitarian Award from Marquis Who’s Who for “exhibiting selflessness and dedication to causes greater than himself...for his efforts through volunteer work and philanthropy to make a positive impact on his community and the world.”

Thanks, also, to others who have gone “beyond the call of duty:” **Paul Tukey** and **Joel Yudkovitz** for manning the Zoom controls and then blending the in-room and Zoom electronics for our hybrid meetings. The Summit Old Guard owes a debt of gratitude to our many leaders who kept our organization running through COVID and, in fact, saved our organization.

In Memoriam

A total of 37 members passed away in 2020-2022, including 2 who were taken after contracting COVID. They were more than just members. They were good and loyal friends who we remember fondly and miss deeply. Their names are listed below. May they rest in peace.

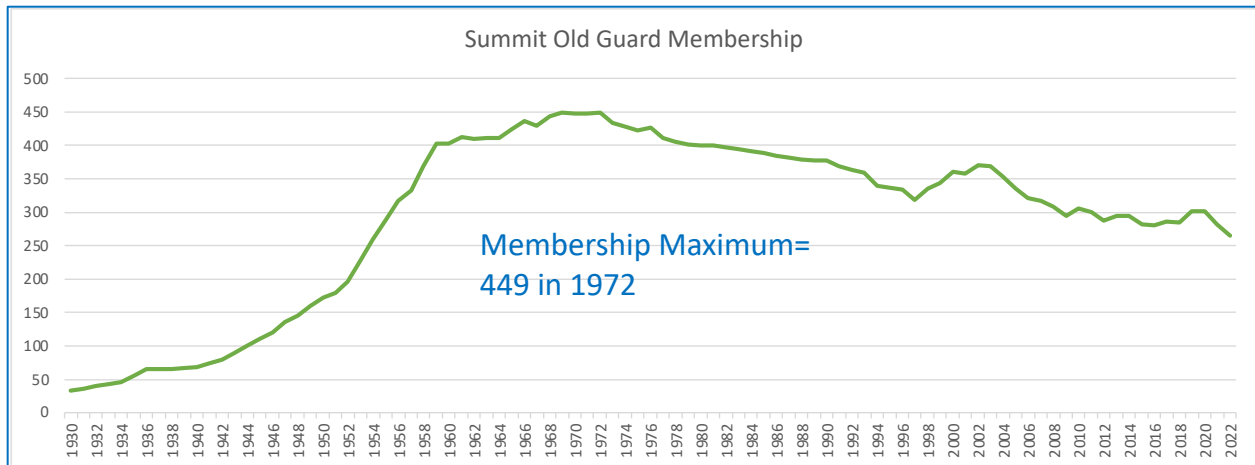
2020	2021	2022
Cook, Mark	Armbruster, Dave	Bassman, Ted
Doros, Irwin	D'Andrea, Dan	Fujimoto, Harry
Esnes, Hank*	Dolce, Tom	Gero, Charlie
Friant, Olin	Eisner, Phil	Goldberg, Rick
Geddis, Don	Kerby, Russ	Heerens, Don
Lederman, Pete	Kilcoyne, Neil	Howe, Bill
Picozzi, Phil	Restrict, Jack	Israel, Michael
Steck, Paul	Ross, George	Leber, Bill
Wallden, Bob	Swaak, Reyer	Levidow, Bill
	Trumbore, Woody	McCloskey, John
	Wilhide, Warren	O'Connell, John
	Zachary, Lou	Patchett, Art*
	Zukowski, Henry	Ryan, Juan
		Walton, Alf
		Yingling, John

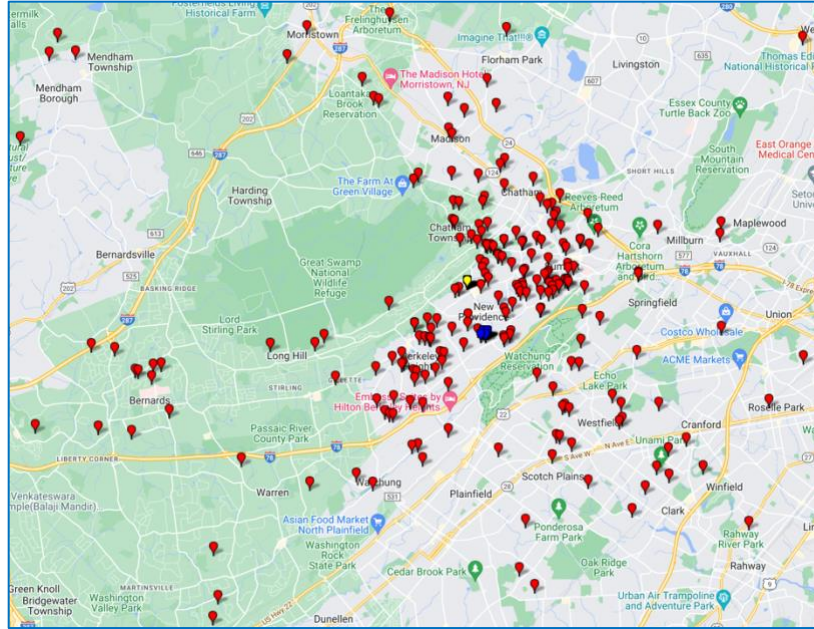
* COVID related

Membership

As of December 31, 2022, we have 265 members; we had 14 new members join and 31 deletions (15 died, 6 resigned and 10 lapsed). Over the past three years, with COVID, we have experienced a 12% shrinkage in our membership as it was difficult to recruit remotely.

We are acutely aware of the need to maintain our membership. To that end, we plan several membership initiatives in 2023 that will focus on recruiting by existing members, external recruiting events, and integration of new members.





The [Old Guard map](#) has a pin for each member. The screen shot here shows the concentration of members along the Passaic River Valley from Gillette to Madison as well as our many members from the surrounding area. Not shown are our more-distant members, including those from further away in NJ as well as out-of-state members from Vermont to Florida to Seattle. The map is useful for those needing transportation or to find near-by members.

Finances

The Summit Old Guard continues to be financially healthy. We had a net worth of \$37,864.86 at the end of 2022, which is essentially the same as the end of 2021. We received income from membership dues, which remain at \$30/year, interest, and donations. Our expenses included our picnic (for which we did not charge as a gift to ourselves after a two-year COVID lapse), church user fees, printing & mailing, insurance, and supplies. We also purchased a computer to assist in our AV at hybrid meetings.

Our 2021 finances were audited by the Audit committee in February. No deficiencies were found. Our Treasurer, Peter Fasold, gave a detailed presentation of our finances to the membership on January 31st, 2023.

Attendance

From January through May 2022, we averaged 102 attendees, including 5 guests, at our remote (Zoom) plenary meetings. At our hybrid meetings from July through December, we averaged 91 members and 6 guests at our meetings with 50/50 split between in-person and Zoom attendees.

Activity & Interest Groups

Bocce: Meets weekly during spring, summer and fall to play at one of the area bocce courts. This year, we have played at the Stirling Hotel, followed by lunch. Attendance has averaged about 8.

Chair: Tony Mazzocchi; VC: Craig Sweetra

Book Discussion Group: A group of members who choose, read, and gather to discuss certain books every two months. A highlight of 2022 was a discussion of the book *The Code Breaker* by Walter Isaacson which explores the new frontiers of gene editing, focusing on Nobel Laureate Jennifer Doudna. The [YouTube](#) has 730 views.

Co-Chairs: John Baxter & Bill Tittle

Bridge finds weekly area bridge games for members to join, especially ones organized by the Murray Hill Bridge Club at the DeCorso Center in New Providence, as well as virtual games online. Bridge was not active in 2022.

Canoeing & Kayaking organizes kayak & canoe outings in the rivers and lakes of New Jersey. We kayaked five times in 2022. We began our kayak outings last year in June, when the water began to get a bit warmer. We concentrated on the quiet waters of reservoirs and large lakes in the Northern and Central New Jersey areas. The open skies over these large bodies of water drew a variety of wildlife, like ospreys, eagles, ducks, and certain hawks. Two of the locations had EZ Dock launching, or something similar, which made it easy for us old guys. Unfortunately, we had to cancel a couple of times due to bad weather.

Chair: Harvey Feuer

Chess meets weekly to play Chess.

Chair: Bill Phelan; VC: Pete Bolton

Financial And Investment Group (FIG) enables members to learn from one another and from invited speakers about the economy, business, finance, and investing. In 2022 we had 50 members. Average attendance was 17 for monthly online meetings. We had ten presentations, including 3 by outside speakers. Briefings and lively open discussions covered diverse topics including Crypto, NFTs, Roth conversion, the market outlook, recession, portfolio allocation, stock valuation, the GDP, inflation, technical analysis, risk management, market trends, megatrends, options, 529 plans, legacy investing, I-Bonds, TIPS, RMDs, and tax filing software.

Chair: Mark Edelman; VC: Steve Varley

Fishing organizes fishing trips with other Old Guard members, both saltwater & fresh. We fished the Raritan Bay five times and had good success. A highlight of 2022 was during the fall run for stripers when Marv Gersten caught two 30" fish and was able to take home some nice fish dinners. In 2023 we will try to make more trips for both fluke and stripers.

Chair: Joe Geist

Golf organizes weekly golf outings, weather permitting, at the Summit Municipal Par 3 course (the "Muni") and arranges three outings 18-hole golf courses about every six weeks or so. We play at public courses in Hunterdon, Morris, and Somerset counties.

We usually have 2 foursomes at an outing. There were four holes in one recorded, all on hole #3 at the Muni course, by Dave Delong, Pete Bolton, Steve Waddell, and Marv Gersten. The golf season started in

April and ended in November. About 15 OG members attended the year-end luncheon at the Vintage Tavern in Gillette.

Chair: Larry Cunningham; VC: Pete Bolton

Hearing Improvement Group (HIG) exchanges information about ways to mitigate members' hearing difficulties. Also advises the A-V Committee on hearing-assist technology in the meeting room. Note: HIG will merge with the A-V committee for 2023.

Chair: Arturo Roberts

Lunches: Following weekly Old Guard meetings or activities, some members join informally for lunch at area restaurants such as the Prestige Diner, Old Glory, Chimney Rock, and the Stirling Hotel. A "virtual lunch" group meets at noon on Wednesdays.

Math Interest Group (MIG) met 12 times in 2022. Its purpose is to delve deeper into topics in pure & applied mathematics within the context of fields such as science, technology, engineering, medicine, economics, and finance. Topics we have heard about are the limitations of AI, modeling Measles Outbreaks, determining which gases are Greenhouse Gases, Interpreting COVID survival data, the mission of the James Webb Space Telescope and how it is magically placed in a location that is at a gravitational null point. We also explored topics that are at the very boundary of mathematics such as Cantor's Infinities, Gödel's Incompleteness Theorem, Collatz Conjecture, Riemann Hypothesis, P vs NP, and the Busy Beaver Function, some of them yet to be solved. The depth and breadth of the topics are a tribute to the talents of our members and our outside guest speakers. All MIG meetings in 2022 were recorded and posted on MIG's [YouTube channel](#).

Chair: Walt Meissner; VC: Bill Tittle

Reminiscences meets once a month to hone the story-telling skills of participants and enjoy sharing reminiscences that can range from a moment in time to a broad period of time. We had 2-3 presentations at each meeting. Highlights included Jim Hewitt's reviews of several Christmas letters, Mike Martin's Saving Infants Lives Through RX Therapy, Bob van der Valk's marshalling the Rose Parade & meeting Mr. Rogers, and Nolan Asch's "Grandkids."

Chair: Bill Tittle; VC: Mitch Erickson

Sports Forum gathers periodically to chew the fat about professional and college sports, teams, and players, both current and historical. We met all 12 months of 2022; the discussions were indeed lively.

Chair: John Baxter

Technology User Group (TUG) met twice a month during 2022 for a total of 23 times. TUG's purpose is to discuss topics, issues, problems, and developments in technology.

During 2022 we had seven members lead two or more discussions/presentations and we also had two guest speakers. Our meetings fall into one or more of the following four broad categories:

- **Planning** - The year's topics agenda, how to handle hybrid TUG meetings, and moving Old Guard assets to a digital archive
- **Informative** - Income tax software, Holiday electronic gift alternatives, Zoom capabilities and new smart phone / tablet Apps such as What3Words or Puzzles.
- **Advice** - email: How to detect bogus emails, working with email threads. Upgrade advice: Computer hardware and Operating Systems. General: Alternatives to Cable TV, how to negotiate with service vendors.
- **Awareness** - Presentations and discussions on new technologies and their effect on our life. In 2022 we discussed: Understanding "Big Tech" policies and their backlashes; Blockchains, cryptocurrencies, and NFT's; Electric Vehicles; 5G status and future direction; and Real ID (necessary for domestic airline travel in the future)

Chair: Tom Tobitsch; VC: George Kull

Tennis organizes games on a level that assures a safe, healthy, and friendly environment. We had no tennis in 2020-2022 due to COVID.

Chair: Ed Atkin

Timely Topics discusses topics of timely public interest in a setting conducive to constructive feedback, general discussion, and full audience participation. Recent discussions have been about political violence, the impact of social media, and a suggestion that a new political party is warranted. Suggestions for future topics are welcome!

Chair: Mort O'Shea

Trips & Theater organizes trips for members and their guests, including visits to places of interest, resorts, sightseeing, museums, luncheons, and theatrical productions. There was no activity in 2020-2022 due to COVID.

Chair: John Kissane; Treasurer: Warren Braunwarth

Walking hosts gatherings to hike and walk with other Old Guard members at interesting venues in the area. We had no walking activity in 2020-2022 due to COVID.

SUPPORT COMMITTEES

Audio & Visual Aids (A-V) maintains and runs the necessary audio and video equipment for Tuesday morning meetings and hosts online virtual meetings.

As noted in the COVID history above, we completely overhauled our A-V procedures in March 2020 using the [Zoom](#) platform for remote meetings. Then in 2022 we devised A-V systems for our hybrid meetings in our new meeting facility. Providing consistent, clear A-V continues to be a "work in progress," but every week, we improve.

With the shift from in-person to remote meetings, we were able to collect detailed attendance statistics and record our sessions. We have cleaned up these recordings and posted them to our [YouTube channel](#), which now contains 140 recordings, some of which have been viewed hundreds of times.

No chair in 2022; VCs: Rich Connolly, Paul Tukey, and Joel Yudkovitz

Auditing reviews and audits financial statements, records and accounts kept by the Treasurer and by any Committee that has a separate bank account. The audit committee submitted their report, the Trustees reviewed it, obtained minor corrections, and sent it to the Council March 5th.

Chair: Ray Valinoti

Birthdays: At the last Tuesday meeting each month, a member of the Birthday Committee honors those members who have birthdays the following month.

Chair: Marv Gersten

Bulletin prepares and distributes a monthly Bulletin with program listings and other information of general interest to Old Guard members. Twelve issues of the Bulletin were published and distributed in 2022.

Chair: Aaron Rosenberg

By-Laws and Procedures Committee (“Blue Book”) maintains the By-Laws and Procedures Manual (aka the Blue Book), proposing changes and updates for the Council to approve and implement. Chaired by the Immediate Past director, we met monthly to work on changes to the Blue Book to reflect the current actions. The “current status” is a moving target as we adjust to a new meeting venue, hybrid meetings, and other evolutions of the Old Guard.

Changes to the By-Laws were approved by the membership on November 22, 2022, notably management of our physical and digital assets in addition to our financial assets. This means we need to change some duties of officers and committees in the Procedures Section of the Blue Book. Some changes are already in the [December 31, 2022](#) edition. Other changes will emerge in the coming months.

Chair: Mitch Erickson

Certificates prepares Old Guard certificates expressing gratitude for services to Old Guard for presentation to individuals, including speakers and Monthly Program Chairs. We continued to award certificates during COVID by showing an image of the certificate and then mailing the physical certificate the recipient.

Chair: Tom Tobitsch

Coffee Service supplies coffee or other suitable beverages or snacks before Old Guard meetings to facilitate conversation and fellowship. With the resumption of in-person meetings in June, coffee service was restarted late in 2022.

Chair: Joe Geist

Database & Directory maintains the database of members and other information such as members’ participation in activity & interest groups and committees. They produce the invaluable annual Directory and special reports upon request.

The database contains members’ personal information, positions held, new member sponsorships, and membership status.

Zoom allowed us to collect attendance statistics as never before. Some relevant Zoom statistics:

- 33 members have attended over 90% of our meetings.
- 13 meetings had over 130 attendees

VCs: Paul Tukey and Joel Yudkovitz

Gifts manages funds that have been donated to Old Guard to honor deceased members. These funds are no longer separately managed and the Gifts committee was dissolved in 2022.

Historical maintains custody of the archives, records and all other historical matter collected over the years. It supplies short historic remembrances for the monthly bulletin. Chaired by the Historian.

We continued our *“Just thought you would like to know”* columns with the *Twenty Years Ago:* and *Did You Know That?* segments for all 12 months of 2022. We began sorting and consolidating the paper archives. We began the process of managing our digital files. The work will accelerate in 2023.

Chair: Ron Hoke; VC: Mitch Erickson

Hospitality greets members and guests as they arrive for Old Guard meetings and manages the physical facilities (e.g., chairs and tables) to improve the experience for all.

With the resumption of in-person meetings, we initially greeted and guided members to the new meeting venue. As part of our COVID lives, we provided masks for any guests who forgot theirs. As we settled into our routine, we cheerfully perform greeting and other hospitality duties such as providing a bottle of water at the lectern. As part of the SOG effort to track attendance, we initiated the printing and collection of member and guest attendance forms.

Chair: Jim Burgmeyer

Insurance assesses potential liabilities during the pursuit of Old Guard activities. Reviews in-force insurance policies and recommends any changes to the Council. We ensured that our insurance is adequate and up to date.

Chair: Nolan Asch

Ladies Day arranges a special annual luncheon for the enjoyment of Old Guard members and their ladies that is worthy of being billed as the premier social event of the year.

This year’s luncheon was October 11th at the Basking Ridge Country Club with an attendance of 83. Highlights included several uproarious jokes by Harvey Feuer and singing led by Mort O’Shea and the Old Guard chorus. Our photo gallery is [here](#).

Chair: Steve Varley



Membership recruits, processes, and integrates new members and maintains a current membership roster in coordination with the Database and Directory Committee.

Chair: Jim Hewitt; VCs: Terry Dwyer & George Kull

Music - Pianist and Chorus leads a short program of group singing at the beginning of each Tuesday general meeting. Also offers occasional musical interludes to start virtual meetings. During the COVID-period Zoom meetings, we played recordings of the National Anthem, Happy birthday, and other topical songs. In-person singing was restarted late in 2022.

Accompanist & Chair: Paul Tukey; Chorus Leaders: John Kacerek & Mort O'Shea

Nominating recruits and recommends candidates for election as Director, Vice Director, and Trustees. We successfully completed our duties and the new officers assumed their duties January 1, 2023.

Chair: John Baxter

Outreach calls sick, house-bound, and long-absent members, and reports their status (as appropriate) at weekly meetings. We reached out and reported on members every week. They appreciated our calls!

Chair: Mike Martin

Photography & Picture Gallery takes photographs of Old Guard members at various activities. Supplies suitable photographs to the Website Committee for the [Photos page](#).

Chair: Bob van der Valk; VC: Paul Tukey

Picnic plans, publicizes, and hosts an annual picnic for Old Guard members, typically in June. After a COVID-induced lapse of 2 years, we held the picnic on a sunny June 14th in Oakwood Park, New Providence. Joe McMenemy and his picnic committee hosted 85 Old Guard members along with a special treat: our speakers for the day, Sarah Stanley and Don Davidson, drove their [1899 Locomobile](#)

Steam Carriage (“Stanley Steamer”) to the picnic for us to admire. A good time was had by all. The whole set of photos is [here](#).

Chair: Joe McMenemy



Programs provides programs and hosts invited speakers for the Old Guard’s weekly plenary meetings. Twelve Monthly Program Chairman, supervised by the Vice Director, arranged for and hosted our speakers. We had 50 meetings in 2022 for which we provided speakers on a wide range of topics including history, environment, military, civic organizations, health, sports, and the arts. Videos of the presentations are on [YouTube](#). These programs are the highlight of each week and are our essence.

Chair: John Dory

Property has responsibility for Old Guard’s physical property, including maintenance and storage. This committee was dissolved in 2022 and its functions assumed by the treasurer and others.

Public Relations & Publicity posts upcoming program announcements in local media. It also assists in the design and production of publicity materials as may be needed by Old Guard. We continue to post information on the Tuesday plenary speaker on our [Facebook page](#) every week.

Co-Chairs: Harry Hynes & Bob van der Valk

Recognition Awards selects and recommends to the Council candidates for Life Membership, the Unsung Hero award, and other awards. 2022 awards are discussed above.

Chair: John Kissane

Transportation arranges transportation for members who need rides to Old Guard meetings. No activity in 2020-2022.

Chair: Dick Murray

Website maintains a public website for Old Guard that features up-to-date program listings, general information, and photos: www.SummitOldGuard.org. The website is updated weekly to inform members (and the world) of our upcoming events, in particular our plenary speakers.

Webmaster: David Berkley; Assistant Webmaster: Paul Tukey

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