CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, December 5	10:00 a.m.	Board Meeting	UNISYS, Roseville
Thursday, December 6	11:00 a.m.	Annual UNIVAC Old Timers Reunion	O' Club, Ft Snelling
Thursday, December 13	3:30 p.m.	Christmas Dinner, Dance, Social Time	O' Club, Ft Snelling
Wednesday, January 2	10:00 a.m.	Board Meeting	UNISYS, Eagan
Wednesday, February 6	10:00 a.m.	Board Meeting	UNISYS, Roseville
Wednesday, February 13	2:00 p.m.	Program Meeting	UNISYS, Roseville
Wednesday, March 6	10:00 a.m.	Board Meeting	UNISYS, Eagan
Wednesday, March 13	tbd	Program Meeting	tbd

DECEMBER PROGRAM:
Christmas Dinner

Our Annual Christmas party will be at the Ft. Snelling Officers' Club. Check in, hors d'oeuvres, and a cash bar will begin at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, 13 December. A sit down dinner will be served at 4:30 p.m., followed by dessert and a brief program. Mr. Linden Peterson will provide seasonal music for dancing or listening until 7 pm.

We do require reservations in order to have the correct quantity of your selected entrees available, use the form on page 9. The form is also available on-line for printing, http://vipclubmn.org/contactus.html.

For those of you who would like to attend but are unable to drive at night, please give one of your officers a call; we may be able to arrange a ride. [See directions to the Ft. Snelling Officers' Club on page 10.]

JANUARY PROGRAM:

There is no program meeting planned for this month, the Board suggests that members participate with others at one of the Periodic Group activities which are as listed on page 2 and on our web site.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
From: Tom Turba

The November program meeting, although lightly attended, was a very insightful view into the governmental world that is controlling what is happening with Medicare and many other government programs which affect our lives and what we get to pay for. The end take out, at least from what I heard, and which is probably not surprising to any of you, is that the people we elected to office have not been doing the best things for any of us for a long, long time.

The next big program event is the Christmas Party on December 13th, if you have not sent in your form to attend I encourage you to do so. Come together with some friends as a group. The party will again be at the Fort Snelling Officer's Club and is only $20 per person, not a bad deal.

Our next program meeting won't be until February, but it sounds like it will be an interesting talk on fracking and the oil and gas that is coming out of the North Dakota Williston Basin. I hope you can make it. It will be in the afternoon, so no nighttime driving.

Respectfully, Tom Turba, VIP Club President

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 6th will be the Annual UNIVAC Old Timers Reunion at the Ft. Snelling O' Club, 11 am. Send a note to labenson@q.com if you plan to attend and eat in the buffet line. Also, would you be willing to participate in a brief 'John Markfelder' memorial program.

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Dec. 6 and Dec. 13: John Westergren has a few hundred Lockheed Martin commemorative 100-yr pins free to those who want them. They'll be available on a first requested, first given at the Annual UNIVAC Old Timers Reunion and the Christmas party at the Ft. Snelling Officers' Club. Any left will be available at the June 2013 picnic.

January 4, 2013: Inputs due to the chief editor for a combined January/February newsletter which will be distributed in mid to late January. We plan to have a photo collage included from our Christmas dinner/dance.

February 13th, 2013: Our program meeting will be in at 2 p.m. in the Unisys, Roseville facility. The topic will be 'Hydraulic Fracking in the North Dakota Bakken Oil Field' by Ken DeCubellis.

Mark your calendars: April 17th will be the annual volunteer recognition breakfast at the Roseville VFW. April 26th will be the Roseville Good Old Days at the Mermaid in Moundsview.

June, 2013: Our annual June members' picnic will be a ***Grand Reunion Picnic*** event at Highland Park! If Club members have friends who previously worked for Lockheed Martin, UNISYS, or predecessor companies but haven't retired or joined the Club –their participation is invited.

We'll have catered food instead of 'pot luck' and maybe some beer in addition to the usual pop!

The initial plan is to charge $7 per attendee or couple. If not a member, the attendee will receive a one year club membership in addition to the meal and drink. If a member, the attendee will have his/her membership extended by one year.

Additional details are tbd, our target date is June 12th if we can get the facility on that date.

PERIODIC GROUPS

One breakfast group meets monthly at 8:00 a.m. on the 1st Thursday of each month at Joseph's Grill, 140 South Wabasha, [Wabasha and Plato] St. Paul. Phone: *651-222-2435*.

Another breakfast group meets monthly at 9:00 a.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in Gina's Café at the Eagles Club, Old Hwy 8, in New Brighton. Phone: *763-416-3903*.

One Luncheon group - [engineering/drafting] meets monthly on the 1st Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. at the Old Country Buffet at 2000 S. Robert, in West St. Paul. For information call *651-456-0750*.

A Second Luncheon group [Unisys and Burroughs] meets monthly on the 2nd Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. at the Mall of America 3rd floor North Food Court. We sit at the tables between the elevator and Burger King. For information call *952-854-7855*.

A Third Unisys Luncheon group meets monthly on the 2nd Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. at the Old Country Buffet, Holly Shopping Center, located at University Ave. and Mississippi St. just north of I-694. For information call *651-552-1465*.

Dinner Club: A Unisys Dinner Club meets monthly, from September through April, on the 4th Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. at Champs located at 35E and Larpenteur Avenue.

PEOPLE, NEW MEMBERS

- Ernst, Mike and Lesley; 13631 Elkwood Dr, Apple Valley MN – L
- Kilbride, Carol and Pat; 17869 179th Trail W, Lakeville, MN 55044 – L
- King, Robert and Jean; 12946 Eastview Court, Apple Valley, MN 55124 – L
- Marth, Don and Nancy; 11275 Independence Ave, Lonsdale, MN 55046 – L
- Scherr, Betty; 15643 Cornell Tr, Rosemount, MN 55068 – L
- Sweitzer, Tay; 7191 Newbury Rd, Woodbury, MN 55125 – L
- Thul, Ron and Rosie; 1042 Edmund Ave, St. Paul, MN 55104 – L

Retired from: B => Burroughs; **D** => Unisys Defense Systems; **L** => Lockheed Martin; or **U** =>Unisys Comm'l

PEOPLE, IN REMEMBRANCE

Cozine, Purdie Diehl (Del) age 77 of Mound, passed away peacefully October 12 at Mayo Clinic with his family by his side. Del was a UNISYS retiree.

Fisk, Karen Ann - Age 72, Longtime Mahtomedi Resident, passed away peacefully on October 31, 2012. She worked in payroll for Remington Rand, Sperry & then Unisys. She retired from Unisys in 1990. In retirement, Karen & husband Jon spent eight winters on the gulf coast in Navarra Beach, FL. Survived by loving husband of nearly 40 years, Jon.

Keller, Janet L – passed away on November 5th. She was a retired Unisys employee – survived by Jack, her husband of 58 years, three children and several grandchildren.

Probst, Betty Ann - 87, walked through the veil of death and into the arms of her beloved husband, Gerry, on October 12, 2012. 'Lucky Lady' Bett was the wife of one time UNIVAC President Gerald Probst.

Overlee, Charles - Age 72 of St. Louis Park, passed away peacefully on Nov. 7, 2012 after a courageous battle with life. He proudly served his country in the Air Force then worked for many years at UNIVAC/UNISYS in Roseville. He is survived by 2 children, 3 sisters; and a brother.

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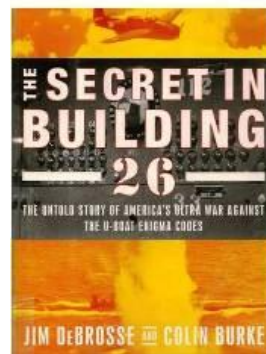|	
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REPORT, WEB SITE REVIEW

This is the twenty-ninth in the 'Article-for-the-Month' review series for Club members without immediate internet access. By Lowell A. Benson

In March, 2012, we posted the 14 slides and associated 'talk' script used by Lowell at a Round Table presentation, the first slide is shown here.

VIP CLUB — Established in 1980

WW II History Round Table

February 9, 2012 at the Ft. Snelling History Center

"Code-Breaking and the Beginning of Computers"

THE SECRET IN BUILDING 26 — THE UNTOLD STORY OF AMERICA'S ULTRA WAR AGAINST THE U-BOAT ENIGMA CODES — JIM DeBROSSE and COLIN BURKE

Bldg-26 Sequel? or Another Untold Story?

by

Lowell A. Benson

BEE, U of MN - 1966

Collin Burke, co-author of "The Secret in Building 26" was the featured speaker; I provided the ERA to LMCO perspective. WHY? Col. Don Patton, coordinator of the Round Table series, invited the VIP Club's participation as a complement to the speaker. Bldg 26, located in Dayton, OH was the location that the Navy used during WWII to build electronics used for code busting. Our second slide has the words:

- "As WW II ended, the Navy, concerned that the makeup of the CSAW team be preserved in peacetime, offered civil service appointments to several members including Engstrom and Norris – Engstrom suggested that they form a private company.
- They were joined by a new partner, Capt. Ralph I. Meader, who had headed the **N**aval **C**omputing **M**achine **L**aboratory (NCML) which manufactured devices for CSAW at NCR in Dayton, Ohio.
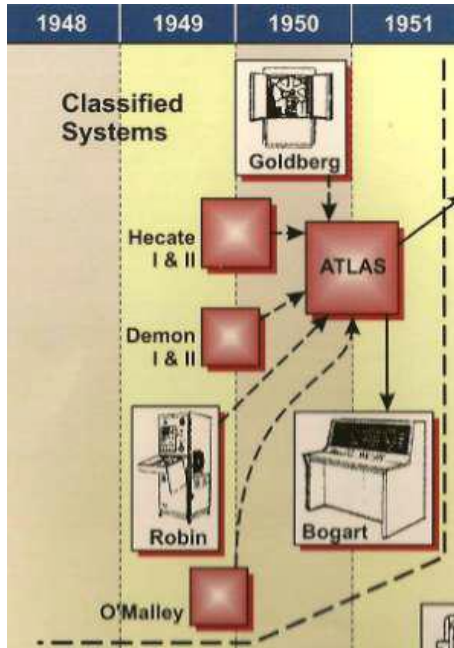- The result was Engineering Research Associates (ERA) located in an old glider factory in St. Paul, MN."

Yes, our founders were involved with 'code breaking' and classified work before ERA so it is no wonder that ERA's first few analytic machines have little or no published data. Chapter 3 of "When Computers went to Sea" by Capt. David Boslaugh talks about the founder's history thus is recommended reading.

Only half a dozen of the 250 attendees were VIP Club members so these two bullets were quite apropos:

- A 66-year LEGACY of Defense Industry **I**nformation **T**echnology (IT) developments and applications started in 1946 with **E**ngineering **R**esearch **A**ssociates (ERA) at 1902 Minnehaha Avenue in St. Paul, Minnesota. This

Information Age Legacy merged and diverged through the corporate ownerships of Remington Rand, UNIVAC, Sperry, UNISYS, PARAMAX, Loral, and Lockheed Martin.

- In 2005 the VIP Club & LMCO began a Legacy Committee – collecting artifacts and documenting the ERA IT Legacy as a web site anthology; over 250 ex-employees have contributed their career summaries and/or project/product stories.

In April 2012, we posted "CREATIVITY-SUCCESS-OBSCURITY, 'UNIVAC - What Happened?' by Gerald E. Pickering." "A fellow retiree posed the question of what happened. **How did the company that invented the computer snatch defeat from the jaws of victory?** The question piqued my interest, thus I tried to draw on my 32 years of experiences in the company and the myriad of information available on the Internet to answer the question for myself and hopefully others that may still be interested 60+ years after the invention and delivery of the first computers. Computers plural, as there were more than one computer and more than one organization from which UNIVAC descended."

"Though *IBM and the Seven Dwarfs* may have been a whimsical play on words in the early 1960's, UNIVAC was head and shoulders above the other six dwarfs. Though IBM may have enjoyed greater revenue and greater profit, in no way did UNIVAC yield superiority to IBM in military business, large scale mainframe and real-time and communications computers, or the share of commercial computers sold to the federal government."

"This story concludes with a detailed account of my work assignments within UNIVAC. The reader can determine for himself what creditability I personally bring to the accounting of this story of UNIVAC and the industry. The reader should know that I am an octogenarian, retired from the company for 22 years. Recollections of events no doubt have faded over time and my relationships with people, inside and outside the company, friendly or adversarial have influenced my perspective and impressions."

It is impossible to re-cap 25 pages of insightful writing in a few paragraphs – Please, at your library's PC, read http://vipclubmn.org/Articles/CreativityToObscurity.pdf.

REPORTS, ACTIVITIES

Lockheed Martin Update: by John Westergren
I'd like to share a little of what's happening here in Minnesota with the closure of the Lockheed Martin MS2 Facility in Eagan and how that is influencing the Club's IT Legacy activities.

1.	About a 1,050 employees were affected by the closure that was announced two years ago. Some are staying on with LMCO, but others are moving on to retirement or other jobs – some reluctantly. One of the things it has done is caused everyone to clean out their area and the rest of the building since we're moving out. The Legacy Committee has gathered a huge amount of historical and archival information that we have arranged to have protected for the future with two local organizations: the Charles Babbage Institute (CBI) Center of the History of Information Technology at the University of Minnesota and the Dakota County Historical Society (DCHS) Research Library and Museum.

a. We have already provided a number of items to CBI like the entire set of Engineering Log Books from the Sperry Research Center in Sudbury, MA; some of the original disclosures and patent information from the early years (1946-50's) of the digital age documenting the first computing machines; and photographs of technology, employees, and products from the our history. Over the next two months we will be providing them many more boxes of documentation that we've found and is worth saving.

b. Since CBI is only able to receive and store documents, DCHS will be the recipient of some of the "three dimensional" items from marketing trinkets from the past, to a few old and no longer in use computers and products. The Legacy Committee has also been cataloging thousands of photographs from our photo archives and DCHS is providing space for that effort to continue. DCHS's goal is to create a semi-permanent exhibit depicting the history of Lockheed Martin and its Legacy Companies here in Minnesota with of goal of having that open in 2014.

2.	Things we do today will be history to the people of the future. We have made arrangements with Records Management that selected historical items will be able to be retained in Iron Mountain for a

designated period and when appropriate, be brought out for disposition to one of the above organizations after final review and approval. We did not want to lose recent history.

3.   An additional item. As people have been leaving over the course of closing this facility, at the end of every month some gather at a local establishment with friends for one last "goodbye". In October, since the number of departures was more than usual (65), some of us decided it was still a good idea to gather, but we needed a little larger area. So we made arrangements for dinner, music, dancing, and refreshments at a location and about 325 employees, former employees, retirees, and significant others came for a gathering of some of the best people you'd ever want to work with. We finally had to ask the last 25 dancers and talkers to leave about 11:45pm. Keith Myhre has provided some snapshots, see pages 6 & 7.

When the Legacy Initiative started, we here didn't realize how important it was going to be to acknowledge our history. Trust me, it is very important to many people – keep it up! Regards, John Westergren

Sports and Recreation: by Keith Behnke

The Unified Legacy Golf League (ULGL) successfully finished its first season after merging the Unisys and Lockheed Golf Leagues. With over 300 members playing in 7 leagues and 10 tournaments this year they ended the season with a banquet attended by 120 at the Eagan Community Center. Because much of Lockheed is leaving Minnesota we will lose some of our participants for the 2013 season. We invite anyone interested in joining ULGL to contact Keith Behnke at keithbhnk@comcast.net for more information.

Don't forget to check the Senior Clubs web listing [http://vipclubmn.org/Recreation.html#Seniors] for the club in your city offering many activities for your enjoyment.

Found in the Archives: by Harvey Taipale

Remington Rand Univac was in all the local papers [remember when we had 4?] in September of 1956 when this photo was taken.

The first 1103A computer was being loaded for shipment to the Lockheed Aircraft plant in Palo Alto California, to be used for simulating flight of new aircraft, rocket, and missile designs. Lockheed Aircraft is one of the key predecessor companies of Lockheed

Martin, who is now in the process of dramatically downsizing its Minnesota presence.

The 1103A was an upgrade of the 1103, replacing the Williams memory tubes [a Cathode Ray Tube (CRT)-based electrostatic memory] with the then new core memory technology. Billed as the fastest machine at the time, the 1103A could add 30,000 36 bit words per second, and had a memory fetch and write time of 8 microseconds. This 1.5 million dollar machine, when finally installed with its complement of card readers and punches, tape and drum memory, and printers, was 56 feet long , 10 ½ wide, and weighed 17 tons. Its circuitry included over 5000 vacuum tubes and 9000 diodes. It consumed 100,000 watts, and its air to water cooling system was big enough to handle "eight Texas homes."

Loading is taking place at the Griggs Midway Building on Fairview and University Avenues, then known as plant 4. The semi truck is one of two that were required for the shipment. The newspaper articles were published on Wed, Sept 5, and the units were expected to arrive at Lockheed by Sept 10th and be in operation by October 15th. The articles also mention that a future unit was to be delivered to Ramo-Wooldridge Corp in Los Angeles [one of the predecessors of TRW] for work on the "intercontinental missile effort." A Ramo Wooldridge unit eventually ended up at the University of Minnesota.

Unihogs/Uniturkeys: Thirty-nine of us met at Casper's on November 16. Bernie Jansen presented the plans for our IT Legacy exhibits at the Dakota County Historical Society's Lawshe Museum. His slides are on our website's December Article for the Month.

Southern Suburb Information: by Lowell Benson

There's a new study beginning this fall - MnDOT, in cooperation with Dakota and Scott counties, and the cities of Burnsville and Savage, has initiated a study to provide updated guidance for transportation improvements along Hwy 13 through Savage and western Burnsville. The plan is to create concept alternatives keeping focus on lower cost/high benefit solutions to the highest risk areas, addressing safety and mobility of passenger vehicles, transit, heavy truck movements and pedestrians/ bicyclists. If you're interested in learning more about the study or want to sign up for email updates, visit the project website at www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/hwy13study/.

Newsletter Re-Format Experiment Comments:

- There is no need for a front page table of contents when this paper is only six or eight pages long.
- Keep the previous fonts, the Calibri doesn't work well with our printer's equipment setup.
- Now that elections are over for the year, Joe Schwarz will resume editing for the Jan/Feb issue.

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Last Bash! 10/25/12
Photos by Keith Myhre

Buffet line at the *Royal Cliff* banquet center.

Myron Kranz   Dick Severson   Pat &   Keith Myhre

Colleen Altnow & Faye Kenney   Tony Pascuzzi & Roy Brandenburg   Pam Mogen & Paul Thierry

Paul & Nancy Wood   Jeff Chin   Al Arndt   Lynn Meredith   Linda Thierry

Clyde Allen & John Westergren   Lyle Olson   Bob Pagac & Darrel Witte   BJ Bertram

Collage assembly by Lowell Benson - individual jpg files are available, contact him or Keith Myhre.

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Thanks to **Lin Topping** and **Joan Wollan**
For the reservations and name tags.

Music by the Del Counts Band

Del and John W.

Mary Vikla, Doug & Mary Wiedenman, et al.

Mark Waldof & Pam Mogen

Lowell Gemsey & Jim Bougie

Laura Traeger

Dan & DeEtte Raymond

Dave Bohne   Lee Meyer

Bob Jablonski & Paul Richardson

Bob Shutt

Barb & Dave Kaminski

Don Mager & Ben Manning

Mark Waldof & Steve Ernst

Don Marth

Board Elections for 2013: At the November 14th the following slate was approved by the attending members: President, Bob 'RC' Hanson; Vice President, Lowell Benson; Immediate Past President, Tom Turba; Treasurer, Harvey Taipale; Secretary, Frank King; Directors; Keith Behnke, Dale Phelps, Joe Schwarz, and John Westergren. Frank and John are new to the board, at your soonest opportunity thank them for their willingness to serve us.

VOLUNTEERING in 2013

On November 20th, the last LMCO 'What's Brewing" session did a formal donation of the IT Legacy hardware artifacts to the Dakota County Historical Society's (DCHS) Lawshe Museum. The location there is 130 Third Ave N – South St. Paul, MN 55075 [www.dakotahistory.org.] Their open hours are: W 9-5, Th 9-8, F 9-5, and Sat 10-3. Executive Director Chad Roberts is our contact person there. DCHS Trustees Bernie Jansen and Millie Gignac were instrumental in facilitating this local site as a repository for our IT Legacy.

We need volunteers beginning in January to catalog and sort the items, plan the exhibit(s), set up the exhibits, and to continue the photo cataloging which began this year. Contact Harvey Taipale, Bernie Jansen, John Westergren, or Lowell Benson for details.

LIGHTER SIDE

Brain Study: If you can read this OUT LOUD you have a strong mind. And better than that: Alzheimer's is a long, long, way down the road before it ever gets anywhere near you:

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Puns for Educated Minds:
- A backward poet writes inverse.
- A dog gave birth to puppies near the public road and was cited for littering.

- A hole has been found in the nudist-camp wall. The police are looking into it.
- A rubber-band pistol was confiscated from an algebra class, because it was a weapon of math disruption.
- Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
- I thought I saw an eye-doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.
- I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger, then it hit me!
- In a democracy it's our vote that counts. In feudalism it's your count that votes.
- No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery
- She was only a whisky-maker, but he loved her still.
- The fattest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.
- The soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.
- Time flies like an arrow, fruit flies like a banana.
- Two fish swim into a concrete wall. One turns to the other and says, "Dam"!
- Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other: "You stay here, I'll go on a head."
- Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.
- When cannibals ate a missionary, they got a taste of religion.

Norwegian Fishermen: Ole won a fishing boat in a raffle drawing in a small upstate North Dakota town. He brought it home, Lena looked at him and said, "Vot da heck you gonna do vit dat. Dere ain't no water deep enough ta float a boat widin 50 miles uv here."

Ole says, "I vun it and I'm gonna keep it."

Sven came over to visit several days later. He sees Lena and asks where Ole is.

She says, "He's out dere in his fishin boat," pointing to the field behind the house.

Sven heads out behind the house and sees his brother sitting in a fishing boat with a fishing rod in his hand down in the middle of the pasture.

He yells out to him, "Vot da heck are you doing out dere?"

Ole replies, "I'ma fishin'. Vot da heck duz it look like I'm a doing?"

Sven yells back, "It's people lika you dat give people from Norvay a bad name; makes everybody tink we are stoopid. If I cud svim, I'd come out dere and kick yor behind."

FORMS, CHRISTMAS AND MEMBERSHIP

ABOUT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY – December 13th, 2012

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Initial social time with name tag check in, hors d'oeuvres & a cash bar available.
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm	Enjoy an elegant sit down dinner with salad, vegetable, your choice of entrée, and dessert.
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm	Music for your listening and dancing enjoyment by a one man band, Mr. Linden Peterson.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: SIGN UP NOW

Please reserve, at $20.00 each ___ place(s) for the Annual VIP Club Christmas Party & Dinner being held on Thursday, **December 13, 2012 at the Fort Snelling Officers' Club**. Send in your reservations now, since seating is limited. Your form and check must be received by Dec. 9th. If your reservation is for more than two persons, please attach a list of the added names and you'll be seated together at a reserved table.

Full Name: _____

Address _____

Full Name: _____

Address _____

Check here ( ) if you have attached ____ additional names.

Entrée selection(s) & Qty: Top Sirloin ___; Burgundy Chicken ____; or Walleye _____.

Make your checks payable to: **VIP CLUB**

Mail to: Warren Becker #401
9401 Lyndale Ave South
Bloomington, MN 55420

If the address block of your Newsletter shows 2012 after your name or *if* the subject line of your e-news notification shows member list 2012, your Club membership and Newsletter subscription will expire on December 31st 2012

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FORM, MEMBER RENEWAL / APPLICATION FORM:
   Dues are: $7.00, 1 year ___ or $ 18.00, 3 years ___.
   Member (≥55) __, or **A**ssociate (<55) __: **A**ddress **C**hange __, **N**ew __, **R**enewal __

_____ _____ ____ _____
Name   First   M.I.   Spouse's Name

_____ _____ ____ _____
Street Address or P.O. Box   City   State   Zip Code

(_____) _____-_____   _____@_____ . _____
Primary Telephone Number   E-mail address

Newsletter delivery preference is: Electronic (DSL or faster recommended) ____ or U.S. Mail ___.

Employer is/was: UNISYS ___, Lockheed Martin ___, and/or predecessor company _____.

Include my data in the Club's Directory? Yes __ No __. *DIRECTORY is only available to Members and Associates!*

MAIL THIS FORM WITH YOUR CHECK TO: VIP Club P.O. Box 131748 Roseville, MN 55113-0020

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DIRECTIONS TO ACTIVITY SITES

Directions to Unisys in Eagan: Set your GPS unit to 3199 Pilot Knob Road, Eagan MN. From Hwy 35E take the Pilot Knob Road exit ramp. Then go north on Pilot Knob Road about ½ mile to Tower View Road. We use the Unisys north parking lot and the visitor entrance thereby.

Directions to Unisys in Roseville: Set your GPS unit to 2470 Highcrest Road, Roseville MN. From Hwy 35W north, exit onto W County Rd C, go west a mile, then turn left onto Walnut St. Then turn right onto Terminal Road for half a block, turn right at Highcrest Rd. to building entrance. From 35W south, exit on Industrial Way / St. Anthony Blvd off ramp, turn left, drive under the freeway, then turn right onto Walnut St. Follow it 0.8 mi north then turn left on Terminal Road. Turn go ½ block and enter the UNISYS parking lot on the right. From Hwy 36 east, drive west until 36 joins Hwy 35W just past Hwy 280, then exit at the Industrial Way / St. Anthony Blvd. off ramp of 35W. Go north on St. Anthony Blvd. to Walnut St. [the first street on the right]. Turn right onto Walnut Street. From Hwy 280 northbound, use left lane exit just past County Rd B for Terminal road access [St Croix St.] Turn left at Terminal Rd, then 1.5 mi to the Highcrest Rd entrance.

Directions to the Officers' Club: Set your GPS unit to, 5512 Post Road, St Paul MN. The Club is located on a service road off of Minnesota Highway 5, at the east side of the MSP airport. Take the Hwy 5 Post Road Exit at the southeast corner of the airport, go east then follow the signs to the Officers' Club. There is limited parking on the upper level with additional parking on the lower level, car-pool if possible.

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