The Summer Luncheon was held on June 28, 2017, with 51 retirees and guests in attendance. Of course, we enjoyed our delicious luncheon choices - chicken smothered in a white wine and mushroom sauce, beef speidini, or fish. Best of all, we had spumoni for dessert.

Frank Aufmuth took over the duties in the absence of our President, Paulette Martin, and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the invocation.

Jim Mohan introduced Shelby Wratchford, who is working as an intern for the NGA History Office this summer. Shelby discussed a special project she is working on for the Agency. She had been tasked by NGA’s Historian, Dr. Gary Weir, to select some items from the NGA Archives and prepare an exhibit. She is looking for help from NGA Alumni in both identifying some of the items and assisting explaining their use. If anyone would like to help her in this endeavor, she can be reached at 314.676.5790, or via e-mail at ShelbyA.Wratchford@nga.mil.

After lunch, Frank asked everyone that had a red trimmed badge to stand up. He informed attendees that we should be nice to those individuals so they would be encouraged to join the organization, or if they had already joined, to continue attending our functions regularly. A red trimmed badge indicates a person attending for the first time. They were: Judith Allen, John & Sue Hinkel, Susan Atkins & Michael Huff, Janice Thomas, and Shelby Wratchford.

Frank asked for a round of applause for Jerry and Bobbi Lenczowski who jumped in and prepared the newsletter on Wells’ behalf because of his illness and for all the work Wells’ has done for the organization in the past preparing the newsletter.

The listing of upcoming activities that the organization, NGAA-W, has planned for the rest of the year was handed out to everyone when they arrived at the luncheon, and Frank went over it again before our guest speaker started his presentation. One thing Frank added, was that a person who is planning to participate in our July 22nd Grant’s Farm activity could also take a tour of the Busch Mansion at Grant’s Farm for $25. My great-niece, who worked there for several summers, said it is definitely worth it.

Our guest speaker, Frank Aufmuth, Jr., was introduced by none other than his father, Frank, Sr. Frank is a school teacher and gave a very interesting presentation about “Steamboats, Those Wonderful Terrible Boats.”

At the completion of the presentation, Jim Mohan started the 50/50 drawings. There were ten $5.00 prizes - Dennis Terhaar, Les Kemp (2), Jerry Lenczowski, Frank Aufmuth, Jr., Claire Andracsek, Pat Wiese, Gene Slyvester, Lou Decker, and Jim Stanton.