



# Aerie News

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**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

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**Captain John Davis**

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Soaring Eagles – Enclosed is our **Soaring Eagles 2018 reunion** information (<https://usairsoaringeagles.org/> for details). Hope to see you in **Tampa, October 26-28**.

Your board is working hard to add members (retired pilots and flight attendants who flew for US Airways and also currently active pilots and flight attendants, age 45 or older, who flew for US Airways). Know a pilot or flight attendant who’s not a member? Contact any board member or advisor to get a membership application.

Joe Kernan and Gerry Milburn have led the way to organize this year’s reunion. The best thank-you is to attend. Invite an old friend you haven’t seen since retirement. We may be able to help you locate him or her. Soaring Eagle member and advisor, retired flight attendant Ms. Judy Schmidt, is working hard to get the word out to the flight attendants.

This year we have tried to ensure that our fellow flight crews at the Piedmont Silver Eagles and American Airlines Grey Eagles know our welcome mat is out by extending an invitation through their leadership. PSA has no formal retirement group, but I’ve contacted their unofficial “keeper of the list”.

In response to our invitation, American’s Grey Eagles’ leadership has invited the Soaring Eagles to their reunion, which is a **cruise, December 1-8**. You have received an email on their reunion with two links. The <http://mcgowenmarketing.com/> is easier one to navigate – look on the left side for “2018 Cruise.”

Please be assured that your board intends to keep the Soaring Eagles as an independent group as the membership has directed.

**American Grey Eagles have invited interested USAir Soaring Eagles to their Convention Cruise**

The Grey Eagles website is: <https://www.thegreyeagles.org>

Cruise information can be found on this website: <https://mcgowenmarketing.com>

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**Captain Paul Sturpe**

There is not much new to report from the treasurer. Just a reminder that at the last convention a change was made as to the date your dues are due. Instead of being payable on your birthday month they are now due by January 31. If you missed the change and you haven't paid for 2018, we will still gladly receive your 2018 dues. You will not even receive a nasty letter that you were late, at least not from me! The newly established Condolence Fund has been, and is being generously funded by a number of you. Thank you for your consideration. You will find a list of donors elsewhere in this Aerie, but there have also been additional contributors that wish to remain anonymous. Don't forget to send a note along with your dues (or send updates anytime) telling us what you have been up to. I don't usually acknowledge the receipt of your notes but rest assured I pass them along to Joe Kernan and Gerry Milburn who are collaborating on the publishing of the Aerie. I hope to see many of you at the convention this fall. Rumor has it that Captain and Mayor Al Mondell plans to attend, play golf with Mr. Schofield and has told Butch to bring lots of money. Watching that event unfold will be worth the price of the convention tickets even if you don't play golf! **Paul Sturpe, Treasurer**

**SECRETARY'S MESSAGE**  
**Captain Joe Kernan**

Fellow Eagles: It is never too early to make preparations to attend the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Soaring Eagles Reunion. This year's gala will be held at The "Tampa Westshore Marriott" the weekend of Oct. 26th, 27th, and 28th. If you make plans to attend right now, you cannot use the excuse that you had something else planned. This is the one opportunity of the year to see old friends from the airline, and catch up on how everyone is doing. Also make your hotel reservations before Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>, you get last year's rate. Chairman Ed Colodny has a standing invitation to join us, his schedule was unclear the last time we spoke. We can only hope. Butch and Diane Schofield will be returning this year to visit with us and join the golfers at the **Avila Golf Club** on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> for a round of golf. We are being hosted this year by Ed & Nancee Slattery's youngest son Chris who is the head golf professional at the **Avila Golf Club**. The last two years we played at the Belleaire Golf and Country Club, where we were hosted by Jimmie Slattery, Chris's older brother who is the head golf professional at Belleaire. When you get the Reunion Brochure be sure to sign up early for the golf outing so we can make the necessary transportation arrangements. Schofield's team won last year, so we need someone to come out and best him. **NOTE: Those wishing to play golf MUST remit a check to Capt. Paul Sturpe for the golf outing, \$135.00 prior to Oct. 11th, 2018.** This will allow the club to fit our group in the mix. For those who don't want to play golf, the Soaring Eagles Board has arranged for a "transportation provided" trip to the Florida Aquarium Saturday morning Oct. 27, 2018. The admittance fee will also be covered by the Soaring Eagles. This trip will be on a first come first served basis predicated on when Capt. Paul Sturpe receives your registration form. The bus holds fifty passenger's so don't forget to sign up early.

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Besides serving Bill Kingston's unexpired term as Secretary, I am serving as "Nominating Committee Chairman" with Past Presidents Bill Leefe, and Bob Knapp. We are looking for Eagles willing to stand for election to the positions of President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, and Secretary. Although I offered to stand in as Secretary until the elections in 2018, the truth of the matter is that Gerry Milburn, Immediate Past President has been completing the bulk of the email and website work. Checkout the Soaring Eagles website: [usairsoaringeagles.org](http://usairsoaringeagles.org) for the latest information. The information provided there is updated frequently. We had hoped to have more Flight Attendants in our ranks, but so far it hasn't met our expectations. This would be a good time for some of the Gals/Guys to really get involved and stand for some of these offices. Looking forward to seeing many of you in Tampa. **Joe Kernan**

*CHAIRMAN'S VIEW*  
**Seth "Butch" Schofield**

It is once again time to start making plans to attend the Soaring Eagles Reunion in October. It has been wonderful that my schedule has allowed Diane & I to join our friends and fellow employees in 2 of the last 3 years. While there are terrific activities scheduled during the weekend i.e. golf, great food, shopping and sightseeing, the best activity is sharing great memories and visiting with longtime friends! Make the effort, you will not be disappointed. See you in Oct. **Seth 'Butch' Schofield**

*Flight Attendant Advisor*  
**Judy Schmidt Colbath**

I would like to thank the Soaring Eagles for your invitation to the Retired Flight Attendants to become part of your group. With the ending of the Golden Wings it gives us another avenue to rekindle & maintain our friendships. USAir, US Airways was unique, we were a family & just like a family. We had our ups & downs, but always managed to like and respect each other. At the last Reunion I was able to see and visit with the Pilots & their wives. It was a trip down memory lane and I loved it. I am planning to attend the reunion this year and hopefully more F/As will join me. Also Carl would be pleased with your invitation. Thanks again, **Judy Schmidt Colbath**

**We need "Hospitality Suite Ambassadors". If you are willing to volunteer and serve please contact President John Davis, [johndavislex@gmail.com](mailto:johndavislex@gmail.com) Telephone: (859) 268-1004**

# FLOWN WEST

## Captain HENRY T. BOREK 2/22/1936 - 3/28/2018

*Henry T. Borek of Bradenton, FL died on March 28th at the age of 82, born in Linden, NJ. After graduation from Linden High School, he served 4 years in the Air Force. He then worked at Linden Airport as assistant manager. He began flying lessons and his first corporate job was flying Peter, Paul, and Mary. In 1967, he was hired by Allegheny Airlines. He retired in 1991 from USAirways. He loved sailing his sailboat and playing tennis. Hank is survived by his wife of 59 years, Marion D. (Kusiak) Borek. Sons, Henry J.(Sarah) of Palmetto, FL, Kenneth A. of Ruskin, FL. His daughter, Linda Jarvis (Eric) of Mount Juliet, TN. Hank is survived by 6 grandchildren, one great grandson, 2 sisters and several nieces and nephews. A celebration of life will be held later. Contributions to Hank's memory made to: The Alzheimer Association, 14010 Roosevelt Blvd. Suite 709, Clearwater, Fl. 33762*

## Captain Jack Mozian - Mohawk, Allegheny, USAir

*Jack Mozian joined Mohawk Airline in 1951 and retired from USAir in 1987. Captain Mozian passed away in his sleep March 2018 following an extended illness. Jack served as the Mohawk MEC Chairman at the time of the Allegheny / Mohawk merger.*

*So sorry to hear about Jack Mozian. I always remember I was in the Oak Bar of the Plaza Hotel in New York City, having lunch with ABC's labor lawyer over a deal to sell a client's DC radio station to ABC, he said : "I think you're being paged". I listened and heard "Captain Natalie, you have a phone call at the bar." I thought that a little bizarre but I sauntered up to the bar, identified myself and as the bartender handed me the phone, I looked down the bar and there was Jack Mozian with a phone in his hand laughing his ass off.  
Ron Natalie*

*Jack was really a great guy. I think he was the one who told me that, after Tom Davis came down to interview me about representing the Mohawk pilots, during which I took Tom out to lunch and ordered steak tartare, Tom went back and reported to the MEC: "We've got to hire this guy; he eats raw meat." Ron Natalie*

## Captain George McLaughlin 1932 - 2018

*George passed away Tuesday April 10th, 2018 at his home in Venice, Florida surrounded by his family. George was born in Coriston, Ontario. Survived by his wife Dagmar McLaughlin, son Keir, Daughter Vanessa Perini (Charles) grand daughters Gianna and Christina a sister Beryl of Ontario. George served as a pilot in the Royal Canadian Air Force. After his RCAF service George and Dagmar moved to the United States where he accepted a position with Mohawk Airlines, the merger with Allegheny Airlines and George retired from USAir in 1990.*

## Captain Robert E. Haydon

*Robert E. Haydon, 79, of Stafford, passed away peacefully with his family by his side on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at his home. Bob was an Air Force veteran and a USAir airline pilot in the private sector for 26 years. He liked to farm with his sons, instilling a good work ethic in them at an early age. Bob also enjoyed classic cars and airplanes. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Brenda; his sons, Robert Haydon wife, Robin, Bill Haydon, wife April; four grandchildren, Austin, Colby, Kaley, and Nate; a sister, Nita Burka; four nephews, Rick, Ryan, Mark, and Jim; and a niece, Jeanie. Services will be private. Condolences may be shared online with his family at [foundandsons.com](http://foundandsons.com)*

## Captain Ralph Vierling - May 13th:

*Captain Ralph Vierling, a long time check pilot in PIT, passed away Sunday May 13th. Ralph suffered from Alzheimer's disease. His wife Patty says viewing was Wednesday May 16th at Copelands Funeral home in Moon Twp. Patty's phone is (412) 262-5539 and a recently new address of 1620 Vance Street. Coraopolis, Pa.*

**Captain Michael E. Frueh:**

*Michael E. Frueh, 75, of North Kingstown, died peacefully on Thursday, May 3, 2018 at the Scandinavian Home. He was the loving husband of Barbara J. (Batson) Frueh. Born in Lima, OH, he was a son of the late Erwin H. Frueh and Emma E. (Steger) Frueh. Michael proudly served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War and throughout his career as a Major and Pilot until his retirement in 1986. Following retirement, he was an Airline Pilot with U.S. Air. He was a member of the Military Officers Association of American, USAF Flight Checkers Association, and a Communicant of St. Francis de Sales Church. In addition to his wife, Michael leaves his two loving daughters: Theresa Frueh Scheu and her husband Jamie of Winchester, MA, and Stephanie J. Frueh of Waltham, MA. He was the cherished grandfather of Grant M. Scheu of Winchester and the brother of Thomas Frueh of Lima, OH, Nancy Alves of Plainfield, IL, and the late Carolyn Iszory. In accordance with Michael's wishes, his funeral and burial in the RI Veterans Memorial Cemetery will be private. Calling hours are respectfully omitted. In lieu of flowers, gifts in his memory to the Military Officers Association of America Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 1824, Merrifield, VA 22116. The RI Chapter of the American Parkinson's Disease Association, P.O. Box 41659, Providence, RI 02940. The Continuum Care Hospice Care of RI, 1350 Divison Rd. Suite 205, West Warwick, RI 02893 will be appreciated.*

**Nancy O'Connell:**

*Wife of Captain Terry O'Connell, passed away Sunday May 20th at their home in Nashville following a long illness. Nancy was a former Flight Attendant and Supervisor at Lake Central Airline. She was well known to many of our Soaring Eagles. Please join in sending our condolences to Captain O'Connell and his family in their time of grief.*

**Captain Peter Ransom:**

*Peter passed away May 25th after a long bout with cancer. No other information at this time.*

**CONDOLENCE FUND DONORS**

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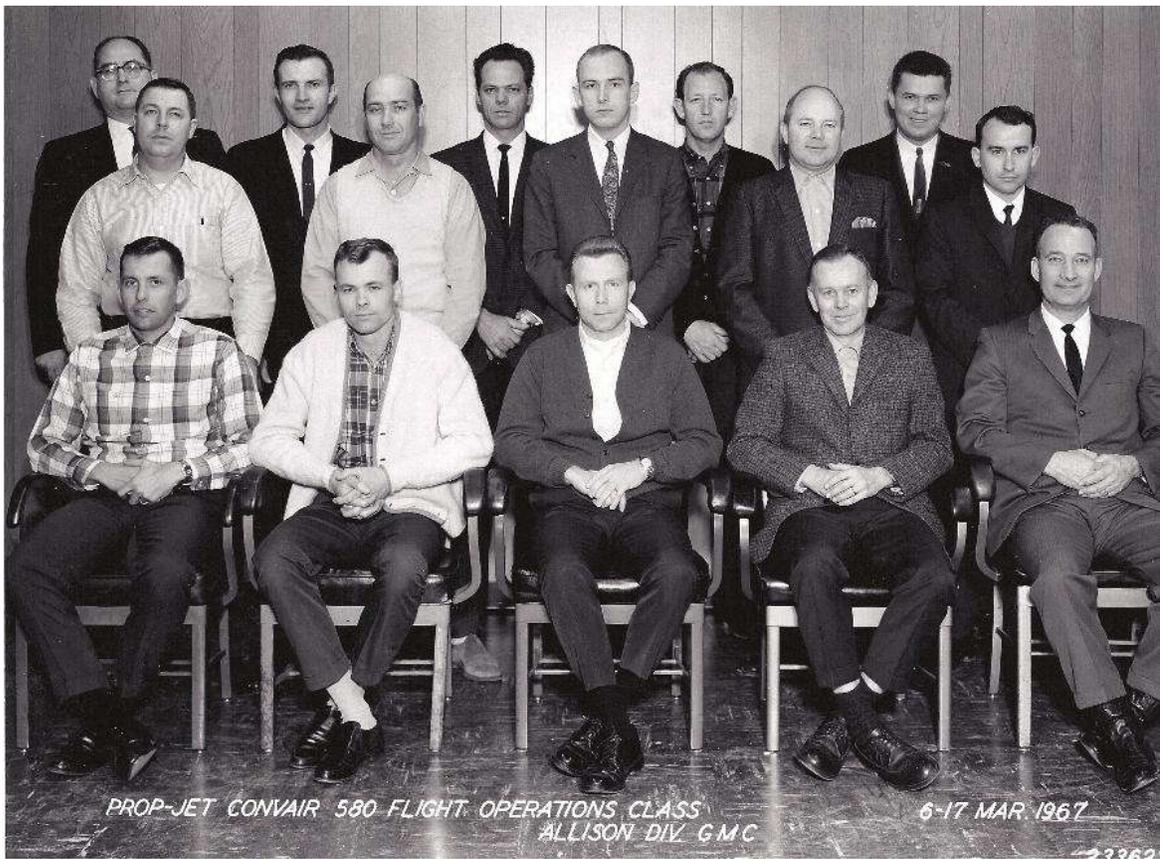
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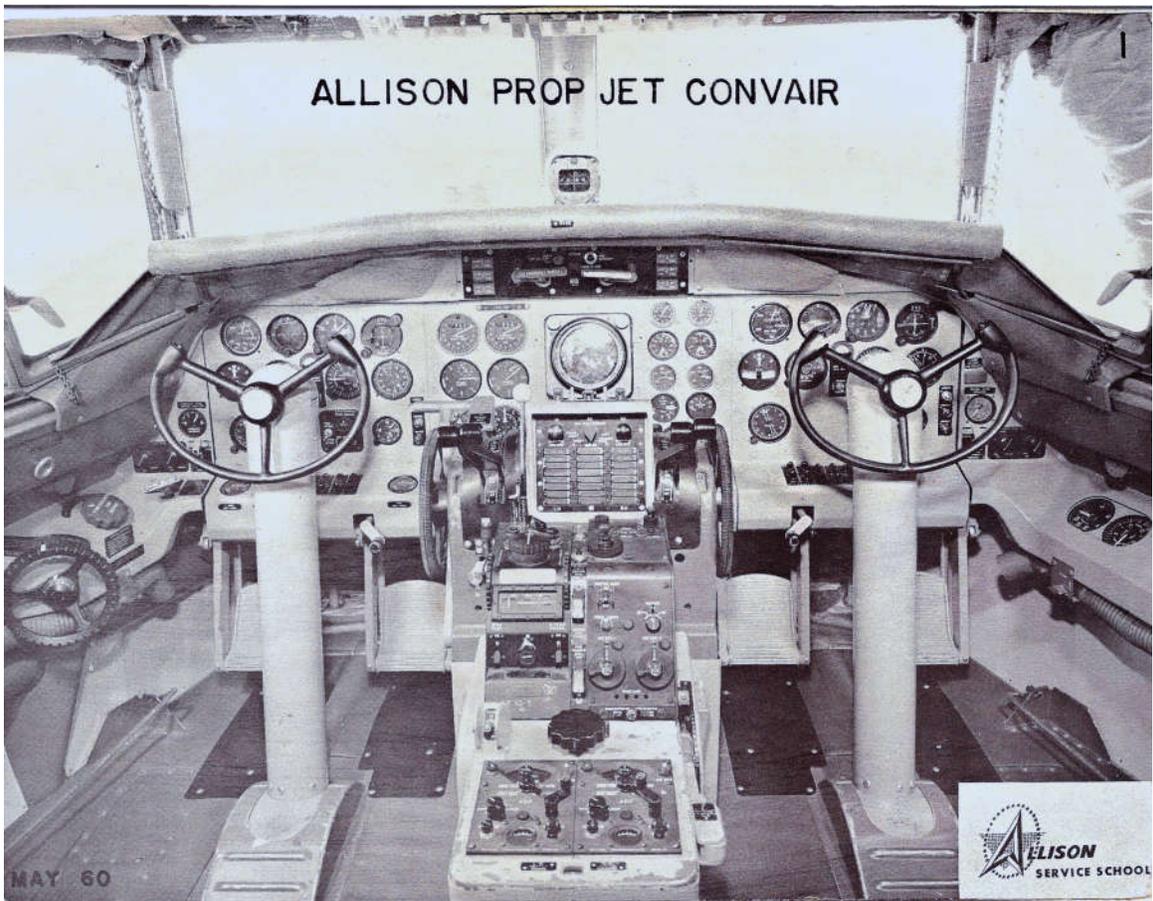
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You are invited to support the Condolence fund by sending your donations to:  
"Soaring Eagles Condolence Fund"

**Folks:** Recently while viewing the list of donors to the Condolence Fund I noted Loretta Daczkowski's name and was reminded of a story involving her husband "Dutch". Tom was great to fly with, and I was treated to his stories about when he worked in the steel mill, which I could relate to having come from humble beginnings myself. One Saturday "Dutch" and I were flying a DCA trip out of Pit that had a four hour layover in DCA. Dutch knew that I lived in the D. C. area, and asked what the hell are we going to do for four hours in Washington. I replied we'll think of something. During our conversation before reaching Washington, Tom told me how much he liked Chesapeake Hard Shell Blue Crabs. On arrival in DCA I called my friend Ed Slattery, who agreed to make the short trip from the Palisades to National Airport to pick us up, and save us from the hum drum wait around the airport, From there we went to Maine Ave where the Chesapeake water men hawk all manner of seafood including the above mentioned crabs. Dutch bought a bushel of their finest and had them iced and wrapped for the trip back to PIT. Years later at a Soaring Eagles Reunion I approached Loretta Daczkowski and informed her that I was reasonably certain that I was the only co-pilot to fly with "Dutch" on a one day trip, and sent him home with the crabs. Life would be dull without good memories of some great people . Joe



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Thanks to Captain Don McLaine for the photo of the LCA 580

## **“Soaring Eagles Write”**

### **Captain Jim Barnes :**

*I'm alive and well. My wife passed away on July 4th 2014. I am playing golf and bowling. Turned 90 in February and now it is keeping busy until I'm with my dear wife again which we all know will be in the next few years. My very best to all the guys left that joined me at Mohawk in 1957. **Jim***

### **Captain Roger Hall :**

*Enjoying time with Terri and grand children and great grandchildren. Looking forward to many years of spending time with Terri and family! **Roger***

### **Captain Ron Brethauer:**

*We are doing fine for now. Just replacing body parts as they fall. We are living in Texas now where you can still carry guns. I belong to the commulative Air Force and am into restoring cars. Working on a '64 Lincoln convertible of which I find myself way over my head. What away to spend my retirement money. I wish all of you the best. **Ron***

### **Captain Jeff Christiana:**

*Hello Gerry, Hard to believe it's been 16 years since I retired at 60. We left Pa. 2 years ago and moved to North Carolina to be near grandkids. Not doing much of anything except a trip now and again. Mary and I both in good health. Hope all is well with you. **Jeff***

### **Captain Joe Kernan:**

*Donna and I celebrated our 58<sup>th</sup> Wedding anniversary in April. She is being fitted for her wings very soon now. Donna has recovered from all her health problems last year. Big scare but finally got it healed. **Joe***

### **Captain Jack Semenko:**

*I have been able to recover from the health issues and would like to thank everyone who called or sent cards. Great to know we still care for each other and your concern helped me get back to health. Thank you all for your support. **Jack***

### **Captain John Gilbert:**

*I am doing great. Back to normal health, allowed to drive again. Living in a very nice place. Reba and I are enjoying a normal life again. Hope to visit with everyone in Tampa. Let's make this one a great reunion. **John***

**Charlie Pyles, Honorary Soaring Eagle - Airline Historian:**

*Betty sneaked in some Lorna Dune cookies in for my retirement party. Lake Central food.*

**Captain Al Mondell:**

*Play'n a little golf.....Was managing and playing men's senior baseball up' till a couple years ago, might get back to play'n this year! That's about it. My best to all. Thinking of my friend's at the PBGC. **Al***

**Mrs. Marion Borek – Hank's Widow Writes:**

*Thank you Gerry for the kind words. Also for putting the information on the web site to notify all of our Eagles about Hank's passing. I did not know about your wife, Doris Ann passing. So sorry for your loss. **Marion***

**Captain Bob Haydon:**

*Bob Haydon passed away April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Bob lived in Fredericksburg, Va and was a Washington based pilot until his retirement. Bob Hayden, Bill Henderson and I were the last three pilots ever hired by Lake Central Airlines. We were extras in case of no shows, Bob was called on Monday June 26<sup>th</sup>, Bill Wednesday June 28<sup>th</sup> and myself (Gerry Milburn) on Friday June 30<sup>th</sup> to be in class the following week July 5<sup>th</sup>, 1967. Fifty-One years ago.*

**Captain Gerald Milburn**

*Still in Port Orange, still alone. I have been spending time with Eagles issues and seems to be keeping me busy. I do have some health issues but don't most of us these days. Looking forward to a great reunion hope to see you all in Tampa.*

**Marion Borek:**

*Soaring Eagles, thank you for remembering Hank and your memorial donation to the Alzheimer Association. Your kindness and sympathy are more deeply appreciated than words can ever express. **Marion Borek and Family***

**Captain Mike Solensky:**

*Joe, I recently went through Open Heart surgery for work on 2 heart valves. The surgery went fine, but while in the hospital I developed swallowing difficulties, mostly due to radiation that I had 21 years ago. Carol and I are still in FL while I undergo swallowing therapy. **Mike***

**Captain Joe Hall:**

*First: Thanks to Gerry and the other volunteer gentlemen for keeping us all informed. I've been doing Part 135/91 for my Owner on the Challenger 601. He's buying a G-V so this is the perfect time to really retire. Carol and I should be heading to Port St Joe in July. Love to see any of you'll that get to our area. Cheers to you all. Joe Hall (started with PSA in 1975-what a great ride!) **Joe***

**Captain Frank Burns:**

*I have added a new hip and a new left knee. Both doing great. Will be 85 August 3<sup>rd</sup> and still thinking age 40 in my mind. I have spent April and May in Sosua, Dominican Republic. Hope to see everyone at Tampa in October. Hired 57 years ago and still have no non-rev seniority. Milburn still signing my flight plans. **Frank***

**Judi Todd:**

*Gerry, since I retired many years ago to raise my two daughters ((Gloria, now age 41 and the mother of my three grandchildren, Madison age 9, Harper age 6 and Jack Berton age 3 (named after his grandfather Bert Todd, and Kathleen age 36. We moved to San Diego where I still abide. I do a lot ( and I mean a lot ) of volunteering; Ombudsman for the department of Aging and Independence, American Red Cross, USO. I also volunteer ushering at almost all the theaters in San Diego (get to see the shows for free). I also work for the convention center, and the cruise terminal so As you see, I am quite busy. Maybe have a few days off a month. However I joined Soaring Eagles and really enjoyed my first convention last year and am planning on going to each convention each year. So enjoyed seeing all the "old pilots and flight attendants". Can't wait to see more of you this coming year. **Judi Welch Todd.***

**Captain Henry Nash writes:**

*Gerry, I am much better since you called me last year. I'm still somewhat unsteady walking. Joe Kernan called last night and brought me up to date on the Soaring Eagles. Do I need to pay dues? I will be 88 July,12 . Betty, two dogs and I are doing ok. **Henry***

**Captain Dan Mahoney:**

*Update: Retired on Feb 9th. Took a few months off and I am now in week one of training at Southwest Airlines in Dallas for Flight Crew Training Instructor. It's been 18 years since I flew the 767 and 26 years since the 737 but it hasn't changed that much. Sold everything some time ago so I am free and preparing to rent in Dallas when training is over. Long F/O training course followed by long Captain upgrade and then incremental instructor training. Many instructors over 65 here and from every airline; a great group of people. My best to everyone. **Dan***

**Captain Bob Kyle:**

*Hi Gerry, Not much about me to tell: still golfing from the men's tees; some in the 70's but mostly in the 80's which means shooting my age sometimes. Breaking News. One grandson, Josh Kilmer graduating from the University of South Florida this Friday and being commissioned in the Marine Corps Saturday. Another grandson, Thomas Kyle, graduating from Upper St Clair, PA High School Valedictorian, won 100 wrestling matches, star football player, and accepted at the Air Force academy. **Bob***

**Captain Fred Bettis:**

*Hard to believe we have been retired since 2005. But we are blessed. No health problems we know of. Take no meds. Fred's Vietnam injured knee plagues him occasionally. We sold our non-movable home in 2015 and bought an RV lot about 2 miles from the house in Alligator Park in Punta Gorda FL. We are there for the Winter. We have 1 daughter in Port Charlotte. We built a stick home in Florence SC in 2017 that we have lived in about 3 months as 5 months a year, during the summer season, we are Camping World Ambassadors and are based out of the Marion NC store (about 30 miles east of Asheville off I-40). Fred still does flight instruction and biannual. He still has his Cessna 170B as well. Weather was too bad to fly to Sun N Fun this year so he and a student drove up. We are so blessed and try to savor and appreciate each day. We wish for all our Soaring Eagles friends good health and good days. **Fred and Selma Bettis** from Punta Gorda, FL; Marion, NC; Florence, SC and any and all points in between.*

**Captain Ron and Doris Metzger:**

*Ron and I are very happy that we moved to Florida and he is doing much better since he has a Pacemaker. We go to the Fitness Center at our Club and work out at the Pool almost every day. We went to the Clearwater Luncheon and saw a lot of our Soaring Eagles and other and we had fun. Our Condo is in Venice at the Venetian Golf and River Club. Now we are looking forward to our Family Reunion in Charlotte with Son Ron and Wife, Grandkids and Great-grand kids. We are also looking forward to the Tampa Reunion. Hope it will be a good one! **Greetings Ron and Doris.***

**Captain Bill Kingston:**

*Princess and I are both doing well. I am 3½ years out from my last cancer surgery and the CT scans come out clean. I still enjoy my summer job running the excursion boats. You can read it here: <https://www.finestkindcruises.com/>. I am also responsible for our Fire Department's two fire boats. At 78 I am much too old to be an active firefighter so I just completed the Fire Inspector Course at the New Hampshire Fire Academy. This will free up the other officers and allow them to concentrate on their engine companies. It will also enable the Department to pay more attention to fire prevention. I feel very fortunate to have responsibilities at my age and be able to contribute. **Stay well Bill Kingston***

**Captain Ed Slattery:**

*Nancee and I have had some health issues this year, but we're doing better now. I'm walking without assistance of others or device's. I want to thank everyone who sent me cards or called during my hospitalization earlier in the year, it means a lot to have friends who care. I've been mentoring a grandson who is learning to fly, and I go along as his co-pilot. Keep a seat ready. In March when I celebrated my 91st Birthday our eight remaining children threw a big party for me. (Our oldest son Eddie died in 2015) They had one of those large birthday balloons, and we recently released it. Of course you know that I notified the FAA (always a stickler for the rules), in any event that balloon was last seen on a direct heading for the Tampa Westshore Marriott where I hope to see all of my dear Airline friends the last weekend in October. Health permitting Nancee and I plan a trip to Washington in September to a granddaughters wedding, we'll tell you all about it in Tampa. **Captain Ed (Slatts's) Slattery***

**Captain Bill Henderson:**

*Working as deputy for Dorchester County Sheriffs Office Transport. Enjoying the job and it pays for my golfing. All is well except Fran still fighting fibromyalgia for last 40 y ears. We are blessed! Hope all Soaring Eagles are doing well!! **Bill and Frances Henderson***

**Captain Jack McCarthy:**

Retired for 30 years, 1988. 2016 was a banner year. 66 years of flying for fun & money ended. Let the Flight Instructor rating and BFR expire, at age 84. The last 14 years have been an FAA DAR, translated means, I can issue Airworthiness certificates for experimental amateur built airplanes. No real money there, but I get to see some very interesting airplanes, & meet some interesting people. Will continue FAA stuff for a few more years until my grandfather's clock strikes 12. Always fond thoughts & remembrance of my airline folks, ground & flight. As my old Chief Pilot used to say, "Y'all be careful out there, ya heah". **Jack McCarthy**

**Captain Jeff Diercksmier:**

Gerry, For the June Aerie. Greeting me from Southern California. It's now been just over one year that I have been based back in LAX. What a life changing event to not have to commute LAX-PHL-LAX! No more triple-oh-dark-thirty gets ups to commuter 2,200 NM just to start my day. LAX flying on the A-320 for me is as much Hawaii as I can hold seniority wise. We go to HNL, KOA, OGG and LIH. Sorry guys, but it sure beats BUF! I fill in the month with JFK trans-cons on the 321T that has lie flat sleeper seats in first and only 102 capacity as compared to the old US Airways birds that hold 187. We can actually get the thong up to FL370/380 (not Boeing altitudes but good for an Airbus). There are a handful of PSA guys left that are back in LAX. We have to explain to our F/O's that the PSA we worked for was the one that was HQ'ed in SAN and had a smile on the nose of the plane. The only PSA they know is the wholly owned AA regional airline HQ'ed in Ohio, call sign "Blue Streak". Kids these days. With 4 years remaining in my career I am a blessed man to be able to drive to work, fly a great plane and go to cool destinations. My heart goes out to my brother and sister pilots who did not get that opportunity. To say it's been a long and winding road would be an understatement. My best to all the Soaring Eagles out there! **Jeff Diercksmier** P.S. My wife Jennifer would kill me if I didn't tell you about the 2 grandkids (1 and 3) that live one block away and always ask "Grandpa, did you fly your plane here?" **Jeff**

**Captain Tony Garofalo:**

I was hospitalized this year with pneumonia, I'm doing much better now with the help of my main caregiver Patte. By the way Patte, Joe Kernan, Butch Schofield, and his wife Diane were a team last year, and we won. So if you sign up to play golf during the reunion in Tampa, you'd better bring your "A" game. Our six daughters and fifteen grandchildren are doing well, but my illness prevented me from making the road trip to Pittsburgh to visit them, last year. My grandson Alex has been accepted at West Virginia University on a full baseball scholarship, Go Mountaineers. I also have two granddaughters in college pursuing medical careers. Looking forward to Tampa. **Tony & Patte**

**Susan Shaw – Widow of Captain Colin Shaw:**

Hi, Joe, I have not updated before because I am the surviving widow of Capt. Colin Shaw who was killed in the LAX incursion on Feb. 1, 2001 and not a pilot. However, I have kept in touch with some of you, and I thought others might like to know what became of us, as well. I was 43 years old and our son, Devin was not quite 12 when Colin was killed by a mentally ill Air Traffic Controller. Devin was a ball of rage for about a year "because my Dad was murdered and there were no consequences for the murderer." He had a point. Had someone with gross negligence killed 34 innocent people, he/she would be jailed for negligent homicide. Had the engineer of a train done so, he/she would be prosecuted for negligence. Instead, after a year of intense negotiations and the ordeal of the NTSB Hearing, the government accepted full responsibility for the deaths of the 2 pilots on the two planes, one copilot, one flight attendant, and everyone else who died or was badly burned. It was precedent-setting, in that it was the first time the government was unable to blame a pilot for a crash.

It takes a cascade of failures for an incursion to occur. If you want to know more, let me know, but suffice it to say that the Air Traffic Controller was the point of the spear who tipped all the failures to a fiery inferno at LAX. You may not have known that Colin had reported her. As a former Air Traffic Controller in the USAF, he told his cousin, about 2 months before, that "a woman Air Traffic Controller at LAX, who he had reported, was going to kill someone." The government reached a settlement with my son and I the day before the 4th anniversary of the incursion, after 56 depositions on my character, and after my attorney and I surreptitiously entered a private NTSB meeting where the Air Traffic Controller's medical records were discussed before we were discovered and thrown out, and after I threatened to go to the Press and Congress regarding NTSB and FAA attempts to wrongly defame Colin. They settled, according to my lawyer, because they did not want me on the stand in public with the Press present.

Those four long years were lost to me. Skipping to the present, both Devin and I have happy lives now. Devin has had a business restoring antique cars, trucks, and motorcycles for 20 years. He does not advertise, yet has a 2 year waiting list.

**(Continued - Susan Shaw):**

*He is also a D.C. firefighter/EMT who will respond to any airplane crash event in the DC area. He lives on a tree farm with his wife, Mandy, who is a nurse manager and their children, 5 year old Colin and 2 year old Brynley. I left my psychotherapy practice shortly after Colin died. It was not clear whose therapy was paramount: mine or the client's, a very unethical situation. After the four lost years fighting with the Justice Department lawyers, I returned to psychotherapy practice, then ran for elected office and served 3 terms as a Calvert County Commissioner before retiring 3 years ago*

*I have not been successful at retirement. Capt. John Falk helped me greatly in the fight with the government. He retired at age 60 just after Colin's death. His granddaughter was born a month following his retirement at 6 month's gestation weighing 2 lb. 11 oz. He got full custody of her at 4 months due to failure to thrive. He became like a grandfather to Devin and I became like an Aunt to his granddaughter. John died of heart failure in 2002. I got custody of his granddaughter a year later at 13 and adopted her when she was 15. My daughter, Linzi Falk, lives in New Orleans, where she is the Media Director, writer and photographer for River Beats, a company that produces Electronic Dance Music. Linzi is a talented artist (Astir Art on FB) who also works as a photographer. Linzi and I are writing a book on fetal alcohol syndrome from both the perspective of the sufferer and of the parent.*

*I am currently running for Mayor of my small town, North Beach, MD, where Devin and I have recently negotiated the purchase of an existing motorcycle shop which will soon become Triton's Garage, an automotive repair, maintenance, and custom shop with motorcycle repair. We hope to open in June. The shop will be managed by a friend while Devin will do some of the custom work for which he is known. He recently purchased one of the 12 remaining General Lee cars from the Dukes of Hazzard show to display at the opening. We truly appreciate the work of the Soaring Eagles and all the help they have provided over these many years. We salute you. **Susan Shaw***



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SOARING EAGLES REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

\*\*October 11, 2018 - Deadline\*\*

Names of those attending 2018 REUNION \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee @\$25/per person (no fee for a surviving spouse): \_\_\_\_\_

Friday October 26, 4 PM – 6 PM Poolside Meet and Greet! Be our guest!

Enjoy Tapas and two complimentary beverages. Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday, October 27th, 7:00 AM – 10:30 AM Breakfast

20% discount on the Buffet, or Breakfast menu. (tickets given at check-in)

08:00AM Depart hotel to Golf outing: Number Playing \_\_\_\_\_ Fees \_\_\_\_\_

**\$135.00 golf fees must be paid and Received by Paul Sturpe by October 20<sup>th</sup> for the club count.**

10:00 Bus departs for Tampa Aquarium tour: The Number attending \_\_\_\_\_

*Aquarium tour fees are sponsored by your Soaring Eagles*

7:30 – 10:30 PM “International Buffet” Chef’s choices around the globe. (two drinks included)

\$55.00 per person. Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday, October 28th,

7:00 – 10:30 AM Breakfast

9:30AM Annual Membership Meeting

6:00PM - 10:00 PM Soaring Eagles Banquet \$55.00 each (price includes two drink tickets per person)

# of Beef Tenderloin \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$55.00ea.

# of Chicken Oscar \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$55.00ea.

# of Grilled Mahi \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$55.00ea.

TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL: ALL Reunion Registration Fees, Saturday and Sunday Banquets**

**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

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