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Soaring Eagles

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Dear Fellow Soaring Eagles, please share your latest news, photos, and memorable moments with Secretary Patti Nagy at pattinagy65@gmail.com so we can include them in upcoming Aerie editions. Your stories help keep our community strong, connected, and soaring together.

NEWS FROM MEMBERS

From Joe Kernan: Donna and I continue to reside in Martinsville Virginia, and are about to welcome our sixteenth great grandchild into the world. That will bring the total to sixteen grands, and sixteen greats. Reminds me of a conversation in the limo between BWI and DCA with a United crew. United Captain to me. " You married?" Me, " Yes'. "Have any children?" Me, "Five". " Are you Catholic or careless?" Me, " A little bit of both."

Donna doesn't travel as well as she once did, and has some memory deficits. My left knee is somewhat problematic, but not nearly enough to go the replacement route yet. Still cut my own grass three plus acres, and do various other chores.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Captain Dave Pfaff

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Spring is just around the corner and it's time for spring cleaning. The board wishes that you please pay your dues and place on your calendar the convention in late October as part of your spring cleaning.

As many know, we had three board members step down in their positions. Three very capable members stepped up to keep this organization rolling to bring you stories and accomplishments of the 800+ members. They are 1st VP John Nagy, treasurer Eric Litt, and John's wife as secretary Patti Nagy. A big shoutout to Patti for volunteering for the position. As John's wife she was not a member, but volunteered to help the organization fill that much needed position to send the group updated information for the Aerie. Those positions are nominated and filled at the convention, and with 80 or so attending the convention, she saw the need to help us out. Thanks again, Patti.

In mid-March, we will contract the music and comedian/magician for the October event. We generally have a dinner river cruise on that Saturday, and even though it's a great social event, the attendees have indicated that it may be time for a change, as it takes up so much time for such a short time on the river.

Some of the ideas to replace the cruise are trips to a museum, visiting a go-cart track, shopping, a river walk, etc. We've asked many times for member input, but few are responding. This is your organization and your input is valuable for the other members. What have you been doing, how is your health, any new grandkids, family accomplishments, any suggestions for the conventions, etc.?

I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge my mentor and past president Joe Kernan for the glue that holds this together. His family commitment is the reason for him stepping down after years acting as the president. He publishes the Monday morning stories and Throw back Thursdays every week, with stories from members that are both entertaining and informative. Without his diligence and help, I and you would have little reason to be members. We need your stories and input. I'm sure that most members look forward to reading his stories each week, but he needs your help with the experiences that you had with USAir. Those shared stories are told every year at the convention. They are insightful and hysterical. Please help the group out.

We look forward to seeing you at this year's convention, and may you have a fruitful spring.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Captain John Nagy

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From First Vice President, John Nagy. Looking forward to the 2026 Soaring Eagles Reunion! Dave Pfaff is doing an excellent job in negotiating terms with the Marriott Hotel. The location is very convenient to the TPA Airport. Transportation is provided by the hotel to the major shopping mall nearby. It's a great opportunity to gather with old friends, and repeat the same stories that we forgot from last year. Please plan on attending.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Captain Steve Flom

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Hello Members, I am sitting in my recliner with my feet up. Having broken my big toe, this keeps the pain and swelling down. Trying to feel productive I was deleting old e mails and came across quite a few Monday Morning stories and Thursday Throwbacks. As I read these stories it took me back to many instances in my own career. I am sure it happens to you as well. My point is that I immediately took a few minutes to put one in an e mail and send it to Joe. It was very easy with auto correct. Some of these new fancy computers even take dictation.

I ended my story with the fact that during my career I was very blessed to fly with some very interesting and fun people. The memories of those people will live on if we not only share them at the convention but let's share more with each other through Monday Morning stories and Thursday Throwbacks. Just send one off to Joe.

I know the memories that arose brought a smile to my face.

SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

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Well, it is time for our second edition of the Aerie. I want to thank my daughter-in-law Jessica for helping me with this daunting task of composing this newsletter. As my computer proficiency leaves a lot to be desired, I needed help with making this happen. I hope you enjoy the read and a friendly reminder to send me your news so we can include it in the "News from Members" section.

WEBMASTER'S MESSAGE

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Dues were due by the end of February. If you haven't paid yet, please do so. I have made several changes to the web site to hopefully make it easier to pay. Please let me know if you are having trouble using either of the methods below and I'll make changes if necessary.

1. Pay by check, money order or cash at your own risk, sent to:
Soaring Eagles
c/o Eric Litt
11702 Lariat Ln
Oakton, VA 22124-2323
2. Pay via PayPal accessed via <https://usairsoaringeagles.org> and then clicking on the "Pay Dues" button.
3. Pay via credit card also accessed via <https://usairsoaringeagles.org> and then clicking on the "Pay Dues" button.

Also, remember to check our website frequently. Here is the link.

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Contacting a board member is easy if you just look up their contact information. From the website click on the latest Aerie. Then scroll through the messages from your officers. Telephone numbers and emails are included in the header for each officer.

Once again, let me know if there is anything new that you would like to see on our website. Also let me know if you see any errors.

So long until next quarter.

Paul Sturpe, Webmaster

TREASURER'S MESSAGE

Captain Eric Litt

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"Keep those cards and letters coming," was a comment of Dean Martin a few years ago, maybe more than a few. With the Soaring Eagles it is the Dues. When I receive the dues checks there is occasionally a note asking how I am or what is going on. I will call to say thanks and see what you're doing. It's been 24 years since I retired and I have not seen many of my friends since then. What is harder

is looking through the Database and seeing the names of partners of friends that have passed on.

Well what is done with the dues? We use it to keep the Web Site going, keeping an inventory of the SE shirts and hats, the Challenge Coins, putting a deposit to the hotel for the next conference until the members sign up.

When a member fly's West we have a Condolence Fund to send a memorial of the Soaring Eagles in their name. It is separate from the dues and if you wish to contribute please send me a check.

Janice and I now have 4 horses, 2 donkeys, 2 house cows (90 pound fox hounds). With the snows, thaws, and frosts the front of the barn is knee deep in boot sucking mud. There wasn't much mud at 35,000 feet unless the coffee had been in the pot for a couple of hours. A far cry from a kid that grew up in Westchester County, NY. My son-in-law fly's for American, my son fly's for American, I fly a couch.

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PAST PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Captain Joe Kernan

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As Past President, I continue to be pleased with my decision to step aside, to let the somewhat younger generation of folks to takeover leaderships roles in the organization. I once again I want to thank Captain Eric Litt for assuming the role of Treasurer, and Patti Nagy for assuming the duties as Board Secretary and editor of the "Aerie". Both of these positions are the most labor intensive of all of the board positions.

Since I enjoy sharing not only my personal memories of my career, but also the memories of others, it was easy for me to accept President Pfaff's request that I continue the Monday Morning and Thursday Throwback features. My only regret is that it is difficult to get others to share their experiences with me.

Since this message will appear in the 2nd Quarter 2026 issue of the "Aerie", I have no way of knowing how many folks have submitted comments to Patti for publication. The hope is that many of you will have taken the time to submit something so we can all have an idea of how everyone is doing.

I agreed with President Pfaff to assist him in getting folks to take care of their due's obligations in a timely manner, hence my reminder that your dues were due the

last day of February. The obligation is not that onerous, so please take care of it ASAP so Treasurer Litt's job will be a little easier.

Click the link for information on paying dues

<https://usairsoaringeagles.org>