

Minutes of The Golden Eagles Annual Meeting
Orlando, FL
Saturday, 23 April, 2016

Pilot's Opening Remarks:

Don Boecker opened the meeting at 0900 and asked the Members to stand and join him in the Pledge of Allegiance. Pilot thanked Southeast Flight Leader Bill McCamy and his team for coordinating a superb reunion this year. He also thanked the Flight Deck and the Board of Governors for their support during the year as well as the flight leaders for their outstanding communications during the year.

Pilot Boecker also emphasized the value of The Golden Eagle Directory and the wealth of information contained therein.

Chief Pilot's Remarks: Chief Pilot Zacharias commented on the new Chronolog disk available to all members. He wanted all to know what a tremendous amount of info is available on this disk about the heroes of Naval Aviation.

Co-Pilot's Remarks: Co-Pilot DeCastro thanked the Pilot for his leadership during the past very busy and eventful year. He noted that the NOTAMS, Special Notices and Quarterly Reports were timely and very informative.

Navigator's Report: Navigator John Mazach brought to the attention of the members that the Minutes from the last meeting in Pensacola were distributed to all Golden Eagles prior to this meeting and asked if there were any questions regarding content. There were none and the Pilot asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the 2015 Membership meeting as written. Motion was made, seconded and approved.

The Navigator's Report was highlighted to the membership indicating there are:

- 200 Regular Members
- 47 Emeritus Members
- 3 Honorary Members
- 250 Total Members

Since the last report there were:

- 16 Members accepted into the Golden Eagles
- 19 Members who made their Final Take-off
- 11 Members who transferred to Emeritus
- 6 Golden Eagle ladies who passed away

Radio Officer's Report: Radio Officer Owens presented his report to the members as represented below.

Beginning Funds (All Accounts 1 April 2015)				\$59,497.14
	Less CD (Beginning)			(20,159.76)
Beginning Cash				\$39,337.38
Receipts				
	Chronolog Sales		\$ 495.00	
	Reunion Operations			
	Donations Received	\$14,550.00		
	Reunion 2015 Net	5,204.86		
	Reunion Loans Repayment	6,000.00	25,754.86	
	Membership Dues/Fees		11,462.00	
	Wing Sales		96.00	
	Interest CD	184.16		
	Interest NFCU	58.90	243.06	
	Total Receipts			\$38,050.92
Disbursements				
	NAM,ANA Memor, Navy/Mar Relief		\$12,500.00	
	Annual Tomlinson Award		299.24	
	CD Reinvested Interest		184.16	
	Directory		550.29	
	GE Web Site		286.80	
	Postage & Delivery		421.64	
	Printing & Reproduction		966.60	
	Reunion Advances		4,000.00	

	Reunion Pass Thru		13,500.00	
	Supplies & Materials		225.82	
	Wings Purchase (200)		5,000.00	
	Total Disbursements			\$37,934.55
Net Change in Operating Funds				116.37
	Ending Operating Funds (31 March 2016)			\$39,453.75
Assets				
	NFCU Svgs/Ckg	39,453.75		
	Less Not Cleared Activity			
	Ready Cash on Hand		39,453.75	
	NFCU CD		20,506.67	
	Total Funds			59,960.42
	Wings Inventory/Value/On Hand	26	1,115.40	
	Wings Inventory/Value/On Hand	200	5,000.00	6,115.40
	Total Assets			\$66,075.82

The Radio Officer's report was approved as written by the membership.

Engineer Officer/Historian Report: Engineer/Historian Shoemaker reported that this reunion was the 60th Golden Eagle Reunion on record. He also reported that current reunion registration numbers were as follows: 140 Eagles registered (note: the 2015 reunion had 145 Eagles registered but bad weather prevented 12 of them from attending; they were however credited with attendance).

The requirement of attending at least one of the last four reunions has been met by all members at this 2016 reunion. Following is a list of twelve members who will be in violation if they do not attend the 2017 reunion (ranks and first names omitted): Busey, Butcher, Cassidy, Cernan, JB Davis, Hubbard, RC Johnson, Myers, Sexton, Sheldon, Stephenson, and Weir. There are 197 biographies posted on the website; 3 are currently outstanding. Engineer noted that you can alter, edit or supplement your bio at any time you wish.

Finally, the engineer summarized various Flight activities by region.

Membership Selection Committee Secretary Report and Remarks: MSC Secretary Batzler reported that his committee looked at 31 Navy nominees and 15 Marine Corps nominees for selection to the Golden Eagles and they selected 9 Navy and 3 USMC from those nominees. Jack reiterated to the members the importance of nominations being electronic if at all possible and preferably in Word. He also announced that we have 23 total perspective members waiting to become new Golden Eagles.

Site Selection Report: Co-Pilot DeCastro provided the following locations, dates and discussion

- 2017 (27-30 April) Westgate Hotel, San Diego, CA
- 2018 (26-28 April) Lansdowne Resort, Leesburg, VA
- 2019 Central Flight Location TBD

Co-Pilot led additional discussion aided by Gil Rud from West Flight and Larry Atkinson North East Flight regarding future Golden Eagle reunions. 2017 West Flight led reunion will take place at the Westgate Hotel in downtown San Diego. This central location will afford all attendees access to numerous attractions and points of interest while in San Diego. Golf will take place at Admiral Baker north course.

For 2018, North East Flight has agreed upon the Lansdowne Resort in Leesburg VA as the site for our reunion. This site is upscale from previous site selections but, through a lot of hard work by North East Flt members, our friends from AFRI and an agreement by the Golden Eagle Board of Governors to reduce some of the costs at the reunion, the venue was supported by the membership and plans are underway to make the 2018 reunion very special.

Nominating Committee Report: Fred Lewis reported that the 2016 Golden Eagle Nominating Committee submits the following candidates for service as indicated below

Slate for Officers is:

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| • Pilot | Howard DeCastro |
| • Co-pilot | John Mazach |
| • Navigator | Jay Campbell |
| • Radio Officer | Gary Van Gysel |
| • Engineer Officer/Historian | Bob Shumaker |
| • MSC Secretary | Jack Baztler |
| • Web Masters | J R Davis/Bob Hickerson |
| • NE Flight Leader | Larry Atkinson |
| • SE Flight Leader | Bill McCamy |
| • Central Flight Leader | Bob Rasmussen |
| • West Flight Leader | Gil Rud |

Fred said that four Members of the Board of Governors would continue to serve. These are:

- Joe Anderson
- Joe Barth
- J R Davis
- Larry Ernst

Four new members will be added to replace:

- Bill Bauer
- Bill Pickavance
- John Lockard
- Snuffy Smith

All of whom have served their two years of duty.

The new members are:

- Jerry Breast
- Bob Crippen
- Fred McCorkle
- Wick Parcels
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A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the above slates

Old Business: Short discussion regarding the spread of members throughout the four flights and how the recent redistribution has helped even up the membership in most of the flights.

Flight leaders made the following inputs:

Northeast Flight: supported funerals for VADM Jerry Miller, Mrs. Gail Seely, RADM Gus Eggert, LTGEN Bill Fitch, and Mrs. Margaret Fitch. Mini reunion at Mount Vernon Country Club in Dec. for 22 GE's. Planning for 2018 reunion; location candidates are: Greenbrier, Lansdowne, National Harbor, and Annapolis. Unanimous agreement on Lansdowne.

Central Flight: In August Bob Rasmussen took over as flight leader from Jerry Breast. Flight hosted 2015 reunion in Pensacola.

Southeast Flight: Bill McCamy took over as flight leader from Carlos Johnson. Mini reunion in Orlando in October for 27 GE's. Virginia Beach group had 12 for luncheon in October and had a brunch in Jan. Carlos Johnson was honored in Jacksonville for his work with the Boy Scouts. Bill then introduced his reunion team for the 2016 reunion

West Flight: Gil Rud took over as flight leader from Jay Campbell. Mini reunion in Oct. at Coronado Yacht Club for 62. Another mini reunion in Feb at the Coronado Yacht Club for 88. Diz Laird inducted into the Coronado Avenue of Heroes. Tom Cassidy inducted into the San Diego Air and Space Museum Hall of Fame. Planning for 2017 reunion in San Diego at Westgate Hotel is ongoing.

New Business: Pilot Don Boecker announced that LCDR Matthew S Dominick, USN, an LSO at Pax River had been selected as Test Pilot of the Year and was presented with The Golden Eagles Watch as the “Tommy Tomlinson Award” winner.

It was reported to the membership that the subject of donations from industry to the Golden Eagles for use in executing our annual reunions was discussed at some length at the Board of Governors meeting two days ago and since the subject had previously been voted on (to continue accepting these donations) no further action was required.

The subject of logo on Golden Eagle apparel was also discussed and Pilot indicated that the proper logo for all apparel is The Golden Eagles. Those who have shirts, etc. with Golden Eagles can remain wearing same if they desire.

The subject of age requirement for selection to be a Golden Eagle was also discussed at the Board of Governors meeting and there was no change to the bylaws as a result of that discussion.

The assignment of “Wingman” (active members) to Emeritus Golden Eagles was discussed and the idea which came from Rabbit Campbell was unanimously endorsed by all as a means to keep vital lines of communications open. Wingmen should be assigned and managed by Flight Leaders

Jim Joyner thanked the members for authorizing a special plaque for the Hampton Roads ANA memorial at Virginia Beach

Chief Pilot explained a coming change to the Golden Eagle bylaws wherein the organization, in order to be tax exempt in the state of PA, must insert a dissolution clause into our document which action the BoG approved..

Adjournment: There being no more new business, the Pilot asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made, seconded and passed and the meeting was adjourned at 1004.