

Draft
Golden Eagles Annual Membership Meeting
9 Apr 2022
Lansdowne, VA

Meeting called to order by Pilot Campbell at 0900 EDT

Pilot Campbell led the Members in the Pledge of Allegiance

Pilot Remarks: RADM Jay Campbell

- * I would like to thank the Flight Deck for their active participation in all of the remote activities imposed during this past year by the pandemic. The assistance they provided me through editing NOTAMS, Special Notices and other correspondence proved invaluable.
- * Special thanks to the Regional Flight Leaders for staying so close to their members, providing outlets for gatherings when allowed and communicating with me and the rest of the Flight Deck to keep us up to date.
- * The responsiveness of the Board of Governors to short-notice Zoom Meetings and other administrative duties was exceptional, especially during this year of enforced isolation.
- * Pilot especially wanted to thank Co-Pilot Shadow Stalder for providing the Zoom technical expertise to enable all these Zoom meetings. Additionally he recognized Denny Irelan for his short notice fill in as the executive assistant, learning on the job and not skipping a beat. He also recognized JR Davis for his continued excellent job as Web Master. BZ to all three.
- * A final “Thank You” to all of the Wingmen who have taken the responsibility to remain in close contact with our Emeritus Members. Volunteers to serve as Wingmen are solicited from the members.
- * Thanks to all who joined today’s member meeting.

Co-Pilot Remarks: LtGen Keith Stalder

- * Thanks to the Pilot for keeping us all informed and providing details of

membership changes in the quarterly reports.

- * Added his thanks to Flight Leaders for keeping the Flight Deck up to speed on regional activities.
- * Thanks to Gazelle for keeping the books in order, and to the Navigator and Engineer/Historian for flight deck coordination
- * Thanks to the Eulogist authors and speakers.
- * Thanks to Matt and his team for coordinating this reunion

Navigator's Report: VADM Marty Chanik

* Navigator Marty Chanik presented the minutes of the Members Meeting held on 1 May 2021 (a virtual/Zoom meeting). The minutes were posted on the web site a month ago for member review and comment. No changes were provided. **A motion to approve was made, seconded, and the minutes were approved.**

* **The Golden Eagle Membership now includes:**

- 200 Regular members
- 53 Emeritus members
- 3 Honorary members

* **During the year:**

- Twenty-two members were accepted into the Golden Eagles
- Fourteen members (six Emeritus, seven Regular, one Selectee) made their Last Takeoff
- Fifteen members transferred to Emeritus
- Nine Golden Eagle Ladies passed away
- There were no resignations

Radio Officer's Report: Col Gary Van Gysel

- THE GE FISCAL YEAR RUNS FROM THE FIRST OF APRIL TO THE END OF MAR EACH YEAR. FY-22 STARTED 1 APR 2021; ENDED 31 MAR 2022.
- ON 1 APRIL 2022 I PUBLISHED THE FINANCIAL REPORT TO THE FLIGHT DECK AND SUBMITTED TAXES FOR FY-22. **ALL NUMBERS DISCUSSED FOR THE FY 22 FINANCIAL REPORT ARE ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST WHOLE THOUSAND:**

- **WE STARTED THE FY** WITH APPROX **107K** IN LIQUID ASSETS; WE ENDED FY 2022 WITH APPROX **114K** IN LIQUID ASSETS. ADD TO THAT NUMBER THE NET WORTH **OF 117 SETS OF** MINIATURE WINGS VALUED AT **6K**, WE HAVE A **TOTAL NET WORTH OF 120K**
- IN FY-22 OUR GROSS RECEIPTS WERE **42K**; OUR GROSS DISBURSEMENTS WERE **36K**. OUR NET CHANGE IN OPERATING FUNDS WAS A POSITIVE **6K**.
- AS I CONTINUE, YOU WILL HEAR ME TALK ABOUT FLIGHT ESCROW ACCOUNTS. WHEN WE INCREASED THE DUES TO **100.00**, THE BOG DECIDED THAT **10K** OF OUR **20K** ANNUAL DUES WOULD BE HELD IN ESCROW FOR USE BY THE FLIGHTS TO COVER REUNION EXPENSES; ESSENTIALLY PASSING THAT MONEY IN SAVINGS BACK TO OUR MEMBERS.
- **SOME HIGHLIGHT NUMBERS FOR FY 22 WERE:**
 - RECEIPTS:**
 - NO CAPITAL CAMPAIGN WAS CONDUCTED IN FY 22. HOWEVER, **10K** WAS CONTRIBUTED THRU MEMBER DONATIONS AND **10K** FROM THE AN ANONYMOUS DONOR. THE MEMBER DONATIONS WAS TRANSFERRED TO NE FOR USE AT THIS REUNION AND THE MONEY FROM THE ANONYMOUS DONOR IS IN OUR NET WORTH
 - MEMBERSHIP DUES AND FEES COLLECTED WAS **23K**
 - DISBURSEMENTS:**
 - **2500** WAS GIVEN TO THE NATIONAL NAVAL AVIATION MUSEUM IN PENSACOLA

- **2500** WAS GIVEN TO THE NAVY/MARINE CORPS RELIEF SOCIETY.
- **1500** WAS GIVEN TO COAST GUARD MUTUAL ASSISTANCE
- WE PURCHASED THE WATCH FOR THE ANNUAL TOMLINSON AWARD (TEST PILOT OF THE YEAR) (**\$370.00**)
- I TRANSFERRED **15K** THAT WAS PROVIDED BY THE ANONYMOUS DONOR IN **FY 2020** TO NE FLIGHT TO DEFER COSTS FOR THIS REUNION. **2K** WAS ADVANCED FROM THE NE ESCROW ACCT TO PAY FOR COSTS ACCRUED PRIOR TO THE REUNION.

FY-23 WHAT'S AHEAD:

- **NE** HAS **8K** REMAINING IN THEIR ESCROW ACCT TO HELP PAY FOR UNEXPECTED EXPENSES AFTER THE REUNION.
- CENTRAL FLIGHT WILL BE ADVANCED **10K** FROM THE ANONYMOUS DONOR GIVEN IN FY 2022 TO DEFER COST TO OUR MEMBERS FOR THE **2023** REUNION. NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE ON WHETHER THEY WILL CONDUCT A CAPITAL CAMPAIGN.
- WE WILL PLAN AGAIN TO GIVE **2500** EACH TO THE MUSEUM AND NMCRS AND **1500** TO SUPPORT CGMA, (IF APPROVED BY THE BOG).
- WE WILL SUPPORT THE TOMLINSON AWARD BY PAYING FOR THE WATCH AND ENGRAVING, (IF APPROVED BY THE BOG).

* MIKE STORTZ WILL BE MY RELIEF

DUES:

- I COLLECTED DUES AGAIN THIS YEAR **USING ONLY EMAIL**. THE LAST DUES CHECK WAS RECEIVED ON 8 MARCH. I WANT TO **THANK THE FLIGHT LEADERS** WHO WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN GETTING THE WORD OUT AND THEN CHASING DOWN THOSE THAT WERE DELINQUENT.

Engineer Officer/Historian Report:

- * Pilot Campbell made comments for CAPT Bill McCamy since Bill made his LTO several months earlier. His primary comment was that no GE is in jeopardy of missing 1 of 4 reunions this year (this is tracked by the Engineer Officer). There are several though that need to make next year's reunion to maintain their Regular status.
- * Pilot Campbell also mentioned that Bill had done a great job in updating member's bios. Since Bill's passing, Dave Kunkel has been a great help in maintaining/generating new member bios, but we still have about 10 new members that need to complete their bios. Pilot requested some assistance with this tasking.

Nominating Committee Report: VADM John Mazach

In accordance with the requirements set forth in the Bylaws, the 2021 Golden Eagle Nominating Committee convened to develop lists of nominees for the Navigator, Radio Officer, Engineer/Historian, Board of Governors (4), and the Southeast Flight Leader billets. After due consideration of numerous candidates to include a desire to maintain a balance between Navy and Marine representation as well as equal representation from all flights on the Board of Governors, the following lists of Golden Eagle nominees are hereby submitted for consideration:

Board of Governor Recommended Slate:

Navigator: RADM Matt Moffit, USN (Ret)

Radio Officer: LtCol Mike Stortz, USMC (Ret)

Engineer/Historian: CAPT Bill Young, USN (Ret)

Board of Governors:

(NE)—MajGen Charles Bolden, USMC (Ret)
(SE)—VADM Jim McArthur, USN (Ret)
(Cent)—LtGen Fred McCorkle, USMC (Ret)
(West)—VADM Brent Bennett, USN (Ret)

Flight Leader: Southeast, CAPT Jeff Harrison, USN (Ret)

*** A motion to approve the recommended slate for the Principal Officer positions, Board of Governors and Flight Leader was made, seconded, and approved**

- * Pilot Campbell mentioned that the Chief Pilot, RADM Bill Gureck, couldn't not make the reunion due to his second bout of COVID-19—it's mild and the Chief Pilot is doing well, and conveys his welcome and regrets for not attending. The next Chief Pilot will be RADM Bad Fred Lewis.

2020 Tomlinson Award Presentation: RADM Don Boecker

- * RADM Boecker explained that every year we provide a wrist watch to the Test Pilot of the year. The award is named after the original Navy test pilot. The GEs have nothing to do with the selection of the winner, we present it. The award was presented by RADM Boecker on 6 Apr 2022. The Test Pilot of 2021 is Lt Christopher W. Sheehan, USN, a P-8 test pilot. It was presented at the US NAVY TEST PILOT SCHOOL Auditorium where 4 or 5 watches were presented by various corporations and organizations to various individuals.

Normally, the ceremony was held in early February at the Officers Club which has been torn down, then the River's Edge All Hands Club that has been closed because of COVID. Finally with some pushing, the Test Wing Commander set it up for 6 April.

Pilot Campbell noted the Kent Rominger (GE member) is a former winner

of this award.

Membership Selection Committee Report: RADM Fred Lewis

- * RADM Lewis noted this is the third time he has been involved in the Membership selection process, and that it was an honor to be the Chairman this year. The process is tried and true, and second to the Memorial Service in importance at the annual reunion/meeting.
- * RADM Lewis also noted that the MSC Secretary, RADM Don Weiss, holds the keys to the process, which is well described on the web site and the by-laws. Don is always available for any questions. He did note the flight skills are a primary consideration.
- * This year there were 32 Navy, 13 USMC, and 2 USCG nominees from which 12 were selected, 9 Navy and 3 Marines. Those selectees were approved by the BOG on Thursday.
- * A question from the members asked if we have an issue with age, with members being older. The Chairman and the Pilot both addressed the question, specifically noting that most of the new selectees had earned their wings in the 70s and 80s.

Membership Selection Committee Secretary Remarks: RADM Don Weiss

- * RADM Weiss commented that write ups are generally very good. He noted that one of the nominators should have flown/observed the nominee in the air. He also said to call if any questions on the process.

Site Selection Committee Report: Col Dave Seder

* The 2022 Site Selection Committee met virtually on 2 February 2022 and again on the 15th. The committee discussed the 2023 Central Flight San Antonio, 2024 Southeast Flight Jacksonville and 2025 West Flight Coeur D'Alene reunions which are all on track. Signed hotel contracts are included for each. The committee agreed to defer discussion IRT NE Flight for the 2026 reunion until the 2022 event is concluded and we will discuss options for the 2026 reunion in the AAR for the upcoming event.

2022 Northeast Flight: The Lansdowne Resort, Leesburg, VA, 6-10 April

* Final details are in work. The only major outstanding issue will be meeting our room guaranty at the Lansdowne Resort. Although the current COVID trend is very positive, the impact of the past two years of pandemic will definitely affect attendance this year.

2023 Central Flight: The San Antonio River Walk Westin Hotel, San Antonio, TX 10-16 April

* Planning for the San Antonio reunion and all reunion activities and events is on schedule. A signed contract with the Westin Hotel is included as an enclosure to this report.

2024 Southeast Flight: The Jacksonville Hyatt Regency-Riverfront Hotel, Jacksonville, FL 24-30 April

* Planning for the Jacksonville reunion and all reunion activities and events is on schedule. A signed contract with the Hyatt Regency-Riverfront Hotel is included as an enclosure to this report.

2025 West Flight: The Coeur D'Alene Resort, ID, 22-26 April

* Planning for the Coeur D'Alene reunion and all reunion activities and events is on schedule. A signed contract with the Coeur D'Alene Resort is included as an enclosure to this report.

Committee Members:

Col Dave Seder, USMC (Ret)
RADM Ernie Christensen, USN (Ret)
CAPT Mike Coats, USN (Ret)
CAPT Chuck Schroeder, USN (Ret)

Old Business

*** First old business**

- * Pilot Campbell addressed the Emeritus Committee. This was established by the BOG last year to consider whether a selectee to the GEs could go direct to Emeritus status vice Regular if that individual was substantially older at induction. That was considered and determined NOT to be advisable, so that issue is closed. He also advised that the committee had expanded their tasking to address their concern on average age of GEs being too high. That issue is tabled for now, remains to be considered by the BOG and will come to next year's member meeting if necessary.

New Business

- * One member commented that having the new member welcome aboard introduction at the Thursday arrival reception was a great idea. We should continue to do that.
- * Another member inquired about whether CD Chronologs were still being done. Answer is no, the Chronolog is now on the web site only.
- * In response to another question on Directories, the new Directory is mailed in late June/early July of the year.
- * Pilot Campbell commented that we are still challenged keeping contact with GE widows. He requested Flt Leaders to work on current lists for their flights, and provide that list so a central list can be maintained in order to send Special Notices, Directories, etc to those widows. It was also suggested that Wingmen could maintain contact with the widows.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and approved. The meeting adjourned at 0947 EDT.