

Golden Eagles Membership Nomination Form

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(This sample nomination form demonstrates how to utilize the format and desired content of the standard GE nomination form while customizing the content to fit the individual and eliminate extraneous data. The Sponsor should feel free to customize the Flight Hour and Landings section by adding or deleting data as applicable to build an accurate picture of the nominee's flight experience. The personal information is used to quickly build an abbreviated picture of the nominee, while the "Summary of Qualifications" and body of the nomination is descriptive and succinct, focusing on the nominee's pilot skills and specific contributions to naval aviation.)

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Nominee Information:

Rank/Name: CAPT Pete M. Mitchell , Ret

Spouse's Name: Penny

Date of Birth: 04/01/59

Naval Aviator Date: 08/30/82

Status: Retired

Active Duty Dates: 01/80-03/11

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Total Flight Hours: 9600

Military Flight Hours: 6900

Carrier/Ship Landings:

Fixed: 335 Rotary: 0

Flight Hours: Jet: 6900 VF: 6500 VT: 300 Helo: 10 Prop: 0

Total number of different aircraft flown: 6

Flight Hours by Type: F-14: 3900 F-18: 3000 Other: Commercial-2700

Combat Tours: (Dates, Places, Total Combat Missions):

Apr 86 – May 86 Libya/El Dorado Canyon 2

Jan 91 – Mar 91 Gulf War/Iraq 45s

Aviation Commands Held/Dates:

Commanding Officer, VF 142: Jun 00 – Dec 01

Commanding Officer, CAG 13: Jul 05 – Jan 07

Combat/Other Flight Performance Awards:

Air Medal with Strike/Flight Numeral 2

Meritorious Service Medals - 2

Navy Commendation Medals - 2

Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal

Brief Summary of Qualifications for Membership in The Golden Eagles

1. Individual flying skills:
 - a. Combat Experience in Libya and Desert Storm.
 - b. Combat Ace: 5 Aerial victories.
 - c. NFWS “Topgun” Instructor.
 - d. 4-time CAG “Top Hook” F-14 and F/A-18

2. Leadership skills in aviation accomplishments:
 - a. Qualifications and Designations: Strike Mission Commander, Division Leader
 - b. Topgun graduate (F-14)
 - c. NFWS-Topgun Staff Instructor (F/A-18).

3. Innovative aviation accomplishments:
 - a. CAG Weapons Instructor: Developed Phoenix Employment Tactics for the F-14.
 - b. Topgun Instructor: Developed Division Tactics Program for the F/A-18.

4. Other, as you feel appropriate, but stay on the theme of aviation:
 - a. Attained Mach 10 in new test bed fighter.

Nomination for Membership in the Golden Eagles:

CAPT Pete “Maverick” Mitchell is enthusiastically nominated and recommended for selection as a Golden Eagle. I flew more than 200 sorties with “Mav” during two tours and three years together in the same squadrons. We flew combat sorties together during the Libya Strike and Desert Storm, and we again flew together many times while Mav served as my OPSO and AMO (Aircraft Maintenance Officer) while I was the Squadron Commander.

Maverick proved himself to be not only a gifted aviator, but also a brilliant instructor. It was motivating and inspiring to observe his teaching and flying skills as both a nugget pilot and experienced department head. Maverick’s exceptional airmanship and flight leadership led to his selection over his peers to attend the NFWS Topgun Course and to return as a Topgun Instructor.

Maverick returned to Topgun as a combat tested warrior with five confirmed aerial victories. He continued to lead the way in graduate level training and tactics development as he fought and taught the “best of the best.” He envisioned, taught, and indoctrinated many innovative training and certification programs for the F/A-18.

This summary of Maverick’s aviation achievements clearly describes his extraordinary abilities as a pilot, instructor, mentor, innovator, and influential contributor to excellence in aviation. Maverick’s proven track record and exceptional success in teaching others is his legacy and other aviators often recount his flying skills, leadership, and innovation. Maverick’s “pilot hands” are unequalled in Naval Fighter Aviation and he is without question the best pilot I have flown with or against. Pete “Maverick” Mitchell is most deserving of selection as a Golden Eagle.

Signed: ADM Tom Kazanski
Golden Eagle Sponsor

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I concur with Iceman's nomination and enthusiastically endorse Pete "Maverick" Mitchell for membership in the Golden Eagles. My association with "Mav" extends back to 1986 and I flew with him on many cruises. Maverick's exceptional ability to fly his jet, manage complex scenarios to maximize realistic training value and then capture the essence of the "goods and others" was the very best.

Maverick's skill as an adversary pilot coupled with a gift for situational awareness allowed him to extract more than the expected performance from the F-16 and he has an uncanny ability to capture the tactical picture and extrapolate the important lessons to the larger operational level. I can personally attest to Maverick's exceptional knowledge and mastery, of Strike Fighter tactics, techniques, and procedures, and his ability to teach them. His instructional style garners both genuine learning and enthusiasm and his contributions were first rate in every regard.

Maverick's development of Hornet air-to-air gunnery, night-vision goggles, and division tactics paid enormous dividends for all Naval Aviation that live on today and will for many years. I can personally attest to the quality of his "hands," his enthusiasm and love for flying, and his ability to make the rest of us better by superbly communicating aviation lessons learned.

Maverick has an exceptional and well-deserved reputation as a Naval aviator and leader. I have personally benefitted from the attributes that have contributed to that reputation and have seen them in action firsthand. CAPT Pete "Maverick" Mitchell is certainly one of the best pilots I have served with and is most deserving of selection as a Golden Eagle.

Signed: Col "Bull" Meechum
Golden Eagle Co-Sponsor

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