

The Early and Pioneer Naval Aviators Association

“The Golden Eagles®”



GOLDEN EAGLE CONTINUING HISTORY 2010

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This continuing historical summary covers the period from after the Golden Eagle Reunion at San Diego held 23-26 April 2009 until the completion of the reunion at Annapolis, MD 27 April to 2 May 2010.

Golden Eagle Flights participated in several functions during the past year.

Northeast Flight: The Northeast Flight held several planning meetings in preparation for the 2010 Golden Eagle Reunion in Annapolis, MD

Southeast Flight: The Southeast Flight continued the planning for the 2012 Reunion that will be held at the Regal Sun Resort, Orlando, Florida from April 27 to April 29.

Central Flight: The Central Flight had quarterly luncheons on 8 June, 12 August and 16 November in the Naval Aviation Museum, Cubi Bar Presidents room. At this stage of planning for the 2011 Golden Eagle Reunion, to be held 1-3 May, 2011, things are on track for an action packed event.

West Flight: Dick Cavicke reported that on October 21st, a group of 73 West Flight members, spouses and member's widows gathered at The Crossings in Carlsbad, CA for our Fall, West Flight luncheon. New Eagles Jack Calvert and his wife, Sharon, J. R. Davis and his wife, Denyse, and Fred Dungan were introduced. After researching several sites the Hilton Double Tree Paradise Valley Resort was recommended as the site for the 2013 Golden Eagle Reunion.

Golden Eagles Recognized: Deceased Golden Eagle CAPT Frank W. Ault, USN (Ret.) honored. FALLON, Nev. (June 12, 2009) - The Naval Strike and Air Warfare Center (NSAWC) officially dedicated the Ault auditorium during a ceremony held in the Fleet Training building on board Naval Air Station Fallon to honor the man responsible for the U.S. Navy Strike Fighter Tactics Instructor (SFTI) program, commonly known as TOPGUN. The dedication was attended by more than 100 guests including members of the Ault family and two of TOPGUN's founding instructors.

GOLDEN EAGLES 2010 REUNION

28 April 2010 to 2 May 2010 in the Annapolis Sheraton Hotel.

Flight SCHEDULE

Tuesday, 27 April

Golden Eagle 'Early Birds' arrive

1700 Ready Room opens (*Suite 420*)
Registration packets available in the Ready Room

Wednesday, 28 April

Arrival and check-in for most Golden Eagles

0800 Golden Eagle Membership Selection Committee Meeting (*Rhode Room*)

1330 Golden Eagle Board of Governors Meeting (*Rhode Room*)

1700 Registration packets move to Ready Room

1800 WELCOME ABOARD RECEPTION (*Admiral's Ballroom*)

Ready Room Open: 1300 – 1745 pm and 2000 – 2400

Thursday, 29 April

0830 NATC Patuxent River/Sotterley Plantation Manor Tours Depart

AM & PM Additional local Annapolis Tours Available – see 'Tours Info'

1800 – 2100 Restaurant Shuttle

Ready Room Open: 0900 – 2400

Friday, 30 April

0800 Golf Outing 'Tee Time' at USNA Golf Course (shotgun start)

TBD Tennis Tournament at USNA (if player interest dictates)
AM Additional local Annapolis tours available – see ‘Tours Info’
1315 Depart hotel for MEMORIAL SERVICE – bus/pov
1400 MEMORIAL SERVICE (*Naval Academy Chapel*)
1600 Midshipman Parade at Naval Academy – Worden Field
1800 – 2100 Restaurant Shuttle
Ready Room Open: 0900 – 1330 and 1730 – 2400

Saturday, 1 May

0900 General Membership Meeting & Photos by Flight
TBD Ladies Bridge (*Ready Room*)
TBD Golden Eagle Panel & ‘Q&A’ with Midshipmen at USNA
AM & PM Additional local Annapolis Tours Available – see ‘Tours Info’
1100 Navy Yard, Navy Museum, Cold War Gallery Tour Departs Hotel
1100 Baltimore Inner Harbor Tour departs Hotel
1130 Yard Patrol Craft (YP) Cruise #1 Departs Hotel
1330 Yard Patrol Craft (YP) Cruise #2 Departs Hotel
1800 RECEPTION (*Chesapeake Ballroom Foyer*)
1900 BANQUET / Reunion finale (*Chesapeake Ballroom*)
Ready Room Open: 1030 – 1730 and 2000 – 2400

Sunday, 2 May

Departure day for most Golden Eagles; Ready Room Closed

Welcome Aboard Reception

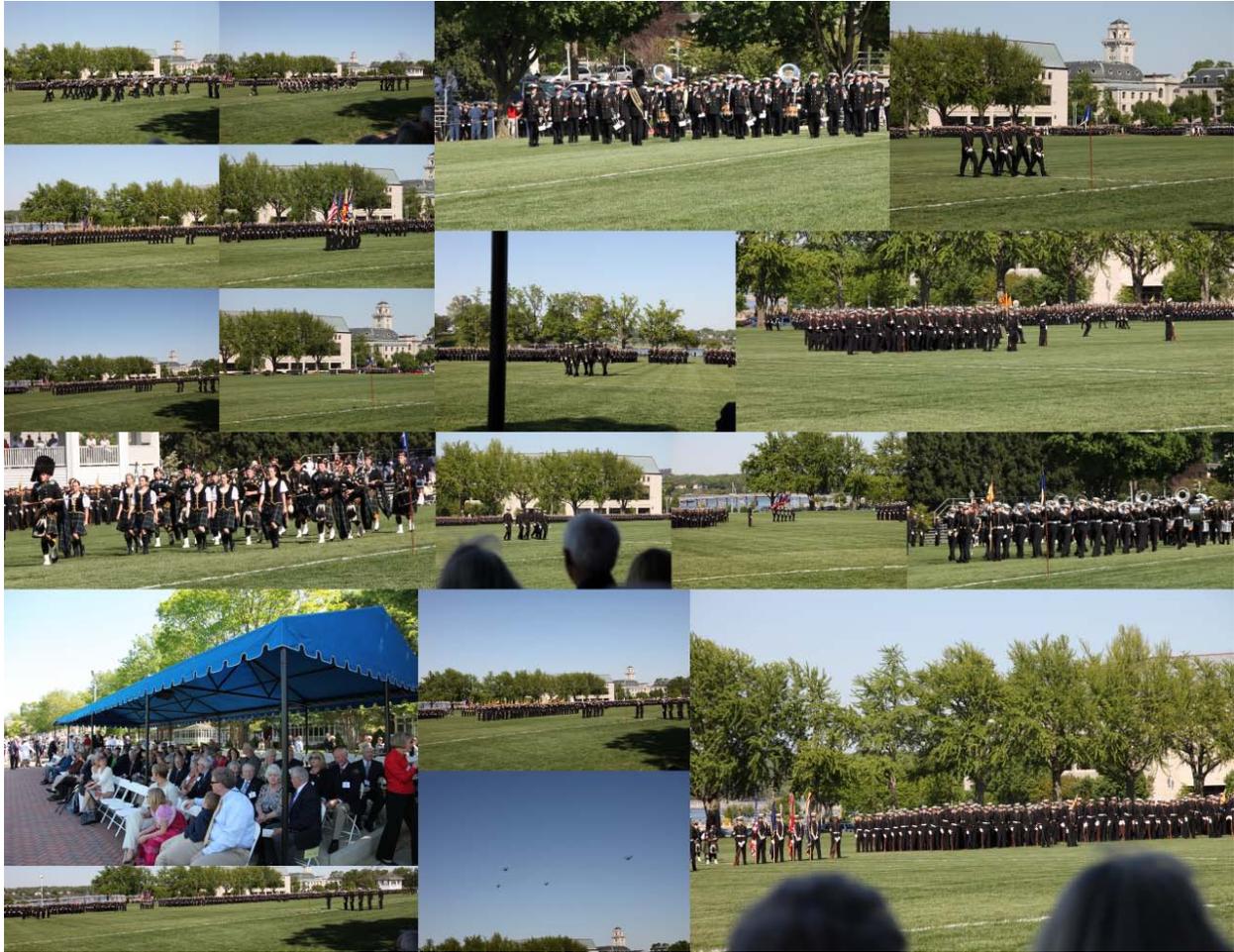




The Memorial Service



The memorial service was held in the Naval Academy Chapel



Naval Academy Midshipmen Parade



Reception following the parade hosted by the Naval Academy Superintendent

Golden Eagle Panel

On Saturday morning in Mitscher Hall at the Naval Academy a panel of Golden Eagles was presented to the Midshipmen. Ed Clexton was the moderator and organizer of the panel and he introduced each of the panel members: Jerry Miller, Neil Armstrong, Bob Shumaker, Tom Brown, Bruce Bremner, and Mike Kurth to the audience of over 500 midshipmen. The panel members experiences covered WWII, Viet Nam, time as a POW, Astronaut, and the Iraq war. Each of the panel members recounted their experiences in Naval Aviation and what it meant to them. The panel was very well received with over an hour of questions and answers from the midshipmen.

General Membership Meeting

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LtGen. Harry Blot, USMC (Ret.) and the Flight Deck report to the members at the annual meeting

Membership Selection Committee Report: MSC Secretary, Don Shelton, introduced his relief, Jack Monger. Don also emphasized the continuous need for well written and substantiated nominations.

Site Selection Committee Report: Paul Fratarangelo reported results of Flight Leader Site Selection meeting with the following recommendations for the future reunions:

- 2011 — Pensacola
- 2012 — Orlando
- 2013 — Scottsdale
- 2014 — Hampton Roads

Central Flight Leader, Jerry Unruh, reported that preparations for the 2011 Reunion in Pensacola are well underway. Dates are 1-3 May at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, and the event will be a lead-in for the activities that seek commemorating the Centennial of Naval Aviation.

Flight Deck, 2010-2011

Chief Pilot	LtGen W. H. Fitch
Pilot	RADM W.A. Gureck
Copilot	RADM F. L. Lewis
Navigator	RADN D.V. Boecker
Radio Officer	RADM R. S. Owens
Engineer	CAPT J. F. Manning
MSC Secretary	RADM A.J. Monger

Board of Governors:

LtCol H.L. DeCastro	CAPT F. H. Hauck
CAPT J. B. Houston	ADM J. L Johnson
CAPT L.K. McClung	Col M. A. Rietsch
CAPT R.E. Sheets	CAPT R.E.Tucker

Flight Leaders:

Northeast: VADM A.A. Less

West: CAPT R. J. Cavicke

Southeast: Col G.R.Vangysel

Central: VADM J. L. Unruh

EA: Capt J.R. Davis

Pilot Blot presented reported the results of the Membership Selection Committee in the absence of MSC Chairman, Bill Fitch. Sixteen new members were selected. Pilot again emphasized the need to maintain our high standards for membership and to submit quality write-ups.

Test Pilot of the Year Award was presented by Don Boecker to Major Steven B. Puckett, USMC.



Our Host's for the Annapolis Reunion - Northeast Flight



West Flight



South East Flight



Central Flight

Navigator's Report 01 May 2010

Membership in the Early and Pioneer Naval Aviator's Association (The Golden Eagles) is as follows:

Regular200

Emeritus.....53

Honorary....7

Total.....260

Members accepted into the Golden Eagles, in order of acceptance, since Navigator's Report of 28 April 2009:

LtCol Carl H. Dubac, USMC	05 May 2009
CAPT Gil Rud, USN	11 May 2009
CAPT Richard W. Hamon, USN	18 May 2009
CAPT Robert L. Crippen, USN	05 June 2009
Col Bryan D. O'Connor, USMC	16 June 2009
CAPT John R. Davis, USN	02 July 2009
RADM James Maslowski, USN	01 October 2009
MGen Charles F. Bolden, USMC	05 November 2009
VADM William C. Bowes, USN	06 November 2009
CAPT John W. Young, USN	16 November 2009
CAPT Christopher T. Wilson, USN	05 February 2010
Col Michael M. Kurth, USMC	01 March 2010
RADM William Pickavance Jr., USN	06 March 2010
CAPT Jerry L. Terrell, USN	15 March 2010
RADM Joseph J. Dantone, USN	20 March 2010
LtCol David G. Vest, USMC	20 April 2010

Members who made their final take-offs:

CAPT Allerd G. Russell, USN (E)	17 May 2009
CAPT Frank G. Edwards, USN (E)	10 June 2009
Col Kenneth L. Reusser, USMC	20 June 2009
ADM Ralph W. Cousins, USN (E)	05 August 2009
MGen Norman J. Anderson, USMC (E)	06 September 2009
2ndLt Robert M. Lurie, USMC	20 September 2009
CAPT Robert N. Livingston, USN (E)	24 September 2009
RADM William R. McClendon, USN (E)	08 October 2009
BGen T. Tracy Gentry, USMC	10 October 2009
CAPT Albert K. Earnest, USN (E)	26 October 2009
RADM Lloyd W. Moffit, USN (E)	31 October 2009
CAPT Sidney S. Sherby, USN (H)	05 November 2009
CAPT Donald Gordon, USN (E)	04 January 2010
CAPT Roland H. Kenton, USN (E)	07 March 2010
CAPT Donald K. Issitt, USN (E)	30 March 2010

Members transferred to Emeritus status:

CAPT Robert E. Spruit, USN	01 May 2009
CAPT Scott L. Lamoreaux, USN	01 May 2009
CAPT Robert N. Livingston, USN	15 May 2009
CDR David T. Williams, USN	31 May 2009

RADM J.D. Ramage, USN	01 November 2009
CAPT Edward Iglesias, USN	01 November 2009
CAPT Robert C. Coats, USN	01 February 2010
Col Robert W. Lewis, USMC	01 February 2010
CDR Harold G. Carlson, USN	28 February 2010
CAPT Harold P. Streeper , USN	15 March 2010
CAPT James L. Holbrook, USN	15 March 2010
VADM George C. Talley , USN	15 April 2010

Members who resigned or were dropped:

CAPT Fredric G. Ludwig, USN	31 May 2009
Mr. Sanford McDonnell (H)	01 August 2009
Mr. William G. Kemp (H)	01 August 2009

Golden Eagle's Ladies:

Susan Streaan, wife of VADM Bernard Streaan, LTO 2002	18 August 2007
Millie Earnest, wife of CAPT Albert Earnest, LTO 2009	22 January 2008
Junia Moffit, wife of RADM Lloyd Moffit, LTO 2009	10 May 2009
Molly Buell, wife of CDR Hal Buell	15 June 2009
Ginger Ramage, wife of RADM J.D. Ramage	11 September 2009

Jeanne Micheel, wife of CAPT Mike Micheel

10 October 2009

Nancy Gordon, wife of CAPT Flash Gordon, LTO 2010

14 October 2009

Radio Officer's Financial Report

1 April 2009 Ending 31 March 2010

Beginning Cash (All Accounts 1 April 2009)

\$19,435.75

Receipts

Chronolog Sales		\$570.00	
Contributions		47.05	
Interest NFCU CD		187.31	
Interest NFCU Svgs		52.15	
Membership Dues/Fees	\$4,796.00		
Less: Refunds	120.00	4,676.00	
West Flight Advance		2,000.00	
Wing Sales		177.00	
Reunion Net 2008		7,155.85	
Total Receipts			\$14,865.16

Disbursements

Annual Naval Aviation Museum	\$1,500.00
Annual Tomlinson Award (2)	297.50
Bank Fees	15.00
ChronoLog Expenses	359.25

GE Web Site	119.00	
NE Flight Advance	500.00	
Printing and Copying	1,604.73	
Postage & Delivery	369.32	
Supplies & Materials	1,681.68	
	Total Disbursements	6,446.48
Net Change in Operating Funds		8,418.68
Ending Operating Funds (31 March 2010)		\$27,854.43
Assets		
	\$17,314.15	
NFCU Savings		
NFCU CD	10,187.31	
Cash on Hand		\$27,501.46
NE 2010 Flight Loan		500.00
Wings (35)		1,120.00
Total Assets		\$29,121.46
Liabilities		0.00
Net Worth		\$29,121.46

ENGINEER/HISTORIAN REPORT FOR 2009-2010

1 May 2010

- ATTENDANCE**

144 Regular Members attended the Golden Eagle 2010 Reunion at Annapolis, MD 28 April to 2 May 2010. There were no mandatory attendees for the 2010 reunion. Seven Regular Members have missed the last three reunions and their attendance at the 2011 reunion at Pensacola is considered mandatory barring any extraordinary circumstances preventing them from attending.

They are: Eggert, L.F.

Howard, R. E.

Lair, James A.

Lundin, Herb

Mackey, William

Rasmussen, Bob

Shawcross, Bill

Fourteen Regular Members have missed the last two reunions and their attendance at the 2011 reunion at Pensacola is highly encouraged to prevent their becoming mandatory in 2012.

They are: Compton, Bryan W.

Cramer, Dean

DeLong, Michael P.

Dungan, Fred

Lacouture, John

Langstaff, Harold

Moore, Royal

Powell, Raymond R.

Sanderson, James

Steadman, Harry W.

Taylor, Jimmie W.

Thayer, Paul

Watts, Frederic T.

Wilkinson, Joseph

- **CONTINUING HISTORY OF THE GOLDEN EAGLES**

The Continuing History of the Golden Eagles 1956 through 2009 is complete and posted in the historical section of the Golden Eagle Web Site and stored on CDs maintained by the Engineer/Historian.

The Continuing History of the Golden Eagles for 2009-10 will be compiled following the 2010 reunion and posted in the historical section of the Golden Eagle Web Site and stored on CDs by the Engineer/Historian.

- **CHRONOLOG BIOS**

There are approximately 593 bios published in the Golden Eagle Chronolog and posted on the Web Site. Biographies of current members missing from the current edition of the Chronolog are:

Regular Members (4)

MGen Charles Bolden, USMC (Ret.)

CAPT John Young, USN (Ret.)

RADM William Pickavance, USN (Ret.)

LtCol David G. Vest, USMC (Ret.)

Emeritus Members (0)

Honorary Members (0)

Their biographies will be added as they become available.

All Chronolog bios are now posted and published when completed and approved by the Engineer/Historian on the Golden Eagle Web Site and stored on CDs.

Registration forms for the Annapolis reunion permitted ordering and prepaying for the 2010 Chronolog CD. Fifty nine CDs were ordered as of 4-26-10.

2010 Golden Eagles Reunion Reception and Banquet



The Reception prior to the Banquet



Gene Tucker welcomes all to the 2010 Golden Eagles Reunion Banquet



Pam Arnold sings our National Anthem prior to the Banquet





The Pilot LtGen Harry Blot USMC (Ret) introduces New Golden Eagles





RADM Bill Gureck relieves LtGen Harry Blot as the Golden Eagles' Pilot

The Annapolis reunion was a resounding success due to the tremendous planning and work of Gene Tucker and the Northeast flight. The reunion was attended by 144 Golden Eagles attended.