

# Golden Eagles: Jan updates and reminders

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> This email, as are all bulk email notices sent to Golden Eagles members, is being sent using the BCC (blind carbon copy) mode of delivery. Members receiving these notices by this method will only see their individual email address; the email addresses of the other addressees will not be visible to them even though the email is being sent to them also.

There are many programs on the internet that attempt to capture email addresses that can be used for sending undesirable email such as advertisements, junk mail and viruses to random addressees. The BCC method of delivery is used to prevent scammers from obtaining the email addresses of our members since these scammers cannot see the email addresses that are sent in BCC mode.

All future mass email notices sent to Golden Eagles members will contain a notification that the email is being sent using the BCC method of delivery as follows: "*Sent BCC to reduce spam*" to verify that the email is being sent to all Golden Eagles members in a bulk email.

> Because our bulk email notices are sent to our members using the BCC mode of delivery, (blind carbon copy, which prevents an addressee from seeing the other addressees) It appears that the last blast email was interpreted by some of our members as a personal email addressed only to them reminding them to pay their \$35 annual dues. As a result we received extra dues payments from those members for the 2016 dues that were due on Jan 1, 2016. Those payments were applied to the member's dues for 2017 and they were so advised.

To clarify the intent of this email, *this is a group bulk email to remind all members who have not paid their 2016 dues to please do so. **IF you have already paid your 2016 dues please disregard this reminder!** You can check you dues status by referring to the long form of the member roster on the Golden Eagles website in the membership section. The year listed in your profile information in the roster indicates the year you are paid up through for dues.*

The process has been explained and clarified as much as possible for those who have a bit of trouble navigating the website. Just go to the website at [www.thegoldeneagles.org](http://www.thegoldeneagles.org), click on the home page "click here to pay dues" button on the aircraft picture, then scroll down to read step #1 in the main body of the instructions (**check** your dues status and roster contact information), then follow step #2 (to go to STORE to **pay**).

Since we have received several checks that were generated by *automatic bank payments* we remind those who must use such payments to confirm that the address listed with their bank for the Golden Eagles payments is the correct current address.

**Include ANY *changes* to your contact information (address, phone, email address, etc), and MAIL to:**

**Bruce Sprague  
1310 Buckingham Way  
Kingwood, TX 77339**

We still emphasize that the preferred method of making payments to the Golden Eagles is via the website using a credit card, and for updating personal contact information by using the roster update forms on the website.

>The following information was provided by Golden Eagles member Barry Borella regarding Tricare insurance for military retirees:

This may be of interest to our retirees who are also retired from the military. This applies to anyone - pilot, F/A, mechanic, station personnel, etc.

If you are retired from the military, when you reach age 65 you are covered by Medicare and TRICARE For Life. Tricare picks up anything Medicare does not pay for, i.e. all co-pays & deductibles.

However, Medicare is only effective in the US, not overseas ("overseas" includes Canada, Mexico, etc, you do not have to cross a sea).

So, what happens when you are overseas and need medical help? You pay the bill and Tricare will reimburse you, with a small deductible (\$140 or \$150) per year (not per occurrence).

If you wish you can go to the Tricare website in advance and arrange to be reimbursed directly to your checking or savings account. That way, IF you go abroad and IF you need medical attention, you will be reimbursed faster. Reimbursement does take six to eight weeks after they receive your claim (which can be submitted online to save time). Setting up the electronic reimbursement will save a week or two of snail mail transit time for a paper check. You can set it up & never use it. Better to have it & not need it, etc.....

**Cataract Surgery** is something most will need eventually. Despite what they say about it being routine, it does exert considerable trauma on the eye.

There is a procedure using a femtosecond laser which is more precise and results in less trauma to the eye. If you're a candidate for cataract surgery and interested, you can watch hundreds of femtosecond and traditional (stick an exacto knife in your eye) procedures on UTube to get the idea. In the US, Medicare will not pay for it. In the US, because Medicare does not pay, then Tricare will **not** pick up the difference. It costs \$3-5,000 out of pocket, per eye. HOWEVER, "Overseas," **Medicare does not exist, so Medicare is not there to deny, so- Tricare will reimburse for this procedure (minus the deductible).**

Here is the contact information you need.

I recently had cataract surgery at <http://www.herzig-eye.com/services/cataract-centre/> I had planned to go to Europe, but Toronto was closer & easier. Do your own due diligence.

## Tricare Overseas Program

[tricarephi@internationalsos.com](mailto:tricarephi@internationalsos.com)

[877-451-8659](tel:877-451-8659)

[PO Box 7985](#)

[Madison WI 53707-7985](#)

This is a comment on Barry's comments above by Golden Eagles member Shaun Ryan:

> I think there is a little confusion in Barry's communication about cataract surgery and the fact that Tricare for Life will not help you because Medicare will not pay for any of it. Both my wife and myself have had cataract surgery in both eyes and it was paid in full by Medicare and Tricare for Life. I think what Barry is referring to is if you want the "deluxe" lens, which is the same thing as the "seamless" bifocal eyeglasses, Medicare will not pay and therefore neither will Tricare for Life. If you go with the standard lens implant (either for distance viewing or close up viewing) you are covered. My wife does lots of sewing and chose to be able to see close up and regrets her choice as she now has to wear glasses for distance viewing. I learned from her choice and chose the distance lens and only have to wear glasses when working in Photoshop or Lightroom on my computer. The "must wear corrective glasses while driving" has been removed from driver's license and more importantly, I can see where my golf ball went. (of course that could also be because it doesn't go as far as it used to!)

Also, neither of us found the procedure to be traumatic at all. It took about 15 minutes per eye and we didn't have to wear an eye patch or anything after the surgery. I was a little apprehensive about the first eye I had done but I could see so much better immediately and had no discomfort so I looked forward to getting the second eye done.

Hope this helps.  
Shaun

> The current password for accessing the member rosters, including the new photo roster, and the Golden Contrails magazine is **cockpit**.

> If you haven't sent in a passport size or full size jpg digital photo (lower resolution preferred, just as it comes out of the camera, not resized) for the photo roster please send it to our Secretary Gary Small at [smallgd@outlook.com](mailto:smallgd@outlook.com). This is a special email address for this purpose only. Passport photos can be obtained at most pharmacies and office supply stores. If you are unable to send the photo in a digital format via email, please send it by US Mail to Gary Small, 5504 Luna del Oro Ct., NE, Albuquerque, NM 87711.

>This from our Secretary, Gary Small:  
[Threat and Error Management Revisited](#)

As you know, our membership dues cycle runs for a normal calendar year, which means that all of our members' dues expire at the same time on December 31. Accordingly, the vast percentage of dues payments are received over a short period of time around year-end.

I tried to hire Santa's helpers during the off-season to assist with data entry, but their union wasn't happy with the quality of crew meals that I was able to provide, so you are stuck with just me doing the keystrokes on the database and Bruce on the checkbook. We are able to back each other up on these transactions... but **ERRORS CAN HAPPEN!**

Please remember your Threat and Error Management training and verify the accuracy of our efforts by checking the **FULL DATA ROSTER** on the website ([www.thegoldeneagles.org](http://www.thegoldeneagles.org)). If you spot an error on DUES YEAR or any of your contact data, please advise us via the **ROSTER UPDATE FORM** on the website. The reason that we keep harping on using these forms rather than a scribbled note on a check or a note to Dave, Bruce or me is that those forms are stored on the website, and we can retrieve them to fix our mistakes...**IF WE KNOW ABOUT THEM.**

Also, please understand that while you will receive an automatic confirmation when you pay dues via the website, you will NOT receive an automatic confirmation when submitting a ROSTER UPDATE or any of the other forms on the website. I always respond to those MANUALLY when I get around to it (which is usually within a day or so). And another thing...there is a field on the **MEMBERSHIP ROSTER UPDATE** form with heading: "Comment (WHAT did you update?). Please use that to tell me WHAT you updated. I know it sounds silly, but otherwise I have to compare it line by line with every item in your record to see what it is you want changed...and you guessed it...**MISTAKES HAPPEN!**

Thanks for helping us out to make our systems more reliable.

Gary

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