



Congratulations

on your retirement as a United Airlines Pilot, and thank you on behalf of all coworkers and retirees for your many years of dedicated service. We know that retirement is a major life change which can present many questions and challenges that we can help you with. We are the Golden Eagles, retired or senior working pilots originally from the former airlines that comprised Continental Airlines before our merger with United Airlines, but now welcoming pilots from either of the merger partners.



Our Mission

is to provide a valuable resource of old and new friends who share information, memories, common concerns and fellowship with other retired and senior working pilots. We provide social gatherings that have a simple common purpose; to provide a means to communicate and share time and fellowship with other senior and retired pilots regardless of background airline.

The Golden Eagles

organization has no labor political position regarding any past events, but exists to maintain friendships from our working years. One of the greatest rewards of an airline flying career is the many friendships that one makes. Upon retirement one of the disappointments is losing contact with so many of these fellow pilots. Joining the Golden Eagles can preserve old friendships while building new ties to be enjoyed during the years ahead. We provide a warm welcome to any proposed new members who meet

our membership criteria. We focus our efforts on improving retiree pass travel benefits, addressing other matters of concern to our members and in general working to improve all pertinent retiree programs and policies on behalf of our members.

Our Website

www.thegoldeneagles.org

(note: **.org** not **.com**) has been completely redesigned as a digital interface, permitting easy two-way communication of rosters, contact update and other information, in addition to a convenient and preferred method of submitting dues, convention banquet, golf tournament and other payments. The website provides a wealth of information helpful on matters spanning from retiree travel to an ever growing repository of photo and video memorabilia. Understandably, however, some of our services, including downloadable rosters and our Golden Contrails magazine are password-protected in order to accommodate the privacy of our members.

Events

The Golden Eagles host an annual convention in a location convenient for, or of interest to the members. Recently, these have been held in Houston, Denver, and Las Vegas. The Golden Eagles Annual Convention is an event that includes golf, meetings for pilots, the Annual Banquet, and a ladies auxiliary luncheon. A hospitality suite is open during the afternoons and evenings where our members can renew their old and new friendships. Members also meet in their local area on a monthly, weekly or other more frequent basis as Local Area Chapters of The Golden Eagles. Current chapters meet in Kingwood, Conroe and the Woodlands Texas, Denver and other cities that have a significant base of retired pilots.

Why Do We Need The Golden Eagles?

The United Airlines family includes retired and active pilots from both pre-merger airlines. The majority of current Golden Eagles members have a legacy of over forty years as pilots from a Continental Airlines background. Our fellow pilots from

the United Airlines side of the legacy enjoy the excellent benefits of their retired pilots organization. As a result, there are two very similar organizations with like-minded people who enjoyed flying with each other during their respective long careers. As the years pass, each retiree organization will hopefully serve both communities well. In time, as the 4500 "Old CAL" pilots who are natural Golden Eagles retire, any dividing lines will blur and we will both proudly serve any pilot who retires as a United Airlines pilot. Until that time, we are there for the retired or retiring pilots of either legacy.



Membership

Every pilot, age fifty and over, from any pre-merger subsidiary airline of United Airlines is cordially

invited to become a member of the Golden Eagles. Regular membership is offered to Retired United Airlines or Continental Airlines Pilots and to Active United Airlines pilots at least 50 years old. An active pilot is defined as one who is currently on United Airlines' payroll as a scheduled airline pilot. A retired pilot is defined as one who was on the payroll and flew as a scheduled airline pilot at any time for United Airlines, Continental Airlines, its predecessor companies, or any airline which was merged into either Continental Airlines or United Airlines. Dues, payable annually by January 1st, are currently \$35.

Please apply for membership by completing the online membership application form located on our website:

www.thegoldeneagles.org

Then choose the MEMBERSHIP menu, then choose the submenu NEW MEMBERSHIP FORM.

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