



**Monthly Update and Reminders
November 2017**



Here are the the ever-present reminders that we include in every monthly update with revisions:

1. Annual **dues** are "due" and payable anytime (now), but the grace period for payment begins on Jan 1 of each year and lasts until May 1. Please make dues payment in Nov or Dec if possible. After May 1 members who have not paid their dues will be considered "delinquent" and removed from all GE communications. Please refer to the GE website, membership section, for details and use the website Store to make all Golden Eagles payments.
2. The **current password** for accessing the Golden Contrails magazine and the member rosters on our website, www.thegoldeneagles.org, is **wing**. With the publication of the next Golden Contrails Magazine in December, the password will be changed to **fuel**.
3. Check out the new program for keeping your friends updated on your current status and activities. Details are on our website under the **Contrails** heading and **Crew Room** subheading. **COME ON GUYS AND GALS, LET YOUR FRIENDS KNOW WHERE YOU ARE, HOW YOU ARE AND BRING US UP TO DATE ON YOUR ACTIVITIES AND CIRCUMSTANCES WITH A BRIEF NOTE ON ONE OF OUR "CREW ROOM" FORMS INQUIRING MINDS WANT**



TO KNOW!! *besides we need some material for the Golden Contrails! We have learned that when an entry from a member is posted it tends to encourage others to follow suit.....so start or keep the ball*



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so you can see what other members have been up to.

4. Remember, in addition to the **Crew Room** entries, we always welcome more in-depth interesting stories related to your airline career or your retirement activities for inclusion in the Golden Contrails magazine. Reach back into your memory bank (what's left of it!) and see if you can come up with a good war story or interesting activity you have experienced. Share them with your fellow Golden Eagles members by sending them to our President Elect/Golden Contrails Editor Gary Small at smallgd@gmail.com.



[*layover stories will be closely screened and/or censored* :)]

5. Please support our continuing project of building a complete **photo roster** of all Golden Eagles members by sending a passport size JPG photo to Gary Small at smallgd@GMAIL.com. Complete details are available on our website, www.thegoldeneagles.org, under the Membership section and the Roster Download subsection. **Note:** Gary is no longer using the email address smallgd@outlook.com for receiving photo roster photos from members. In the future please send photos to **SMALLGD@GMAIL.COM**.

6. We continue to request that questions about or problems with your pass travel be initially addressed to references in the [Travel section of the United flying together website](#) or the [Golden Eagles website](#), or by contacting the employee travel center (ETC) at ETC@united.com, phone 877-825-3729 or 800-255-5801 as a last resort help source. If time is critical or you cannot get your issue resolved to your satisfaction using the above resources, you can contact our **current Pass Travel Liaison, Jim Morehead** at moreheadjames@aol.com. If Jim is unavailable due to travel or other circumstances, you can contact **Dave Newell** at davebnewell@gmail.com **as an alternate source for pass travel assistance**. If you feel the need to contact us regarding your pass travel benefits, feel free to do so at any time.

7. We are planning our next convention for May 14-16 of 2017 at the Tropicana Hotel in Las Vegas. President Tom Doherty has made every effort to negotiate reduced rates for the hotel rooms and the banquet dinner and has obtained some good rates for both. Stay tuned for other details. They will be announced shortly.



PASS TRAVEL NEWS:

PASS TRAVEL ENROLLMENT FOR 2018

You may update your Enrolled Friend elections December 1st through December 30 until 7 PM (you may want to verify the closing date and time for enrollment when the flying together website is updated to include this new program). We will advise our members via email if there is a change.

Remember also that if you are changing pass travelers from 2017 to 2018 to make your election you must check the appropriate boxes. Also remember that if you are changing your enrolled friends over year end that your removed 2017 EF can not begin a trip in 2017 and use the return pass past December 31st. All travel must be completed prior to Dec 31st for enrolled friends who are removed from the eligible pass traveler list in 2017.

Another thought to consider is that if you are not sure who you want in 2018 as Enrolled Friends, you can remove the 2017 enrolled friend(s) and leave one or two slots open. You can ADD an enrolled friend(s) at any time in the following year with open slots.

Further, if you take no action in December during enrollment as above, everything stays the same as the current year.

HERE IS A BRIEF SUMMARY OF OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE IMPORTANT PARTS OF THE PROPOSED NEW ENROLLED FRIEND POLICY FOR RETIREES:

Beginning in 2018, retirees will be allowed to change their enrolled friend selections during [June](#) in addition to December. As now, they will be able to remove friends and leave a blank slot(s) for adding a new friend(s) later in the year, replace one or both of their existing friends with new friends or they can leave the selection as is with no changes.

The first enrollment period for enrolled friends will be Dec 1-30 until 7 pm as is the current policy. When the new enrolled friend policy is initiated in the near future **and the details are posted in the flying together website**, we **can expect** the enrollment period for the July-December travel period to be June 1-30 (to be confirmed) . We expect the same rules for removing and adding enrolled friends will apply to the July 1-Dec 31 travel period as currently apply to the Jan 1-Dec 31 period. As now, Enrolled Friends can be removed and replaced with a new friend during either enrollment period or the slot can be left blank for adding a new friend later in the year. These new friends added later in the year will be eligible for travel immediately upon being added as long as the slot they are to occupy was made available during the applicable enrollment period. *An enrolled friend can be removed anytime during the year, but if a subsequently added friend is not added to a slot made available during an enrollment period, the added friend will not be eligible for pass travel until the next applicable travel period, July 1-Dec 31 or Jan 1-June 30. This is the current policy and we assume it will continue to be in effect when the new policy is officially announced.*

Complete details of the new pass policy should be made available soon by United and **should be accessible on the flying together website, the Golden Eagles website, the Golden Contrails Magazine and other communications media at that time.** Stay tuned.

As a reminder, the following notice was posted on the flying together website last May:

We've made it easier to find the information you're looking for on the [Travel Tab](#) in Flying Together. When you visit the Travel tab, you'll notice an improved left navigation panel. For example when you click on Preparing for travel you'll find information on dress attire, payments and refunds and baggage fees. Please note, that our policies and programs have not changed and the original documents are still online; we've simply made it quicker and easier to find them.

Jim Morehead
Pass Travel Liaison



Message from Joan Smith, Manager Benefits, Pilot Retirement Plans regarding retiree ID badges:

Hi everyone,

[The Employee Res > Employee Travel Profile page link](#) to request a retiree badge **is now working**.

Thanks to the folks who reported the issue so we could get it fixed.

Joan Smith

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Credit Card Scam:

The following heads up was provided by Golden Eagles member, Rose Abney, regarding a credit card scam that our members need to be aware of. Thanks to Rose for the information.

Beware Of This NEW Hotel Scam When You Are Checking Into Your Hotel

New hotel scam that you need to be aware of. Please take this very seriously as it's a very simple scam.

This is one of the smartest scams I have heard about. You arrive at your hotel and check in at the front desk. Typically when checking in, you give the front desk your credit card (for any charges to your room) and they don't retain the card. You go to your room and settle in. All is good. The hotel receives a call and the caller asks for (as an example) room 620 – which happens to be your room.

The phone rings in your room. You answer and the person on the other end says the following: 'This is the front desk. When checking in, we came across a problem with your charge card information. Please re-read me your credit card numbers and verify the last 3 digits numbers at the reverse side of your charge card.' Not thinking anything wrong, since the call seems to come from the front desk you oblige. But actually, it is a scam by someone calling from outside the hotel. They have asked for a random room number, then ask you for your credit card and address information.

They sound so professional, that you think you are talking to the front desk. If you ever encounter this scenario on your travels, tell the caller that you will be down to the front desk to clear up any problems. Then, go to the front desk or call directly and ask if there was a problem. If there was none, inform the manager of the hotel that someone tried to scam you of your credit card information, acting like a front desk employee.

This was sent by someone who has been duped..... and is still cleaning up the mess. P.S. Please, consider spreading the word by forwarding this message. Who knows, you might just help someone avoid a nasty experience. All traveling often should be aware of this one!

PLEASE SHARE THIS WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

AAFES to Open Online Shopping to Veterans

From an Army and Air Force Exchange Service News Release

DALLAS, Oct. 23, 2017 — With less than a month until the much-anticipated official launch of the veterans online shopping benefit, more than 225,000 honorably discharged veterans have already been verified to shop at online military exchange websites when the sites open to veterans Nov. 11.

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service online shopping benefit is the first military exchange benefits expansion in nearly 30 years. Beginning on Veterans Day, America's 18.5 million veterans will be able to shop online at the military exchange websites: ShopMyExchange.com, shopcgx.com, mymcx.com, and mynavyexchange.com.

Shopping the military exchanges online provides veterans an opportunity to reconnect with their military community, allowing these soldiers, airmen, sailors, Marines and Coast Guard "members for life" to save money with tax-free shopping and military exclusive pricing while also supporting critical military quality-of-life programs.

"After four years of coordination with the Departments of Defense, Army and Air Force as well as several other federal agencies, the finish line is in sight," said Tom Shull, AAFES director and chief executive officer. "We are excited to welcome these veterans back home to their military family and ensure all who raised their right hands and served our nation with honor receive this tangible benefit as a measure of thanks for their service and sacrifice."

Exchange Sales Benefit Programs

Exchange sales from this newly authorized customer base are expected to be approximately \$200 million annually, with \$10 million in dividends annually for quality-of-life programs such as Army Child Development Centers, youth programs and fitness centers, Air Force Outdoor Recreation, affordable school lunches for overseas students, below cost combat uniform sales and more.

All honorably discharged veterans can go to ShopMyExchange.com today to verify their eligibility to shop their military exchanges.

AAFES goes where service members and their families go to improve the quality of their lives. Exchange earnings provide dividends to support military morale, welfare and recreation programs.

The exchange system is part of the Defense Department and is directed by a board of directors, responsible to the secretaries of the Army and Air Force through the Joint Chiefs of Staff. To find out more about AAFES history and mission, or to view recent press releases, please visit <http://www.aafes.com/about-exchange/public-affairs/press-releases.htm> or follow AAFES on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/ExchangePAO>



GRIN FOR THE DAY:

**In order to liven up this otherwise boring regular update, please take note of the following which was submitted by Golden Eagles member Gary Humphries. Sadly, most of us can relate!
Thanks Gary.**

As I get older, I realize:

- #1 - I talk to myself, because there are times I need expert advice.**
- #2 - I consider "On Trend" to be the clothes that still fit.**
- #3 - I don't need anger management. I need people to stop pissing me off.**
- #4 - My people skills are just fine. It's my tolerance for idiots that needs work.**
- #5 - The biggest lie I tell myself is, "I don't need to write that down. I'll remember it."**
- #6 - I have days when my life is just a tent away from a circus.**
- #7 - These days, "on time" is when I get there.**
- #8 - Even duct tape can't fix stupid - but it sure does muffle the sound.**
- #9 - Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes, then come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller?**

#10 - Lately, I've noticed people my age are so much older than me.

#11 - "Getting lucky" means walking into a room and remembering why I'm there.

#12 - When I was a child, I thought nap time was punishment. Now it feels like a mini vacation.

#13 - Some days I have no idea what I'm doing out of bed.

#14 - I thought growing old would take longer. (I Like this one!)

#15 - Aging sure has slowed me down, but it hasn't shut me up.

#16 - I still haven't learned to act my age.

A CHRISTMAS PARTY:

Golden Eagles member Mark Sheprow has provided the following information regarding a planned Holiday celebration in Newark. All details are provided below so please check them out. We encourage any of our members who can attend to do so. We feel that gatherings like this supplement our own Golden Eagles reunions/conventions by reinforcing the bonds of friendship and camaraderie that were formed over the years in our airline careers. Yesterday is gone, today is fleeting and tomorrow is uncertain; so take advantage of the opportunity to relive some precious memories, to socialize with some of your old friends and to meet many new ones.

Hello All !

08 Nov 2017

I'm forwarding an invitation and information for the "re-launch", aka the "First Annual", ALPA Council 5 Holiday Party. (See the EWR Party Invitation attachment.) Friday, Dec 8, 6-11 pm, at the EWR Airport Marriott. When you open the link to pay, it opens up to another information page that lets you select links to reserve a Marriott room and/or the party itself. Selecting to pay for the party opens up a page titled "Donate to C5 Flower Fund/Holiday Party Fund", and allows either using a credit/debit card, or PayPal. I'm assuming I signed up for the party when I used PayPal, but I might find I donated to a flower fund instead. I'll find out Dec 8th I guess.

While I've got your attention, I'd like to point out two info points from recent issues of the Golden Contrails. First, dues for 2018 are due by January 1st, with a drop dead date of May 1 (if I read that correctly). And they definitely appreciate using the Store credit card option on the GE website instead of personal checks! Second, Secretary Gary Small is soliciting personal stories or items of general interest, for issues of The Golden Contrails. You've probably bored friends and fellow pilots at the bar with personal stories that might entertain a wider group, so think about using some of your free time to exercise your hidden desire to be a published author! (It might be a good idea to avoid events that could incite lawsuits, divorces, FAA or Congressional investigations, or viral internet memes, unless you are the only surviving witness to your story.)

Finally, I think a lot of you probably are in contact with other CAL retirees who are not Golden Eagles members. We're pretty short of an effective –sized EWR based group that might consider reunions or lunches, etc, at EWR on a somewhat regular basis. But enough PE, NYA or original CAL pilots, (and maybe even a Frontier few?) probably still live near enough to make a "commute" to EWR a reasonable idea. So, I'd like to see scores of more members, enough to plan a casual semi-annual get together or some such idea. After you get done submitting your stories to Gary, how about contacting those CAL pilot friends of yours and recruiting them?

Thanks!

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To: The Golden Eagles
Subject: ALPA C5 and Newark Flight Ops Holiday Party

Good morning fellow Newark / New York pilots and retirees,

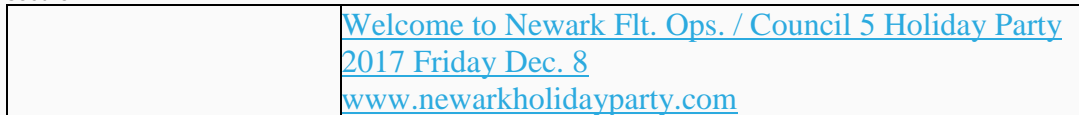
I am writing to invite you and your significant other to the re-launch of a joint ALPA and Flight Office Holiday Party in Newark for current pilots and retirees.

After 7+ years of merger, integration and change, it's high time we come together as a family and celebrate the holidays together, renewing old ties and making new friendships. This year's party is being co-sponsored by both ALPA Council 5 and the Newark Flight Office.

There will be a generous buffet, music and two-hour open bar. In addition, we will be holding a fun auction to benefit both the ALPA Pilot to Pilot fund as well as the United We Care campaign. Given the recent catastrophic events affecting many in our ALPA and United families, it's a tremendous opportunity to give back and have some fun at the same time.

The date for the party is Friday, December 8th, and it is being held at the Newark Airport Marriott. Rooms are available (and encouraged) for only \$109 a night and parking is comped for everyone. Tickets are only \$50pp!

See (and pass around to other pilot friends) the enclosed flyer, or simply go to www.newarkholidayparty.com for your tickets and room reservations. The tickets link will take you to the Council 5 flower fund PayPal page, which makes paying quick and secure.



I hope to see many familiar and new faces at the launch of our new annual tradition. Let's come together and celebrate the past and toast the future, together.

Sincerely,

Bob Ward – EWRFO
Party Coordinator
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P.S. In addition, if you are interested in helping us put the final touches on the party and help with last minute details, we are always seeking a few extra people and spouses to help out. Stuff like name badges, decorations, etc..... Email me directly if interested. Thanks!

NOTE: THE LINKS IN THE COPY OF THE INVITATION BELOW ARE INOPERATIVE, HOWEVER THE LINKS NEXT TO

THE UNITED LABEL IN THE TEXT ABOVE DO WORK AND WILL PROVIDE ACCESS TO A MEANS TO PURCHASE TICKETS AND MAKE ROOM RESERVATIONS.



**FIRST ANNUAL
NEWARK FLIGHT OPS &
COUNCIL 5 HOLIDAY PARTY!**



Friday, December 8th, 2017

6pm – 11pm Newark Airport Marriott



Bring your significant other and join your fellow pilots for a night of comradery, holiday festivities, great food, music and more!
Retired pilots from both legacies are welcome and expected!

Deluxe 3-course buffet dinner with a 2 hour open bar!

Live auction to benefit ALPA's Pilots for Pilots campaign and
The United We Care Fund.

Dress is semi-formal please.

Tickets are only \$50pp! [Click here](#) to buy on-line or tickets are available in the CPO. We only have room for the first 200, so be sure to get your tickets now!

Free parking at the Marriott – validated ticket with attendance.

Stay over and make a night of it! Rooms available for only \$109.
[Click here](#) or use booking code ALP on line or by phone.

Let's come together as the Newark pilot family and celebrate our successes and blessings of 2017 as we look ahead to a safe and prosperous 2018!

Visit www.newarkholidayparty.com for all the information and links.



GOLDEN EAGLES GONE WEST, OCTOBER 2016-PRESENT

Jim Steinmetz, Dec 7, 2016
Andy Arthur, Feb 1, 2016
Ted Herbert, April 6, 2017
Denis Duffy, April 10, 2017
Wayne Fischer, April 10, 2017
Gary Wilsey, July 31, 2017
Bill Knowles, Sept 1, 2017
Stan Poyner, Sept 10, 2017
Jim Waters, Sept 23, 2017

NON GOLDEN EAGLES GONE WEST, OCTOBER 2016-PRESENT

Bruce Tessmer, Nov, 2016
Joe Hegidio, Jan 27, 2017
Jerry Huerta, Feb 18, 2017
Jocko Harris, Mar 5, 2017
Dale Haas, April 5, 2017
Glenn Fox, April 22, 2017
Daniel James, Aug 1, 2017
Ted Rutherford, Aug 6, 2017
Jim Richman, Oct 19, 2017
Mark Meyer Oct 22, 2017
Mike Dunne Oct 25, 2017
William Hopper Nov 10, 2017
Steve Hane Nov 10, 2017

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