



The Golden Eagles has been contacted by a gentleman who produces documentary films and is looking for a pilot from the Vietnam war era. His email and response from our Treasurer Bruce Sprague is posted below. If you can provide any information regarding this pilot, please contact Ed Wright at [ed.wright@pulsefilms.co.uk](mailto:ed.wright@pulsefilms.co.uk).

This seems to be a worthy effort so if you can assist Mr. Wright, please do so.

Thanks, and Happy Thanksgiving to all,  
Dave

**From:** Edward wright  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 28, 2019 11:29 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Finding a Continental Air Services, Inc pilot, Cambodia

Hi Bruce,

Yes, it is an amazing story - he's a life saver! If anyone responds who remembers flying people out of Phnom Penh at that time, please send them my way.

Thanks and best wishes,  
Ed

**From:** BRUCE SPRAGUE <Treasurer\_Webmaster@thegoldeneagles.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 28, 2019 5:22 PM  
**To:** Edward wright <ed.wright@pulsefilms.co.uk>  
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**Subject:** Re: Finding a Continental Air Services, Inc pilot, Cambodia

Dear Ed, what a wonderful cause. I have forwarded this to our guy in charge of emails, and I am sure he will blast this out to all our members, and hope your "pilot" can be found.  
Sincerely, Bruce

On Nov 28, 2019, at 11:17 AM, Edward wright <[ed.wright@pulsefilms.co.uk](mailto:ed.wright@pulsefilms.co.uk)> wrote:

Dear Staff at the Golden Eagles,

I was wondering if you might be able to help me with an unusual enquiry. I am a producer working on a new documentary following a woman who is learning about her adoption from Cambodia in 1975.

She was flown out of Phnom Penh on one of the last aircraft before the city fell to the Khmer Rouge and would love to find the pilot, who apparently flew her from the city in a bassinet tucked between his legs!

We aren't completely sure of the name but there is a prime candidate:

**Mr Kong Lay (or Thais M. Lay)** was a former Continental Air pilot working for Yvette Pierpaoli, and flying for Continental Air Services, Inc in Cambodia in the 1970s. He was a pilot who helped Hmong fighters, as well as flying our presenter out of Cambodia. He was granted refugee status in the USA in 1975, and unable to return to country or family.

We think he would still be in the USA, if still alive.

Would you be able to ask your members if anyone remembers this pilot? We'd love to speak with him or his friends and family.

Thank you for your time, any assistance you can give would be much appreciated.

Best wishes,  
Ed

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