

## **Silver Eagles Newsletter**

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One new member this month. Oh, and Ludwig (last month's new member had me correct his last name "Benner." – I'll have to check with Chip, but I'd swear that the office called our HazMat founder "Brenner." My mistake!

### **New Member:**

**Mitch Garber** – Board Doctor extraordinaire! He said that he left the Board to work in the private sector. His address is in the contact list.

### **Board News:**

Jim Prichart at the training facility has offered to let us attend courses for free. Admittedly, it is only specific courses that he schedules and not the pricey ones offered to the outside agencies. I've suggested that I don't really need certifications for all courses and asked if I could sit at the back of the room and audit some of the pricey ones. He said that he'd take it under advisement.

I took HazWoper and Confined Space recertification with a fun group of current Board Employees and our new member, Ludwig Benner, attended the Advanced Composite Materials training.

### **Member News:**

**Michael P. O'Neill:** I'm the safety manager for Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC). I was hired as a consultant for 6 months until they officially close in Sept. In that time, I have seen the worse that can happen to our young wounded warriors in combat. I saw a lot of things while working on accidents at the Board but this experience at WRAMC has changed my life. When you actually sit down and talk to these young soldiers, we really have nothing to complain about. They've already spent their time in hell. Take Care!

### **Miscellaneous:**

#### **Here is an apparently true story from a high school friend of mine:**

A plane flying from Seattle to San Francisco was unexpectedly diverted to Sacramento. The flight attendant explained that there would be a delay, and if the passengers wanted to get off the aircraft, the plane would re-board in 50 minutes.

Everybody got off the plane except one lady who was blind and had her seeing-eye dog, Buddy, lying quietly underneath the seats in front of her.

She had apparently been on this flight before because the pilot approached her after landing and said, "Kathy, we are in Sacramento for almost an hour. Would you like to get off and stretch your legs?" The blind lady replied: "No thanks, but maybe Buddy would like to stretch his legs."

### **Now picture this:**

All the people in the gate area came to a complete standstill when they looked up and saw the pilot walk off the plane with a Seeing Eye dog. The pilot was even wearing sunglasses. People scattered. They not only tried to change planes, but they were trying to change airlines!

True story... Have a great day and remember...

THINGS ARE NOT ALWAYS AS THEY APPEAR.

Enjoy the Summer! It's been a toasty one!

Jim Henderson