



Silver Eagles Newsletter

June 2013

Silver Eagles,

We have one new member this month! – although she has been on our contact list for some time now. It is now official! We have member news and potential help for those who worked at the 911 sites. I've given up on asking for news from specific members. Please, if you think that your life is too boring, then follow Lisa's example and talk about a family member!

New Member:

Lisa Taylor

Board News: None

Member News:

Lisa Taylor - It's been two years now since I retired from NTSB (with the intention of taking the summer off before seeking other employment, at least part time). Although I did work part time for several months for a previous employer over the winter of 2011-2012, I have yet to apply for a job. I must be enjoying retirement!

Besides traveling to visit friends and family (including Sally and Marvin Bennett in Tega Cay, SC twice), volunteering at my church, and enjoying being at the pool in the summer, I've mostly been living vicariously through my daughter, Kristin. It was great being able to spend that first summer after retirement with her, with neither of us working, before she went away to college for the first time (after graduating from Prince George's Community College with an Associate of Arts degree).

Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA began their 2-year film program last August, and, after a year in Media Communications, Kristin transferred to the new program, and has now completed her first year. She has always wanted to work in the production side of the film business, and Liberty has opened the door for many wonderful opportunities.

Last summer she worked as the Set Dresser on the 5-week shoot of a Christian film in Lynchburg. Finding Faith stars Erik Estrada and is currently on a nationwide tour of churches; it's based on a true story of the abduction of a teenage girl by an internet predator.

Over winter break, Kristin was an intern at Voice of America, the government's radio/tv station (where I began my government career at age 17). She was scheduled to be there as an intern this summer (although, unlike NTSB, VOA's internships are unpaid).

However, she was one of six or seven students in her film class chosen as interns for a film which began shooting May 13 in Birmingham, AL. Mom's Night Out stars Patricia Heaton, Sean Astin, Sarah Drew (Grey's Anatomy), country singer and Celebrity Apprentice winner Trace Adkins, Harry Shum, Jr. (Glee), and Abbie Cobb (Suburgatory), and is scheduled for a 2014 release. It's been a great experience which will end soon (Saturday, June 22nd).

One last thing--next week she begins her first paying job (as the Second Assistant Director on another Christian film starring Erik Estrada and Stella Parton...yes, Dolly's sister...shooting in Lynchburg)! So it's official: my daughter is doing fine on her own and no longer needs me...I need to get a life!!



Although I'm very grateful for all the opportunities that have come Kristin's way through Liberty's brand-new film program, I am NOT liking this empty nest thing--it's definitely time for me to return to the working world.

Please let me know if you are aware of any legal positions available (paralegal, office manager, legal secretary)!

Jean Bernstein - I just noticed that there are no news on the Silver Eagle web site for 2013. To fill the void J, I am sending you a picture of my husband, me and our dog, Amy, our constant travel

companion, on the recent vacation in Newport, Rhode Island. In July we are going to travel to Seattle to visit our son's family - we have 3 (!) grandchildren and I cannot wait to see them.

I do not do any consulting work anymore, but keep myself busy by volunteering, going to the gym, and taking some classes at the local community college. I would like to offer my time as a volunteer at the NTSB Academy (Training Center). I live not too far from the Academy, and it is convenient for me to get there even on a short notice. I'll appreciate any assistance or guidance from my former colleagues in providing contact information of the person(s) who can help me. (I turned Jean on to Jim Pritchard at the um... I prefer to call it The Academy.) (Jean also provided a new cell phone number that is on the attached contact list.)

(See jeanhubbydog picture)



Bob Benzou - Hi Jim, and others, It occurred to me that the program described in the link above may be important to some folks at the NTSB, retired or still on active duty. The program just opened up to investigators that served at the Pentagon and Shanksville, within limits. I signed up for the annual medical exams many years ago after a stint in NYC, and admittedly they are a pain. However, for certain respiratory ailments related to exposure to the three 9/11 sites (not there personally quite yet), the government pays for the exams and later treatment of specific diseases.

For NTSB people that may have been at the 9/11 sites who may have left the agency and now have lesser health coverage f\or some reason, well, here you go. Don't know how to spread the word, other than through Silver Eagles.

I have health coverage out the wazoo as most of us do, so my participation is as a guinea pig of sorts. Because... part of the program is to build up a CDC health data base for future care after widespread national disasters. That is why I still am enrolled in the program. **See the World Trade Center Health Program <http://www.cdc.gov/wtc/>**