



## Silver Eagles Newsletter

July 2015

**Silver Eagles,**

We have three new members this month. Carl got in touch with old friends thanks to our group! Oh, and Bridget's input below had me laughing. In a previous life in HazMat enforcement, I had job security, too! The stories we all could tell... Come to think of it, an old memory or two would be entertaining news for my newsletter. Hint!

### **New Members:**

**Mike Flanigan**

**Kelly Nantel** (thanks to new member **Jane Terry**)

**Jodi Reeves**

### **Board News:**

**Jodi Reeves**, one-time aviation accident investigator and longtime report writer for AS-70, retired this month. (Info provided by **Karen Bury**, our inside person.)

**Vince Harris** – (Worked in graphics for the CIO out of Atlanta.) As a number of you already know I have recently accepted a position with another agency and Friday, July 17th will be my last day with the Safety Board. Please consider this to be my sincere goodbye to each and every one of you.

I want you all to know that I am truly leaving here with mixed feelings; happy about my new career opportunity, but sad to be leaving such a great agency where I have so many wonderful friends and colleagues. Aside from my military service the last 14 years as a member of the NTSB team has been the best period of my career. I learned a great deal and worked with many people with whom I am sure I will remain friends for a long time. I can only wish that my new job will give me such rewarding experiences and supportive friends.

Thank you so much for making my time at the Safety Board a truly enjoyable one.

My very best wishes for the future go out to each and every one of you. (I have attempted to contact him.)

## Member News:

**Carl Dinwiddie** – Thanks for keeping this going, I needed to contact a couple of former employees and was SO grateful you have us all connected. (Yes!)

**Jodi Reeves** said that she would really appreciate hearing from her old friends! If you qualify, use the attached contact list NOW! – before you forget ;-)

**Bridget Serchak** - Some of you have expressed interest in the work we do at the Department of Defense Office of Inspector General where I have been the Chief of Public Affairs since January 2012, so just wanted to pass along some ways to learn more.

The best way to stay abreast of our work identifying, auditing and investigating fraud, waste and abuse (we're the ones who found the \$600 toilet seat and \$400 hammer way back when) at the DoD/Pentagon is to follow us on Twitter @DoD\_IG or [https://twitter.com/DoD\\_IG](https://twitter.com/DoD_IG) (we tweet out links to all of our approximately 150+ reports annually first here) or sign up for our monthly newsletter (you will get one email per month on the first business day of the month with a link to the newsletter) here: [http://www.dodig.mil/pubs/email\\_update.cfm#5](http://www.dodig.mil/pubs/email_update.cfm#5) It can be a very interesting read!

ICYMI from last month, here's a Washington Post article about one of our recently released reports in which yours truly was quoted:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/in-the-loop/wp/2015/05/26/casinos-strip-clubs-let-feds-us-e-government-credit-cards-in-our-establishments/> It's never dull!

Thanks for the follow/subscription! At the DODIG we are 1600 staff members keeping watch over 3.2 million military and civilian personnel, so it's a big job! Personally I would like to put the IG out of business by focusing on deterring and preventing all fraud, waste and abuse at the DoD, but until that happens, I think I've got job security.

## Misc:

**50<sup>th</sup> Celebration:** Nothing new this month.

**Happy...? Well it is nearly August – enjoy those swimming pools, ponds, oceans, sprinklers, air conditioned bars or wherever you go to cool off!** Okay and internal news! Old stories? Somebody has to be vacationing somewhere? Hey, how about getting local Silver Eagles together for a lunch? That would be newsworthy – send pictures!

**Don't forget the Silver Eagle Website:** [www.precisionwrite.com/SilverEagles.html](http://www.precisionwrite.com/SilverEagles.html)

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