



## Silver Eagles Newsletter

June 2015

**Silver Eagles,**

The Board has had a number of departures, we have two new members this month and we have lost a couple of people close to us. I've been very busy this month and almost didn't get this out, sorry!

**New Members:**

**Dwight Foster**

**Jane Terry**

**Board News:**

**Allen E. Lebo**, (From the Washington Post) 74, an aircraft accident investigator for the National Transportation Safety Board and a musician who played clarinet and saxophone, died May 14 at an assisted living center in Reston, Va. The cause was congestive heart failure, said a daughter, Kendra Lebo.

Mr. Lebo, a resident of Sterling, Va., was born in Harrisburg, Pa. He retired from the NTSB in 2001 after 29 years of service. Earlier in his career, he had played clarinet and saxophone with the American Symphony Orchestra conducted by Leopold Stokowski and with the Marine Band.

**Malcolm Brenner** and **Jim Wildey** applauded the Board's choice of Joe Epperson for the Chairman's Award and congratulated him! (*Although, I note that Joe isn't a member so they will probably have to use his NTSB email address to actually accomplish this feat.*)

My journey at the NTSB started on July 4, 1994, as a temporary employee, and will come to an end on Friday, June 12, 2015. I am moving on to the Federal Trade Commission and I am super excited!!!!

**Yvette Delgado** - I would like to sincerely thank each of you for every experienced shared, friendship made, opportunity offered and good times I had during this time.

I'm grateful for having great mentors and coaches who really took the time to guide me, inspired, motivated and pushed me to do better throughout my career. Thank you for believing in me and

supporting me during my journey here at the NTSB. I'm so blessed for having such a great support team in my life. I will surely miss you all.

If you get a chance, please stop-by my office, at the Office of Law Judges, 4th floor, to say good bye. For those located in the field offices, you can reach me via email or call me directly. (I have attempted to contact her.)

**Mike Flanigon** - Colleagues: Aloha (greetings)

With apologies to Joe Scott, the word of the day today is Aloha. It has multiple meanings.

Thank you for your kindness yesterday setting up my sendoff and the generous gifts.

I have enjoyed working with you and consider myself very lucky to have shared this experience with you. You are the best and I will miss working alongside you.

As I get ready to head out the door for the last time, I wanted to provide my personal email to you.

You can contact me at (I have attempted to contact him.)

Please reach out to me if I can ever be of help.

All the best to you.

**Jane Terry** - Time for something new. I apologize that I can't tell each of you personally, but June 19 will be my last day at the NTSB. My next adventure will be with the National Safety Council here in DC as the Director of government affairs. (I tried to contact her before she left.)

I have been honored to serve with each of you at the NTSB, and I am proud of any role I played in improving transportation safety for everyone.

**Kelly Nantel**, Chief of Public Affairs also departed. (no future contact info)

### **Member News:**

**Dwight Foster** - My wife and I are hiking the Appalachian Trail. We started the Monday after I retired and are heading north from Harpers Ferry, WV to Maine. Then we will return to Harpers Ferry to hike south to Georgia. It'll probably take us 6-7 months. At the moment we are only off the trail temporarily to attend two graduations.

So for us, life is pretty simple at less than 22 pounds dry weight. One step at a time. We saw 26 Lady Slippers the first day and 2 rattle snakes the first week. Makes you focus on what you really need and what is important. For example, I no longer have a cell phone (and don't mind). (see contact list)

**Eunice Bellinger** forwarded this news: (6/20/15) Was not sure if you got the word that **Jorge Prellezo**, former Chief of the Miami Aviation Office, wife passed this week.

**Misc:**

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

**Happy Fourth of July!** Sorry, I'm late with this. I've been busy destroying and rebuilding my son's kitchen. Yes, I'm only the manual labor, but I'm saving money – I hope! I know I'm never satisfied, but how about some news!

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