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Silver Eagles Newsletter

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Silver Eagles,

We have one new member this month! The unofficial **Jolly Holiday Party** was a success. Several of us were there! **Betty Scott** wants to know if anyone has **John Clark**'s e-mail address? You can reply to me or look up her address on the contact list and reply directly. Oh and I need help contacting **Philis Styles**.

New Members:

Sheryl Cook (see contact list)

Board News:

This from **Stan Smith**: I just received the attached notification of **Carol Floyd**'s (RE-10) upcoming retirement. I assume she'll leave in early January as many of us have. If you'll include this information in an upcoming newsletter I'm sure that many of our Silver Eagle members who Carol assisted during her decades-long NTSB career would like to send their congrats and best wishes (<u>floydc@ntsb.gov</u>). Thanks to you too for keeping us all informed of goings-on with our former colleagues. (She has been invited)

Fiftieth Reunion News

I was hoping to talk to Lorenda at the Christmas party – but she wasn't there! Sorry.

Member News:

Sheryl Cook - I've been a Regional Staff Assistant for the past 25 years (July 1991). I will be retiring December 31st and would like to join the Silver Eagles.

I started in the Los Angeles office (with Gary Mucho and Jeff Rich) and have always worked in the Western Pacific Region.

The unofficial Jolly Holiday Party was fun! My wife Cindy and I (Jim Henderson) went. We ran into Member John Hammerschmidt, Malcolm Brenner, Gary Hammock, and Bob

Swaim. **Joe Epperson** was also there and, while not retired, Cindy and I really enjoyed his and his girlfriend's companionship. I will attach a few photos – if I don't forget this time!!!



Joe Epperson



John Hammerschmidt and Gary Hammack



John Hammerschmidt and Cindy Henderson



Joe's friend, and Gary Hammack

John Hammerschmidt, Joe Epperson,



Malcolm Brenner and unidentified

party guest

Mike Levins let us know of the passing of **Tom Styles**, the first Chief of the Railroad Division and a former Deputy Director of the Bureau of Accident Investigation.

Vernon Grose added: Thank you, Jim, for sharing Tom's obit. He was a wonderful citizen indeed!

Paul Misencik - News from my wife Sally and I:

I have three non-fiction books published by McFarland & Co. of Jefferson, NC. The original American Spies: Seven Covert Agents of the Revolutionary War (2013); George Washington and the Half King Chief Tanacharison: An Alliance That Began the French and Indian War (2014); and Sally Townsend, George Washington's Teenage Spy (2015).

Last Monday [11/14], I did a TV interview about my Sally Townsend Book, which will be aired sometime in the near future.

Sally and I have been researching and writing a book about the Native American (Indian) refugee tribes from the eastern part of North America that settled in Ohio during the 18th century after the so-called "Beaver Wars." Working title, "The Last Stand of the Woodland Indians: The Refugee Tribes in 18th and early 19th Century Ohio."

One of the nicest things about full-time writing is the travel research. Most recently, we've visited and researched village sites in Ohio, Western Pennsylvania, Michigan, and Indiana, as well as southern Ontario and eastern Quebec Province.

Have a great holiday

Greg Salottolo apparently moved from the beach to Wilmington, NC about 4 years ago. "Too many tropical storms, hurricanes at the shore." (see contact list)

Jeff Guzzetti – I am the Deputy Director for the Office of Accident Investigation and Prevention at the FAA (AVP, formerly AAI). Been here since May 2014, when I transferred over from the DOT IG. Worked at NTSB for 18 years in 2 field offices and HQ (1992-2010). My wife Kathy Silbaugh (former NTSB GC attorney), was just hired as the Deputy General Council for the Dept. of Health & Human Services. Our two boys (Jason and Matthew, ages 10 and 9), are doing great.

Jeff provided more detailed info for the contact list and his new FAA email. (See contact list.)

Help Please contacting Philis Styles! – My last couple of newsletters to Philis have kicked back as undeliverable. If anyone knows how to contact her please have her get in touch with me!

OH, I believe that I forgot the contact list last month. I have highlighted last month's changes on the one attached to this newsletter. Debbie Taylor and Mike Weber provide address updates. (Please let me remember to attach it this time!!!)

Don't forget the Silver Eagle Website: www.precisionwrite.com/SilverEagles.html

Have a Happy, Happy Christmas, Hanukah, Kwanza and Eid Mubarak (that might be in June?)!!

Jim Henderson