



Silver Eagles Newsletter

October 2017

Silver Eagles,

We have one new member during these two months. Australia and New Zealand were fabulous! The trip there – not so much... Too many hours in a sitting/laying position. It actually took us 30 hours on our return flight from Wellington, NZ to Sydney to LA to Washington. We saved our money and flew business class. At least we were able to sleep a little.

New Members:

Phuong Le Callaway (see attached contact list)

Board News: None

Fiftieth Reunion News:

I guess that I should give up on this portion... Hey, the Silver Eagles started before I retired at the end of Jan 2009, but maybe we can begin preparations for our 10th in 2019. Volunteers, please! As an event planner I'm a total failure. LOL

Member News:

Phuong Callaway retired from the NTSB on June 1, 2017 and resides in San Antonio, Texas! Prior to her retirement, she worked in the Office of Administration for two years and was responsible for the NTSB Human Capital Development Project with focus on development and retention of NTSB employees in an increasingly virtual and aging workforce.

Phuong earned her PhD in Organization and Management with a concentration in Human Resource Management in 2006. In 2016, she earned an Aromatherapy Certification and became a Certified Aromatherapist. She recently turned her hobby to a business. Her Aromatherapy products can be found at <https://www.etsy.com/shop/AmazingSkinCreations>. In addition, Phuong recently accepted an invitation to serve on a Senior Ministry Council at her church. She is looking forward to a new chapter in her life and will spend more time with her family and helping her church."

Hope this is what you are looking for! Hope we will launch a conference one day for NTSB retirees. (*I mentioned hoping that this would have happened in conjunction with the 50th Anniversary Celebration that didn't happen.*) Thanks Jim!

Scott Dunham sent the following:

Spent the last week of July at the Oshkosh air show – first time in 10 years I wasn't there to work, so I actually got to see the world outside the booth!

For any interested, some selected pics are in this shared folder: <https://1drv.ms/f/s!AnvkEy19c7duhKoB9e7okjmERUP6Fg> (I note that I didn't open the folder. Virus avert. I did ask Scott and he says that it is safe.)

Joe Kris – (*who has been working for TSA in Germany for the last several years*) In fact we just returned from a 10 day cruise through the Baltics. The kids are really getting to see a good part of the world!

Of course though like all good things – our assignment here is up in July so we will be returning to the US (hopefully to the Burke area!) next summer.

Okay **Jim and Cindy Henderson** travelled to OZ and NZ for the month of September. It was unbelievable! As birdwatchers we were frantic with excitement and constantly alert. The land was unreal. Australia arose from the depths of a primordial sea and left giant, unexplained rocks in its middle. New Zealand is a land of two different geological formations. The north island is a part of the Ring of Fire and the south is still being created by plate tectonics – jagged mountains and constantly moving land.

We learned that the peaceful aborigines of OZ who had live at one with their meager land since before civilization started on any other continent were considered “fauna” by the English – animals to be exterminated. They still have little love for the invaders but their way is peaceful. Now that they are no longer being intentionally exterminated, the sugar and processed flour brought to them has caused more death as their bodies cannot process this and their kidneys fail and diabetes sets in.

On the other hand, the Polynesians who originally settled NZ were warriors. The sight of their scarred and tattooed bodies grimacing from the shores eventually resulted in the English signing a treaty that – after a few generations – has put the Maori in control of much of the islands' resources.

I have attached a couple of transportation related photos including the only one way car and train bridge in New Zealand that I've heard of, a dual level subway train and a couple others. (See attachments.)



Miscellaneous:

I did not see any emailed news while I was away. I'm afraid that my mass deletions of thousands of unread emails may have resulted in deleting some of yours. Please resend and/or start sending news! Workshops? Volunteer work? Vacations? Please! Please!

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

Have a Spooky Halloween! For more photos of our journey please friend me on Facebook.