A BLAST FROM THE PAST

A great picture of Cpt. Gary Deskin (on the left), taken in 1956 as a young Lieutenant in the Navy standing before his first command, the Navy patrol version of the venerable Connie. Gary was a member of Squadron VW-12 based at barber’s Point, Hawaii.
It will be the responsibility of the advertiser to supply a print ready ad to the editor at least thirty days prior to publication of the newsletter. Every effort will be made to accommodate any specific requests you may have. Publication dates are January 15, April 15, July 15, and October 15 each year. All materials can be mailed to The Silver Falcons, P.O. Box 71372, Newnan, GA 30271, or contact Dick Borrelli at this address, by fax at (770) 254-0179, or by E-Mail at conob@numail.org if you plan to participate. Deadline for ads is at least 30 days prior to the publication dates stated above.
Dick: I spent a lot of time deciding whether or not the publication and comment about ALPA salaries and benefits was worthy of a reply. Obviously, my decision was to reply. Publish this only if you, in your valued judgement think it would be beneficial to the membership. I full well realize that the law requires a labor organization to publically disclose the salaries and benefits of its employees. However, in the interest of accuracy I believe that the statement at the top of page 11 in the Spring 2006 issue may be at a minimum misleading. ALPA has rightfully voiced concern about the “outrageous” salaries of the airline managements where our pilots have been raped of their salaries, retirements and working conditions over the past decade, while these manager’s have continued to accept exhorbatant salaries, retirements and severance packages, as they managed their companies into financial ruin and bankruptcy.

All the salaried employees of ALPA, both the Professional and Administrative employees are represented by unions. And as such regularly negotiate working agreements. It might interest your readers to know that during the last two contracts the ALPA salaried employees have negotiated consessionary contracts. Foregoing raises and reducing benefits. This has been done, recognizing the economic impact of the reduced dues income to the Association from our members, due to their own salary reductions. All the while, because of the foresight of ALPA’s elected Officers and the Management of the association, ALPA continues to operate in the black and provide the same level of service to our dues paying members that has been present prior to the financial demise of the airline industry. Were the Association to be operating in the red, then the statement at the top of page 11 might be accurate.

The list of employees published is by no means complete. As a matter of fact there are a number of employees listed who are no longer employed by ALPA. Nor have they been for sometime. Additionally, there are probably another two hundred employees at headquarters and in the field offices who are not listed. Most of the employees who have left ALPA or retired have not been replaced. This obviously places a strain on the remaining employees to pick up the load, yet I have heard no one complain or gripe in the Engineering and Air Safety Department where I work about the added work. I can only speak for myself as the salaries and benefits of my fellow employees are none of my business. However, I can tell you that what you have listed as my salary is off by about $15,000.00. You folks can pick which way. I am sure you can remember the days at EAL when the company published our salaries during negotiations. Our wives only wished we really made that kind of money. And so did we. Enough said.

Respectfull Submitted: Capt. Don McClure

The following Silver Falcons and family members are currently under the weather and would appreciate calls, cards, and visits from friends. A card or a friendly voice can do wonders when a person is really hurting!

It’s easy to get on the Lay-A-Bed list. All it takes is a bad headache and a big mouthed friend. Getting off the list is another matter altogether! No one ever tells us when they get well!

Therefore we have had to make rules to control this situation. In the future:

1. When the flower dies, take your name off the lay-a-bed list whether you are sick or not.
2. If you are still sick, put your name back on the list and we will send you a new flower!
3. When the new flower dies, go back to rule one!

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We are approaching our deadline for your reservations for the 2006 Convention, if you have not yet made your arrangements, I strongly advise you to do so immediately. The Doubletree Guest Suites Atlanta-Perimeter phone number is (770) 668-0808 or 1-(800) 222-TREE. We have a great party planned and we hope you will attend.

Our starting date for the convention is Wednesday 13, September thru Saturday 16, September, 2006. We will open registration on the 13 September at 10:00 am in the Lobby of the Doubletree hotel and you can then proceed to the Hospitality Room for your favorite beverages to wash the trail dust down and meet your old friends. The following is the itinerary of the Convention.

**Wednesday, 13 September.**

10:00 *Registration begins, Hospitality Suite opens.*
- Drinks and Snacks in Hospitality Suite.
- Dinner will be at your own leisure.
- Hospitality Suite will be open until 1:00am.

**Thursday, 14 September.**

09:00 *Registration Opens.*
- Golfers assemble for ride to Roswell Country Club.
- Non-Golfers can meet in Hospitality Suite for Donuts, Bloody Marys and Screwdrivers, 9:00 to 10:30 am.

18:30 *Cocktail Party and Southern Cuisine Buffet Dinner.*
- Live Music for your enjoyment.
- Attire for the evening will be Casual.

**Friday, 15 September.**

08:00 *Continental Breakfast in Azalea Room.*
09:00 *Members annual Meeting.*
10:00 *Spousal departure for Cooking Demonstration and Lunch.*
12:00 *Members Lunch and Sponsor Presentations.*
18:00 *Cocktails.*
19:00 *Banquet begins.*
- Coat and Tie or Formal Attire requested.
21:00 *Presentation of Awards and Prizes.*
22:00 *Hospitality Suite Opened.*

**Saturday, 16 September.**

*Departure Breakfast Buffet in Lobby Restaurant*

We sincerely hope you will join us for our Tenth Anniversary Reunion. Those of you that will be flying in to Atlanta can take the MARTA Transit “NORTH SPINGS TRAIN” to the Perimeter Mall /Dunwoody Marta station and a courtesy van will pick you up and take you to the Hotel. The hotel phone number is (770) 668-0808 and then 0 for the operator.

There are several new attractions here in Atlanta, including the Aquarium, High Museum of Art, Centennial Olympic Park, Carter Presidential Library and Museum, Fernbank Museum of Natural History, and The CNN Center tour. If you plan to visit the Aquarium we strongly advise that you visit their Web site, georgiaaquarium.org and get your tickets in advance or call 404-581-4000. We will have further information and details on restaurants and shopping in your information packets.

—Hank & Darlene Sanak
The 2006 Convention will be held at the DOUBLETREE GUEST SUITES ATLANTA-PERIMETER from Wednesday, September 13 thru Saturday, September 16, 2006. The Doubletree is an all suites hotel and each room is actually two full rooms, a living room and a bedroom, separated by glass doors. Each suite has a wet bar with sink, coffee maker, refrigerator, and microwave. Ironing board, iron, and hair dryer are also supplied. Each suite also has free high speed internet access and two televisions. Guests have an indoor pool as well as a fully equipped workout room. The rate at the Doubletree is $108 per night and includes unlimited free parking. There is ample space to park RVs also. This rate is guaranteed from two days before the convention until two days after. This hotel is also being completely renovated and our facilities will be brand new upon our arrival. Unlike the Marriott, renovation is proceeding on schedule and our occupancy is guaranteed. The Doubletree has complimentary van service to and from the area restaurants and stores as well as van service to and from the nearby MARTA station. For anyone not desiring to rent a car, MARTA may be ridden from the Atlanta Airport to the Perimeter Mall station and the hotel van will provide transportation from there to the hotel. Most of the finest restaurants and stores in Atlanta are located within a ten minute drive from the hotel. The pictures I have included are of the current facility and the look will be changed considerably by the time we arrive, but the dimensions and general configuration of the rooms remains the same, just improved. Remember, the cut off date for reservations at the hotel is August 30, 2006.

Doubletree Guest Suites Atlanta-Perimeter
6120 Peachtree Dunwoody Rd.
Atlanta, Georgia 30328
Phone: 770-668-0808
Reserve online or Call 1-800-222-TREE

DRIVING DIRECTIONS
From Hartsfield Int’l Take 85 North to GA 400 North (toll road $0.50). Exit at Glenridge Connector and turn right. Turn left on Peachtree Dunwoody. Go approximately 1.5 miles. For guests not wishing to rent a car, MARTA service is available from the airport to Perimeter Mall and the hotel has complimentary pick up service from the station.

MARTA DIRECTIONS FROM AIRPORT
Below is the information provided by Marta relative to leaving the airport and being transported to the Perimeter Mall/Hotel area. I have confirmed that the hotel does have a shuttle service from the Dunwoody Marta Station. Simply call (770) 668-0808 and then 0 for the operator. The shuttle request should be made thru the operator.

From the Airport MARTA Station which is located in the Airport near the Baggage Claim Area, you would board the MARTA train traveling Northbound. You must make sure that the Marquis on the train reads “NORTH SPRINGS”. (Do not board the train marked DORAVILLE) The northbound North Springs train will take you to the Dunwoody MARTA Station.
Silver Falcons Golf Tournament

Country Club of Roswell’s completely renovated 18-hole championship golf course located among rolling hills, lakes, streams and elegant homes is one of the finest in the North Fulton area. With impeccably manicured Bermuda grass fairways and Crenshaw Bent grass greens, the course challenges golfers at all levels. The course plays 6593 yards/72.1/133 slope from the blue tees, 6068 yards/70.1/130 slope from the white tees and 5151 yards/71.1/125 slope from the red tees. The elevation changes, mature hardwoods and pine trees, streams, ponds and lake views combined with a friendly atmosphere, will create a memorable golfing experience.

Green Fees will be $75 per person and will include golf carts, prizes, and lunch. Send your money to: Hank Sanak, 2035 Castle Lake Drive, Tyrone, Georgia 30290.

SPOUSAL LUNCHEON – VIKING CULINARY ARTS CENTER

by Meredith Fletcher

I don’t mind getting a little dirty in the kitchen. I just had no idea there were so many ways to do it. In November, the Viking Range Corporation opened up its fifth Viking Culinary Arts Center in the country here in Midtown Atlanta. The place is a wonderland for cooks—even if you are not a cook, yet. The concept is three-fold: part retail store, part teaching kitchen and part demonstration theatre.

“We do minimal cutesy,” says manager Quito McKenna. There’s no room for it. The retail store stocks professional-use items—culinary toys you would see on the Food Network in the hands of Sara Moulton—as well as hard-to-find gourmet foodstuffs. Need a flour wand? They’ve got it. Want to zest a lemon? The tool is in stock, and they will show you how to use it. Confused about chef’s knives? Come over to the demo kitchen. Don’t know what chipotle is? Neither did I. Viking can tell you. (It’s a smoked jalapeno pepper with an earthy taste).

“We want you to have high confidence in your purchase,” McKenna adds. The knowledgeable staff makes it all seem possible. In addition to the standard roster of trained retail professionals and talented chefs in house, guest culinary artists also make appearances to teach some of the classes. McKenna comments that they often bring in national names and local talent to serve as instructors. Indeed, a glimpse at the catalogue reveals scheduled arrivals from native son Alton Brown, Food Network’s Sara Moulton, and Canoe’s executive chef, Gary Mennie.

Classes run the gamut. They offer everything from holiday-centered themes (chocolate truffles workshops, cookie swaps, New Year’s Eve dinner) to basic utensil use (knife skills, wine glass sampling) to a “Culinary Basics” series (including sessions on soup preparation, how to broil fish, make chicken stock and knead dough). Specialty courses abound. Try the tamale workshop, make pasta from scratch or whip up a breakfast casserole. Sign your teenager up for “Teen Cuisine,” the man in your life for the men-only “Steak and Potatoes” lesson or treat your mom to something fun, such as sushi, cheesecakes or pot pies. Arrive early to help prepare or stick around to clean up and receive a price cut on tuition. The schedule changes every month and is slightly tweaked regionally to ensure patron satisfaction.

The Center is part of the same company that manufactures Viking stoves. And while you can take the stoves for a spin on “Test Drive Night,” they are not sold here, although local dealer names can be provided upon request.

An outdoor kitchen is also part of the mix. It includes all the essentials for a backyard bonanza: multiple grilling stations, a heavy-duty wok, rotisseries, warming drawers and even a beer cooler. Baby back ribs, anyone?

It’s the demonstration theatre, however, that is the flagship of the Center. Here one finds a presentation stage complete with PowerPoint capabilities, television monitors for optimal viewing and a 40-person audience capacity. “In the cooking world, we do it all with smoke and mirrors,” McKenna quips. This facility allows for examples and training sessions, and can be booked for corporate seminars or even birthday parties. “We try to help other people do other things,” McKenna adds. “The demonstration option can add a little something extra for the business meeting. The team building can be followed by a pasta class or a wine tasting. We’ll do whatever you want to do.”

“We can do anything you want to learn,” McKenna continues. “We take all types, from ‘I can’t boil water’ to ‘I am the greatest.’” Viking aims to take the mystery out of cooking and turn it into an enjoyable process, even a form of entertainment. I’m going to sign up for a class today.
SILVER FALCON BANQUET DOOR PRIZES

SILVER FALCON’S HIGHLY SKILLED BARTENDERS
It was a dark and stormy night, the Friday evening before our June 3rd Atlanta Annual EAL FIt Ops Picnic/Flyin! Our Fearless Leader here in Atlanta, Virgil Tedder, clearly remembered the recent picnic/flyins and how we were drenched (but even then we had very large crowds). Now again he was seeing torrents of rain come down with lightning flashes and high winds, only 12 hours before the start of our event! Naturally he was quite depressed and worried about what the weather would be the next morning when we were to commence our umpteenth Annual Picnic and Flyin… So in a desperate move he appealed to the rain gods that if they would cease and desist then he would do the same with his beloved martinis… What a Man!!!!

His sacrifice did the trick and we awoke to a beautiful morning yesterday…. The airplanes and folks started arriving at Bob Bruce’s home and hangar in Williamson, Georgia (Eagles Landing Airport) about 10 AM and before the day was over we had well over 160 people show up…. A check of the reservations showed we had an amazing No-Show rate with only 4 of the 163 who made reservations not attending! They were more than made up for as probably another 10-15 were walk-ups… Some joined us for the BBQ dinner and others were just there to visit and look at the airplanes. Speaking of airplanes, some who flew their planes in were Bob Burson, Ed Bruce, Clyde Biddle, Jim Holder, Charlie Brown, Grant Fields (who brought in Bob Reilman, Arden Williams and Glenda McKeel in his Cherokee Six) and Mick Hudson. Of course Bob Bruce rolled his C-182 out for display too (and to free up his hangar)…

After the dinner Bob Bruce presented our former Chief Pilot, Paul V. Kelley, the prestigious Master Pilot Award. This award, given by the FAA, is in recognition of 50 years of continuous civilian (and if need be, military) flying with a record as an aviation activist to his profession. Many of Paul’s family were present to see him receive this honor. Also present were two other Eastern pilots who had previously received the Master Pilot Award. They being Ernie Schnaak and Frank Hancock.

Dick Borrelli, assisted by Joe Zito, sold some Silver Falcons items and Aubrey Reed did likewise for REPA. There were many door prizes donated by the Silver Falcons, REPA, Griffin/Spalding Airport and Pauline Harris (Dave’s widow who contributed many of his Eastern items) so Virge spent about an hour doing the drawing for them…

Again, many thanks to Bob and Marilyn Bruce for hosting our event and, as always, to Ray Crumbley for arranging our BBQ dinner…

Jim Holder
The following motions will be presented to the membership at the annual business meeting to be held at the convention. They are being published so that attending members will be familiar with the business to be transacted.

**Motion of the Silver Falcons Board of Directors regarding Elections**  
**June 21, 2006**

**Whereas** at this time the Silver Falcons Bylaws as written are unclear, incomplete and vague regarding the election procedures and

**Whereas** it is deemed important that the Silver Falcons Membership have confidence in the election procedure for its Board of Directors and Officers and

**Whereas** the actual policy used in previous elections, with one exception, appears to have worked to the satisfaction of all.

**Therefore be it resolved** that the Silver Falcons Board of Directors will, at the 2006 Convention Business Meeting and prior to the election of Board Members and Officers for 2007, present a revision to the Bylaws encompassing the previously followed policy in written form thus enabling all members and future Boards to be clearly cognizant of how elections are conducted.

**Be it Further Resolved** that the Silver Falcons Board of Directors and 2007 Board nominees, invited as guests, will meet in Executive Session at the 2006 Convention, prior to the day of the Business Meeting, for the express purpose of creating a Slate of 2007 Officers to be presented to the Membership at the Business Meeting.

Moved by Jim Holder with second by Dave Hamon and passed 4-1-0 with Paul Fischer opposed.

*(Follows below the two revisions to the By-laws referred to in the above resolution).*

**Proposed Changes to Article IV.B of the Silver Falcons Bylaws**

This change in the Silver Falcons Bylaws addresses the composition and responsibilities of the Nominating Committee.

1. Replace Paragraph IV.B with the following:

   The incoming members of the Silver Falcons Board of Directors will be nominated each year by a Nominating Committee which shall be composed of the outgoing Directors. In the event that less than two former Directors are able or willing to serve then the Board of Directors shall select, from the Membership at large, the number necessary to have a minimum of two members of this committee. The Chairman of this Nominating Committee shall be designated by the then Board of Directors. Each nominee must have been previously contacted and be willing to serve. The Chairman (or in his absence, a member) of the Nominating Committee shall present to the Membership in session at the Convention Business Meeting a proposed slate of Directors and shall then conduct an election in accordance with Roberts Rule of Order. Nominations from the floor shall be accepted however each such person must have been contacted and is willing to serve. Elected Directors will take Office on January 1st of the year following their election. Directors are limited to two (2) consecutive years in Office and then must be out of all elected Offices for two (2) years before being considered again.

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**Proposed Action regarding the Silver Falcons Officer Election Procedure**

The below proposed changes to Article IV.B of the Silver Falcons Bylaws only address the election of the various Board Members to Officer Positions.

1. Change the title of Article IV to add “Directors and” before the word “Officers”… To more clearly indicate the order of business….

2. Add the new paragraph “C” below and re-list all below it resulting in the current last paragraph “F” becoming “G”

   New Paragraph “C” for Article IV…

   The Chairman (or in his absence, a member) of the Nominating Committee shall, with the advice and consent of the newly elected Board of Directors, present to the Membership in session at the Convention Business Meeting a proposed slate of Officer Positions, as shown in Article IV.A, to be voted upon as a complete slate. If there is no prior agreement reached on which Director shall serve in an Officer Position or if the Membership fails to approve the presented Slate then the Chairman (or acting Chairman) of the Nominating Committee shall conduct an election for any disputed position(s) in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order.
We have received this and know nothing about it or the sender. It is being published as information only.

Just a note to all. My name is Ken Pine, I am a roofing project manager in Homestead Fl. Tonite I was doing an estimate on a house in homestead and I was honored to meet Mr. Robert Marquis. I believe you all know who his is. He is the gentleman that in 1972 was in his boat in the everglades doing some “frogging”, guess that means he was catching some frogs. He told me how he saw the plane crash, he was about 10 miles and 15 minutes from the site and how when he got to the site, it was horrible. He rescued an untold number of people from the plane, getting hurt in the process.

The reason I am writing this is Mr Marquis is now around 88 years old, in bad health and about to lose his home. I spoke to him at length today, and he and his wife are in a very bad way. I work for BriteTop Roofing here in Fl and since I do not own the company, the best I can do is to build the roof at cost which is probably going to get me in a lot of trouble, maybe not. I am going to talk to my boss and see if I can do better, maybe my company can just give him a roof. His roof was pretty much destroyed in Hurricane Wilma last October. If anyone has any ideas how to help this hero, I will gladly field them and work with you to get this gent back to where he deserves to be. He is a very humble man in bad health. I am willing to open a bank account in his name for any donations that are offered. He really is a great man, he has lived in his house since approx 1968 and I really want to help him. Please believe this is not some sort of scheme, if you call me I can lay it all out and you can meet him if you like. I just want to help the man and his wife and at this point in time, I just don’t have the resources to get done what needs to get done. These are wonderful folks that need help and I think we have all been there at some point in our lives. Again, my name is Ken Pine, my phone number is 786-728-2600 and I work for BriteTop Roofing in Homestead FL. I will take any and all suggestions and all help offered.

Ken Pine, BriteTop Roofing, Homestead Fl, 786-728-2600

More Eastern Nostalgia

Dear Dick:

We enjoy “The rEAL Word”—reading the articles and seeing all of the old pictures. I, too, am enclosing some pictures for your “Eastern Nostalgia” page.

The most “recent” picture was taken in February, 1989. Ken has told our non-airline friends that he was with his “harem”. He was new on the L-1011 and wasn’t used to the antics of L-1011 crews. My vacation was in February, 1989. I had planned on quitting and this was going to be my last month with E.A.L. As usual, I bid for the most time off possible. I flew only one trip at the end February. The pilots had the same trip on their bid sheet. Our lines coincided. We left out of the MIA base, and we had a double LIO in PSI. For his first three trips, I drove up to PSI and met Ken at the airport. The F/A’s were quite curious about who I was! Finally, on the third trip, they couldn’t stand the suspense any longer. Ken told them that I was on vacation, and I was on this line. Well, as you know, the F/A’s were even more curious—they wanted to know what my seniority was. Much to their chagrin, I was the most senior on the line, which, of course, triggered an entire movement in the “pecking order”—since I requested the galley—whenever possible. The whole L-1011 crew went out to dinner that night, and we had a great time. I apologize; I don’t know the names of the F/A’s.

Also, I am enclosing a picture of my graduating class—April 9, 1969. I only remember a few of the F/A’s. The 1st row—4th & 5th from the left: Sandrine Vergnes Baker, Sheila Myers; 2nd row—6th from the left: Camilla Smith; 3rd row- 3rd from the left: Michelle (Mickey) Iott Murphy; 5th row—5th & 6th from the left: Marcia Smith Conrad, Cathy O’Connor. Ken took early retirement in 1989 during the E.A.L. strike. He’s been busy and loves keeping in touch with his old buddies. I had a surprise 60th birthday party for him—quite a few of the Caribair Pilots were able to come up and celebrate with us. After the strike, I went back to work, and became a teacher. I am presently working at Epiphany Cathedral School in Venice, Florida—have taught from 2nd through the 8th grades.

We enjoy your magazine, Dick. Keep up the great work!

Sincerely,
Marcia Smith Conrad
ALPA had always contemplated making a second and final distribution of the settlement agreement funds subsequent to receiving a final payment from Eastern based on Eastern’s recoveries from the two independent lawsuits. However, by 2000 we had not received that final payment from Eastern, and we could not be certain how much longer it would take for Eastern to resolve the litigation on which the amount of the payment depended. Accordingly, we decided not to wait but instead to make a second distribution of the funds on hand, and to make a third and final distribution whenever we received the final payment from Eastern. The second distribution was made in February of 2001. However, it took a few more years before we received a final payment from Eastern of $175,373, which is 10% of Eastern’s net recovery from the second of the two lawsuits in which the Eastern Litigation Settlement Fund has an interest pursuant to the global settlement agreement. As indicated above, the enclosed check represents the distribution of the amount remaining in the Fund, primarily from those proceeds, after state and federal unemployment taxes as well as administrative and investment expenses have been deducted.

**Allocation of the Current Distribution**

The allocation of the monies in the present distribution, as in the 2001 distribution (the second distribution), is straightforward and uncomplicated. The 1995 distribution (the first distribution) was divided among three groups of former Eastern pilots: Group I pilots were the beneficiaries of the pay parity grievance concerning Eastern’s failure to apply the correct pilot pay rates for flying performed in 1989 and 1990; Group II pilots were the beneficiaries of the so-called trainee litigation arising out of Eastern’s refusal to rehire “trainees” at various times during and after the strike; and Group III pilots were all remaining pilots from the pre-strike seniority list who did not receive a minimum distribution under either Group I or Group II. The 1995 distribution essentially gave the Group I and Group II pilots what they were entitled to based on ALPA’s judgment concerning the likely outcome and real-world monetary value of the pay parity grievance and the trainee lawsuits. The Group III pilots got the funds that remained —$2,000 each before taxes were withheld - for a total of approximately $3.5 million. Inasmuch as the 1995 distribution fairly compensated the pilots in Groups I and II, ALPA determined that further distributions should be divided among the Group III pilots. Thus, the second distribution provided $1,100 apiece (before tax withholding) for the more than sixteen hundred pilots in Group III. More than a hundred additional pilots in Groups I and II received lesser amounts. These smaller payments from the second distribution to pilots in Groups I and II were based on an equitable “correcting principle” that was applied in the first distribution: that no pilot in Group I or II should receive less than the $3,100 received by the Group III pilots in the two distributions because it would be unfair to treat the Group I and II pilots less favorably than the Group III pilots. We have applied the “correcting principle” to this final distribution as well.

**Tax Considerations**

In the prior two distributions, we were required to withhold for federal and state income taxes. The amount of this distribution does not require such withholding (although we have withheld for FICA because that is required). However, it is the responsibility of each recipient of the current distribution to include the amount in the recipient’s gross income for 2006 and pay whatever federal and state income taxes are due. Finally, we have attached a list of former EAL pilots who are entitled to this distribution but for whom we have no current address. If you are able to get in touch with any of these individuals, please have them call, E-Mail, or write to:

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Air Line Pilots Association
535 Herndon Parkway
Herndon, VA 20170
Tel: 703-689-4322
Questions

Questions and comments can be directed to Mark Kovach at the address listed above.

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Dear Veteran:

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has recently learned that an employee took home electronic data from the VA, which he was not authorized to do and was in violation of established policies. The employee’s home was burglarized and this data was stolen. The data contained identifying information including names, social security numbers, and dates of birth for up to 26.5 million veterans and some spouses, as well as some disability ratings. As a result of this incident, information identifiable with you was potentially exposed to others. It is important to note that the affected data did not include any of VA’s electronic health records or any financial information.

Appropriate law enforcement agencies, including the FBI and the VA Inspector General’s office, have launched full-scale investigations into this matter. Authorities believe it is unlikely the perpetrators targeted the items because of any knowledge of the data contents. Out of an abundance of caution, however, VA is taking all possible steps to protect and inform our veterans. While you do not need to take any action unless you are aware of suspicious activity regarding your personal information, there are many steps you may take to protect against possible identity theft and we wanted you to be aware of these. Specific information is included in the enclosed question and answer sheet. For additional information, the VA has teamed up with the Federal Trade Commission and has a Web site (www.firstgov.gov) with information on this matter or you may call 1-800-FED-INFO (1-800-333-4636). The call center will operate from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. (EDT), Monday-Saturday, as long as it is needed.

Beware of any phone calls, e-mails, and other communications from individuals claiming to be from VA or other official sources, asking for your personal information or verification of it. This is often referred to as information solicitation or “phishing.” VA, other government agencies, and other legitimate organizations will not contact you to ask for or to confirm your personal information. If you receive such communications, they should be reported to VA at 1-800-FED-INFO (1-800-333-4636).

We apologize for any inconvenience or concern this situation may cause, but we at VA believe it is important for you to be fully informed of any potential risk resulting from this incident. Again, we want to reassure you we have no evidence that your protected data has been misused. We will keep you apprised of any further developments. The men and women of the VA take our obligation to honor and serve America’s veterans very seriously and we are committed to ensuring that this never happens again.

In accordance with current policy, the Internal Revenue Service has agreed to forward this letter because we do not have current addresses for all affected individuals. The IRS has not disclosed your address or any other tax information to us.

I’m a veteran, how can I tell if my information was compromised?

At this point there is no evidence that any missing data has been used illegally. However, the Department of Veterans Affairs is asking all veterans to be extra vigilant and to carefully monitor bank statements, credit card statements and any statements relating to recent financial transactions. If you notice unusual or suspicious activity, you should report it immediately to the financial institution involved and contact the Federal Trade Commission for further guidance.

2. What is the earliest date at which suspicious activity might have occurred due to this data breach?

The information was stolen from an employee of the Department of Veterans Affairs during the month of May, 2006. If the data has been misused or otherwise used to commit fraud or identity theft crimes, it is likely that veterans may notice suspicious activity during the month of May.

3. I haven’t noticed any suspicious activity in my financial statements, but what can I do to protect myself and prevent being victimized by credit card fraud or identity theft?

The Department of Veterans Affairs strongly recommends that veterans closely monitor their financial statements and visit the Department of Veterans Affairs special website on this, www.firstgov.gov or call 1-800-FED-INFO (1-800-333-4636).

Where should I report suspicious or unusual activity?

The Federal Trade Commission recommends the following four steps if you detect suspicious activity:

Step 1 - Contact the fraud department of one of the three major credit bureaus:

Equifax: 1-800-525-6284; www.equifax.com; P.O. Box 740241, Atlanta, GA 30374-0241.

Experian: 1-888-397-3742; www.experian.com; P.O. Box 9532, Allen, TX 75013.

TransUnion: 1-800-680-7289; www.transunion.com; Fraud Victim Assistance Division, P.O. Box 6790, Fullerton, CA 92834-6790

Step 2 - Close any accounts that have been tampered with or opened fraudulently.
Step 3 - File a police report with your local police or the police in the community where the identity theft took place.

Step 4 - File a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission by using the FTC’s Identity Theft Hotline by telephone: 1-877-438-4338, online at www.consumer.gov/idtheft, or by mail at Identity Theft Clearinghouse, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington DC 20580.

6. I know the Department of Veterans Affairs maintains my health records electronically; was this information also compromised?

No electronic medical records were compromised. The data lost is primarily limited to an individual’s name, date of birth, social security number, in some cases their spouse’s information, as well as some disability ratings. However, this information could still be of potential use to identity thieves and we recommend that all veterans be extra vigilant in monitoring for signs of potential identity theft or misuse of this information.

What is the Department of Veterans Affairs doing to ensure that this does not happen again?

The Department of Veterans Affairs is working with the President’s Identity Theft Task Force, the Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission to investigate this data breach and to develop safeguards against similar incidents. The Department of Veterans Affairs has directed all VA employees complete the “VA Cyber Security Awareness Training Course” and complete the separate “General Employee Privacy Awareness Course” by June 30, 2006. In addition, the Department of Veterans Affairs will immediately be conducting an inventory and review of all current positions requiring access to sensitive VA data and require all employees requiring access to sensitive VA data to undergo an updated National Agency Check and Inquiries (NACI) and/or a Minimum Background Investigation (MBI) depending on the level of access required by the responsibilities associated with their position. Appropriate law enforcement agencies, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Inspector General of the Department of Veterans Affairs, have launched full-scale investigations into this matter.

Where can I get further, up-to-date information?

The Department of Veterans Affairs has set up a special website and a toll-free telephone number for veterans which features up-to-date news and information. Please visit www.firstgov.gov or call 1-800-333-4636.

The Silver Falcons web site (www.silverfalcons.com) has been totally redesigned and, although it is still very much a work in progress, is up and running. Be certain to have your volume turned up when opening it. Take a look at it and let us know your opinion. We will be adding features as we go along and will endeavor to keep it updated in a timely manner. If there are any features we have not included that you would like to see added, let us know and all suggestions will be given serious consideration. There is a current list of members on the members page, which is restricted. To access this page the user name is “rEALPilot” and the password is “Falcon”.

There is also a new chat room which may or may not be of value. If it is not utilized then we will drop it. Our Silver Falcons catalogue is now fully automatic and you may view and order items from the web site and pay for them with Paypal. Postage and handling have been included with the final price, so there will be no additional charges. We will also accept mail orders with personal checks. The picture files will be enlarged as we receive pictures and new picture files will be added. We welcome all nostalgia pictures and would like to make this the best Eastern nostalgia site on the internet. If you have any plane pictures that we do not have displayed please send them. This is your web site, so let us know what you want and need on it.

Son, someday you will make a girl very happy, for a short period of time. Then she’ll leave you and be with new men who are ten times better than you could ever hope to be. These men are called pilots.

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DEALING WITH THE BURDENS OF LIFE

Here are some great ways of dealing with the burdens of life:

- Accept that some days you’re the pigeon, and some days you're the statue.
- Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.
- Always read stuff that will make you look good if you die in the middle of it.
- Drive carefully. It’s not only cars that can be recalled by their maker.
- If you can’t be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.
- If you lend someone $20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.
- It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply be kind to others.
- Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you won’t have a leg to stand on.
- Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.
- Since it’s the early worm that gets eaten by the bird, sleep late.
- The second mouse gets the cheese.
- When everything’s coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
- Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live.
- You may be only one person in the world, but you may also be the world to one person.
- Some mistakes are too much fun to only make once.
- We could learn a lot from crayons... Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull. Some have weird names, and all are different colors, but they all have to live in the same box.
- A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.

EXCELLENT STRESS MANAGEMENT TIPS

A lecturer, when explaining stress management to an audience, raised a glass of water and asked, “How heavy is this glass of water?”

Answers called out ranged from 20g to 500g.

The lecturer replied, “The absolute weight doesn’t matter. It depends on how long you try to hold it.

If I hold it for a minute, that's not a problem.
If I hold it for an hour, I'll have an ache in my right arm.
If I hold it for a day, you'll have to call an ambulance.
In each case, it’s the same weight, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes.”

He continued, “And that's the way it is with stress management. If we carry our burdens all the time, sooner or later, as the burden becomes increasingly heavy, we won't be able to carry on.”

“As with the glass of water, you have to put it down for a while and rest before holding it again. When we're refreshed, we can carry on with the burden.”

“So, before you return home tonight, put the burden of work down. Don't carry it home. You can pick it up tomorrow. Whatever burdens you're carrying now, let them down for a moment if you can.”

So, my friend, Put down anything that may be a burden to you right now. Don’t pick it up again until after you’ve rested a while.

COURTROOM RULING – CHICAGO

Chicago, Illinois (AP) - A seven year old boy was at the center of a Chicago courtroom drama yesterday when he challenged a court ruling over who should have custody of him.

The boy has a history of being beaten by his parents and the judge initially awarded custody to his aunt, in keeping with the child custody law and regulations requiring that family unity be maintained to the degree possible.

The boy surprised the court when he proclaimed that his aunt beat him more than his parents and he adamantly refused to live with her. When the judge suggested that he live with his grandparents, the boy cried out that they also beat him.

After considering the remainder of the immediate family and learning that domestic violence was apparently a way of life among them, the Judge took the unprecedented step of allowing the boy to propose who should have custody of him.

After two recesses to check legal references and confer with child welfare officials, the judge granted temporary custody to the Chicago Cubs, who the boy firmly believes are not capable of beating anyone.

A picture taken last month of the Atlanta contingent of the old McDonnell-Douglas MD-11 instructor gang. Dave Maynard was here from Thailand to welcome his new granddaughter and Chuck Kendrick and I joined him for lunch at Smokey Bones to eat barbeque, tell lies, and remember our California adventures.
GRANDBABY SPOTLIGHT

Introducing Miss Danica Monet McCarron, granddaughter of Capt. Dave Maynard, born May 9, 2006 and weighing in at six pounds.

We are pleased to show our pinup girl of the month, Miss Scarlett Kathleen Wade, eighteen months old, granddaughter of Capt. Dave Hamon.

DC-7 RESOTORATION UPDATE

Just got back from a visit to Opa Locka. Carlos has at least six sheet metal mechanics working on the airplane and they have just about finished the left side. They will start working on the right side soon. Although Carlos wasn’t there, I spoke at length to his father Martin and there is still lots of work to be done on the airplane. The wings are installed and they were getting ready to put the wingtips on during my visit. They will probably replace the horizontal stabilizers with ones salvaged from AZ. I’ve attached a photo from my visit and feel free to put it on your website if you like.

Regards, Ralph
The difference between a duck and a co-pilot?
The duck can fly.

A check ride ought to be like a skirt—short enough to be interesting, but long enough to cover everything.

Speed is life. Altitude is life insurance.

It only takes two things to fly: airspeed, and money.

The two most dangerous things in aviation:
A Doctor or Dentist in a Cessna.
Two captains in a DC-9.

Aircraft Identification:
If it’s ugly, it’s British.
If it’s weird, it’s French.
If it’s ugly and weird, it’s Russian.

Without ammunition, the USAF would be just another very expensive flying club.

The two best things in life are a good landing and a good bowel movement. A night carrier landing is one of the few opportunities to experience both at the same time.

The similarity between air traffic controllers and pilots?
If a pilot screws up, the pilot dies.
If ATC screws up, the pilot dies.

It’s better to break ground and head into the wind than to break wind and head into the ground.

New FAA motto: “We’re not happy, till you’re not happy.”

A copilot is a knot head until he spots opposite direction traffic at 12 o’clock, after which he’s a goof-off for not seeing it sooner.

If something hasn’t broken on your helicopter—it’s about to.

I give that landing a 9 . . on the Richter scale.

Basic Flying Rules:
1. Try to stay in the middle of the air.
2. Do not go near the edges of it.
3. The edges of the air can be recognized by the appearance of ground, buildings, sea, trees and interstellar space. It is much more difficult to fly in the edges.

Unknown landing signal officer to carrier pilot after his 6th unsuccessful landing attempt: “You’ve got to land here son. This is where the food is.”