



RED EAGLES NEWSLETTER

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Reprint - Update:

Red Eagle Memorial, USAF Museum

Red Eagles – CONGRATULATIONS!! Some figures: as of this writing, 20 June, the 'for the memorial' fund has over \$10,500 in the bank. An additional \$3000 has been pledged, but not yet provided. These numbers reflect responses from 66 folks. Enlisted, officers, Navy, Air Force, female, male, staff officers that worked the program, civilian friends, family members, surviving spouses – all Red Eagle demographics make up the contributors' list!

Your tremendous generosity has exceeded the amount necessary for the best bench! So, we have contacted a firm in the Dayton area and are now looking into the feasibility of an actual large memorial - something in the \$15-\$20,000 range is our current focus. This range is based on collected and pledged funds; the Board allocated \$3000 (if needed); an expectation that additional Red Eagles will contribute; and comments from some donors indicating they are prepared to provide additional funds, if needed.

Two bottom-line takeaways from the above – 1) the actual memorial monument, including cost, is still being determined; and 2) donations are still being accepted. We'll keep you informed on our progress. If interested in donating, the following two step process works best. Send your donation to:

John 'Admiral' Nelson, REAA
P.O. Box 910564
St George, Utah 84791-0564

Send a 'heads up' email to me so we can be looking for it: mikebonscott@gmail.com .

If the Red Eagle USAF Memorial issue is new

news to you, the Spring newsletter provides a background article that should help – it can be found on www.4477reaa.com , our website. For further info, email me at the above – I will be glad to satisfy your curiosity! That's all I got.

Scotty

Postscript:

In response to our campaign for the Red Eagle USAF Museum Memorial, Pam Greninger, a sister of Mark Postai sent the following message and granted us permission to publish it - we thought it might be an interesting update for those who knew or know of 'Toast'."

Pam wrote: Good morning! So happy to see that the Red Eagle lives! Mark's family, his wife Linda, mother Shirley and sisters, Pam, Paula, and Julie have kept our "Red Eagle" with us since his far too early demise in October of 1982. We had Red Eagle emblems made and proudly display them on all our family autos! Additionally Mark's nephew, Ethan Buche, has created a large facsimile of the emblem in metal. I will try and send you photos.

Of note, Mark will not stay unnoticed! I told Mom he keeps coming back from the grave. Captain Sullenberger devoted a section to Mark in his book about the fateful landing in the New York harbor and Mark was also detailed in the book The Red Eagles. I've not had a chance to read The Secret Squadron yet, but I'm sure he's in there too!

In the interim, I will be contacting everyone for donations for the memorial. Thank you so much for remembering an important part of our family's history!

Pamela Postai Greninger

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Editor's Column:

Fall has arrived and it's time to prepare for Winter weather ahead.

- We're not getting any younger so make a to-do list before the first freeze. Don't forget to fertilize the lawn, put the Summer patio items in the shed or garage and drain and put away the garden hose.
- Make sure the temperature rating of your car's antifreeze meets the low temps for your area, put the snow tires on and if your battery is over 5 years old, you might want to think about replacing it.
- Break out your Winter coats and take them to the cleaners or wash them if needed.
- You can submit your stories or roster updates by emailing them to: 4477redeagles@gmail.com
- Or, mail to:

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