

# RED EAGLES NEWSLETTER SPRING 2017



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### Museum Memorial Proposal

By all accounts, our 2016 Reunion was absolutely successful. The 'get-together/camaraderie' aspect and the great venue could stand alone as making it truly memorable. But, another great positive resulted – contacts were established that generated an authentic centerpiece that is making the long discussed Red Eagle exhibit a reality! Please see John 'Flash' Mann's article in this Newsletter.

And the venue, itself, generated another Red Eagle idea (we have lots of them!). Along with the one of a kind, world class exhibits, the Museum also provides an opportunity for '*unit memorials*'. The grounds are dotted with memorial benches and the museum also has a special area dedicated to memorial plaques. Yep, you guessed it - the idea is that the Red Eagles should have a memorial, also! (Note: This idea is a completely *separate issue* from the display.)

Preliminary inquiry reveals that a plaque costs approximately \$2500, and a bench, anywhere from \$5000 to \$8000. The Red Eagle Alumni Board has agreed to pursue this idea, and has guaranteed to provide up to \$3000, if needed, to make it a reality. So, what's the proposal? Read on.

**Proposal.** In order to preserve our treasury, this project would **best be funded privately.** We can use the guaranteed funds, if required; but, the idea is to use them only as a down payment; and, then,



through membership donations, both reimburse the treasury and, if needed, cover all additional costs. Any excess funds would be returned to the donors on a pro-rata basis, or applied as the donor might request.

**Methodology.** We need to determine sentiment and support for this proposal. If you feel this is something you think is worthwhile and would like to provide a donation, please send me (Scotty) an email with your verbally pledged amount NLT 1 May 2017 – do not send any money! Once we have determined desire and funds available, we will decide if it is feasible to proceed and which type memorial we will pursue. We will call for your pledged funds once we've decided to move forward. All responses will be known only to the committee (which, as of this writing, consists of me – any volunteers to join me? Once, Membership sentiment has been determined, the committee will expand, if required.) Remember, we are a 501c(3) organization – your donation will be tax deductible. My email: [mikebonscott@gmail.com](mailto:mikebonscott@gmail.com) .

That's all I got ----- oh, pay your dues if you haven't done so!  
Later - Scotty

### Update: Air Force Museum Display

Recently, the NMUSAF received a slightly disassembled MiG-23MS. That airplane, a former Constant Peg asset, will be cleaned and assembled, and form the centerpiece of the Constant Peg display at the Museum. It will be located in the Cold War section.

A rough timeline for completion of the display is Fall, 2017. Be mindful, that is a scheduled date, and we all know how a



### Editor's Spring Column:

Spring is here, time to start moving:

- Time to dust off winter's cobwebs and start caring for the outside of the house.
- Prep the flower beds and fertilize the lawn.
- Spring cleaning is always a pain but necessary to clear away the stale smell of winter in a closed-up house.
- Time to take off the snow tires and have the car serviced for the warm weather ahead.
- It's never too early to clean the grill and start cooking outside. Cook some ribs for me.
- You can submit your stories or roster updates by emailing them to: [4477redeagles@gmail.com](mailto:4477redeagles@gmail.com)
- Or, mail to:  
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long range schedule can change. But the arrival of the airplane at the Museum is a major milestone in completing the Constant Peg display.

As you may know, the Museum already has a MiG-17 and MiG-21 on display in the SEA Exhibit. Since floor space in the Museum is limited, the Constant Peg display will not duplicate those displays. The display will recount the entire program, including the role played by the Constant Peg MiG-17s and MiG-21s.

Many thanks to Gen Hawk Carlisle, Lt Gen (Ret) Jack Hudson (Museum Director), Evil Peck, and others for making this aircraft delivery happen.

*John 'Flash' Mann*



### **In one piece again**

The NMUSAF received a slightly disassembled MiG-23MS. That airplane, a former Constant Peg asset, #39, is cleaned and assembled. It will form the centerpiece of the Constant Peg display at the Museum. It will be located in the Cold War section.



## In Memoriam

MICHAEL J. CLEVELAND

APRIL 27, 1945 - APRIL 8, 2017

Mike Cleveland MSgt, USAF Ret, passed away on April 8, 2017. Mike was the Chief of Supply and later became NCOIC of, Plans & Scheduling under Maj. Tittle. He served with the Red Eagles from December 1981 to December 1987. Below is the info on the services for Mike:

### Service Information Memorial Service

Friday, April 14, 2017  
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

### Palm Mortuary - Eastern

7600 S Eastern Ave  
Las Vegas, NV 89123  
7024648500

Below is the web site to read and sign his memorial book:

<http://obits.dignitymemorial.com/dignity-memorial/obituary.aspx?n=Michael-Cleveland&lc=1009&pid=185025542&uuid=a8ed5885-14b4-4a6a-acbe-942ab95afc72>

## Red Eagles Web Sites of Interest

Red Eagles web site: [www.4477reaa.com](http://www.4477reaa.com)

Red Eagles Facebook page. Please feel free to request to join the group: <http://www.fbjs.facebook.com/groups/75655098950/>

Col Gaillard Peck's book "America's Secret MiG Squadron: The Red Eagles of Project CONSTANT PEG" is available from Gail directly.

Gail Peck can autograph and personalize books for Red Eagles for \$25 +S/H (usually @ \$5). These books can be ordered by email or snail. If email, use the [gtwestern@aol.com](mailto:gtwestern@aol.com) and include BOOK ORDER in the subject line. If ordering by snail mail send him a note to 8039 Leather Harness St, Las Vegas, NV 89131. In both cases remind Gail who the book is for and something about the recipient's RED EAGLE service. And, don't forget to tell him where to send it. He will autograph, personalize, send and then let you know the cost.

Also, His web site is [www.gaillardpeck.com](http://www.gaillardpeck.com) and he has lithos of our jets for sale along with the picture book that was introduced at the last reunion.

BTW if you order directly from Gail the REAA will get a cut on

## 2014 Reunion Photos

Neil Henderson and his associate were at the 2014 Red Eagles Reunion events on October the 17th and 18th in Las Vegas. Neil has provided us with a web link to view some of the photos that were taken at that time. Click on the link below to view:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/d0voiqmh3ejizzq/AAA3y8qLaHJUUp-aDeBehfOaa?dl=0>

## The Red Eagles Store

We have limited items available and ready for sale in the Red Eagle Store. Prices includes shipping and handling. When ordering more than one item you can email or contact me to adjust the shipping cost.

Please send check or money order made out to the "Red Eagles Alumni Association" or "REAA" and enclose a note with the name of the item you want, how many, what size for shirts and where you would like me to send it.

Send to:

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4477th Red Eagles Poker chip-  
\$4.00



Red Eagles golf shirts - \$37.50

<u>Blue/Black</u>	<u>Gray</u>	<u>Red</u>
Large—3	Small—1	X/Large—4
	Large - 1	
	X/Large—1	
	3X/Large—1	