



Ladies and Gentlemen,

At our convention in New Orleans last fall, Captain Charlie Morton was elected president. I am saddened to report that he passed away just before Christmas before he could take office. He was buried with military honors at the DFW National Cemetery on December 28. At a Grey Eagles board meeting earlier this month, I was elected as a replacement president for 2017. I will try to do a job that would make Charlie proud. He was a great guy and we will miss him a lot.

Charlie hoped for huge attendance at our 2017 Grey Eagles convention in San Diego. It promises to be an enjoyable gathering with the highlight a dinner aboard the USS Midway. The dates are October 27 - November 2, 2017 Hotel reservations are available now. Just go to the "Convention" tab on the web site - the link to the hotel for reservations is underlined. The schedule of events is on that same web site tab.

We are a social organization. We set up and run the annual convention, we sponsor the base retirement dinners that everyone seems to enjoy so much, we hold monthly luncheons and Christmas parties, and we try to keep our members informed via web site postings and e-mail notifications of airline happenings. Membership is open to all pilots who are 50 or older. We are mailing this to all pilots in that age group to encourage each one to seriously consider joining. On our www.thegreyeagles.org web site is the membership application. It can be downloaded or filled out online.

Here is a list of our Grey Eagle monthly luncheons to which all, members or not, are cordially invited:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Coordinators</u>	<u>Schedule</u>
Nashville	Dale Johnson	Second Thursday
Northern NJ/PA	Gary Yudell/Chuck Thomas	Third Wednesday
Connecticut	Bill Steers	First Tuesday
Chicago	Herb Dabelow/Tom Noe	Second Tuesday
Orange County	Ron Boss/Bob Anctil	First Tuesday
San Diego	Barry Brannan	Last Tuesday
Phoenix (OCT-MAY)	Bob Mangam/Alexander Massimi	Third Thursday
S.E. Florida (NOV-APR)	Bob Furman	Second Wednesday
N.E. Florida (OCT-MAY)	Tony Fortune	Third Wednesday
Las Vegas	Jim Rizor	First Tuesday
(Even Numbered Months)		

These Grey Eagle luncheon coordinators have been running these luncheons for years and are due a big "Thanks" from all of us who enjoy them. Contact numbers and times can be found on the Grey Eagles web site, as can any changes to schedules or locations. Come to a luncheon, even if you have decided not to join. We'd love to talk with you and perhaps you can reconnect with some friends.

Thanks for your attention. All the best for a healthy and happy 2017. Give the web site a look.

Bob Hoch
Grey Eagles President
