

DDPSA NEWS-- September 9, 2013

NEW WEBSITE UP AND RUNNING

A redesigned DDPSA website was launched on September 9, 2013. The domain name of www.ddpsa.org remains as the website address.

What are the changes? :

The redesigned website has been updated, is more user-friendly and contains extensive reference material. The website, which was designed by a DDPSA Board Member using the Go Daddy web builder program, will be less expensive to maintain and easier to update. Previously the website was managed by a third party.

How is the new website more user-friendly? :

The website design uses “buttons” which can be clicked to view various pages and documentation. Users who Beta tested the new site responded that the design was more user-friendly than the old website.

What type of additional documentation has been added to the website? :

The D&S Plan page contains every amendment to the D&S Plan dating back to its establishment in 1972. It often is necessary to research various amendments to the D&S Plan, because benefits generally are governed by the Plan provisions in effect on the pilot’s Event Date. For clarification, the Event Date is defined as the earliest date of a pilot’s disability, retirement or death.

The previous Survivor Help List has been expanded and renamed the Flight Plan for the Final Flight West. If a pilot fills in important

information, the document should be very helpful to survivors and executors.

Additional reference material will be added to the website in the future.

Why was the change made? :

The old website contained dated information. It was somewhat cumbersome and expensive to work through a third party in order to keep the website updated. Although the initial design and set-up of the site consumed a lot of volunteer hours, future updating of the website will be relatively easy and the website will less costly to operate.

Does DDPSA own other domain names? :

Yes, the domain names of www.ddpsa.net and www.ddpsa.com are owned by DDPSA and being transferred to Go Daddy.