

PCN Services – High Life *Newsletter, News, Events, Deaths, Illness Notices & PCN Ads & Calendar.* Note: Notices from major sections are distributed by separate email address to allow our subscribers the ability to customize and filter notices not desired.

Large web community for one of world's largest airlines

High Life



For all Delta people who have truly touched the *High Life!*

Above I shot off BC in the summer.

Dear PCN (of over 2500 subscribing members),

Group Section.....

Mark's Remarks:

Happy 4th of July!



Happy birthday to the greatest nation that has ever been!

It is popular to denigrate the character and achievements of this great country and the people that reside within. Not here. We are the most blessed people on the planet and hold in our hands a cherished gift. Liberty in America is exceptional, and we enjoy living in an exceptional land.

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A word about postponed High Lifes: Believe it or not, I do have another life. I am however, type A and when I don't keep to a self-imposed expectation (like publishing once a week) it bums me out. I do apologize for not always keeping to the weekly schedule. As I have said in the past, if I do not get a HL out on Sunday, I will try my best to get a notice out about its delay anyway. This work at the PCN is done by Carol, Dave, Kim and me is a labor of love. We all feel the significance of this group

of people and wish to serve it and keep our connections accessible. That is why we do what we do, albeit sometimes "periodically."

Periodic series: My Favorite Apps (For Droid and I-Phone Lovers)

As many of you might know I use a Motorola Droid and really like it. It is simply amazing what can now be done on a phone. This series will share some of my favorite apps for the Droid and many of them are either duplicated or something similar is available on the I-Phone.

First, about the Data Plan. Having a phone hooked up to the internet over the cell phone network can get expensive. I believe that the cheapest way to go is to buy an unlimited plan. Many plans like that for the black berry or I-Phone are in the \$40-50/mo. range. With my corporate discount at Verizon, I pay just \$25/mo. for unlimited data. I get my monies worth, trust me.

Now a general word about Apps: There are multiple "links" to internet pages that I have and use and are very helpful. This won't be a highlight on links, but rather on Apps (short for applications or programs). These small program Apps actually run on the phone and do something for you. Some of them are quite amazing. P.S. Chirp in here about your favorites and I will share them in this section periodically.

Here are 3 good ones to start: (when done I will compile the list and publish)

CamScanner = CamScanner turns phone to a document scanner to scan and manage your documents, whiteboard discussions and receipts easily. Our smart image cropping and enhancement algorithm ensures the scanned images clear and recognizable.

- Auto crop and enhance
- Create PDF (up to 50, 10 page documents)
- Share and upload
- Tag and search

*limited docs/pages for trial

** The document can be uploaded to gdoc in PDF format. But the page in document can't be uploaded to Gdoc because its format is jpeg, which isn't supported by Gdoc.

Simply the BEST app on my phone! As a teacher I use this almost DAILY. My students use it to easily share work and assignments. Personally I use it for sending pdf's of all kinds of docs.

Night clock: Ever want a descent night clock in your room with lit numbers easy to see at a distance? Then this app is for you.

Droid Alarm: Want an alarm that has customizable settings and will ring regardless if you are on headset or speaker? Okay, I sometimes need sleep rhythm music to snooze on planes. When the ear buds are in and I am chillin', the problem is most alarms don't ring on the headphones. This one does. And better it comes on with some gradualness.

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From: [Mike Harr](#)

Date: 6/28/2011 5:24:05 PM

To: mark@pilotcommunication.net

Subject: lost my toolbox

Upgraded without thinking it may have a effect on my toolbar.

Saw I had lost it so went back and tried to download it.

Came back with a note that it is incompatible with firefox 5.(mozilla Firefox)

I want my toolbar back,

Mike Harr

Editor: Reminder of how to install or "re-install" the useful PCN ToolBar on the top of your IE browser.

<http://pcn.homestead.com/Toolbar.html>

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PCN Ads – up and running!

For all of you who have an item, service or offer to promote Ad packages as follows:

FREE listings - \$0 for 45 days.

Jobs offered, jobs wanted, Pets, items Wanted. Runs 45 days, includes images.

Basic Listing - \$5 for 60 days with multiple images.

Silver - \$10 for 120 days with multiple images.

Gold - \$25 for one year with multiple images.

Platinum - \$50 for 3 years with multiple images.

Every one submitting an Ad gets a private login and complete control over their ads. URL's and images are allowed and you will see it is a very nice format for entering online ads.

Check it out; just register and submit and get your item, thing wanted, service or house, posted. Its just that easy!

PCN Ads

Note: PCN Ads was developed to give our group and outlet to advertise in front of our exclusive and numerous members along with searchable on the www, and by so doing keeps our newsletter free from any profit or commercial link.

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Tools for our members:

PCN Main Website: <http://pcn.homestead.com/home01.html>

PCN Google Group archives: <http://groups.google.com/group/PilotCommunicationNet>

PCN Ads – <http://pilotcommunication.net/Ads/>

PCN Tool Bar (for IE browser) - <http://pcntools.ourtoolbar.com/>

PCN Calendar - <http://pcn.homestead.com/Calendar.html>

PCN specific emails: misc@pilotcommunication.net

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News Section.....

Delta News (Recent stories of interest): [Yahoo](#), [AJC](#)

Delta will decide on plane order by year-end

On Thursday June 30, 2011, 10:07 am EDT

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Delta Air Lines Inc (NYSE:[DAL](#) - [News](#)) will make a decision on buying planes by the end of the year, its chief executive said on Thursday.

"We'll make a fleet decision by the end of the year on mid-body replacement," CEO Richard Anderson said, adding that the decision would likely come before the U.S. Thanksgiving holiday in late November.

He cited some weakness in the U.S. economy but said Delta's forward bookings look strong.

"We're seeing some softening in the economy ... the indicators aren't what you would like them to be," Anderson told reporters after the company's annual shareholder meeting. He said Europe's economy was where he sees the most weakness.

Delta, the No. 2 air carrier behind United Continental Holdings (NYSE:[UAL](#) - [News](#)), said earlier this week it expects a "solidly profitable" second quarter as higher revenues have for the most part offset rising fuel costs.

The airline sent a request to several plane makers late last year for proposals to deliver up to 200 planes to replace aging models. Possible orders could include large, medium and small single-aisle planes to be used on U.S. routes, Delta said earlier this year.

The head of Brazilian plane maker Embraer's (Sao Paolo:[EMBR3.SA](#) - [News](#)) commercial aviation unit told Reuters last week at the Paris Air Show that he saw "good chances" of firm orders from Delta this year.

(Reporting by Roy Strom, additional reporting by Karen Jacobs in Atlanta; editing by John Wallace)

Other Airline News (Recent stories of interest): [Yahoo](#), [AJC](#)

U.S. airlines prep plane orders; AMR said to be close

On Thursday June 30, 2011, 3:19 pm EDT

By Kyle Peterson

CHICAGO (Reuters) - An avalanche of airplane orders from the largest U.S. airlines may be on the way, with at least four major carriers in talks to buy fuel-efficient narrow-body planes to renew aging fleets.

AMR Corp (NYSE:[AMR](#) - [News](#)), parent of American Airlines, is further along in discussions and is eyeing a large order for more than 250 narrow-bodies valued at more than \$15 billion to be split between Boeing Co (NYSE:[BA](#) - [News](#)) and its European rival EADS (Paris:[EAD.PA](#) - [News](#)) unit Airbus, sources close to some of the talks said.

Even a small order by American Airlines for Airbus planes would mark a significant shift in loyalty by the airline, which currently flies an all-Boeing mainline fleet.

Delta Air Lines (NYSE:[DAL](#) - [News](#)) also is in talks with plane makers and says it aims to decide on an order for as many as 200 planes by the end of the year.

Southwest Airlines (NYSE:[LUV](#) - [News](#)) and United Continental Holdings (NYSE:[UAL](#) - [News](#)) reportedly are also talking about potential orders. US Airways Group (NYSE:[LCC](#) - [News](#)), the only other major U.S. hub-and-spoke carrier, says it is not in talks to buy new planes.

"Clearly the four big US airlines, which basically are American, the new Delta, the new United and Southwest -- all are talking about refleetting," said Adam Pilarski, senior vice president at AVITAS, an airline consulting company that also works with aircraft lessors and lenders. "It's not a surprise, eventually they have to do it."

Read More: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/US-airlines-prep-plane-orders-rb-2436289032.html?x=0&.v=1>

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U.S. airlines made billions in fees in 2010

By the CNN Wire Staff
June 13, 2011 6:51 p.m. EDT

(CNN) -- U.S. airlines accumulated nearly \$5.7 billion in fees in 2010, according to a financial report released Monday by the U.S. Department of Transportation. Airlines collected \$3.4 billion from baggage fees and \$2.3 billion in reservation change fees, according to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics report. Other fees paid by passengers are included in larger categories with other types of revenue for the report.

"Without sustained profitability, airlines cannot add routes, add workers or buy new airplanes, all in the interest of airline customers and the global economy," Air Transport Association spokeswoman Jean Medina said in a statement Monday.

The Air Transport Association is one of the oldest and largest airline trade associations in the nation.

"Importantly, airlines have different revenue models, providing customers choices; just as with fees, customers have the option to pay for products and services they value," Medina said.

The numbers have increased from 2009, when airlines received about \$2.7 billion in baggage fees, according to the bureau.

Airlines' baggage policies recently got further notoriety when soldiers returning from Afghanistan posted a YouTube video voicing their outrage at the nearly \$3,000 they were charged for checked bags on a Delta Air Lines flight.

That airline has since changed its policy for service members to include more free bag checks, and other major U.S. carriers have followed suit with similarly eased policies.

Finance Section ((Claims, PBGC, HCTC, Insurance, Planning, Tax, Estate) - section containing items with financial consequence to our group):

Can someone help the Captain out? Please send replies and I will post for the group's benefit.

From: [Kenneth Thomas](#)

Date: 6/23/2011 2:47:21 PM

To: mark@pilotcommunication.net

Subject: Delta Pilots Disability & Survivorship

Mark;

I searched through the Archives looking for a contact with a question I have regarding "Delta Pilots Disability & Survivorship Plan" and decided that I would throw out the question to all your readers. In 2008 I requested a "Summary of Survivor Benefits" for my wife from the Delta Employee Service Center. I received their calculations in Sept. of 2008. My question: "Are the calculation that Delta provided in 2008 still valid for today and into the future"? With today's financial condition of all corporations is there a chance the benefit could fluctuate within the Trust that provides this benefit? Thanks, Ken Thomas, retired Dec., 2000.

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WHALEN TAX EMAILS

From: CWoods5690@aol.com

Date: 6/27/2011 12:07:09 PM

To: mark@pilotcommunication.net

Cc: jwmunton@hotmail.com

Subject: William Whalen

Mark,

Just a note to bring you up to date on my dealings with William Whalen. I talked with Bill only once. I sent him the required information and paid the \$1250.00. I received my Form 843 and

later my 1040x. Filed both with the IRS office in Fresno, CA. I have received 2 or 3 letters since stating they need more time (45 Days), due to heavy work load. I finally called the IRS last week and was informed one agent had the 843 and another had the 1040x. I still do not know when to expect a reply. Jim Munton or Bill Whalen had nothing to do with the slow progress of the IRS. All I can do is hope it ends up in my favor.

Chuck Woods
Retired 97, 767

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From: [R Wayne](#)
Date: 6/22/2011 1:43:24 AM
To: ['Mark Sztanyo'](#)

Subject: 2007 1040X & Wm R Whalen, CPA

Mark, I need to tell you that I also have had good fortune with using Bill Whalen of Henderson, NV to file my amended tax return for 2007, the 1040X, having received my refund check yesterday for even more, \$3,455.62, more than he claimed. It was probably from my cap gain tax loss carry forwards, but he took that into account, so maybe just a "gift horse?"

So far the the Form 843 to recover Medicare and Social Security taxes incorrectly withheld has not been paid, nor denied,

but I don't see a reason it would not be paid since receiving the Fresno, CA IRS Office letter, "Changes to your

2007 Form 1040," REFUND DUE \$XX,XXX.xx letter of explanation.

Ole Jimmy Reed's early rock song "The Sun is Shining of Both Sides of the Street" comes true sometimes even for S... Canned Delta pilots. If you like original blues music go to: YouTube-Jimmy Reed- The Sun is Shining. Learned to love this music at Navy New Iberia, LA '62-'63.....NAVCAD days in Evangeline/Cajun Country.

Yours with gratitude Mark , Rogerwayne Murphy (Delta's way of listing me on NRSA)
Fort Vancouver, WA.... not BC.

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From: [Don Collins](#)
Date: 6/21/2011 9:20:05 AM
To: [Mark Sztanyo](#)

Subject: William Whalen

I received my return from Mr. Whalen on April 18th and mailed it to IRS in Atlanta the same day. Yesterday I received a check from US Treasury for \$7306 that was excess tax plus accumulated interest.

He did a great job for me.

Don Collins

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From: [Jim Ortman](#)
Date: 6/21/2011 8:28:25 AM
To: mark@pilotcommunication.net

Subject: Fwd: RE: 2007 Amended Return - Reply

Hi Mark,

I amended my 2007 return with Bill Whalen. I got a refund check yesterday so I emailed his ex-wife, Merrily, my good news. I got her permission to post her reply on your website. Thanks for all your good work, Jim

Jim,

Great to hear you got your refund. Yes, I am "sitting" the files and doing a lot of preparation clerical work for the project. Bill said that he has an attorney that he will be working with to file a lawsuit in our local district for the group. That will put the jurisdiction here, and will be a more practical way to solve the problem. He said that there is a one year statute to address the denials so there are no deadline problems. It is expected that the case is filed by the end of summer.

I am currently inputting all of the email addresses of the people in the group so that we will be able to easily send out status reports as we progress. Bill had surgery a week ago Friday and is still in the hospital. They ended up having to open him up instead of the micro-surgery they thought they could do originally. So I suspect his recovery will be slow.

Just sit tight on the IRS letters you have. You will soon find that the IRS is a slow moving machine (unless they think you owe them money of course). Be assured that you will not be forgotten. If you haven't yet, you can send a copy of the correspondence so we can keep a current log of actions on your case.

Take care,
Merrily

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From: Roids80@aol.com

Date: 6/22/2011 9:57:33 AM

Cc: mark@pilotcommunication.net

Subject: Re: Delta Pilot Inquiry

Bill (or to whoever is handling his business matters),

Hope your health is improving, Bill. Sounds like the health issue is not short term, but I pray that progress is being made in your treatment.

FYI... The IRS in Austin has yet to act on our two tax filings, but has sent two letters, one dated April 29th and one dated June 15th, indicating that "due to heavy workload, we have not yet completed our research to resolve your inquiry." They have indicated that they need an additional 45 days to complete their work. I assume that others are experiencing similar delays, so I'll continue to be patient.

Joseph A. ("Chip") Sanches - Delta Retired '05

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From: Charles Roedema [mailto:chucklr11@verizon.net]

Sent: Sunday, June 19, 2011 2:25 PM

To: Undisclosed recipients:

Subject: Amended 2007 Tax Return Denied

My amended 2007 tax return was rejected by the Austin, TX office of the IRS because "There are no records, such as a Form W-2c or a letter from Delta Airlines indicating that there was a change in nature of the income you received that were originally reported as wages on Form W-2."

Has anyone else had success in filing an amended return?

Chuck Roedema

Charles L. (Chuck) Roedema

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From: [Al](#)
Date: 6/19/2011 7:37:57 PM
To: '[Charles Roedema](#)'
Cc: mark@pilotcommunication.net
Subject: RE: Amended 2007 Tax Return Denied

Chuck:
Same results here. I filed both in the Atlanta office, but the reply came from Austin.
I dropped a note to the PCN, and even though you may have done this also, I am forwarding it to Mark.
Charles (Al) Lee
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D&S Benefit Tax Question

From: [Phyliss Harper](#)
Date: 6/29/2011 1:37:33 PM
To: [PCN Dir](#)
Subject: Fwd: survivor income benefit.
Mark, If you could help me with this I would be grateful. Phyliss Harper, Widow of John A. (Jack) Harper, Boston based.

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Paul Litchfield"
Date: June 28, 2011 2:11:44 PM EDT
Subject: survivor income benefit.

Hello,
I am a tax preparer that has a Delta Pilot widow as a client who recently began receiving an income benefit from the D&S plan.
Delta will not provide us with any documentation that the benefit is a non taxable benefit. They do however state that they believe that is non taxable and like all organizations will not give tax advice.
Do you have any information as how the membership is treating this benefit.
Thanks in response for any help you could provide.
Paul Litchfield CPA

Editor: I sent Phyliss' email to our resident D&S Trust expert Ev Gost and here is his reply:

From: [evan gost](#)
Date: 6/29/2011 5:50:37 PM
To: marksztanyo@gmail.com; tsetter@bpama.com

Subject: RE: survivor income benefit.

Phylliss-

To the best of my knowledge, the D&S Plan survivor's benefit is taxable because Delta paid the full cost of the Plan. However, I am not qualified to give tax advice.

I am interested in finding out who at Delta indicated that it is a non-taxable benefit. Perhaps they were referring to non-taxable life insurance benefits.

Ev

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Remaining financial items for retirees to watch:

After Aug 2007 these are retirement items remaining with financial consequence.

1. ~~PBGC 2nd look re-calc at qualified annuity benefits~~ - completed 8/24/07
2. ~~PBGC make up lump payment for underpayments since termination:~~ most reported received 1/31/08
3. ~~Final claim distribution by DAL through BSI~~ – distributed at or around Mar 23, 2011.
4. ~~Class Action suit against DAL concerning 5 yr look-back worth in excess of \$100 million~~ - *withdrawn*
5. Final Benefit Determination Letters (BDL's) PBGC re-calc "determination" of qualified annuity (likely after claim stock sale) – *in process until end of year (only 45 days to appeal)* Appeal extensions generally granted in Nov 2010 now extended by our law firm for all to: revised to Feb 18, 2011 Now Mar 18, 2011, April 29, 2011, July 29, 2011, Aug 29, 2011
6. Pension reinstatement/contribution request by DP3 representing the retired pilots. *very long shot....pending*
7. ~~Roth IRA creation as per Worker, Retiree, and Employer Recovery Act of 2008~~ – deadline June 22nd, 2009
8. Expiration of HCTC 80% premium subsidy will expire on December 31, 2010. *Action has continued 80% for Jan & Feb. Action expired and subsidy effective Mar 2011 is now back to 65%.*
9. Financial condition of the D&S Plan--a plan that pays benefits to eligible survivors of deceased pilots as well as to disabled pilots. A form 5500 for the D&S Plan is filed annually.
10. Formation of a VEBA Health Insurance plan by DP3 – VEBA has been created and in effect.

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Insurance (issues about health, life or disability that are of interest):

Pension:

As the PBGC appeals progresses the sensitivity of the information does as well. While the PCN has re-published many of DP3 general postings, we will refrain from re-publishing "private emails" in view of the nature of the process. So when there is a general update we will re-publish and when there is a private email we will help announce its existence.

To PCN subscribers these links are "hot" and will take you directly to the DP3 resource page or checklist for filing an appeal concerning your PBGC benefits.

Click for [PBGC Appeals Resource Page](#)

Or

[Appeal Checklist](#)

DP3 (login required)

Click to appeal your PBGC benefit

Call PBGC in DC- 1-800-400-7242

Link of explanation for BSW ([Benefit Statement Worksheet](#))

(Note: Must know your DP3 assigned passwords which cannot be shared in our newsletter!)

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Commercial Section.....

Investment (Legitimate firms that have helped our group are encouraged to contact PCN to add articles here):

Travel & Non-Revving (share a quick reco):

Life Section...

Misc Posts:

From: [Jerry Lund](#)

Date: 6/29/2011 10:20:55 PM

To: mark@pilotcommunication.net

Subject: High Life song

Mark,,,

Thanks for your work and dedication on PCN.

I am a retiree Feb 2002 with a DOH of 6-19-1970. Still kicking,,,

I love the song!!! Would you please send me the lyrics and an attachment with the song?

Thank you. Or is it already posted somewhere on the site? I remembered when you took over you got some flack about it. I love it! And supposedly we are a Christian Nation!

My e-mail with PCN is MD11retired@gmail.com. However I am using my regular e-mail of gclund@cablespeed.com now. It seems like everyone has multiple e-mail addresses to keep things separated.

Thanks again,,,,,

Jerry Lund :-)

Port Townsend, WA
360-379-6568

Editor: Thanks for the compliment on the tune, I kinda like it myself. Page down on the home page and you will see the lyrics printed.

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Date Jun 27, 2011

RE: Postponed HL, Dave's post representative of others received.

Fair enough, Mark, for sure. You're doing great volunteer work, so don't let anybody who's not doing the same pressure you into more, or more frequent, than you feel like. I do enjoy the High Lifes, so get them out when you can.

Dave Skilling, NWA retired

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Date: Jun 18, 2011

Mark,

Assuming that Medicare is still around in November, I'll be a recipient. I'd like to hear from guys in Florida regarding who they are using for Medicare supplemental, why they are using them, their satisfaction level, and the approximate monthly cost.

Thanks,
Dave Davis

dave@davedavis.com

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From: [MicRob](#)
Date: 6/13/2011 4:57:42 PM
To: [PCN Misc](#)

Subject: Re: Search

Hi Mark,

Is there some way to search all past High Life's at one time? For instance if I wanted to look back for an article on ZED fares, do I have to search each issue separately? I'm not looking for anything in particular right now. I did want some ZED info awhile back and did eventually find it.

I hate to suggest anything that might require more work but going forward could an index be started with general headings so past items could be found somehow? I guess a computer nerd might be able to help out, just a thought.

Thanks for all your time and effort,

Michael Maher

Editor: Right now, no. The HL's are uploaded as individual files. Sorry about that. As an attempt at keeping the info handy I publish a page with all the HL's link on it and try to give them each a unique title besides the date so that one can review something they have seen. Your idea is a good suggestion though and maybe something we can pull off in the future.

Human Interest:

From: [Eric Jensen](#)

Date: 6/22/2011 11:14:56 PM

Subject: Vietnam Veterans A Fast Dying Breed

These are some alarming statistics....now that I think about it, I'm not feeling so good myself!

Vietnam Veterans A Fast Dying Breed

by Mike Brewer, USMC retired, dated October 3, 2009

These are indeed some very sobering statistics. As a combat veteran of Marine Corps having served in Vietnam, I have always known that we seem to have a mortality clock that ticks a bit faster than then that of the standard for insurance actuaries. This isn't good news for us "in country vets". Like I always said"we died in 'Nam , just haven't fallen over yet". Too bad all the impostors don't die just as quick or quicker.

In case you haven't been paying attention these past few decades after you returned from Vietnam , the clock has been ticking. The following are some

statistics that are at once depressing yet in a larger sense should give you a HUGE SENSE OF PRIDE.

"Of the 2,709,918 Americans who served in Vietnam (1964-1975), **less than 600,000 are estimated to be alive today!**

The youngest American Vietnam veteran's age is approximated to be 54 years old."

If you're alive and reading this, how does it feel to be among the last 1/4 of all the U.S. Vets who served in Viet Nam ?!?!? I don't know about

you guys, but kinda gives me the chills, considering this is the kind of information I'm used to reading about WWII and Korean War vets...

We are dying too fast, if the numbers keep up, only a few will survive the coming decade.

These statistics were taken from a variety of sources to include: The VFW, the Census, the Public Information Office, the VA and the DOD.

*****I didn't believe this surprising email which is almost 2 years old, but did the following research which showed it is accurate:**
Fact: The 2000 Census did indeed show approximately 1,027,000 Vietnam vets alive during the 2000 Census out of the original 2,800,000 serving "in-country" Vietnam vets (as opposed to all Vietnam "era" vets, most of whom did not serve "in-country"). That means 1,773,000 had died in the 36 years since 1964, the great majority being under 50 years of age!
Fact: According to VA statistics, 490,135 Vietnam vets died from 2000 to 2007, which means as of 2007 there were only **537,000 Vietnam vets alive and that was almost 3 years ago!!**
Fact: 9,087,000 military personnel served on active duty during the official Vietnam "era" from August 5, 1964 to May 7, 1975, but only the foresaid 2,800,000 served "in" Vietnam (qualified for the Vietnam Service Medal). It is interesting to note that millions claim to be Vietnam veterans although they never served "in country" and many of those claiming vet status never served in the military at all!
Fact: Vietnam vet suicide and drug addiction rates are not any higher than the general population of their age. Disease rates including various cancers, neurological and cardiac disorders and diabetes are higher.
Fact: there are more WWII veterans alive today than Vietnam vets! (of course there were many more millions serving during 1941-1945)

Quote from the Chicago Tribune: www.chicagotribune.com,0,2356181.stor

"According to data from the VA, 58 percent of the 490,135 Vietnam veterans who died from 2000 to 2007 were younger than 60."

From the statistics we find on the internet over 2/3 of those serving in South East Asia during the Vietnam War have died, why? What is the explanation for this? Has the affects of Agent Orange finally caught up to them, or is this a result of the current war triggering PTSD from their time in service causing suicides or stress that has triggered diseases that are ending their lives???

To better understand the numbers above and why we may have not seen this before understand that we are 'not' talking about "Vietnam Era Veterans" which represent everyone who served in the military during the Vietnam war "Anywhere" in the world. The number we are talking about above have been hidden within the total of Vietnam Era Veterans with the VA. We are just talking about those who served in South East Asia (SEA). The VTO (Vietnam Theater of Operation) veterans, those who were awarded the Vietnam Service Medal by the Department of Defense. They are "In-country" Vietnam Veterans. Those physically in Vietnam or their direct support, "TLC Veterans", which is Thailand, Laos, and Cambodia, or "Off-shore" blue water Navy. They were all part of those who served in SEA and awarded the Vietnam Service Medal (VSM). You have to qualify the statistic by VSM to see the numbers. They are those with the Agent Orange exposures and the life time PTSD issues. At this rate most of them will be gone within just a few short years. They are dying at an alarming rate."

Good Read (Good book recommendation & [Community Author's](#) blurbs):

From: [rnorris](#)

Date: 7/3/2011 1:10:02 PM

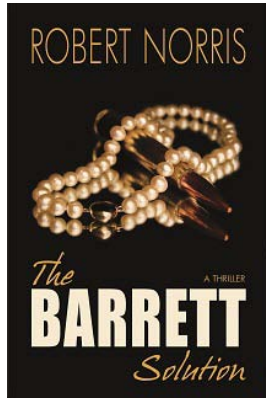
To: mark@pilotcommunication.net

Subject: Author

Hi Mark,

This is Robert Norris, retired DAL.

Please list my my new book, [The Barrett Solution](#) and website www.ronorris.com.



Thanks,
Bob

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From: [Dick](#)
Date: 6/26/2011 8:57:03 AM
To: mark@pilotcommunication.net
Subject: Hijacked to Cuba
Mark, My article '**Non Stop the Havana - Better to be Lucky than Smart**' has been the headliner at www.airliners.net for several weeks now. I retired from Delta in 1994, I was flying the MD-11 out of Portland to Asia.

Please post this email. Thanks

Dick Blizzard - Author
<http://dickblizzard.blogspot.com> (aviation and boating)
<http://funkydicksmusic.blogspot.com> (fiction and videos)
<http://s2fstories.blogspot.com> (Send me your aircraft stories for posting)

Event Announcements (Click here for [Calendar](#)): to post pcn.calendar@gmail.com

This is the PCN Calendar designed for you to publish your 2011 event dates. Please send them in to Kim.

Click here for our PCN [Calendar](#).

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From: [Dick Deeds](#)
Date: 6/26/2011 12:18:55 PM
To: [undisclosed-recipients:](#)
Subject: Reminder - Wallybird brunch July 21, 2011.

From the Wallybird

When: **July 21, 2011**
Where: Francesco's Restaurant
Francesco's is locate 1 block east of the Hilton Hotel on OAK airport on Hegenberger Road.

Time: 1115

Meal choices are:

Caesar Chicken Salad \$21

Baked Lasagna a la Toscana \$18

Hoagie Sandwich \$16

Meal all inclusive. Your choice of entree, drink, desert and gratuity!

Let start out the new year with a great attendance!!!!

Please RSVP me by noon, Monday (but the earlier the better)

July18 with your menu selection either by email to:

dickdeeds@pacbell.net

or Phone:

408-268-0670

Its a new year! Let's get a big turnout and keep the WAL spirit alive!!!!!!

Dick

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From: [JDiehl](#)

Date: 6/16/2011 8:53:51 PM

To: [Mark Sztanyo](#)

Subject: Hi Mark

Hi Mark,

On **September 17, 2011** the Grosse Ile Township (MI) and VFW Post 7310 will be hosting the 2nd Annual Veterans Gala (50's dance with live big band)

This year's event is a Salute to Korean Era Veterans and a special tribute to all NASGI Veterans - this is also the 100th Anniversary of Naval Aviation.

NASGI has a lot of really interesting history especially since it is on a small rural island - here a just few links to it:

<http://www.detroit1701.org/Grosse%20Ile%20Naval%20Air%20Station.html>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Naval_Air_Station_Grosse_Ile-

<http://www.detroit1701.org/Grosse%20Ile%20Naval%20Air%20Station.html>

The Yankee Air Museum participated last year with some of their air crafts for display and will again this year.

Starting off the event this year is the Army's Screaming Eagles who will parachute out of a plane to bring in the American Flag to the Star Spangle Banner.

Since the airport is now a municipal airport and a lot of the retired pilots are most likely either Korean Era or Vietnam Era Vets thought if any of them have their own small planes they might want to fly in for it.

A car show will be going on as well as a reenactment group www.veteransweekend.com

Let me know what you think and I can send you all the information about the event plus the Airport FBO's email address for any of the pilots who might like to fly in with their own plane.

Regards,

Judy

Below is a small clip from one of the many articles written about the Inaugural Veterans Gala.

GROSSE ILE, Mich. The Greatest Generation will receive a special salute at the Grosse Ile Naval Station Hangar 1 on September 10th. It's the Inaugural Veterans Gala.

Swing dancing and 1940s costumes will be part of the charm of this USO-themed shin-dig.

Classic cars and model airplanes will also be on display, and local boy scouts will be on hand for the celebration.

USO-style gala honoring about 90 B-26 pilots and other veterans along with a group of Rosie the Riveters.

A group of B -26 Veterans having their annual reunion in MI will arrive by bus at the back of the Grosse Ile Naval State Hangar Friday night.

Also among the honorees are the Rosie the Riveters - one of the ladies attending is a woman who is 102 years old!

When they walk inside, they'll receive a heroes' welcome from the local high school band and everyone in attendance.

There has been an overwhelming response to this first-ever event in Grosse Ile. The tickets are *sold out*.

You cannot even buy any tickets at the door Friday night.

But you can thank a veteran for their service when you see them.

"These gentlemen have laid down their lives for America, and we would like to give back," said one of the singers who will be performing at the Gala.

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From: DWSkjerven@aol.com

Date: 7/1/2011 10:46:42 PM

Subject: First Tuesday on the Month ORD Delta Pilot's Breakfast

After you have shot off all your firecrackers on Monday the 4th remember to come enjoy the ORD Delta Pilot's first Tuesday of the month breakfast the next day on the **5th of July**. As always, it is at Mama Rini's 177 W. Virginia Ave, Crystal Lake, IL or about 1 mile north of the Lake In The Hills Airport **at 09:30**.

Fly your flag for the 4th and see you at the breakfast. David W. Skjerven

I am looking for....." (Share a post of who you are seeking, if one sought answers....wallah):

From: [Bill Robertson](#)

Date: 6/14/2011 8:30:24 PM

To: mark@pilotcommunication.net

Subject: Lost Friend

Mark, A retired AA guy wants to make contact with **Barry Kendall**. Please post his e-mail address in the PCN newsletter.

georgepshanks@aol.com

Thanks ,

Bill

Good Deal/Bad Deal (Share a quick good deal or bad deal you have found – no commercials here!)

If you have something you represent that has a commercial interest, place it in the new service of [PCN Ads](#). Designed especially for our group but available to the industry. Registration is free and so are some ads. The rest start as low as \$5. Enter you promo in [PCN Ads](#).

Hangar Flying (Share a bit of ole hangar flying with the net. Need a sim buddy? Use PCN for request) :

From: [Steve Rodmon](#)

Date: 7/3/2011 8:10:05 AM

Subject: Fwd: In The Hudson

In the Hudson River !

This is unreal like you are right there.

Click on link

http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=tE_5eiYn0D0#t=109

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From: [Louis M. Fielack](#)
Date: 6/29/2011 9:09:18 PM
To: undisclosed-recipient:,
Subject:

Always A Pilot



Once the wings go on, they never come off, whether they can be seen, or not. It fuses to the soul through adversity, fear and adrenaline and no one who has ever worn them with pride, integrity and guts, can ever sleep through the ' call of the wild ' that wafts through bedroom windows in the deep of the night.

When Pilots Retire

When a good pilot leaves the 'job' and retires, many are jealous, some are pleased and yet others, who may have already retired, wonder. We wonder if he knows what he is leaving behind, because we already know. We know, for example, that after a lifetime of camaraderie that few experience, it will remain as a longing for those past times. We know in the world of flying, there is a fellowship which lasts long after the flight suits are hung up in the back of the closet. We know even if he throws them away, they will be on him with every step and breath that remains in his life. We also know how the very bearing of the man speaks of what he was and in his heart still is.

Author Unknown

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From: [FRED MUESEGAES](#)
Date: 6/30/2011 9:16:29 AM
To: [Undisclosed-Recipient:](#),

Subject: Interesting videos - Aircraft crashes
After watching this you can spend the rest of the day viewing all the others!

http://militarytrader.com/article/WWII-B-17-catches-fire-after-emergency-landing/?et_mid=508153&rid=3375180

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From: "Lane Browne" <3browne@frontiernet.net>
Date: Jul 1, 2011 11:03 AM
Subject: Boeing 787 Wing Loading Test

I have a friend tht is an, "Instructor" on the B-747-800, in Seattle. He might be going thru the flight training program on the B-787 soon. I thought you might enjoy seeing some of the structural testing that occurs before the public will actually fly on it.
Lane

Boeing 787 Wing Loading Test

<http://787flighttest.com/hanger/wp-content/plugins/flash-video-player/mediaplayer/player.swf?streamer=rtmp://cp81820.edgefcs.net/ondemand/tpn/firstflight/&file=TestLog4.flv>

Political (food for thought):

Humor/Sobering or Fun (Share some "vulgarity free" humor with the net):

From: [Anthony Schoenecker](#)
Date: 6/30/2011 2:56:23 PM

Subject: Fw: BUD LIGHT MR. DISCOUNT AIRLINE PILOT (and a few more airline related commercials)

<http://budlight.whipnet.com/>

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From: [Jean Cinotto](#)
Date: 6/24/2011 10:52:52 AM
To: Misc@pilotcommunication.Net

Subject: Humor
from another fa:

"A Delta airlines flight made an emergency landing at a wildlife refuge in Hawaii. When the lions saw the passengers they said, 'Do you believe this? Delta's actually serving food.'" -- Jimmy Fallon

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From: [Steve Rodmon](#)
Date: 6/19/2011 7:19:47 AM
To: mark@pilotcommunication.net

Subject: Fwd: Fw: Fwd: Faked video? Jumbo Landing

Thanks, Logan. Since the landing took place in the middle of the day, I'm not too concerned about the absence of nav lights; although it was missing a rotating beacon. And depending on the field in question, crosswind components can change significantly from moment to moment. Finally, I have no doubt that the ILS equipment was internal. The real issue here is the design. The flaps are simply huge relative to the remaining wing area. And when they are fully deployed, as they are here, the resulting angle of attack is so large that I am simply amazed that it didn't stall as soon as the flaps were deployed.

Jumbo crosswind landing video... could it be faked?

Although quite interesting, a number of people within aviation think that this sequence may be faked. Reasons given are that there are no navigation lights showing, the crosswind component appears to change significantly between the landers and a ground based guidance system is clearly not in use. You decide...

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K-f3UUdWZ-k>

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From: [Jerry Elder](#)

Date: 6/26/2011 5:28:07 AM

To: [Mark Sztanyo](#)

Subject: New upgrade on the fleet at Southwest

Hi Mark,

Something for the next newsletter.

Jerry

As a result of the unintended radio broadcast rant by the Southwest Airlines pilot a few weeks ago, All Southwest planes are receiving an immediate upgrade to assist SWA pilots in determining their status.

This will improve upon public relations dramatically.



Mark

Mark Sztanyo (Stăn'yō), PCN Dir & HL Editor

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