**WAYNE LAESSIG: Policy on Final Flight Listings.**

1. **ONLY air or ground crew will be listed on Website’s Last Flight pages.**
2. **ALL will be listed in Db / MCL with 01FF as their code**
3. **We can include Honorary Member deaths in FaceBook or Mail Call but NOT on Web Last Flight**

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Hi Wayne

I wanted to work some Final Flight dialog off-line with you first as it may be a sensitive issue.  You can broach the topic with the board as you see fit.  The subject is how to deal with the names on the Final Flight List.  BLUF #1:  We have surviving family members on the Final Flight List in some but not all cases.   BLUF #2:  We need to establish a policy for who is on the Final Flight list.

1. Surviving members (still living) on Final Flight list:
   * I may be rewriting history but I thought the decision to move the survivors over was the result of board discussions from several years ago.  I also recall discussions about leaving survivors in the main list with the linkage to the deceased while leaving them with the same POC as the deceased.   At one time I think Jim Terry was maintaining contact with the survivors of the Brothers lost is SEA.    I just don't recall all the details and circumstances of how it began.
   * As we move forward with the database, we need to develop and implement a set of guidelines which establishes some known consistency for doing what we do.  I offer the following thoughts for your consideration:   (A) Move all survivors back to the Main List.  (B) Code the survivors of the Brothers lost in SEA with a new code (00FF).  (C) Revise/maintain all other survivors based on the POC code of the deceased.  These survivors would be receive newsletter notices, etc from the same respective POCs as their deceased.  BUT, it's not that simple when we now consider how to handle a deceased spouse, child, etc.  Please read on.
2. Who should be on the Final Flight list?    Potential answers:  (1) only Gunshippers (Aircrew, Maintainers, Support Function, Other SEA folks)  (2) any deceased individual (Gunshippers, family, friends, etc) on the MCL and/or Membership lists  (3)  Something else.     If Option 1 is chosen, we would need to create a separate list (don't know what I'd call it) of the deceased non-Gunshippers.  Regardless of the option chosen, I would still advocate that the Final Flight list on the website include only Gunshippers.

I've been thinking about this issue for quite some time but couldn't articulate it until I reviewed the Final Flight list today as I was revising the data base documents.  (BTW, I'm leaning toward Option 1 with the establishment of a separate deceased list for family, friends, etc.)

Your thoughts?

Cheers

Ron

PS.  Some folks may object to my defining "Gunshippers" as those directly related to the gunship program and action/service in SEA.  That's OK.  I believe we need to make a distinction of some type and am open to suggestions.