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## November-December 2017 Newsletter



Retired Air Force Lt. Gen. Douglas H. Owens, Daedalian National Commander, speaks at the Hap Arnold Flight 30 Veterans Day ceremony in Riverside, California.

### National Commander honors veterans with Flight 30

Retired Air Force Lt. Gen. Douglas H. Owens was the guest speaker at Hap Arnold Flight 30's 38th Veterans Day Ceremony at Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, California, Nov. 11.

General Owens, the Daedalian National Commander, spoke of the sacrifices America's veterans have made in serving their nation.

"Those around us, those in uniform today and those that have served, believed, and committed to defend her – our nation enjoys its freedom today because of them. At a time when our country struggles with many social ills, the constant vigilance by those in uniform deserves acknowledgment, gratitude and respect. For without them and their families' sacrifices and selflessness, there would be no United States of America," the general said at the ceremony.

Retired Air Force Col. John Allevato, Flight 30 Flight Captain, wrote in his flight's November

newsletter: "Veterans Day was, as always, a huge success, with the ceremony and luncheon highlighted by presentations from the National Commander ... His talk at the luncheon was especially noteworthy as he spent his time lauding the Hap Arnold Flight for its lead and understanding of the membership changes that the Order went through during the past year."

Color Guard members from nearby March Air Reserve Base provided ceremonial honors.



## Your newsletter still needs a name!

"Newsletter" is such a generic term -- we think this Daedalian publication deserves something more appropriate, don't you?

Do you have a name you'd like to share with us? Please send it our way. We've only received two suggestions so far and we know our membership must have a slew of great ideas! If your entry is selected as the winning moniker, you'll receive a special Daedalian goodie bag!

Please send your newsletter name suggestions to [Annette@Daedalians.org](mailto:Annette@Daedalians.org). You're also welcome to send your story ideas and photos for future newsletter issues.



Six 23rd Flight Daedalians Flying Training (DFT) cadets were able to solo thanks to the generosity of Daedalians Honorary Member Laird Leavoy. In the front row from left are Santiago Johnson, Ty Millsap, David Edwards, Jeremiah Boterf and Michael Blackford. The sixth cadet is Jakob Mobert, who was not able to attend the recognition ceremony. In the back row from left are Laird Leavoy, Terry Tabor, Ron Suter, Mike McGinnis, Doug Boston, Joe D'Olive, Richard Fairlamb (23rd Flight DFT chair) and Jim Crone.

## Leavoy Foundation, 23rd Flight sponsor 6 DFT cadets

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Parents and family of the DFT graduates were invited to 23rd Flight's Recognition Ceremony and dinner meeting in September. The cadets were presented Daedalian flight jackets with name tags, an F-100D, P-47 or F-4 model aircraft, and ROTC wings.

Those cadets recognized include:

**Santiago Johnson** is an AFROTC junior from Krum, Texas. He maintains a 3.5 GPA in Aviation Logistics at the University of North Texas.

**Ty Millsap** is an AFROTC junior from Haslet, Texas, and maintains a 3.0 GPA in Business Administration/Finance at Texas Christian University.

**David Edwards** is an AFROTC sophomore from Grapevine, Texas, and maintains a 3.77 GPA in Chemistry at TCU.

**Jeremiah Boterf** is a Navy JROTC junior from Cleburne, Texas, is in the top 5 percent of his 2018 class and maintains a 4.22 GPA at Joshua High School.

**Michael Blackford** is an AFROTC junior from Fort Worth, Texas, and maintains a 3.12 GPA in Aviation Maintenance.

Absent was **Jakob Mobert**, who was a JROTC graduating senior from Double Oak, Texas, at Flower Mound's Marcus High School; he maintained a 3.76 GPA. Jakob is attending the University of Nebraska.

The cadets were mentored in DFT by 23rd Flight members: Richard Fairlamb (23rd Flight DFT chair), Terry Tabor, Ron Suter, Mike McGinnis, Doug Boston, Joe D'Olive and Jim Crane.

All soloed while undergoing training at Delta Qualiflight Aviation Academy at Meacham Field in Fort Worth, Texas. Parents and friends of the DFT graduates were invited to watch from Meacham Field's control tower during the solo flight.

## 2017 Green and Gold Connect



Retired Air Force Lt. Col. Ron Butler, Longhorn Flight 38 flight captain, and his 1995 Jaguar at the Austin, Texas, Veterans Day parade Nov. 11.



Retired Air Force Col. Dan Waddle, past flight captain of Longhorn Flight 38, with retired Air Force Lt. Col. Lemuel Lockhart in Waddle's Mercedes at the Austin, Texas, Veterans Day parade Nov. 11.



The 39th Flight Eagles participated in a Veterans Day ceremony at Eagle Springs Elementary School in Warner Robins, Georgia. B-17 pilot, retired Lt. Col. Crawford Hicks, was the main speaker for the second year in a row. He gave a moving speech to the students, teachers, administrators and 50 veterans in attendance. The veterans received appreciative hugs and thanks from students and staff. The grandson of flight membership chairman and historian, retired Air Force Maj. Bob Komlo, is a student at Eagle Springs.



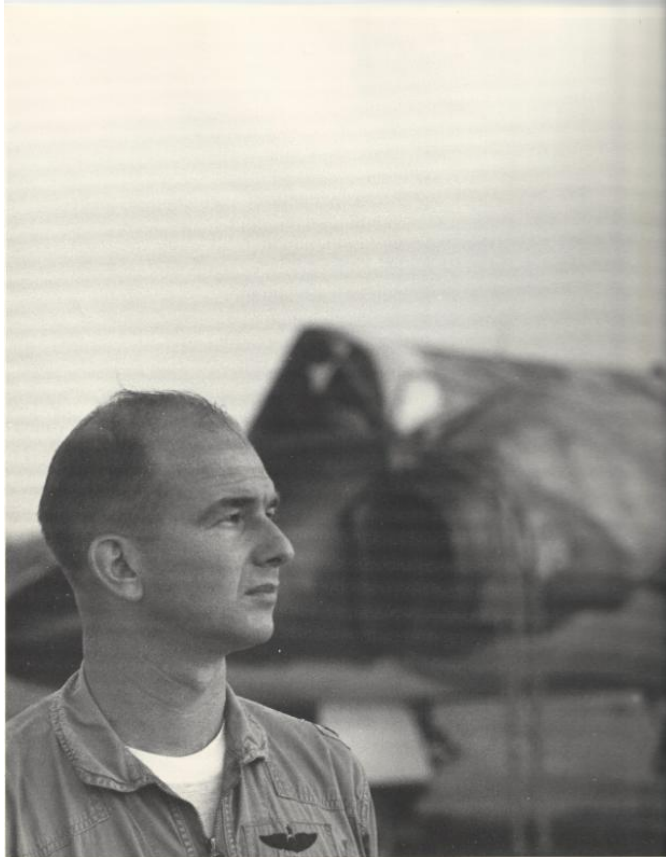
## From our members...

We received such a great response to our request for photos of our members, we're going to include some in the newsletter for the foreseeable future. Below are just a few.

### **Retired Air Force Lt. Col. George H. Sewell, Jr.**

We had two squadrons of F-102s supporting the B-52s by flying high cover for them. By 1970, the 64th FIS had been deactivated and only the 509th FIS remained. Our operations at DaNang AB were closed with the deactivation of the 64th. The 509th remained active until July or August 1970. This photo was taken in front of one of the F-102s.

The 405th FW was our parent organization at Clark AB, the



Retired Air Force Lt. Col. George H. Sewell, Jr. was a major and senior pilot when this photo was taken at Bangkok International Airport circa 1970.

Philippines. We typically had six aircraft on alert at both DaNang AB and four on alert at Bangkok IAP and flew them back and forth between our home base at Clark AB and the detachments. The 64th FIS also maintained aircraft on alert at Tainan, Taiwan, in support of reconnaissance aircraft flying in that area. The 509th maintained alert aircraft at Udorn AB, Thailand and in Korea. The 64th maintained four aircraft on alert at Clark AB. With the deactivation of the 64th FIS, the remaining F-102 pilots were all transferred to the 509th. I was one of those. As our volume of F-102s decreased we deactivated many of our sites. The last active site was Bangkok IAP.

Besides escorting all B-52 missions that flew north of 16o 30', we also flew weather recon for the tanker aircraft which refueled fighters flying into North Vietnam. Our purpose was to find the best weather for the tankers so the

refueling could be conducted in the best possible weather conditions. The F-102's high rate of climb made it easy for us to "bounce" up and down through the refueling areas, report the best altitudes and locations on the several established refueling tracts. We typically flew these missions starting at 0400 hours and feed our data to the GCI radar sites so the tankers could go directly to these "best locations and altitudes" in support of the F-105s and F-4s on their missions into North Vietnam.

We also maintained aircraft on ground "five-minute" alert to intercept and identify unknown aircraft in the system. We did these intercepts frequently due in part to the large volume of aircraft flying in the Vietnam airspace and the critical nature of the environment.



The O2A at Chu Lai in October 1967.



The O2A at Duc Pho in May 1968.

### **Retired Air Force Lt. Col. Harry Pearce**

I was a USAF captain attached to the U.S. Army's Americal Division as an airborne Forward Air Controller (FAC). I directed airstrikes in support of Army operations. I was

based at Chu Lai, Vietnam, from October '67 until May '68 and then at Duc Pho, Vietnam, from May '68 until September '68. It was a risky job, but I had the best seat in the war and the job satisfaction was through the overhead.

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### **Retired Air Force Col. Marilyn Kott**

The 4th of July at Balad Air Base, Iraq, in 2007 was the same day as the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing change of command (from then-Brig. Gen. Robin Rand to then-Brig. Gen. Burton Field). There was a static display of all the wing aircraft on the base, and a photographer handy.

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Merry Christmas!



Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from your Daedalians Headquarters Staff. Nicole Cline (blue), Kristi Cavanaugh (yellow), Maureen DeFelice (red), Annette Crawford (green) and Lucia Sanchez-Aldana (brown).

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## This month in aviation heritage

*This issue of the Daedalian newsletter marks a change in one of our regular columns. We're no longer featuring trivia questions and answers; instead, we'll feature "This Month in Aviation Heritage." We feel it's more in line with our Daedalian heritage, and there's nothing trivial about that!*

Nov. 2, 1954: Pilot J. F. Coleman made a successful flight in the XFY-1 delta wing

experimental fighter consisting of vertical takeoff, transition to horizontal flight, and return to vertical position for landing at NAS Moffett Field, California. The first free vertical takeoff had been accomplished August 1. Coleman later received the Harmon International Trophy for 1955 for his contribution to the art of flying in testing the XFY-1.

Nov. 3, 1909: Lt. George C. Sweet became the first Navy officer to fly when he accompanied Lt. Frank P. Lahm of the Army on a flight at College Park, Maryland. Lieutenant Sweet was the official observer for the Navy at the trials for the Wright Flyer.

Nov. 7, 1917: Eugene J. Bullard, an American in French service, became the first black fighter pilot to claim an aerial victory.

Nov. 9, 1956: Maj. Roy L. Anderson, USMC, began a three-day assault on world records in an HR2S-1 helicopter that set three new marks at Windsor Locks, Conn. On Nov. 9, he carried a payload of 11,050 pounds to an altitude over 12,000 feet; on Nov. 10, he conveyed 13,250 pounds to over 7,000 feet; and on Nov. 11, he set a speed record of 162.7 mph over a three-kilometer course.

Nov. 9, 1967: Air Force Capt. Lance P. Sijan, ejected from his F-4C Phantom over North Vietnam and successfully evaded capture for more than six weeks. The enemy eventually captured him, but the severely weakened and injured pilot managed to escape. Recaptured and tortured, he contracted pneumonia and died. Captain Sijan received the Medal of Honor posthumously.

Here's a link to the new video, "[Unbroken Will: The Lance Sijan Story](#)," produced by the Profession of Arms Center of Excellence. The Air Force Academy graduate lived the code of conduct to his last breath and left a legacy of love and leadership for Airmen today to follow.

Nov. 10, 1958: The first permanent Marine aviation detachment afloat was activated on board the Boxer (CVS 21) to provide supply, maintenance, and flight deck control functions necessary to support the operations of Marine helicopter squadrons.

Nov. 27, 1917: Brig. Gen. Benjamin D. Foulois replaced Brig. Gen. William L. Kenly as chief of the Air Service, American Expeditionary Forces.

Nov. 29, 1945: The Army Air Forces School, formerly the Army Air Forces School of Applied Tactics, moved from Orlando, Florida, to Maxwell Field, Alabama, and was assigned directly to the Army Air Forces as a major command. It later became Air University. The first commander of the new command was then-Lt. Gen. Muir S. Fairchild, Daedalian Founder Member and namesake of Fairchild Air Force Base in his home state of Washington.

Nov. 29, 1975: The first annual RED FLAG exercise began at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, ushering in a new era of highly realistic Air Force air combat training for pilots and aircrews.

Dec. 1, 1921: The Navy dirigible C-7 became the first helium-filled airship to fly when it journeyed from Hampton Roads, Virginia, to Washington, D.C., and returned the same day.

Dec. 3, 1915: Lt. j.g. Richard C. Saufley set a U.S. altitude record for hydroaeroplanes in

AH-14 at 11,975 feet over Pensacola, Florida, surpassing his own record of 11,056 feet, which he had set only 3 days earlier. The Aero Club of America awarded Saufley its Medal of Merit for the feat. Saufley is Daedalian Founder Member #13307.

Dec. 10, 1941: Japanese aircraft bombed the Cavite Navy Yard in Manila Bay, the Philippines. As American planes raced to escape, three Japanese Mitsubishi A6M Type 0 carrier fighters of the 3rd Kōkutai (Air Group) pounced on a PB4Y-1, Aircraft No. P-5, piloted by Lt. Harmon T. Utter of VP-101. Bow gunner ABMC Earl D. Payne shot down one of the fighters with his .30-caliber machine gun to claim the Navy's first verifiable air-to-air kill of World War II.

Dec. 17, 1903: Orville and Wilbur Wright piloted a powered heavier-than-air aircraft for the first time at Kill Devil Hill, near Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. Controlling the aircraft for pitch, yaw, and roll, Orville completed the first of four flights, soaring 120 feet in 12 seconds. Wilbur completed the longest flight of the day: 852 feet in 59 seconds. The brothers launched the airplane from a monorail track against a wind blowing slightly more than 20 miles per hour.

Dec. 23, 1907: Brig. Gen. James Allen, chief signal officer, issued the first specification for a military airplane. It called for an aircraft that could carry two people, fly at a minimum speed of 40 miles per hour, go 125 miles without stopping, be controllable for flight in any direction, and land at its takeoff point without damage.

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## Reunions

78th Attack Squadron "Bushmasters"  
(Formerly 78th Fighter Squadron)  
100th Anniversary  
Feb. 17-19, 2018  
Las Vegas, Nevada  
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MacDill AFB, Florida; Cam Ranh AF, Phu Cat AB, and Da Nang, Vietnam;  
Bergstrom AFB, Texas; and Korea  
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