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# August 2017 Newsletter

## Foundation presents nearly \$55k in scholarships

It was Christmas in August for 23 students after the Daedalian Foundation Scholarship Committee voted yes to nearly \$55,000 in awards at their last meeting.

The awards, totaling \$54,500, included:

Air Force ROTC - eight awards at \$2,500 each  
John and Alice Egan Multi-Year Scholarships - four awards at \$4,500  
Foundation-sponsored - six awards at \$1,000 each  
Descendants - three awards at \$2,000 each  
Brig. Gen. Kenneth Keller Memorial Scholarship - one at \$3,000  
Col. John D. Hedges Memorial Scholarship - one at \$1,500

Retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Jerrold P. Allen, chairman of the Foundation Board of Trustees, said the Scholarship Committee is committed to fulfilling the foundation's mission - inspiring tomorrow's military aviators.

"We were thrilled to see so many outstanding young men and women applying for scholarships. They all demonstrated the desire and potential to serve our nation as aviators, and we're pleased we were able to support them in achieving their goals," he said.



Megan Eader (fourth from right) gathers with family members and Daedalians after soloing at Perry-Houston County Airport in Perry, Georgia, July 20. Pictured with Megan are her family, parents Mike and Christin, sister Mia Louise and friend Maya, along with the 39th's Flight Officer Bobby Komlo, previous Flight Captain Rick Jones and current Flight Captain Al Jewell.

## 39th Flight celebrates student's first solo flight

Eagle Flight #39 at Robins Air Force Base, Georgia, had cause to celebrate July 20 when Megan Eader soloed at the 10.3 hour mark.

Megan, the AFJROTC Top Performer Award winner in 2016, recently started training with the help of the DFT sponsorship from the 39th Flight. Daedalians from the 39th Flight were impressed that she had completed the entire FAA ground school and had a couple flights in a Warrior.

Megan completed the solo at only 10 hours of training with the help of her instructor, Amelia Edwards of Perry Air LLC, located at Perry-Houston County Airport in Perry, Georgia. Thanks go to the owner, Dale Snyder, who worked with the 39th to complete this solo and provide a dream of a lifetime for Megan.

According to 39th Flight Officer Bobby Komlo, Megan has "a great attitude and air sense to throw in, too."

More good news followed for Megan, when the 39th staff voted to give Megan another four hours of flight time, with the flight paying half and their FBO offering the other. When Komlo called Perry Air about the \$500 matching with them, Snyder said he already put \$500 of his outfit's donation into Megan's account.



Megan Eader gives two thumbs up after her solo flight.

"He was going to do it with or without our donation anyways so kudos to him," Komlo said. "We got ourselves a partner that knows what this is all about and will work with us. Congratulations to Megan and Amelia and thanks to the 39th and the Daedalians national organization for joint funding and their help in making Megan's dreams a reality!"

Megan recently completed a cross-county and another flight. She plans to continue her flying lessons and become a private pilot in the future. She graduated from Houston High School this year with a 4.0 GPA, and she'll attend Auburn University in the fall. She has signed up for the Air Force ROTC program with plans to pursue a degree in aerospace engineering. She will spend her breaks at Perry Air.



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## **Application window open for Air Force undergraduate flying training**

**JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas** -- Application packages for the next Undergraduate Flying Training selection board are due to the Rated Officer Assignments branch of the Air Force Personnel Center by Nov. 17.

The board, set for Jan. 22-25, 2018, will consider active-duty officer applicants to attend training as early as spring 2018. Those interested in becoming a pilot, combat systems officer, remotely piloted aircraft pilot or air battle manager are encouraged to apply.

Read more [here](#).



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we've added. If you've written something you'd like to see posted,  
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## Dues increasing in 2018

**Annual and life membership dues** are increasing in 2018, effective Oct. 1, 2017. The rising cost of doing business contributed to the increase.

Annual dues will now be \$45. Lifetime membership fees are as follows:

Thru age 40	\$1,300
41-55	\$1,200
56-70	\$1,000
71-75	\$750
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## Aircrew Locator

I am a Daedalian life member trying to locate my F-4E GIB/Backseater.

He was a second lieutenant from Louisiana when he flew his first combat mission with me at night during December 1972 Linebacker II. We chased a MiG through the Haiphong SAM rings and dodged four SAMS that night.

We flew search and rescue. His call sign was POJO and mine was SIXGUN.

Call, text or email me at 813-784-4669 or npnusa@gmail.com if you have info.

Thanks,  
Neil Cosentino  
Tampa, Florida

## Girls in Aviation Day

**Girls in Aviation Day**, sponsored by the Women in Aviation International Alamo City Chapter and the City of San Antonio Aviation Department, is scheduled 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 23 at Stinson Municipal Airport, 8535 Mission Road. This event is held worldwide on the same day and hosted by WAI chapters worldwide.

The day camp is for girls 8 to 17 years old. Registration scholarships are available. Any Girl Scout who attends will receive a WAI Girl Scout patch. Each girl will receive an introductory flight offered by the EAA Young Eagles program.

Registration deadline is Sept. 15. For more information visit

<http://www.waialamocity.org/girls-in-aviation-day-camp.html>, email

sanantonio@waichapters.org or contact retired Air Force Lt. Col. Olga Custodio at oecdaedalian@yahoo.com.

## August Trivia!

Let's see how you do with this month's set of trivia questions! If you have some fun September facts you'd like to add to next month's newsletter, send them our way by Aug. 29.

1. The Army's Signal Corps established a new Aeronautical Division on Aug. 1, 1907, under \_\_\_\_\_ to take charge of military ballooning and air machines.
2. What did Oliver G. Simmons and Cpl. Glen Maole add to Signal Corps Airplane No. 1 at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas, on Aug. 18, 1910?
3. On Aug. 5, 1943, Jacqueline Cochran assumed duties as director of Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP), a new organization that merged her Women's Flying Training Detachment with the Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron (WAFS). Who was the former WAFS commander?
4. Col. Paul W. Tibbets piloted a B-29 called Enola Gay on Aug. 6, 1945, destroying the city of Hiroshima, Japan, with a single bomb. Where did he launch from?
5. On Aug. 26, 1967, the North Vietnamese captured Air Force Maj. George E. Day after shooting down his \_\_\_\_\_ aircraft. Severely wounded, he was taken to a prison camp for interrogation and torture. Despite his crippling injuries, Major Day escaped and evaded the enemy for two weeks. He crossed the demilitarized zone and came within two miles of a Marine Corps base when he was shot and recaptured. Back in prison and in poor health, he continued to resist his captors until he was released in 1973.

*Answers can be found on last page.*

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## Reunions

Air Rescue Association (ARA)  
18-21 October 2017  
Melbourne, Florida  
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## August Trivia Answers

1. Capt. Charles deForest Chandler. Born in Cleveland, Ohio, on Dec. 24, 1878, he joined the Army in June 1898. He was one of earliest aviators to show that a machine gun could be fired from an airplane. He died in Washington, D.C., on May 18, 1939, and is buried in Section 3 of Arlington National Cemetery.

2. The two added wheels to Signal Corps Airplane No. 1, producing a tricycle landing gear and eliminating the need for a launching rail or catapult. Simmons was the Army's first civilian airplane mechanic.

3. Nancy Harkness Love, who became WASP executive with the Ferrying Division of Air Transport Command.

4. The island of Tinian in the Marianas.

5. F-100 Super Sabre. For his bravery, Major Day earned the Medal of Honor. He was a Daedalian Life Member, and retired as a colonel. He passed away July 26, 2013.



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