Welcome to the first issue of Aviator!

We’re pleased to announce our newsletter now has an official name - Aviator! Credit for the name goes to retired Air Force Lt. Col. Howell Steadman, a member of the Granite State Flight. Colonel Steadman served as an air battle manager on active duty, and joined the Daedalians in April 2017. We hope he enjoys the Daedalian goodie bag he received for his efforts.

The outstanding new Aviator masthead is courtesy of Mr. Mike Carabajal, the graphic designer at Air Force Recruiting Service. Mr. Carabajal has been in civil service for 14 years, and was on the design team at Airman Magazine for three years. He donated his time and talents to design the new masthead.

Many thanks to both Colonel Steadman and Mr. Carabajal for their creative efforts. We’d also like to thank the 24 Daedalians who sent in more than 70 name suggestions.

--Annette Crawford
Garden State Flight #43 strong proponent of JROTC Awards Program

We recently received an email from retired Air Force Lt. Col. Dan Todd, the treasurer at Garden State Flight #43. He wrote that while the flight was struggling in some aspects, their strength was the Junior ROTC Awards Program. Last year they recognized 28 cadets throughout New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

We asked Colonel Todd to tell us more about his flight's work with JROTC cadets. He sent us the above photo and wrote the following story. It's an excellent example of the intent of the JROTC Awards Program, and illustrates perfectly why it's so important to get out into our communities and spread the Daedalian word.

This photo is one of my favorites showing the Cadet Corps at Sterling High School in Somerdale, New Jersey. It is one of our extremely successful Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC) units. While we awarded the Daedalian Award to Cadet Morgan Chew, we are only one of the many military and veterans organizations that annually present awards to deserving cadets.

The Navy Knights are almost 100 strong. Commander Eric Humphreys and Senior Chief Dale Oltarzewski are the naval science instructors. Their unit competes in drill and inspection competitions throughout the school year. They also have the opportunity to attend encampments in the summer.

It is extremely important to "show the flag" to our up and coming high school students. The intent of the JROTC program is not to pipeline students into the military. It looks to make them better citizens and give them some structure they may not otherwise get.

The Cadet Corps is set up like almost any military organizations, with cadets competing for leadership slots. If they are so inclined to join the military, that's a huge plus. And this is where we, as Daedalians, can help.

Think back on it. Something in your life keyed you toward the military and aviation. Maybe it was a P-51, an F-4 or a C-141 (I had to get that in there) or maybe you met someone who served or was currently serving. The Daedalian Award allows us to be involved in the awards presentation process and meet deserving cadets face to face. We present to units
of all services, and in many instances, the award is the number two in order of precedence. Retired Air Force Lt. Col. Doug Lloyd and I have found it to be extremely gratifying to administer this program for the Garden State Flight #43.

Thank you to Colonel Todd and Garden State Flight #43 for their dedication to the Daedalian JROTC Awards Program. If your flight has a success story they’d like to share in Aviator, please send it, along with photos, to Annette@Daedalians.org. If you would like to get involved with JROTC and sponsor a high school, please contact Maureen@Daedalians.org.

Daedalian inducted into Virginia Aviation Hall of Fame

Retired Air Force Col. Adelbert "Buz" Carpenter was inducted into the Virginia Aviation Hall of Fame in October. Colonel Carpenter is a member of the National Capital Chapter, and served as flight captain at Beale Air Force Base, California, in the early ’90s.

The write-up from the Virginia Aviation Hall of Fame included the following information: Colonel Carpenter "earned his pilot wings ... after graduation from the U.S. Air Force Academy, eventually accruing over 4,400 jet flight hours. He served as a C-141 aircraft commander doing worldwide airlift, an RF-4 instructor pilot in combat in the Vietnam Conflict, an SR-71 instructor pilot earning 777 flight hours while executing global reconnaissance missions, an F-4E squadron commander, and finally, as a pilot of the historic U-2, piloting his aircraft above 70,000 feet."

Additionally, he "served as a wing commander in Europe during Desert Storm and as the USAF "Black World" programmer in the Pentagon, involved in programs such as the F-117, B-2 bomber, and F-22. At the end of his Air Force career he was vice commander of 2nd Air Force, which possessed the Air Force's Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance
mission aircraft. Following his retirement, he became involved as a volunteer with the Udvar-Hazy Center and has been a key player in the development of their tour information and docent training.”

Congratulations to Colonel Carpenter on his achievement, and for helping us foster the future of aviation.

**Daedalians present first Tredici award**

The Daedalians' newest award, the Tredici Outstanding Flight Surgeon Award, was presented to Maj. (Dr.) Nicholas Ruppel during graduation ceremonies at the U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, Oct. 27. Major Ruppel is assigned to the 87th Aerospace Medicine Squadron at McGuire AFB, New Jersey, and is the first recipient of the award.

On hand to represent Frank P. Lahm Flight #9 were retired Air Force Lt. Col. Kathy Staiger, flight captain, (pictured above with Major Ruppel) and retired Air Force Col. Ed Mentzer, provost marshal.

The award is named after retired Air Force Col. Thomas J. Tredici, who was a B-17 pilot in World War II flying combat missions over Germany, Czechoslovakia and Poland. After the war, he attended medical school and became an ophthalmologist. He taught countless flight surgeons, and when he retired in 1987, he was the only World War II combat aviator on
With the expansion of membership categories in 2016, flight surgeons are now eligible to join the Daedalians. With Colonel Tredici's long history in aviation medicine, coupled with being a Life Member more than 20 years, it was only fitting that his name be associated with the award for top graduate at the flight surgeon school. Colonel Tredici, who lives in San Antonio, was honored to learn of the award in his name.

Lahm Flight tours restoration hangar

Several members of the Frank P. Lahm Flight #9 toured the restoration hangar at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, Oct. 27.

Daedalians got a look at the historic Memphis Belle airplane (shown above) before it goes on display May 17 in a special exhibit. The group also saw the oldest B-17 in existence (The Swoose), a MiG-25 dug from the sand in Iraq, and much more.

The people restoring and rebuilding these badly damaged aircraft and artifacts have a painstaking job - kudos to them for preserving aviation heritage! Thanks go to retired Air Force Lt. Col. Ken Normand for setting up the tour.
Kitty Hawk Flight #8 honors aviation heritage

As part of the 75th anniversary of the 4th Fighter Group, Kitty Hawk Flight donated a six-foot black granite monument to the 4th Fighter Wing which features an honor roll of the storied 4th Fighter Group (World War II), 4th Fighter Interceptor Wing (Korea), and 4th Fighter Wing (Vietnam and South West Asia), including Aces, prisoners of war, missing and killed in action, and a list of the group and wing commanders from 1942 to present. The monument was dedicated by Col. Christopher S. Sage, 4th FW commander, Nov. 11.

The flight's November meeting was a two-part talk by Col. Brian Armstrong, 4th FW vice commander. Colonel Armstrong gave a rundown of what was happening on the base, including various construction projects and significant events over the past 18 months. In the second part of his talk, the colonel told exciting stories of his participation in OPERATION Iraqi Freedom, and how the 494th Fighter Squadron Panthers flipped to the war in Kosovo and Serbia. It was a privilege to get the scoop about SA-2s and SA-3s being fired on the F-15Es and the many AGM-130 air-to-ground missiles he and the Panthers launched against enemy infrastructure.

Have you voted for your board of directors?

Voting for Daedalian leadership ends Feb.16! Please make sure you mail in your ballots or cast them electronically before then!
From our members...

We appreciate our members sending in photos of themselves from throughout their career. We'll continue to publish them on a regular basis in Aviator.

At left, retired Air Force Lt. Col. Jerry Kinder stands by a T-38 during UPT in 1966. In the photo on the right, Colonel Kinder, who was a forward air controller in Vietnam, stands next to an OV-10 Bronco.
Retired Air Force Col. Walt Evans served in Vietnam from June 1970 to June 1971. He was a pilot in the 15th Special Operations Squadron at Nha Trang and flew the MC-130. "I think this photo was taken on the ramp at Da Nang," Colonel Evans said. "No, I wasn't trying to look as if I was a quick draw specialist; I was left handed and we had no left-handed holsters."
Oswald Boelcke
Germany's First Fighter Ace and Father of Air Combat

By RG Head
Brig. Gen., USAF, Retired, Daedalian 1875

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This month in aviation heritage

Jan. 1, 1965: The Air Force’s first SR-71 Blackbird unit, the 4200th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, activated at Beale Air Force Base, California. The SR-71 could attain a speed of more than Mach 3 and altitudes beyond 70,000 feet; it required special fuel and maintenance support.


Jan. 3, 2002: Coalition aircraft including four Navy F/A-18C Hornets, four Air Force B-1B Lancers, and an AC-130 Spectre gunship struck the terrorist training and support complex at Zhawar Kili al-Badr, 30 miles southwest of Khowst, Afghanistan. The U.S. had attacked the facility on Aug. 20, 1998, in retaliation for the terrorist attacks against U.S. embassies in East Africa. During this battle, coalition aircraft leveled the facility’s buildings, sealed all known caves, and knocked out antiaircraft artillery and tracked military vehicles. The battle concluded on Jan. 14.

Jan. 6, 1944: Lt. Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, who had commanded U.S. air forces in the Mediterranean theater, assumed command of 8th Air Force, replacing Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker. Spaatz had been Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower’s air commander in the Mediterranean. Eisenhower was moving to England to prepare for the invasion of France. At the same time, Eaker replaced Spaatz in the Mediterranean. Spaatz is Daedalian Founder Member #309. Eaker is Daedalian Founder Member #289.

Jan. 15, 1914: The Signal Corps Aviation School at San Diego issued an order prescribing the first safety regulations, which required aviators to wear helmets and coats.

Jan. 17, 1927: Lt. Cmdr. John R. Poppen, MC, reported for duty in charge of the Aviation Section of the Naval Medical School in Washington, D.C. For the next three months the school devoted all of its resources to intensive instruction in aviation medicine. This marked the beginning of flight surgeon training in the Navy as well as the end of an interservice agreement, in effect since 1922, by which Navy medical officers trained at the Army’s flight surgeon school.

Jan. 18, 1911: Eugene Ely landed on the deck of the USS Pennsylvania while it was anchored in San Francisco harbor, becoming the first pilot to land on the deck of a ship.

Jan. 18, 1920: The commandant at NAS Pensacola, Florida, reported that in the future no students were to be designated naval aviators or given certificates of qualification as Navy Air Pilots unless they could send and receive 20 words per minute on radio telegraph.
Jan. 21, 1908: The Signal Corps announced a specification for an Army airship. It called for an aircraft that could fly for two hours, carry two persons, and maintain a minimum speed of 20 miles per hour.

Jan. 24, 1985: The Discovery launched on its first all-military space-shuttle mission. The crew included Navy Rear Adm. Ken Mattingly, commander; Air Force Col. Loren Shriver, pilot; Air Force Col. Ellison Onizuka, mission specialist; Marine Col. James Buchli, mission specialist; and Air Force Col. Gary Payton, payload specialist. It was the third and last spaceflight for Mattingly, the first spaceflight for Shriver, Onizuka and Buchli, and the only spaceflight for Payton. Onizuka died in the destruction of the Space Shuttle Challenger, on which he was serving as mission specialist for STS-51-L. He was the first Asian American and the first person of Japanese ancestry to reach space.


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**Reunions**

78th Attack Squadron "Bushmasters"
(Formerly 78th Fighter Squadron)
100th Anniversary
Feb. 17-19, 2018
Las Vegas, Nevada
POC: Tamer Kholousi
949-306-6419 or tkholousi@msn.com

12 TFW / 389 TFS / 480 TFS / 555 TFS / 12 FEW/SFW
MacDill AFB, Florida; Cam Ranh AF, Phu Cat AB, and Da Nang, Vietnam;
Bergstrom AFB, Texas; and Korea
April 4-7, 2018
Tucson, Arizona
POC: EJ Sherwood
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