

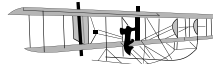
30TH FLIGHT AVIATOR'S LOG

MAY 2026 MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

FLIGHT CAPTAIN: BG RICO APONTE
VICE FLIGHT CAPTAIN: COL TONY BOWEN
TREASURER: COL BRIAN DELAHAUT
PROVOST MARSHAL: COL JOHN ALLEVATO
ADJUTANT: COL BOB HERMES
NEWSLETTER EDITOR: LTC WILLIAM HEITMEIER
MEMBERSHIP: OPEN
PROGRAMS: COL TONY BOWEN
SCHOLARSHIP (ROTC): LTC MARY GOLDSMITH
SCHOLARSHIP (DFT): BGEN RANDALL BALL
CHAPLAIN: COL CHARLIE HALE
RESERVATIONS: LTC JEFF SCHALL



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JAMIL DADA
PRESIDENT MARCH AIR MUSEUM
10 June 2026 Speaker

ONE OF THE LARGEST NON-GOVERNMENT FUNDED AVIATION & SPACE MUSEUMS IN THE WORLD!

The March Field Air Museum's core mission is to educate the public on the rich history of military and civil aviation through the preservation and exhibition of artifacts relating to the pivotal role of aviation in general and March Field in specific, in the transformation of travel, culture and conflict within the global community.

Located on the edge of the active flight line at March Field Air Reserve Base, March Field Air Museum offers an unparalleled view of the most modern military aircraft in the United States Air Force. March Field, one of the oldest military airfields in the United States, was originally founded as Alessandro Field in 1918 as one of 32 Air Service training camps following the United States' entry into WWI. Visitors can experience the full evolution of flight through an impressive collection of over 119 aircraft, spanning more than 120 years of aviation history. From early pioneers of powered flight to iconic World War II bombers and cutting-edge drones, the museum provides a comprehensive look at the advancements in aviation. With something for everyone, March Field Air Museum is a must-visit destination for aviation enthusiasts and families alike.

(Source: March Field Museum Web Site)

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

This month there is a very important day of remembrance. On 25 May all Daedalians should honor the sacrifice of those men and women who gave their life in defense of our country and constitution. I remember the events of forty years ago when President Reagan ordered the April 16th bombing in Libya as a response to terrorist attacks.

Two men, close to me, gave their life on that night. Major Fernando Ribas Dominicci and Captain Paul Lorence were shot down by a surface-to-air missile in Karma 52 an F-111F. I knew Fernando since college and can witness that he was an outstanding pilot and part of the Standardization cadre. Paul was an outstanding Weapons Systems Officer, hand-picked for this important mission.

Like me, you must have other personnel, heroes all, that you remember no matter how many years ago they died. I ask you to set a moment to recall their passing and honor their sacrifice. Remember, they Flew West for you and me and all Americans.

8 JUL 2026 LUNCHEON AT FLABOB AIRPORT

30th “Hap” Arnold Flight, 2026 Century Club

We appreciate those that have given to the Scholarship fund to this point. The fund as of 5/26/2026 is \$17,294.00. Twenty-eight members, family, and friends of the Flight have donated to the Flight’s Scholarship Fund. Recognized below are those who so generously donated \$100 or more. There are some great new scholarship ideas that are being considered, and your donations can help make these a reality.

30th “Hap” Arnold Flight 2026 Century Club Aces

LTC HUGH PICKETT \$10,000	COL JEFFREY HOLSHOUSER \$1000	BGEN RICARDO APONTE \$1000
LTC HAINES GRIDLEY \$600	COL AL AIMAR \$500	COL MARK A. BOWEN \$500
COL DAVID WARD \$500		

30th “Hap” Arnold Flight 2026 Century Club

 Note: Donations less than \$100 not shown

LTC JONATHAN GOLDENBAUM \$300	LTC WILLIAM HEITMEIER \$294	CELINE M. BUTLER \$250
LTC JOHN C. FISCHER \$250	COL PAUL GILL \$250	LTC ERIC GRUENLER \$200
COL CHARLES HALE \$200	COL ROBERT HERMES \$200	JOHNNIE M. MARQUEZ \$200
MRS PAT KRAEMER \$150	COL JOHN ALLEVATO \$100	HELEN BELL STUDIOS \$100
COL RICHARD BOUSMAN \$100	COL ELEAS CASILLAS \$100	COL BRIAN DELAHAUT \$100
COL GEORGE DUGARD \$100	LTC MICHAEL KOBOLD \$100	CHERYL N. LOSSETT \$100
LTC GREGORY MARKOS \$100	DR WILLIAM PATTON \$100	LTC JEFF SCHALL \$100

Important Note

Please contact the Treasurer, Brian Delahaut or the Adjutant, Bob Hermes if you require a Century Club donation form or have any questions. Donations should be mailed to the Flight’s address (see below). The Flight’s website has more information on our ongoing scholarship programs. Find the website at <https://daedalians-flight30.org/>. We are experiencing a low donation rate and your help is greatly appreciated.

Order of Daedalians, 30th Flight
17050 Arnold Dr, Box H-101
Riverside, CA 92518

Donations: Zelle email: flight30treasurer@gmail.com



SUPPORT THE FUTURE OF AVIATION

Help Daedalian Flight 30 to Raise **\$25,000** for the purchase of a flight simulator to be placed at Flabob Airport, Riverside, CA for use by Civil Air Patrol, ROTC, and Daedalian Flight Training in their pursuit of furthering the goal of becoming a Military Pilot.



WHY YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS

- Hands-on training for young aspiring pilots
- Develops leadership and STEM skills for Cadets
- Inspires the next generation of aviators to pursue a course toward becoming a military pilot

GOAL: \$25,000

WAYS TO GIVE

Zelle: flight30treasurer@gmail.com
Online: <http://daedalian-flight30.org>



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Flight 30 Order of Daedalians is a 501(c)4.
All donations are tax deductible.

DR. BILL PATTON
FLIGHT 30 “FRIEND OF THE FLIGHT”
13 MAY 2026 SPEAKER
“Ailments of Presidents’ First Ladies”



Dr. Patton related many interesting stories and medical facts about more than half of the First Ladies. Three First Ladies died while their husband was president. Letitia Tyler delivered 8 children and probably had toxemia during some of her pregnancies, which may have led to her death from a stroke at age 51 as the youngest of all First Ladies to die. Carolyn Harrison, Benjamin's wife, died from tuberculosis at age 60. She was a founder and First President General of the Daughters of the American Revolution, introduced electricity to the White House, started the WH china collection, and drew up plans for new east and west wings.

Ellen Wilson also probably had toxemia during one or more of her pregnancies and died from kidney failure at age 54.

He talked about the smoking and drinking habits of some of the First Ladies, the different diseases they had, who lived the longest (Bess Truman, 97), who was married the longest (Roselyn and Jimmy Carter, 77 years), and who died from cancer (Jacqueline Kennedy and Pat Nixon). There were no First Ladies who were twins, only one first lady who had twins (Laura Bush), and only two First Ladies who had C-Sections (Jacqueline Kennedy and Laura Bush). He closed by telling the interesting story of Mamie Eisenhower, who, because of her frequent public unsteadiness, was always rumored (falsely) to be a dipsomaniac. She actually had Meniere's disease, a condition of her inner ear, which created dizzy spells, making her appear to be drunk.

“THE ROSE LADIES OF FLIGHT 30”



L-R: Janie Delahaut, Stephany Brower, Sandy Hermes, Joyce Heitmeier, Julie Patton, Carmen Aponte, Suzanne Fischer, Catie Donovan, Carmela Bowen, Shirley Baltazar, Beverly Markel, and Phyllis Goldenbaum

LT COL ROBERT J. DONOVAN III

SPOUSE APPRECIATION LUNCHEON



**Catie Donovan and
son
Robert Donovan Jr.**



**Speaker
Dr. Bill Patton
and Julie**



Bob and Sandy Hermes



Bill and Joyce Heitmeier



Rico and Carmen Aponte



John and Suzanne Fischer



Tony and Carmela Bowen



Don and Stephany Brower



Jim and Beverly Markel



John and Phyllis Goldenbaum



Bill and Shirley Baltazar

Brian and Janie Delahaut not pictured

PROPOSED FLIGHT 30 BYLAW AMENDMENTS

In Accordance with Flight 30 Bylaws Article XIV, Section 4, AMENDMENTS

“Proposed Bylaws amendments shall be submitted to the membership at least one month prior to the membership meeting at which an approval vote will be taken.”

ARTICLE VIII. EXECUTIVE STAFF DUTIES

FLIGHT TREASURER:

Current:

7. Shall, in the event of dissolution of the Flight, transfer all Flight funds to the Daedalian Foundation and complete all tax reporting

Proposed:

7. Shall, in the event of dissolution of the Flight, transfer all Flight funds to the Order of Daedalians, a 501(c)(4) in the State of Texas and complete all tax reporting.

FLIGHT PROVOST MARSHAL:

Current:

5. Shall, in the event of dissolution of the Flight, transfer all Flight tangible properties to the Daedalian Foundation in the State of Texas.

Proposed:

5. Shall, in the event of dissolution of the Flight, transfer all Flight tangible properties to the Order of Daedalians, a 501(c)(4) in the State of Texas.

Why is Flight 30 Making the Above Amendments to the Bylaws:

1. The amendment aligns the CA state nonprofit classification with the IRS's classification. **The IRS classification defines our non profit status.**
2. Flight 30's charter with National requires we transfer all funds to National in the event of Flight 30 dissolution. Our Articles of Incorporation do not support funds transfer to National. This is because we are a 501 (c)(19) while National Order is a 501 (c)(4) and the National Foundation is a 501 (c)(3). With Flight 30's current Articles of Incorporation, the CA state decides which 501 (c) (19) organization our funds will go to.
3. **The same state and IRS nonprofit classification is desired.** This bylaw amendment allows us to meet our Charter requirements and remove the possibility of the State of CA dictating where our funds go at Flight 30 dissolution.

FLIGHT 30 BLASTS FROM THE PAST -- 2016

"FOUNDER'S DAY — 26 MAR 2016"

30th Flight Daedalian members and guests celebrated Flight 30's 35th consecutive recognition of the founding of the Order of Daedalians at Maxwell Field, Montgomery, AL on March 26, 1934. The event was a Saturday evening induction of new Flight 30 Daedalians at Altavita, Riverside, CA.

Opening and closing remarks were made by Flight Captain, Lt Col Alan Leach. Flight 30's Founder's Day celebration originator, Col John Kerr was the master of ceremonies. Four new Daedalians were formerly inducted into the Order of Daedalians: Brig Gen Russell Muncy, 542 Air Mobility Wing Commander; Capt Catherine Nelson, 912th Air Refueling Squadron KC-135 instructor pilot; Retired USAF Brig General Ricardo Aponte, and retired USAF, Col Jeff Holshouser.



L-R: Flight Captain, Lt Col Alan Leach; BGen Russell Muncy; B Gen Ricardo Aponte; Capt Catherine Nelson, Col Jeff Holshouser; and Col John Kerr



Formal induction of Flight 30's newest Daedalians.



Col Bowen is at the controls airlifting a horse that had fallen into a deep ravine.

Right: Capt Catherine Nelson, 912th ARS with prospective Flight 30 Daedalians, LTC Dave Garon, 912th DO; Maj Adam Walker, 336th ARS; and Flight 30 Daedalian, Col Dan Opplinger.



USAF FIRST LIEUTENANT REBEKKAH I. CAMPBELL

JULY 13th SPEAKER

"PRESENT DAY AFFAIRS — TURKEY & SYRIA"

13 JULY 2016 SPEAKER



Lt Campbell and Flight Capt Lt Col Alan Leach

FLIGHT 30 CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2026

(Note: Flight 30 Board Mtgs are the first Wed of every other month starting in Feb.)
(Note: Flight 30 Luncheons are the second Wed of every month except for Aug, Nov & Dec.)
Speaker/Program Recommendations. Contact: Col Toney Bowen, 951-445-1324 or tbone46@gmail.com.

JANUARY 2026

Board Mtg: None

Luncheon: Wed, 14 Jan @ 1100—Hap Arnold Club

Speaker: Col Craig Newton, “California Civil Air Patrol”.

FEBRUARY 2026

Board Mtg: Wed, 4 Feb @ 1000—Hap Arnold Club

Luncheon: Wed, 11 Feb @ 1100—Hap Arnold Club

Speaker: CW4 Randy Zahn, USA (Ret).
“Hunter/Killer helicopter teams in Vietnam”.

MARCH 2026

Board Mtg: None

Luncheon: Wed, 11 Mar @ 1100—Hap Arnold Club

Program: Flight 30 AF and NROTC Cadet
Scholarship Awards. Plan to attend to meet and
congratulate the scholarship awardees.

APRIL 2026

Board Mtg: Wed, 1 Apr @ 1000—Hap Arnold Club

Luncheon: Wed, 8 Apr @ 1100—Hap Arnold Club

Speaker: Grant Williams, USMC (Retired). CH-46
Pilot, CEO “Flying Leatherneck Museum”

MAY 2026

Board Mtg: None

Luncheon: Wed, 13 May @ 1100—Hap Arnold Club

“Lt Col Robert J. Donovan III Spouse Appreciation
Luncheon”

Speaker: Dr. Bill Patton, “Ailments of Presidential
First Ladies”

JUNE 2026

Board Mtg: Wed, 3 June @ 1000—Hap Arnold Club

Luncheon: Wed, 10 June @ 1100—Hap Arnold Club

Speaker: Jamil Dada, President of March Air Museum

JULY 2026

Board Mtg: None

Luncheon: Wed, 8 July @ 1100—**Flabob Airport**

Speaker: John Goldenbaum, “Flabob Airport”

**NOTE THE VENUE CHANGE TO THE FLABOB
AIRPORT**

AUGUST 2026

Board Mtg: Wed, 5 Aug @ 1000—Hap Arnold Club

Luncheon: Dark. Enjoy a summer vacation

SEPTEMBER 2026

Board Mtg: None

Luncheon: Wed, 9 Sep @ 1100—Hap Arnold Club

Speaker: Dr Graeme Auton, “Geopolitics”

OCTOBER 2026

Board Mtg: Wed, 7 Oct @ 1000—Hap Arnold Club

Luncheon: Wed, 14 Oct @ 1100—Hap Arnold club

Speaker: TBD

NOVEMBER 2026

Board Mtg: None

Luncheon: Wed, 11 Nov @ 1200—Victoria Club

Program: 11 Nov 30th Flight Veteran’s Day
Celebration at Riverside National Cemetary starting
@ 1100, luncheon to follow at the Victoria Club @
1200. Speaker: TBD

DECEMBER 2026

Board Mtg: Wed, 2 Dec @ 1000—Hap Arnold Club

Dinner: Date: Thur, 10 Dec 2026 @ 1730—Victoria
Club

Program: Flight 30 Christmas Dinner and Dance



General "Hap" Arnold



March Air Reserve Base Flightline

NOTIFICATION

In the event of an Emergency, or when a member of 30th Flight has passed on, please notify our 30th Flight Adjutant, Col Bob Hermes, 207-214-5079 or adjutant30flight@yahoo.com.

10 JUNE 2026 LUNCHEON

HAP ARNOLD CLUB

WED — 10 JUNE 2026

START ENGINES 1100 — LUNCHEON 1130

MENU: Start with a Green Garden Salad. 1. Hap Arnold's Specialty Chicken with Basil Cream Sauce, Rice Pilaf, and Green Beans with Almonds. 2. Vegetarian: Chef's Choice. Finish, or if you like, you can start with a Gourmet Fresh Baked Snicker Doodle Cookie.

Additionally Rolls, Butter, Coffee, and Ice Tea plus White & Red Wine for Toasting.

RESERVATIONS: Your name and guest(s), if applicable:

1. Email Jeff Schall: mjmschall@gmail.com or call 714-686-2702 **with Meal Choice if Vegetarian**. 2. Pay at the door or prepay with Zelle. Do not mail reservations or checks to Jeff or the Flight mail box.

3. Reservation Deadline: Make or cancel your reservation not later than **1200 Hours, Sat, 6 June 2026** (**NOTE: A reservation made is a reservation paid.**)

4. Ensure Jeff has replied and confirmed your reservation or cancellation and meal choice if vegetarian.

5. Cost: \$35. Pay at the door with check, cash, credit card, or Zelle. Or prepay with Zelle using:

Zelle email: flight30treasurer@gmail.com

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