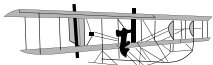


# 30TH FLIGHT AVIATOR'S LOG APRIL 2026 MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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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**DR. BILL PATTON**

**FLIGHT 30 “FRIEND OF THE FLIGHT”**

**13 MAY 2026 SPEAKER**

**“Ailments of Presidents’ First Ladies”**

Dr. Patton has spoken to Flight 30 on numerous occasions and always presents a fascinating topic related to medicine. His talk on 13 May will be no different.

*“Much has been written about the health of our Presidents, but much less is known about health issues of our First Ladies. This talk will explore some of the health conditions experienced by our First Ladies, their historical context in medicine, and how they affected life in the White House and the history of our nation.”*

For those of you who remember Paul Harvey and as he used to say, “and now for the rest of the story”.

**The “rest of the story” will be the Flight 30 luncheon,  
Wed, 13 May. Don’t miss it.**

**LT COL ROBERT J. DONOVAN III**  
**SPOUSE APPRECIATION LUNCHEON**  
**Bring Your Spouse for a Free Lunch**

## 30<sup>th</sup> “Hap” Arnold Flight, 2026 Century Club

We appreciate those that have given to the Scholarship fund to this point. The fund as of 4/27/2026 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.

### 30<sup>th</sup> “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		

### 30<sup>th</sup> “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, 30<sup>th</sup> Flight  
17050 Arnold Dr, Box H-101  
Riverside, CA 92518

Donations: Zelle email: [flight30treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:flight30treasurer@gmail.com)

## “IN MEMORIUM”

Colonel James M Galyen took his last flight on April 1, 2026. He was born October 17, 1940, in Downey, California, the third of five children. Jim lived in the Los Angeles area and attended grade school and high school there, graduating in 1958 from Pius X. He attended Oregon State University on a football scholarship, and graduated June 3, 1962 with a BS in Applied Mathematics plus a 2nd Lt. Commission in the United States Air Force. Jim attended pilot training at Williams AFB, AZ from November 1962 to December 9, 1963. His class was the third to graduate in the T-38 Talon. As a single officer, he was a roommate of a German Air Force Officer which was a great experience. Jim’s first assignment was to a SAC B-47 unit at Mountain Home AFB, ID, and he attended all the prerequisites--nuclear weapons, gunnery and survival school--prior to arrival.

On June 20, 1964, he married his college sweetheart who was his wife for 46 years. She had a sudden and unexpected death in November 2010 and was greatly missed. Jim and his wife have two wonderful sons, Mark and Mike, born in 1965 and 1968. The B47’s phased out in December, 1965, and he was assigned to Travis AFB, CA to the first operational MAC C-141 Squadron. Having a short assignment there, he was sent to F-4Cs training (AT-33) and to F-4C school at Davis Monthan, AZ. Afterwards, Jim went to Southeast Asia which was a good tour. He was supposed to return to C-141s; however, the North Koreans captured the USS Pueblo. Instead he was sent TDY to the Korean DMZ to be an Air Liaison/Forward controller (ALO/FAC) at Camp Young with the 2nd Infantry Division. Upon return, he was assigned to a C-141 squadron at McChord AFB, WA.

After that tour, he attended an AFIT assignment at Wright Patterson, AFB, OH where he was awarded a MS in Logistics Management. Upon graduation, Jim went to the 12th AF IG team, inspecting TAC gained ANG/Reserve units. He next attended the Naval War College at Newport Rhode Island (during the bicentennial year) which was followed by a tour at Norton AFB, CA. During his time there, he was an operations officer and squadron commander and flew the first-seventh midwinter airdrops to McMurdo and the South Pole. Following Norton, Jim was the MAC Group Commander on Guam. After Guam, he was assigned to Charleston AFB, SC where he became Wing Deputy Commander for Operations and then Vice Commander. His final assignment in the Air Force was as the 21st AF Deputy Commander for Operations from 1989 through early 1991.

In May, 1991, Jim was employed by United Airlines flying 727s, 737s, 757s and 767, making Captain in six years. He retired in November, 2001

# CAPTAIN'S CORNER

It is important to remind you that the May luncheon is the first annual Robert J. Donovan III Spouse Appreciation Day, and I encourage maximum participation. All attending spouses are FREE! Don't forget to remind Jeff Schall of your participation. At the luncheon, Dr. Bill Patton will give a presentation titled: "Ailments of Presidential First Ladies."

After more than ten years of dedication to the flight, Col. Charles Hale will be vacating our support to the local high school Daedalian medals and ribbons. We are looking for a volunteer to fill this JROTC Special Staff position, an important opportunity to help support our youth.

During the Apr 1<sup>st</sup> board meeting the FlaBob Airport (est. 1925) Executive Working Group was created in order to study future collaboration between the airport staff and our Daedalian flight.

Members of the group include:

- Brian Delahaut - Lead
- Randy Ball - Flight training and simulation
- Paul Gill - Education
- Jon Goldenbaum - Airport operations

The working group should study the next steps necessary to create a Daedalian partnership with FlaBob Airport, for the purchase of a flight simulator, to obtain a working area at the airport, to collaborate with youth education organizations, and to study the feasibility of moving all operations to the airport.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the May luncheon where I will be presenting a recap of the Daedalian Annual Meeting that will be held at Randolph Air Force Base on April 22-23.



## 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](mailto: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.

# FLYING LEATHERNECK AVIATION MUSEUM


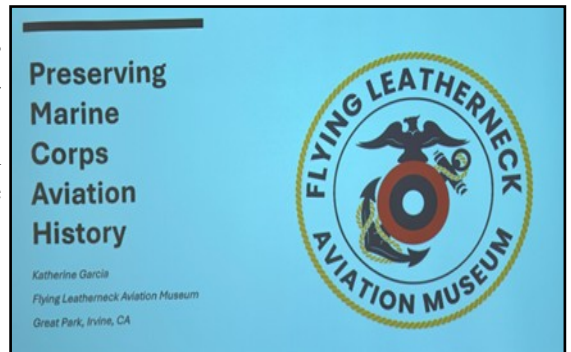
## KATHERINE GARCIA

### “Museum Archives Manager”

8 April 2026 Speaker



The Flying Leatherneck Museum’s mission as shown on the right had a journey that started in 1989 at El Toro MCAS and ended up in Irvine, CA in 2024. It’s new home is now in Irvine at the Great Park Cultural Terrance along with other museums.



**Contact Information**

- <https://www.flyingleathernecks.org/>
- (858) 693-1723
- [flhf@flyingleathernecks.org](mailto:flhf@flyingleathernecks.org)
- 888-FLY-USMC

Katherine showed numerous pictures of the museum’s current inventory, and it her job to collect and manage current and future Marine Corps Aviation history items. There are several current challenges to include supplies, storage space, and funding.



**Flight 30 USMC (Ret) (L-R) Lt Col Jeff Schall; Col Brian Delahaut; Col Bob Hermes; Col Tony Bowen; Lt Coil Nilo de los Reyes; and Katherine Garcia in front**



**Manning the front desk. Lt Col Jeff Shall; Lt Col John Fischer; and Lt Col Nilo de los Reyes**



**Ladies of Flight 30 (L-R): Joyce Heitmeier; Sandy Hermes; Beth Allevato; Shirley Strzemieczny; and Carmela Bowen**



**Katherine Garcia, Col Brian Delahaut, and Flight Captain, BG Rico Aponte, USAF (Ret)**



**Flight 30 Tradition  
BG Rico Aponte presenting Flight 30’s traditional bottle of wine to luncheon speaker, Katherine Garcia**



# FLIGHT 30 JUNIOR ROTC COMMITTEE CHAIR

## IMPORTANT POSITION OPENING

**A**fter serving for decades, Charlie Hale will be vacating his position leading the Flight's JROTC program. A REPLACEMENT IS NEEDED to take on this vital and respected effort that supports 51 high school programs. Charlie is willing to assist you in the taking over this rewarding program. For details, please contact Charlie at [cehale39@gmail.com](mailto:cehale39@gmail.com) or (951) 567-5703 (landline) or (951) 990-6545.

### JOB DESCRIPTION

**Jan 1-15:** Send request to HQ for the number of Medals/Ribbons needed.

**Between Jan-Mar:**

Have Staples (or other vendor) laser-print needed Certificates.

Ensure sufficient certificate holders and mailing envelopes are on hand. If not, place an order with Amazon.

Early March: Email each school to notify them about the upcoming package and request updated instructor contacts.

**In March:** Update your master copy of the INLAND EMPIRE JROTC roster.

**Late Feb-mid-March:** Mail packages to schools.

**In March, April, and May,** solicit for presenter volunteers at the schools. Do this at the Board of Directors' meeting as well as at the monthly luncheons. You may also ask the Adjutant to send out emails to our members asking for volunteers.

After completing your expenses, send a written reimbursement request with receipts to the Treasurer.

Update the INLAND EMPIRE JROTC roster and send the new file to the Flight Captain.

NOTE: Reference the "How To" guide and the flash drive for sample correspondence as well as detailed instructions.

# DAEDALIAN JROTC MEDAL

The Daedalians inspire tomorrow's military aviators and are proud to sponsor the Daedalian JROTC medal representing outstanding citizenship and excellence in academics.

## The qualifications for this award are:

- Has demonstrated patriotism, love of country and service to our nation.
- Has indicated the potential and desire to pursue a military career.
- Ranks in the upper 10 percent of his or her JROTC class.
- Ranks in the upper 20 percent of his or her high school class.

Each year the Daedalians support approximately 1,800 schools with this award recognizing cadets across the nation for their outstanding performance and commitment to service.



(Above and R)  
BG Randy Ball,  
USAF (Ret)  
San Jacinto HS, San  
Jacinto, CA  
Air Force JROTC  
Awards  
23 Apr 2026



Col Tony Bowen,  
USMC (Ret) with  
Cadet Sergeant Ian  
Morales  
Murrieta Valley HS,  
Murrieta Valley, CA  
Marine Corps JROTC  
Awards  
18 Apr 2026

**FLIGHT 30 MEMBERS  
RECOGNIZING JROTC  
CADETS  
“For Their Outstanding  
Performance and Commitment  
to Service”**



# 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 -- 2015



**(L-R) Col Russell Muncy, 542nd AMW Commander; Lt Col Alan Leach, Flight Captain; Col Marilyn Kott, Speaker; and Col Tony Bowen, Program Chairman.**

**May 2015**



**Daedalians at the July luncheon. L-R: Col Dan Oplinger, Lt Col George Huettig, and Lt Col Karl Kramer.**

**July 2015**



**Four lovely ladies attended the July luncheon. L-R: Zee Moyer, Ginny Canady, Fran Hesslink (widow of former Flight Captain, Lt Col Bob Hesslink), and Johnnie Marquez, (widow of former Daedalian, Lt Col Hector Marquez.).**

**July 2015**



**L-R: Lt Col Alan Leach, Lt Col Alan Strzemieczny, Lt Col Jerry Burgess, and Col Bruce Colbert.**

**August 2015**

# 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: TBD

## JULY 2026

Board Mtg: None

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

Speaker: TBD

## 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: TBD

## 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 Cemetery 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](mailto:adjutant30flight@yahoo.com).

## 13 MAY 2026 LUNCHEON

HAP ARNOLD CLUB

WED — 13 MAY 2026

START ENGINES 1100 — LUNCHEON 1130

**MENU:** Start with a Green Garden Salad. 1. 1/2 Rack Baby Back Ribs, Sliced Buttered Carrots w/dill, and Buttered Mashed Potatoes. 2. Vegetarian: Chef's Choice. Finish, or if you like, you can start with a Gourmet Fresh Baked Chocolate Chip 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](mailto: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, 9 May 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](mailto:flight30treasurer@gmail.com)

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