

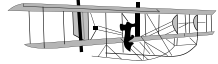
30TH FLIGHT AVIATOR'S LOG

JUNE 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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FLABOB AIRPORT

4130 Mennes Ave, Jurupa Valley, CA 92509

July will be a great opportunity to visit The Tom Wathen Center at Flabob airport in Riverside. The airport is more than just a runway and some hangars. Flabob is an education center that provides young people an opportunity to develop careers in the aviation field. It also hosts a CAP and EAA offices as well as many other exhibits and other areas of learning. Also, it will soon be the home of the Flight 30 simulator that will provide support for our DFT program.

The meeting and lunch will be in the air-conditioned classroom hanger near the entrance. Golf cart transportation will be available for those that need assistance from parking lot.

SCHEDULE

1100-1130 Arrival.

1130-1145 Open meeting with toasts

1145-1200 Lunch is served

1200-1230 Speaker Lt Col Jonathan Goldenbaum's presentation (members finish meals)

1230-end Tours are offered (Simulator site, Wright Bros exhibit, rocketry lab, plus other exhibits, flight line, etc. About a 30-minute tour.

MENU

Cheeseburger or Turkey Club Sandwiches
Vegan meal choice of Veggie Burger or Caesar salad
Fixins bar for burgers
Chips
Green salad
Cookie

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED to JEFF (See last page)

1. Require golf cart transportation from parking lot
2. Meal Choice
3. RSVP not later than Saturday, 4 July 2026
4. Cost: \$25



30th “Hap” Arnold Flight, 2026 Century Club

We appreciate those that have given to the Scholarship fund to this point. The fund as of 6/26/2026 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

CAPTAIN’S CORNER

On July Fourth, we celebrate nearly two and a half centuries of American independence. It is worth remembering that the founders of our nation took actions many at the time considered treasonous. Even so, they stood against a foreign kingdom, gained support from other nations, and welcomed immigrants whose contributions helped turn the tide of battle and secure our independence. Happy Fourth of July.

July’s luncheon begins a new trend for our monthly meetings. This month I encourage our membership to attend the event scheduled at Flabob Airport, Jurupa Valley, CA. This unique airport, nestled in the hills of the Inland Empire is a pilot’s paradise. Over 100 years old, Flabob’s exceptional buildings will be open to your inspection during the visit.

DIRECTIONS TO FLABOB AIRPORT

4130 Mennes Ave, Jurupa Valley, CA 92509

1. Interstate 60 West.
2. Exit 50 Rubidoux.
3. Left on Rubidoux.
4. Left on Mission Blvd
5. Right on Twining St.
6. Left on Mennes Ave.

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.



March Air Museum President Jamil Dada



**(L) March Air Museum Executive
Director Michael D. Ellzey and Jamil**



**(L) March Air Museum
Director of Administration
Christi Case and Jamil**



Col Paul Gill and Jamil



**Jamil with Lt Don Brower
and his wife Stephany**



**Col John Allevato and his wife
Beth**



**Flight Captain BG Rico Aponte
presenting Jamil with Flight 30's
Traditional Bottle of Wine**

FLIGHT 30 BLASTS FROM THE PAST -- 2017

“FLIGHT 30 SWEARS IN NEW OFFICERS FOR 2017-2018”



Col John Kerr introduces new Flight 30 Officers: (L-R) LTC Alan Leach, Adjutant; Col John Allevato, Flight Captain; LTC Stretch Strzemieczny, Treasurer; LTC Jerry Burgess, Provost Marshal; LTC Eric Gruenler, Board Member; Col Dan Oplinger, Past Flight Captain; and BGen Ricardo Aponte, Board Member. Not present, LTC Roger Rupp, Vice Flight Captain.



Capt Nelson on the right with LTC Stretch Strzemieczny, center, and his guest, Grid Gridley



L-R: Joyce Heitmeier, Michele Arnold, Cadet Arnold, Peggy Crabtree, & LTC Bill Crabtree.



Col John Kerr on the left and Maj Bob Garcia on the right



LTC Robert Donovan in a discussion with LTC Jerald Burgess (R)

“FOUNDER’S DAY — 25 MAR 2017”



*L: Lt Col Robert Donovan
R: Lt Col William Baltazar*

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—Pala Mesa Golf and
Resort, Fallbrook, CA

NOTE THE VENUE CHANGE

Program: Combined Flight 30 & Flight 13 Luncheon at
Pala Mesa Golf and Resort in Fallbrook, CA.

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.

8 JULY 2026 LUNCHEON

FLABOB AIRPORT (Note: Venue Change for JULY)

WED — 8 JULY 2026

START ENGINES 1100 — LUNCHEON 1130

MENU: See Page 1. 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 from menu on Page 1 and if you need transportation from the parking lot.**
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, 4 July 2026 **(NOTE: A reservation made is a reservation paid.)**
4. Ensure Jeff has replied and confirmed your reservation or cancellation and meal choice from Page 1 and transportation request.
5. Cost: \$25. Pay at the door with check, cash, credit card, or Zelle. Or prepay with Zelle using:

Zelle email: flight30treasurer@gmail.com

ACE OF SPADES FOR JULY
One Half of \$855 & 31 Cards