

30TH FLIGHT AVIATOR'S LOG

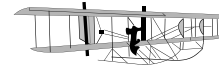
DECEMBER 2025 MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

FLIGHT CAPTAIN: COL TONY BOWEN
VICE FLIGHT CAPTAIN: BGEN RICO APONTE
TREASURER: COL BRIAN DELAHAUT
PROVOST MARSHAL: COL CHARLES HALE
ADJUTANT: COL BOB HERMES
NEWSLETTER EDITOR: LTC WILLIAM HEITMEIER
MEMBERSHIP: OPEN
PROGRAMS: COL TONY BOWEN
SCHOLARSHIP (ROTC): LTC MARY GOLDSMITH
SCHOLARSHIP (DVT): BGEN RANDALL BALL
CHAPLAIN: LTC ERIC GRUENLER



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COL CRAIG NEWTON

WING COMMANDER "CALIFORNIA CIVIL AIR PATROL"

14 JANUARY 2026 SPEAKER

Col Craig Newton's career with the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) began in December 2011. He has held various leadership positions within the California Wing, including Group 7 Commander, Wing Inspector General, and Vice Wing Commander. Newton's qualifications include being a Mission Check Pilot Examiner (G1000) and (sUAS) pilot. He has also received the Gill Robb Wilson Award #3465, which is similar to the Spaatz award, indicating his high level of senior education within the CAP. Newton's aspirations as Wing Commander Select include learning more and teaching others, reflecting his commitment to continuous growth and education within the CAP.

CALIFORNIA WING of CIVIL AIR PATROL

California Wing of Civil Air Patrol (CAP) is the highest echelon of Civil Air Patrol in the state of California. California Wing headquarters are located in Van Nuys, California. California Wing consists of over 3,000 cadet and adult members at over 77 locations across the state of California.

California Wing performs the three missions of Civil Air Patrol: providing emergency services; offering cadet programs for youth; and providing aerospace education for both CAP members and the general public.

California Wing provides emergency services, including search and rescue missions, disaster relief missions, providing Air Force support, and assisting in counter-drug missions.

In March 2020, members of California Wing partnered with the American Red Cross to serve meals to children in the Los Angeles area while schools remained closed amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Youth aged 12–18 may enter a CAP cadet program. At the age of 18, they may become a senior member or stay as a cadet. Cadets that decide to stay as a cadet may continue until they become 21. The cadet program provides a 16 step program covering aerospace education, leadership training, physical fitness and moral leadership. California Wing offers an annual summer encampment for cadets to further their skills.

Civil Air Patrol provides aerospace education for both volunteer CAP members and the general public. The internal education program for CAP members educates senior and cadet members; the external program for the general public is provided through workshops offered through the nation's education system.

California Wing is divided into eight groups across the state, with each squadron being assigned as a component of a group based on its geographical location. (Source: Wikipedia)

30th “Hap” Arnold Flight, 2025 Century Club

The 2025 Scholarship Fund continues on and we appreciate those that have given. The fund as of 12/17/2025 is \$19,541. Thirty-nine members, widows, family members and friends donated to the Flight’s Scholarship Fund. Recognized below are those who so generously donated \$100 or more. Please donate if you can as we are still not at our annual goal.

30th “Hap” Arnold Flight 2025 Century Club Aces

LTC HUGH E. PICKETT \$6000	LTC ALAN STREMIECZNY \$3000	INLAND EMPIRE COMMUNITY FUND \$2680
COL JEFF HOLSHOUSER \$1000	LTC HAINES GRIDLEY III \$600	COL JOHN B. KERR, JR. \$500
COL DAVID WARD \$650	COL AL AIMAR \$500	

30th “Hap” Arnold Flight 2025 Century Club Note: Donations less than \$100 not shown

COL MARK A. BOWEN \$300	MARK OBER \$300	MRS CELENE BUTLER \$250
LTC JOHN C. FISCHER \$250	COL PAUL GILL \$250	LTC WILLIAM HEITMEIER \$201
LT DON BROWER \$200	LTC ERIC GRUENLER \$200	COL CHARLES E. HALE, JR. \$200
COL ROBERT HERMES \$200	COL ALFRED RIVERS \$200	CWO2 JOE WALKER \$200
LTC MICHAEL KOLBOLD \$200	LTC ROBERT J. DONOVAN III \$125	COL MARILYN KOTT \$125
MRS ROBERT KRONE \$125	COL JOHN T. ALLEVATO \$100	MRS PAUL E. BELL \$100
COL RICHARD BOUSMAN \$100	MRS PEGGY CRABTREE \$100	LTC KELLY CURTIS \$100
COL JOE DUGARD \$100	MAJ ROBERT GARCIA \$100	MRS PAT HUBBELL \$100
MRS PATRICIA KRAEMER \$100	LTC THOMAS KUHN \$100	RS JOHNNIE MARQUEZ \$100
MINER FAMILY TRUST \$100	DR. WILLIAM PATTON \$100	LTC JEFF SCHALL \$100

“CAPT’S CORNER”

If you did not attend this year’s Christmas Party at The Victoria Club you missed one of the best parties. I have ever attended with Flight 30. The energy level was magnetic, the Band was excellent and I have never seen so many folks on the dance floor. Each year the service song rivalry gets louder and better. Special thanks to Paul Gill for putting together a magnificent evening.

This next year brings elections for the Flight. In this newsletter you will find a slate of Executive Staff Officers and Board Members to be voted on at the February 11, 2026, luncheon. We normally conduct this election in the fall, but we had a delay getting the slate filled. Thanks to all the Flight 30 members who have volunteered to run for these positions.

Wishing Flight 30 members, family and friends a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

CALIFORNIA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY HONORS FLIGHT 30 VETERAN



AT A RECENT BB GAME

They have great crowds at the games and hope students and all attending will remember and appreciate the Veteran’s service.

It has been quite successful and a special addition to the sporting event.

We had 25 guests all on the top deck watching the game and having hot dogs, etc.-- really a fun evening.



FLIGHT 30 NOMINEES

2026—2027

Following Flight 30 Nominees to be Elected at the 11 February 2026 Luncheon

EXECUTIVE STAFF

Flight Captain	BG Rico Aponte
Vice Flight Captain	Col Tony Bowen
Treasurer	Col Brian Delahaut
Provost Marshal	Col John Allevato

NAME:

Board of Directors:

Member at Large	Col Paul Gill
Member at Large	Col Bob Hermes
Member at Large	LTC Mary Goldsmith
Member at Large	LTC Bill Heitmeier
Member at Large	Col John Allevato
Member at Large	LTC Adam Walker
Member at Large	LTC Jeff Schall

Executive Staff and Board of Directors Not Elected

Chairman	Elected Flight Captain
Board Member	Col Tony Bowen (Past Flight Captain)
Adjutant	Col Bob Hermes

According to Flight 30 Bylaws, ARTICLE X. ELECTIONS, Section4:
“A majority vole is required of those members present to elect nominees”.

Nominations from the Flight 30 membership will be accepted at the 11 February 2026 luncheon.

FLIGHT 30 MEMBERS GUIDING THE FLIGHT

COMMITTEES:

Membership	Open
Programs	Col Tony Bowen
Scholarship	
High School JROTC	Col Charlie Hale
College Chair	LTC Mary Goldsmith
	LTC Alan Strzemieczny
	Col Brian Delahaut
DFT	BG Randy Ball (Daedalian Flight Training)
Finance	Board of Directors

These are appointed positions and are not elected.

SPECIAL STAFF:

Chaplain	Col Charlie Hale
Reservations	LTC Jeff Schall
House Aid	LTC John Fischer
JROTC	Col Charlie Hale
Daedalian Foundation	Open
Sales	LTC Bill Baltazar
Newsletter/Historian	LTC Bill Heitmeier
High Flight Plaques	Open

FLIGHT 30 BYLAWS AMMENDENT

In accordance with Flight 30 Bylaws, ARTICLE XIV. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS,
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. These Bylaws shall be amended only upon a two-thirds vote of the members attending a regularly scheduled monthly meeting. Only amendments proposed by a majority of the Board of Directors or submitted to the Flight Captain over the signatures of at least ten percent of the members in good standing shall be placed before the Flight for a vote.

APPROVED FLIGHT 30 BYLAWS AMMENDMENT

The following Bylaws Amendment was approved by a majority of the Board of Directors at the 1 October 2025 board meeting:

ARTICLE XI COMMITTEES, Section 2. FINANCE COMMITTEE, Paragraph 9:

1. Remove the current Paragraph 9 which reads: “The Flight Treasurer serves as Chairperson of the Finance Committee for the management of the Scholarship and Life Member Funds, however, he/she may not conduct the Committee’s audit and/or direct fiduciary obligations without Board Approval”.
2. Replace with the following: *“Financial Committee Oversight. The funds of the organization shall be managed under the oversight of not fewer than (3) Trustees. This structure is intended to ensure proper checks and balances, maintain transparency, and safeguard assets to the organization. No single Trustee shall have unilateral control over organizational funds. Financial decisions, including disbursements and transfers, must be approved by a majority of the Trustees in accordance with the organization’s fiduciary responsibilities and applicable law.”*

This December 2025 Newsletter is the one-month prior submission of the above Flight 30 Bylaws Amendment. The Flight 30 membership will vote on this Amendment at the 14 January 2026 scheduled meeting.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
HAPPY NEWYEAR

FLIGHT 30 CHRISTMAS DINNER 2025

VICTORIA CLUB



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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 AFROTC 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

Speaker: Dr. Bill Patton

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 2025

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: TBD @ 1730—Victoria Club

Program: Flight 30 Christmas Dinner and Dance

Order of Daedalians



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.

14 JAN 2026 LUNCHEON

HAP ARNOLD CLUB

WED — 14 JAN 2026

START ENGINES 1100 — LUNCHEON 1130

MENU: Start with a Green Garden Salad for both choices. 1. Chicken Parmesan with Pasta, Sliced Buttered Carrots w/Dill, and Garlic Bread. 2. Vegetarian: Chef's Choice. Finish with a Gourmet Fresh Baked 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, 10 Jan 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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