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FLIGHT CAPTAIN'S CORNER



Vice Flight Captain Jim Wilson introducing former Women Air Service Pilot (WASP) and Flight 27 member Barbara Kennedy, who was the September speaker.

Barbara is a Sacramento native who was attending the University of California when she was accepted into the Women's Flying Training program. Of the more than 25,000 women who applied, 1830 were accepted and slightly over 1000 graduated. After graduating at Sweetwater, Texas with Class 44-W-6, she flew B-25s and C-47s. She said all the women felt so proud to be flying military aircraft and doing something for their country. The WASP program was deactivated in December 1944. Since civilian women pilot positions were limited after the war ended, Barbara became a stewardess for Pan American Airlines (PAA). On one occasion while transiting Wake Island, she met Charles Lindbergh who at that time was an aviation consultant with PAA. Lindbergh was very camera shy, but **Barbara** stated he graciously consented to her request to have a picture taken of the two of them.

In 1977, Congress passed a bill that gave the WASPs honorable discharges and declared them to be veterans. The President recently signed a measure awarding the 300 surviving WASPs the Congressional Gold Medal. An awards ceremony will be held sometime this Fall. The Congressional Gold Medal is the highest honor a civilian can receive, along with the Presidential Medal of Freedom. *****

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

LTC **James Hawkins**, Commander of AFROTC Det 88, CSUS, has presented the qualifications of three highly qualified cadets to our Scholarship Committee. All are destined for pilot training and were unanimously approved. Each of these cadets will receive a \$1000 scholarship from our Flight. Two of these cadets records will be submitted to the Daedalian Foundation for matching funds. The three cadets will attend our October luncheon and be introduced.

Since LTC **Hawkins** is recovering from surgery, his assistant, LTC **Roel Zamora** will make the introductions. He will also update the membership on the past, present and future Air Force Officer commissioning programs.

LTC Zamora is a 1994 United States Air Force Academy graduate. He is a career aircraft maintenance officer with experience on numerous aircraft. LTC Zamora has served in many operational and command positions. He attended the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA prior to his current assignment as Assistant Professor of Aerospace Studies and Unit Admissions Officer of AFROTC Det 88, CSUS. He is responsible for recruiting, training, motivating and counseling highly-qualified young men and women to serve as officers in the United States Air Force.

Bill Campfield

OCTOBER 15 MEETING

Dante Club

1100—Attitude Adjustment

1200—Lunch

Pork Loin

RSVP with your call Leader or the
Adjutant R. Austin Wiswell (530) 672-2390
or wizbec@comcast.net

NLT 2200 hours on Sunday, 11 October
Cost: \$19.00 per person

Guests welcome

MURPHY'S DICTUMS. You get more with a smile and a gun, than you can get with a smile alone.

FLIGHT CALENDAR FOR 2009

OCTOBER 15, DANTE CLUB, LUNCH
Pork Loin

NOVEMBER 19, DANTE CLUB, LUNCH
Turkey

DECEMBER 17, CHRISTMAS PARTY

NOTAMS

Leon Lewis is once again selling the Entertainment Book for the year 2010, the profits which go to our Scholarship Fund. Leon says sales were brisk at the September meeting, but he still has books for sale. See Leon at the next meeting or call him at 791-1264 to reserve a copy.

Van Parker's daughter, Linda, announced at the September meeting that Van is doing well but may not attend many of our future meetings. He still loves to talk Air Force and would enjoy visiting with friends. Call Linda at 425-5125 or his wife Nonie at 487-5263 to check when he is available for visitors.

Jim Heston has returned home after a lengthy stay in the hospital for chemotherapy treatment. Send Jim some emails at <jheston@surewest.net>

Will Pierson is now at home and recovering from his recent hip surgery. He says everything is going well and he appreciates all the phone calls from the membership. He plans to be at the next meeting.

Art White is also doing well and resting at home. Let us continue to send those encouraging cards, emails and make those calls to all our members who are having health issues.

For those of you who watch what you eat, here's the final word on nutrition and health. (From a recent email)

1. The **Japanese** eat very little fat; the **Mexicans** eat a lot of fat; the **Chinese** drink very little red wine; the **Italians** drink a lot of red wine; the **Germans** drink a lot of beers and eat lots of sausages and fats and all suffer fewer heart attacks than **Americans**.

CONCLUSION: Eat and drink what you like. Speaking English is apparently what kills you.

IN MEMORIAM

LTC WILLIAM C. CHRISTIAN (L)
1932—2009

LTC William Christian made his last flight on September 16, 2009. He graduated with Pilot Training Class 55F. Bill was involved in some of the early Air Force flying to the Arctic and Antarctic regions of the world. After retiring from the USAF, he flew commercially for Southern Air Transport. He was interred at Arlington National Cemetery.

Hail, Farewell and Smooth Landings

MORE NOTAMS

In accordance with Sierra Flight bylaws, an election of new officers will be conducted at the November meeting. Nominees for elective office shall be announced to the Flight membership by the Chairman Advisory Committee, not later than 10 days prior to the election meeting. The nominees for the year 2010 are:

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Provost Marshall	Maj J. Reifschneider

Note that the we need a volunteer or nominee from the floor to fill the Vice Flight Captain position.

Ever hear of **Snarge**? **Snarge : The feathered leftovers after the flight paths of a bird and a plane intersect.**

The Smithsonian Institution's Feather Identification Lab receives about a dozen packages of snarge every day. The lucky researchers there have the fowl job of indentifying the species of bird involved in the bird/plane collision. By recording and tracking this collision data, the researchers help lawmakers and industry develop best practices to reduce the risk of future collisions.

A FEW GOOD REMINDERS.

Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.

You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.

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