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# SIERRA FLIGHT #27



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AMERICA'S PREMIER FRATERNAL  
ORGANIZATION OF MILITARY PILOTS

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### FLIGHT CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Welcome back Daedalians, from a summer of drought, decline, and disturbance. Many of you will remember in the '60s the Kingston Trio sang, "There's rioting in Africa, strife in Iran and I don't like anybody very much!" Forty-nine years later and the headlines appear the same. Locally we have suffered from fires in Auburn (hopefully none of our brotherhood was affected), our membership lost several fine aviators, the Air Force has had to drastically cut its aircraft program, local Tea-Parties have gained notoriety, and Sierra Flight officers met in executive session to establish how to resolve Daedalian issues in the coming year. Most of all, don't give up. Bring your friends, neighbors or relatives, socialize and enjoy our meetings.

Things for the Daedalians are looking up, especially after an executive session. Bottom line to another song was "If everybody gave, the people could save...!" So names, positions and responsibilities were brandished about and a slate of officers will be presented in the coming months. Monetary accountability will be temporarily handed over to fellow Daedalian **Dwayne Decker** while **Evans Warne** traipses off to the land of the Hun for several months. An action packed session is planned for the meeting on Thursday, September 17th, so make plans now to attend. Our own Women Air Service Pilot (WASP) **Barbara Kennedy** is the featured speaker.

We really need to cultivate some new blood in our governing group so I challenge each of you to bring in an old or young friend that you know is out there and treat them lunch. If you have no friends, ask **Jim Wilson** to help you get the name of a Coast Guard pilot, that you can host at a meeting.

Welcome back from your summer.

*Dick Stultz*

### TREASURER

Betty and I are heading off to Germany on 16 September for two months. **Dwayne Decker** has agreed to perform the duties of Treasurer. Dwayne has been added to the Chase Bank signature card as Alternate Treasurer. Past treasurers **Hap Langstaff** and **Bob DeVoe** have been removed. Both did an exemplary job keeping the books over a long period. They have the thanks and admiration of the entire membership.

During my absence Dwayne will have full authority to complete all Treasurer duties. Please give Dwayne your full support.

*Evans Warne*

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At the June meeting **Clark Eddy** recounted his engrossing story of shooting down an Italian pilot flying an Me-109 over Italy and then meeting his adversary some 50 years later. Our members really do have the best stories.

### SEPTEMBER 17 MEETING

Dante Club

1100—Attitude Adjustment

1200—Lunch

Braised Beef

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

NLT 2200 hours on Sunday, 13 September

Cost: \$19.00 per person

Guests welcome



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This will bring back fond memories for the B-707-C/KC-135 pilots. Some good-some scary. For the uninitiated, the smoke is from the water injection used for the take off. Roll to the overrun and then suck the gear out from under it. The first B-707 commercial flight occurred in 1958.

**FLIGHT CALENDAR FOR 2009**

**SEPTEMBER 17, DANTE CLUB, LUNCH  
Braised Beef**

**OCTOBER 15, DANTE CLUB, LUNCH  
Pork Loin**

**NOVEMBER 19, DANTE CLUB, LUNCH  
Turkey**

**DECEMBER 17, CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**NEW MEMBER**

**Baeta, John R. '42-'46  
Captain USAAC (Sep) 9333, Class 44A  
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John flew 50 combat missions in the B-25 while assigned to the Asiatic Pacific Theater. Welcome to Sierra Flight.

Other new members this year are **Joe Priapi** and **Glen Vanderford**. Lets make sure we welcome them at our meetings.

**NOTAMS**

**Bill Christian** was back East helping his son move when he had a heart attack. He is recovering and should be back home soon. Stay tuned for his location upon returning.

**Will Pierson** had a hip replacement procedure. He is recovering at Valley Skilled Nursing Facility, room 11A. He can be reached at phone number 290-5143.

**Art White** is still at the Eskaton in Fair Oaks. He can be contacted at phone number 965-4663.

**Need** help with any retirement matters? Contact the Retirement Office at McClellan Park, ph. 561-7476 or attend one of their monthly meetings. .

**For your information.** The 48th Fighter Squadron is holding a reunion at the Sacramento Holiday Inn 17-20 September. On Friday, September 18, they are chartering a bus to attend the Reno Air Races. Some seats are available for other individuals who would like to attend the air races. They will depart the Holiday Inn at Highway 80 and Madison, at 0730. The two hour bus ride will cost \$20, reserved bleacher seating \$27, and \$24 for a Cordonbleu or Salmon dinner at Boomtown Casino on the return trip. Any Daedalian, River Rat or other chalet visitor at the Reno Air Races who would like to join the group, is asked to call **Dick Stultz**, the group leader at 916-962-0369 or cell at 761-9210.

The 48th Fighter Squadron shot down 159 German aircraft in Europe during WWII. The F-106 and F-15 were the last aircraft flown by the squadron.

If you are interested in attending their banquet on Saturday, the 19th, call Dick at the above numbers. Cost: \$35.

**VOLABAMUS VOLAMUS**

**IN MEMORIAM**

**M/GEN HERBERT J. GAVIN  
1921—2009**

M/Gen Gavin made his last flight on 27 June 2009. He graduated with Pilot Training Class 43D. In WWII he served as a test pilot in the China-Burma-India Theatre of operations. After the war, he joined the California Air National Guard and graduated from Northrop Institute of Technology where he studied aeronautical engineering. Recalled to active duty in 1951, General Gavin flew more than 70 different types of aircraft during his long career and had several assignments at McClellan AFB. He was the Commander of Sacramento Air Logistics Center when he retired in 1978. M/Gen Gavin was interred at Arlington National Cemetery.

**LTC RALPH M. FLINN (L)  
2009**

LTC Ralph Flinn made his last flight 2 July 2009. He entered the Army Air Corps in 1943 and graduated with Pilot Training Class 50G. He was a Life Member of the Order of Daedalians.

**LTC ROBERT N. STONE (L)  
1920—2009**

LTC Robert Stone made his last flight on 3 July 2009. His Pilot Training Class number is unavailable. He flew B-24s in WWII and was interned in Switzerland after crash landing there. He was recalled to active duty as a Maintenance Officer, his specialty being radial engines. He served in that career field until his retirement. His last assignment was at Mather AFB where he was Chief of Maintenance for the Navigator Training Wing (ATC). For many years he was a volunteer at the Mather and then the McClellan AFB museums. He was a Life Member of the Order of Daedalians.

*Hail, Farewell and Happy Landings.*

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