

FEBRUARY 2019



Aviator

General Kehoe new national commander



Retired Air Force Lt. Gen. Douglas Owens swore in his successor, retired Air Force Lt. Gen. Nicholas B. Kehoe III, as national commander at the Daedalian Joint Board of Directors/Trustees meeting Feb. 22 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas. In the photo above, General Owens (right) talks about the significance of the Hal George medallion he's about to pass to General Kehoe. The medallion is only worn by Daedalian national commanders.

In addition, three board directors, who were elected and will be sworn in at the annual meeting in April, were named: retired U.S. Navy Capt. Michael Denkler, retired U.S. Army Col. Charlie Densford, and retired U.S. Army Lt. Col. Dan Clark.

TOMORROW'S MILITARY AVIATORS

We're proud to highlight these Daedalian Matching Scholarship recipients who are pursuing careers as military aviators. If you would like to offer them career advice or words of encouragement, please email us at communications@daedalians.org.

Cadet Amanda Lloyd

Yale University

\$4,500 scholarship

Minuteman Flight 15

"Upon graduation, I will head to UPT to train to be a pilot in the U.S. Air Force. My current aspiration is to become an F-35 pilot. I will fly for at least 10 years and then reassess my individual passions and interests at that point in my life. As a chemistry major, I am also very interested in synthetic chemistry and its military applications."



Cadet Chloe A. Thomas

Georgia Institute of Technology

\$4,500 scholarship

Ben T. Epps Flight 102

"I recently discovered a passion for flying, and have decided that I wanted to make a career in aviation; therefore, I applied to be a combat systems officer through ROTC. The idea of forming a close bond with other aircrew members, and obviously, getting to fly was something that interested me and drove my decision to apply for this career path. I consider it an honor that I earned a rated slot. I am a combination of nervous and excited for this opportunity, but mostly excited, as I cannot wait to begin my training after graduating this spring."



DAEDALIAN HERITAGE



Capt. Bob Pardo, a pilot with the 326th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, is greeted by his son, John, upon his return to Richards-Gebaur AFB, Kansas City, Missouri. The 326th FIS had deployed to MacDill AFB, Florida, during the Cuban Missile Crisis in October 1962. Bob Pardo retired as a lieutenant colonel in 1974 after 20 years in the Air Force. His son, John, retired as a colonel in 2007 after 28 years. This photo was taken a few years before Lieutenant Colonel Pardo became famous for his heroic actions in "Pardo's Push." To learn more about this memorable mission on March 10, 1967, read this [article](#) from the October 1996 issue of Air Force magazine.

Do you have a photo that spans generations of military heritage? Send it to communications@daedalians.org, Attn: Heritage Photo.

'BACK IN THE DAY'



Retired Air Force Maj. Nick Olson is shown after his first solo (above) in 1969, and at left, next to a T-38 in 1971.



Retired Air Force Lt. Col. Jim Maloney is shown as a captain while assigned to the 360th Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron at Tan Son Nhut Air Base, Saigon, Republic of Vietnam. Colonel Maloney was an EC-47 pilot.

Do you have a photo of yourself from early in your career? Send it to communications@daedalians.org, Attn: Back in the Day.

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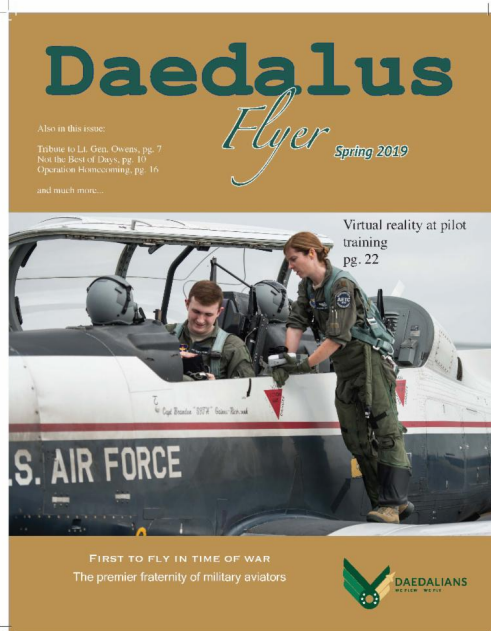
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Check out the latest issue of the Daedalus Flyer **online** before it hits your mailbox. The Spring 2019 issue features:

- Farewell tributes to outgoing national commander, retired Air Force Lt. Gen. Douglas Owens
 - The anniversary of Operation Homecoming
 - Pilot Training Next is transforming Air Force pilot training
 - Korean War Ace #40
- ...and much more!

Daedalian Annual Membership Meeting

Friday, April 26, 2019

Parr O'Club Ballroom, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas

The meet and greet begins at 8:30 a.m. and the meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided after the meeting. All are invited to attend; each flight that has representation will receive a stipend. To RSVP or ask questions, please email info@daedalians.org.



New Memorial Award and Scholarship

The Capt. John F. S. Graziano Memorial Award and Scholarship has been established in his memory through the Daedalian Foundation by his friends, family and comrades in arms. Captain Graziano died when his plane crashed during a night training mission at Laughlin Air Force Base, Del Rio, Texas, on Nov. 13, 2018.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about Captain Graziano's life and to donate to the scholarship fund in his name.

AVIATION HERITAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Find the complete daily heritage calendar [HERE](#).

March 2, 1949

Capt. James G. Gallagher and his crew in Lucky Lady II, a B-50 Superfortress, completed the first nonstop flight around the world. They flew more than 23,450 miles in slightly more than 94 hours, taking off and landing at Carswell Air Force Base, Texas, and refueling in the air over the Azores, Arabia, the Philippines, and Hawaii. For this flight, the Lucky Lady II crew won the Mackay Trophy.

March 6, 1918

The first successful flight of a powered unmanned heavier-than-air craft, the Curtiss-Sperry Flying Bomb, takes place. It is the precursor to modern unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs).

March 8, 1929

The Harmon Trophy for 1928 is presented to Lt. Carl B. Eielson for his flight with Australian polar explorer George Hubert Wilkins over the North Pole. Eielson is Daedalian Founder Member #574. Eielson Air Force Base in Fairbanks, Alaska, is named after him, along with the Liberty Ship SS Carl B.

Eielson, the visitor center at Denali National Park and Preserve, a peak in the West-Central Alaska Range, and several more sites. He died on Nov. 9, 1929, in an air crash in Siberia while attempting to evacuate personnel and furs from the Nanuk, a cargo vessel trapped in ice at North Cape.

March 10, 1943

The Army Air Forces activated Fourteenth Air Force at Kunming, China, under Maj. Gen. Claire L. Chennault, former commander of the American Volunteer Group, the "Flying Tigers." Fourteenth Air Force, which included a composite wing composed of U.S. and Chinese pilots, conducted tactical air operations against Japanese forces occupying China. General Chennault was Daedalian Founder Member #682.

March 11, 1918

Lt. Paul Baer of the 103d Aero Squadron earned the first Distinguished Service Cross awarded to a member of an Army air unit by becoming the first pilot with an American squadron to down an enemy airplane. U.S. pilots with earlier aerial victories had served with the French. Baer was Daedalian Founder Member #801.

March 14, 1918

The U.S. 95th Aero Squadron flew the first offensive patrol of the American First Pursuit Group in the Toul sector of the Western Front.

March 16, 1966

Gemini VIII, with astronauts Neil A. Armstrong and David R. Scott, lifted off from Launch Complex 19 at the Cape Kennedy Air Force Station, Cape Kennedy, Florida, aboard a Titan II GLV booster. Their mission was to rendezvous and dock with an Agena Target Vehicle. The docking, the first ever of two vehicles in Earth orbit, was successful, however, after about 30 minutes the combined vehicles begin rolling uncontrollably. With the astronauts in grave danger, Armstrong succeeded in stopping the roll but the Gemini's control fuel was dangerously low. The cause was determined to be a stuck thruster, probably resulting from an electrical short circuit. The mission was aborted and the capsule returned to Earth after 10 hours, 41 minutes, landing in the Pacific Ocean. The Gemini VIII spacecraft is displayed at the Neil Armstrong Air and Space Museum, Wapakoneta, Ohio. Retired Air Force Col. David R. Scott is a Daedalian Life Member, perpetuating the legacy of our Founder Member, Benjamin Foulois.

March 18, 1954

The first production Boeing B-52A Stratofortress rolls out of the Boeing plant.

March 27, 1927

American airmail pilot Charles A. Lindbergh, 25 years old, registers his entry in the Raymond Orteig challenge for the first man to cross the Atlantic Ocean solo. The challenge and a \$25,000 prize, had been issued in 1920, but no one had been successful in making the flight. He would make the historic solo nonstop flight across the Atlantic Ocean on May 20-21, 1927.

March 29, 1923

Lt. Alexander Pearson made a record 500-kilometer flight at 167.73 mph in a Verville-Sperry, with Wright 350-hp engine, at McCook Field, in Dayton, Ohio. Pearson was Daedalian Founder Member #470.

REUNIONS

F-106 All Troops Reunion

April 3-7, 2019

Tucson, Arizona

POC: Bob Kwiecinski

bobski9933@aol.com

<https://www.f-106deltadart.com/>

41st MAS/ALS

May 9-11, 2019

Charleston AFB, South Carolina

POC: John Mentavlos

843-337-0515 or johnmentavlos@att.net

USAF UPT Class 70-07 50th Reunion

(Willie: Good Grief and Schatzi flights)

Sept. 5-7, 2019

Dubuque, Iowa

POC: Steve Hardie

sfhardie62@gmail.com

563-556-8982

Distinguished Flying Cross Society Biennial Reunion

Sept. 15-19, 2019

Dayton/Fairborn, Ohio

POC: Warren Eastman

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