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TOMORROW'S MILITARY AVIATORS

*Each year the Daedalians present nearly \$150,000 in scholarships to deserving youth.
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C/Capt Laurel Munger, CAP

Freshman, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Major: Computer Science/Physics

Samuel P. Langley Flight 34

\$5,000 matching scholarship

Student Pilot with 22.6 hours. Civil Air Patrol Wing annual award winner. One of only six cadets in the unit (out of 51) who has soloed an aircraft.

Career goal: "Astronaut with NASA and/or SPACE-X. If unable to become an astronaut, I will strive to contribute to the STEM effort that makes a permanent colony off of Earth. I intend to solo glider in 2020 and pursue private pilot's license as funding becomes available."



Midshipman Gary Olmstead, NROTC

Senior, Arizona State University

Major: Supply Chain Management

Willie Flight 82

\$3,000 matching scholarship

American Legion Scholastic Excellence Award

Career goal: "I am in the process of putting together my flight package in order to become a naval aviator. I aspire to fly the P-8 Poseidon. My ultimate goal is to better those around me while presenting myself as an excellent role model."



Midshipman Justin Pavelko, NROTC

Freshman, Pennsylvania State University

Major: Chemical Engineering

Shangri-La Flight 21

\$5,000 matching scholarship

297 community service hours. Received Daedalian JROTC Achievement Award in high school. National Honor Society and lettered in varsity sports. Ranked top 12% of graduating class.

Career goal: "I plan on commissioning after college in the Marine Corps with my goal to become a Naval Aviator just like my father who is currently in the Marine Corps as an aviator, as well as his father who was an aviator in the Air Force and a current member of the Order of the Daedalians in Dallas."



Cadet Rhett Wilkins, AFROTC

Senior, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University,
Prescott, Arizona

Major: Global Security

Willie Flight 82

\$2,000 matching scholarship

Flight Commander. Honor Corps vice commander.

NCO Leadership Award. Dean's List.

Career goal: "Having been selected for a USAF pilot training slot, my goal is to complete pilot training and either fly fighters or Combat Search and Rescue helicopters. Post-Air Force, which I hope will be a 20-plus year career, I would most likely go into consulting or public service."

We're proud to highlight these 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.

DAEDALIAN NEWS

5 measures passed at July board meeting

Five measures were approved at the Daedalians board of directors meeting July 24. The meeting was held virtually on Zoom.

The first measure was the confirmation of retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Jerry Allen as chairman of the Daedalian Foundation.

The second measure was the reestablishment of a contingency account, a separate account solely for the purpose of unplanned and unbudgeted expenses. If you would like to know more about our financial budget or see a copy of our audit, please send us a request at info@daedalians.org.

Three of the measures were changes to language found in the Daedalian bylaws, Article IX. General Provisions, 9.7 Relationship with Daedalian Foundation; items (c) and (d) were amended, and items (e) and (f) were combined into one. You can read the updated bylaws [HERE](#).



Order of Daedalians National Capital Flight Virtual Presentation
Lt Gen Jim Slife, USAF
Commander, Air Force Special Operations Command
“AF Special Operations in the post counter-terrorism environment”
Aug. 12, 2020 6:30 PM
Message Flight Captain Chad Manske for Microsoft Teams link
manskect@aol.com

All Daedalians invited to attend National Capital Flight meetings online

Want to attend a flight meeting, but don't want to drive anywhere or wear a mask? National Capital Flight (Daedalian Flight 4 in the D.C. area) is inviting Daedalians to join their flight meeting Aug. 12 at 1830 Eastern time. They are conducting their meeting with the ultimate in social distance – through the computer on Microsoft Teams.

Over the past few months, their flight has hosted some very involved military aviators and leaders, such as retired Air Force [Lt. Gen. Dave Deptula](#) at the July meeting.

Air Force [Lt. Gen. Jim Slife](#), commander, Air Force Special Operations Command, will speak Aug. 12. Then on Sept. 9, the guest speaker will be Army Chief of Staff, [Gen. James McConville](#).

If you wish to join, please send an email to Flight Captain [Chad Manske](#) at manskect@aol.com to receive the Teams link, which will be available for a comms check as early as 1745 EST that evening.

Again, the next flight meeting is scheduled on Aug. 12 at 1830 Eastern time. This is a great opportunity to attend a meeting even if you are a member of another flight. It's also a great opportunity to “meet” new Daedalians.

Thank you Flight 4 for your hospitality and great work!



This photo was taken inside the National Naval Aviation Museum, NAS Pensacola, Florida, during Gen. "Chappie" James celebration week. From left to right are: Retired Air Force Col. Joe Kinego, Shangri-La Daedalian; Ms. Jamie Berry, granddaughter of General James; Miss Avalon James-Sauceda, great-granddaughter of General James; Ms. Brittany James, granddaughter of General James; Mr. Jeremy Saucedo, husband of Ms. Brittany James; and retired U.S. Navy Capt. Ken Pyle, Shangri-La Daedalian.

General "Chappie" James honored

**By Maj. Cris Dosev, USMC
Shangri-La Flight 21**

On June 30, 2020, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis signed legislation officially naming the new Pensacola Bay Bridge, between Pensacola and Gulf Breeze, after the late Air Force **Gen. Daniel "Chappie" James Jr.**, (1920-1978). This outstanding tribute to a combat fighter pilot, Daedalian Life Member, and first African American officer in the history of the U.S. military to become a four-star general, is the culmination of over two years of community efforts involving local area veterans, appreciative residents and local and state elected officials.

General James was born and raised in Pensacola, learned to fly at the Tuskegee Institute, and received his commission into the Army Air Corps in 1943. Throughout the remainder of World War II he trained pilots for the all-Black 99th Pursuit Squadron. During the Korean War he logged 101 combat missions and his exceptional airmanship continued with 78 missions during the Vietnam War.

Colonel James was commander of Wheelus AFB, Libya. Upon promotion to flag rank, General James was assigned as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs). Other commands included Military Airlift Command vice commander, and commander, North American Air Defense Command (NORAD).

Earlier this year, other special tributes to General James' legacy, involving several members of his family, included:

- 100th Birthday Celebration Dinner, sponsored by the "Chappie" James Museum of

Pensacola and Gen. Daniel "Chappie" James Flight Academy.

- Family visit with USAF 479th Flying Training Group and tour of the National Flight Academy (NAS Pensacola).

- Unveiling of General James' photo that will go on permanent display at the Daedalian Lounge (National Flight Academy).

The Gen. Daniel "Chappie" James Jr., Bridge is scheduled to be dedicated summer of 2021. We are currently in the process of site selection and monument design for a memorial park at the Pensacola end of the bridge. We anticipate a world-class memorial plaza to be constructed complete with statue and F-4 Phantom replicating the model and squadron designation that General James flew in Vietnam – an eternal tribute to a patriot, Daedalian, fighter pilot, and great American!



Mark your calendars for Sept. 10, 2020! The Big Give is back!

Join us for The Big Give as Daedalians around the globe participate in this fundraising effort. While COVID-19 delayed this event from its original date in March, our mission remains the same -- inspiring tomorrow's military aviators!

We'll provide details in next month's Aviator, on Facebook and through emails. We thank you for your past generosity and appreciate your support!

AVIATION HERITAGE HIGHLIGHTS

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

Aug. 2, 1909

The U.S. Army Signal Corps purchased a Wright Flyer for \$30,000. It became the first aircraft in the U.S. military inventory and was designated Signal Corps Airplane No. 1. The airplane was used to train Signal Corps pilots in San Antonio. It was crashed and rebuilt several times. After just two years' service, the airplane was retired. The Army donated Airplane No. 1 to the Smithsonian Institution. During test flights that were conducted before acceptance by the Army, Orville Wright with Lt. Benjamin D. Foulois, Daedalian Founder Member #321, as passenger (he was chosen because of his size and his ability to read maps), the Flyer achieved a two-way average 42.583 miles per hour over a 5-mile course. The Signal Corps specification allowed a bonus of \$2,500 per full mile per hour above 40 mph. This increased the purchase price of the airplane from \$25,000 to \$30,000. The Army also required the airplane to be able to remain airborne for a minimum of one hour. Wright demonstrated its endurance at 1 hour, 12 minutes, 40 seconds.

Aug. 4, 1950

During the Battle of the Pusan Perimeter, wounded soldiers were evacuated from the battlefield by helicopter for the first time when a Sikorsky H-5F of Detachment F, 3rd Emergency Rescue Squadron, U.S. Air Force Air Rescue Service, flew U.S. Army Pvt. 1st Class Claude C. Crest Jr. from the Sengdang-ni area to an Army hospital. By the end of combat in 1953, 21,212 soldiers had been medevaced by helicopters. Only the second military helicopter, the H-5 was frequently flown overloaded and outside of its center of gravity limits. The helicopter was not armed, though the pilot normally carried an M1911 .45-caliber semi-automatic pistol, and the crewman, a .30-caliber M1 Carbine.

Aug. 5, 1943

The new Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASPs) arose after the Women's Flying Training Detachment merged with the Woman's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron under noted aviatrix Jacqueline Cochran. Meanwhile, Nancy Harkness Love became an executive within the Ferrying Division of Air Transport Command.

Aug. 16, 1960

Capt. Joseph W. Kittinger Jr. jumped from 102,800 feet over the Tularosa Valley in New Mexico and reached speeds over 600 mph during the 13:08 min descent. Now-retired Colonel Kittinger is a Daedalian Life Member.

Aug. 19, 1939

President Franklin D. Roosevelt proclaimed Orville Wright's birthday, Aug. 19, as National Aviation Day.

Aug. 24, 1942

Flying a Grumman F4F Wildcat, U.S. Marine Corps Lt. Marion Eugene Carl, a 27-year-old fighter pilot assigned to Marine Fighter Squadron 223 (VMF-223) based at Henderson Field, Guadalcanal Island, shot down four enemy airplanes. They were a Mitsubishi A6M "Zeke" fighter, a Mitsubishi G4M1 "Betty" medium bomber and two Nakajima B5N2 "Kate" torpedo bombers. Carl had previously shot down an A6M during the Battle of Midway, less than three months earlier. He now had five aerial combat victories, making him the Marine Corps' first ace. He was awarded the Navy Cross (his second) for his actions in the Solomon Islands from Aug. 24 to Sept. 9, 1942. To learn more about Captain Carl, visit [HERE](#).

Aug. 26, 1967

Then-Maj. George E. "Bud" Day, F-100 Forward Air Controller pilot, was forced to eject from his aircraft over North Vietnam when it was hit by ground fire. His right arm was broken in 3 places, and his left knee was badly sprained. He was captured by the enemy, but escaped despite his injuries. He was shot in his left thigh and left hand when he was recaptured. As a POW, Colonel Day suffered the most brutal conditions. He was imprisoned for 2,028 days before being released March 14, 1973. On March 4, 1976, he was presented the Medal of Honor by President Gerald Ford. Learn more about Day [HERE](#). Colonel Day was a Daedalian Life Member. He passed away on July 27, 2013. He was posthumously advanced to the rank of brigadier general by order of the president on June 8, 2018. The former Seagull Flight in Fort Walton Beach, Florida, was renamed the George E. "Bud" Day Flight 61 on Dec. 18, 2012, in his honor.

Aug. 28, 1972

Capt. Steve Ritchie and Weapons System Officer Capt. Chuck DeBellevue, leading Buick flight with their F-4D Phantom II, shot down a North Vietnamese MiG 21 interceptor. This was Ritchie's 5th confirmed aerial combat victory, earning him the title of Ace. DeBellevue would later be credited with 6 kills. Flown by 5 different crews, F-4D 66-7463 shot down six enemy fighters from March 1 to Oct. 15, 1972, and is now on display at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Ritchie and DeBellevue are both Daedalian Life Members.

Aug. 31, 1956

The first production Boeing KC-135A Stratotanker, 55-3118, named City of Renton, made its first flight with company test pilots Alvin Melvin "Tex" Johnston and Richards Llewellyn "Dix" Loesch Jr. on the flight deck on Aug. 31, 1956. Built as an aerial refueling tanker to support the U.S. Air Force fleet of B-52 strategic bombers, an initial order for 29 tankers was soon followed by three additional orders, bringing the total to 275 airplanes by the end of Fiscal Year 1958. Eventually 732 KC-135As were built by Boeing, and an additional 81 of other versions. The first production airplane, 55-3118, was used for flight testing. It was later modified into an EC-135K Head Dancer airborne command post. Today, it is on display at the front gate of McConnell AFB, Kansas.

REUNIONS

Randolph AFB UPT Class 70E (70-05) 50th Reunion

****POSTPONED!****

The 50th reunion will be rescheduled for a later date in 2021.
Contact Howard Hackney at HHackney@aviationcleanair.com or 248-505-1964

12th TFW Reunion

The 12th TFW reunion, originally scheduled May 6-9, 2020,
will now be held Oct. 28-31, 2020.

The location remains the same -- Dayton, Ohio.

(Includes 12th TFW at MacDill AFB, Florida; Cam Ranh AB and Phu Cat AB, Vietnam;
12th FEW/SFW, Bergstrom AFB, Texas (Korea) and all supporting units)

POC: E.J. Sherwood

EJ12TFW@cox.net or 480-396-4681

(A memorial dedication to the 12th TFW will occur during this event.)

AC-119 Gunship Reunion XXI ****POSTPONED!****

The reunion, originally scheduled for Oct. 28-Nov. 1 in Fort Walton Beach, Florida, has been postponed until fall 2021. Find updates on their website at <https://www.ac119gunships.com/> or their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/195912423919726>.

F-117 Tribute to Commemorate 40 Years of the Nighthawks

The Orleans Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada

April 22-23, 2022

"F-117: Short Life, Long Shadow"

See our F-117 Stealth Fighter Association website f117sfa.org for additional details

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