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MILE HIGH FLIGHT 18

Order of Daedalians

Newsletter



Nov 2014

Christmas party at Heritage House, Eagle Bend Sunday afternoon 14 Dec



Guest speaker will be veteran P-38 pilot, artist, actor, inventor, sculptor Fredric Arnold

This year's Christmas dinner party will differ in most respects from previous such events. Rather than a mid-week evening affair, this one will be on a Sunday afternoon in order to accommodate our ANG members, others who work, and those who don't drive at night.

It will also be at a location we've never visited before, the beautiful Heritage House at the Eagle Bend Golf Course. *See map and driving directions on page 5.*

Our special guest speaker will be the multi-talented Mr. Fredric Arnold, whose current project is a bronze statue of 12 P-38 pilots gathered for a pre-mission briefing. The completed statue is scheduled to be enshrined in the National WWII Museum in New Orleans.

And, as is our custom in awarding door prizes, some lucky member will get the (carved wooden) finger.

Here are the particulars -- MUCH MORE ON PAGE 5

Date: Sunday, 14 December

Place: Heritage House-Eagle Bend Golf Course.

Times: 1300-Social Hour; 1400-Call to Order, dinner.

Fare: Prime Rib and Salmon buffet + nice fixin's.

Price: \$30.00 per person, which includes gratuity and must be paid by check no later than 9 Dec.

Dress: For gents - Daedalian blazer/sport coat and tie or dress uniform; corresponding attire for ladies.

Only two meetings left in 2014

Fri 21 Nov, Aurora Hills, Annual Business Mtg

We call it a business meeting for a reason—even though typically it's as much fun as business. One item of business will be to officially vote into office those who have volunteered to lead the flight in the forthcoming year, a mere formality in most cases. Thanks to all who have agreed to stand for election/re-election this time around.

Under the heading of fun, members will have the opportunity to suggest speakers and programs for next year or to volunteer themselves as speakers. Of course, there will be the customary entertainment smorgasbord.

Sun 14 Dec, 1300-1700, Christmas Dinner Party

New venue and times. Venue will be the Eagle Bend Heritage House (shown in above photo), and times are as stated immediately above.

Read about our special guest speaker and all other details in the adjacent column and on Page 5.

**PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS
THROUGH YOUR CALLER.**

**THEN USE THE MAIL-IN COUPON ON PAGE 5
TO SUBMIT YOUR PAYMENT.**

CHECKS MUST BE RECEIVED BY TUES 9 DEC



Memo from the Flight Captain

Fellow Daedalians,

Wow! It's hard to believe it was nearly a year ago when I was surprisingly named the Flight Captain for Mile High Flight 18! So far, it's been a good ride, and we haven't had to turn the seat belt sign on for turbulence.

Naturally, a very good reason for the ease of my first time as Flight Captain has been the wonderful support I've received from all corners. From past Flight Captains to long-time members ya'll have been great at helping me out. With a lot of noise coming from everywhere, having friends to help make sense of it has been invaluable.

I'm reminded of the time I spent as captain on the airplane. I had all of the audio channels turned up enough to hear them on my inter-phone panel. There was the babble of the first officer, the whining of too-cold flight attendants, somebody with Company was trying to explain a change in fuel loads, and ATC was giving the ninth airliner holding instructions short of Philly. Somehow, I got to be pretty good at filtering out what was just "noise," and tuning into the important stuff.

Which is how we came to develop this year's Christmas party for Flight 18 and guests. Lots of input from members and ideas kept coming at me. And then, Adjutant Ed Quick suggested we take a look at the Heritage Eagle Bend clubhouse in southeast Aurora. We took a trip down there one afternoon, and I

have to tell you: This is one very impressive place!

There's a huge, drop-off area without stairs; plenty of convenient parking, a classy facility, over 20 uniquely-decorated Christmas trees, a sports bar (the Bronco's have an away game in San Diego that day), and a large banquet hall. This is going to be a great Christmas party!

But what about other details?

Wonderful inputs came to us once more. How about on a weekend, to avoid rushing from work to home to the party? What about earlier in the day, to avoid nighttime drives back home?

Well, we heard you, and that's how we arrived at the time and day, detailed elsewhere in this newsletter. Thank you to everyone for your input and suggestions. Keep 'em coming.

The November luncheon will be a time for taking care of business. Not just the leadership roles, but also your ideas for the coming year. For example, we had enjoyed meeting at the Vintage Aero Flying Museum, along with spouses and friends. No longer an option. Do you have a suggestion for us in 2015? How about other meeting presentations? Would you like time to do one yourself, or to suggest a speaker for us? Let us know on 21 November, and we'll do our best to schedule them.

I'm excited about the Christmas party as a fitting close to 2014, and look forward to a truly memorable year in 2015. Thanks for being a part of Mile High Flight 18.

Volabamus

Volamus

Roy A. Poole, LtCol, USAF (Ret)
Flight Captain

CONGRATULATIONS LT COL MITCH NEFF ON BEING NAMED COMMANDING OFFICER, 120FS AT BUCKLEY AFB EFFECTIVE 29 OCT.

Volabamus, Volamus

Addendum to Walt Wise's Welcome article in our August 2014 newsletter

** 6 years as helicopter EMS pilot with Air Methods.*

** 20 years as FAA Aviation Safety Inspector--retired 2005*

** Three sons, all of whom live in the Denver Metro Area.*

How STIMULUS worked

Three contractors are bidding to fix a broken fence at the White House. One is from Chicago, another is from Kentucky, and the third is from New Orleans. All three go with a White House official to examine the fence.

The New Orleans contractor takes out a tape measure and does some measuring, then works some figures with a pencil. "Well," he says, "I figure the job will run about \$9,000. That's \$4,000 for materials, \$4,000 for my crew and \$1,000 profit for me."

The Kentucky contractor also does some measuring and figuring, then says, "I can do this job for \$7,000. That's \$3,000 for materials, \$3,000 for my crew and \$1,000 profit for me."

The Chicago contractor doesn't measure or figure, but leans over to the White House official and whispers, "\$27,000."

The incredulous official says, "You didn't even measure like the other guys. How did you come up with such a high figure?"

"The Chicago contractor whispers back: "\$10,000 for me, \$10,000 for you, and we hire the guy from Kentucky to fix the fence."

"Done!" replied the government official.

And that, my friends, is how the Government Stimulus plan worked.



Final Flights



**Gerald J. Farrell
Maj, USAF (Ret)**

Nov 3, 1930 – Aug 9, 2014

Jerry's Irish heritage, ready smile and easy going manner made him a particularly popular member of Flight 18 who will be sorely missed by his Daedalian pilot brothers.

His knack for humorous self-deprecation emerged early on as evidenced by this passage from his first attempt at an autobiography at age 15: "Sometime later came the misfortune of a young mother. On the third of November 1930 at approximately 4:30 A.M. an eight-pound baby boy was delivered to a surprised mother. That was me. Strongly expecting a girl, my mother found it exceedingly difficult to adapt herself to the fact that I was a boy, but deciding to face the consequences, she attempted to make the best of it."

That same knack persisted, revealing itself in the biographical sketch he wrote as part of his Feb 1984 Daedalian application: "USAF 1948 to 1977 minus four year break for college. Four years enlisted, 21 commissioned. Primary duties - fighter pilot TAC, PACAF, USAFE. Usual schools and decorations. Aircraft F-84, F-100, F-104, F-4, F-111, T-29, T-39, C-47, C-54, T-33, etc."

Jerry didn't bother to mention being shot down in Vietnam, saving an untold number of lives by steering his burning F-100 away from a populated area in England or winning the Top Gun Award a record four times. Just another day at the office.

But a tribute to his memory from Pat Tillits, one of his colleagues at Jeppesen, where Jerry completed a 24-year second

career, was more appropriately praiseworthy: "If you need to get a tough job done with a short deadline; If you need to train the air-to-air photo crew in the fine points of formation flying; If you need to ensure the technical accuracy of your training materials; If you need to develop formal presentations to improve the technical expertise of your writing staff; If you grew up in Detroit and you want undergraduate and masters degrees and still serve your country; You need an Officer and a Gentleman like Jerry Farrell."

Jerry and his future wife Pat met in England on Boxer Day (the day after Christmas) 1959 and married four years later in the United States. They produced three children, Kevin, Brian and Elaine, who in turn gave them seven grand children.

A stalwart Flight 18 caller for many years, Jerry was remembered at a funeral mass, followed by a reception at Wings Over the Rockies on Monday 18 Aug, and interred with military honors the following day at Fort Logan National Cemetery.

Blue skies and tailwinds, Jerry.
R.I.P.

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Flight 18 Life Membership Dues Effective Jan 2012

Age Group

30/under....\$385	61 – 65....\$205
31 – 35.....\$370	66 – 70....\$170
36 – 40.....\$350	71 – 75....\$140
41 – 45.....\$325	76 – 80....\$115
46 – 50.....\$295	81 – 85.....\$95
51 – 55.....\$265	86/Over.....\$75
56 – 60.....\$235	

2015 FLIGHT DUES - \$15 (Due 1 Jan, as are National dues paid to HQ in San Antonio)

Please mail this coupon along with a check for your 2015 plus any delinquent Flight dues you owe. Add any amount you desire to donate to the Scholarship Fund. *NOTE: Daedalian Life Members (LMs) and Daedalians whose National dues are current may purchase Flight 18 Life Memberships. If you choose this option, please select the appropriate dues amount from the above schedule, enter that amount in the FLM space below and include it in your check.*

Name: _____ Daedalian # _____ Home Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____ e-mail: _____

Amount enclosed for: [2015 Flight Dues \$15.00 or FLM DUES \$ _____] + \$15 Flight Dues for prior years + Scholarship Fund \$ _____ = Total Enclosed \$ _____

**** Make check payable to: DAEDALIAN FLIGHT 18**

**** Mail to: Mile High Flight 18, P.O. Box 472976, Aurora, CO 80047-2976**

Final Flights

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David E. Parvin
Maj, USA (Ret)
Feb 23, 1943 – Oct 24, 2014



From Dave's son Brett:

"My Father, David E. Parvin died unexpectedly on Oct. 24th. He is survived by my Mother, myself and two grandsons.

David led a full and enriched life. He studied to be a Catholic priest by attending a seminary during high school, and graduated from Seattle University with a degree in Biology. He volunteered for and served as a helicopter pilot for the Marine Corps in Vietnam, where he was shot down twice. He was very proud to have served with the Purple Foxes for HMM-364. His nickname in Vietnam was Bugman, because of his fascination with capturing and looking at insects. He retired as a Major, and then later flew helicopters for Air Life.

My Father saved countless lives during his flying career. He was a very talented artist that influenced and inspired many people. He was extremely generous and gave his time freely. He had a love for being alive. If he had lived to be a thousand years old, he would not have accomplished everything he wanted to.

He will be greatly missed."

-- Brett David Parvin

A former Vice Flight Captain of Flight 18, Dave wore both Marine Corps and Army wings. He was designated a naval aviator at NAS Pensacola in 1967 and later a Master Army Aviator.

After graduation from Marine Corps OCS at Quantico in 1966, he served with the USMC and USMC Reserve until April 1979, at which time he joined the Colorado Army National Guard and served until 1993. He retired from the Army in Feb 2003.

All together, Dave recorded flight time in over 75 different types of aircraft and, after retiring from the COARNG, flew for AirLife Denver, as a helicopter demonstration pilot for MBB (Messerschmitt-Bolkow-Blohm) and as a charter pilot for Rocky Mountain Airways.

As of November 2008 when he joined The Order of Daedalians, he'd accrued 3000 hours of military flight time and 7,300 hours of civilian time. On the ground he became a professional sculptor, whose talents were in high demand by those who wanted their bodies sculpted.

Dave leaves behind his wife Emilie and son Brett. His committal service is scheduled for Friday Nov 7 at 1230 (Staging Area B at 1210) at Fort Logan.

Blue skies and tailwinds, Dave. **R.I.P**

Charles M. Girvan
Maj, USAF (Ret)
Aug 29, 1925 – Aug 5, 2014



Born in LaSalle, Colorado in 1925, Chuck took his final flight from the North Colorado Medical Center in Greeley on August 5 at the age of 88.

He grew up in Fort Lupton, graduating from Fort Lupton High School in 1943 at the height of World War Two. He joined the Army-Air Forces that year, graduating from Aviation Cadet training in March 1945, shortly before the end of the war.

He accrued most of his 543 hours of military flight time flying the C-46 with the 313th Airlift Squadron, which was de-activated in September 1946.

In 1949, Chuck married Nellie Jo Cole, who survives him. They produced one son, one daughter, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He and Nellie Jo resided for many years in LaSalle, where Chuck farmed the land east of there.

Meanwhile, he remained with the Air Force Reserve until 1973, retiring from the Air Force on August 29, 1985.

A Daedalian Life Member and a Life Member of Flight 18, Chuck was laid to rest at Fort Logan National Cemetery on 12 August.

Blue skies and tailwinds, Chuck. **R.I.P.**



Lawrence Wear, Jr.
CAPT, USN (Ret)
Sept 3, 1936 – Oct 23, 2014

To borrow a phrase from a 19th century folk song and a book about JFK written by his friends, ".....we hardly knew ye."

It applies perfectly to the loss of one of Flight 18's newest members, Larry Wear. He became a Daedalian and a member of the Flight only two months before his final flight on 23 October. We hardly got a chance to know him.

We do know that; he was born in Grand Junction, CO; he attended CU Boulder; he earned his Navy wings in 1959 in Beeville, TX; he accrued 3,100 hours of flight time in F-9s, RF-8s, F-4Bs and T-28s; he served in three squadrons, VFP-63, VT-23 and VF-96 and aboard eight different aircraft carriers, USS *Yorktown*, USS *Oriskany*, USS *Ranger*, USS *Lexington*, USS *Coral Sea*, USS *Constellation*, USS *Enterprise* and USS *Kitty Hawk*; he retired from the Naval Reserves at Pt Mugu, CA, in 1999; he was predeceased by his spouse; he had two sons and a daughter; and that he resided in Evergreen. We just wish we'd gotten to know him better.

Fair winds and following seas, Larry. **R.I.P.**

CHRISTMAS PARTY - special guest speaker

Fredric Arnold

WWII P-38 pilot, movie actor, inventor, author, sculptor

Major Fredric Arnold (USAF, Ret) is 92 and going strong. He is the last surviving member of his original P-38 fighter group from Class 42J. Serving with the 71st FS, 1st FG, based at Chateau du Rommel, Algeria, and Mateur, Tunisia, in 1943, he completed 50 combat missions in North Africa, Sicily and Italy. His call sign was Doorknob Five Two, the name of his book, autographed copies of which will be available for purchase before and after dinner on 14 Dec.



He was awarded the DFC and Air Medal with nine oak leaf clusters. After the war, he test flew America's first jet, designed and developed aileron boost for aircraft and wrote and illustrated the official pilot training manuals for the P-38, P-47, P-51 and P-80. He has an impressive list of other inventions to his name as well.



His current project, a tribute to WWII aviators entitled "Lest We Forget", is a bronze statue of 12 P-38 pilots in a pre-mission briefing. The completed statue is

scheduled to be enshrined in the National WWII Museum in New Orleans.



An accomplished actor, Fredric has appeared in many feature film, television and theater productions, including:

Film

- The Naked Gun
- Inadmissible Evidence
- The Seventh Sign
- Laguna Heat
- Casual Sex
- Quicksilver
- Protocol
- Save a Heart
- Night Patrol



Stage

- The Gazebo
- Inherit the Wind
- Time of Your Life
- It Pays to Advertise
- Past Tense
- Ever Present

Television

- | | |
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| Knotts Landing | Scarecrow & Mrs. King |
| Beauty and the Beast | Santa Barbara |
| Dynasty | The Oldest Rookie |
| General Hospital | Hill Street Blues |
| | Plus others |

For more, visit Mr. Arnold's web: <http://lestweforgetsculpture.com>

Heritage Eagle Bend Golf Club

23155 E. Heritage Parkway, Aurora, CO
(303) 693-7788

Directions:

From E-470, take Gartrell Road (exit #9); go south on Gartrell Road. Entrance to Heritage Eagle Bend is first right after Aurora Parkway, about 0.3 miles after stoplight.



Also available on Mapquest.



Payment due NLT Tues 9 Dec

2014 CHRISTMAS DINNER PARTY AT EAGLE BEND - SUN, 14 DEC

1:00 PM -- Social Hour

2:00 PM - Call to Order, Dinner, Program

Wine pref for toasts: Red White

Your name and menu option:

- A. Buffet featuring Prime Rib carving station and Salmon
- B. Restricted diet (please specify)

_____ Buffet/ Other _____

Your name (print)

Name, menu option of each guest:

_____ Buffet/Other _____

_____ Buffet/Other _____

_____ Buffet/Other _____

For additional guests, attach a separate list

Payment enclosed: _____

(number in party x \$30)

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F-15 pilot killed in Aug crash known to Flt 18

The pilot of an F-15 that crashed in the remote mountains of Virginia on 27 August while en route from its base in Massachusetts to Navy New Orleans for a system upgrade was known to Flight 18 for his part in John Thompson's 100th birthday celebration at the Tin Cup October 2, 2012.



At that time, the crash victim, LtCol Morris M. Fontenot, Jr., was commanding officer of the 67th Fighter Squadron based at Kadena AB, Okinawa.

Some 70 years earlier in 1942, John Thompson, as acting C.O. of the 67th, stood up the newly created squadron and took it to war in the Pacific. He would formally assume command a few months later during action on Guadalcanal.

As part of his centennial birthday celebration at the Tin Cup, John was presented with four personal letters of Congratulations – one each from the Chief of Staff, USAF, from the Commandant of the Marine Corps, from the National Commander, Order of Daedalians, and from John's successor many times removed as CO of the 67th, "Moose" Fontenot.

Fontenot's letter, which was read aloud that day by COANG F-16 pilot Mitch Neff, follows:

Dear Colonel Thompson,

It is my distinct pleasure to send you this letter on behalf of the men and women of the 67th Fighter Squadron, the Fighting Cocks. We recently learned of a momentous feat of strength on your part . . . reaching your 100th birthday. As I looked into your accomplishments while serving in the 67th Pursuit Squadron, I got a closer look at your commitments to the heritage of this squadron and to our great nation early in your career as a pilot.

Last Friday, 14 September at our standard Friday night Roll Call, one of our young fighter pilots read the story of the heroism of you and your squadron mates at the infamous "Battle of Bloody Ridge," Guadalcanal, September 14, 1942, for which you received the Navy Cross. The details of the story were awe inspiring, to say the least, and 70 years later there are generations of families of those Marines who survived that owe you their deepest gratitude.

The story especially hits home for us here in the Fighting Cocks, as history has evolved into a now close knit strategic partnership with the Japanese. If it were not for heroism like that of you and the boys in your P-400 Airacobras, the strategic posture the United States

now has in the Pacific Rim would certainly never have been realized.

Our sincerest 100th birthday wishes to you on October 2nd, and we hope you enjoy your reunion with family and friends to the fullest. Think of us, the men and women of the Fighting Cocks, while on your birthday we will be deploying across the Indian Ocean to an undisclosed location with 12 F-15Cs and over 300 personnel. We can only hope to represent the Fighting Cocks and the United States of America with the strength and courage demonstrated by you and your warfighting team on that fateful day in 1942. The sacrifice born by so many Fighting Cocks will never be forgotten.

I can only offer you a small token of my appreciation -- my 100th Commander's Coin. I hope you display it proudly with great reflection on your contribution to the birth of a peerless flying, fighting organization.

Godspeed to you and your families. Above all, May God Bless America.

**Very respectfully,
MORRIS M. FONTENOT, JR., Lt Col, USAF
Commander, 67th Fighter Squadron
"COCK 1"**

LtCol Fontenot transferred from FS67 to the Massachusetts ANG's 104th Fighter Wing in February 2014. He was interred at the Air Force Academy on 3 Oct. The cause of the August crash is still under investigation.



Above – Boeing's proposed P-8 Air Ground Surveillance (AGS) aircraft for the USAF.

More about this militarized 737 on Page 8

Below – The Navy's P-8 Poseidon advanced maritime surveillance aircraft now operational in the Pacific.



How pumpkin pie is made!?!?

NEW POST RETIREMENT JOB

I was sitting at a long stop light yesterday minding my own business and patiently waiting for it to turn green, even though there was no other traffic. A carload of bearded, young, loud Muslims, shouting Anti-American slogans, with a half-burned American Flag duct-taped on the trunk of their car, and a "Remember 9-11" slogan painted on the side, pulled up and stopped next to me.

Suddenly they yelled, "Allah Akbar! Praise Allah! Death to America!" and took off before the light changed.

Out of nowhere an 18-wheeler truck came speeding through the intersection and ran directly over their car, crushing it completely and killing everyone in it.

For several minutes I sat in my car thinking to myself "Man....that could have been me!"

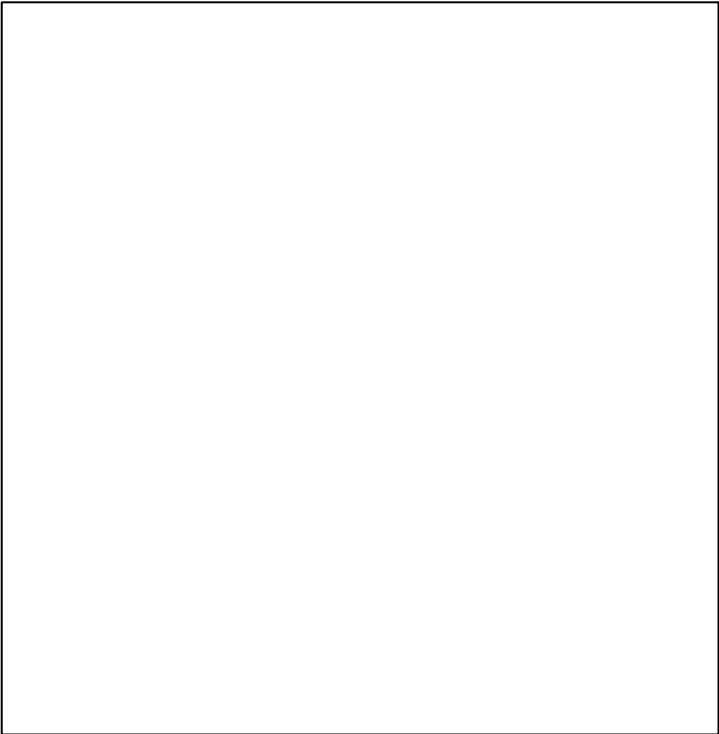
So today, bright and early, I went out and got a job a truck driver!

To your health

"Red meat is no bad for you. Now, blue-green meat, that's bad for you." Tommy Smothers

While you can

Cherish your spouse, your family and your friends. Love life and laugh at death. While you can -- Anonymous



Mile High Flight 18 – 2014

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(Positions in bold elected, those in italics appointed)

Flight 18 normally meets the third Friday of each month at the Aurora Hills Tin Cup Bar & Grill, located just north of Alameda and just east of Peoria. Social hour at 11:00, lunch at 12:00. Exceptions via newsletter and caller notification.

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