



Our speaker flew the Marine version of the A-6.

**“WILLIE” FLIGHT 82**  
**Order of Daedalians**  
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Our speaker also flew the Marine OV-10.

**FLIGHT CAPTAIN'S CORNER:**



Willie Flight #82 had a captivating presentation from CW5 Mike Ostermeyer during the February dinner meeting. His experiences while serving in Operation Enduring Freedom were incredible by any measure. He is truly an expert on the AH-64 Apache helicopter.

While deployed, Mike worked tirelessly keeping the Apaches flying as an instructor, test pilot, maintenance pilot and conducting missions. The stories of recovering the wreckage of two Apache helicopters that crashed on the same day held the flight spellbound. It was easy for all of us to understand why Mike was requested, by name, to participate in numerous challenging missions. His professionalism and heroic actions were second to none.

The March 12<sup>th</sup> dinner meeting will be equally exceptional. Our speaker will be Colonel Fred Cone. Colonel Cone was instrumental in introducing the A-6 Intruder and the OV-10 Bronco into Marine service. He commanded seven different units during his career. He was promoted to Colonel and served as the Chief of staff of the second Marine Air Wing. Colonel Cone served three tours in Viet Nam. He was awarded numerous medals, including the Navy Cross. After military service, he continued his education and became a Naval ROTC instructor at the University of Arizona and a professor at Embry Riddle University.

March will be another great meeting. Please contact your Element Leaders and reserve a spot for dinner. I truly look forward to seeing you next month.

V.V. – Don Harvel

*Operation Rolling Thunder was a frequently interrupted bombing campaign that began on 24 February 1965 and lasted until the end of October 1968. During this period U.S. Air Force and Navy aircraft engaged in a bombing campaign designed to force Ho Chi Minh to abandon his ambition to take over South Vietnam. The operation began primarily as a diplomatic signal to impress Hanoi with America's determination, essentially a warning that the violence would escalate until Ho Chi Minh "blinked," and secondly it was intended to bolster the sagging morale of the South Vietnamese.*

(Source: <https://www.afhistory.af.mil/FAQs/Fact-Sheets/Article/458992/operation-rolling-thunder/>.)



**NEXT MEETING:**

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, 12 March at *The Dobson's Restaurant*, at the Dobson Ranch Golf Course, 2155 South Dobson Rd, Mesa -- [click for a map](#).

Speaker: [Col Fred Cone, USMC Retired](#) (see bio on page 2).

Topic: *Operation Rolling Thunder, Vietnam.*

Time: 1800 Social Hour, 1900 Meeting/Dinner.

Dress: *Dressy Casual (slacks and collared shirt).*

Menu: *Roast Beef, Chicken Fried Steak, or Bourbon Shrimp. (All served with vegetables, salad, rolls, dessert, and coffee.)*

Price: \$30.00 per person. (Includes toasting wine).

Note: *Please pay with a check (raffle tickets are 6 for \$5).*

**Reservations:** To make a reservation, please contact your Element Leader (page 2), by Saturday, 7 March. For questions, please call Tom Waldron (480-883-0853 or 602-743-3661).

**Cancellations:** If you've made reservations and you can't attend, please contact Tom Waldron (480-883-0853 or 602-743-3661) as soon as possible, so he can notify the restaurant.

**Need a ride?** Call Pat Dooley or Art Stark for help.

**MEETING CALENDAR:**

<b>12 Mar:</b> General Meeting	16 Mar:	Staff Meeting
<b>9 Apr:</b> General Meeting	13 Apr:	Staff Meeting
<b>14 May:</b> General Meeting	18 May:	Staff Meeting
<i>SUMMER BREAK</i>		
<b>10 Sep:</b> General Meeting	10 Sep:	Staff Meeting
<b>8 Oct:</b> General Meeting	8 Oct:	Staff Meeting
<b>12 Nov:</b> General Meeting	12 Nov:	Staff Meeting
<b>10 Dec:</b> Christmas Meeting	16 Dec:	Staff Meeting

**OFFICERS & STAFF:**

Elected Officers:

Flight Captain:	<a href="#">Don Harvel, USAF</a>	480-214-3463
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Flight Adjutant:	Arlan Allen, USA	602-283-5862
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**Willie Flight 82 Dues are Due:**

**If you have not yet paid your Flight 82 dues (\$15), please do so soon -- use the form on page 2, or on our website ([Click Here](#)). Dues were due on 31 December. (NOTE: National dues are collected separately -- if you're not a life member, Daedalians' HQ will bill you directly.)**

**Speaker Col Fred Cone, USMC Retired:**

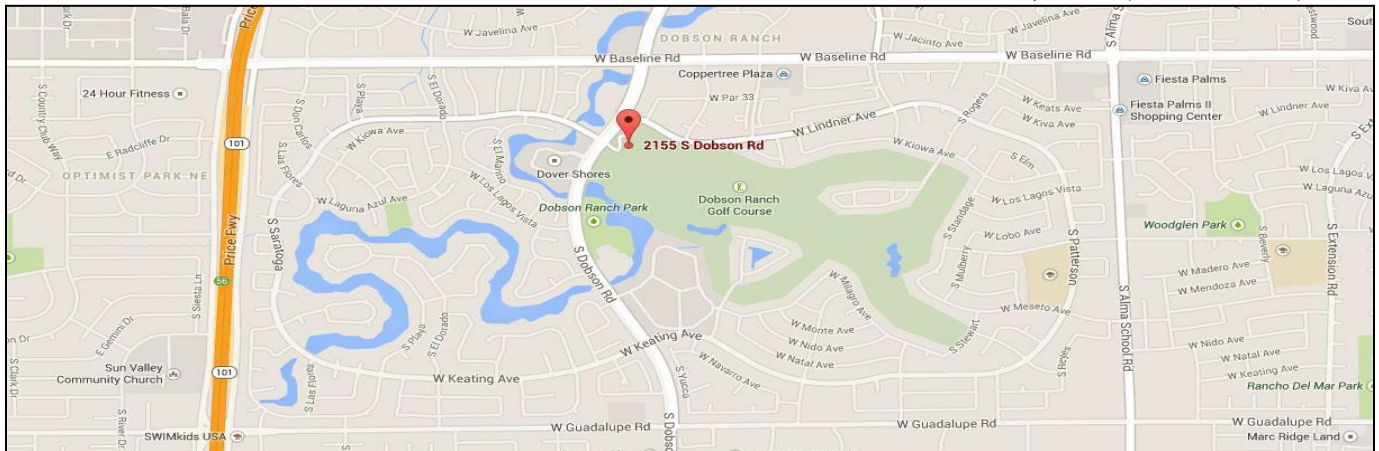


Fred Cone was born on July 20, 1933, in St. Joseph, MO. He attended the University of New Mexico on a Navy ROTC scholarship where he received a degree in Civil Engineering. Fred earned his commission in the United States Marine Corps in 1956 and earned his Aviator's wings in June 1958. During his military career, Fred flew a total of 21 different types of aircraft and amassed over 8600 flight hours, including 1000 hours of combat flying. Fred was instrumental in introducing the A-6 Intruder and the OV-10 Bronco into Marine service.

He commanded 7 different units during his career and served as the Chief of Staff of the Second Marine Air Wing while reaching the rank of Colonel. In 1986 Fred was tasked with creating the Navy ROTC program at The University of Arizona. His military awards include; the Navy Cross, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal, and the Navy Commendation Medal.

After his retirement from the military, Fred added a Master's Degree in Civil Engineering from The University of Arizona to earlier degrees in Aeronautical Engineering and an MBA. He was employed as a professor in the Air Science Department at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, Arizona.

**Dobson's Restaurant at the Dobson Ranch Golf Course 2155 South Dobson Rd, Mesa (480-644-2600).**



**Flight 82 Dinner Reservation Procedures:**

When you get this newsletter, please contact your Element Leader (shown below) to make a reservation by the Saturday prior to the meeting. If that doesn't work, please contact Tom Waldron (480-883-0853 or 602-743-3661).

<u>Members:</u>	<u>Element Leaders:</u>	<u>E-Mail Addresses:</u>	<u>Phone Numbers:</u>
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**FLIGHT 82 DUES FOR 2020:** If you need to pay your local dues, please complete the form below, clip at dotted line, and send to: *Willie Flight 82, P.O. Box 11261, Chandler, Arizona 85248*. Enclose a check for Flight dues (\$15) and add any scholarship donations you'd like to make. Please make your check out to "Willie Flight 82":

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (Last) \_\_\_\_\_  
 RANK: \_\_\_\_\_ SERVICE: \_\_\_\_\_ ACTIVE \_\_\_\_\_ RETIRED \_\_\_\_\_ or OTHER \_\_\_\_\_  
 SPOUSE'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: Annual Flight Dues (\$15): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Scholarship Donation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_