



The VC-137 was AF-1 until the VC-25 took over.

**“WILLIE” FLIGHT 82**  
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The VC-25 (a 747 variant) became AF-1 in 1987.

**FLIGHT CAPTAIN'S CORNER:**



Please note our next dinner meeting will be 7 February due to the second Thursday of the month falling on Valentines Day. Please plan accordingly.

Our meeting on 10 January 2018 served as kickoff for the new year. The first order of business was to administer the Daedalian Oath to two new members, Gary Schooler and Mark Sherman. We welcome them and are especially pleased they have come aboard Willie Flight 82. As of 13 January, we have 97 members. Our guest speaker was a fellow Daedalian, Colonel Joe Chan, USAF Retired. During his storied career, Joe had extensive experience flying in Laos and Cambodia as a FAC. His most frequent mount was the Rockwell OV-10 “Bronco”, and he kept us mesmerized with details of the OV-10 and O-2A FAC missions in those areas of operation. More information can be found at the Willie Flight 82 web site [photo page](#).

Our guest speaker for the forthcoming dinner meeting, on 7 February, is a fellow Daedalian and member of our Willie Flight 82, Colonel Jeff Parker, USAF Retired. Jeff was a bomber guy, spending a great deal of time flying the B-52 and other high level positions in SAC and ACC. His topic for our meeting, however, will be his assigned involvement in the Presidential Advance Team. The team, known as the most complex, expensive and thorough advance unit in the world includes logistics and security for the President's motorcade, as well as employing Secret Service against any and all threats to the president. This will be a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the goings-on behind the scenes when protecting and planning the President's movements.

As we enter into the new year, it is time for Willie Flight to begin planning for the Spring Scholarship Awards to the many college ROTC and high school Junior ROTC programs that we support each year. The Willie Flight Board Officer in charge of distribution of these awards and communication with the educational institutions is Gary Zettl (480-415-6854); and assisted by our former flight captain, Gerry Homewood (602-790-8151). I highly recommend our members who are able, to become involved with the scholarship program by participating in the presentation of the awards to the deserving Army, USAF, and Navy cadets. Those of us who participate can assure everyone of the great satisfaction we derive from the experience. Please contact Gary or Gerry for the details, and thank them for the great job they are doing.

I look forward to seeing you February 7, and Happy New Year!  
VV. -- [Frank Stookey](#)

**NEXT MEETING:**

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, 7 February at *The Dobson's Restaurant*, at the Dobson Ranch Golf Course, 2155 South Dobson Rd, Mesa -- [click for a map](#).  
**Speaker:** [Col Jeff Parker](#), USAF Retired.  
**Topic:** *The Presidential Advance Team*.  
**Time:** 1800 Social Hour, 1900 Meeting/Dinner. **Recommended Dress:** *Dressy Casual (slacks & shirt with collar)*.  
**Menu:** *Meat Loaf Wellington, Panko Chicken, or Sea Bass. (All served with vegetables, salad, rolls, dessert, and coffee.)*  
**Price:** \$25.00 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, 2 February. 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>*7 Feb:</b>	<b>General Meeting</b>	11 Feb:	Staff Meeting
<b>14 Mar:</b>	<b>General Meeting</b>	18 Mar:	Staff Meeting
<b>11 Apr:</b>	<b>General Meeting</b>	15 Apr:	Staff Meeting
<b>9 May:</b>	<b>General Meeting</b>	13 May:	Staff Meeting

**SUMMER BREAK**

<b>12 Sep:</b>	<b>General Meeting</b>	16 Sep:	Staff Meeting
<b>10 Oct:</b>	<b>General Meeting</b>	14 Oct:	Staff Meeting
<b>14 Nov:</b>	<b>General Meeting</b>	18 Nov:	Staff Meeting
<b>12 Dec:</b>	<b>Christmas Meeting</b>	16 Dec:	Staff Meeting

*\*Note: Feb meeting is early because of Valentine's Day.*

**OFFICERS & STAFF:**

Elected Officers:

Flight Captain:	<a href="#">Frank Stookey</a> , USA	480-985-4561
Vice Flt Capt & A-V:	Art Stark, USAF	480-288-9301
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Scholarships Chairman:	Gary Zettl, USAF	480-415-6854
Provost Marshal:	Ron Diedrichs, USAF	602-908-3496

Appointed Staff:

Flight Adjutant:	Arlan Allen, USA	602-283-5862
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**Willie Flight 82 Dues:**

**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 2018.)**

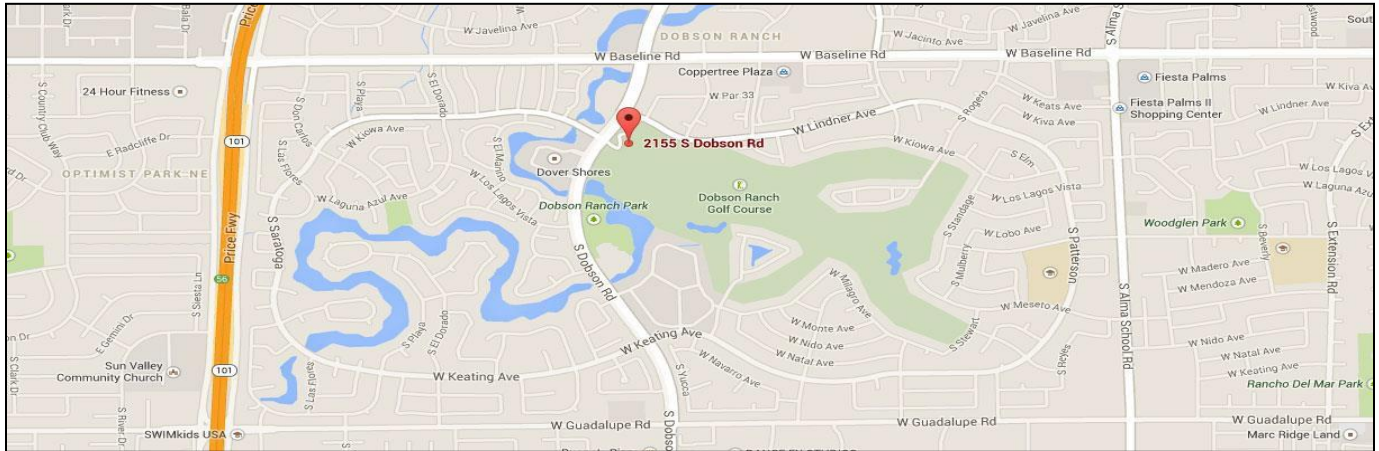
**(NOTE: National dues are collected separately -- if you're not a life member, Daedalians' HQ should send you a bill directly to you.)**

**Speaker Jeff Parker:**



- Entered USAF in 1971, AFROTC, U of North Dakota.
- Pilot training Laughlin AFB-wings 10 Jul 1972.
- 1972-1984: B-52s at Beale AFB, Andersen AFB, KI Sawyer AFB, Castle AFB.
- 1984-1988: Offutt AFB-Joint Strategic Target Planning Staff, then HQ SAC/DP Chief, Rated Officer Assignments (DPROR), and USAF Presidential Advance Agent Program concurrent with both.
- 1988-1992: Castle AFB 330th Combat Flight Instructor Squadron/DO/CC, 328th Bomb Squadron/CC, 93rd Bomb Wing/ADO with concurrent duty as 93rd Ops Support Squadron/CC.
- 1992-1994: Davis-Monthan AFB 12th AF Combat Plans Squadron/CC.
- 1994-1997: Minot AFB 5th Bomb Wing/CV.
- 1997-1999: Langley AFB HQ ACC/IG Silver Team Chief.
- Colonel Retired 1999, with the typical awards and decorations.

**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, contact Tom Waldron (602-743-3661 or 480-883-0853).

**Members:**

- 1) Allen to Dickman
- 2) Diedrichs to Grayson
- 3) Gregory to Karp
- 4) Kiehlbaugh to Macdonald
- 5) Marusiak to Pelton
- 6) Perkins to Sloan
- 7) Smith to Vandeventer
- 8) Vangsnes to Zettl

**Element Leaders:**

- Pat Dooley  
Ron Diedrichs  
Gary Zettl  
Dave Oldroyd  
Ron Marusiak  
John Slaughter  
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480-897-8440



**FLIGHT 82 DUES FOR 2019:** 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) (MI) (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: \_\_\_\_\_