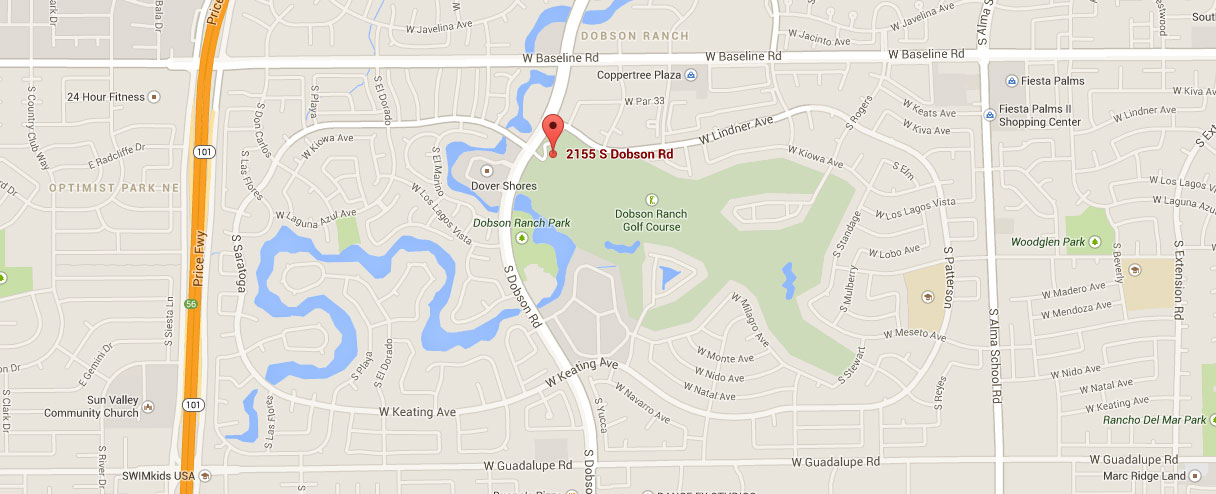
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| **FLIGHT CAPTAIN'S CORNER:**  **stookey_sm** The Willie Flight 82 dinner meeting for 13 September 2018 provided a special treat for our members with a presentation from Col Lee Alton (USAF Retired) on the subject of the Fast FAC Program in the Vietnam War. We learned that two types of aircraft were used for the Fast FAC mission. The first one being the F-100F Super Sabres, known as “Misty FACs.” The second one, after proving the Fast FAC concept, the mission was continued using the McDonnell Douglas F-4 Phantom IIs known as “Wolf FACs.” Col Alton kept us spellbound by sharing his FAC experience as well as other assignments he served in during his career. Of special note, among his many awards received, Col Alton is a recipient of five Distinguished Flying Crosses.  Our current member population in Willie Flight 82 now stands at 98. Our attendance in September once again included guests being brought by our members. Recently we gained a new member to the flight who holds the distinction of being a hereditary member as well. She is Ms. Linda Crook (Civ), and we welcome her to Willie Flight 82. Her grandfather, John N. Reynolds, was an original founding father in The Order of Daedalians. I commend again those who are keeping our flight in mind as they watch for potential members for the Order of Daedalians.  Our speaker for 11 October 2018 is Willie Flight’s very own Col Ronald J. Perkins (USAF Retired). Col Perkins will be providing our attending members with a look at his experiences while serving as an exchange pilot to the U.S. Navy. In June 1975, he was selected for the Navy Exchange Program flying the Grumman A-6 Intruder. He finished his Navy tour in November 1977, with 131 carrier landings and a West PAC cruise. Those landings of his were REAL, unlike a few others of us who became carrier qualified in various Navy Officers’ clubs around the world (Subic Bay Philippines comes to my mind). This should prove to be a fascinating meeting, and I again encourage not only our members to attend, but bring a guest who is eligible to be a Daedalian as well. As I have suggested before, tell them their time will be well spent.  I look forward to seeing you. *V.V. --* [*Frank Stookey*](http://www.willieflight.org/stookey_bio.pdf)  **The Navy A-6 Intruder:**   |  | | --- | | The A-6 Intruder entered the fleet in February 1963. The world's first all-weather attack aircraft, the Intruder provided the capability to launch low-level strikes against targets at extended ranges without regard to darkness or weather conditions. Serving throughout the Vietnam War, the A-6 continued as the Navy's front line medium-attack aircraft through Operation Desert Storm.  All told, 687 A-6s were delivered to the Navy, the last being retired in 1997. | | **NEXT MEETING:**  Our next meeting will be on Thursday, 11 October at *The Dobson's Restaurant*, at the Dobson Ranch Golf Course, 2155 South Dobson Rd, Mesa -- [*click here for a map*](https://www.google.com/maps/preview?ie=UTF-8&q=Dobson's+Restaurant&fb=1&gl=us&hq=dobson's+restaurant+mesa+az&cid=14553541767132596252&ei=QIVRU530KoK0yATB9YKoDQ&ved=0CJwBEPwSMAs). *Speaker:* [*Col Ron Perkins*](http://www.willieflight.org/photos/Oct_2018_mtg/Ron_Perkins_bio.pdf)*, USAF Retired. Topic: Navy Pilot Exchange Tour, flying the* [*A-6 Intruder*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grumman_A-6_Intruder)*. Time: 1800 Social Hour, 1900 Meeting/Dinner.*  *Recommended Dress: Dressy Casual (collared shirt & slacks).*  *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, 6 October. 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:**   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **11 Oct:** | **General Meeting** | 15 Oct: | Staff Meeting | | **8 Nov:** | **General Meeting** | 12 Nov: | Staff Meeting | | **13 Dec:** | **Christmas Meeting with Spouse/Guest** | 17 Dec: | Staff Meeting | | **10 Jan:** | **General Meeting** | 14 Jan: | Staff Meeting | | **\*7 Feb:** | **General Meeting** | 11 Feb: | Staff Meeting | | **14 Mar:** | **General Meeting** | 18 Mar: | Staff Meeting | | **11 Apr:** | **General Meeting** | 15 Apr: | Staff Meeting | | **9 May:** | **General Meeting** | 13 May: | Staff Meeting | | *SUMMER BREAK* | | | | | ***\*Note: Feb meeting is early because of Valentine's Day.*** | | | |   **OFFICERS & STAFF:**   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | *Elected Officers:* |  |  | | Flight Captain: | [Frank Stookey](http://www.willieflight.org/stookey_bio.pdf), USA Ret | 480-985-4561 | | Vice Flt Capt & A-V: | Art Stark, USAF Ret | 480-288-9301 | | Treasurer: | Bill Follette, USAF Ret | 602-619-5445 | | Scholarships Chairman: | Gary Zettl, USAF Ret | 480-415-6854 | | Provost Marshal: | Ron Diedrichs, USAF Ret | 602-908-3496 | | *Appointed Staff:* |  |  | | Flight Adjutant: | Jim Adkins, USA Ret | 480-969-9060 | | Elements Coordinator  & Chaplain: | Tom Waldron, USAF Ret | 602-743-3661 | | Asst A-V Support: | Kurt Gearhart, USAF Vet | 480-329-1936 | | Biographies: | Gary Klein, USMC Sep | 480-650-5522 | | Asst Scholarship/Awards: | Gerry Homewood, USAF Ret | 480-496-9879 | | Membership & Publicity: | Pat Dooley, USAF Ret | 480-802-9914 |   **2019 Flight 82 Dues:**   |  | | --- | | **We're now collecting 2019 Flight 82 dues ($15) -- please use the form on page 2, or on our website (**[***Click Here***](http://www.willieflight.org/dues_form.pdf)**). *(Due by 31 Dec.)***  ***(NOTE:* *National dues are collected separately -- if you're not a life member, Daedalians' HQ should send you a bill this fall.)*** | |

**Speaker Col Ron Perkins:**

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| perkins_smRon received his pilot wings at Sheppard AFB, Texas, in February 1969. Following Undergraduate Pilot Training, he went through F-100 training at Luke AFB, Arizona, followed by duty tours at Tuy Hoa AB, Republic of Viet Nam, and England AFB, Louisiana. In 1970, Colonel Perkins was assigned to Mountain Home AFB, Idaho, as a part of the initial cadre of instructors in the F-111F Aardvark. In June 1975, he was selected for the Navy Exchange Program flying the A-6 Intruder. He finished his Navy tour in November 1977, with 131 carrier landings and a West Pac cruise. Following his Navy assignment, Colonel Perkins attended the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Virginia. Upon completion, he was assigned to the Fifth Allied Tactical Air Force in Vicenza, Italy, where he was Assistant Chief of Special Operations and Plans. In July 1981, Ron was reassigned to Mountain Home AFB, Idaho, where he served tours as Operations Officer to the 389th TFTS, 391st TFS, and Det 2, F-111 USAF Fighter Weapons School, respectively. In May 1983, he assumed command of the prestigious F-111 Fighter Weapons School. After attending Air War College, he served on the Air Staff, followed by international command and staff positions. He finished his career as an educator at the Air War College and ASU. *(*[*Click for Ron's full biography*](http://www.willieflight.org/photos/Oct_2018_mtg/Ron_Perkins_bio.pdf)*.)* |

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**Flight 82 Dinner Reservation Procedures:**

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| **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: Element Leaders: E-Mail Addresses: Phone Numbers:**  **1) Adkins to Dickman Pat Dooley**  [**patretta@wbhsi.com**](mailto:patretta@wbhsi.com) **480-802-9914**  **2) Diedrichs to Grayson Pat Dooley**  [**patretta@wbhsi.com**](mailto:patretta@wbhsi.com) **480-802-9914 *(Ron is recovering)***  **3) Gregory to Karp Gary Zettl** [**gzettl@msn.com**](mailto:gzettl@msn.com) **623-236-9513 or 480-415-6854**  **4) Kiehlbaugh to Macdonald Dave Oldroyd** [**doldroyd3@cox.net**](mailto:doldroyd3@cox.net) **480-844-0445**  **5) Marusiak to Pelton Ron Marusiak** [**ron@marusiak.com**](mailto:ron@marusiak.com) **480-949-5957 or 480-318-8883**  **6) Perkins to Sloan John Slaughter** [**john.slaughter@outlook.com**](mailto:john.slaughter@outlook.com) **602-684-8463**  **7) Smith to Vandeventer Tom Waldron** [**mojack7@msn.com**](mailto:mojack@msn.com) **602-743-3661 or 480-883-0853**  **8) Vangsnes to Zettl Clyde Williams** [**Bunnieace@msn.com**](mailto:Bunnieace@msn.com) **480-897-8440** |

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