



US Marine Corps CH-46 "Sea Knight".

"WILLIE" FLIGHT 82

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US Marines exercise with CH-46.

FLIGHT CAPTAIN'S CORNER:



Our meeting on 11 April 2019 was a major success. The guest speaker was Major General Michael McGuire. MG McGuire is The Adjutant General, Army and Air Force National Guard, for the State of Arizona; and, concurrently serves as the Director of the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs. He gave a presentation to our attending members which covered the current composition and status of the Arizona Guard, including commitments, domestic and overseas, of Guard resources supporting active US military forces. Additionally, he provided a more clear and concise description of immigration activities and affairs that impact Arizona as a boarder state. It became obvious during his presentation that a true crisis currently exists at the Arizona/Mexico border, and a solid commitment of support and assistance from the Federal Government is sorely needed. Photos taken during the meeting are located at the Willie Flight web site.

Our meeting was well attended, and there is more good news. We are aware of a number of qualified people expressing interest to join the Order of The Daedalians, and the ranks of our Willie Flight 82 in the near future. MG McGuire is among them.

Our guest speaker for the forthcoming dinner meeting, on 9 May 2019, is Captain Gary Klein USMC, Retired. Gary is a graduate of The United States Naval Academy, and had extensive experience flying helicopters in the Marine Corps. His main topic for the evening will be "Flying the Marine CH-46 "Sea Knight."

Execution of the Spring Scholarship Awards to the many college ROTC and high school Junior ROTC programs will be completed shortly. I would like to thank our two Willie Flight members in charge of oversight, Gary Zettl and Gerry Homewood for their considerable time and support in making this program such a great success. Without them and other flight members volunteering to make presentations to cadets all over the state, we would have no scholarship program. Also, we need to extend our gratitude to each and every member of our flight for volunteering funds to the scholarship effect. Every dollar goes to the cadets most deserving, and nowhere else. Our members do make a difference to the lives of our future military leaders.

Finally, a reminder to those members who have not yet paid their Willie Flight 82 dues (\$15.00). Please bring your flight membership up to date.

I look forward to seeing you on 9 May.

VV. -- [Frank Stookey](#)

NEXT MEETING:

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, 9 May at *The Dobson's Restaurant*, at the Dobson Ranch Golf Course, 2155 South Dobson Rd, Mesa -- [click for a map](#).

Speaker: *Capt Gary Klein, USMC (biography on page 2).*

Topic: *Flying the CH-46 "Sea Knight".*

Time: *1800 Social Hour, 1900 Meeting/Dinner.*

Dress: *Dressy Casual (slacks & shirt with collar).*

Menu: *Pork Tenderloin, Chicken Fettuccini, or Fish & Chips.*

(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, 4 May. For questions, please call Pat Dooley (480-802-9914).

Cancellations: If you've made reservations and you can't attend, please contact Pat Dooley (480-802-9914) as soon as possible, so he can notify the restaurant.

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

MEETING CALENDAR:

9 May: General Meeting 13 May: Staff Meeting

SUMMER BREAK

12 Sep: General Meeting 16 Sep: Staff Meeting

10 Oct: General Meeting 14 Oct: Staff Meeting

14 Nov: General Meeting 18 Nov: Staff Meeting

12 Dec: Christmas Meeting 16 Dec: Staff Meeting

9 Jan: General Meeting 13 Jan: Staff Meeting

13 Feb: General Meeting 17 Feb: Staff Meeting

12 Mar: General Meeting 16 Mar: Staff Meeting

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Willie Flight 82 Scholarships & Awards:

The Willie Flight Board Officer in charge of the distribution of these awards and communication with the educational institutions is Gary Zettl (480-415-6854), assisted by our former flight captain, Gerry Homewood (602-790-8151). **Please volunteer to present the awards – call Gary or Gerry to sign up, or for info.**

Speaker Capt Gary Klein, USMC:



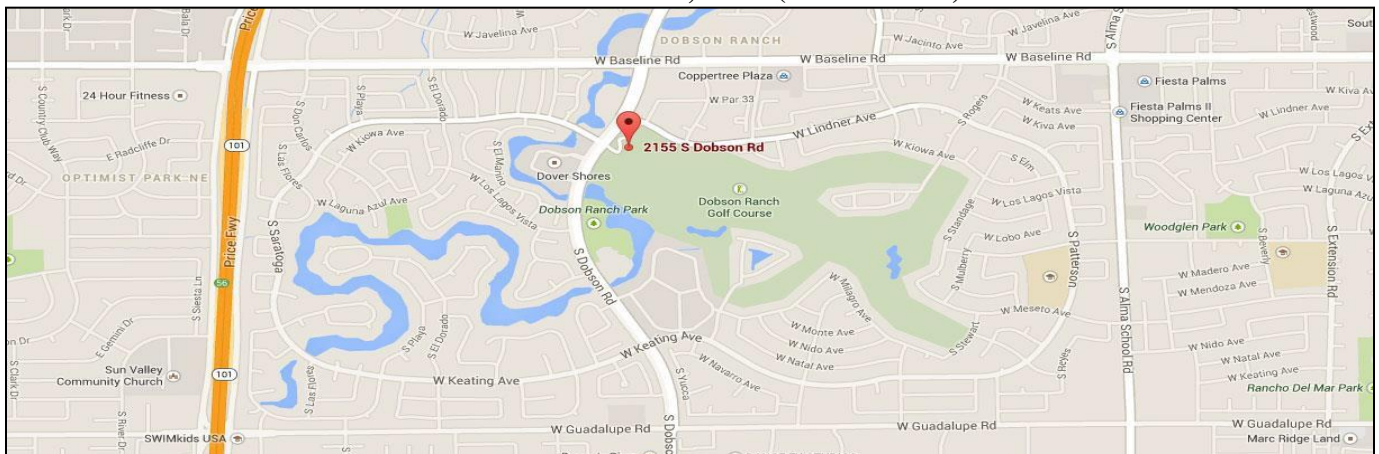
Gary is the son of a career Marine who knew he wanted to be part of aviation since grade school. He built airplane models, but especially ones that flew and enjoyed trying to make them fly better. He was good at science and math so to combine the scientist in him and the desire to make things fly, he had aspirations of becoming an astronaut. He learned in high school that the school that produced the most astronauts was the US Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. He was accepted into Annapolis where he studied aerospace engineering and got to fly (at the controls) for the first time a T-34C, a TH-1 Huey and a T-2 Buckeye during the third summer training trip to Pensacola, FL.

To fulfill his dream of being an astronaut, he applied for and was selected to be a NASA engineering intern at Ellington Field, TX, where he participated in 4 KC-135 (aka, the "Vomit Comet") Zero-G training flights and flew supersonic with an astronaut in a T-38 training flight. 2ndLt Klein wanted to fly jets out of Navy flight school but the needs of the Marine Corps said differently and assigned him to California to fly CH-46 transport helicopters. In hindsight, it couldn't have been a better choice for him with his technical mind, considering the complexity of tandem rotor helicopters flight controls. After training in HMT-301, he was assigned to HMM-166 in MCAS, Tustin, CA, the last CH-46 squadron to be commissioned in the Marine Corps. While in HMM-166 Capt Klein made two WestPac deployments accumulating more than 400 deployed days at sea. He finished his Marine Corps flying career as a CH-46 instructor pilot in Tustin, CA.

After getting a couple of Masters Degrees in engineering, he joined Boeing as a Flight Controls/Handling Qualities Engineer working on many different vehicles including the V-22 and AH-64. While living in Arizona, he served as a CWO-2 in the 1-285th Aviation Battalion where he flew the AH-64D. While serving in military, Gary accumulated over 1700 hours of flight time in addition to his 50 or so hours of private time in single engine commercial aviation. He has flown 5 different types of helicopters and 5 different fixed wing including a couple of jet flights.

Gary has worked for Boeing for over 22 years and is currently an Associate Technical Fellow there in the area of flight control system design, test and handling qualities. Gary enjoys golf and sings in a classic rock band.

[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).

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