



OCTOBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

Greetings Fellow Daedalians,

Our next gathering will be on October 8th at the Phoenix/Mesa DoubleTree Hotel. The address is 1011 West Holmes Avenue, Mesa, AZ 85210. The social hour will begin at 1700 and the meeting will be called to order at 1800. Dinner will be served after opening remarks and toasts. Dinner will be the Street Taco Bar consisting of Pork Carnitas and Shredded Chicken, Flour Tortillas, Shaved Cabbage, Shredded Lettuce, Diced Tomatoes, Chopped Onions, Cilantro, Shredded Cheddar Cheese, Sour Cream, House Made Salsa, and Refried Beans with Cotija Cheese. Dessert will be Cookies.

Our speaker will be Kelly Sallaway. She will be speaking about the history of the Royal Air Force in Arizona. Kelly is an Emmy-winning film maker and executive producer of "Patriot Skies", a historical documentary exploring the British pilots who trained at Arizona's Falcon Field during World War II. Her work includes a documentary feature broadcast on PBS and an unscripted series on Discovery+ and HBO Max. Through "Patriot Skies", she brings a little-known chapter of Arizona's wartime history to audiences today.

I know this meeting follows our September 24 gathering closely, but it gets us back to our normal second Thursday of the month schedule. Being a bit of a history buff, I am really looking forward to hearing Ms. Sallaway's presentation. It embodies a link to who we are as Daedalians, honoring all those who have gone before us while we still have the opportunity to meet and share the experiences that bind us together as military aviators. I hope we have a great turnout for this gathering!

Please contact me not later than Sunday, October 4th, with a "yes" or "no" response regarding your attendance. You can send me an e-mail at rickdrown@msn.com, or call or text me at 480-518-7665.

Stay safe and be well,

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