



USAF Special Ops CV-22 Osprey.

“WILLIE” FLIGHT 82

Order of Daedalians

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BGen Harvel flew the C-130 in the AF & ANG.

FLIGHT CAPTAIN'S CORNER:



Our meeting on 7 February 2019 was an instant success, thanks to our own Daedalian in Willie Flight, Colonel Jeff Parker, USAF, Retired. His topic for the evening covered his involvement and experiences while assigned in the Presidential Advance Team.

The team, known as the most complex, 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 was a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the goings-on behind the scenes when protecting and planning the president's movements. Colonel Parker is an excellent speaker. He kept the members on the edge of their seats as he explained how he and his team operated in foreign countries, all the while being discrete. Photos taken during the meeting are located at the Willie Flight Web Site: [Click here](#).

There were 35 attendees (members and guests) at our February dinner meeting. During the evening two eligible guests expressed their desire to join The Order of Daedalians, and further, they will be joining our Willie Flight. A third individual may still join as well. Having received an award for recruiting in 2017, how about we strive to recruit more and do it again? As of our dinner meeting, we have 96 members.

Our guest speaker for the forthcoming dinner meeting, on 14 March, is Brigadier General Don Harvel, USAF Retired. General Harvel's topic for the evening will cover the CV-22 Osprey Crash in Afghanistan, 2010. General Harvel was selected by AFSOC to be the President of the Accident Investigation Board. His findings as to what caused the accident are as controversial today (almost 9 years later) as they were when he released his final report to the Air Force. To this day, CV-22 crews do not discuss the April 8th, 2010 accident.

Planning has begun 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). Participation by our members in distributing the awards is a most satisfying endeavor, and we highly recommend it. Meeting the Army, USAF, and Navy cadets is a wonderful experience, and you can make a difference in their lives. Please contact Gary or Gerry for the details. I look forward to seeing you on March 14th.

VV. -- [Frank Stookey](#)

NEXT MEETING:

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, 14 March at *The Dobson's Restaurant*, at the Dobson Ranch Golf Course, 2155 South Dobson Rd, Mesa -- [click for a map](#).

Speaker: [BGen Don Harvel](#), USAF Retired.

Topic: *CV-22 Osprey Crash, Afghanistan, 2010.*

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

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

Menu: *Roast Beef, Chicken Fried Steak, or Bourbon Shrimp.*

(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, 9 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:

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

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

OFFICERS & STAFF:

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Flight Captain: [Frank Stookey](#), USA 480-985-4561

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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.)

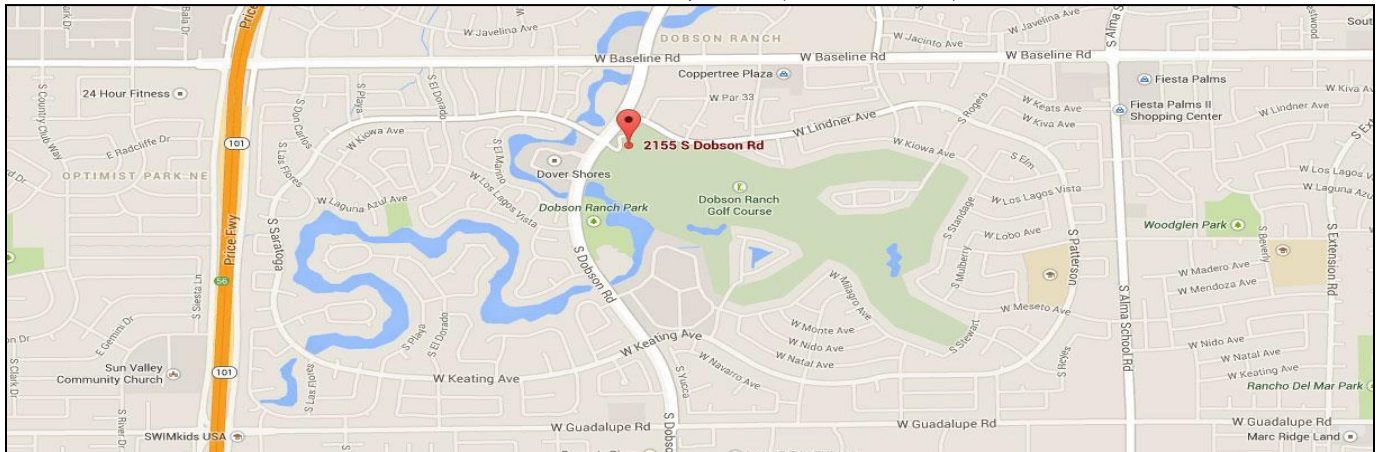
(NOTE: National dues are collected separately -- if you're not a life member, Daedalians' HQ should send you a bill directly to you.)

Speaker BGen Don Harvel:



- Born and raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Graduated from West Point (United States Military Academy) in 1976. After graduation – received a commission into the Air Force. Attended pilot training at Williams Air Force Base (Willie) in Chandler, Arizona.
- Assigned to fly C-130's at Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene, Texas. His next assignment was to the Air Rescue Command as an Instructor pilot at Kirtland AFB, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- In 1985, resigned from active duty Air Force. Hired by Texas Air National Guard as C-130 Instructor pilot. Also hired by Delta Air Lines. While at Delta, Don has flown (Boeing) B-727's, B-737's, B-757's, B-767's and B-777's. He has over 23,000 hours of flying time.
- During his Air National Guard career, Don served as a Squadron Commander, Group Commander, Wing Commander, Deputy Commander of the Texas Air National Guard and a national position as the Air National Guard Assistant to the Commander of Air Force Special Operations Command. He retired from the Air Force in September of 2010 with 34 years of service.
- Don, his wife, Nan, and their daughter Randee (recent graduate from Grand Canyon University) reside in Fountain Hills. They moved from Atlanta, Georgia to Fountain Hills in 2016.

**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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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: _____