



Our speaker flew the UH-60 in SW Asia.

“WILLIE” FLIGHT 82
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Our speaker also flew the AH-64 "Apache".

FLIGHT CAPTAIN'S CORNER:



Willie Flight #82 got the new decade off to a great start. Our January 9, 2020 dinner meeting was honored to have Lt Col (Retired) Ron Diedrichs as our speaker. We have all seen the beer commercial about the "most interesting man in the world." Well, I think Ron may be the most interesting pilot I've ever met. He talked to us about his amazing Air Force career - starting with a medical issue discovered after he had started pilot training. He was required to get a true "astronaut's physical" in order to continue training. After passing the physical and completing pilot training, Ron chose to fly KC-135's. He shared some incredible stories about his experiences flying tankers. His stories about air refuelings and developing new procedures to prolong the life of the KC-135 kept our Daedalian flight mesmerized. He is one of the few pilots, I have ever known, who also became an Aerospace Physiology Instructor. His civilian career has provided him opportunities to work on interesting projects such as developing the latest astronaut suit for Space X, working on numerous commercial airline accident investigations, and teaching at Arizona State University. Ron's presentation was outstanding. Photos taken during the January 2020 meeting are posted on the Willie flight web site.

The guest speaker for the February 13 dinner meeting is CW5 (Retired) Michael Ostermeyer. He has flown helicopters for thirty-five years. His past assignments were: Director of Safety/Senior Director of Aviation Safety, Instructor Pilot, Flight Maintenance Examiner/Maintenance Test Pilot, Master Gunner and responsible for conducting aviation and ground accident investigations for the Army. He deployed for a combat tour during Operation Enduring Freedom from January 2007 to January 2008 as Aviation Support Battalion AH-64D (Apache Longbow) Maintenance Test Pilot. He was also deployed supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom from December 2009 to September 2010 as UH-60A/L (Blackhawk) Battalion Aviation Safety Officer. Michael has also flown the UH-1H/M, OH-58A/C206B, Bell 212, Bell 206L1, and Airbus H130B4/T2.

Michael currently works for a federal government agency as Aviation Safety Officer/Management and Program Analysis/Contracting Officer representative for aviation Part 121 and Part 135 contracts. He is a member of the Interagency Committee for Aviation Policy (ICAP) Federal Aviation Safety Officer Community.

February will be another great meeting. Please contact your Element Leaders and reserve a spot for dinner. I truly look forward to seeing you next month. V.V. -- Don

NEXT MEETING:

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, 13 February at The Dobson's Restaurant, at the Dobson Ranch Golf Course, 2155 South Dobson Rd, Mesa -- click for a map. Speaker: CW5 Mike Ostermeyer (biography on page 2). Topic: Flying the Blackhawk & Apache in SW Asia combat. Time: 1800 Social Hour, 1900 Meeting/Dinner. Dress: Dressy Casual (slacks and collared shirt). Menu: Meat Loaf Wellington, Chicken Cordon Blue, or Sea Bass. (All served with vegetables, salad, rolls, dessert, and coffee.) Price: \$30.00 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, 8 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:

Table with 2 columns: Date and Meeting Type. Includes dates from 13 Feb to 10 Dec with meeting types like General Meeting, Christmas Meeting, and Staff Meeting.

SUMMER BREAK

OFFICERS & STAFF:

Elected Officers:

Table listing elected officers: Flight Captain (Don Harvel, USAF), Vice Flight Captain (Frank Stookey, USA), Treasurer (Jim Vandeventer, USAF), Scholarships Chairman (Gerry Homewood, USAF), Provost Marshal (Ron Diedrichs, USAF).

Appointed Staff:

Table listing appointed staff: Flight Adjutant (Arlan Allen, USA), Elements Coordinator & Chaplain (Tom Waldron, USAF), A-V Support (Art Stark, USAF), Asst A-V Support (Kurt Gearhart, USAF), Biographies (Gary Klein, USMC), Asst Scholarship/Awards (Gary Zettl, USAF), Membership & Publicity (Pat Dooley, USAF Ret).

Willie Flight 82 Dues are Due:

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 are due by 31 December.) (NOTE: National dues are collected separately -- if you're not a life member, Daedalians' HQ will bill directly to you.)

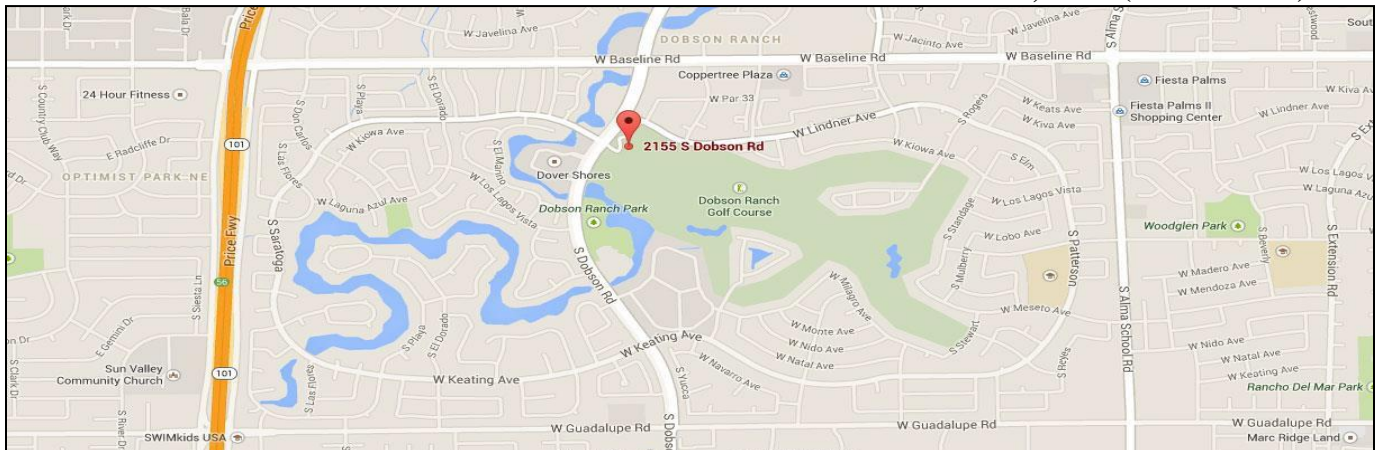
Speaker CW5 Mike Ostermeyer:



Michael D. Ostermeyer, CW5, retired Army Master Aviator Warrant Officer, who has flown helicopters for thirty-five years. His past assignments were: Director of Safety/Senior Director of Aviation Safety, Instructor Pilot, Flight Maintenance Examiner/Maintenance Test Pilot, Master Gunner and responsible for conducting aviation and ground accident investigations for the Army. Combat tour for Operation Enduring Freedom from January 2007 to January 2008 as Aviation Support Battalion AH-64D(Apache Longbow) Maintenance Test Pilot. Combat tour for Operation Iraq Freedom from December 2009 to September 2010 as UH-60A/L (Blackhawk) Battalion Aviation Safety Officer. Beside flying AH-64A/D and UH-60A/L (Sikorsky-70), flew the UH-1H/M (Bell 204/205), OH-58A/C (Bell 206B), for the Army and flew Bell 212, Bell 206L1 (C30P)/L3 and Airbus H130B4/T2 as a Commercial/Instrument Helicopter Pilot.

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

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FLIGHT 82 DUES FOR 2020: 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":

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