

# Sierra Flight 27



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## From the Flight Captain:

Our Flight Captain, Dave Froehlich, is cruising along the coast of South America and will be in Rio De Janeiro partying during its Carnival. He should be able to share a few stories with us at the March Luncheon as long as he's allowed back into the US.

Our Vice Flight Captain, Jim Wilson, did his usual fine job of presiding over the meeting in Dave's absence. Unfortunately, he had to start the meeting with some sad tidings by sharing that one of our WWII aviators, Col Jim Karnezis, passed away at the age of 98 following surgery for a broken leg. Jim was a life member of the Daedalians and served as Sierra Flight 27 Flight Captain in 1976. He was a B-17 pilot in WWII and was shot down over France on his 10th combat mission. He was one of 3 in his 10-man crew to survive. Jim escaped with help from the French underground by returning to his base in England via a French fishing boat. Col Karnezis will be buried at the military cemetery in Dixon on Wednesday, April 1st with a Celebration of Life service at the Aerospace Museum at 2:00 p.m. the same day.

Jim Wilson then swore in Jim Lerner as our Flight's first associate member. Jim has had a lifelong interest in aerodynamics and astronautics. He earned his undergraduate degree from MIT and a PHD from Stanford. A military aviation enthusiast, Jim is now a proud member of Sierra Flight, and we're delighted to have him on board.

Our own Cathy Cook gave a great presentation on her aviation career (see page 3). Keeping it in the house, be sure to join us at our next luncheon, when another Flight 27 member, Korean War Vet Sam Kemp, will be sharing his experience in recipis.

*Bob Blanton,*

*Flight Publications*

## 19 March 2020 Luncheon Dante Club

11:00 – Camaraderie & Attitude Adjustment

12:00 – Buffet Luncheon Served

**Menu:** House Salad, Rolls, Corned Beef, Potatoes with a Creamy Chive Sauce, Roasted Carrots, Bailey's Irish Cream Cake; Wine, Water and Coffee. Don't forget to let us know early about any extra guests!

**Program:** One of our very own again! Sam Kemp will share his Air Force experience with us which began as an Airman in 1950 then spanned 13 promotions, and numerous reciprocating aircraft.

**Raffle:** Good news for the Greedy! No one drew the Ace of Spades at the February meeting.

So, in March, we will be drawing 4 cards from a fresh deck of 48 cards, looking for someone to draw the Ace of Spades. Depending on the participation, the pot should be around \$150. As always, raffle tickets will be on sale for the normal bargain price of 6 tickets for \$5.00! Come on down and help with the scholarship fund with ticket purchases.

## We Need a Volunteer for Flight Program Chair!!

Each year, both the elected and appointed staff officers of the Flight are all up for election/re-appointment. The staff works together in the conduct and order of flight meetings and activities. Several newly elected/appointed staff members were sworn in at the December Luncheon and all are listed on the masthead of the Newsletter. We are left, however, with one vacancy and would like someone in the Flight to step up and serve as the Flight Program Chair. Contact Dave Froehlich for details.

## WANTED ASAP – Dues & Donations

The viability of our organization depends on your timely payment of Flight dues and your generous donations. If you haven't stepped up to the plate yet,

**PLEASE DO IT BY THE END OF THE MARCH MEETING!!**

**FLIGHT DUES ARE \$20** for the year and as always, everyone is encouraged to make a **GENEROUS DONATION to the FLIGHT 27 SCHOLARSHIP FUND!** Many flight members donate \$100 or more each year! That generosity, supplemented by the proceeds from our **ACE OF SPADES RAFFLE**, has continued to allow the Flight to annually donate \$1000 scholarships each to three deserving AFROTC Cadets from Sacramento State University.

Please bring your dues and a donation to the monthly luncheon and give them to the Flight 27 Treasurer (or drop them in the mail to):

Colonel (USAF Ret) Larry Winchell  
Flight 27 Treasurer  
805 El Capitan Court  
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During our February Luncheon, Cathy Cook shared her experience growing up in Sacramento, graduating from CSU Sacramento, and then being selected for pilot training in 1979. After UPT she served as a KC-135 copilot at Travis, and then later upgraded to Aircraft Commander at Robins AFB, Georgia. After 7.5 years of active duty, she joined the reserves at Mather and was hired by Delta airlines. Cathy retired as an international Captain on a B-767 after a full career with Delta. Cathy finished her presentation by explaining how she transitioned from an aviation career to running for the State Assembly of California. Well done Cathy, and best of luck to you!

**Cathy answering Dick Austin's Question**



**Cathy ended her presentation with this inspirational message:**



**"The Sky is not the Limit  
It's just the Beginning"**

## Sierra Flight 27 Annual Historical Review - Year 2019

I am happy to report that 2019 was another successful year under the leadership of Flight Captain Kurt Raffetto and his adroit staff. Before each formal meeting, a lively staff planning meeting was held at the Window Box restaurant in Roseville.

The year began with 94 members and ended with 88. Four WWII veterans made their final flight, two resigned, one transferred and we welcomed one new member. Active Duty pilot, LTC Jennifer Stokes, is still with us and now stationed at Edwards AFB, CA.

A little review. The Order of Daedalians National Bylaws were changed in 2016 to allow any commissioned officer awarded an aeronautical rating as a military aviator to become a member. Also, there are now two adjunct member categories for persons who do not meet membership qualification. These individuals can either become Friends of the Flight or Associate Members, depending on their relationship with a member or interest in military aviation.

Flight 27 Bylaws were revised and updated this year to be compatible with National Bylaws. Also, along with the new bylaws, the National Order has subscribed to a new software management program (Salesforce) to replace the current software (Apollo). The conversion is a work in progress.

Treasurer Larry Winchell's end of year report showed \$10,820.47 in the Flight bank account. This is two percent more than last year. The Ace of Spades money raiser continues to be very successful. The winning amount is capped at \$500. Money over the cap is placed in the scholarship fund. There was one winner this year.

At the October meeting, three CSUS AFROTC cadets were each given \$1000 scholarships. This money was matched by National. The new AFROTC Det 88 Commander, LTC Jason Markiewitz, presented the annual update on local and Air Force wide ROTC training. And speaking of awards, 13 Daedalian Achievement Awards were presented to local high school JROTC cadets.

We had a year of interesting speakers. Retired Army General Hipwell talked about his duty in Iraq as a senior Military Police officer, who was involved in the capture of Saddam Hussein. Rick Hatton, a retired Marine F-4 pilot, briefed on his wildfire retardant bombing operations. The use of modified DC-10 airplanes, with precision computer aided drop techniques, has proven to be very successful. Flight member presenters with interesting stories were Bob Blanton, Jim Wilson, Jerry Glasser and "Wis" Wiswell. Those were the days.

Flight Officers for 2020 were sworn at the December Christmas party/meeting. New officers are; Flight Captain, Dave Froehlich; Vice, James Wilson; Adjutant, R. Austin Wiswell; Treasurer, Larry Winchell; Provost Marshall, Leon Tuttle; Membership, Jerry Glasser; Publicity, Bob Blanton; Chaplain, Evans Warne; and Historian, Doug Jewett.

As usual, the December affair was a huge success with all the seasonal decorations, lovely spouses, guests and great raffle prizes selected by party chairman, Jerry Glasser. A "Gone West" ceremony honored our departed members. The new Flight Captain, Dave, thanked the outgoing Captain, Kurt, for his outstanding job, wished all "A Merry Christmas" and the meeting was adjourned.

Douglas Jewett  
Flight Historian