



Willie Flight 82 Daedalians

April 2025 NEWSLETTER

Greetings Fellow Daedalians,

Our next gathering will be on Thursday, April 17th at the DoubleTree Phoenix/Mesa. The address is 1011 W. Holmes Avenue, Mesa, AZ 85210. W. Holmes is just north of the 60 and Alma School interchange. Head east on Holmes. The hotel will be on your right a few hundred yards down the road. The social hour will begin at 1700, and dinner will be served at 1800. The dinner will be a buffet featuring BBQ pulled pork, rolls and butter, dill and egg potato salad, Cole slaw, macaroni and cheese, buttery corn and red velvet mini cakes for dessert.

Our speaker will be one of our very own members, Lieutenant Colonel Larry Brown (USAFR, Ret.). Lt. Col. Brown's Air Force flying career included time in F-4s, F-5s and four years in the SR-71 (see attached bio.). His passion continues to be mountain climbing and rock and ice climbing. His presentation will include highlights of his climbs and the technical skills involved in rock and ice climbing.

We will also have a discussion concerning our chapter scholarship program and awards presentations.

As always, we need to have a head count of members and guests who plan to attend the April meeting. Please contact your Element Leader NLT Sunday, April 13th, using the alphabetical list below with a yes or no answer. Even if you can't attend, a response lets us know that you are receiving the information we are sending out.

Members	Element Leader	Phone	E-mail
Allen thru Deschenes:	Sig Nelson	602-793-4367	sigsbee.nelson@gmail.com
Dickman thru Hayes:	Art Stark	480-277-4700	artstark6160@gmail.com
Homewood thru Koeller:	Gary Zettl	623-680-2603	gzettl@msn.com
Lester thru T. Norton:	Bill Follette	602-6195445	bill@strategicquality.com
Oldroyd thru Zettl:	Rick Drown	480-518-7665	rickdrown@msn.com

Stay Safe and be well,

Rick



Willie Flight 82 Daedalians

Captain's Corner.

Spring has sprung and so has the coughing grunge. I have been sick with it for a few weeks hoping to beat it before April. DOGE is getting big home town coverage, but worldwide a lot has been happening.

USAF new Air Dominance fighter, the F-47, was revealed mid March by USAF Chief of Staff General David Allvin. The plane has been in development and flight testing the past 6 years. Stealthy, and to be built by Boeing, it will command other A/I platforms to accomplish its missions.

B-2s at Diego Garcia and two Navy Aircraft carriers have been hitting Houti missile facilities in Yemen. Houti response has been to launch missiles at Tel Aviv, which have been intercepted.

Politics on the Yemen attacks focus on the SECDEF using SIGNAL for communication with other Cabinet members. CISA, the government agency overseeing communications, approved using SIGNAL on 18 DEC 2024. The DoD found Russian hackers attempting hacking into SIGNAL and in February recommended not using the texting application.

The Ukraine - Russia war cease fire is crawling along, hopes for a mid-April diplomatic solution. Europe: NATO member states are increasing their military expenditures, with Germany planning on 5 % of their GDP. The EU has been using lawfare to hamper conservative politicians in Elections. In France, Marine La Pen, the leader in polling was arrested, and sent to jail for 4 years, restricted from running for 5 years. In Germany, public protests supporting the conservative party and against the EU lawfare took place. Ireland arrested their conservative candidate, McGregor, for hate speech.

Romania's winner in the November election, Calin Georgescu, was arrested 9 March, and banned from running in the May election. Hungary, Victor Urban, has seen legal challenges to his election, too. Ukraine's elections are on hold due to the war, but Putin was making a position for a cease fire so elections could determine an appropriate (pro Russian) winner.

On March 28, a 7.7 earthquake hit Mandalay Myanmar, killing over 1700 people in the impoverished country where Military government forces are fighting rebel groups. Damage was spread into Thailand.

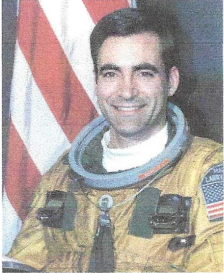
Finally, the JFK files are getting reviewed, this time without redacted names. Strong circumstantial evidence of a Mob hit, from people involved with the failed Bay of Pigs CIA operation. Yes, Oswald was the shooter. (Just there were others, ready, too.)

VV

Sig



April 2025 Guest Speaker - Larry Brown



BIO - SR 71 PILOT LARRY BROWN

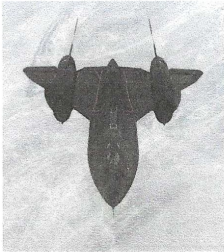
Lt Colonel Larry Brown, USAFR retired, was a pilot in the SR 71 program from 1986 to 1990 as a member of the 1st Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, Beale Air Force Base California. As an SR 71 pilot, Larry conducted world wide intelligence mission from above 80,000 feet at speeds over Mach 3.

Prior to selection to the SR 71 program, Larry flew the F-4E, 512th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Ramstein, Germany and the F-5 at Williams AFB, Arizona. Larry also served as Chief Pilot and project manager of research and development at the Air Force Human Resource Laboratory Division from 1983 to 1986.

Larry graduated from the University of Northern Colorado in 1974 with a degree in Physics and was a member of the Air Force Reserve Officer Training program. He attended pilot training at Williams AFB in 1975.

In 1990, Larry left active duty to fly for American Airlines and joined the Air Force Reserve as a Liaison Officer with the Air Force Academy. Larry retired from American Airlines as a 767 Captain in 2011 to pursue other interest.

Larry continues today with his passion for technical climbing and has summited 17 peaks including Aconcagua, Argentina (22,837'), Alpamayo, Peru (19,500'), Orizaba, Mexico (18,600'), Cayambe, Ecuador, (20,000') and was team lead climber on Mt Mckinley, Alaska (20,310"). Larry is also a rock and ice climbers having performed over 100 ice climbs in Colorado, Ecuador and Peru.



Dryden Flight Research Center (320-4322) 4-14-1997
The model of view is not intended to be representative of "Stealth" technology.
All other Dryden's SR-71A are appropriate for releasing. (MMA.com/Post)

