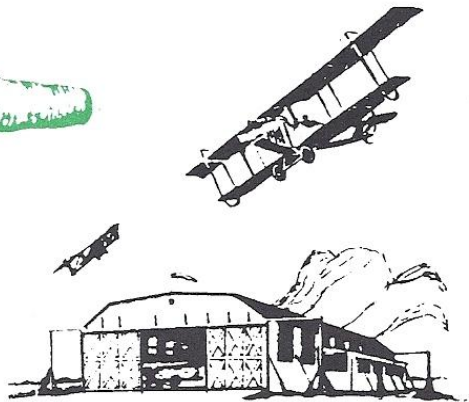




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### April 26<sup>th</sup> –Annual Crane & Eubank Awards Dinner

By Bill Ercoline Flight Awards Officer & Former Flight Captain (2005)

Radio check...how do you read me? Remember those days? Loud and clear ... 5 by 5? Seems only a short time ago we were doing radio checks and getting clearances to taxi...ready to roll. Really though, a lot of time has gone by. As your FC corner writer for this issue, I must ask for a radio check: How do you read me? Where are you these days? And why aren't more of you at the meetings?

We had our Eubank and Crane Awards meeting on 26 April. The April meeting has annually been designated the one where we recognize the top performing instructor pilot and top performing instructor pilot trainee here at Randolph AFB for the year. The top performing instructor pilot receives the M/Gen Eugene Eubank Award, while the top performing instructor pilot trainee receives the Col Carl Crane Award. For the first time in a while we saw a reasonable number of flight suits in the audience. Total attendance was in the fifties. Regardless, it was a quality group and the well-deserved recipients and guests were able exchange a few stories—many of them factual—before the awards were announced.

This event ties us to our past ... to the WWI pilots whom we honor when we meet. We also honor our first flight captain during the meeting. Do you recall the meetings when these two Daedalians used to attend? Mrs. Linda Eubank Tisdale, whose father, M/Gen Eugene Eubank, was a founding member of Stinsons Flight, was there for the call ... as was Mrs. Pam Crane, whose late husband Col. Carl Crane was the first Stinsons Flight Captain in 1964. They were there to help us recognize these two pilots who richly earned the special recognition we bestow upon them. More importantly, they were there to celebrate the military flying accomplishments of Linda's father and Pam's husband. We don't hear their voices any longer but we still hear about them.

The winners' names are now etched upon the trophies we proudly display. By coincidence, the M/Gen Eubank Award winner, Capt (Maj. Sel.) Landon "Ram" Phillips, will be the guest speaker at our May gathering. **(ED. NOTE—THE MAY STINSONS MEETING WILL BE A LUNCHEON @ 1130 @ THE PARR OOM.)** Make an extra effort to be heard...come in loud and clear. Let's show him a real Stinsons Daedalian radio check.

NOTAM: Brother Jay Baker, who claims he never wins at anything, won two of the raffle drawings. Since the book about aviatrixes was taken by the first winner drawn, he was forced to take a bottle of scotch and a bottle of cognac. With his two winning tickets. Guess he got his money's worth!

Several members have advised us their Stinsons Flight wine glasses lost their imprint on the outside when washed in a dishwasher. The manufacturer has advised that the imprint is washable in a dishwasher other than a commercial washer. Anyone who has experienced difficulty with their imprint may call for an immediate replacement. (AT MANUFACTURER'S EXPENSE). General advice for all: Dishwasher cleaning for your crystal is not recommended even if it's labeled "dishwasher safe." Recommend washing your glasses now to make sure. Please call Fred Pillet at 210-344-4760 by 15 JUNE 2011 for replacement.

### **NEXT EVENT: LUNCHEON Tuesday May 24<sup>th</sup>**

**1130 hours ... Parr Officers' Open Mess ...  
Captain (Maj Sel) "Ram" Phillips, USAF  
12<sup>th</sup> OG/CCE (former "Wart Hog" Driver)**



Captain Landon Phillips is 12<sup>th</sup> OG/CCE and T-38C Instructor Pilot at Randolph AFB. Born in Ft. Worth, Texas, Capt Phillips was raised in Bedford, Texas where he graduated from Trinity High School in 1998. He graduated from the USAFA with a B.S. in Management in 2002. Previously, he was an A-10C IP and Airborne FAC at Moody AFB, GA., where he deployed numerous times and flew over 150 combat missions in support of the Global War on Terror. Captain Phillips has more than 1,800 hours in both fighter and trainer aircraft with 665 of those hours in combat.



Holding her liquid raffle "prize" firmly in her hand, hereditary member Trish Martin (granddaughter of Founder Member B/Gen Paul Prentiss #388) draws the next winner from Frank Kapp (CINC/RAFFLE). Also shown (from left) are Flight Provost Marshall Rocco DeFelice, guest Brian Martin, Daedalian Foundation Chairman Bruce Smith, the top of Jim Kellogg's head, the back of Kathy Ercoline's head, and Betty Kellogg.

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## FLIGHT CAPTAIN'S CORNER May 2011

Marne' Peterson

Greetings fellow Daedalians!

I know you'll enjoy reading Bill Ercoline's guest entry (subbing for Lex Brown) of the April Daedalian dinner. Our turnout was on the short side, but the evening was a splendid success as we celebrated our annual award winners from the 12FTW. When you meet these two young officers, Capt "Ram" Phillips and Lt David Kim, even if you didn't know they were our pick for the Eubank and Crane awards, you would immediately sense their love of aviation and amazing desire to serve our country. Plus, both officers are extremely engaging and just downright great Americans. You'll get another chance to meet "Ram" Phillips as we've invited him to speak at the **May luncheon meeting**.

I'm sure you saw the Daedalian Convention initial registration form in the last Daedalian magazine. If you are planning to attend, send in your form soonest, as we'd like a good count on attendees. It will be a tremendous event, which includes the symposium panel with Gen Phil Breedlove, the AF Vice Chief of Staff, Dr. Hans Mark, and LtGen Dave Deptula, USAF, Ret. Come join your other Stinson Flight members and swap stories with some old friends, new friends and some new young friends.

For those of you that tell me we don't have enough daytime meetings, next month is for you! Our lunch meeting is at the Parr O'Club, and starts at 1130. Major (sel) "Ram" Phillips will speak, and talk about his recent war fighting experiences. Our young active duty pilots need our support and this is one way to show that. Hope to see many of you there.

*VOLABAMUS VOLAMUS*

*Marne'*



Our very own Jay Baker, 4<sup>th</sup> from left, discusses the nuances of his embouchure with our guests from Laughlin. From the left are 1st Lt Dave Kim, USAF, with his wife, Stacey, Lt Col Brian LaMirande, USAF, 86<sup>th</sup> FTS/DO (and Del Rio Daedalian Beverly Flight Captain), Jay Baker in his MSD uniform, 1st Lt Mike Carrera, USAF, Capt Adam Lynch, UASF, and Pat Crane, great-grandson of Col. Carl Crane, 1<sup>st</sup> Flight Captain of Stinsons Flight .



**Last Flight: Colonel Peter Cotellesse, USAF (Ret):** Pete Cotellesse, 89, of San Antonio, Texas, passed peacefully April 19<sup>th</sup>. He was born in Sibley, Michigan, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 1922, attending Lincoln Park High School. He received his B.A. from the University of Maryland, and his M.S. from George Washington University. Peter married Jeanne Vecchiato in 1942. Peter served in the Air Force 1945 to 1975, earning the Distinguished Flying Cross, Legion of Merit, and Air Medal. He served as National Adjutant-General of the Order of the Daedalians 1978-89. Peter is survived by his wife, Jeanne Cotellesse; his children, David and Mimi Cotellesse, Suzan Cotellesse and Aaron Lowery, Houston, Texas, Robert Cotellesse, and John and Susan Cotellesse, Universal City, Texas; his grandchildren, Kimberly and Kevin Farris, Brett Cotellesse, Sharena and Neil Payne, James Cotellesse, Andrew and Josie Yount, and Katharine Yount; his great grandchildren, Kieran, Kaitlyn, Kylie, Kaeden and Kaemgen Farris; and his siblings, Rose Milantoni and Nick Cotellesse. **Hail, Farewell, and Happy Landings.**



**Last Flight: Colonel William W. Bassett, USAF (Ret):** Bill Bassett, 86, of San Antonio, Texas, passed on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. He was born in Effingham, Illinois, November 24, 1931. Bill received his student pilot's license at 14, which began his life-long passion and love of flying. During the Korean War, he enlisted as an Aerial Gunner, and was assigned to the 730th Bomb Squadron flying the B-26. After compiling 55 combat missions, Bill returned to the States and was assigned to the 359th Bomb Squadron as a B-29 gunner at Davis Monthan AFB. During this time, he was captured by the charm and beauty of a young nursing student at a VFW rodeo dance. Bill and Tillie were married at Perrin AFB, Texas on May 28, 1955, and were blessed with three children: Bill '58, Kathy '59, and Tom '60. Bill retired on 1 May, 1979 following 28 years of service to the Air Force and the Nation. Bill's numerous decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star, and the Air Medal w/8 Oak Leaf Clusters. He served as the Daedalians' National Adjutant and as Flight Captain for Stinsons Flight. He was also instrumental in the plan to relocate the Daedalians' headquarters from Kelly to Randolph AFB, as well as the construction of a new headquarters building. Bill is survived by his wife of 55 years, Tillie, and his brother David E. Bassett. His children include: Bill Bassett, his wife Donna and their two daughters Elizabeth and Julie; Kathy Jordan, her husband Trayce and their three children Ann, Allyn and Theresa; Thomas Bassett, his wife Carolyn and their three children, James, David and Natalie. He has numerous nephews and nieces and a large extended family who share in their love and respect of him and Tillie. **Hail, Farewell, and Happy Landings.**



Shown with his Crane Award, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Dave Kim, USAF (3<sup>rd</sup> from right), is joined by (from left) Flight Captain Marne' Peterson; Col Andy "Sparky" Croft, USAF, 12 OG/CC; Col Crane's widow Mrs. Carl Crane; Stacy Kim; and Lt Col Brian LaMirande, USAF, 86<sup>th</sup> FTS/DO. Brian is also Flight Captain of Daedalians Beverly Flight at Laughlin AFB.



Shown with his Eubank Award, Capt (Maj/SEL) "Ram" Phillips, USAF (3<sup>rd</sup> from right), is joined by (from left) Flight Captain Marne' Peterson; Gen Eubank's daughter Linda Eubank Tisdale; Col Andy "Sparky" Croft, USAF, 12 OG/CC; Sarah Phillips; and Lt Col "Kato" Jackson, 435<sup>th</sup> FTS/DO. "Ram" will be our May Luncheon speaker on the 24<sup>th</sup>.



Shown at left is the Crane Trophy given annually to the outstanding Student Instructor Pilot in the 12<sup>th</sup> Flying Training Wing. The trophy is named for Col Carl J. Crane, first Stinsons Flight Captain.

Shown at right, Mrs. Linda Eubank Tisdale, daughter of M/Gen Eugene Eubank for whom the award is named, sits next to the trophy prior to the Annual Awards Dinner on 26 April, 2011.



**Call For Old Windsocks & Flight Rosters:** Bill Stewart, now ably assisted by Flight Historian L/C Paul Kellner, USAF, continues to diligently assemble what history is available for Stinsons Flight. The effort is already underway, and they are looking for old **WINDSOCKS** from 1964 to 1981. The Flight will reach its 50th Birthday in 2014. To help, please contact Bill (210.656.4394) [flyingcot@satx.rr.com](mailto:flyingcot@satx.rr.com) or Paul (210-338-5911) [stealth550@att.net](mailto:stealth550@att.net) if you have back issues (or other memorabilia) that may be useful to them.

**Date:** **Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Program:** **LUNCHEON MEETING**  
**Capt (Maj/sel) "Ram" Phillips, USAF**  
**12 OG/CCE**

**Place:** **Randolph Parr Officers' Open Mess**

**Time:** Social – 1130 hours  
 Lunch – 1200 hours  
 Program – 1230 hours

**Menu**

- ***Blue Corn Caesar Salad w/Homemade Lime & Chipotle Pepper Dressing; Topped w/Blue Corn Tortilla Chips, Asiago Cheese & Seasoned Corn w/Lime Marinated Grilled Chicken Strips***
- ***Double Chocolate Cake***
- ***Red & White Wines at tables***
- ***Iced Tea, Water; Coffee served w/Dessert***

**PRICE: \$15 per person**

Reservations: Call (210) 258-4143 (voice mail) or email:  
[reservations@stinsonsflight.org](mailto:reservations@stinsonsflight.org)

**Reservations cutoff : Fri, 20 May—1600**

**Please DO make a reservation!**

**PLEASE NOTE: Every attempt will be made to confirm reservations made by e-mail, however we are not staffed to reply to reservations made by telephone. Please accept our apologies.**

**DRESS:** Members and their guests should be clothed appropriately and comfortably for the season. Daedalian Blazers, Flight Suits & BDUs are acceptable at any function except for a declared formal event.

**2011 FLIGHT PLAN**

**24 May** **Luncheon Meeting**  
 (Tues) Capt (Maj/sel) "Ram" Phillips, USAF  
 12 OG/CCE  
**1130** Randolph AFB Parr Officers' Open Mess

**28 June:** Dinner Meeting  
 (Tues) L/Gen Jim Keck, USAF (Ret)  
 1800 **Air Force Village II**

**30 Aug:** Dinner Meeting  
 (Tues) CFIP & Scholarship Awards  
 1800 **Fort Sam Houston Golf Club**

**21-25 Sep: Daedalian National Convention**  
**(Wed-Sun) Dallas TX—Hosted by Dallas Flight #23**

**25 Oct:** Dinner Meeting  
 (Tues) M/G (Dr) Byron Hepburn, USAF MC  
 Commander, 59<sup>th</sup> Medical Wing  
 1800 Randolph AFB Parr Officers' Open Mess

**Nov** **No Meeting**  
**Annual Voting**

**17 Dec** **108<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Powered Flight**  
**(Sat) Stinsons Municipal Field**  
**TBD**

Mailing area