



# The WINDSOCK

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**Some actual maintenance complaints submitted by US Air Force pilots, and the replies from the maintenance crews:**

Problem: Target Radar hums

Solution: Reprogrammed Target Radar with the lyrics

Problem: "Left inside main tire almost needs replacement."

Solution: "Almost replaced left inside main tire."

Problem: "Something loose in cockpit."

Solution: "Something tightened in cockpit."

Problem: "Evidence of hydraulic leak on right main landing gear."

Solution: "Evidence removed."

Problem: "DME volume unbelievably loud."

Solution: "Volume set to more believable level."

Problem: "Dead bugs on windshield."

Solution: "Live bugs on order."

Problem: #2 Propeller seeping prop fluid

Solution: #2 Propeller seepage normal - #1 #3 and #4 props lack normal seepage

Problem: "Autopilot in altitude hold mode produces a 200 fpm descent."

Solution: "Cannot reproduce problem on ground."

Problem: "Friction locks cause throttle levers to stick."

Solution: "That's what they're there for."

Problem: "Number three engine missing."

Solution: "Engine found on right wing after brief search."

Problem: "IFF inoperative."

Solution: "IFF always inoperative in OFF mode."

**NEXT EVENT: DINNER Tuesday January 31**

**1800 hours Randolph AFB Parr O'Club  
Maj Gen Stephen Sargeant, USAF (Ret.)  
Special Asst. to AETC/CC**



Maj. Gen. Stephen T. Sargeant recently retired as the Special Asst. to the AETC/CC. Formerly, he was the Commander, Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center, Kirtland AFB, N.M., where he reported directly to the Air Force Chief of Staff regarding the test and evaluation of more than 76 major programs, including the Joint Strike Fighter.

General Sargeant was born in Defiance, Ohio, and earned his commission from the Air Force Academy in 1978. He has served as Commandant of the USAF Weapons School at Nellis AFB, Nev., and commanded the 8th Fighter Wing at Kunsan Air Base, and the 56th Fighter Wing at Luke AFB. He served in numerous joint and coalition assignments including Deputy Chief of Staff of Strategy for Combined Joint Task Force 7 and Deputy Chief of Staff, Strategy, Plans and Assessment for Multi-National Force - Iraq in Baghdad. General Sargeant also served in various positions in the Pentagon, including military assistant to both the Deputy Secretary of Defense and Secretary of Defense, and he was the Deputy Executive Secretary to the National Security Council in the White House. The general also served as Deputy Chief of Staff for the United Nations Command and U.S. Forces Korea at Yongsan Army Garrison. He is a command pilot with more than 3,100 flying hours.

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## FLIGHT CAPTAIN'S CORNER

January 2012

**Lex Brown**

### Happy New Year, Daedalians!

Stinsons Flight finished the old year in style with the Holiday Reception at Parr Officers' Club and the 108th Anniversary of Powered Flight celebration at Stinson Airport. I now look forward to leading Stinsons Flight #2 through 2012 with Dan Meyers flying slot as the Vice Flight Captain. We have a superb speaker roster lined up starting with Maj Gen Stephen T. Sargeant on 31 January updating us on the F-35 Lightning II, followed by the Foulois Ceremony at Ft Sam Houston in March. We are planning another meeting at Air Force Village II in June and will host the National Order of Daedalians Members meeting in September. And with Marné Peterson's excellent networking skills, we'll execute a strategy to add active duty members to the flight. If you know of some Stinsons Flight members who haven't attended in a while, offer them a hearty invitation for camaraderie and flying fellowship. See you at the end of the month!

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**VOLAMUS**

Lex "Bones" Brown

### \*\*NOTAM -- FLIGHT FINANCES -- NOTAM\*\*

As of 30 November 2011, Stinsons Flight had these liquid assets:

Flight Programs Account	29,188.17
Flight Operations Account	<u>24,555.64</u>
Total Liquid Assets	53,743.81

Considering the Flight will spend over \$36,000.00 in 2012, mostly for CFIP, Scholarships and Awards, the cash flow challenge for our Treasurer, Fred Pillet, is obvious. He is to be congratulated for his constant monitoring and successful achievements. Increasing his challenge has been the fact Stinsons Flight has operated for thirteen years without increasing Flight dues. We have been able to avoid raising Flight dues mainly because of your gracious donations. Please keep them up! Our profound THANKS to those Flight Members who contribute to Flight activities to keep them going and to Flight Staff who have kept Flight goals within our financial abilities. We have never asked Washington for any help!

### FLIGHT LIFE RATES

Half of Stinsons Flight are Flight Life Members who do not pay annual Flight dues. The Flight has a reserve of \$48,277 to meet the commitment to provide dues for them. This is not as much as we should have with interest rates so low. Effective 1 April 2012, it is proposed rates to become a new Flight Life Member will be incrementally increased to the following amounts as approved by Flight Staff. Those already Flight Life members are not affected.

AGE GROUP	NEW RATES	AGE GROUP	NEW RATES
35 and Under	395	61 to 65	230
36 to 40	370	66 to 70	190
41 to 45	350	71 to 75	155
46 to 50	330	76 to 80	130
51 to 55	300	81 and Over	110
56 to 60	265		

Current Flight Life rates are posted in your 2010 Flight Roster and on [www.stinsonsflight.org](http://www.stinsonsflight.org).



Your Flight Officers for 2012, from left to right, Rocco, Fred, Wayne, Dan, and Lex.



Col. Robert D. Williams, USAF (Ret.) passed away on the 1st of January, 2012. A devoted father, husband and service man, Bob was admired by everyone who knew him. He was born in Lexington, MA on Sept. 22, 1919, and grew up in Beaumont, TX. Bob attended the Univ. of North Carolina before entering the Army Air Corps in 1943. He piloted a B-17 in WWII, an F-80 in Korea, and an A-36 in Vietnam. His decorations include: Two Legions of Merit, DFC with Cluster, Air Medal with 8 Clusters, Bronze Star, and Vietnamese Gallantry Award. Col. Williams retired at Hickam AFB. After 20 yrs. in Hawaii, he moved his family back to Texas and resided in Lake McQueeney. He is preceded in death by his parents: Paul and Hannah Hawkes Williams, and wife Gloria Shiner Williams. He is survived by daughter Diane Williams Gould, son in law David Gould, son Scott Williams, son David Williams and daughter-in-law, Laurel Williams. He was laid to rest at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetary.



Colonel Leecroy Clifton, USAF (Ret.) passed away on December 30, 2011. He was born on June 20, 1921 in Westbrook, TX. He was active in scouting and was an Eagle Scout. During his first year at West Texas State, he joined the Texas National Guard. The following year, his unit mobilized and he spent the next 18 months at Camp Bowie, TX and Camp Blanding, FL. He applied for flight training and was transferred to the Army Air Corps. He completed flight training in 1943. In 1944 he was flown to Naples to join the 347th Fighter Squadron. The squadron and its P-38s returned to Corsica but was later reequipped with P-47s and returned to Italy. On a dive bombing mission on September 22nd, his 121st mission, he was shot down by anti-aircraft fire. He managed to evade capture and spent the next five weeks walking back to safety. Back in the States he became a P-47 Instructor Pilot. He was released from active duty in 1945, but retained his reserve commission. He enrolled at UT Austin and joined Chi Phi Fraternity. In 1947 he was recalled to active duty served to retirement in 1975. He flew 13 different types of fighters and 17 other trainers, cargo, bombers and helicopters and logged close to 6000 hours. He spent two years at the RAF Fighter Weapons School: two years as an Operations Advisor to the Chinese Air Force; one year in Vietnam; and three years in the 50th Fighter Wing in Germany. He served as Director of Flying in the USAF Fighter Weapons School. He was also a member of the Nellis team that won the Air Force Gunnery Meet in 1956. He served two tours at TAC, two years in the Tactical Fighter Center and four years as DCS/Operations at Air Force Reserve HQ. Decorations include the Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal and a dozen service and campaign medals. He was a member of the Order of Daedalians, Air Force's Escape and Evasion Society, and VFW. He was predeceased by Rita, his wife of 55 years. He is survived by his son, Kenneth; his daughter, Beth Herren; and sister, Ramelle Parsons.

**To start off the new year, here for your review are Articles 1 and 2 of the Order of Daedalians Bylaws:**

**ARTICLE I. ORIGINAL PREAMBLE ORDER OF DAEDALIANS 1934**

We, a representative group of American World War I Pilots, now commissioned officers in the Air Corps, United States Army, in full realization of the constant lessening of our numbers due to the continued hazards of our calling and the advance of years; and in order to perpetuate the spirit of patriotism, the love of country, the memories, sad and pleasant, of our service during that period, and the high ideals of self-sacrifice which placed service to the nation above personal safety or position; and to further cement the ties of comradeship which bound us together at that critical hour of our nation's need, do ordain and establish, while invoking the blessings of Almighty God, the Order of Daedalians.

**ARTICLE II. TENETS AND OBJECTIVES**

**2.01 TENETS:** The Order of Daedalians, originally conceived as a military-fraternal organization of World War I commissioned military pilots of heavier-than-air powered aircraft and now known as the National Fraternity of Military Pilots, has established the following tenets for its membership:

**FIRST:** To place nation above self (patriotism).

**SECOND:** To be worthy of the trust and confidence of a fellow Daedalian (Personal Integrity and Character).

**2.02 OBJECTIVES:** The above Tenets are the basis for the following Objectives of the Order:

- Promote Air and Space power in support of National Defense;
- Assist in educating Americans to the advantages of Air and Space Power;
- Promote the rewards of a career in military aviation to young Americans;
- Honor the legacy of our Founder Members and all who have flown in defense of our Nation;
- Encourage and recognize improvements in Flight Safety, Weapons Development, Combat Support and the overall effectiveness of Air and Space Power
- Actively recruit qualified new members to perpetuate the traditions and prestige of the Order and accomplish its stated Objectives;
- Recognize exceptional performance by military pilots.

**Date:** **Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Program:** **DINNER MEETING**  
**M/G Stephen Sargeant, USAF (Ret.)**

**Place:** **Randolph AFB Parr O'Club**

**Time:** Social – 1800 hours  
Dinner – 1900 hours  
Program – 1930 hours

**Menu**

- **Mandarin Orange Spinach Salad w/ Raspberry Vinaigrette Dressing**
- **Chicken Breast with Crab Stuffing and topped w/ Sauce Béarnaise**
- **Fluffy Rice Pilaf**
- **Fresh Broccoli Spears w/lemon butter**
- **Catering rolls and butter**
- **Coffee and Iced tea**
- **Dessert: Chocolate Raspberry Rumble Cheesecake**
- **Wine available for purchase at the bar**
- **Cash Bar**

**PRICE: \$25 per person**

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

**Reservations cutoff : Fri, 27 January-1600 hrs.**

**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.

**2012 FLIGHT PLAN**

2 Mar: Foulois Ceremony  
**(Fri)** Program – TBD  
**1100** **Ft. Sam Houston Flag Pole**

24 Mar: Daedalians 78<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner  
**(Sat)** Program – TBD  
1800 Randolph AFB Parr Officers' Open Mess

24 Apr: Annual 12 FTW Awards Dinner  
(Tues) Program – TBD  
1800 Randolph AFB Parr Officers' Open Mess

29 May: **Luncheon Meeting**  
(Tues) Program – TBD  
**1130** Randolph AFB Parr Officers' Open Mess

26 Jun: Dinner Meeting  
(Tues) Program – TBD  
1800 **Air Force Village II**

**No Meeting in July**

28 Aug: Dinner Meeting  
(Tues) CFIP and Scholarship Awards  
1800 Ft. Sam Houston Golf Club

Mailing area