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# Order of Daedalians

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Frank P. Lahm, Flight 9

May 2021



**MAY MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 18  
ANNUAL FLT 9 GOLF OUTING  
REGISTRATION 11:15 – 11:45**



## **FROM THE COCKPIT (FLT CAPTAIN'S LOG: (05 - 21):**

It's time for the annual golf outing. We will be at Locust Hills GC in Springfield on Tuesday, the 18<sup>th</sup> of May. Registration will be from 11:15 – 11:45. Shotgun start will be at 12:00, and after the golf we will have awarding of golf and door prizes, followed by a pork and chicken dinner (between 5:00 and 5:30). Mark the date and come out to join us. You don't have to be a good golfer, the objective is **BIG FUN**, little prizes and everyone gets something. And it will be a great opportunity to see each other in person. Price is reasonable (\$55) for golf and dinner. You can also sign up yourself or a guest for dinner only (\$12) So be sure to sign up! There will be a Formation Invitation being sent out, but you can sign up now by emailing me at [flt9adjutant@gmail.com](mailto:flt9adjutant@gmail.com). Please include your handicap or estimated average score.

**STANDARD DEBRIEF ITEMS: PREVIOUS FLIGHT LEG (20 Apr 2021):** On 20 Apr we held our Flight 9 monthly meeting via Zoom. We had 22 members in attendance. We had our invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, as well as our standard toasts and an update on flight business, followed by a presentation from Flight member Tim Kunzweiler (K9) on his experiences with the EC-130e Airborne Battlefield Command and Control Center (ABCCC) during the Gulf War. A fascinating part of the presentation was finding out that the ABCCC was a long pod that was inserted into the EC-130, completely filling the cargo compartment. It started out as completely analog, but by the third iteration, ABCCC-III, it was converted to digital. The EC-130 flew 450 missions during Desert Storm. A very interesting presentation. After the presentation, we randomly selected a flight member to receive a book donated by K9 on Desert Storm. The winner was Ed Mechenbier.



## **FLIGHT PLANNING (MISSION, PLANNED ROUTE OF FLIGHT, STANDARD ROUTE FIXES AND WAYPOINTS):**

### **APPROACH TO A FULL STOP:**

#### **Planned upcoming events:**

**Tuesday 15 Jun 2021 – TBD (Possibly a visit to Wright Brothers Airport)**

**Tuesday 20 Jul 2021 – TBD (Possibly Carillon Park)**

## **NOTAMS**

**A Success Story (Repeat):** This is what the Daedalians are all about! Our goal is to inspire young people to a career in military aviation. The following is from a message sent to our Flight Captain by the parents of a young man we helped in 2015. You all should feel very proud of yourselves and what we do. You never know how we will inspire and touch someone. Thank you for all you do!!!

Hello,

My name is John Kennedy and I am writing to you to thank you for the impact that the work you do with Air Camp can have.

My son Alexander Kennedy (Xander) attended Air Camp in Dayton, Ohio in the summer of 2015 and was fortunate enough to receive a scholarship to attend via Flight-9, Order of Daedalians. Xander had expressed an interest in flight so it was a great fit for him and provided him with his first 0.5 hours of flight time in his log book. Xander returned the following summer for a second session and enjoyed it just as much. The following summer, Xander began pursuing his Private Pilot's License (PPL), eventually earning his PPL in December 2019.



Because of his love of aviation, he applied for, and earned, an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs where he is majoring in Aeronautical Engineering. Additionally, Xander was selected to the USAFA Precision Flying Team - earning one of the eight coveted slots available.

Air Camp played an influential role in nurturing and encouraging his interest in aviation and flight at the right time. Flying can be an intimidating interest given the cost and complexity, but Air Camp gave him an avenue to explore aviation and confirm his interest in it - enough so that he worked part-time jobs to pay for his flight lessons in high school.

I can still remember seeing him in a flight suit at Air Camp, and now I see him as a young man wearing his flight suit at the Academy.

My wife and I both want to thank Flight 9, Order of Daedalians for investing in a young boy through the scholarship and thank the people of Air Camp and the Air Camp organization for producing a truly wonderful experience for young people. It was truly inspirational for our son. I know that events like Air Camp are logistical puzzles and I am sure can be hectic and frustrating at times when trying to pull it all together. So, this is just a

little note to let you know that your efforts are having an impact on the lives and futures of your campers in a very real and amazing way.

Thank you so much for the work that you do.

John Kennedy

#### NEWS RELEASE

Colorado Springs, Colorado - Cadet 4th Class Alexander Kennedy (Xander), son of John and Peggy Kennedy of Cincinnati, Ohio has been selected to be a member of the United States Air Force Academy Precision Flying Team.

Cadet Kennedy earned one of the coveted 8 slots open to Freshman cadets at USAFA from among his class of 1,145 cadets this year. Xander participated in a selection process that spanned several months and included a series of ground tests involving aircraft recognition, navigation and aviation regulations, as well as simulator exercises and flights.

“I am honored to be selected to the team and look forward to helping the team compete for a national championship,” said Cadet Kennedy.

Kennedy earned his first hour of flight time at Air Camp in Dayton, Ohio at 13 years of age. He then continued his studies at Sporty’s Academy at Sporty’s Clermont County airport where he flew a plane solo before he could legally drive a car by himself, eventually earning his Private Pilot’s License while still in high school.

Members of the USAFA Precision Flying Team fly at least every other day during the academic year, in addition to flying every day during a 3-week summer period dedicated to airmanship. The team competes at the NIFA Region I SAFECON competition, which typically takes place in mid-October. For the past 32 years the team has won this regional competition, qualifying for the National SAFECON Competition which takes place each spring. The team commonly participates in other regional competitions for practice, conducts spring break training trips, and travels to airshows. New members of the Flying Team support the USAF Thunderbirds team in May of each year during the USAFA graduation demonstration.

The mission of the USAFA Flying Team is to develop officers and skilled pilots through a competitive team environment. The team also aims to represent the Air Force Academy across the country by scoring well in nationwide competitions against 78 NIFA schools. After spending time on the team, graduates have a proud record of often being selected for ENJJPT (Euro-Nato Joint Jet Pilot Training) and going on to fly our nation’s frontline airframes.

**Junior ROTC (Help Needed):** As you know, The Daedalian Medal is presented annually to outstanding Junior ROTC cadets at participating high schools. The Daedalian Medal is considered one of the most prestigious awards given to JROTC cadets and it is desired where possible that the presentation be made by a current Daedalian at a formal awards ceremony, military ball, or banquet. Our flight covers a large area (6 states), so we give quite a few awards each year. It is a very rewarding experience to participate in these award presentations. Presentations are made to 3rd Year Cadets and they are required to be in the top 20% of their high school class and the top 10% of their JROTC class. You’ll also get a chance to talk to some of these cadets, and it will make you feel proud of our young men and women.

Here's a picture of our Flight Captain Kathy Staiger presenting the award at Beavercreek High school on 21 Apr. The cadet receiving the award was her son, Aaron Staiger!



Sorry for late notice, but this year has been especially challenging due to the pandemic. While about 80% of the schools plan to still give the Award this year, there has been much uncertainty over when and what type of ceremony, and whether any presenters from outside the school will be allowed. Still, some of the schools are interested in having a Daedalian presenter. Again, we're not sure if many want or can have one of us there.

Awards are scheduled for presentation at the schools in the table below in 2021. You can also find this on our website at <https://flight-9.weebly.com/JROTC.html>

We still need members to be presenters. If you would be interested in attending any of these award ceremonies and represent Flight-9 by presenting the award, please email us at [Flt9JROTC@gmail.com](mailto:Flt9JROTC@gmail.com). We will then provide you the detailed address, service, point of contact, and phone number, along with any other instructions. You can then contact the POC to see if they still wish to have a presenter. We greatly appreciate member participation.

High School	Address	Date	Service	Type	Presenter
Northmont H.S.	Clayton OH	6 May	Navy	Ceremony	
Newark H.S.	Newark OH	7-May	AF	Dining Out	
Ben Davis H.S.	Indianapolis, IN	8-May	Marine	Ceremony	
Knox County Career Ctr.	Mt. Vernon, OH	12-May	AF	Ceremony	
McClain H.S.	Greenfield, OH	14-May	AF	Ceremony	K9
Garden City H.S.	Garden City, MI	?	AF	Banquet	
Central Crossings H.S.	Grove City, OH	early May	Navy	Ceremony	
R.B. Hayes H.S.	Delaware, OH	May	AF	Banquet	
Belmont H.S.	Dayton, OH	?	Navy	Military Ball	
Cabell Midland H.S.	Ona, WV	?	AF	Military Ball	
Franklin Heights H.S.	Columbus, Ohio	?	Navy	?	
McDowell H.S.	Erie, PA	?	AF	Ceremony	
Midview H.S.	Grafton, OH	?	AF	Banquet	
Norwin H.S.	Huntingdon, PA	?	AF	Banquet	
Pulaski H.S.	Somerset, KY	?	Army	?	
Scott H.S.	Taylor Mill, KY	?	Army	Ceremony	
South Laurel H.S.	London, KY	?	AF	Ceremony	
Wayne H.S.	Huber Hts, OH	?	AF	Banquet	Redwood

**Daedalian Flying Training (DFT):** Flight 9 has awarded Daedalians Flight Training Scholarships to the following individuals which will cover the costs of ground school, flight materials, and flight instruction through solo flight:

- AF JROTC Cadet Justin Patton, Senior at Bellbrook High School
- AF JROTC Cadet Riley J. Gingrich, Junior at Beavercreek High School

Ground School began 6 April at the Greene County Regional Airport with flights beginning after the second week. The goal is to solo as soon as possible, but certainly before school starts in August. Both young men hope to be Air Force pilots in the future and have the full backing of their families to successfully complete this opportunity. We congratulate them and wish them well!

**Notice (Repeat):** When you get an email from “Flight9@Daedalians.org”, be aware that if you reply to that email, it comes only to the Flight leadership. If you have a message you would like sent to the entire flight, address your reply to either [flt9captain@gmail.com](mailto:flt9captain@gmail.com) or [flt9adjutant@gmail.com](mailto:flt9adjutant@gmail.com) requesting it be sent to all.

**Ballots/Dues (Reminder):** At the end of October, we sent out the Ballot/Dues forms for 2021. You should have received them by now (if not, contact us at [Flt9adjutant@gmail.com](mailto:Flt9adjutant@gmail.com)). As usual, they are returnable in the same envelope, or you can fill them out and just mail them back. Flight dues are still \$20/yr. But as we have had only a couple of paid events this year due to COVID, we asked you to consider including an additional or increased donation to Flight 9’s Airpower Promotion Fund (APF). The APF funds our scholarships, DFT cost, and additional donations that the flight makes (e.g., Air Camp). Also, if you have any changes to the detailed information on the second page of the Ballot/Dues form, or haven’t before provided it (particularly the Service, Spouse, Flying Hours, Aircrew Rating and Aircraft Flown), please fill that in before sending. The majority of the Ballot/Dues forms have been returned to us, but if you haven’t yet, this is just a reminder.

**NOTE:** The Flight Treasurer has sent out notice to those who have not yet sent in their dues

**Scholarships:** We will go out for scholarship applications immediately after the notification of rated slots for ROTC students are received. After receipt of applications, we will begin the evaluation process.

**Flight Officers and Committee Chairmen (Repeat):** I still need someone who likes to write. Many of the wonderful things we do go unnoticed because we don’t have someone writing our story for the Daedalus Flyer! We also need to get the word out there to seek new members. The Exec Council will help with the editing -- we just need someone to take the lead.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! If you might be willing to fill one of our vacant positions, please contact either:

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**Flight 9 Website (Repeat):** We highly recommend that you check out Frank P. Lahm Flight 9 website at <http://flight-9.weebly.com/>? On the home page you will find all the information on the upcoming meetings, as well as a synopsis of the last meeting and a link to the latest newsletter. You will also find a new video each month. There are many other features on the website:

- Links to interesting aviation articles and websites, as well as our Facebook page.
- Pages on the National Daedalians organization and Frank P. Lahm, our Flight Namesake.
- A page listing all Flight-9 Officers, with contact information.
- Information on joining the Daedalians.
- Pages on Scholarships, JROTC, and DFT.
- A page with links to National.
- A page with videos and pictures from past activities and meetings. You can check out all of these videos and pictures we’ve uploaded to the site at: <https://flight-9.weebly.com/videos-pictures.html>.

**Flight 9 on Facebook (Reminder):** Flight 9 has a Facebook page where we post articles that may be of interest to our Members and Friends. It can be found at:

<https://www.facebook.com/DaedaliansFlight9>

**NEXT FLIGHT-9 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING (TOUCH-N-GO):** The next Exec Council will be held TBD.

**Frank P. Lahm, Flight-9 Officers and Committee Chairs**

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*Volabamus... Volamus (We Flew... We Fly) – Kathy Staiger*