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ATLANTA, GEORGIA

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NEXT MEETING: 15 DECEMBER 2009
CHRISTMAS MEETING
THE COMMONS – FT McPHERSON
Guest Speaker -- The Reverend Dr. Robert Certain
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RSVP to Brad NLT PEARL HARBOR DAY...!

CHRISTMAS MEETING: With **Christmas** decorations already up at Wal-Mart, it must mean it's OK for you to make plans for our 15 Dec **CHRISTMAS** meeting. Yep, even before Turkey Day.

Mack Secord came through with flying colors for us by landing former Viet Nam POW and current Rector for St. Peter & St. Paul Episcopal Church in Marietta, Air Force Reserve Colonel (ret.), and Reverend Dr. Robert G. Certain as our guest speaker.

From B-52 navigator shot down during Linebacker II and former POW to an ordained deacon, you will be amazed with Reverend Certain's story. Just a few key notes: 100 missions over Viet Nam; POW; Ordained Deacon; Doctor of Ministry; Homilist for President Ford's funeral; gave invocation for 2008 Republican National Convention; book author. In short, we are most fortunate to have this renowned American Patriot as our speaker. It will be our honor and privilege to hear this hero.

This is always our best meeting of the year and this one promises to keep that standard. Let's make this year's **CHRISTMAS** meeting our best seen to date! Check our website "**Next/Future Meeting**" tab for more information. Mark your calendar, get a date, and start coordinating that carpool. Call Brad!

'Tis The Season: Yes, it's the season of giving..., and it's time to make your 2009 donation to our Scholarship Fund. No golf tournament fans in this group and no other ideas for fund-raisers. So as you pay Ron Harris for your meal on the 15th, hand him that \$100 (tax deductible) check, or whatever you can, at the same time. If you can't make the 15 December meeting, mail your donation to Ron Harris; 6541 Autumn Crest Lane; Hoschton, GA 30548. Cut out some of those Christmas gifts planned for the family and make your donation to our scholarship fund. That's what we do – give scholarships.

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"Joint" Flight Meeting huge success: As stated on our website "Goals" page, we wanted to have "an extracurricular activity" this year. Wow, did we nail that goal! Thanks to 39th Eagle Flight/Warner Robins, we did it in style! Nearly 40 Atlanta Flight members, their families and guests made up the majority of over 100 "Tri-Flight" attendees. See our website "**Previous Meeting**" tab for more of the story with photos.

Note: To show our appreciation to 39th (Eagle) Flight for hosting this meeting, we made a donation to the Museum of Aviation in 39th Flight's name. We'll report back as soon as the certificates are posted and appropriate mementos presented. Meanwhile, be sure to kick yourself in the rear if you did not go! Thanks to all who brought potential future Daedalians as guests. Now, get their applications to the Adjutant and let's give 'em the oath.

DUES Business: Many Flight members are confused over the two required dues payment – National and Flight. Remember, all Daedalians must **FIRST** be “dues current” with National. There are a couple of ways you can pay National's dues: + via their website + send payment with your annual Voting Ballot from National + avoid the confusion and pay a “Life Membership”. Go to the following link for National's “Life Membership” option: (<http://www.daedalians.org/membership/membership.htm>). Click the “[Pay Dues/Donate](#)” link on the left side of that page for their annual dues payment options. If you are a “Life Member” with National, you can become a “Life Member” with our Flight. See our website's “FCIF” tab for our Flight “Life Membership” option. Confused? Just keep paying Ron money and he'll tell you when to quit.

2010 Goals: Other than appoint a new Flight Captain, we need your inputs for next year's goals. Don't think you qualify to make an input? Wrong lazy lips. Read the current and previous goals on our website, get some ideas, and send to Bill Rial. Just try it!

Mack and the Senator: The Georgia last newsletter, fellow Flight member to receive the 2009 Public Benefit **Volunteer Pilot** award from the (NAA) and the Air Care Alliance. Seen Isakson. The ceremony took place in the Senate. What a special night this must be! We are sure proud of you Mack...! service. We salute you.



Senator, not “Senator” Rial. Since our Mack Secord went to Washington D.C. Flying Awards' “**Distinguished** National Aeronautic Association here with Mack is U.S. Senator Johnny Lyndon B. Johnson room of the U.S. have been for the entire Secord family. Keep up the great dedicated volunteer

2010 Meetings: Your Flight Officers are planning meetings on both “The North Side” and “The South Side” next year. Vice Flight Capt Tornow is reconnoitering a Newnan location and Membership Chairman “Punchy” Powell has his eye on his favorite French Restaurant in Northeast Atlanta. Start beating the bushes for “lost” and future members to bring as your guests. We are doing our best to facilitate increased membership. This goal – **increased membership**, depends entirely on you.

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day: The Commemorative Air Force (CAF) Dixie Wing and Honor Flight Fayette, will host Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day on Monday, **December 7th** from 11am-1pm. CAF Dixie Wing facility, Falcon Field, Peachtree City, GA. Visit <http://dw.squawk1200.net/> for details.

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