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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER
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ATLANTA, GEORGIA

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NEXT MEETING: 20 APRIL 2010
NEWNAN, GA – “Southside”
Speaker – Our very own Rob Tornow
Call/email Brad Wright – 678.494.3974 / wrightbj@bellsouth.net
RSVP to Brad NLT 15 APR...!!!

(Actually, this newsletter a bit late!)

THE REAL NEXT MEETING!

15 JUNE 2010

The 57th Fighter Group Restaurant

(<http://www.the57threstaurant.com/>)

Tentatively planned for Dinner event.

Speaker – To be determined

MEETINGS: Speaking of great meetings, we enjoyed two super meetings since the last newsletter: A fantastic Christmas dinner (with nearly 100 in attendance) and our largest luncheon turnout to date for a fantastic February meeting. Realizing you already visited our website and read the wonderful write-ups, nothing needs to be repeated here. However, we want to remind those who could not attend... support your Flight – **IMPROVE YOUR ATTENDANCE RECORD IN 2010...!**

ANOTHER GREAT FLIGHT 102 YEAR: A quick recap for 2009: We conducted an “Extracurricular Activity” by joining two other flights for a meeting at the Museum of Aviation in Warner Robins; We inducted 12 new members; We had 6 fantastic Flight meetings; We awarded scholarships; We raised more scholarship money. We improved our website; We represented the Daedalians at more JrROTC Award presentations than seen to date; We had fair coverage in the Daedalus Flyer. Not a bad year but certainly many areas we could improve – if you help!

HELP WANTED: It’s time for you to chip in. We are set a goal to reach 100 Flight members in 2010. We are almost at 90 now. We need your help! Support your Flight by not only attending the meetings but, find and bring a potential member with you when you come. Note: There’s a special surprise event planned for this meeting. You won’t want to miss it...!

MORE HELP WANTED: If you have not noticed, our treasurer Ron Harris mans the sign-in table for every meeting. It’s not written that he will do this. He just does it. Would you consider making yourself available to help Ron at the future meeting sign-in tables?

EVEN MORE HELP WANTED: Bill Rial is working on a Flight Roster to be posted to one of the website's secured Tabs. He could use help from someone with Word processing or Publications experience. The current concept is to post a mug shot and mini-bio for each member on the website's new secure tab. Call or email Bill if you are interested.

SECURED TABS?: As you noticed already, we have two new tabs on our website – "**Flight Roster**" & "**Reports**". When you click on either of these tabs, you will get a "pop-up" requiring **User name** and **Password**. Do not make up on your own for either. We will all use the same: **User name** is *****. **User name** is not case sensitive, meaning you can type ***** any style you like, as long as it is all 8 letters together. **Password** is *****. **Password** is case sensitive, in that the first letter must be uppercase and the rest lowercase. Visit the site and can get comfortable signing in on those tabs. One day soon, you will actually find information on them! (See "Even More Help Wanted" above.) Quarterly reports to National and Flight Treasurer's Reports will be posted on the "Reports" tab.

NAME TAGS: Need a Daedalian name tag? Contact Les Dyer. See Les' contact info on the Flight's website "**Flight Info**" tab.

BILL DILTS REMEMBERED: Fellow Daedalian and Flight member Bill Dilts passed away January 6, 2010. Bill was a retired USNR LCDR and often spoke about his time flying in the Navy. Although only a Daedalian for a short time, we are better to have known him. The Flight made a \$100 memorial donation to the Flight's scholarship fund in honor of Bill.

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED: We are waiting confirmation from National, but it looks like we can pat ourselves on the back once again for helping three young ROTC cadets pay the bills. Yes, with matching funds from National and using our scholarship funds, these cadets should receive \$2000 each. See the 16 Feb 10 write-up on the website's "**Previous Meetings**" tab for more information.

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SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTION: "*Weak but readable*". That's the best way to describe the Flight's support to our Scholarship Fund. As Vice Flight Captain Tornow puts it – pretend you are playing a round of golf in support of a fund drive. Make your scholarship donation equal to what you think you would spend playing a round of golf. Don't play golf? Send \$50, or \$5, or whatever! Mail your dues and your scholarship donation to Ron Harris; 6541 Autumn Crest Lane; Hoschton, GA 30548.

DUES Business: Speaking of those horrendous (5.5cents/day) Flight dues, did you know our By-Laws call for Flight dues to be paid in OCT for the coming year and payable by 30 NOV? And, if not paid by 31 MAR, you're a dot! How could you know this? We've never made the By-Laws available to you. That's why we don't enforce that "law". But really guys, do we have to distribute the By-laws to get you to pay your dues? Not counting our "**Life**" members, 8 members have paid dues for this year. Sure, if you could pay "on-line", you would. "If the frog had wings...." Remember, National dues are separate from Flight dues. National bills you by mail. You can pay them by check, credit card or even pay them through their website "on-line". Not the case for your Flight

dues. You must pay Ron Harris \$20 / year, cash or check. Check out the “Life Dues” option on National’s website. If you become a Life member with National, you are eligible to be a Life member with our Flight. Check out our “Life Dues” option on our website’s “**FCIF**” tab.

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