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Davis Squadron members and friends, mission accomplished! We had a reunion...finally! Our reunion in Myrtle Beach will not soon be forgotten. What an amazing cast of Marines and families. We were truly blessed to have LtGen "Stash" Conant and Bev as our special guests. We thank Stash for your participation as our MCAA National Commander and Guest of Honor. His comments were quite poignant considering our global challenges. Kudos go out to Mr. Rus Blauw, ADCA for Sustainment and MAG-31's Colonel "Spaz" Basco for their attendance and their participation in our Executive Roundtable. Each provided amazing insight into the state of Marine Aviation and what we can expect from the ever-changing threat environment. I thank the amazing Marines that stepped up to fill out our current staff. New officers include LtCols Bill Slack and Brent Meeker for assuming our Executive Officer and Adjutant positions. CWO-3 Gale Rodgers and MGySgt Rob McCutcheon will remain in their positions as Financial and Communications Officers. What a team! There're no words that can express my true gratitude to those that put together our long-overdue gathering. We just announced our Capt Pete Freeman Scholarship awardees. Those deserving students are identified herein. A big salute to our scholarship committee. Our focus now is pulling together our Beaufort in March 2023. We have 'boots on the ground,' and are on it! Again, I thank all our members and friends. Please remember that this is your organization. We need the full team to maintain the momentum.

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"The Plug"

Don E. Davis Squadron

Why join us?

- ✓ **MCAA Awards Program Champion-Participant**
- ✓ **MCAA Yellow Sheet and Journal Contributors**
- ✓ **Annual Reunion and Banquet Program**
- ✓ **Marine Air Wing/Training MOY Program**
- ✓ **Funded trip for 2 annual MOY award winners**
- ✓ **ASL Community Advocates - ESC Roundtable**
- ✓ **Mentoring Opportunities for Aviation Marines**
- ✓ **Defense Corporate Interface - 5 major sponsors**
- ✓ **Pete Freeman Scholarship - \$30K+ for 2022**
- ✓ **Active-Duty Membership builds bridges**

Join Today! Donate Today!

AWARDS

Our 4th annual CWO-5 John Cash Award for "Sustained Achievement" was awarded to Capt Lee Perkins. Lee has been a tireless, long-standing member and "Big" contributor to our silent auction. His achievements include active participation in the conduct of each reunion over the past 3 decades. His selection was unanimous and well-deserved. Pictured here is Lee Perkins receiving this award in Myrtle Beach this year. Congratulations, Lee.



Active Duty Awards

The recipients of the Marine of the Year Program went to one MALS-29 Marine and one MALS-31 Marine:

CWO-2 Odell Williams, MALS-29

Cpl Autumn Howard, MALS-31

We will solicit from 2nd MAW and CNATT for next year's awards.

Announcements

- **The 2023 Davis Squadron reunion will be at MCAS Beaufort, SC. The dates are 23-26 March 2023. Please standby for registration package and details.**
- **The Freeman Scholarship Committee has reported out and awardees are in this issue (pg 4).**
- **The 2023 Davis Sqdn Award Program will be published just after the New Year.**
- **LtGen Mike Cederholm assumes duties as the new Deputy Commandant for Aviation. He assisted us in March by providing our guest speakers for our Executive Roundtable Panel. Bravo, Sir!**
- **SPONSORSHIP! Boeing, Andromeda Systems Inc., Bell Flight, Lee Perkins, Vertex, Sam Flores, Mustang Services and others continue as our steadfast sponsors in helping the Davis Sqdn flourish. If you or someone you know would like to sponsor us, please pass on their contact info!**

Around the “Corps”

An Eye on the Future Threat

The strategic environment has changed. Great Power competitors are developing capabilities and postures that challenge the Joint Forces’ competitive advantage – the ability to deploy at a time and place of our choosing. The Marine Corps is ideally suited to this challenge. We have a history of change; a history of being forward deployed, forward engaged, expeditionary, and integrated with the Navy. We practice maneuver warfare doctrine – we generate and gain advantages. We have adapted throughout our history to the threats our Nation faces. We are well-suited to do so again.

Title 10, Section 5063 states we “provide Fleet Marine Forces... for service with the fleet... in the seizure or defense of advanced naval bases and for the conduct of such land operations as may be essential to the prosecution of a naval campaign.”

Force Design 2030 is our latest effort to adapt, remain relevant, and out maneuver our adversaries. It is an extension of legal requirements suited to current and future operating environments. It continues the legacy and builds on the foundation cemented by generations of Marine before us. We are the nation’s naval expeditionary force; ready to fight in any clime or place at any time.

“With an eye to the future, and an understanding of the increased potential of our peer competitors, we are rapidly pursuing new capabilities and concepts to ensure we REMAIN a capable naval expeditionary force in 2030 and beyond... that we REMAIN a Marine Corps that offers a significant contribution to the joint fight and imposes massive cost on the enemy.”

Adapting means keeping what works and changing what doesn’t. Organizations that don’t adapt, quickly become irrelevant. We have 245 years of proven adaptability and answering the Nation’s call. We must continue to modify our structure, training, and equipment to meet the demands of today and the anticipated demands of the future.

Learn more: -<http://www.marines.mil/force-design-2030>

Challenges and What’s New

The “Kegger” Challenge Update

Kegger challenge is still on, so challenge an active-duty unit or take up the challenge as an individual. Top recruiting unit/Marines will earn a host keg on the squadron. Now go get em!...new members that is.

Recruiter of the Year (ROY) Award Program

As promised, the Recruiter of the Year was established as the Col Rick Owen Award. Our 2022 winner was Maj Sean Hennessy, for his work at our P-COLA reunion. We’ll be selecting our next winner in time for our next reunion in Beaufort, SC. Standby for that announcement.

Keep your innovation/ideas coming. It’s how we get better!

Active Duty Announcements

Thanks to our blossoming relationship with ASL, we are able to provide updates from around the fleet. **Thank you to all who helped make this happen!!**

This summer, Colonel Kevin Boyce relinquished command of MATSG-23 to Colonel Tony Lyons. We thank both for their participation and contributions to the Davis Squadron over the years and wish them the very best in their new roles. Well done, Colonels.

Retirements/Transition

Congratulations Col Ryan Goulette, on the occasion of his retirement. Ryan has been a key contributor to our squadron and our Executive Roundtable. Ryan settled his family in Norfolk, VA and has taken an assignment with Booz, Allen and Hamilton. The squadron wishes you the best of success as you enter a new and exciting chapter of your life.

As a reminder, if you have a contribution to our newsletter, active-duty news or otherwise, please share it with us. That’s what keeps the Davis Squadron apprised of current events.



LtGen Mike "Homey" Cederholm is the new Deputy Commandant for Aviation. Mr. Russ Blauw is the Assistant Deputy Commandant for Sustainment.

Freeman Scholarship Awards

Thanks to the many personal donations and corporate sponsors, we were able to award \$30,000 to 24 applicants. Biggest award yet. Great work! **Thank you to all who helped make this happen!!**

Awardees

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| Anthony J. Calbough | Zoe Lyons |
| Tyler Chipman | Noelle Maclaird |
| Syenna Consford | Victoria McGee |
| Caroline Driver | Curtiss Oakley |
| Alexandra Flatau | Robin Payton |
| Paige Flatau | Bianca Razo |
| Meghan Goulette | Ariana Seigh |
| Jensen Goulette | Isabelle Slack |
| William Tyler Hamilton | Karalyn Sticher |
| Rebecca Harper | Taylor VanMeter |
| Reece Johnson | Carol Wheeler |
| Caroline Kirby | Meagan Whiddon |

As a reminder, when you consider a donation to the Davis Squadron, you can specify that your contribution go to the Captain Pete Freeman Scholarship Foundation.

Taps

The Davis Squadron lost way too many superb Marines and dear friends below On Aug 25th we lost MSgt "Otis" Deloach. He was a dedicated, long-standing member of the ALM/Davis Squadron. He served as an officer for many years and has been on our Board for the past 6 years. Otis helped shape and grow the Davis Squadron to who and what we are today. Otis loved God, his Marines and his country and will be remembered as a loyal comrade. RIP my fine brother. Along with so many others, you'll be sorely missed. Semper Fidelis!



- Major Granville Talmadge "Tal" Lemay – 21 Jan 2022
- Maj Roy Hilton – 18 Feb 2022
- LtCol Hugh Grummer – 4 Sep 2022
- MSgt Otis Deloach – 25 Aug 2022
- Capt Homer "Al" Allen – 5 Jun 2022
- Jeanette Davenport – 2 Jun 2022
(Wife of MSgt Larry Davenport)
- CWO4 Robert Hicks – 26 Apr 2022
- Carole McLean Garrett – 12 Apr 2022
(Wife of Col Patrick Garrett)
- MSgt Arthur "Art" Baize – 1 Apr 2022
- CWO-3 Joseph Donovan – 5 Mar 2022
- MSgt Albert E. Wilkerson – 9 Feb 2022
- LtCol M. C. "Skip" Skipper – 1 Feb 2022

DUES REMINDER

Membership period is from 10 Nov to 10 Nov!

Already a member, then just send your check for \$12 and mark it as annual dues. Multiple years can be paid.

New: Request Membership Application from:
mcaadondavisavlogsquadron@gmail.com

Send applications and checks to:
MCAA Don Davis Squadron
P.O. Box 22
Chatham, MI 49816



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Donations can be remitted to the Don Davis Squadron at the same address above.