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2010 Honors Banquet



The 2010 DAHF Honors Banquet, held September 25th, 2010 at the UD Clayton Hall, "Celebrating Delaware's 100th anniversary of powered flight," a celebration of those who were part of Delaware's rich history in aviation. From perusing the various exhibits and meeting a number of those in attendance, one is able to get a sense of the accomplishments and achievements of inductees and others involved with Delaware aviation and the DAHF. Among those in attendance were friends, family, heroes both past and present from various branches of the military. There were politicians, students and well-wishers of all ages.

The following are some of the experiences shared by individuals who attended the DAHF banquet.

One of this year's inductees, **Stanley Lawruk**, brought about 80 friends and family to see him receive his award. Stanley's son-in-law **Howard Gunderson** submitted Stanley's name for the award and was very pleased to see his father-in-law receive it. Howard nominated his father-in-law because in recent years Stanley talked about the time he had served in the military and had mentioned the DAHF. Howard searched the website (www.dahf.org) and later drafted a letter for consideration as a DAHF inductee. Howard was very happy to see his father-in-law receive a well-deserved award.

Another celebration of service and career was the induction of **Ted Freeman**. His daughter, **Faith Johnson** flew in from Texas to accept his award. She was truly

honored and felt it was very touching that her father would receive an award from his home state. "The award had a very special feel about it in that it celebrated his career as a pilot rather than an astronaut who didn't make it to the moon." With the DAHF nomination of Ted Freeman, Faith was able to learn more about her father who passed away when she was a young girl. She read through his old logbooks and was able to see events like when he flew in to visit her mother.

Trustee **Rachel Anderson** was wingman for Ted Freeman and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. "It's been wonderful and kind of a magical experience getting to learn about and talk to people. Ted was an amazing person." Rachel too enjoyed the experience of looking through Ted Freeman's old logbooks.

As for past inductees, for **Jim Sulpizi** it came as a complete surprise. Born and raised in New Castle, Jim knew the model of airplane by the sound the engine made. Reflecting on the DAHF, Jim said, "It took someone like **Dave Moffitt** to organize the Hall of Fame."

Another former inductee, **Col. Carol Timmons** (DANG) felt being selected as a DAHF inductee is "A great honor." She expressed the importance of wanting to do a good job to represent the DAHF and is impressed by the effort of those individuals who keep it going. She felt it has been awesome to meet people all throughout Delaware aviation and that a group of Delawareans could come together and celebrate this.

Jim Kohler, Master of Ceremonies and 2009 inductee, felt it was an honor to be asked and he attended several meetings of the DAHF for input and advice. He received lots of help and spent a bit of time modifying and reorganizing his presentation. After a great deal of feedback, input and 14 drafts, Jim was able to deliver a very polished presentation.

Similar to Rachel Anderson, Trustee **Larry Alfree** was also a first-time wingman. He reflected on his experience as wingman as a realization and importance of the achievements of the people one is working with. He was "just in awe" at the accomplishments of 20-year-olds who were just doing their job in the service.

The 2010 DAHF Banquet was an incredible success. The many stories and anecdotes, proud family members and the devotion of those DAHF members who worked tirelessly on the event was truly reflected in the evening's celebration.

New Staffing for Inductee Selection Committee

Three of the four members currently on the committee have served for three to four years. They are, chairman Al Suber and members Bruce Marvel and Frank Ianni. Derald Wentzien joined the committee last year. Al, Bruce and Frank also hold other major responsibilities for the DAHF so their “graduation” from the committee is

timely. They have done an excellent job and their contributions are greatly appreciated.

Derald will be chairman of the new staff beginning in March when new nominations are closed and reviewed along with past nominations. The new committee members are trustees Mike

Brock, Bill Fitch and Ron Mehan. We thank them for volunteering and look forward to their 2011 selections in mid-April. A good description of the inductee process appears in the Spring Newsletter which is in the DAHF website (www.dahf.org) for easy reference.

Delaplane

The Delaplane was the first aircraft designed, built and flown in Delaware (October 21, 1910). It has been celebrated by the DAHF in various ways:

- appears in the DAHF emblem
- is the name of the DAHF newsletter
- was the featured theme of the 2010 Honors Banquet and printed program
- was featured in the Governor’s proclamation
- will be honored by a state historical marker in Wawaset Park, Wilmington (site of its history-making flight)



Special graphic for Delaplane celebration created by 2007 inductee and DAHF trustee Mike Brock

Original Painting of the Delaplane

Michael Filipkowski, a student at Caravel Academy and resident of Bear, Delaware was awarded a cash prize for his original oil painting depicting the Delaplane in flight. The background subtly portrays “DAHF.” The painting was on display at the 2010 Honors Banquet. Congratulations Michael!



Thank You, Donors

The following are donors to the DAHF whose contributions were significant in size, without which we could not hold an Honors Banquet of the calibre we do. There are smaller donors (almost entirely individuals) whose support is important to DAHF as well. We thank them all for their dedication to Delaware Aviation and for their generosity.

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DAHF Newsletter Going Electronic

Since the first published edition of the DAHF newsletter back in 2000, it has been printed and distributed through the mail to a list of almost 1000 names. To save the considerable costs of printing and mailing 3-4 issues per year, we are moving toward email distribution. If you wish to continue receiving the newsletter, please forward your email address to our website www.dahf.org. Go to "contact us" and type in your name and address.

Behind the Scenes

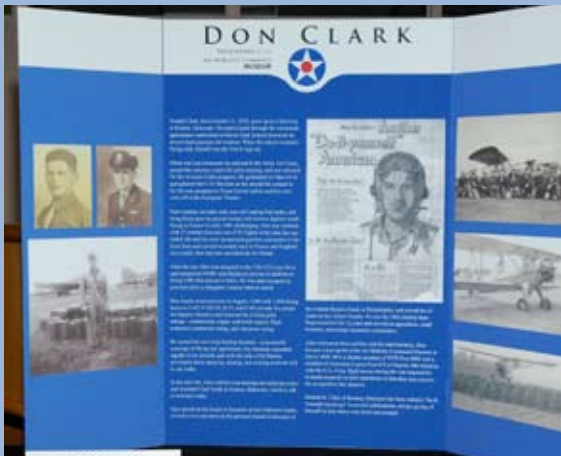
The DAHF over the years has consistently received kudos for the high quality of the reception, amenities and program activities attended by as many as 300 guests. Such an event just doesn't happen. It is the result of months of planning, arranging and coordinating by the 15 members of the DAHF board of Trustees, headed by the two trustees who serve as co-chairmen for the event. Listed below are the assignments of the Board members for the 2010 banquet which involved a myriad of details not listed. It is a "labor of love" by individuals who are dedicated to the purpose of the DAHF which culminates each year in the annual Honors Banquet. Our motto: "Onward and upward."

DAHF Honors Banquet Board Assignments

Co-chairs	Al Suber and Frank Ianni
Master of Ceremonies	Jim Kohler
Invocation	Jim Robb*
Exhibits and decorations	Mike Brock, Bob Veazey (for R/C Aircraft)
Powerpoint presentations	Bob Veazey (Historical and Current Inductees)
Publicity and promotion	Hugh Horning
Membership table display	Larry Alfree
Ticket sales/table assignments	Bruce Marvel
Ticket printing and invitations	Bruce Marvel
Plaques and medallions	Rachel Anderson
Dinner/Reception	Al Suber and Frank Ianni
Music combo and color guard	Frank Ianni (Del. National Guard & Polytech H.S. Jr. ROTC)
VIP identification	Bruce Marvel and Board
Budget and finances	Bruce Marvel
Printing program and distribution	Derald Wentzien
Youth award and presentation	Ron Mehan
Photographer	Bill Fitch
Delaplane marker/proclamation	Jim Hicken/Dave Moffitt
Singer	Jean Toman*
Bagpiper/pipe music	Frank Ianni
Pledge of Allegiance	Frank Ianni (Cadet Francis Wilson, Civil Air Patrol)
Wingmen for inductees	Larry Alfree, Rachel Anderson, Charles Corbett*, James Hickin, Frank Ianni, Derald Wentzien

*DAHF Trustee Emeritus

DAHF 2010 Honors Banquet at UD Clayton Hall



◀ One of six exhibit stories of inductees

▶ Faith Johnson with wingman Rachel Anderson in front of the exhibit for Faith's father.



▲ One of several models on display in Reception Area



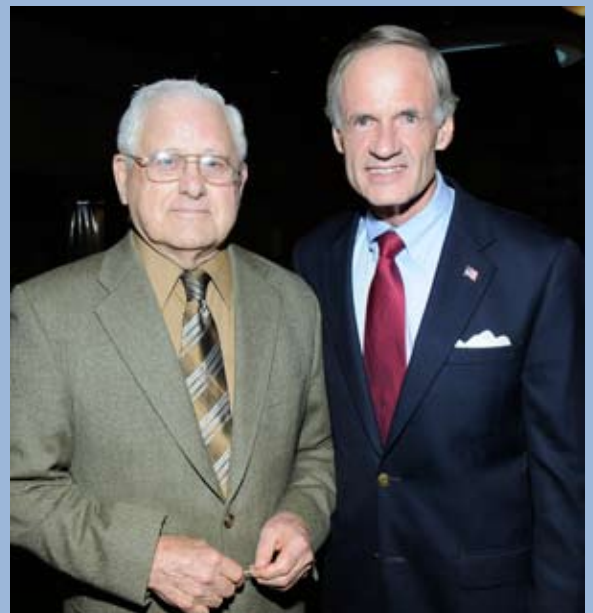
▲ Award plaques and medallions on display



▲ Eight foot wings display above speaker's podium signifying the Delaplaine's "Wings over Wawaset"



▲ Delaware Army National Guard "Stardust Knights" combo



▲ Inductee Don Clark with Senator Carper



◀ CAP Color Guard preceding inductees and DAHF trustees

▼ CAP cadet Francis Wilson leads the Pledge of Allegiance, Emcee Jim Kohler in background



▲ Wingman and DAHF trustee Larry Alfree presents 2010 honoree Stanley Lawruk (seated).



▲ Trustee Jim Hicken paying tribute to the 100th Anniversary of the Delaplane



◀ DAHF trustee Jean Toman leading The National Anthem



▲ Posthumous inductee Albert Walker Jr.'s daughter Joan Wolf and brother Clifford Wolf with wingman Charlie Corbett



▲ Some prior 2010 inductees gather at the conclusion of the Honors Banquet

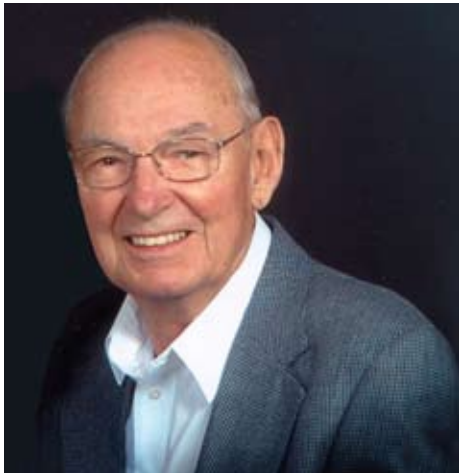


▲ President Hugh Horning making closing remarks

◀ 2010 inductees/family members who accepted for them and 2010 YAA recipient



DAHF Founding President Dave Moffitt



Dave Moffitt “Went West” on December 24, 2010 following a period of debilitating illnesses. Throughout his life, he had a passion for airplanes and aviation. As a boy in Duluth, MN, he used to build and fly his own designs made of balsa wood. And at 16, he stole away several times to the Duluth airport for 30 minute flight lessons, unbeknownst to his parents. He enlisted in the Army Air corps in WWII, but had to “fly a desk” when they found out he could type. The “big one” ended before he could get into flight training. After graduating from The University of Minnesota and a brief stint with

a newspaper, he became public relations manager of Minnesota-based North Central Airlines. In 1957, he transferred to the public relations staff of the airline industry’s Air Transport Association of America in Washington, DC. and in 1963 he joined TWA at its world headquarters in New York, to become director of press relations. Ultimately he left TWA for Continental Oil (Conoco) and moved to Wilmington when it was purchased by DuPont.

Dave had earned his private pilot’s license at Danbury, CT and proceeded to get his instrument license soon after arriving in Wilmington. He became a partner in a Piper Arrow for a number of years. After moving up to a Piper Dakota he was delighted because the “trip to the lake” in Minnesota could be made with only one fuel stop. Other family excursions were made in repeated trips to destinations ranging from Block Island to Texas and Minnesota to Florida.

Dave always thought that it would be great to form an Aviation Hall of fame in Delaware given the state’s long aviation history. He worked for years laying the seeds for such

a group and was finally successful in motivating others to assist in its creation. Dave is the “Founding Father” of the Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame which debuted in 1993 and to which he lavished much dedication, effort and even personal financial assistance. He was president for the first 6 years.

Dave also was an original board member of Delaware Aviation Support Inc. (DASI) which eventually became the Delaware Pilots Association. For years he wrote and edited the newsletters for all these organizations.

Dave liked all aspects of flying. He followed the development of new aircraft, was a member of EAA, taught a course at the Academy of Life Long learning on aviation history, eagerly participated personally in every owner-assisted annual and enjoyed several trips to Oshkosh. Dave’s love for all things aviation was evident to all who knew him. Any conversation with Dave quickly became a discussion involving taking off, landing and everything in between.

Dave, we wish you smooth air, tailwinds and sunny skies as you “go west.”



Gone West

Rubel Archuleta, age 96, inducted 2009, in September 2010. Received Bachelor’s degree in 1941 from New Mexico State University and commissioned 2nd Lieutenant, Army Air

Corps. Flew 210 missions in Southwest Pacific in P-38s, P-40s and P-51s. Received numerous commendations for leading attacks on Japanese shipping and invasion forces. Retired from USAF at Dover, Delaware as deputy base commander.

2010 DAHF Youth Achievement Award



George T. Antoniou, 17, of Dover, Delaware, son of Tom and Vicki Antoniou, is a rising senior at Polytech High School (PHS) in Dover and has impressively demonstrated his

passion for and achievements in aviation through academic superiority, excellent leadership abilities and outstanding character.

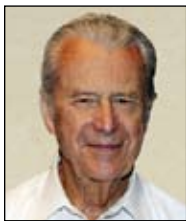
As a participant in the PHS Aerospace Science Technical Program, Antoniou earned his private pilot certificate as a junior, one year ahead of schedule which was unheard of in the program. He completed the impressive and aggressive private pilot training schedule at the Dover Air Force Base Aero Club and was highly recommended to train for the instrument rating which he began this past June, the first junior ever to begin instrument training.

He is an active member of the Delaware Civil Air Patrol (CAP) where he is a flight captain. In the

PHS Air Force Junior ROTC, he is Commander of the 931st Panther Group where he leads 100-plus cadets. He is also a winner of the Air Force Association Award.

Antoniou's goal is to achieve an appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy (USAFA), receive a commission and become an Air Force pilot. Toward this goal, he attended the highly selective USAFA Summer Seminar in 2010. Apart from aviation, young Antoniou has a PHS cumulative grade point average of 98.1 and ranks # 1 of 268 students. He is a member of the National Honor Society, the PHS marching band, drama club and tennis team. It certainly appears that he is well on his way to a successful career in aviation.

Message From The President:



**Hugh Horning,
President, DAHF**

The 2010 Honors Banquet marked the 11th anniversary of the DAHF's existence. I was privileged to be a

founding member of the Board of Trustees, and since November 2009, have been honored to be president.

It has been an interesting, busy and rewarding journey. The DAHF's prestigious reputation has been achieved by the dedicated members of the Board and by you who support the DAHF through your membership, donations and participation in our activities.

The 2010 Honors Banquet was able to meet all costs for a change, due to generous donations by a small group

of individuals and businesses. We encourage all readers of this newsletter to help us continue our mission of honoring individuals who have contributed significantly to aviation in Delaware and beyond.

We will continue onward and upward as our goal for 2011. Won't you join us?

Clear skies, Tailwinds and Happy Landings!

DAHF Membership Form

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Would you like to nominate someone to the DAHF?

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If you wish to nominate someone just send us a letter not exceeding two single spaced typed pages. Please explain why you feel your nominee deserves induction into the DAHF. Supporting documents, news articles, citations and photographs are welcome. Qualifications may come from *ANY* aspect of space, air or ground involvement in flying. The nominations for consideration in 2011 must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2011. Be sure to include your return address.

2011 YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This award is given to the young man or woman who has distinguished himself or herself in aviation training, career development and participation in aviation community activities. Delaware youths 15 to 21 who are pursuing careers in aviation, in the air or on the ground are eligible as are youths enrolled in aviation training programs in Delaware. Supporting materials are encouraged. The nomination itself should not exceed two typewritten pages single-spaced. June 15, 2011 is the deadline for nominations for the 2011 award.

Visit our website www.dahf.org

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