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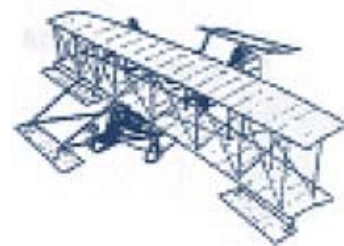
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## 2011 DAHF Inductees

Six current or former Delawareans have been named to the Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame (DAHF). They will be inducted at the organization's Annual Honors Banquet on September 24, bringing the total inductees to 73 since the inaugural year 2000.

One of the six will be inducted posthumously.

According to Hugh Horning, president, all six are pilots, one a female astronaut. Two saw military combat during WW II, one during the Korean War and two during the Viet Nam war. And four were also involved in civilian aviation.



**Daniel E. Coons**, Ed.D, Dover - is the founder of the Airways Science Program at Delaware State University which was later broadened nationally via the USAF ROTC program. Since its inception in 1987, the undergraduate degree-granting program has trained and placed hundreds of graduates in commercial, corporate, governmental and military aviation careers.



**Nancy J. Currie**, PhD, Wilmington - is a NASA astronaut who has successfully performed as a mission specialist on four space shuttle missions, accruing more than 1000 hours in space. A retired U.S. Army Colonel with more than 4000 flying hours as a Master Army Aviator, she is the first female Army officer selected as an astronaut.



**John D. Kroening**, Milford - enlisted in the Army Air Corps for pilot training at age 18 early in WW II. He flew B-25 medium bombers across the Atlantic to Africa. Stationed in Corsica, he flew 65 missions in southern Europe destroying bridges and RR tracks to disrupt enemy

supply lines. He was awarded the Air Medal eight times and the Distinguished Flying Cross twice.



**John A. Jordan**, Newark - a U.S. Army Chief Warrant Officer (Ret), Flew AH-1G Cobra helicopters in Viet Nam for 780 combat hours. Following 20 years of Army service, he joined Boeing/Defense Division for an additional 19 years of aviation service. He is currently employed by Survice Engineering Co. as a test pilot.

He has a total of 10,000 accident/incident-free flight hours.



**Lt. Col. David F. McCallister** (1920-1961) - a WW II P-51 combat pilot with 131 missions, rebuilder of the Delaware Air National Guard starting in 1948, winner of a national jet air race, became Chief, Engineering Test Flight with Delaware's All American Engineering Co. With more than 4000 flying hours,

he was nationally known as a strong proponent of military airpower advancement and flying safety. He died in 1961 in an aircraft accident at age 41.



**John P. Renzetti**, Chief Warrant Officer (Ret), Chadds Ford, PA became a helicopter pilot in 1969 and deployed to Viet Nam in 1971 with a total of 700 combat hours. In 1972 he joined the Delaware Army National Guard and became a full-time instructor following 8 years as chief pilot for an industrial

company in West Africa. A Master Army Aviator, he has over 19,000 hours in fixed-wing and rotary aircraft, both military and civilian.

The Honors Banquet will be held Saturday, September 24 in Clayton Hall, University of Delaware, Newark. Reception will be at 5PM, dinner and program at 6:15 PM. Jacket and tie. Tables seating eight will be available. Parking is plentiful and free.

For further information, please call (302) 674 2868 or VISIT [WWW.dahf.ORG](http://WWW.dahf.ORG).

## Honors Banquet Tickets Ordering Now Available on DAHF Website

To make it easier for you (and us) to process invitations, order form replies, payments and ticket distribution, we have set up the "Pay Pal" system for credit card payment.

Go to our website [www.DAHF.org](http://www.DAHF.org), click on the "Honors Banquet" button in the left navigation panel, then click on "Order Tickets" and follow the directions to place your order.

# Aviation Historic Marker Dedicated in Wawaset Park

A state of Delaware historic marker commemorating the first flight of an airplane designed, built, and flown in Delaware 100 years ago, was dedicated in the Wilmington community of Wawaset Park on Saturday, June 25. The aircraft, named Delaplane, flew from a racetrack for several hundred feet on October 21, 1910 in what was then known as Horseshow Park and the Gentlemen's Driving Club.

The idea of a marker commemorating the historical Delaware Aviation event was initiated by the Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame (DAHF) and coordinated with the Delaware Archives Office with grants provided by state senator Harris McDowell and state representative Gerald Brady in whose districts the marker lies. The entire project and ceremony on June 25 was organized and managed by Jim Hickin, a DAHF Trustee and chairman of

its government relations committee. Speakers at the ceremony were Hugh Horning, president of DAHF, Al Suber, DAHF Trustee, Tom Summers, Delaware State Archives who unveiled the marker, Jim Hickin, State Representative Gerald Brady, and Harold Schneikert, president of the Wawaset Park Community Association.

The Delaplane has also been honored by DAHF ever since the organization's founding 12 years ago as the name of the organization's newsletter. A replica of it is featured in the DAHF emblem, newsletter masthead and on membership pins. It was featured as the theme of the 2010 annual Honors Banquet last Fall attended by some 300 guests.

The text of the Delaplane historic marker may be seen on the DAHF website:

**[www.dahf.org](http://www.dahf.org)**.



## DAHF and Bellanca

The June meeting of the DAHF Board of Trustees was held in the Bellanca Airfield Museum near New Castle. It is the unofficial home base of the DAHF and contains a large display featuring the 67 DAHF inductees to date, partially shown in the photo. More information about the museum, including visiting hours, is available at [www.friendsofbellanca.org](http://www.friendsofbellanca.org).



## Videos of DAHF Inductees

DAHF Trustee and 2006 Inductee Mike Brock initiated and is managing a new DAHF program titled "Aviation Legacy Videos" which includes interviews of past inductees' histories and achievements. The first inductee interviewee is Joe Jenkins, class of 2003, of Wyoming, Delaware. The videotape may be seen on the DAHF website [www.DAHF.org](http://www.DAHF.org). Additional videos of inductees will be forthcoming in the near future. The cost of DAHF videotape production by the Legacy Video company is being underwritten by an anonymous donor.

# New Castle Youth to be Honored at Annual Banquet

Willie Gonzalez, 19, of New Castle, Delaware will receive the Youth Aviation Achievement Award at DAHF's annual honors banquet on September 24 at UD's Clayton Hall .

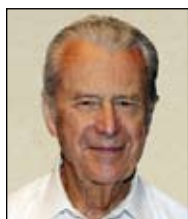
Young Gonzalez was a four year cadet in the Air Force Junior ROTC Aerospace Science program at William Penn High School in New Castle. During his fourth year, he was Commander of Cadets and No.1 in a corps of 166 cadets. He was responsible for the student leadership and activities in a group comprised of 9th through 12th graders.

Currently, Mr. Gonzalez is a rising sophomore at Delaware State University (DSU) where he is majoring in the Airway Science Program. His objective is to have a career as a professional airline pilot. After one year in the program, he has earned a private pilot certificate and is a member of the DSU "Flying Hornets" competition team.

Mr. Gonzalez has demonstrated his ability to communicate, coordinate and motivate a cross-section of young men and women in a variety of situations and is well on his way to a successful aviation career.



## Message From The President:



**Hugh Horning,  
President, DAHF**

The 2011 class of inductees represents quite a diversity of aviation involvements and achievements. All six served in military aviation. Four saw extensive military combat. Three were in the Delaware

National Guard. Four were involved in commercial aviation. And two hold doctoral degrees.

That's an impressive array of achievements. And it is why the DAHF exists - to honor such outstanding Delawareans and the aviation history they represent. For DAHF to continue celebrating aviation in Delaware, we depend on your support...as a member,

as a donor and as a guest at our annual Honors Banquet. Learn more about the 67 inductees to date and this year's Honors Banquet (on our website [www.DAHF.org](http://www.DAHF.org)) . We look forward to seeing you on September 24.

Clear Skies, Tailwinds and Happy Landings,  
Hugh

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# 2011 Honors Banquet

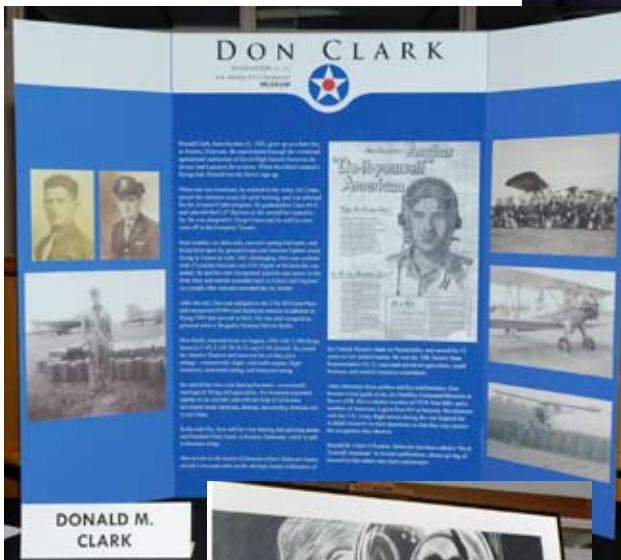
The 2011 annual awards dinner, at which inductees are enshrined in the DAHF, will be held, as in recent years, at the sumptuous UD Clayton Hall Conference Center in Newark on Saturday, September 24. Attended by some 300 aviation/history enthusiasts,

the reception begins at 5:00P.M. and the delicious dinner and impressive program commence at 6:15P.M.

The reception area will be adorned with aviation memorabilia such as paintings, aircraft models and the inductees' exhibits/displays. Music

will be provided by the Delaware Army National Guard "Stardust Knights" combo.

**Visit the website [www.dahf.org](http://www.dahf.org) for more details. Mark your calendar now for this unique and special aviation/history event.**



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