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GREENVILLE, Del. - - Six 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 25, bringing the total inductees to 67 since the inaugural year 2000.

Three of the six will be inducted posthumously.

According to Hugh Horning, president, five of the six are pilots, one a flight engineer/mechanic. Five saw military combat during WW II. One is an ACE. One was an astronaut. And three were involved in civilian aviation. The selectees are:

Donald M. Clark, Smyrna, Del., C-47 pilot in France during WW II, 27 combat missions, in Delaware reserves was training officer, got civilian pilot ratings and started a crop dusting business

Edward J. Czarnecki (1922 – 1955), Wilmington, USAAF 1942, Pacific Theatre became an ACE with 6 victories and one probable, bailed out and rescued by friendly natives, later was survival instructor, flight instructor and investigator

Theodore C. Freeman (1930 – 1964), Lewes, U.S. Naval Academy graduate, NASA space program astronaut, 2,000 jet hours, died in plane collision with snow goose at Ellington AFB, Houston

Stanley P. Lawruk, New Castle, Tech Sergeant, B-17 Flying Fortress flight engineer and mechanic, top turret gunner, shot down on his 24th mission over Germany in 1944, POW

Daniel M. Rusk, Jr., Wilmington, during WW II in Pacific Theatre served on nine different aircraft carriers, over 100 carrier landings, retired from U.S. Navy after 20 years, joined Atlantic Aviation Co., became VP and General Manager

Alfred D. Walker, Jr. (1920 – 1995), Marshallton, Army Air Corps 1942, pilot and instructor heavy bombers, 32 combat missions Pacific Theatre, 540 combat hours, postwar civilian flight instructor in Delaware

The Honors Banquet will be held Saturday, September 25 in Clayton Hall, University of Delaware, Newark. Reception will start at 5PM, dinner and program at 6:30PM. Admission to the jacket and tie evening will be \$55. Tables seating eight will be available. Parking is plentiful and free.

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