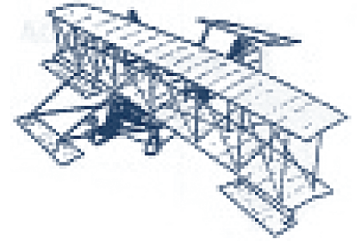




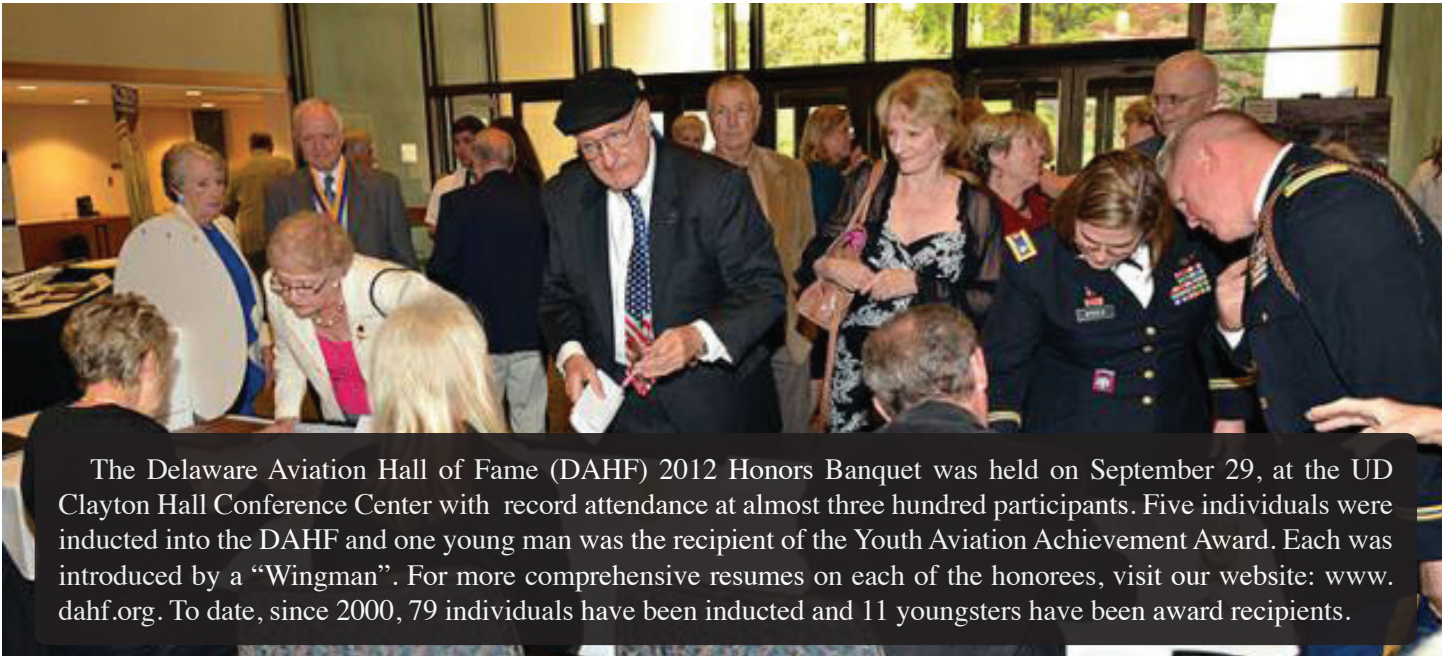
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## 2012 Annual Banquet Honors Six Delawareans



The Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame (DAHF) 2012 Honors Banquet was held on September 29, at the UD Clayton Hall Conference Center with record attendance at almost three hundred participants. Five individuals were inducted into the DAHF and one young man was the recipient of the Youth Aviation Achievement Award. Each was introduced by a "Wingman". For more comprehensive resumes on each of the honorees, visit our website: [www.dahf.org](http://www.dahf.org). To date, since 2000, 79 individuals have been inducted and 11 youngsters have been award recipients.

### 2012 DAHF Inductees



**Jenness Steele**

U.S. Army Aviation combat as a pilot, technician and leader.

Jenness F. Steele, Lt. Col., US Army, Camden, Del. – a West Point Military Academy graduate who has demonstrated gallantry in



**Tenney Wheatley**

equipment failure, saving the lives of the 10 aircrew on board.

Tenney H. Wheatley, Lt. Col., USAF (Ret.), Wilmington – had almost 30 years as a military pilot. He was co-pilot on a DANG mission over the Atlantic where he skillfully overcame a catastrophic



**Ernest Talbert**

Retired as Chief of Staff with the rank of Major General.

Ernest G. Talbert, Maj. Gen. DANG (Ret.), Bear – became a USAF pilot in 1973 and DANG pilot in 1979, amassing 6,500 flying hours, including combat. Held numerous command positions.



**E.N. Tyndall**

Bimini Atoll for further testing of the atomic bomb.

E. N. Tyndall, Col., USAF (Ret.), Georgetown – who flew 25 combat missions during WW II in B-29 bombers as navigator and later at



**William McCabe**

and is currently CEO of his aerospace/aviation consulting firm.

William O. McCabe, Col., USAF (Ret.), Hockessin – flew 100 USAF fighter combat missions in Vietnam, was a DuPont Co. aerospace executive and head of the DuPont Aviation unit at NCC Airport,



**James Reagan**

qualification rating. He has held leadership roles in his EAA chapter functions and is now attending Kent State University Ohio, majoring in Flight Technology and Airport Management

James Reagan, Hockessin, started flying lessons in November, 2009 and earned his Private Pilot wings in December, 2011 plus achieving a High Performance rating and a taildragger

# Thoughts on Being a ‘Wingman’



**Michael Brock, Trustee**

*Honor. Privilege.* These are words usually used by nominees when they are accepting induction into the Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame.

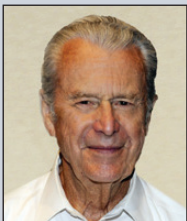
But they are also the words and feelings of the person selected to guide the inductee up to the induction ceremony and finally to actually introduce the newest inductee going into the Hall of Fame. That person is, of course, one of the ‘keeper’s of the flame’, the Wingman.

The Wingman, by definition and in reality, has been that pilot who flies outside and behind the leader of a flying formation. This analogy is appropriate in many ways. The Wingman of the inductee seeks to bring the individual to the fore by successfully presenting the honoree’s exploits, accomplishments and contributions to aviation which have brought the inductee to this point in their lives which now will culminate with his or her admission into an elite group.

The responsibility of the Wingman is and should be sobering, as this honor to an individual and the ensuing ceremony will only happen once. It is an historic event to the individual, to the public, and to those of us who have an interest in promulgating the extraordinary contributions to aviation of the selected individual and others. It is possible to dilute these contributions if the presenter does not have sufficient awareness of their office. The Delaware Aviation Hall of fame has been fortunate to have Wingmen who have such respect.

*It has been* my honor and privilege to be a Wingman on several occasions. While I may not know how the inductee truly felt about my execution of these responsibilities of Wingman on their behalf, I offer this: when I, myself was inducted in 2006, I was fortunate to have as my Wingman a person who did take the position seriously - Hugh Horning. I hope that Hugh enjoyed his role as much I have for whom I was privileged to be their Wingman.

## Outgoing and Incoming DAHF Presidents



**Hugh Horning, Outgoing**

Since becoming a founding member of the DAHF Board of Trustees 13 years ago, I have been privileged to serve as: annual Honors Banquet (HB) general chairman; HB master of ceremonies; Spring Event chairman and MC; inductee wingman (5 times) and for the past three years as publicity and promotion chairman; newsletter editor and president. I have been honored to fill these rolls and greatly appreciate the efforts and support of the Board members. At almost 86 years, I am reducing my workload, particularly that which requires the use of the computer (my nemesis). I will remain on the Board. I hope to “throttle back” a little and get more “air time” during my 50th year of flying in 2013.



**Jim Hickin, Incoming**

As I begin my time as President of the Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame, I want acknowledge a couple of things. First, I am honored by the Board’s confidence in me to fill this role and thank them for the opportunity. Second, thank you to Hugh Horning for his many years of service to the DAHF, particularly the last three as our President. Under Hugh’s leadership, we have continued to honor the men and women who have contributed greatly to aviation in Delaware. I’m looking forward to working with Hugh and the Board to continue that tradition.

# Board of Trustees New Members



**Bruce Lambrecht**

Bruce Lambrecht moved to Delaware 15 years ago and currently resides in Middletown. After high school Bruce joined the United States Air Force where he repaired automatic guidance systems on fighter aircraft. He spent four years in the Air Force and is a Viet Nam Veteran. He attended Widener University, the University of Minnesota and the University of Delaware. He spent eleven years in the financial industry as a bank branch manager before changing careers to work for the University of Delaware in computer software where he was a software programmer, software designer and software salesman. He retired as supervisor of the group for video production. He earned his pilot's license in 2001 and has been an avid VFR flier ever since. This year Bruce was elected treasurer of the newly formed Middletown Chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association. Bruce serves DAHF as Membership Chairman and Honors Banquet AV Chairman.



**Bill McCabe**

Bill McCabe, Col., USAF (Ret.), Hockessin, has had 3 distinct and significant aviation careers to date, during which: he has accrued 4200 flight hours; 25 years in the USAF; and 16 years in the DuPont Co. as executive coordinating its aerospace businesses and leading DuPont Aviation. Bill's military flying includes 100 F-C combat missions in North Vietnam, T-38 pilot training instructor, and B-52H strategic bombardment combat readiness in various command positions. For the past 6 years he has been president of his own aviation/aerospace consulting firm. Bill serves on the board of governors of the Flight Safety Foundation and the board of directors of the Delaware Aerospace Education Foundation. Bill serves DAHF as Publicity and Promotions Chairman.

## Honors Banquet Number 13

### Wings O'er the Ramparts They Watched

#### **Reception**

Five O'clock

Music by The Stardust Knights  
Delaware Army National Guard

#### **Program**

Six-fifteen

#### **Master of Ceremonies**

Francis Ianni

#### **Pipes Processional**

Mark Wygent

#### **Posting of the Colors**

#### **The Pledge of Allegiance**

Joseph Finocchiaro, Jr.

#### **"Star-Spangled Banner"**

Rebecca Donahey

#### **Invocation**

William X. Wilson

#### **Recognition of Dignitaries**

#### **Recognition of Major Donors**

#### **Dinner**

#### **Honors Ceremonies**

#### **Youth Achievement Award**

James Reagan

Presented by Ronald Mehan, DAHF Trustee

#### **Presentation of the Class of 2012**

Inductee

**William O. McCabe**

**Jenness F. Steele**

**Ernest G. Talbert**

**E.N. Tyndall**

**Tenney H. Wheatley**

Wingmen

James Kohler

Michael Brock

Dan Coons

James Hickin

Francis Ianni

#### **President's Remarks**

Hugh Horning

#### **Retire the Colors**

#### **"God Bless America"**



# Honors Banquet Number 13



▲ The reception area replete with guests “hangar flying”



▲ Delaware Senator Carper with 2012 inductee Lt. Col. (U.S. Army) Jenness Steele and family



▲ 2012 Youth Aviation Achievement Award recipient Jimmy Reagan and family



▲ 2012 inductee Lt. Col. (Ret.) Tenney Wheatley (on right) at his personal exhibit display

► Bagpiper leading Color Guard and DAHF dignitaries and honorees into dining room



◀ Color Guard being presented prior to posting the colors

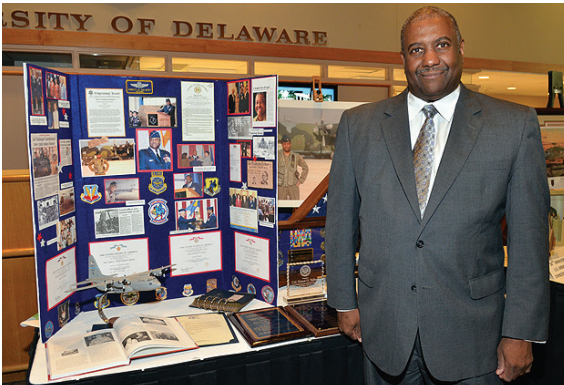




◀ DAHF president Hugh Horning congratulating newly-inducted E.N. Tyndall, Col., USAF (Ret.) with wingman trustee Jim Hickin in background



▲ Color Gaurd retiring prior to everyone singing "God Bless America", led by Rebecca Donahey



▲ 2012 inductee Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Ernest Talbert at his personal exhibit display

▶ Honors Banquet chairman and "MC", DAHF Secretary, Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Frank Ianni, during national anthem with singer Rebecca Donahey



▲ Group photo of 2012 honorees (seated: E.N. Tyndall. At rear: Jenness Steele, Ernest Talbert, William McCabe, Tenney Wheatley, Jimmy Reagan)

## Retiring DAHF Trustee

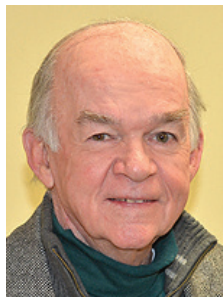


**Ron Mehan, Lt. Col., DANG (Ret.)**

Ron served thirty-three years in the Air Force and Air National Guard, flying T-29, C-121, and C-130 aircraft. He served in a number of positions of increasing responsibility, completing his career as Wing Commander of the 166th Airlift Wing. After retiring from the military, he joined FlightSafety International at the New Castle County Airport, where he instructs in the Hawker business jet. He has accumulated over 10,000 flight hours.

Ron joined the DAHF Board in 2008, and served as chairman of the Youth Aviation Achievement Award committee, soliciting nominations for candidates for the award over-seeing the selection process and presenting the award recipient at the Annual Honors Banquet.

## Thank you DAHF Donors



**Joe Melloy, Treasurer**

We want to thank all those individuals and organizations who made generous donations to the DAHF, regardless of size, as such income, in addition to ticket sales, helps us to cover costs of the annual Honors Banquet and other operations. We particularly want to acknowledge the following who made Major Donations: Jet Aviation (Gary Dempsey); DuPont Co.; Universal Sailing Club; William O. McCabe; Bruce Lambrecht and Jonathan Martin. Thank you all!

## DAHF Newsletter Going Electronic

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](http://www.dahf.org). Go to "contact us" and type in your name and address.

## Message From The President:



**Jim Hickin, President, DAHF**

With a successful 2012 behind us, it's time to look forward to an even better 2013. The 2012 Honors Banquet was a huge success, due to the hard work of our Banquet Chairman Frank Ianni and Board of Trustees. In 2012, we reluctantly said goodbye to some dedicated Trustees and we are looking forward to working with two new, talented Trustees.

How can you help? It's easy. Nominate and participate. The Board of Trustees does not nominate inductees to the DAHF; the public does. Do you know a Delawarean who has made a contribution to the advancement of aviation in Delaware; brought credit to the First State through an

aviation achievement; or displayed gallantry in service to our State or Country? Let us know about them. Visit our website at [www.dahf.org](http://www.dahf.org) for details on making a nomination.

You can participate by becoming a member of the Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame. Membership dues are used to support our annual banquet and other events. Attending the Honors Banquet is the most important way to participate in honoring our aviation history. You can also participate in Delaware aviation history by visiting our display at the Friends of Bellanca Airfield hangar in New Castle.

Best wishes to all for a successful 2013.



# DAHf Membership Form

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover annual membership in the following category (check one).

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## Why Become a Member of The Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame?

I had to answer this question to myself, especially since I am Membership Chair of the organization. The question is important because there are so many other organizations that provide outstanding service to our community and they also need our support.

The answer is simple: Honor!

Delaware has such a deep, rich aviation history that it would be incongruous to ignore the contributions that

have been made to aviation by the citizens of our state. Their work, sacrifices and sometimes their blood provided the stepping stones to our brighter future.

It's not just the military (although they are a large part of the picture). It is also the everyday worker, the business owner and the elected officials who have had the foresight, commitment and fortitude to carry out what needed to be done.

It is our job to remember them. It is our job to honor them. And we can't do that without community support.

Talk to your neighbors, talk to your friends, talk to anyone who will listen. Tell them about aviation and then tell them about Delaware aviation history.

Explain what we do....then ask them to join.





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## Would you like to nominate someone to the DAHF?

### 2013 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 1, 2013 is the deadline for nominations for the 2013 award.

### 2013 AVIATION HALL OF FAME

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 2013 must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2013. Be sure to include your return address.

Send nominations to Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame P. O. Box 4303 • Greenville, DE 19807-0303