



# Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame

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The Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame (DAHF) was established to honor Delaware's aviation greats and to promote public recognition of the role of flight in the progress of The First State. The Hall of Fame has now recognized, through 2014, a total of 91 current or former Delawareans who have made outstanding contributions to the advancement of aviation/aerospace in Delaware, brought singular credit to the First State in their achievements elsewhere and/or have shown gallantry in aviation in service to the First State and/or the Nation.

This year the DAHF will hold its fifteenth Honors Banquet at the University of Delaware's Clayton Hall on Saturday, September 27. Seven adults will be inducted to the Hall of Fame:



The gala affair kicks off with a reception starting at 5:00 PM. Exhibits featuring memorabilia of the inductees will be displayed in the reception area along with aviation-related paintings, past inductees' displays, aircraft models, etc. The opening ceremony commences at 6:00, with a bagpiper and Color Guard leading the procession of the inductees and their wingmen.

Following dinner, the 2014 Youth Aviation Achievement Award will be presented to **Michael James, Lombardi**. This year's wingmen (DAHF trustees) will introduce their respective inductees to the assembly, using large-screen visual presentations as part of their induction ceremony. DAHF President Jim Hickin will confer the ribbon medallions and award plaques to the inductees.

**If you've already ordered your tickets, we thank you and look forward to seeing you at the banquet.**

**To purchase tickets online, and view a full description of the evening's events, Please visit the DAHF website:**

<http://www.dahf.org/Honors-Banquet.html>





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## 2014 Inductees:



**Gordon R. Farquhar**, Highly decorated Viet Nam war helicopter pilot and one of the original full-time flight instructors for the Delaware Army National Guard's aviation program. Bronze Star recipient with over 1100 combat hour sand 16,000 total hours. Retired corporate pilot qualified in 19 different aircrafts.



**William F. Nutter**, World War II aircraft electrical specialist. Recipient of Bronze Star for correcting B-17 malfunction that could have cost many lives. Earned a civilian commercial pilot certificate and was a Civil Air Patrol pilot and operations officer. Delaware Veterans Hall of Heroes inductee.



**James A. LeNoir**, B-24 Liberator gunner during WWII, earning six Air Medals in 35 combat missions. Saved the life of fellow crew member during a combat mission over Europe. Developed munitions for Hercules and continues to serve with veteran's organizations.



**Robert L. Farris Jr.**, Viet Nam war helicopter pilot and Distinguished Flying Cross recipient. Fixed wing National Guard fighter pilot. Flew five aircraft types during 35year US Airways career. Strong promoter of aviation and mentor young pilots.



**Harry Griffith**, Owner and operator of Horizon Helicopters. Nearly 25,000 accident free flight hours, instructing a wide range of students including area State Police helicopter pilots. Taught first deaf person in US to receive private helicopter certificate. Created DE's only part 141 helicopter course for DE veterans.



**Daniel T. Kirk**, \*3; 6: /4236+Known as the "Balloon Guy", Dan upent over 30 ytu0 competing, mentoring, and training he young and old in Balloon airmanship. Delaware's Hot Air Balloon Champiop'7 years in a row. 'F cp'y cu'cp"ctive mem/ber of several aviation groups and a mentor to many. Retired Army Lieutenant Colonel.



**Herman R. Richardson**, Decorated Army helicopter pilot with 31 years of service and two tours of duty in Viet Nam, flying 375 combat hours. Brigade Maintenance Officer responsible for over 160 aircraft and their delivery overseas during Desert Storm. Boeing acceptance test pilot in the CH-47 Chinook.

# Message From The President:



**Jim Hickin**  
**President, DAHF**

...*Home of the Brave*. We've all heard those words before, usually at the end of our national anthem. This year, as we celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the writing of the Star Spangled Banner, the Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame will celebrate seven Delawareans who have exhibited bravery in their own way. These aviation greats will be inducted into the Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame on September 27th at the University of Delaware's Clayton Hall.

Each year, the Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame honors current or former Delawareans who have made outstanding contributions to the advancement of aviation/aerospace in Delaware or shown gallantry in aviation serving our nation and state. Our annual Honors Banquet brings together past inductees, aviation enthusiasts from around the State, and community leaders for an unforgettable night of Delaware aviation history.

This year's inductees have shown bravery in both military and civilian aviation. They have served in wars from World War II to Desert Storm and served their country and their state with distinction. They have taught generations of aviators to fly and passed on their love of aviation to countless new pilots. Please take time to read the brief descriptions of their accomplishments in this newsletter. Once you do, I know you'll want to join us in honoring them and their achievements at this year's Honors Banquet. See you in September!

## Board of Trustees New Member



**Rogelio Rodriguez Jr.**  
**Membership**  
**Chairman**

Bear, Major (Ret), As an aero medical evacuation flight nurse in the DE Air National Guard, logged over 150 combat missions and almost 700 combat flying hours transporting over 2,000 wounded to needed medical care; has 25 years of military service, 14 years as a nurse. Roger was inducted in the Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame in 2013



**Dr. Amanda Fichter**  
**Inductee Selection**  
**Chairman**

Worked in a Delaware Ophthalmology practice for 15 years. Avid aviation enthusiast prompted by hours flying in family owned twin engine aircraft.

# Ticket Order Form



*Please reserve a place at the 2013 Honors Banquet for each person attending on the reverse side of this form:  
(please print)*

*Tickets will be mailed to you at the following address:*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

*Please be sure to return this card and enclose a check payable to Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame @ \$55 per person  
in the envelope provided. Refunds cannot be made for cancellations after Oct. 13, 2013.*

**Complete ticket order forms should be mailed to Yeni Ocampo at:  
Yeni Ocampo, DAHF, 155 N. DuPont Highway, New Castle DE 19720**

## Honors Banquet, Saturday, September 27, 2014

### Hangar Flying and cocktails-5:00pm

The evening will begin with a cocktail/ hors d'oeuvre reception, starting at 5:00 pm, in Clayton Hall's fireplace lounge. This has become an annual opportunity for aviation people to meet and catch up on "what's new" and to greet the honorees, says Maj.Gen(Ret) Frank Ianni, DAHF trustee and general chairman for the celebration.

### Cash bar:

Cocktails, highballs and wine will be available at the lounge bar. Bottles of wine for the table may be bought at the bar.

### Ceremony and Dinner- 6:00pm

Celebrants will be ushered to the big Clayton Hall dining room. The Master of Ceremonies will officiate the ceremony and call for the Civil Air Patrol Color Guard to open the ceremony. Invocation will be delivered before the dinner.

### Dinner Menu:

- Mixed Greens with Roasted Pecans, topped with Crumbled Goat Cheese, Dried Cranberries with a Balsamic Vinagrette Dressing.
- Sauteed Chicken Breast and Seared Salmon Fillet Combo
  - w/ seasonal vegetables
  - Fresh Rolls and Butter.
- Iced Water, Iced Tea, and Coffee Service.
  - Seven Layer Carrot Cake

### What to wear?

It's jacket and tie for the men. Uniform works handsomely for the military. For civilian women: cocktail dress; slacks are fine.