



## 16th Annual Banquet-October 10th, 2015

The Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame (DAHf) will induct six notable First State aviation achievers for 2015. The inductees will be celebrated at an Honors Banquet at the University of Delaware's Clayton Hall on October 10, 2015. Founded in 2000 to commemorate outstanding service in military and civilian aviation, 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.

The 2015 Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame selectees are:



**Gary Dempsey**  
**Arthur Gorman**  
**Richard Dorsey Morgan**  
**John Reed**  
**Ernest Schwab**  
**Brian Woodcock**

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. 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.

Following dinner, the **2015 Youth Aviation Achievement Award** will be presented to **Moriah Graham** of Smyrna, Delaware.

**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>



## 2015 Inductees



**Gary Dempsey -**

Jet Aviation Senior VP, World-wide Customer Care; a talented leader in the field of general and business aviation management, he has been in the middle of the global aviation industry's advancements in safety, aircraft technology, and leading business practices



**Arthur Gorman-**

His contribution to aviation spans 50 years and, from his home base in Delaware, includes several key military, commercial and general aviation contributions as pilot, First Officer, Flight Instructor, aircraft salesman, through which he accumulated an accident free 8,400 flight hours and resulting in Art being presented with the FAA's Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award in 2011.



**Richard Dorsey Morgan-**

Grew up in Delaware, Colonel Morgan became a transport pilot and was President of Air Service, Inc. before his induction into the U.S. Army Air Corps at the beginning of the Second World War. He rose to the rank of Colonel and commanded a base at Bengal, India where he also flew missions over "The Hump" to the air forces in China.



**John Reed -**

a U.S. Army Air Corps flight instructor who was later assigned to the Air Transport Command as a Flight Officer Service Pilot and instructor pilot, he flew "The Hump" until his separation from the service in 1946. For over 40 years he managed Laurel Airport where he was a Power line Patrol Pilot, flight instructor and F.A.A. designated pilot.



**Ernest Schwab-**

With over 20,00 combined flight hours flying as a U.S. Marine pilot, Delaware Air National Guard pilot, Pan American Airways pilot and private pilot, as well as his military command experience and work with FlightSafety International, Colonel Schwab has shown the type of outstanding contribution to the advancement of aviation in Delaware that exemplifies inductees in the Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame.



**Brian Woodcock-**

Born in London, England in 1936, survivor of the German "Blitz" of London during WWII, he has had a career in aviation in England and the United States for most of his life, retiring from Boeing very recently.



## Message From The President:

Delaware has a “History of Excellence in Aviation”. In fact, that’s the theme of this year’s Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame induction ceremony.

On October 10<sup>th</sup>, we’ll honor six great Delawareans, who have done amazing things here in Delaware and around the world, as we induct them into the Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame.

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, we’ll honor two pilots who were instrumental in the development of aviation in Delaware. Two aviators who had distinguished careers in Delaware’s Air National Guard, while employed by major national and international airlines, will also be inducted. Finally, we’ll honor two inductees who have made significant contributions to major international aircraft manufacturers and aviation organizations.

So, please join us October 10<sup>th</sup>, at the University of Delaware’s Clayton Hall, as we celebrate and honor the accomplishments and sacrifices of six great Delawareans who have contributed greatly to the “History of Excellence in Aviation” in Delaware.

## Board of Trustees New Member

**Tom Finch** is a native Delawarean and Private Pilot. He is a member of the EAA Chapter and current president of the 1536 Charter. Tom is currently building a Velocity Airplane.

## Honors Banquet, October 10th, 2015

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

### 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**

### 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.