

# AVIATION HALL OF FAME

Celebrating Delaware's Aviation Greats | DAHF | Join Us!

## Aviation Distinction

The Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame commemorates the First State's aviation greats. The Hall of Fame celebrates distinction in building Delaware aviation; it honors outstanding service in military and civilian aviation.

## Youth Award

In addition to the inductees, the DAHF sponsors an annual Youth Achievement Award, given to the young adult who has distinguished him or herself in aviation career development.

## From the President

"As you read this newsletter, the Trustees of the Hall of Fame are in the process of evaluating the nominations for this year's Inductees. It's always a humbling experience to learn of the outstanding contributions made by these individuals. I look forward to welcoming you to our 2017 Awards Banquet on October 28<sup>th</sup>."



## DAHF Happenings

103 persons have been inducted into the Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame since the first honors ceremony was held in 2000. The DAHF has also conferred the Delaware Youth Aviation Achievement Award upon fifteen young persons who aspire to a career with wings. Our Inductee assessment process is underway, with nominations being considered for the 2017 cadre.

Additionally, we have been working for the past two months with the Board of the Friends of Bellanca Airfield to



improve the displays at the Airfield Museum. The Hall of Fame has a prominent display of all of the past inductees, along with some artifacts from their presentations. Please come and see our display and the displays of the Bellanca Museum. It is open the second and fourth Saturdays of the month and is well worth the visit. See you there!



## Congratulations to the 2016 Inductees

- LeSans Alexander
- David T Archino
- David Ham
- Fred Johnson
- Thomas Vale
- James Vreeland
- Dylan Kelsall (Youth Award)

*From Vice President Mike Parry;*

Delaware has lot to be proud of and the area of aviation is certainly no exception. To learn of the accomplishments of these aviators - both military and commercial - gives insight into courage and fortitude, character and calibre, expertise and talent. It is an honor to be able to recognize and to be amongst such aviation greats. We greatly look forward to the 2017 enrollments into the prestigious Hall of Fame.

## Members Wine & Cheese Event - Friday, June 2nd

DAHf members, inductees, and friends are invited to the Hall of Fame Wine & Cheese Event at the Bellanca Museum, Friday June 2nd @ 4.30pm. No speeches, no ceremony - just relax and mingle with fellow DAHF members, sponsors, inductees and enjoying the splendid Bellanca Museum. Save the date!



## Renew Your Membership!

It's that time, when you can continue to show your support for the Hall of Fame, it's goals and activities.

Please consider renewing or joining DAHF as a member. Your 2017 annual membership of just \$25 is essential for the continuance of the Hall of Fame, and are tax deductible.

Additionally please consider making a donation to the DAHF. A not-for-profit organization, with Board Members and Trustees all voluntary, we rely on memberships and donations to continue to celebrate Delaware's aviation greats.

Join as a new member or renew your membership [here](#), or at [www.dahf.org/membership](http://www.dahf.org/membership).

Donate to DAHF [here](#), or at [www.dahf.org/Donations](http://www.dahf.org/Donations)

Thank you!

## 2017 Banquet Date - Saturday, October 28th

The 18th Hall of Fame Annual Banquet to Honor Aviators with Accolades and Friendship will be held Saturday, October 29th, commencing at 5pm. Our venue will again be the fabulous U of D's Clayton Hall. Following cocktails and mingling with members, inductees and dignitaries we will enjoy a ceremony and dinner acknowledging the accomplishments of the 2017 Inductees. Each will be introduced to the audience by his/her DAHF Board 'Wingman', summarizing the achievement and impact to Delaware aviation of the inductee. Each will be formally inducted into the Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame by the Board President. Additionally we will recognize and award a young man or woman who has distinguished themselves in aviation training, career development and participation in community activities.



This is truly a unique evening, a wonderful event and a Delaware calendar milestone. Great people, great camaraderie and all in celebration of aviation, both military and commercial. Join us for 2017!

Tickets will be available soon for this event at the DAHF web site [www.DAHF.org](http://www.DAHF.org), or [here](#).



We salute again the 2016 Inductees and Youth Award recipient (LtoR) ; Dylan Kelsall, David Ham, James Vreeland, LeSans Alexander, Thomas Bale, David T Archino, Fred Johnson (in front)



## 2016 Banquet Images

