

# AVIATION HALL OF FAME

Celebrating Delaware's Aviation Greats - Tickets Now Available!

## Aviation Distinction

The Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame commemorates the First State's aviation greats, their distinction in contributing to Delaware aviation; it honors outstanding service in civilian and military contributions.

## 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

*"Our 2018 assessment resulted in this group of aviation contributors. We look forward to our November 3rd celebratory Banquet, at which we will present the medals and plaques, reflecting the achievements and accomplishment of these heroes of Delaware aviation"*

Bruce Lambrecht  
President, DAHF



## 2018 Awards Banquet - November 3rd

The 19th Hall of Fame Annual Banquet to Honor Aviators with Accolades and Friendship will be held Saturday, November 3rd, 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 2018 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.

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### The DAHF Board & Trustees

The DAHF Board of Trustees comprises representatives of Delaware’s many aviation activities, civil and military, including several Hall of Fame Inductee’s from past years.

Board Members volunteer their time and expertise to the workings of the DAHF, covering such aspects as inductee assessment & selection, finances, banquet organization, publications and much more.

Board Members also act as ‘wingmen’ for the selected inductees, offering assistance as we prepare and undertake our Grand Banquet.

You will see and meet the Board

Members at the banquet, we’d be pleased to answer any questions you might have.



We complete all of this over an excellent dinner, prepared and served by the fabulous staff of the University of Delaware.

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 2018!

Tickets are now available for this event at the DAHF web site. Do plan on joining us for this unique and wonderful evening!



Hall of Fame 2017 Inductees

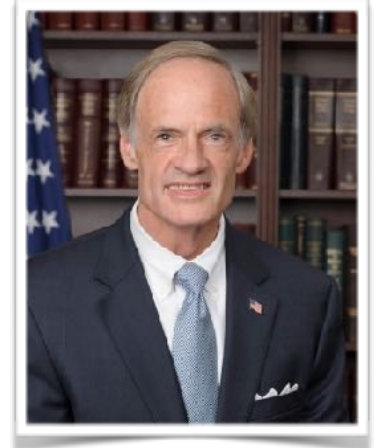
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For This Wonderful Evening of  
Delaware Aviation Camaraderie and  
Celebration!**

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# Congratulations to the 2018 Inductees

## Thomas R Carper

Senator Carper served five years on active duty, with three tours in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War, before transferring to the reserve. He served as a PC Aircraft Mission Commander, retiring with the rank of Captain in 1991 after 23 years of military service. His military decorations include, among others, the Vietnam Campaign and Service Medals, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Korea), Air Medal, Naval Achievement Medal, Naval Commendation Medal, and Meritorious Unit Commendation.



## George T Hebbel



George T. Hebbel enlisted in the Army and trained as a fighter pilot with the 27th Fighter Group. While stationed in Corsica during WWII, his P-47 Thunderbolt was shot down behind enemy lines in German occupied France. With the help a local farmer who hid him in the attic of their farmhouse, and help from the French Resistance, he was transported in disguise to Switzerland and then rejoined his unit. George Thomas Hebbel was born March 14, 1923 and passed away August 22, 1917.

## David Henderson

David Henderson's aviation career began in the USAF during the Vietnam Conflict as an electronics expert crew chief and would continue on to hold five different duty positions on a multitude of aircraft including the F-4 Phantoms, AC-130 Gunships, F-105 Wild Weasels, and several Helicopters. He also took part in the effort known as Operation Eagle Claw during the Iranian Hostage Crisis to free our American hostages. When Mr. Henderson returned home, the opportunity to purchase an 80-acre airport in Kent County that still bears his name and his true aspiration of restoring Cubs was realized. Major David Henderson also joined the Civil Air Patrol 43 years ago where he served most of his time as a search and rescue mission pilot and is qualified as an Incident Commander (IC2).



## Kathleen Lambert

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Kathleen Lambert served as loadmaster, evaluator, and and instructor loadmaster on both the C-5 Galaxy and C-17 Globemaster. As an Air Force Reservist, she was assigned to Dover Air Force Base and logged over 11,407 flight hours in 66 countries! Of those flight hours 680 were served in combat supporting Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom. Her Awards include the Meritorious Service Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, 2 Air Medals, 5 Aerial Achievement Medals, the Kuwait Liberation Medal and the Air Force Command Award for sustaining 10,000 mishap free flight hours.

## Gerard Van Dyk

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Gerard Van Dyk's aviation career has spanned over fifty years. Van moved to Delaware in 1962 after serving in the Royal Dutch Air Force. Van was the Director of Maintenance at Summit Aviation for eight years before starting his own maintenance facility. Van owned and operated a large Part 145 repair station at the New Castle Airport for twenty eight years.



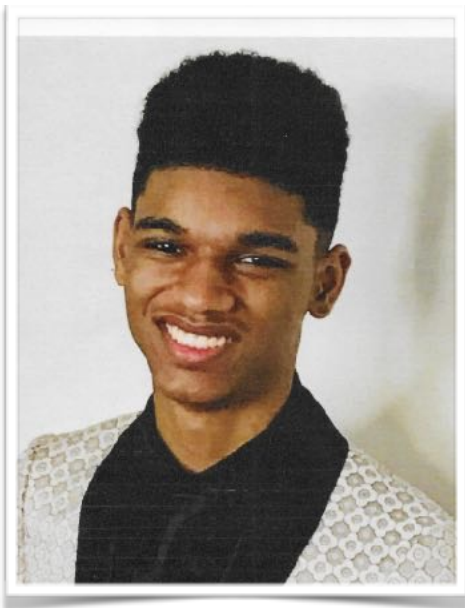
## Franklin R Wooten

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Franklin R. Wooten, born in Upland PA. At 18 years old, he began flying with Piasecki Aircraft Company's flying club, there he started his aviation career. He went on to accumulating thousands of hours in trainers, fighters and transport aircraft with over 32 years serving in the Delaware Air National Guard at New Castle Airfield. He earned numerous awards and retired as a Lt. Colonel Command Pilot. Franklin retired from Boeing Helicopters in Philadelphia PA., after 43 years as a Senior Manager in the development and fabrication of Chinook Helicopter main drive gears

## Youth Award 2018 - Seth Walters



Becoming a pilot was something that Seth dreamed of ever since as a 6 year old kid he took his first airline flight, got to visit the cockpit and received his plastic "wings".

His desire to become a commercial pilot was supported by his mother who made a commitment to him that she would passionately support him in his desire, but it would take dedication and hard work on his part.

While attending a seminar about the Tuskegee Airmen he was encouraged to join the Civil Air Patrol. In high school he attended summer camps for digital graphics, cartooning, robotics and Civil Air Patrol activities as well as work as an intern for the School District of Philadelphia . While in high school he has been able to maintain a 3.5 GPA and plans on attending college after graduation.

In 2018 he was selected as a cadet to attend the Tuskegee Next Program in Chicago. This is a 3 month program where the cadets experience class room lectures, simulators, flight training and life skill development leading to obtaining their pilots license. Seth recently completed this program, has soloed and received his license and is well on his way to realizing his dream.

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## DAHF Presidents Message

The first person inducted into the Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame was Giuseppe M. Bellanca. Ninety years ago, Giuseppe Bellanca with the help of Henry B. duPont, built an airfield, aircraft plant, and service hangar in New Castle, Delaware. One of the largest employers at the time, the plant built approximately 3000 aircraft before closing in 1954.

Mr. Bellanca's aircraft were efficient and record-breaking. Just to give some examples:

**1928-Bellanca J Pathfinder** named *Reliance*, piloted by Royal V. Thomas, established a new Solo World Endurance Record, 35 hours 25 minutes.

**1928-Bellanca J Pathfinder** named *Rosemarie* set new World Endurance



Record, 59 hours 7 minutes. Piloted by Edward Schlee and William Brock.

**1929-Bellanca CH-300.** First nonstop flight New York to Cuba in 12 hours 56 minutes. George Haldeman, Pilot.

**1929-Bellanca CH-300** set Solo Endurance Record for Women, 26 hours 23 minutes. Piloted by Elinor Smith.

**1930-Bellanca CH Pacemaker** established new World Altitude Record of 30,418 feet. George Haldeman, Pilot.

**1931-Bellanca J2 Diesel** established non-refueling World Endurance Record of 84 hours 33 minutes. Piloted by Walter Lees and Frederick Brossy.

**1933-Bellanca J Cape Cod.** World's Long-Distance, Nonstop Record. New York to Istanbul, Turkey. Pilots Russell Boardman and John Polando flew 5,011 miles in 49 hours.

**1931-Bellanca J Miss Veedol.** First trans-Pacific flight from Japan to Washington. Piloted by Clyde Pangborn and Hugh Herndon.



His service hanger is still standing and is the site of the Bellanca Airfield Museum and the home of the Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame. Come and visit the museum and learn about this amazing man and the other 109 individuals who have been inducted into the Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame.

*Bruce Lambrecht,*

*President, Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame*



## We Rely on YOU!

DAHF cannot exist and we could not commemorate the great aviators of Delaware without your support. Our organization is all volunteer-based, with closely managed resources and expenses. Thanks to the current, loyal membership who renew with us each year.

We invite and welcome new members to the DAHF membership to ensure the continuance of the organization, and the recognition of our great Delawarean aviators.

### Become a Member!

At just \$25 we can ensure the process and programs continue. Membership provides free entrance to Friends of Bellanca Museum events and a DAHF Membership Evening Event in 2019. Please consider supporting us , joining DAHF, and ensuring the continuance of this key local aviation celebration.

You can join online at [www.dahf.org](http://www.dahf.org) or during any of our events, including the November 3rd Banquet.

You can also join by sending a cheque for \$25 addressed to:

Membership, Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame, PO Box 4303,  
Greenville, DE 19807-0303

## Thank You!

**BECOME A MEMBER  
JOIN TODAY!**



**SUPPORT OUR HERITAGE,  
SUSTAIN OUR FUTURE**

Your \$25 annual membership will ensure continued public recognition of Delaware's Aviator Greats and the role of flight in the First State

Visit our website for Inductees, Nominations, Youth Awards, Annual Events and Membership Information.

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