

AVIATION HALL OF FAME

Celebrating Delaware's Aviation Greats

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 an exemplary group of aviation contributors. We look forward to our November 2nd, 2019 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



2019 Awards Banquet - November 2nd

The 20th Hall of Fame Annual Banquet to Honor Aviators with Accolades and Friendship will be held Saturday, November 2nd, 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 2019 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.



2019 Awardees

We are pleased to announce the recipients of the 2019 Aviation Hall of Fame award:

James J. Connell - James J. Connell graduated with honors from Salesianum High School in 1957 and the United States Naval Academy in 1961. He earned his wings in 1962 and flew A-4E "Skyhawks" in combat from the USS Ticonderoga and the USS Ranger. On July 15th, 1965, he was shot down over North Vietnam and held captive in Hanoi for 1645 days before being murdered by his captors in January of 1971. For his honorable conduct in captivity and his leadership with captive aviators, LCDR Connell was awarded the Navy Cross.

Gaylan B. Crumley - Gaylan B. Crumley has had an extraordinary career in Military and Commercial aviation spanning a remarkable 45 mishap free years. He has amassed over 21,200 flying hours in military fighter jets and commercial passenger airplanes. The last part of his aviation career was as an FAA Flight Examiner, classroom instructor and simulator instructor for Flight Safety International in Gulfstream aircraft.

Homer Reihm - Homer Reihm, retired president and CEO of ILC Dover, was responsible for the development and marketing of the spacesuit chosen by NASA for the Apollo 11 moon landing on July 27, 1969. ILC Dover continues to be the sole manufacturer of Apollo, Skylab, and Shuttle Space Suits and employs over 400 people.

George Schofield - Born In Manhattan, Lt. Col. Schofield joined the Army Air Corps and became a Navigator with the 20th Ferrying Group. Serving in the 6th, 20th and 2nd Ferrying Groups he navigating B-24s, B-25s, C-47s to the Pacific; and C- 46s, C-54s, B-26s, A-26s and A-20s across South America to England and India. He was awarded the Air Medal when assigned to the 2nd Ferrying Group in Delaware. After 35 years with the New York Fire department, where he rose to the rank of Captain, he resettled in Delaware. He has been a Wilmington Warriors member for over twenty years (President '98 -'00). He continues to serve as a guide at the Air Mobility Command Museum at Dover AFB where he guides visitors of all ages through some of the same aircraft he had navigated almost eighty years earlier.

Donald W. Sloan - After graduating from the US Air Force Academy in 1973, Don Sloan flew over 13,000 hours in the C141A/B Lockheed Starlifter and C5A Lockheed Galaxy, including combat support missions in Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Since his 2006 retirement as the 512th Operations Group Commander at Dover AFB and utilizing his 1941 PT-17 Stearman and 1947 L-16 Aeronca Grasshopper, Don has generously flown hundreds of enthusiastic aviators, pilots and non-pilots, youngsters and "oldsters", WWII, Korean and Vietnam war veterans.

Harry VanDenHeuvel - Harry's aviation career began when he enlisted in the Air Force after the outbreak of the Korean War. During the next 21 years he served in maintenance at bases in the U.S., to include Dover and New Castle, and at Rhein Main in Germany, Saudi Arabia, and Okinawa. After retirement, he was a member and leader of many aviation related organizations to include The Air Force Association, Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame, Civil Air Patrol, and Friends of Bellanca Airfield. He flew his own airplanes and bought and painted a replacement airport beacon tower for Bellanca Airfield. He also served a Director for Aviation for DELDOT.



LtoR: Connell, Crumley, Rheim, Schofield, Sloan, VanDenHeuvel

Youth Achievement Award 2019

We are pleased to announce the recipients of the 2019 Youth Achievement award:



Anthony Ashcraft is a 2016 graduate of Delcastle Technical High School's Aviation program. Having always loved aviation and wanting to work on aircraft since he was young, Anthony enlisted in the Delaware Air National Guard as a Maintenance Specialist. He currently attends Delaware Technical Community College and intends to pursue a civilian career by earning his Airframe & Powerplant License along with his Associate degree in Aviation Technology.

Don't Forget! 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. Our 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 events 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 or during any of our events, including the November 2nd Banquet.

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

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

