

Rhode Island Aviation Hall of Fame, Inc.

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

President and Treasurer: Francis L. Lennon

Mr. Lennon is a West Point graduate, a decorated Vietnam veteran and former Green Beret whose corporate experience was in commercial aviation. He holds an M.A. in International Relations from Boston University. For 20 years he ran his own marketing, promotion and publishing business. He has also been an analyst on MSNBC for terrorism and special operations issues. His introduction to the aviation museum business came in 1996, when he took over the Geneseo, New York-based Wings of Eagles Air Show and the National Warplane Museum, and relocating them both to Elmira. Since 1998 he has led the effort to create a family attraction, educational center, museum and memorial in Rhode Island, featuring an aircraft carrier as the centerpiece. He also successfully negotiated the relocation of the Russian submarine Juliett 484 to Providence, organized and ran Rhode Island's salute to the centennial of aviation, and launched the Rhode Island Aviation Hall of Fame.

Secretary: William E. Sheridan

Mr. Sheridan is a practicing attorney with extensive experience consulting on municipal planning issues. He served for more than 30 years in various capacities in State government, retiring as Assistant Chief of the Statewide Planning Office in the RI Department of Administration, where he was responsible for Comprehensive Land Use and Transportation Planning. He is also a private pilot and a Founder of the Quonset Air Museum. He received his JD from Suffolk University, and also earned a Masters Degree in public administration from the University of Rhode Island. Mr Sheridan is also former chief of the Fruit Hill Volunteer Fire Department, an organization he served for 25 years.

Vice President: Geoffrey Staley

Mr. Staley is the former president of the National Warplane Museum (now located in Elmira, NY). In that capacity he was responsible for a fleet of 35 aircraft, to include a flying World War II vintage B-17 "Flying Fortress". The museum administered "Wings of Eagles", the largest pure warbird air show in the United States, featuring more than 150 aircraft and 75,000 attendees. A pharmacist by profession, Mr. Staley is a graduate of the University of Colorado College of Pharmacy.

Director: CAPT Richard D. Suttie, USN (Ret)

Captain Suttie is Assistant Dean of Academics at the Naval War College in Newport. Professor Suttie oversees research and war gaming operations and researches the future of naval strategy for the Chief of Naval Operations. Captain Suttie logged more than 3,500 hours in a variety of naval aircraft, primarily the P-3 Orion. He served on Battle Group staffs embarked on USS Midway and USS Missouri, and had aviation command in 1996. He was subsequently assigned to attaché duty at the American Embassy in London. A native of San Diego, he is a graduate of USC.

Director: BG James J. D'Agostino, USAF (Ret)

General D'Agostino is the former Deputy Commanding General and Assistant Adjutant General for Air of the RI National Guard. He started his military service by enlisting in the Army, and earned the Combat Infantry Badge in Vietnam. He spent 21 years with the Air Force, to include service as as the Base Civil Engineer responsible for the Coventry and North Smithfield Guard Stations; six years with the National Guard Bureau; and United States Property and Fiscal Officer for Rhode Island. His civilian experience includes 11 years with the City of Providence, culminating as Deputy City Traffic Engineer. He is Past President of the Reserve Officers Association (Rhode Island).

CORPORATE COUNSEL

Douglas C. Dorskocil, Goodwin Procter LLP

Mr. Dorskocil is a partner in the Litigation Department of the firm's Boston office. Given his engineering background, his practice concentrates on intellectual property litigation, with particular emphasis on patents relating to electrical systems, computers, communication networks and software. Mr. Dorskocil has had numerous technical papers published by IEEE and DoD on systems engineering methodology and weapon system design, diagnostics and maintenance. Prior to joining Goodwin Procter he spent 11 years at Martin Marietta Automated Systems Department. His responsibilities included developing and managing an entire multimillion-dollar departmental R&D program, as well as planning associated new business development activities. This experience has been applied to ground, air and space systems for the Department of Defense, NASA and the Department of Transportation. His degrees include an M.S.E.L. from Vermont Law School; J.D., Suffolk University Law School; M.S., Tufts University; and a B.S. from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Joseph B. White, Nixon Peabody LLP

Mr. White, a North Kingstown resident, is a partner in the firm's Providence office. He is a member of the firm's Business Practice Group focusing on corporate transactional work and emerging businesses. He is also the co-leader of the firm's Medical Device Team. His transactional experience includes acquisitions, sales, mergers, recapitalizations, and private placement offerings. Mr. White also has significant experience with not-for-profit law and federal, state, and local taxation. His clients include property and casualty companies, financial institutions, manufacturing companies, high technology developers and municipalities. He received a J.D. from Syracuse University College of Law and a B.S. in business administration, cum laude from Providence College.. He currently presides as North Kingstown's municipal probate judge, and is the legal representative to the Town's Asset Management Commission. He is also a member of the North Kingstown Juvenile Hearing Board.

SPECIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MG Philip Conley, USAF (Ret) is a 1950 Naval Academy graduate who flew combat missions in Korea and Vietnam. Conley eventually rose to head the Flight Test Center at Edwards Air Force Base. He supervised the development of every major aircraft now in our flying arsenal, to include the B-1 bomber, F-16, F-15, A-10 and F-117 stealth fighter. He was commander for the first space shuttle landing at Edwards, and in 1982 he hosted President Reagan's visit to view a shuttle landing. General Conley has 4200 hours flight time in 86 different aircraft types/models.

John Evans, Xplore Productions, Old Lyme CT; former Disney designer and show producer who now manages a team responsible for strategic planning, concept development, project management, exhibit design and production, on-site exhibit services support and media production for Mystic Aquarium & Institute for Exploration, Pfizer and other customers in the entertainment, education and corporate fields. He is also Bob Ballard's liaison with the Saratoga project.

LTG Robert F. Foley, USA (Ret) is the Director of Army Emergency Relief in Washington, DC. General Foley is a USMA graduate who earned the Medal of Honor in Vietnam. He later became Commandant of Cadets at West Point, and served as Commanding General of the United States Military District of Washington and Commanding General, Fifth Army before retiring from active duty in 2000. He served as president of Marion Military Institute prior to assuming his current position.

Robert Galkin/Warren Galkin: the Galkin brothers (both Navy veterans) own NATCO Products Corporation, a West Warwick-based manufacturer of household fabrics and floor coverings with factories in several states as well as China. Through the Galkin Foundation they have provided significant financial support to the Saratoga effort.

CAPT James "Lou" Gorman USNR (Ret), a former Korean War carrier sailor, is best known for his exploits in sports. Lou, the longtime General Manager of the Boston Red Sox, is also a member of the Rhode Island Gridiron Hall of Fame. Lou also served on the Board of Directors for the USS Salem cruiser museum.

ADM James Hogg, USN (Ret) is Director of the Navy Strategic Studies Group, reporting directly to the Chief of Naval Operations. He served 35 years on active duty, earning his fourth star in 1988. He commanded the U.S. Seventh Fleet and served as the U.S. Representative to NATO before retiring in 1991. Before assuming his current position he was president of the National Security Industrial Association.

LTG James Keck, USAF (Ret), is former Vice Commander of the Strategic Air Command. He graduated from West Point in 1943. He completed two combat tours as a B-24 pilot with the 8th Air Force in Europe. He and his son Tom (see below) are also the only father-and-son Mach 3+ team in the world, having both flown at more than three times the speed of sound in the SR-71 Blackbird.

LTG Thomas Keck, USAF (Ret), son of James Keck, is former commander of the 8th Air Force. He graduated from the Air Force Academy in 1969, and flew numerous B-52 missions

over North Vietnam—some in the same aircraft his father had commanded. He retired from the Air Force in 2002 and is now Vice President of Raytheon Missile Systems in Tucson, AZ.

Professor Sergei Khrushchev, son of the late Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev, is now a senior research fellow at Brown University's Watson Institute. He edited his father's memoirs, and also writes extensively about the history of the Cold War. Until 1968, Dr. Khrushchev participated in the Soviet missile and space program and earned the Lenin Prize for his work on cruise missiles for submarines.

Jennifer Murray entered the Guinness Book of Records in 1997 at the age of 57 as the first woman to circumnavigate the globe in a helicopter. Three years later she became the first female helicopter pilot to circumnavigate the globe solo. Only four men have accomplished that feat, but she is the only person to do it without autopilot. Also a successful businesswoman, she started her own textile company while in Thailand in the 1960s, and formed a second company while living in Hong Kong in the 1970s. She's also an accomplished artist, wife and mother of three, and a grandmother.

Colonel Sherwood "Woody" Spring, USA (Ret) served as a helicopter pilot in Vietnam, a test pilot and as one of our nation's astronauts. Spring graduated from West Point in 1967, and graduated from the U.S. Navy Test Pilot School in 1976. He was selected as an astronaut in May 1980, and served as a mission specialist on STS-61B in late 1985. He has logged a total of 165 hours in space. After retiring from the Army in 1994, he became Associate Director of ALPHATECH, a developer of technology-intensive applications software for government and industry.

Hon. Bruce Sundlun, former Governor of Rhode Island, has led a long and successful life in business, politics, and the practice of law. After his B-17 was shot down over Belgium in 1943, he evaded capture for more than six months, working with the French Resistance until he escaped to Switzerland. He stayed in the Reserves after the war, commanding a Troop Carrier Squadron, then a Wing before his retirement as a Colonel. In his business career he also served as President of Executive Jet Aviation for six years.

Spencer W. Viner, Esq. serves as the organized labor representative on our board. On behalf of the New England Laborers, he creates strategic alliances with the private sector, labor and government agencies. He previously served as General Counsel to the Education and Training Fund of the Laborer's International Union. He also served as Pawtucket City Solicitor and Probate Judge; Counsel for the RI Secretary of State, and Counsel to the Rhode Island General Assembly.

RADM Donald E. Weiss, a former commanding officer of USS Saratoga (CV-60), graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy and was designated a Naval Aviator in February 1970. Before his retirement he also commanded the USS Carl Vinson Battle Group (Carrier Group Three) and also all U.S. Naval Forces in Japan. After his Navy retirement, he served as a senior executive with Lockheed-Martin.

Hon. Robert Weygand, Former State representative, Lieutenant Governor and United States Representative from Rhode Island's Second District, now serves as Vice President of Administration and Chief Financial Officer for the University of Rhode Island. Prior to coming to URI, Weygand served as President of the New England Board of Higher Education.