

# In Memoriam

## Governor Bruce Sundlun

January 19, 1920 - July 21, 2011



*Governor Sundlun, Congressman Patrick Kennedy and USS JFK Advisory Board member Herb Jeschke*

Bruce Sundlun led a long and successful life in business, politics, and the practice of law, and was active on a number of boards and commissions. This past fall, he reached out to Rhode Island Aviation Hall of Fame and offered his services in the fundraising area. In March he committed to chair our local fundraising campaign for USS John F. Kennedy, but fell ill before he was able to launch his efforts.

Sundlun was a WWII B-17 bomber pilot who chaired President Kennedy's Inaugural Parade in 1961-giving him a personal interest in this project. President Kennedy also appointed him as incorporator of the ComSat Corporation, the federally funded entity designed to establish a worldwide satellite communications network. Sundlun also served as CEO of Outlet Communications and president of Executive Jet Aviation. He later parlayed his business success into two terms as Governor of Rhode Island.



*With Frank Lennon at Sundlun's 2003 RI Aviation Hall of Fame induction.*