

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 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. Duskocil, Goodwin Procter LLP

Mr. Duskocil 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. Duskocil 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.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

VADM Jerry O. Tuttle, USN (Ret), Chairman

A former CO of the aircraft carrier USS John F. Kennedy, Tuttle rose from seaman recruit to Vice Admiral in his 40-year career. He flew some 220 combat missions over North Vietnam and has more than 1,025 carrier landings to his credit. He commanded an attack squadron, an air wing, a replenishment ship, the, and two Battle Groups/Forces. He also served as Naval Inspector General. A pioneer in the Navy's information technology effort, Tuttle became Director, Space and Electronic Warfare in 1989, an assignment he held until retirement. He is now President and CEO of J. O. T. Enterprises, LLC, a Centreville, Virginia information systems consulting firm specializing in communications, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance.

RADM Thomas E. Zelibor, USN (Ret), Vice Chairman

Former Dean of the College of Naval Leadership at the Naval War College, he now serves as President and CEO at Flatirons Solutions in Colorado, a strategic consulting and systems engineering firm. A 1976 graduate of the US Naval Academy, Zelibor commanded Carrier Air Wing Three, Carrier Group Three and the USS Carl Vinson Battle Group. He also headed the Naval Space Command, and ended his active duty as Director of Global Operations for the United States Strategic Command at Offutt Air Force Base, NE.

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 provided significant financial support to the Saratoga effort, and have continued that support with the JFK project..

Jeremy Kapstein, Boston Red Sox Senior Advisor and former CEO of the San Diego Padres, is a Harvard graduate who received a law degree from Boston College. He is also a Navy veteran with four years of active duty during the Vietnam era, including service as a military judge. He was a Democratic candidate for Lieutenant Governor in the recent election.

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.

Hon. Bruce Sundlun, former Governor of Rhode Island, has led a long and successful life in business, politics, and the practice of law. A B-17 bomber pilot during WWII, he was shot down over Belgium and 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. While Governor, Sundlun was instrumental in the creation of the Quonset Air Museum. He was inducted by the Rhode Island Aviation Hall of Fame in its 2003 inaugural class. *(Deceased July 2011.)*

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 the aircraft carrier USS Saratoga, has served as a board member of the USS Saratoga Museum Foundation, Inc. for several years. He 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 Congressman 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.

SPECIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Victoria M. Almeida, Past President of the RI Bar Association, graduated from Salve Regina University and Suffolk University Law School. She is a shareholder at Adler Pollock & Sheehan P.C. , Chairperson of the RI Health Services Council and Vice Chairperson of the RI Parole Board. Miss Almeida was the inspiration for and first recipient of the RI Bar Association's Victoria M. Almeida Servant Leader Award. She also received the Neil J. Houston, Jr. Award from Justice Assistance for service to the criminal justice profession and the public interest.

Dr. Patrick Conley is President of the RI Heritage Hall of Fame and a 1995 inductee. Known as the state's pre-eminent historian, he has written or co-authored 20 books, seventeen of them on Rhode Island, with three more in progress. He is a professor of history and law, an attorney, an editor and publisher, and a real estate developer. Dr. Conley is also chairman of the RI Heritage Harbor Museum board.

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. He was inducted into the Rhode Island Aviation Hall of Fame in 2007.

Thoralf Doehring is a world-renowned aviation and naval photographer who is the webmaster of the largest European-based US Navy website: www.navysite.de. Some 90% of site visitors log in from the US. Mr. Doehring has been instrumental in outreach to former JFK crew members.

Brendan Doherty, former Superintendent of the Rhode Island State Police, has recently been selected to be chairman of the board of the Wyatt Detention Facility. He earned his degree in Criminology from Roger Williams University and then joined the force, retiring as a Major having earned 24 awards in his 24 years of service. In 2004 he joined Roger Williams University as director of public safety. In 2007 he returned to head the State Police as Colonel. He stepped down in April 2011, and in 2012 he ran unsuccessfully for the US House of Representatives.

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. He is a West Point graduate who earned the Medal of Honor in Vietnam. He later became USMA's Commandant of Cadets, and served as Commanding General of the US 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.

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. (*Deceased April 2011.*)

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.

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.

Don Russo has thrown the support of his popular (more than 1200 fans) Facebook page, “USS JOHN F KENNEDY CVA - 67”, behind our efforts. Russo joined the Navy at age 17. He spent the next 3 years aboard USS John F. Kennedy in the forward Damage Control shop. After leaving the Navy he moved to Virginia, where he enjoyed a successful career in commercial and residential propriety management. After retiring, he started a new career in early childhood education.

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.

Arlene Violet is a former RI Attorney General and well-known local radio talk show host. She was a Sister of Mercy for 23 years, working in the inner city of Providence and other areas on behalf of the poor. Her election as the first female Attorney General in the United States earned her a place in The 50 Most Influential Women in American Law. She was also featured on “Sixty Minutes”, “Larry King Live” and “Crossfire”. For almost 18 years, she's been a top radio talk show host, and was selected as one of the top 100 hosts in the U.S.

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