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## THE HISTORY OF AVIATION COLLECTION

The Admiral Rosendahl Collection  
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The James H. Doolittle Library  
The George H. Williams Library

### Texas Aviation Hall of Fame Inducts Doolittle Raiders

Thirteen of Jimmy Doolittle's famous Tokyo Raiders who were born in Texas were enshrined in the Texas Aviation Hall of Fame (TAHF) at the Lone Star Flight Museum in Galveston on November 9, 2001. Three surviving Raiders and their birthplaces are Nolan A. Herndon (Greenville); Robert L. Hite (Odell); and Edgar E. McElroy (Ennis). The ten deceased inductees are Thadd Blanton (Archer City); William Fitzhugh, (Temple); Robert Gray (Killeen); Dean Hallmark (Robert Lee); John Hilger (Sherman); James Parker (Houston); Douglas Radney, (Mineola); Kenneth Reddy (Bowie); Ross Wilder (Taylor); and Lucian Youngblood (Pampa).

Other Texans enshrined were William E. Dyess, Maybelle Montgomery Fletcher, Arthur R. Hawkins, Joe B. Jordan, Jay T. Robbins, Robert L. "Fox" Stephens and the Stinson Family.

The Lone Star Flight Museum was established in 1990 and has restored eighteen aircraft thus far. The newly designated TAHF Education Center consists of a display gallery and hangar facility, the Fondren Library for Aviation Studies and the Jesse J. Jones Research Center.

### Groundbreaking for Jimmy Doolittle Museum

A new museum is taking shape at Travis AFB, California to be known as the Jimmy Doolittle Air and Space Museum. Groundbreaking ceremonies on the 16-acre tract were held on June 15, 2001. The museum's objectives are (1) to provide and maintain an aviation and aerospace, educational, scientific, cultural and inspirational facility for the general public; (2) to provide to youth, students and scholars historical research facilities and inspirational exhibits; (3) to serve as a meeting place and forum for aerospace-oriented organizations and individuals for the benefit of all Northern California.

Estimated cost of the new museum is \$45 million, depending on the number and size of aircraft to be placed inside.

A foundation has been formed to raise the funds. No target date has been set for completion. The curator for the museum is Dr. Gary Leiser. More information may be obtained by contacting Dr. Leiser at the Jimmy Doolittle Air & Space Museum Foundation, P. O. Box 1565, Travis AFB, CA 94535. Phone: (707) 424-5605.

### Confederate Air Force Honors Doolittle Raider

Col. Henry A. "Hank" Potter, navigator on Jimmy Doolittle's crew during the famous raid on Japan in April 1942, was honored at a dinner in Austin on November 27, 2001 given by the Central Texas Wing of the Confederate Air Force (CAF). Potter, who lives in Austin, has been a strong supporter of the CAF for many years.



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## HAC Co-Hosts Aviation Conference

The History of Aviation Collection played co-host to the Tenth Biennial of the Conference of Historic Aviation Writers (CHAW) in October 2001. More than 30 people throughout the nation attended the two-day meeting at the Radisson Hotel. Special Collections Department staff - Erik D. Carlson, Ph.D., Carole Thomas, Toni Huckaby, and Rick Biddenstadt helped Matt Rodina host the CHAW X meeting in Richardson, Texas.

On Friday night CHAW participants attended a reception in their honor in the History of Aviation Collection on the UTD campus. Papers were presented at weekend morning and afternoon sessions. Topics ranged from the Manned Space Flight Program to tactical airpower in the Pacific Theater during World War II. The conference was highlighted by presentations by noted aviation historians Ron Davies - National Air and Space Museum; David Lewis - Auburn University; and C.V. Glines - Curator of the General James H. Doolittle Library at UTD. Dr. Carlson presented a paper on the aeronautical materials available for researchers at the History of Aviation Collection.

### J. Russell Clark Collection Available for Study

One of the many interesting collections at HAC includes that of J. Russell Clark, a gifted designer and engineer. Born in 1908, he joined United Aircraft Corp. in 1935 and worked on flying boats as a project engineer and designer for Sikorsky Aircraft Division. He worked closely with Igor Sikorsky as chief project engineer in developing the first



CHAW X Participants

successful helicopter, the VS-300, in 1939. After moving to the Chance Vought Aircraft Division of United, Clark became chief project engineer for the famous F4U Corsair fighter. Other important projects he worked on include the F8U Crusader, the A-7 Corsair II, the XC-142, and the Scout Missile.

In addition to his designing expertise, Clark also served as an executive with Ling-Temco-Vought as head of the Vought Astronautics Division and as senior vice president of Vought's Aeronautics Division. After his death in 1986, his collection was donated to the HAC by his wife Dorothy and includes his personal papers and private collection of aviation reference material. The collection is of special value to researchers as a source of information for many aspects of the history of the aerospace industry, especially military aircraft, from the 1920s to the 1980s.

### SMU holds aviation history class at HAC

During the fall semester Dr. Carlson played host to a history class from Southern Methodist University in Dallas. At the request of SMU history professor Dr. Peter Blackwell, Carlson

conducted a special lecture and question and answer session for SMU freshmen and sophomores.

"Dr. Blakewell is a specialist in Latin American history, has an interest in aviation and researches turn-of-the-century French aviation," said Dr. Carlson, an aviation historian. "He heard about our History of Aviation Collection and decided that his class should visit UTD. The students were given background on historical methodology and what resources are available in our collection."

Among other features of the HAC, the students saw Civil Air Transport/Air America artifacts and the Medal of Honor President Franklin D. Roosevelt presented to Army Air Force aviator Jimmy Doolittle after the famous April 18, 1942 raid on Tokyo.

### Meet the HAC Volunteers...

One of the ten volunteers who work with the History of Aviation Collection at UTD's McDermott Library was born in Dundee, Scotland. He is George C. "Cam" McGill, a World War II veteran. Cam graduated from Sacramento, Calif. High School in 1939 and attended Oakland Polytechnic College of Engi-

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neering. He joined the Royal Canadian Air Force as a Flying Cadet in November 1941 and trained as a navigator in Fairey Battle and Avro Anson aircraft. Prior to graduation, he transferred to the U.S. Army Air Forces and completed his navigator training. After graduation, he became a navigation instructor in AT-7, AT-18 and B-24 aircraft while stationed in Texas and Massachusetts. After leaving the service in 1945, Cam attended the University of Texas at Austin and graduated with a B.S. degree in architecture. His civilian employment was primarily in aviation-related architectural projects such as airfield design and educational facilities. His major areas of interest with the History of Aviation Collection are general aviation history and airfield planning.

Another volunteer is Lothar "Nick" Maier, a former member of the Strategic Air Command. Nick joined the Air Force as an Aviation Cadet in January 1954 and was commissioned and received his wings in April 1955. He took further training and won additional ratings as a bombardier and navigator. His flying experience of more than 5,000 hours was mainly in B-52 and SR-71 aircraft in addition to flying time in jet trainers and B-47s. He flew 70 combat missions during the Vietnam War.

During his Air Force career, Nick received a Bachelor of Arts degree from McMurry University in Abilene, Texas. After retirement from the Air Force, he spent fifteen years in the travel industry. Although Nick plans to move to Arkansas, he says he will be pleased to answer any queries relating to his aviation interests or experience that are forwarded to him through the staff of the History of Aviation Collection.

The University of Texas at Dallas History of Aviation Collection Web Site is [www.utdallas.edu/library/special/index.html](http://www.utdallas.edu/library/special/index.html)



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## National Aviation Hall of Fame Honors Four

Four outstanding air and space pioneers were honored at the 40<sup>th</sup> annual enshrinement ceremonies of the National Aviation Hall of Fame in Dayton on July 21, 2001. The honorees were the late Marion E. Carl, first WW II Marine ace and first Marine helicopter pilot; Joe H. Engle, X-15 pilot, shuttle astronaut and

NASA consultant; Robin Olds, WW II ace, founder of the USAF's first aerobatic team and Vietnam combat pilot; and Albert Lee Ueltschi, founder of Flight Safety International and Project ORBIS, the flying eye hospital that teaches sight-saving techniques to ophthalmologists in third-world countries. David Hartman was master of ceremonies.