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2011 JALONICK MEMORIAL LECTURE

My Enemy, My Friend

In 1972 they tried to kill each other . . . today they are friends

In January 1972, while on a reconnaissance mission in an RF-4C Phantom II, Lt. John Stiles, weapons system officer; and pilot Maj. Robert Mock were shot down by a North Vietnamese MiG 21 while flying over North Vietnam. Both were rescued by Air America helicopters.

On April 16, 1972, Maj. Dan Cherry, piloting an F-4 Phantom II in the skies near Hanoi, North Vietnam, shot down the very same MiG 21 that had shot down Mock and Stiles three months earlier. The MiG pilot's name is Lt. Nguyen Hong My and their battle was highlighted on

The UT Dallas Bookstore will be offering Dan Cherry's book, *My Enemy, My Friend*, at the event. Proceeds go to the Aviation Heritage Park in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

the History Channel's Dog Fight series.

While hearing about aerial combat is exciting, the story of these three aviators does not end with their rescue. The amazing chapter to the story is how they came together 36 years after the war, a meeting that developed into an unlikely friendship.

The modern chapter begins with Cherry and his project to start an aviation park dedicated to famous aviators from Kentucky. While visiting the Museum of the United States Air Force in Dayton, Ohio, Dan was told about an F-4 Phantom sitting outside of a VFW building not far from there. He went to see the aircraft and was astonished to discover it

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JALONICK LECTURE AT A GLANCE

Where: Jonsson Performance Hall
(JO 2.604), UT Dallas campus

When: 4 p.m., Saturday, June 25, 2011

Sponsor: The Jalonick Family and Friends

Presenter: McDermott Library Special Collections

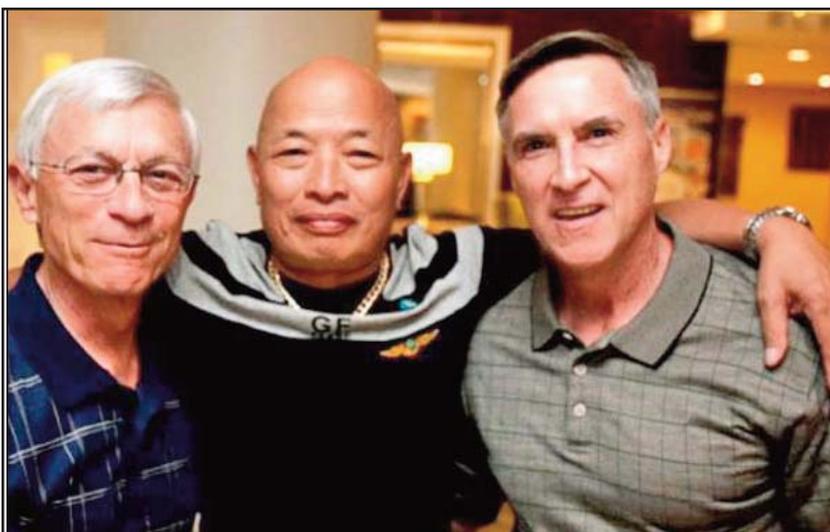
Welcome: Paul Oelkrug, Head, Special Collections

Program: Brig. Gen. Dan Cherry, USAF (Ret.)
Lt. Nguyen Hong My, N. Vietnam pilot
Lt. John Stiles, USAF (Ret.)

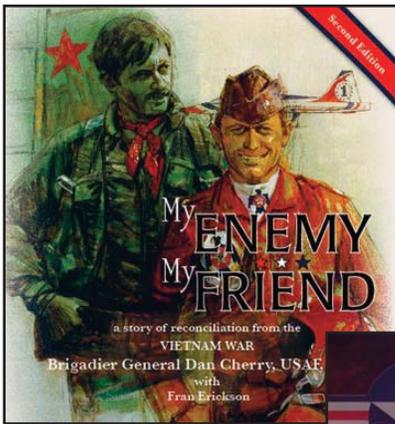
Reception: McDermott Suite (MC 4.2), 4th floor,
McDermott Library

Contact: 972-883-2570 or cthomas@utdallas.edu

Free admission for the public and free parking



The 2011 Jalonick Memorial Lecture will offer the remarkable in-person story of three combatants who found each other 36 years after they battled in the skies over Southeast Asia. At left, Brig. Gen. Dan Cherry, Lt. Nguyen Hong My, and Lt. John Stiles will tell about their battles and reconciliation at UT Dallas.



Above is the book cover that details the saga of their “full circle” from combatants to friends. At lower right is a promotional poster for Dan Cherry’s book. The UT Dallas Bookstore will have Cherry’s book available at the Jalonick Lecture. Proceeds go to the Aviation Heritage Park in Cherry’s hometown of Bowling Green, KY where his F-4D Phantom II is displayed.

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was the same plane he was flying when he shot down the North Vietnamese MiG. It still had the red star painted on it noting his victory.

Friends accompanying Cherry started asking questions about the dog fight and what happened to the MiG pilot. This started a quest to find the pilot. Once he found Hong My, the North Vietnamese pilot invited Cherry to visit Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) to appear on national television with him. Finding that experience enlightening, Cherry accepted an invitation to extend his trip to Hanoi to meet Hong My’s family.

Hong My mentioned the RF-4 he shot down and Dan realized he knew the crewmen who flew that plane. Stiles was contacted and a meeting was arranged. Stiles had put the war behind him and was apprehensive about the meeting. Unfortunately, Mock had died in a car accident in Colorado only two months before Cherry tried to find him.

Of course, pilots are pilots no matter what country they defended, so Stiles and Nguyen Hong My met and became friends as well.

This year’s Jalonick Lecture, to be held on June 25, 2011 at 4:00 p.m., will be different than those of previous years. The lecture will focus on how these men came together after many years and the reconciliation between former enemies. Brig. Gen. Dan Cherry, Lt. Nguyen Hong My, and Lt. Col. John Stiles will all be here to tell their stories and answer your questions. Because we expect a large crowd, we are holding the lecture in the Jonsson Performance Hall located in the Erik J. Jonsson Academic Center. Following the lecture, a reception will be held in the McDermott Suite located on the fourth floor of McDermott Library. Please plan to join us for this unusual and special Jalonick Lecture.

Air-Log by E-Mail features cost-savings

As the costs of printing and postage continue to rise, the staff of the History of Aviation Collection is asking our readers to please consider receiving their Air-Log electronically by e-mail. There are many advantages to this. You will receive it in color as soon as it is ready for printing. It will go out and you will have it in minutes rather than days, and you will be helping us save money that can go toward the maintenance of the collections.

Please send Carole Thomas your e-mail address if you want to receive your newsletter by e-mail. For those who do not wish to receive their newsletter via e-mail, we will continue to send it in black and white via regular mail.

Leary Papers, Part 1, are Finalized

By Thomas Allen, PhD
Curator

The HAC recently completed processing and description of the first of three parts of materials donated by the late Dr. William M. Leary. Leary was a renowned scholar who devoted much of his academic career to the study of aviation. He was a professor of history at the University



Dr. William M. Leary

of Georgia. A major portion of his work was dedicated to the history of Civil Air Transport and Air America, as well as commercial aviation in China.

Leary wrote two books about this period; *The Dragon’s Wings* (a history of the China National Aviation Corporation), and *Perilous Missions*, a history of Civil Air Transport. Leary’s research has included studies of air mail, Mohawk Airlines, NASA and Icing Research, and Military Cargo aviation. His collection touches on topics beyond aviation including the history of the American

Intelligence establishment, the life of Allen Dulles, and Gen. MacArthur’s command of the Pacific in World War II.

The collection was donated to the HAC in three separate lots of which only the first part had been processed. The three parts of the collection have been integrated into one collection, and all the material has been described. The William M. Leary Papers are an important addition to holdings of the HAC.

Special Collections continues Saturday hours

Since December, Special Collections has offered extended hours. We continue to open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a. m. to 6:00 p.m., and the second Saturday of the month from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Also, we will open on Saturdays by appointment for those who cannot make it the scheduled time on Saturday.

Starr Papers from Vought Processed

The papers of Alan Starr, donated by the Vought Aircraft Heritage Association, have been processed and the finding aid completed.

The content of the collection is primarily aligned to Alan Starr's efforts to attain his doctorate in Aeronautical Engineering. While materials related to the development of his thesis occupy a major portion of this collection, there are other specific areas of interest to consider. Documents associated to Chance Vought's vision to pursue non-aviation business such as alternative energy are extremely enlightening. The collection contains documents and records, correspondence, personal journals, manuals, reports, photographs, presentations, charts, clippings, articles, and other materials that were created and or collected by Starr during his career at Chance Vought Corp. and Aerospatiale Helicopter Corp. spanning 45 years. The George Alan Starr Papers are housed in 14 manuscript boxes, one-half size manuscript box and two non-standard boxes totaling 6.72 linear ft.

Born in Pleasantville, NJ on Sept. 28, 1920, Starr graduated in 1942 from the Indiana Institute of Technology with a bachelor of science in aeronautical engineering. After graduation he joined Chance Vought Aircraft Corp. at Stratford CT as a structures design engineer. During 1945, he was struck by spinal meningitis and experienced total hearing loss. He recovered from this setback by learning to read lips and continued his career. His expertise in lip reading enabled him to join Toastmasters. His skills were acute to a point where he was able to critique the speeches of others although he was hearing impaired.



Alan Starr

Starr received his masters degree in aeronautical engineering from SMU in Dallas, Texas in 1945 and his doctorate in 1977. During 1942-1950, he was a structures design engineer on Vought aircraft such as the F4U Corsair, the XF5U-1 Flying Pancake, XF6U-1 Pirate (Chance Vought's first jet powered aircraft) and the F7U-1 Cutlass. His responsibilities consisted of propeller and gearbox loads, stress analysis, flight loads, wing and fuselage structural design.

Joe Dealey Collection details DFW Airport

Of the many collections housed in the HAC, few are more highly valued than those from individuals whose materials reflect aviation history as the donor experienced it first-hand. Such is the case with the Joe M. Dealey, Jr. Collection, now available for those interested in the formative years of Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

A member of the fourth generation of the prominent Dealey family of Dallas, Texas, for whom Dealey Plaza is named, Dealey, first began working in the newspaper and publishing industry at *The Dallas Morning News* with which the family is most frequently identified. He ultimately served as vice president of A.H. Belo Corp., the newspaper's parent company. In 1984 his personal interests led to a career at DFW Airport where he served as Director of Public Affairs.

Depicted as "the airport's most visible spokesperson" in *From Prairie to Planes*, authors Darwin Payne and Kathy Fitzpatrick acknowledge Dealey's leadership and contributions to DFW during its first 25 years. He was actively involved in the airport's struggle with the Wright Amendment, perceived to inhibit the growth of commercial aviation at DFW during a



Joe Dealey, Jr.

time of rapid expansion and growth. He was also instrumental in the development and celebration of the airport's 25 anniversary on Sept. 22, 1998.

Dealey successfully dealt with several major challenges that threatened the airport's operations and growth. There were two major airliner crashes: the Aug. 2, 1985 crash of Delta Flight 191, and the August 31, 1988 crash of Delta Flight 1141. Dealey's management of the airport's public response to these tragedies became the textbook methodology for handling incidents of a similar nature.

It is primarily from this period that the Dealey Collection materials were accumulated. The collection features documents, manuscripts, photographs and artwork, philatelic items, publications, aviation-related artifacts and models, and personal awards and memorabilia – most of which depict the early years of the space age as well as DFW history. In addition, Dealey contributed several books which were added to the HAC stacks. Some of these books were autographed by noted aviation personalities, including Charles Lindbergh, James H. Doolittle, and Erich Hartmann.

Many items in the collection are of historic interest. There are documents and photographs depicting the inaugural flight of Braniff International Airways to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in 1949, on which his father, Ted Dealey was a passenger. Ted Dealey's manuscript depicting the story of Dallas Spirit, an entry in the 1927 Dole Air Race, and the published form of the story in the July 1959 issue of *The Southwestern Historical Quarterly* is in the collection, as well. One of the collection's more unique artifacts from aviation's Golden Age is a double-sided puzzle by Milton Bradley Co.

A series of photographs and fact sheets from the 1978 Department of Defense demonstration at White Sands Missile Range, NM, documents the U.S. Army's missile arsenal. Another set of photographs and newspapers and periodicals depicts the early manned space flights of astronauts Alan Shepard and John Glenn, Jr. The air travels and acquaintances of noted "passenger" Clara Adams is the subject of yet another series of photographs.

Dealey currently serves as a member of the Advisory Council for the HAC. The collection fills 37.81 linear feet. A finding aid is available.

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