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George E. Haddaway

Scholarship Established to Honor George E. Haddaway

Friends of the late George E. Haddaway, founder of the History of Aviation Collection, have established a scholarship to honor him for his lifetime of dedication to aviation and preservation of its history. A life-long resident of Texas, he was widely known throughout the aviation community as a pilot, aviation journalist and magazine publisher. He believed in spreading the word far, wide and often about the value and potential of aviation to the nation's economy and defense. The scholarship will commemorate his desire to advance the study of aviation's past, present and future by college students interested in aviation and pursuing courses leading to a degree in journalism.

The scholarship, initially in the amount of \$2,500, will be awarded annually without regard to race, gender, ethnic

background or home residence to students who have successfully completed the first two years of college (minimum 52 hours), or will complete these requirements by the end of the current semester, or are currently enrolled at the graduate level at an accredited college or university in the United States and its possessions. The course of study of each applicant must be directed toward a degree with a major in print or electronic journalism. Proof of interest in aviation is required such as current or former membership in the aviation activities of a college or university, Boy and Girl Scouts of America, Civil Air Patrol or similar organizations with aviation programs, or completion of the requirements for an aircraft pilot license.

Administration of the scholarship is being accomplished by the Communities Foundation of Texas (CFT), a non-profit, public charity that was established 50 years ago to receive gifts, endowments and bequests and to act on the donors' charitable wishes. The recipients of the Haddaway Scholarship will be selected by a five-member Scholarship Advisory Committee of individuals engaged in some form of aviation and/or journalism and a CFT employee.

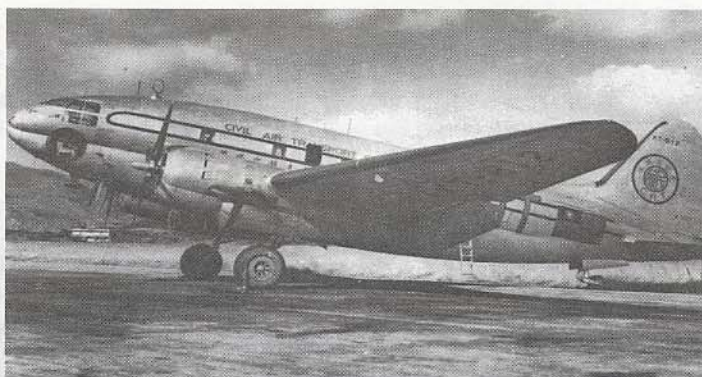
To be eligible for the scholarship, applicants must be U. S. citizens, be in good standing with the university they are attending at the time of application, and possess a college grade point average of at least 2.75 on a 4.0 scale. Applicants must submit two letters of

recommendation. In addition, applicants shall present a scholarly research paper, radio/television script or portfolio of by-lined writings prepared during the last four years on some aspect of aviation that reflects their interest in the subject chosen and the ability to research and express that interest. The scholarship amount may be used only for tuition, registration, books, lab fees and room/board and will be paid directly to the university to help satisfy these costs. A scholarship may be awarded more than once to an individual. The Scholarship Advisory Committee may invite potential recipients for an oral interview at a mutually agreeable time.

The funds for the scholarship are derived from contributions by individuals or organizations and are administered under the rules, regulations and guidelines prescribed by the CFT. All donations are tax-deductible. Those wishing to make a contribution should send a check made payable to Communities Foundation of Texas and note that it is for the George E. Haddaway Scholarship Endowment Fund. It should be sent directly to Communities Foundation of Texas, 4605 Live Oak St., Dallas, TX 75204. Further information may be obtained by contacting Edward Fjordbak, President of CFT at (214) 826-5231; fax at (214) 823-7737; or e-mail at efjordbak@CFTexas.org. At press time, more than \$30,000 had been donated to help in this lasting tribute to a unique American. The goal for contributions to assure the scholarship is perpetuated is \$100,000.



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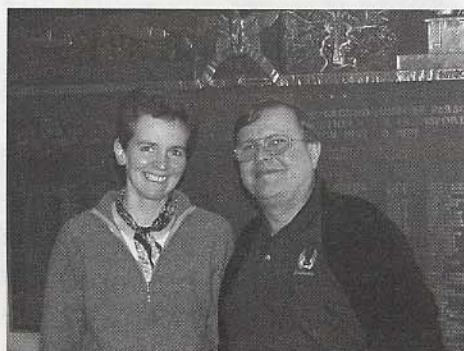
CIA Citation for CAT/Air America Employees

The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) will award a unit citation to the former employees of Civil Air Transport and Air America during the Air America Association's reunion at Las Vegas in June 2001. The award will recognize the exceptional service provided by the air crews and ground personnel against communist aggression. The citation will honor the courage, dedication, airmanship and sacrifice over a period of four decades of service. A commemorative medallion "In Memory of Absent Comrades" is also planned.

The History of Aviation Collection has been the repository of the CAT/Air America archives for nearly twenty years. The CIA has declassified and released thousands of documents to the HAC in recent months which make it a valuable resource for researchers seeking information about the clandestine operations during the war in Southeast Asia.

German Visitors Research Air America Files

The HAC has many foreign visitors each year who research various aviation history subjects. The latest are Dr. and Mrs. Joachim Leeker from Chemnitz,



Elisabeth and Joachim Leeker

Germany who have been researching the Air America files since 1996. Dr. Leeker, a professor of French and Italian literature at Chemnitz University, was initially interested in tracing aircraft serial numbers on a worldwide basis as a hobby. He found that the Air America files were especially accurate in documenting the migrations of aircraft used in CIA operations in Southeast Asia. He became so impressed with the patriotism demonstrated by Air America personnel in carrying out their missions that he has now expanded his project and plans to write a history of the organization.

About a Volunteer....

William K. "Willie" Jones has been a stalwart HAC volunteer for more than 13 years. A native of St. Louis, Mo., he served in the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in 1940-41 in Iowa and

joined the Army Air Forces in June 1942. He attended aircraft mechanics school at Lincoln, Nebraska, followed by the Curtiss P-40 and Douglas C-47 factory schools. Later, he completed flight engineer school at Chanute AFB, Illinois.

During World War II, Willie served at Accra, British West Africa and Luliang, China. Later tours were served in the Philippines, Guam, Korea and Germany. He was a member of the 48th Troop Carrier Sqdn. during the Berlin Airlift and flew 134 trips into Berlin in C-54s as a flight engineer.

He served as a classroom instructor for flight engineers and was a member of a technical writing team for Air Force on-the-job training manuals. Two of the projects were the flight engineer manual for the C-124 and the Boeing KB-50 in-flight refueling manual. Willie's final tour of duty was as Aircraft Maintenance Analysis Superintendent at James Connolly AFB, Waco, TX. He retired as a Chief Master Sergeant in 1973 and settled in Hurst, TX where he earned a degree in marketing at Tarrant Jr. College.

With his extensive background in engines and aircraft structures, in addition to his flying experience, Willie is invaluable to the HAC as the "answer man" for researchers seeking information

about aircraft maintenance. His favorite time period in aviation is World War II and the Golden Years of Flight. If there is sufficient interest, he would like to start an oral history program featuring personnel who served during the Berlin Airlift.

First World-Circling Balloonists Honored With Haddaway Medal

"An Evening of Tribute" sponsored by the Frontiers of Flight Museum was held on Wednesday, March 7th at the Westin Galleria Hotel in Dallas to honor Dr. Bertrand Piccard, pilot, and Brian Jones, co-pilot, with the George E. Haddaway Medal for Achievement in Aviation as the first men to circumnavigate the world non-stop in a balloon. Their *Breitling Orbiter 3*, a 180-foot-tall combination hot-air and helium balloon with an 18-foot-long pressurized gondola departed Chateau-d'Oex, Switzerland on March 1, 1999 and landed three weeks later in Egypt's western desert, surpassing all previous records for distance and duration.

The distance covered was 25,361 miles. The balloon rose as high as 35,000 feet as it rode the jet stream. Piccard, a Swiss psychiatrist, is the grandson of Auguste Piccard who was first to explore the stratosphere in a pressurized gondola in 1932. His great-aunt Jeanette Piccard, accompanied by great-uncle Jean, was the first woman to reach the stratosphere. His father, Jacques Piccard, rode a bathysphere to a depth of 35,800 feet in the Marianas Trench, the deepest spot on the planet located 210 miles southwest of Guam. Dr. Piccard, took up hang gliding at age 16 and became a European hang-gliding aerobatic champion and holder of a world altitude record. He made his first balloon flight in 1979.

Jones is a 13-year RAF veteran and

British engineer who also began flying at age 16. He has logged more than 5,000 hours, of which 1,200 hours are in balloons. He began ballooning in 1986, earned a commercial license and became a balloon instructor and examiner. Prior to the world flight, he was the project's director and supervisor of the construction of the gondola and flight systems.

Lyman Award Presented to James Holohan

The Society of Aerospace Communicators awarded James Holohan the prestigious Lauren D. Lyman Award, sponsored by United Technologies Corp. (UTC) to James Holohan on October 27, 2000. Holohan was honored for his contributions in aerospace communications spanning four decades, including positions with *Aviation Age*, *Space Aeronautics* and *Business and Commercial Aviation*. In 1972, he established *Aviation International News*, a periodical covering business, commercial and regional aviation information and retired in 1999. Complete files of these publications are available for study at the HAC.

The Lyman Award was established in 1972 to honor Lauren "Deac" Lyman, a Pulitzer Prize-winning *New York Times* aviation reporter who later had a distinguished career as a public relations executive for United Technologies. The award, presented annually, recognizes a person whose career in aviation journalism best displays the qualities of integrity, accuracy and excellence.

Korean War Service Medal Available

Veterans of the Korean War may now request Korean War Service Medals issued by the South Korean government. They are awarded to all military

personnel who served 30 consecutive days or 60 non-consecutive days in Korea or its territorial waters or air crew personnel who flew combat or support missions over or to Korea.

The medal was initially proposed by the South Korean government in 1951 to honor all United Nations troops who battled the communist aggressors during the Korean War. The medal was finally approved in 1999 by the Department of Defense after 48 years of deliberation. Information packets may be obtained by contacting the Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph Air Force Base, TX at (800) 558-1401 or visit its Web site at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/awards>.

Air Force Seeks Retired Pilots, Navigators

The Air Force has begun a volunteer program to bring 208 retired pilots, navigators and air battle managers back to active duty to fill key rated headquarters staff positions above the wing level. Those eligible must have separated from the Air Force at the rank of lieutenant colonel or below but have been retired no longer than five years.

The purpose of the program is to relieve a shortage of rated personnel at wing level and will continue through September 20, 2002. Participants must be released from active duty by September 30, 2003. Volunteers can apply for a specific location or may opt for worldwide availability.

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