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*as of March 16, 2017



San Antonio Aviation and Aerospace Hall of Fame Awards Dinner

Thursday, March 30, 2017
GDC Technics Hangar at
607 N. Frank Luke Dr.
San Antonio, Texas 78226

**Honoring San Antonio's Aviation
and Aerospace History and
Nurturing our Innovators
of the Future**

PROGRAM

6:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Reception

Viewing of Aircraft & Exhibits

Music provided by "Ft. Sam's Own"-After Five

7:00 P.M. – 9:30 P.M.

Welcome by Master of Ceremonies

Richard Perez

President and CEO

San Antonio Chamber of Commerce

Presentation of the Colors

St. Mary's University Marian Guard

National Anthem

Staff Sergeant Nakita Fox

323D Army Band "Ft. Sam's Own"

Remarks by Platinum Sponsor

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Dinner is served

Keynote Speaker

Hon. Phillip D. Hardberger

Former Mayor of San Antonio

USAF B-47 Bomber Pilot

Recipient of FAA Wright Brothers "Master Pilot" Award

Presentation of Inductees

Sherry Kafka Wagner

Writer, Author, Urban Planner, and Historian

Producer and Writer - "Wings Over the Alamo"



2017 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison



Sen. Hutchison was first elected to the United States Senate in 1994, in 1995 Kelly Air Force Base was placed on the BRAC closure list. The Senator, in partnership with Dave Davis, her chief of staff, and local leaders, were successful in working with the Department of Defense to extend the closure window to allow the private-sector to bid on and secure depot-level maintenance contracts at the former base that would, in turn, retain much of Kelly's workforce and retain the community's aerospace and aviation capabilities. Senator Hutchison's thoughtful, inclusive and bipartisan

leadership provided a new model for transforming closed bases into innovative economic drivers that can ultimately exceed the closed base's value. More important, her efforts in the establishment of Port San Antonio, assured that San Antonio's position in the world's aviation and aerospace community grew far beyond even the lofty heights achieved by those that made Kelly Air Force Base such a vital part of aviation history.

Col. William B. Tuttle and Luther Bynum Clegg



In the 1920s Col. William B. Tuttle and local businessman, L. B. Clegg (founder of the San Antonio Printing Company, later to be known as the Clegg Company) alternated as Chairman of the Military Affairs Committee of the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce .In 1927,Col Tuttle and

Mr. Clegg created the San Antonio Airport Corporation and led an effort to assure what became Randolph Field came to San Antonio . When there was not sufficient time for the City to act, Mr. Clegg, joined by three other business leaders personally borrowed a total of \$546,000 from several local banks for the San Antonio Airport Corporation to purchase the land which was later acquired from it by the City of San Antonio which it in turn donated the land to the military for Randolph Field and in the process also assured that Kelly Field(which was under threat of closure if Randolph Field did not come to San Antonio) would remain open as well.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL 2017 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



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Lt. Col. Olga E. Custodio(USAF Ret.)



Lt.Col. Olga E. Custodio was born in San Juan, Puerto Rico, graduated high school at age 16, attended the University of Puerto Rico where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree. Upon graduation, Lt.Col.Custodio worked for various industries before landing a job in the accounting department of Prinair (Puerto Rico International Airlines). There she met Edwin Custodio, with whom she would eventually have two children. She later worked for the US Department of Defense (DoD) in Panama. With

the support of her husband, she presented herself before the Military Center Headquarters to apply for the United States Air Force Officers Candidate School. Upon admission, Custodio was accepted as a pilot candidate to become a United States Air Force Pilot. She entered the Flight Screening Pilot Officer Training School in January 1980. After successful completion of Flight Screening she entered Officer Training School and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant. She qualified for Undergraduate Pilot Training (UPT) at Laughlin Air Force Base in Texas and graduated the following year, thus becoming the first Latina to complete the U.S. Air Force military pilot training. Her first military assignment was that of instructor pilot at Laughlin AFB. She was the first female to become a Northrop T-38 Talon (T-38) UPT flight instructor at that base. Lt.Col. Custodio was later assigned to Randolph Air Force Base where she was also the first female T-38 Instructor Pilot. During her USAF career she also served as Pilot Instructor Training; T-41 Flight Screening - Operations Officer and Check Pilot. Custodio retired from active duty with the rank of lieutenant colonel in October 2003 but continued to fly in the USAF reserves, accepted a position with American Airlines as a flight engineer on a B-727 aircraft, was promoted over time and eventually became the first latina captain for American Airlines. Lt. Col. Custodio currently serves as the Executive Director of Women in Aviation Alamo City Chapter.

Col. Carl Joseph Crane and Col. William Charles Ocker



Col. Carl Joseph Crane, aviation pioneer and inventor, was born in San Antonio, studied at St. Mary's University, San Antonio, and the University of Dayton (Ohio). After graduating from the United States Army Advanced Flying School at Kelly Field for five years was a flight instructor at Kelly, Brooks, and Randolph. In 1929 Col. Crane teamed with Col William C. Ocker to devise revolutionary

flying systems. Col. Ocker was first to teach instrument flying at Brooks Field and successfully made the world's first "instrument-only" cross-country trip in history on June 24, 1930, a nearly 900-mile journey from Brooks Field to Scott Field, Ill. The Crane/Ocker collaboration resulted in the invention of the Pre-Flight Reflex Trainer, a navigational aid called the Flight Integrator, and their co-authorship in 1932 of the world's first manual for instrumental flight, Blind Flight in Theory.



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Dr. Bernard A. Harris, Jr.



Dr. Bernard A. Harris, Jr. graduated from Sam Houston High School, San Antonio, Texas, in 1974; received a bachelor of science degree in biology from University of Houston in 1978, a doctorate in medicine from Texas Tech University School of Medicine in 1982. Dr. Harris completed a residency in internal medicine at the Mayo Clinic in 1985. After completing his residency training, Dr. Harris then completed a National Research Council Fellowship at NASA Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, California. While at Ames he conducted research in the field of musculoskeletal physiology, and disuse

osteoporosis, completing his fellowship in 1987. He then joined NASA Johnson Space Center in 1990 as a clinical scientist and flight surgeon and became an astronaut in July 1991. Dr. Harris is a veteran of two space flights and has logged more than 438 hours in space. He was a mission specialist on STS-55 (April 26 to May 6, 1993), and was the Payload Commander on STS-63 (February 2-11, 1995), during that flight, Dr. Harris became the first African-American to walk in space. Dr. Harris is an author and co-author of numerous scientific publications, a licensed private pilot, and currently serves as Chief Executive Officer and Managing Partner of Vesalius Ventures, Inc., a venture capital firm that supports and invests in early to mid-stage Healthcare technologies and companies.

433rd Airlift Wing



The 433rd Airlift Wing, the “Alamo Wing”, traces its history to an active duty Air Force unit organized in 1943, which distinguished itself in combat during World War II. In 1955, it was activated in the Reserve at Brooks AFB and moved to Kelly in 1960. Four years later the 433rd AW became the first unit in the Air Reserve Forces (Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard) to win the coveted Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, an

award the unit has won three times since. In 2001, with the closure of Kelly Air Force Base, the 433rd AW realigned with Lackland AFB, which is currently the wing’s host base. The Wing organizes, equips and trains its approximately 3,100 ready reservists to achieve combat readiness according to training standards established by the Air Mobility Command (AMC) and the Air Education and Training Command (AETC) and performs peacetime missions and Air Expeditionary Force (AEF) tasking compatible with AFRC training requirements and maintenance of mobilization readiness. When mobilized, the 433d Airlift Wing provides the aircraft, crews, support personnel and equipment necessary to meet combat readiness objectives established by the Joint Chiefs of Staff, AMC, AETC and the gaining theater Combatant Commanders. The Alamo Wing is also the Air Force Reserve’s only Formal Training Unit (FTU) providing initial and advanced C-5 Flight qualification for the total force - Reserve, Active Duty and National Guard.



EXHIBIT LIST

1. C-5

Manufacturer: Lockheed Martin

Exhibited compliments of 433rd Airlift Wing USAF

2. F-16

Manufacturer: Lockheed Martin

Exhibited compliments of 149th Fighter Wing USAF

3. T-38 Talon

Manufacturer: Northrop Grumman

Exhibited compliments of 560th Flying Training Squadron - AETC Randolph AFB

4. C-45

Manufacturer: Beechcraft

Exhibited compliments of Commemorative Air Force Central Texas Wing

5. P-39

Manufacturer: Bell Aircraft

Exhibited compliments of Commemorative Air Force Central Texas Wing

6. Stearman Biplane

Manufacturers: Stearman Aircraft, Boeing

Exhibited compliments of Ageless Aviation Dreams Foundation

7. Syberjet

Designed and developed as SJ 30 by Ed Swearingen

Exhibited compliments of Syberjet

8. Howard 500 N500LN

Designed, developed and manufactured by Howard Aero, Inc.

Exhibited compliments of Tony Phillippi and TP Aero

9. Howard 250 Tri Gear

Designed, developed and manufactured by Howard Aero, Inc.

Exhibited compliments of Scott Glover and

Mid America Flight Museum

10. T-28 Trojan

Manufacturer: North American Aviation

Exhibited compliments of Mark Huffstutler/Huff Air





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11. 1977 Great Lakes Biplane

Manufacturers: Great Lakes Aircraft Company, Waco Aircraft Corp
Exhibited compliments of Dr. Ed Benson

12. Beechcraft King Air 250

Manufacturer: Textron Aviation
Exhibited compliments of San Antonio Service Center/Textron Aviation

13. Cessna Citation Latitude

Manufacturer: Textron Aviation
Exhibited compliments of San Antonio Service Center/Textron Aviation

14. B-25H Mitchell

Manufacturer: North American Aviation
Exhibited compliments of Cavanaugh Flight Museum

15. P-51 Mustang

Manufacturer: North America Aviation
Exhibited compliments of Dr. Bruce L. Winter

16. Merlin IIIB

Designed, developed and manufactured by Swearingen Aviation
Exhibited compliments of Jim Foody and Merlin One Leasing

17. Lear 35 equipped with Dee Howard Thrust Reversers

Thrust Reverser designed and developed by Dee Howard Co. and Etienne Fage, manufactured by Dee Howard Co.
Exhibited compliments of Jim Foody and Merlin One Leasing

18. Citation Jet equipped with Tamarack Active Winglets

Manufacturer: Cessna, Tamarack
Exhibited compliments of Tamarack Aerospace

19. FG-1D Corsair

Manufacturer: Goodyear Aircraft Company
Exhibited compliments of Rod Lewis and Lewis Air Legends

20. T-44C Pegasus (Beechcraft King Air 90)

Manufacturers: Beechcraft, Textron Aviation
Exhibited compliments of Training Air Wing FOUR, NAS Corpus Christi, TX





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