



Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame

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Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame Honors 2024 Inductees

NEWARK – The Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame (DAHF) will induct six notable First State aviation achievers for 2024. The inductees will be celebrated at an Honors Banquet at the Executive Banquet and Conference Center, on October 27, 2024. Founded in 2000 to commemorate outstanding service in military and civilian aviation, the Hall of Fame has now recognized, through 202, a total of 139 current or former Delawareans who have made outstanding contributions to the advancement of aviation/aerospace in Delaware, brought singular credit to the First State in their achievements elsewhere and/or have shown gallantry in aviation in service to the First State, and/or the Nation.

The 2024 Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame Inductees are:

Luna Mishoe - Luna Mishoe graduated Allen University in 1938 with a BA in Chemistry. In 1942 he joined the US Army Air Force. During the war Luna served as Group Photographic Intelligence Officer with the Tuskegee Airmen while serving in the 477th Composite Group. Post War, Luna became the President of Delaware State College, overseeing the increase of the student body size from 386 to 2327 over his tenure.

Jeff Chorman - Jeff Chorman graduated from Cape Henlopen High School and attended Embry-Riddle University before joining the family Aerial Application Business located in Southern Delaware. Jeff Has over 32,000 hours of flight time over the Delmarva Peninsula. He owns Chorman Spraying which operates 23 aircraft, four airports, and has 50 employees.

John Chirtea - John Chirtea graduated from Miami University in 1955. He started flying in 1958. John has been actively involved in all aspects of growing the aviation community in Sussex County. He is the President of the Eagle Crest HOA, a Key Man for the Quiet Birdman, Vice President of EAA Chapter 1683, an AOPA Advocate, Delaware Representative for the United Flying Octogenarians, and FAA Master Pilot.

Michael Hales - Michael Hales began his 25 year military career in 1987 as an Army Aviation Officer. His Civilian career led Michael to Delaware where he became the Director of Aviation for Delaware State University. Michael helped to revive the aviation program at DSU. He over saw the purchase of 15 new aircraft, tripled the number of enrolled students, and facilitated numerous airline partnership agreements to further students' post graduate careers.

Jessica Stephenson - Jessica Stephenson is a 2006 graduate of A.I. Dupont High school and a 2010 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point. Jessica flew the AH-64D Apache during her Army career. She has flown over 400 combat hours in the Apache over Afghanistan. Jessica has earned three air medals and the combat action badge.

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