



THE WINGS CLUB



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NEWS

THE WINGS CLUB INITIATES RECOGNITION OF VETERANS GROUPS

Adding a new dimension to select Aviation Leaders' Luncheons throughout the year, current Wings Club President, Bruce Whitman, introduced the formal recognition of military veterans and the various groups that support them in an effort to build awareness and appreciation for those who have served. In a brief ceremony at the beginning of the program, the honored foundation is acknowledged and presented with a Wings Club commemorative plaque.



Bruce Whitman & Col. (Ret.) Jack Jacobs with Chuck Sweeney from the Distinguished Flying Cross Society

The first group showcased was the ***Distinguished Flying Cross Society***. Members of the Society have each earned a Distinguished Flying Cross award for their military actions involving heroism or extraordinary achievement while participating in an aerial flight. Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Colonel (Ret.) Jack Jacobs was invited to the podium to present the plaque to President & CEO of the Distinguished Flying Cross Society, Chuck Sweeney. In turn, Mr. Sweeney presented The Wings Club a copy of the book, "On Heroic Wings – Stories of the Distinguished Flying Cross," signed by several recipients of the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Other foundations honored this past year are:

Children of the Fallen Patriots Foundation

The Foundation's mission is to provide college scholarships and educational counseling to military children who have lost a parent in the line of duty. Since its inception, it has helped 296 children and granted over \$4.3 million in scholarships. The award was accepted by John Coogan, Executive Director.

The Collings Foundation

A non-profit entity created in 1979 dedicated to the preservation and public display of aviation history, which visits over 150 locations nationwide each year to display aircraft in honor of those who flew them and to educate future generations. Accepting on behalf of the Foundation was Robert Collings, Executive Director.

Veterans Advantage

Founded in 2001, it is a national program that partners with corporations including major retailers, health services, travel companies and business and financial services to provide preferred pricing for veterans. Scott Higgins, Founder and CEO of Veterans Advantage accepted the plaque.

As an additional gesture of commemoration for veterans, starting at the November luncheon, special pins were made available at every luncheon to veterans and members of their families to take home with compliments of the Wings Club.



Bruce Whitman & John Coogan from Children of the Fallen Patriots Foundation



Commemorative Plaque





THE WINGS CLUB

A Message From The President

March 2013



Dear Wings Club Members:

Thanks very much for the privilege and honor of serving as your President. My appreciation to each of our members, the Board of Governors, Tom Fitzsimmons, and The Wings Club staff, for the opportunity and support.

We will be very fortunate to welcome Kevin McAllister as the next President at our annual meeting on March 27th. Kevin is an outstanding executive with 25 years of aviation industry experience. His leadership abilities and commitment to The Wings Club ensure his success and our enjoyment.

During this past year, we developed and completed new initiatives that enhanced the value and benefits The Wings Club provides to its members. Corporate and individual memberships are at an all-time high. Reciprocal arrangements with other aviation clubs and organizations were established. Other new benefits our members receive include a 15% discount at the 21 Club, Millesime, and DeGrazia restaurants in New York City, and the introduction of metal name badges. A new online store will offer Wings Club apparel and merchandise.

Attendance at the Aviation Leaders Series Luncheons was excellent due to the caliber of the industry leaders who spoke. A new conversational interview format was well-received. We also recognized distinguished veterans' groups and aviation-related foundations. Veterans were given new lapel pins to recognize their service. They were designed to serve as a reminder of the legislation enacted by Congress that authorizes veterans and military service members not in uniform to salute the flag during its raising or lowering and the playing of the national anthem.

A new record was set when over 1,200 were present at the Annual Awards Gala when General Jack Dailey received the 2012 Wings Club Distinguished Achievement Award.

Due to your efforts and contributions, The Wings Club continues to grow and enhance its reputation.

Thank you again for electing me to serve as your President.

Best, Warm Regards and Tailwinds.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM WINGS CLUB EVENTS

SEE WHAT YOU MISSED



DECEMBER



December 13, 2012

Gary Kelly, Chairman, President & CEO, Southwest Airlines

**Interviewed by Howard Rubel
Managing Director, Jefferies & Company**

In an interview covering topics ranging from the economic backdrop, the Southwest brand, equipment decisions and product performance, a key message from Gary Kelly was about price. He discussed that since 2000, U.S. traffic has barely increased at 2%, while the U.S. economy has grown by 20%. "Traffic is being affected by high costs, particularly high energy costs. To the extent that we as an industry can keep costs down, and allow the economy to grow, then you will see traffic grow. What people are looking for when they travel is the right schedule at the right price. At the right price, people are going to travel and I think we proved that many times over in the past four decades," Kelly remarked.

JANUARY



January 16, 2013

John Slosar, Chief Executive, Cathay Pacific

Inviting the luncheon attendees to "take a long journey to the other side of the world" to see what aviation looks like from the Asian perspective, Slosar noted that 50% of the world's population lives within a 5 hour flight of HKG, giving Cathay "a tremendous opportunity to serve half the world." In September 2006, a tri-partied deal with Air China made Dragon Air a 100% subsidiary and brought their large network of 400 flights per week to 23 different Chinese cities and their narrow bodied fleet to Cathay. This allows Cathay Pacific the ability "to bring people from around the world to Hong Kong and then on into China," Slosar stated. Joking that Cathay was originally founded in a bar in Manila by two DC3 pilots - an Aussie and an American - proves that "sometimes good things do happen in bars."

FEBRUARY



February 21, 2013

Thomas Enders, CEO, EADS

**Interviewed by
Rob Spingarn
Global Head, Credit Suisse Aerospace & Defense Equity Research**

In response to the opening request for an EADS update, Enders stated, "the future is bright; we have 140,000 employees... are rapidly growing and have tripled our revenue." Concerning the internationalization of the business and putting up engineering and production centers around the world, he noted that the U.S. is the single largest aviation and defense market in the world, and despite fiscal cliffs and sequestration etc., it will stay that way for many years to come. It can't be wrong to have a franchise over here and expand our financial footprint. Enders reassured attendees with a smile, "Speaking as an optimistic European, there is life after sequestration."





THE WINGS CLUB CANDIDS

DECEMBER LUNCHEON



Mylene Scholnick, Gary Kelly, Katherine Station



Thomas Asch, Elaine Asch, Ozzie Moore, John Harden



Dean Jenkins, Sarah May, Chris Monroe



Howard Rubel, Gary Kelly



Dave McKay, Bob Craft, Gary Kelly, Aaron Greenwald, Richard Greenwald



JANUARY LUNCHEON



Alan Pellegrini, Scott Morgon, John Slosar, David Davenport



Xing Chew, Bryan Baldwin, Emma Adickman, Mark Rosenker, Dave Barger



*Samuel Descoteaux,
Julie Busque, Nathan Hicks,
Heidi Lindman, Paul Deveau,
John Cantillon*



*Gemith Gemparo,
Jerrold Lundquist,
Mary Ellen Jones*



Students from Vaughn College with John Slosar and Bruce Whitman



THE WINGS CLUB CANDIDS

FEBRUARY LUNCHEON



Kevin McAllister, Bruce Whitman, David Hurley, David Storch



Robert Spingarn, Thomas Enders



Scott Ashton, Jack Olcott, Mark Rosenker, John Stack, Ken Gazzola



Ed Bolen, Elaine Weatherby, Steve Champness



Jim Jacobs, Thomas Enders, Bruce Whitman, Dave McKay, James Guyette



PATTY WAGSTAFF SELECTED AS RECIPIENT OF THE 2013 OUTSTANDING AVIATOR AWARD



Patty Wagstaff

The Wings Club is proud to announce the winner of its Fourth Annual Outstanding Aviator Award, Patty Wagstaff, who will be presented with the Award at the Wings Club Annual Meeting on Wednesday, March 27, 2013, which will be held at the Yale Club in New York City.

Embodying the mission of the award to recognize airmen and airwomen whose actions have made major contributions to aviation and/or security and who serve as leadership role models, Patty's accomplishments broke barriers and opened doors for other women to follow. In 1991, she became the first woman ever to win the U.S. National Aerobatic Championships and she would go on to win the Nationals three times, for three consecutive years.

In addition to these U.S. Championships, Patty earned a position on the U.S. Aerobatic Team at the World Aerobatic Championships a total of six times, earning the coveted distinction of being the top scoring U.S. pilot in that event in 1996. She is also a six-time winner of the Betty Skelton "First Lady of Aerobatics" Award and has recently been awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Air Force Association.



When her airplane, the Goodrich Extra 260, was placed on display at the National Air and Space Museum near Amelia Earhart's Lockheed Vega in 1994, Patty's position among the pioneers of aviation was cemented. She has since been inducted into the National Aviation Hall of Fame as well as the EAA/IAC Hall of Fame. In 2002, she was a presidential appointee to the Centennial of Flight Commission's Federal Advisory Board and, in 2005, Patty received the NAA/99'S Katherine Wright Award. She has furthermore received the Air Show Industry's most prestigious award, the "Sword of Excellence," and the "Bill Barber Award for Showmanship" as well as having been the recipient of the National Air and Space Museum's Award for Current Achievement in 1994.

Past Recipients of the Outstanding Aviator Award and New Honorary Members

Recent previous recipients of the Outstanding Aviator Award since it was introduced in March 2010 were: the Tuskegee Airmen, with Major Victor Terrelonge accepting on the group's behalf; the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASPs), with Ms. Dawn Seymour accepting on behalf of the group; and the Doolittle Tokyo Raiders, with Major Thomas Griffin accepting on their behalf.



The Tuskegee Airmen (2010)



Womens Airforce Service Pilots "WASPs" (2011)



The Doolittle Tokyo Raiders (2012)



NEW WINGS CLUB VIRTUAL STORE COMING ONLINE SOON!

Over the next several weeks we will be launching the first Wings Club Virtual Store. Products such as Wings Club logoed apparel, accessories and upscale promotional items will be available for purchase and will be just a click away. As membership in the Wings Club affords certain benefits, we wanted to enhance those benefits by offering members the opportunity and ease of shopping online for customized Wings Club merchandise. Members will have access to the website and will be able to browse through a variety of products including polo shirts, jackets, caps, mugs, golf accessories, flight bags, etc. We will be sure to keep you posted on this endeavor and to let you know when it will be officially launched.

AVIATION COMMUNITY MOURNS DOOLITTLE RAIDER MAJOR THOMAS C. "TOM" GRIFFIN

On Tuesday, February 27, 2013, the aviation industry lost one of its eminent heroes, Major Tom Griffin, a B-25 bomber navigator in the famous Doolittle Raid attack on mainland Japan during World War II. His death at age 96 leaves just four surviving Raiders. Major Griffin passed away in a veterans nursing home in northern Kentucky. He was among the original 80 volunteers for the April 18, 1942 mission that would become known as "The Doolittle Raid," the first air raid by the United States to strike Japan after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

The Doolittle Raid provided a vital morale boost for the U.S. During the raid, planned and led by Lieutenant Colonel James "Jimmy" Doolittle, U.S. Army Air Force, Griffin parachuted over China and eluded capture, eventually returning to service on bombing runs from North Africa. His plane was shot down in 1943 and he spent nearly two years in a German prison camp. His decorations included the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters and the Chinese Army, Navy, Air Corps Medal, Class A, 1st Grade.

It was our high honor to bestow upon Major Griffin the 2012 Wings Club Outstanding Aviator Award. His memory will also be perpetuated as an Honorary Member. He joins an elite list of other extraordinary aviation leaders who have received this distinction. A native of Green Bay, Wisconsin, Major Griffin was preceded in death by his wife and is survived by two sons. A B-25 flyover was scheduled for his funeral services.

Save The Date

The Dublin Luncheon
March 19, 2013
The Four Seasons Hotel
Speaker: Christoph Mueller
Chief Executive Officer
Aer Lingus

The Annual Meeting
March 27, 2013
The Yale Club
Presentation of the 2013
Outstanding Aviator Award
to Patty Wagstaff

The March Luncheon
March 28, 2013
The Yale Club
Speaker: Thomas Horton
Chairman & CEO
AMR Corporation and
American Airlines

The April Luncheon
Date: TBD
The Yale Club

The May Luncheon
May 23, 2013
The Yale Club

The June Luncheon
June 12, 2013
The Yale Club
Speaker: The Honorable
Deborah Hersman
Chairman, NTSB




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