Lectures Highlight Doolittle Raid Anniversary

The History of Aviation Collection celebrated the 60th anniversary of the 1942 Doolittle Raid with two lectures on April 15, 2002.

The celebration kicked off National Library Week at UTD’s McDermott Library. To start the day, C.V. Glines, General James H. Doolittle’s biographer and historian of the Doolittle Raid, presented an overview lecture on the significance of the first attack to hit the Japanese homeland on April 18, 1942. He also conducted a book signing featuring his books about the raid, *The Doolittle Raid, Four Came Home* and *I Could Never Be So Lucky Again*.

In the evening, Erik D. Carlson, Ph.D., Head of the History of Aviation Collection, gave a lecture contrasting historical reality with Hollywood’s portrayal of the Doolittle Raid. Carlson’s presentation featured movie clips and dramatic stills on a large theater screen.

On April 18, Michael Rey of TXCN interviewed Carlson in the television studio about the Doolittle raid. The events were also covered by media such as the *Fort Worth Star Telegram, Salt Lake Tribune, Richardson Morning News, Associated Press, San Diego Union-Tribune*, Contra Costa Times (Walnut Creek CA) and KXAS-TV (NBC) Ch. 5, Dallas-Fort Worth.

Haddaway Medals for Frederick W. Smith and Dain M. Hancock

On April 18, Michael Rey of TXCN interviewed Carlson in the television studio about the Doolittle raid. The events were also covered by media such as the *Fort Worth Star Telegram, Salt Lake Tribune, Richardson Morning News, Associated Press, San Diego Union-Tribune, Contra Costa Times* (Walnut Creek CA) and KXAS-TV (NBC) Ch. 5, Dallas-Fort Worth.

Smith has been a leading proponent of global commerce and “open skies agreements” for aviation around the world. He founded Federal Express in 1971 and the company began operations in 1973. He has served on a number of corporate boards and is chairman of the U.S. World War II memorial project. Born in Marks, Mississippi in 1944, he earned a bachelor’s degree
in political science at Yale University in 1966 and served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1966 to 1970.

Hancock, previously President of Lockheed Martin's tactical aircraft systems, was born in Peekskill, New York in 1941 and received bachelor and master of science degrees in mechanical engineering from Texas Tech University. He began his business career at General Dynamics in Fort Worth in 1966 and has since held positions of increasing responsibility in research and engineering, program management, marketing and executive management.

Lockheed Martin supports the F-35 (Joint Strike Fighter), F-22 (Raptor) F-16 (Fighting Falcon), F-117, C-130, and U-2 programs with critical aircraft products.

Haddaway Scholarships Awarded

The first George E. Haddaway Scholarships were awarded at the Frontiers of Flight annual Evening of Tribute on April 2. The annual scholarships honor the late pilot/publisher's life-long commitment to the study of aviation. They are designed to encourage deserving college journalism students who have demonstrated interest in aviation and are pursuing degrees in print or electronic journalism at an accredited university in the United States or its possessions. The scholarships are administered by the Communities Foundation of Texas, Dallas.

Kathryn R. Clark, Lake Dallas, Texas, one of the recipients of a $2,500 award, is a graduate student in the Master of Journalism program at the University of North Texas. A student pilot and owner of a Cessna 150, she has been co-pilot/navigator in several cross-country races. She is a free lance journalist with continuing interest in aviation-related articles and photo features. Her work has been published in the Dallas Times Herald, Texas Woman's News, Plano Magazine and Saturday Evening Post.

The other recipient of a $2,500 scholarship was Ashlee C. Fiser, an undergraduate student at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Florida. She is majoring in Communications with a double minor in Aviation Business Administration and Aviation Safety. She edits a weekly column in the university's newspaper, was editor-in-chief of the 2001 student yearbook and has been on the Dean's List for four semesters. She hopes to work as a magazine reporter specializing in aviation and aeronautics after graduation.

2002 Air America Reunion

Members of the Air America Association meet from May 30 – June 3, 2002 for their annual reunion. The gathering of former Air America employees will consist of informal meet and greet sessions, a general business meeting, and a banquet. Please contact Norma Green of the Air America Association for more details: Norma Green, Box 414, Castroville TX 78009.

The History of Aviation Collection at UTD is the official home of the CAT/ Air America Archive. The archive holds more than 400 processed boxes of materials related to the unique history of Air America and Civil Air Transport.

LMAT, Inc. Papers Donated to the Air America Archive

Gary Bisson, former Legal Counsel for Logistics Management Support Team (LMAT), donated his materials to the Air America Archive at UTD. The Gary Bisson Collection consists of documents relating to LMAT's brief history in Southeast Asia. The Bisson Collection is available for research at the History of Aviation Collection.

In 1975 three former Air America employees, Gary Bisson, Jerry Griffith, and Sigvard Larson formed LMAT. These men proposed to continue Air America type ground operations in Cambodia after AAM stopped operations. LMAT provided contract service to the U.S. Air Force for almost three months before Phnom Penh fell in April of the same year. The U.S. Air Force evacuated LMAT personnel. LMAT was dissolved in 1977.

CAT Oral History Project News

Don and Carole Massa donated $5,000 to the CAT Oral History Project. With Don and Carol's generous gift four or five more interviews can be conducted. Funds provide for the cost of transporting the interviewer, photographer, and equipment to the home of the interviewee. If you would like to help preserve the unique history of Civil Air Transport on videotape for future generations, please send your tax deductible donations to the CAT Oral History Project in care of the History of Aviation Collection at the McDermott Library –the University of Texas at Dallas.

The CAT Association asked Erik D. Carlson, Ph.D., Head of the History of Aviation Collection, to be the CAT oral historian. Carlson will research and conduct the videotaped interviews. Rick Biddenstadt, the HAC photographer, will be in charge of taping the interviews.
Meet a Volunteer...

John H. Luckadoo is another World War II veteran who has signed on as a volunteer for the History of Aviation Collection. He flew B-17 Flying Fortresses with the 100th Bomb Group in Europe between May 1943 and May 1944. During his 25-mission tour, his squadron concentrated on bombing airfields in France, and naval facilities and industries in France and Germany. The group suffered heavy losses and was known as the “Bloody 100th.” Luckadoo was nicknamed “Lucky” by other pilots because he was one of only four members of his flying school class (43-B) who completed their tours with the 100th. The rest were either killed in action, lost or became prisoners of war.

After he returned to the States, “Lucky” was an instructor for combat crew replacements and later air inspector at Carswell AFB in Fort Worth at 8th Air Force headquarters. He received a regular Air Force commission in 1946 but resigned in 1948 to earn a B.S. degree in Business Administration at the University of Denver. He entered real estate development in Denver and developed the first air-conditioned, enclosed mall west of the Mississippi River. He moved to Dallas in 1960 and then developed shopping malls, apartment buildings and office buildings throughout the Southwest. He bought a Beechcraft Bonanza for transportation between jobs and has several hundred hours in sail planes. His major area of interest as a volunteer is in World War II operations and aircraft.

Navy Names Training Area for Doolittle

In order to enhance training of Navy pilots operating out of the Naval Air Station (NAS) at Lemoore, California, the Navy proposes to name the “training asset/airspace” at the Fort Hunter Liggett Range in California to honor General Jimmy Doolittle, a long-time resident of Monterey County. It will be known as the Doolittle Aircraft Training Area and will be used to enhance the use of military ranges for close air support training. NAS Lemoore is the home base for F/A-18 Hornet Strike Fighters assigned to the Pacific Fleet aircraft carriers deploying overseas.

The purpose of the training is “to enhance pilot proficiency in air-to-ground strike operations.” Fort Hunter Liggett is about 76 miles west of NAS Lemoore and has been in continuous operation for more than 60 years for specialized training by the Navy, Marines, Air Force and California National Guard.

Doolittle Raiders Hold 60th Anniversary Reunion

The surviving members of the Doolittle Tokyo Raiders held their 2002 reunion in Columbia, S.C. April 17 to 21 on the 60th anniversary of their famous mission. All in their 80s now, 13 of the surviving 23 Raiders were able to attend. A number of television, radio and print journalists were on hand to interview them, including a team from the CBS television network. Oliver North of Fox News was the speaker at a luncheon and Brig. Gen. Charles Duke, USAF (ret) and former astronaut, was the keynote dinner speaker.

Meet the Staff of the History of Aviation Collection

L to R, Erik D. Carlson, Carole Thomas, Toni Huckaby, and Rick Biddenstadt.

Carole Thomas – Administrative Assistant
Rick Biddenstadt – Photographer
Toni Huckaby – Cataloger
Erik Carlson – Department Head

The University of Texas at Dallas History of Aviation Collection Web Site is www.utdallas.edu/library/special/index.html