2013 Jalonick Memorial Lecture - July 13

Presenting
Retired Admiral Patrick Walsh

The Blue Angels 1986-1987: A Season of Transition

The 2013 George W. Jalonick III and Dorothy Cockrell Jalonick Distinguished Lecture Series will feature Admiral Patrick Walsh, USN (Ret.), of Dallas. The lecture is set for 4 p.m., Saturday, July 13 in the Performance Hall (JO 2.604) located in the Jonsson building on The University of Texas at Dallas campus. The free public lecture will be followed by a reception that will allow patrons to meet Admiral Walsh.

His topic is “The Blue Angels 1986-1987: A Season of Transition.” He will draw upon his experience as a combat pilot and a member of Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron known as the Blue Angels. During the 1986-1987 demonstration season the Blue Angels switched from flying their amazing in-close formations in the McDonnell Douglas A-4F Skyhawk II to the McDonnell Douglas F/A-18 Hornet A/B without the benefit of off-season training.

His discussion will include the air show environment, the handling qualities of the A-4 versus the F-18, and the challenges of transitioning from the A-4 to the F-18 without missing a full season. A question and answer session will follow the lecture.

An American icon for 65 years, the acrobatic team was

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Seating is limited. You may register for this event by going to www.utdallas.edu/jalonick. Visitors are requested to park in A and B lots at UT Dallas. Signs will direct attendees to the Jonsson Performance Hall. See www.utdallas.edu/maps. For information call 972-883-4951.
Curator Added to Process Vought Aircraft Collection

Special Collections has hired a curator to process the extensive historic records and material of Chance Vought Aircraft.

BobbyeJo Crouch, an experienced aviation collections manager, is organizing the materials given to the university by the Vought Aircraft Heritage Foundation (VAHF). The foundation also provided funds to hire a curator for two years to prepare the materials for public use.

“The VAHF people were anxious to get this project under way, and BobbyeJo is a great addition to the staff,” said Paul Oelkrug, Coordinator of Special Collections.

Crouch joins Special Collections after serving as collections manager at the American Airlines C.R. Smith Museum in Fort Worth, Texas. Her work there involved acquisitions, donations, item description, item processing, conservation, metadata and collection policies. While serving as the American Airlines historian, she was also the educational coordinator, directing tours and managing the volunteers.

“I most enjoyed the curator aspect of my job at American Airlines although it was only a part of my duties,” Crouch said. “This is a new collection and I am excited to be in charge of it. I am interested in learning more about aviation.”

She has certificates in historic preservation and conservation training. She received a Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Science at Texas A&M University in 1999 and a Master of Arts in Anthropology at A&M in 2004. She is a member of the Texas Association of Museums.

In recent years the VAHF has been working with the History of Aviation Collection in Special Collections to provide business records of the company that date back to 1917. Last fall the foundation donated funds for processing the records.

The VAHF is not-for-profit corporation consisting of retired Vought employees who volunteer their time to acquire donations and to restore Chance Vought aircraft.

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grounded in April 2013 when the Navy cancelled the remainder of the team’s season because of funding cuts.

Walsh has approximately 4700 hours of tactical flight time with 750 arrested carrier landings. He flew 77 combat and combat support missions in the Middle East which includes Desert Storm, Operation Northern Watch, and Operation Southern Watch. He flew combat support missions over Kosovo.

After consecutive assignments as one of the highest ranking officers in the U.S. Navy from 2007-2012, Walsh retired in 2012. He had served as the Vice Chief of Naval Operations then Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, the largest fleet in the world. Walsh is a 1973 graduate of Jesuit College Preparatory School in Dallas and a 1977 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy. In 1999 he received a doctorate from Tufts University. In 2010 he was the Honored Keynote Military Speaker at the Dallas Veterans Day Parade. He is a member of the World Affairs Council, the Council on Foreign Relations, and participates in community and nonprofit organizations in Dallas-Fort Worth.

He is married to Andy Kaye Walsh. They have two children, Matthew and Jennifer.
The resident aviation expert in Special Collections has been known to ask, “What was the first airplane moved into the Udvar-Hazy Center of the National Air and Space Museum?” The answer can be found in his most recent book, *Those Legendary Piper Cubs.* The expert being referred to is Carroll V. Glines, Jr.; and the answer to his question is, as you’ve probably guessed, the Piper Cub. “C.V.,” as he is known to acquaintances, not only wrote this book, but has written 35 other books plus more than 800 articles for various periodicals during his career.

Yet C.V. is probably best known as an honorary Doolittle Raider having served as the biographer for Jimmy Doolittle (*I Could Never Be So Lucky Again*) and as the official historian of the Doolittle Raiders and archivist for their records in Special Collections, dedicated in 1985.

But there is much more to this man besides his writings. C.V. served in the Air Force from 1941 until 1968 in the U.S., Europe, Panama, and Alaska. He was a pilot, squadron and group commander, operations officer, and public affairs officer. His assignments involved seven years in the offices of the Secretary of the Air Force and Assistant Secretary of Defense. After 27 years in the Air Force, C.V. retired as a Command Pilot with the rank of Colonel.

As a civilian aviator C.V. holds licenses in single and multi-engine aircraft, an instrument rating, and control tower operator’s license. He has made aviation history as co-holder of three national and international aviation point-to-point speed records in fixed-wing, rotary, and amphibian aircraft. He also participated in several historic flights, among them the Pan Am Clipper *Liberty Bell,* a Boeing 747SP which made an around the world flight as its introduction into the Pan Am fleet in 1976. He was also a passenger on Pan Am Boeing 747SP *New Horizons* as it made the first commercial passenger flight around the world over both poles on Oct. 28, 1977. Finally, he was a passenger on Pan Am Boeing 747SP *China Clipper II* to recreate the flight of the original China Clipper in celebration of the 50th anniversary of Pan Am commercial air service across the Pacific on Nov. 22-24, 1985.

His management and editorial experience is extensive having served as the editor and consultant of several military and civil periodicals. C.V., who holds masters degrees in journalism and in business administration, has been a professor and visiting professor at several universities. He is a sought-after speaker, motion picture consultant, and has made appearances on numerous television programs.

For more than 18 years this unassuming gentleman has arrived in Special Collections most Tuesday mornings to manage the Doolittle Archives. C.V. is frequently asked to share his experiences and knowledge with fellow volunteers, students, and researchers visiting Special Collections. He doesn’t mind questions, and, if you’re lucky, he may regale you with stories of his experiences - like the one about his service as an instructor pilot whose students did not speak English! He might even tell you what the “V” in C.V. stands for.

Special Collections is very fortunate to be the repository for the C.V. Glines Papers, the contents of which will soon be available to researchers upon completion of the finding aid. There are research materials and images pertaining to his writings (published and unpublished) as well as personal documents about insights and honors he may be too modest to volunteer. In examining the collection, it is apparent that C.V. is a thorough researcher of the topics he writes about. Either he is personally acquainted with his subjects or individuals personally acquainted with them.

Two additional features distinguish C.V.’s writings. First, his extensive and on-going research has in some instances led to multiple books on the same topic: Jimmy Doolittle, air mail, the DC-3, and round-the-world historic flights. Second is the broad range of topics about which he demonstrates expertise: lighter-than-air flight, helicopters, polar flight, the U.S. Air Force, the 308th Bomb Group in China, Civil Air Patrol, the Piper Cub, and aviation personalities (notably Benjamin Foulois, Bernt Balchen, and Roscoe Turner in addition to Doolittle.) Benjamin Foulois and Doolittle actually sought C.V. to help them write their stories. As one might expect C.V. is the recipient of numerous writing awards and honors.

C.V.’s writings have influenced a generation of aviation enthusiasts. There are few in aviation circles that do not know and respect his expertise and writings.