



2004 WAHF inductees (L/R): Field Morey, Harold J. Gaier, and families of the late Herbert Hardrath, Paul Culver and Walter Lees.

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Past WAHF Inductees: (L/R) Archie H. Henkelmann, Preston H. Wilbourne, Richard Knutson, Roy Shwery, and Paul A. Cassiman.

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Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame Inducts Five Aviators

MIDDLETON, WIS. – The Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame inducted five aviators at a banquet held November 6, 2004 at the EAA AirVenture Museum, Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Among the inductees were two men with similar, and equally deserving backgrounds: Field Morey and Harold “Duffy” Gaier.

Both Morey and Gaier are well known throughout the state; both are designated pilot examiners and both are aviation entrepreneurs who have made many contributions to aviation through their innovative business and teaching methods.

The late Herb Hardrath, who was employed by NASA for 33 years in aerospace materials research, was also inducted. Hardrath was involved with the Apollo space program.

Paul Culver and Walter Lees were inducted in the Pioneer category. The Pioneer category was established to honor those who have made significant contributions to aviation before 1927.

The Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame was organized in 1985 and has inducted 65 men and women who have made significant achievements to aviation in Wisconsin. The goal of the organization is to collect and preserve the history of aviation in Wisconsin, recognize those who made

that history, inform others of it, and promote aviation education to future generations.

Membership is open to the aviation community. Refer to www.aviationhalloffamewisconsin.com, or call 608-836-9840. □

Navy Veteran Receives Wilharms & WAHF Guell Scholarships

JANESVILLE, WIS. – Torran McCarthy of Milton, Wis., a second year student in Blackhawk Technical College’s Airframe and Powerplant Mechanics (A&P)/Aviation Maintenance program, has received the 2004 Jim Wilharms Memorial Aviation Scholarship for \$500, and the Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame Carl E. Guell Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.

The Wilharms scholarship was presented in October at BTC’s Aviation Center at Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport, Janesville, Wis. The Carl E. Guell scholarship was awarded at the annual Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame Investiture Ceremony and Banquet, November 6 at the EAA AirVenture Museum in Oshkosh.

A Janesville native, McCarthy spent four years in the Navy as an aircraft electrician, working on E6B tanker aircraft. He has been employed since May 2003 by Helicopter Specialties, Inc., located at Southern



Torran McCarthy
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Wisconsin Regional Airport.

McCarthy is an active participant in the Aviation Club at BTC; and holds the position of vice president. He also hosts a study group in his home, with an open-door policy for all students in the field. While in the Navy, he spent time in the Honor Guard, providing military burials for veterans.

Blackhawk instructor James Stec said, “McCarthy is an exceptional student who brings a lot of real-world experience into the classroom.”

After graduating from BTC, McCarthy plans to attend classes on a part-time basis to reach his goal of becoming an aeronautical engineer.

The Jim Wilharms Memorial Aviation Scholarship is presented

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