

# "Let's Get This Museum Built!"

**"The time is now. . . Let's get this museum built!"** was the mantra from National Skydiving



Henry Ottley, nephew of museum founder and Hall of Fame inductee William "Bill" H. Ottley, proudly accepts Bill's Hall of Fame blazer from museum Board of Trustees President Lenny Potts. Photo by Lara Kjeldsen

Museum board of trustees president Lenny Potts at the August 13th weekend skydiving celebration in DeLand, Florida. "I think we are all feeling the urgency to have our sport properly recorded in history.

We must raise the money we need NOW to build this museum."

When the weekend was over. . . after the 50-way formation skydivers had formed a "K" to honor Joe Kittinger's 50th anniversary of his jump from space and the inaugural Hall of Fame Induction Dinner had recognized eleven of the sport's legends, more than \$110,000 had been raised toward the \$6 million goal to build the museum.

The weekend also featured members of the U.S.

Army Golden Knights 8-way team, the Air Force



Jumpers pose with Joe Kittinger (center). Photo by Bryan Scott

Parachute Team "Wings of Blue" and the legendary D-1, Lew Sanborn, all who participated in many of the activities including a 25-way diamond canopy formation.

The event, held at Skydive DeLand, also



PIA President Cliff Schmucker congratulates Lew Sanborn on his induction. PIA was the Title Sponsor for the Hall of Fame Dinner. Photo by Lara Kjeldsen

included current and historical skydiving displays dating back to the 1960s contributed by PIA and the USPA.

The 2010 National Skydiving Museum Hall of Fame Inductees were honored in front of 330 guests at a sit down dinner sponsored by PIA. The eleven

inaugural inductees are Lowell Bachman (posthumous), Jerry Bird, Georgia "Tiny" Broadwick (posthumous), Joe Crane (posthumous), Joe Kittinger, Eilif Ness, Bill Ottley (posthumous), Lew Sanborn, Cheryl Stearns, Ted Strong, and Gene Paul Thacker.



USPA president Jay Stokes presents weekend honoree Joe Kittinger with an honorary USPA Lifetime Membership. Photo by Howard White



1970s Jumper Gear. Photo by Howard White

NATIONAL SKYDIVING WEEKEND—August 13—15, 2010—DeLand, Florida



Sons Chris and Curt Bachman along with their mother, Dori, accept Lowell Bachman's Hall of Fame blazer. Photo by Lara Kjeldsen



The U.S. Army Golden Knights, along with a dinner guest, smile for the camera. Photo by Lorraine Gehlbach



The 50-way formation skydivers form a "K" to honor Joe Kittinger's 50th anniversary of his jump from space. Photo by David Mayor



Trustee Dan Poynter with Hall of Fame inductee Ted Strong. Photo by Lara Kjeldsen



Lorraine Gehlbach and her son Andrew Christian congratulate inductee Cheryl Stearns. Photo by Lorraine Gehlbach



Trustee President Len Potts and inductee and weekend honoree Joe Kittinger. Photo by Howard White



Inductee Jerry Bird and Trustee Cliff Schmucker. Photo by Howard White



Trustee Don Jenkins congratulates Gene Paul Thacker on his induction into the Hall of Fame. Photo by Lara Kjeldsen



Linda Miller, Dee & Coy McDonald, and Andrew Christian enjoy some evening conversation. Photo by Lorraine Gehlbach



Joe Kittinger accepts membership into the SOS from Dave DeWolf. Photo by Howard White



Trustee Curt Curtis with inductee Cheryl Stearns. Photo by Lara Kjeldsen



Trustees BJ Worth and Curt Curtis celebrate with inductee Lew Sanborn. Photo by Howard White



Inductee Gene Paul Thacker with Bill Morrissey and John Higgins. Photo by Kate Grieser



"Team Mary" show their support for Mary Thompson (third from left) who created the PIA exhibit on display during the weekend festivities (from left: Curt Bachman, Dori Bachman, Mary, Mike Beck, Cindi & Larry Bagley). Photo by Howard White



25-way Diamond Canopy Formation. Photo by Bryan Scott

## REMEMBER Us In Your Will and Your Legacy Will Live On. . .

It has been said that a Will is the ultimate expression of a person's values. Making a Will is the best way to ensure that your estate is left to your loved ones and to what you loved in life. Please consider showing your commitment to our sport and include the National Skydiving Museum in your Will.

All donors who mention in their Will Skydiving Museum member of the "Legacy Society." club has been recognize and through their and generosity, the National Museum in their who have planned gift with property, life insurance or a retirement plan designation.

### *Welcome and Thank You to Members of the Museum's Legacy Society*

*James F. Curtis III*

*Donald Jenkins*

*Michael Shawn Kearns*

*Christopher J. Needels*

*Dan Poynter*

*L. Len Potts*

*Caro Laithwaite on behalf of Brian Laithwaite*

include a provision for the National become a museum's This prestigious established to honor those who, thoughtfulness have provided for Skydiving estate plans or established a

As a member of the Legacy Society, you will receive a personalized membership certificate. All Legacy members will also be listed on the museum's website, in the spring newsletter and in the museum upon completion.

**If you already have the museum in your Will, please let us know so we may add you to this prestigious club.** For more information, please visit the new tab marked "planned giving" on our website or contact museum administrator Nancy Kemble.

## Now Accepting Hall of Fame Nominations. . .

The **National Skydiving Museum Hall of Fame** recognizes and honors those, who through leadership, innovation and/or outstanding achievements have defined, promoted, inspired and advanced skydiving at the highest and sustained levels in the past, present and for future generations of skydivers.

The following attributes are the basis on which the election of nominees is to be considered: *1. have actively participated in the sport; 2. made major contributions to the sport in at least three of the following skydiving related areas: leadership, competition (to include judging, photography/videography), aviation, innovation, invention, sports promotion (to include government liaison), philanthropy; 3. participated as a member of an International Parachuting Commission affiliated skydiving association. The nominee may be living or posthumous.*

If you would like to nominate someone for the National Skydiving Museum Hall of Fame, please visit our website for a nomination form or contact the museum office. All nominations will be kept confidential.

## **Chuting Times is a biannual newsletter for museum supporters and volunteers.**

Editor: Nancy Kemble

### **Trustees**

The Honorable  
George H. W. Bush  
*Honorary Chairman*

Lewis Sanborn  
*Honorary President*

L. Len Potts  
*President*

Gene Paul Thacker  
*Vice President*

Christopher J. Needels  
*Secretary*

James F. Curtis III  
*Treasurer*

Dori Bachman  
*Trustee*

Tim D'Annunzio  
*Trustee*

Donald Jenkins  
*Trustee*

Dan Poynter  
*Trustee*

Cliff Schmucker  
*Trustee*

B.J. Worth  
*Trustee*

Nancy Kemble  
*Museum Administrator*  
nkemble@skydivingmuseum.org

National Skydiving Museum  
5401 Southpoint Centre Blvd.  
Fredericksburg, VA 22407  
Phone: (540) 604-9745  
Fax: (540) 604-9741

Visit our website at:  
[www.skydivingmuseum.org](http://www.skydivingmuseum.org)

**"LET'S GET THIS MUSEUM BUILT!"**

**Capital Fundraising Campaign . . . to build the museum**

The high standards the museum strives to achieve can only be accomplished through significant financial support from those who believe in its mission and who desire to further its progress. Your investment is an important step to capture and share with the public the history and fascination of one of mankind's most exciting endeavors. We are asking you today to make a donation to bring the museum to fruition. All donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

**Memorial Bricks. . . a donation that will last a lifetime**

Celebrate the life of someone with whom you've shared precious moments with a National Skydiving Museum memorial brick. As you honor the memory of a loved one or memorialize someone special, your gift also provides much needed funding to build the museum. You are invited to participate in the *Memorial Brick Program* at a special rate of \$1,000 (payable at one time or up to 12 easy monthly credit card payments.) The memorial bricks are sure to become a gathering place at the museum and all who purchase a brick will receive a small "thank you" brick to acknowledge their contribution to the museum. Use it as a paperweight or add a magnet and put it on your refrigerator. To secure your brick, indicate your interest on the form below, visit the museum's website or contact the museum office.



**Equipment Donations . . . save our parachute history**

The National Skydiving Museum seeks to secure historical parachute equipment and documents before they disappear. They are our history. Once they are disposed of, they are gone—forever. Equipment and document donations are tax deductible. Visit the museum's website or contact the museum for additional information.

**Be a part of skydiving history . . . make your donation today!**

- Contributor (up to \$99)—Name included in museum log book permanently on display in the museum and an official museum decal.
  - Friend (\$100 - \$499)—All of the above and name listed in the museum's newsletter and receive four complimentary museum passes.\*
  - Bronze (\$500 - \$999)—All of the above and a one year complimentary admission pass to the museum and VIP events.\*
  - Silver (\$1,000 - \$2,499)—All of the above plus an official National Skydiving Museum Embroidered Cap.\*
  - Gold (\$2,500 - \$4,999)—All of the above plus name recognition on a building brick.\*
  - Platinum (\$5,000 - \$9,999)—All of the above plus name recognition on a building block in a premier location of the museum.\*
  - Other Amount—please indicate amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- \*Admission passes will be distributed upon opening of the museum.

I'd like to purchase a memorial brick. Please send me the memorial brick form to complete.

Check form of payment: \_\_\_\_\_ Check (made payable to the National Skydiving Museum) \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card

Credit Card Information: Type of Card  AX  MC  VISA  Discover

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Mail contributions to the National Skydiving Museum, 5401 Southpoint Centre Blvd., Fredericksburg, VA 22407. Please indicate if donation is in memory/honor of a loved one.