

## 80 Ambassadors and Counting!

Only one and one half years after it began, the Ambassador program has attracted 80 Ambassadors! Ambassadors are members of the skydiving community from throughout the world who share a passion for our sport and a vision for providing the International Skydiving Museum & Hall of Fame with a permanent home.

Ambassadors are a distinguished group. Nine are, or soon will be, in the International Skydiving Hall of Fame. Two are current or former presidents of the International Parachuting Commission. Seven are current or former presidents of national parachute federations and associations. Fifteen are museum trustees and four are museum counselors. Two are Australian, one is French, one is Canadian and one is Saudi Arabian.

What all our Ambassadors have in common is a love for our most extraordinary sport. In addition, each Ambassador has committed to making a gift of \$5,000 to the museum paid at one time, annually over five years, or monthly for 50 months.

Join us as an Ambassador. When you do, we will provide you with the tools to help create opportunities to tell others about the Museum & Hall of Fame. Each Ambassador receives two shirts with different style choices including a handsome embroidered dress shirt, an embroidered Ambassador polo shirt or a colorful Ambassador jump jersey. You will also receive custom business cards printed with your personal contact information, a lapel pin, embroidered patches and a personal numbered Ambassador card.

We hope you will join us! For more information, contact our Director of Development, Jim McCormick, at [jm@skydivingmuseum.org](mailto:jm@skydivingmuseum.org) or +1.970.577.8700, or head to our website for more information and an online sign-up form.

The following supporters have joined us as Ambassadors as of May 1, 2018. Thank you to all! Names of those joining after that date can be found on our website and in future newsletters.

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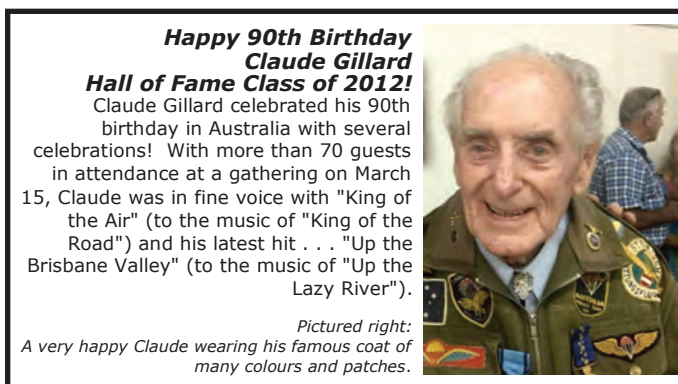
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**Happy 90th Birthday  
Claude Gillard  
Hall of Fame Class of 2012!**

Claude Gillard celebrated his 90th birthday in Australia with several celebrations! With more than 70 guests in attendance at a gathering on March 15, Claude was in fine voice with "King of the Air" (to the music of "King of the Road") and his latest hit . . . "Up the Brisbane Valley" (to the music of "Up the Lazy River").

*Pictured right:*

*A very happy Claude wearing his famous coat of many colours and patches.*

## Remembering Larry K. Bagley (1944–2018)



Larry K. Bagley passed away after a short illness on Tuesday, March 27, 2018. Larry served as a trustee of the International Skydiving Museum & Hall of Fame and held the roles of secretary and chairman of the Hall of Fame committee. In 1975, he joined the USPA board of directors as the mountain conference director and served four years before being elected as a national director. During his 20-year stint on the board, he served as president for eight years and two years as chairman of the board. Larry and his wife, Cindi, owned and operated a commercial parachute center in Utah for 10 years and have traveled to almost 100 countries, mostly on behalf of skydiving. They became honorary

Golden Knights in 2007. In 1995, Larry joined the USPA staff in Virginia as director of government relations; later he served as deputy executive director and finally as the first director of competition, before retiring in 2011. He collaterally served as alternate delegate to the International Parachuting Commission, including six years as IPC technical secretary. In 2013, he was awarded USPA’s Highest Honor, the Lifetime Achievement Award and, in 2016, was inducted into the International Skydiving Museum Hall of Fame.



*“Larry and I have been friends since the early 70s; we jumped together at Pope Valley, served together on the USPA Board and, up until his untimely passing, served together on the Board (Executive Committee) of the International Skydiving Museum & Hall of Fame. Larry was also my presenter at my induction to the International Skydiving Hall of Fame—a moment I will now forever cherish! I will miss him; RIP, my friend.”*  
 James F. (Curt) Curtis III

### Counselors Diverse and Prominent

You may not be aware that the museum has a Board of Counselors. These 14 prominent and well-connected skydivers from throughout the world share a desire to be a part of assuring that the capital campaign to build the museum is successful. As Counselors, they help to promote the museum and identify members of our community who may want to become an important part of this exciting project.

Members of the Board of Counselors are:

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Marylou Laughlin served as a Counselor until she recently joined the Board of Trustees.

### Check out our new website!

It’s a new design but with the same web address. You will still find us at [www.skydivingmuseum.org](http://www.skydivingmuseum.org).

Photography has always captured the thrill and beauty of our sport and the new website boasts lots of images celebrating skydiving’s history and today’s exciting achievements. It has a clean design with intuitive and consistent site-wide navigation that directs you to the information most relevant to you. Along with the big changes, there is a whole host of smaller but impactful changes, all to make your experience friendly and enjoyable.

It is also fully responsive with mobile devices, making it easy to navigate on a wide range of web browsers and portable devices (phones and tablets).

In addition to the changed design and layout of the pages, new functions and features have been implemented. Check out the Hall of Fame section. Now you can search through the inductees by typing in a first or last name. And go to Support the Dream and watch the “Turning Point” video. It encapsulates the essence of OUR SPORT and why we are compelled to build a museum that captures the thrill, intensity and camaraderie of skydiving.

We hope you like the changes, and if you have any feedback, please let us know on Facebook or Twitter.