

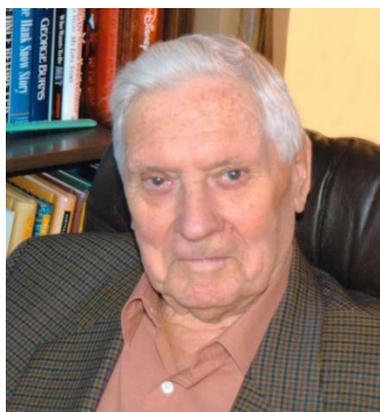
Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame to Induct Four New Members and Honour a *Belt of Orion* Recipient

Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame (CAHF) will induct four new members at its 42nd annual gala dinner and ceremony to be held Thursday, June 4, 2015, at the Skyservice hangar in Toronto, Ontario, at the Toronto Pearson International Airport. The annual black-tie event is a highlight in Canadian aviation celebration and draws attendance from across Canada.

To be honoured by CAHF in 2015 are:



Arthur Roy Brown, DSC: Known to most Canadians for his decisive involvement in the epic action of 21 April 1918 resulting in the demise of Manfred von Richthofen, the “Red Baron.” Brown had an outstanding record of service in the Royal Naval Air Service and the Royal Air Force. He was an outstanding combat leader who persevered on active duty despite poor health and injuries. He never lost a member of his flight because of the care he took in introducing newcomers onto operations. Postwar, his steadfast interest in flying led him to found a highly successful aviation company operating in northern Ontario and Quebec westward to Manitoba throughout the 1930s. In poor health and suffering the medical effects of his wartime crashes, he died at the young age of 50 in 1944.



James Stuart “Jim” McBride: From initial roots in the technical side of the RCAF, Jim McBride used his entrepreneurial talents to build successful franchises for the marketing of Piper aircraft and Hughes helicopters across Canada. From modest beginnings in the charter business supporting Manitoba Hydro in its major power projects in northern Manitoba, he went on to develop profitable and innovative air transport businesses culminating with the rescue and turnaround of the Winnipeg based regional carrier, Transair. Later he developed aircraft franchises and helicopter based charter operations in support of the resource industry in western Canada.



George Edward Miller, O.M.M., CD: He has combined several careers in Canada's aviation world and his accomplishments have cemented his reputation as an outstanding leader. His 35 years of service in the RCAF/CF were marked by many superlatives, chief amongst them his selection as the 1973 leader of the “Snowbirds” aerobatic team. Many of the signature elements of the current team's identity and operational approach were implemented during his tenure ranging from the nine aircraft formation to the team's distinctive branding. His post air force career included running air shows in Ottawa, the significant and sustained development of the Langley Regional Airport into a major part of the airport infrastructure of British Columbia and the leadership of a new formation team active in the Lower Mainland, the “Fraser Blues”.



Owen Bartley "O.B." Philp, C.M., DFC, CD: Widely acknowledged as the driving spirit behind the founding of the acclaimed "Snowbirds" air demonstration team, "O.B." Philp was a revered and decorated air force leader. His wartime service included operational flying in both Europe and Burma. As Base Commander at CFB Moose Jaw, he created the nucleus of an aerial demonstration team for Canada that finally won official recognition as 431 Aerial Demonstration Squadron in 1978 - the Snowbirds. The International Council of Air Shows acknowledged him as the "Father of the Snowbirds" in 1984. He was made a Member of the Order of Canada in 1993 in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the military history of Canada. He died in 1995.



Belt of Orion Award for Excellence: AeroVelo Inc. The AeroVelo story is one of the most remarkable accomplishments of Canadian applied aeronautical engineering during the entire history of manned flight in this country. The team of researchers and engineers who make up AeroVelo were the first to accomplish two of the seminal feats of human powered flight: the first flight of a human powered ornithopter in 2010 and the first flight of a human powered helicopter in 2013. Both accomplishments have resulted in significant international and Canadian recognition. The flight of the

human powered ornithopter was certified as a "first" by the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI) and won the McKee Trophy in 2011. The human powered helicopter flight won the coveted "Sikorsky" prize established for such an accomplishment by the American Helicopter Society 33 years ago plus a prestigious FAI award and the 2013 J.A.D. McCurdy Award from the Air Force Association of Canada. AeroVelo Inc. will be represented at the Hall of Fame inductions by Todd Reichert (left) and Cameron Robertson.

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