

Keith Ferris, ASAA Founder

TO BE ENSHRINED BY THE
NATIONAL AVIATION
HALL OF FAME



Keith Ferris has been selected to be enshrined in the National Aviation Hall of Fame on October 6, 2012 in Dayton, OH.

Without question, Keith's influence, impact, and dedication to the aerospace community is unparalleled in our modern era. His leadership and mission as Founder of ASAA is directly responsible for the success, growth, and longevity of the organization. Keith's knowledge, commitment to aerospace education and his unfailing desire to help all those who will listen, has influenced many of us.

The following is an excerpt of the press release provided by the NAHF on March 7, 2012:

The National Aviation Hall of Fame 50th Anniversary of the National Aviation Hall of Fame Enshrinement attracts a "Who's Who" of Aerospace Pioneers, Heroes and Leaders. Day-

ton, Ohio is selected as Enshrinement site to celebrate four pioneering Inductees into the National Aviation Hall of Fame. The National Aviation Hall of Fame (NAHF) announced the date and location for the 50th Anniversary of the National Aviation Hall of Fame Enshrinement Dinner & Ceremony, which will be held in Dayton, Ohio on Saturday October 6th, 2012. The decision was made after significant deliberations and commitments from Dayton business leaders to ensure the event is a financial success during these difficult economic times.

It is anticipated that an audience of 1000 or more aerospace industry executives, armed forces leadership, government representatives, corporate sponsors, aviation scholars and enthusiasts from across the United States will attend this prestigious event known throughout the aviation industry as "The Oscar Night of Aviation." Tickets to the black-tie event are available by advance reservation from the Congressionally-chartered non-profit NAHF, with proceeds benefiting its public Learning and Research Center in Dayton, Ohio as well as youth education and outreach programs.

The Inductee Class of 2012 is: Geraldyn "Jerrie" Cobb, record-setting pilot who learned to fly at age 12, was the first woman to pass all the Mercury astronaut selection tests. Later nominated for the Nobel Prize for pioneering humanitarian flights in South

America; Keith Ferris, known worldwide as the "Dean of American Aviation Art," founded the American Society of Aviation Artists. Also an expert and inventor of aircraft paint systems for military camouflage and high visibility purposes; The late Lt. Gen. Elwood R. "Pete" Quesada, USAF, helped develop and successfully demonstrate air-to-air refueling in 1929, served as first commander of Tactical Air Command, and later helped establish and helmed the FAA; The late Richard T. Whitcomb, Acclaimed as the most influential aeronautical researcher of his time, his concepts include the revolutionary Area Rule, Supercritical Airfoil, and winglets that enable aircraft to fly faster, farther and with less fuel.

Upon their induction next month, the names of Cobb, Ferris, Quesada and Whitcomb will join those of the 211 legends of aviation previously so honored by the National Aviation Hall of Fame, including the very first two Enshrines, Orville and Wilbur Wright. "Each one of this year's Inductee's helps us to fulfill our vision of Every youth learns lessons from American aerospace heroes," said Phil Roberts, NAHF Chairman of the Board. "It is a sincere privilege and pleasure to add these four luminaries to the National Aviation Hall of Fame. Their accomplishments, contributions and sacrifices allow us to Inspire, Honor and Educate youth of all ages through the stories of their life and achievements."