



## Media Advisory

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## Minnesota Aviation Hall of Fame to Dedicate Inductee Wall

**What:** *Ribbon Cutting and Champagne Toast – Public is invited*

**When:** **Saturday, April 21, 2018, 2:15PM**

**Where:** Wings of the North Air Museum, 10100 Flying Cloud Drive, Eden Prairie, MN 55347 [Wings of the North Directions/Map](#)

After being in storage for nearly a decade, the plaques describing the lives and achievements of the nearly 200 inductees of the Minnesota Aviation Hall of Fame (MAHOF) finally have a home.

The MAHOF plaques will hang in the Wings of the North Air Museum in Eden Prairie. The installation will share space with the iconic “Sierra Sue” P-51 Mustang, a Boeing Stearman biplane flown by President George H.W. Bush during his WWII training in Minneapolis, and the Spirit of St. Louis replica used in the 1957 Jimmy Stewart movie of the same name, as well as other treasures.

The installation will be celebrated with a ribbon cutting and toast on April 21, 2018 at 2:15 p.m. with remarks by MAHOF Founder Noel Allard and Wings of the North General Manager Cary Pao. MAHOF inductees will also be on hand for the event.

Noel Allard co-founded MAHOF in 1988, and still serves as its Executive Director. “The MAHOF plaques honor Minnesota men and women pilots, explorers, designers, builders, and promoters. The unique stories embodied in these beautiful plaques have long needed a permanent home and deserve to be shared and passed down to future generations.

“At the Wings of the North Air Museum, sited at one of Minnesota’s busiest general aviation airports, the public will now have access to this important collection that will continue to grow over time. In addition to enjoying the MAHOF installation, visitors can experience the excitement of all types of contemporary and historic flying aircraft as well as the Wing of the North museum collection.”

**Minnesota Aviation Hall of Fame** Since 1988, MAHOF has inducted six Minnesota aviation luminaries annually. Inductees include well-known figures such as Charles Lindbergh and early NWA pilot Charles (Speed) Holman, and unsung heroes and innovators such as WWII Women’s Airforce Service pilot and instructor Elizabeth Strohfus and inventor Boris Popov, whose Ballistic Recovery Parachute on aircraft and ultralights has saved hundreds of lives. <http://www.mnaviationhalloffame.org/>

**Wings of the North Air Museum** is open to the public from 10 a.m. -2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, and on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. [www.wotn.org](http://www.wotn.org)