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**ASTRONAUTS, AVID AVIATORS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS COUNT DOWN TO FRONTIERS OF FLIGHT MUSEUM GALA SET TO BLAST OFF APRIL 27**

*Congressman Ralph Hall Receives George E. Haddaway Award for Achievement in Aviation*

**DALLAS (April 19, 2013)** – The Mission Control gala committee has assembled a stellar evening featuring legendary astronauts, aviation industry leaders, as well as congressional and state legislative members to celebrate the **2013 Frontiers of Flight Museum Gala set for Saturday, April 27 at the museum located at 6911 Lemmon Ave. Congressman Ralph Hall**, who serves the 4th District of Texas, will be presented with the coveted **George E. Haddaway Award for Achievement in Aviation** in recognition of his dedicated advocacy of science, space and aviation as a member and Chairman of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology of the U.S. House of Representatives.

**Col. Walter Cunningham, USMC (Ret.)**, the pilot on the Apollo 7 Mission, and his wife, **Dot Cunningham**, are the Honorary Chairs for the 2013 Gala, themed **“SPACE.”** During the event, attendees will welcome many special museum supporters including **former U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, Congressman Sam Johnson, and Texas Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst.** Guests will also enjoy musical entertainment provided by the big band sounds of **Tuxedo Junction** Attire is black tie optional. For more information visit: [www.flightmuseum.com/2013-gala/](http://www.flightmuseum.com/2013-gala/).

“The Frontiers of Flight Museum Gala is a very special evening dedicated to the accomplishments and contributions to aviation and space exploration,” said **Cheryl Sutterfield-Jones, President and CEO, Frontiers of Flight Museum.** “It’s also a great fundraising opportunity to support the education of the next generation of aviators and astronauts through the museum’s incredible Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) programs that reach more than 10,000 students each year.”

Attendees can plan on an “out of this world” experience and have the bonus of supporting the Frontiers of Flight Museum’s mission of educating, motivating and inspiring the next generation by joining these **guests astronauts at the 2013 Gala: Alan Bean** (Apollo 12, Skylab 3); **Gene Cernan** (Gemini 9A, Apollo 10, Apollo 17); **Eileen Collins** (STS-63, STS-84, STS-93, STS-114); **Walter Cunningham** (Apollo 7); **Fred Haise** (Apollo 13, OV-101); Tom Henricks (STS-44, STS-55, STS-70, STS-78), **Mike Lopez-Alegria** (STS-73, STS-92, STS-113, Soyuz TMA-9, Expedition 14); **Jim Lovell** (Gemini 7, Gemini 12, Apollo 8, Apollo 13); **Tom Stafford** (Gemini 6, Gemini 9A, Apollo 10, Apollo-Soyuz Test Project); and Mary Ellen Weber (STS-70, STS-101).

“The Frontiers of Flight Museum, a Smithsonian Affiliate, introduces visitors of all ages – from the aviation buff to a child on the first visit – to the rich diversity of aviation and space flight history,” said Sutterfield-Jones. “The museum hosts more than 100,000 local and out-of-town visitors, guests and program attendees each year. We are very fortunate to have so many business and civic leaders, who value the museum’s mission, to join us in support of this gala fundraising event.”

The 2013 Gala sponsorship levels recognize the incredible accomplishments of U.S. crewed space missions from the early Mercury, Gemini and Apollo Missions to the Space Shuttle and current Mars Rover Mission.

Major supporters of the 2013 Frontiers of Flight Museum Gala are: **(Mercury Mission \$75,000) Anonymous. ( Film Sponsor) Boeing. (Apollo Mission \$25,000) Jan & Suzanne Collmer; Dan & Gena Hamilton; Hugh & Judy McElroy. (Space Shuttle Mission \$10,000) American Airlines; Mary Anne & Richard "Dick" Cree; Averille & Stewart Dawson; Matthews Southwest; Omni Dallas Hotel; Mrs. Romona Upfield; The Alinda Hill Wikert Foundation. (Mars Rover Mission \$5,000) ALON BRANDS; Bob Alpert; American Eurocopter; Aviall Services, Inc.; Dallas Airmotive; Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport; Dallas Love Field; Dickie+Associates; Bob & Mary Dilworth; Events By Bill; Food Glorious Food; Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation; Huit-Zollars; Hunt Consolidated Inc./Hunt Oil Company; Ron Jones & Cheryl Sutterfield-Jones; Lonely Standard; OsteoMed; Purewater Baths; SAFRAN Labinal; Signature Flight Support Corp.; Denise & Denis Simon/Challenger, Gray & Christmas, Inc.; Southwest Airlines; Southwest Airlines Federal Credit Union; Eric & Sara Stroud; TACAir, A Division of Truman Arnold Companies; Texas Instruments; University of Texas at Dallas – Eugene McDermott Library, History of Aviation Collection; and UPS.**

Individual tickets are \$250. For more information about tickets or sponsorships call: (214) 350-1651; email [info@flightmuseum.com](mailto:info@flightmuseum.com); or visit [www.flightmuseum.com/2013-gala/](http://www.flightmuseum.com/2013-gala/).

#### ABOUT THE FRONTIERS OF FLIGHT MUSEUM GEORGE E. HADDAWAY AWARD

The George E. Haddaway Award is presented by the Frontiers of Flight Museum each year to individuals, or groups of individuals, who have distinguished themselves by their accomplishments in the realm of flight. The award is not restricted to pilots and aircrew members, but also recognizes excellence in other disciplines in an aerospace context such as corporate leadership, engineering, education, and literature. Previous awardees include Gary Kelly, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of Southwest Airlines, The Honorable John Glenn, General Chuck Yeager, Herb Kelleher, Colleen Barrett, the Women Air Force Service Pilots of WWII, General James H. Doolittle, The Civil Air Patrol, and The Honorable Barry Goldwater.

#### ABOUT GEORGE E. HADDAWAY

George E. Haddaway was a prominent fixture in the north Texas aviation scene for decades as a pilot and aviation journalist. For forty years, beginning in 1934, he was publisher of the area's most successful aviation magazine, *Southwest Aviation*, which underwent several name changes to reflect his observations as the area's aviation industry matured. His years of publishing brought Mr. Haddaway into contact with aeronautical legends such as "Jimmy" Doolittle, Charles Lindbergh, Wiley Post and others, and he accumulated a wealth of aviation-related memorabilia and archives. With this vast treasure trove of books, photographs, and papers, he was the driving force behind the formation of the History of Aviation Collection, now housed at the McDermott Library of the University of Texas at Dallas. The many significant three-dimensional artifacts he acquired formed the basis for the founding of the Frontiers of Flight Museum to house and display these priceless aeronautical heirlooms.