

33rd ANNUAL MINNESOTA AVIATION HALL OF FAME INDUCTION BANQUET
GENERAL INFORMATION – April 1, 2023
CLASS OF 2023

Date: Saturday, April 1, 2023

Location: The Mystic Lake Center, Minnetonka Ballroom, 2400 Mystic Lake Blvd., Prior Lake, MN 55372. The Mystic Lake Center is west of the Casino/Resort and adjacent to the Mystic Lake Hotel. It is just south of the Little Six Casino. The Mystic Lake Center is a dedicated convention area and has its own separate entrance and parking lot. When arriving at the Mystic Lake complex, follow the signs to MYSTIC LAKE CENTER, not the casino! Do you wish to stay overnight? The Mystic Lake Hotel is gorgeous and has offered a special rate of \$169/night single/double occupancy until March 1, 2023. Call the Reservation Center 24/7 to book at 952-445-9000. **State that you are with the MN Aviation Hall of Fame block.** Parking at the banquet and hotel is complementary. Want to book your hotel online? Email me at carol@mahof.org or mahofbanquetreservations@gmail.com for a link and I'll send it right out.

CLASS OF 2023 INDUCTEES

Walter Fricke – Combat helicopter pilot in Vietnam, Founder/AirBoss Veterans Airlift Command

Robert D. Hodge – WWII veteran, game warden pilot and had a career with the Minnesota DNR

Barbara Mack – Well-known Designated Pilot Examiner, and a MN pilot since 1965

John J. Parker – WWII combat veteran. Had a career with the Minnesota DNR as a warden pilot.

Randall L. Sohn – Air Guard and airline pilot, helped create Southern Minnesota Wing of CAF

Robert D. Wiplinger – Minnesota aviation businessman and manufacturer of Wipline Floats, creator of FireBoss fire-fighting aircraft.

In addition to the inductees, the Minnesota Aviation Hall of Fame will present 2023 Minnesota Aviation Writer of the Year award to **Kent Smith for "I See No Problem"** and the 2023 MAHOF Art Award to artist **Ron Finger** from the Brainerd area.

Time: Social Hour – 4:45 pm Cash Bar **Dinner** – 6:00 in the Minnetonka Ballroom

Menu: Choice of Lemon Rosemary Chicken Breast or Applewood Brown Sugar Smoked Pork Loin (GF) with Caesar Salad, Oven-Roasted Asparagus and Baby Carrots, Rosemary Lyonnaise Potatoes and dessert of Chocolate Decadence. (Vegetarian option is also available upon **prior** request)

Induction Ceremony: follows dinner

Dress: Coat and Tie for Men/Cocktail attire for Ladies

Ticket Cost per person: \$75 per person and includes free parking.

Reservations may be made with a check payable to MAHOF and send to 6281 Mallory Lane, Eden Prairie, MN 55346. BE SURE TO SPECIFY YOUR MENU SELECTION OF CHICKEN, PORK (also gluten-free) or Vegetarian. For credit card payments, tickets can be purchased at www.Eventbrite.com. There is a small fee associated with purchasing tickets on Eventbrite. The deadline for reservations is March 25, 2023.

SEND ALL BANQUET RESERVATIONS TO: MAHOF, 6281 Mallory Lane, Eden Prairie, MN 55346. Use the separate form attached and mail with your check to the address above. (Do not send your banquet reservations to the hotel). You can also download this form on our website at www.mahof.org.

General reservations and refund deadline – March 25, 2023. Reservations may be accepted after that date if seats are still available. **Do you wish to be seated with a specific Inductee’s group of friends and family? The deadline for those requests is March 15, 2023.** We attempt to seat friends of each inductee in the same general area, on a first-come, first-serve basis. All seating is assigned, and no tickets will be sold at the door. There is a maximum of 10 guests per table. We expect a capacity crowd, so to ensure the best seating possible you are encouraged to send in your reservations early! We do not issue tickets, but ALL reservations will be acknowledged with an email or a regular letter of confirmation. Be sure to bring this confirmation with you on the night of the banquet. On arrival, there will be a name badge waiting for you with your table assignment. No refunds will be issued after March 25, 2023.

PARKING AND DRIVING DIRECTIONS – The Mystic Lake complex is located southwest of the Twin Cities area and is easy to find. Our banquet is being held in the Minnetonka Ballroom at the Mystic Lake CENTER, (not in the casino). The Mystic Lake Center is a dedicated convention space with its own parking lot and entrance and is just south of the Little Six Casino. The address is 2400 Mystic Lake Blvd in Prior Lake, MN 55372. The phone number is (866) 832-6402. Upon arrival at the Mystic Lake complex, carefully follow the signs to parking for the Mystic Lake CENTER and from the parking lot it’s a very short walk to the ballroom.

Lastly, we know that COVID is still on everyone’s minds, and we want to assure you that we are organizing our event to be as safe as possible. The Minnesota Hall of Fame will be complying with the most up-to-date CDC and Minnesota state guidelines regarding COVID at the time of the banquet, and unless there is a government ban on large gatherings at the time, we plan to move forward! We encourage everyone to get vaccinated and if you prefer, wear a mask at the banquet when not eating or drinking.

QUESTIONS OR NEED ASSISTANCE? – email MAHOFBanquetReservations@gmail.com or call Carol at 952-906-2833.