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**September 17, 2026**

**2026 INDUCTION CEREMONY**  
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Dear Friend,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame, it is my pleasure to invite you to be part of our 2026 Induction Ceremony, taking place on **Thursday, September 17, 2026**, at the **Porter Airlines Maintenance Facility in Ottawa**.

Each year, this ceremony serves as a national moment of reflection and recognition. It brings together leaders from across Canada's aviation community to honour those whose vision, leadership, and dedication have shaped our skies and strengthened our country. In 2026, we will proudly induct **Robert Banks, Donald J. Carty, Ken Molson, and Michael Potter**, four individuals whose contributions span science, airline leadership, heritage preservation, and public engagement. We will also present the Belt of Orion Award for Excellence to the **Air Transport Association of Canada (ATAC)**, recognizing its enduring role as a national voice for commercial aviation. Canada's Aviation Distinction Award will also be presented to the **Canadian Space Agency's Artemis II Team** for inspiring future generations of Canadians pursuing careers in aviation, space, science, and technology.

This evening is about more than celebration. It is about stewardship.

Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame exists to honour achievement, preserve history, and inspire future generations. Sponsorship support is essential to that work. Through the generosity of our partners, the Hall is able to:

- Honour individuals and organizations whose contributions have had a lasting impact on Canadian aviation and aerospace.
- Preserve priceless artifacts, archives, and stories that define our national aviation heritage.
- Inspire students, young professionals, and the public by sharing stories of leadership, perseverance, and innovation.

By supporting the 2026 Induction Ceremony, you are helping ensure that these stories continue to be told with care, accuracy, and pride. You are also aligning your organization with an event that reflects excellence, national significance, and a shared commitment to preserving Canada's aviation legacy.

We would be honoured to **welcome you as a sponsor** and partner for this year's ceremony. Your involvement will have a meaningful and lasting impact, not only on this event, but on the future of the Hall itself.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued support of Canada's aviation community.

With sincere appreciation,

Jean Menard  
Board Chair, Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame



# Take Flight with Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame

Founded in 1973, Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame (CAHF) is a national, not-for-profit organization dedicated to recognizing and honouring the individuals and groups who have shaped our nation's aviation and aerospace history. Through annual induction ceremonies, exhibits, and educational programs, CAHF shares the legacies of pioneers and innovators who have propelled Canada to the forefront of global aviation.

## HONOURING HEROES, INSPIRING TOMORROW

At Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame, our mission is to proudly honour the achievements of Canadian aviation and aerospace leaders, heroes, and innovators by preserving their heritage and history, educating all Canadians, and inspiring the future generation of aviators

## VISION

Ensure Canada's extraordinary aviation leaders and achievements continue to inspire those who will take us into the future.

## VALUES

- **Pride** – We believe in what we do and confidently serve Canadians, our communities, and each other.
- **Respect** – We celebrate and promote diversity, and we are committed to dignity and fairness in all we do.
- **Passion** – We approach every opportunity to recognize Canada's aviation achievements with drive, optimism, and enthusiasm.
- **Honour** – We understand and value what is fundamentally right and socially responsible, and we do it—always.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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# Celebrating Excellence in Canadian Aviation



Each year, Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame has the honour of recognizing individuals and organizations whose contributions have left a lasting mark on aviation and aerospace in Canada. The 2026 honourees exemplify the vision, leadership, and dedication that define our national aviation legacy.

In 2026, we are proud to induct four distinguished individuals whose achievements reflect the breadth and depth of Canadian aviation. Their work spans scientific research, airline leadership, heritage preservation, and public engagement. Together, their stories demonstrate how aviation excellence takes many forms, from advancing safety and policy to preserving history and inspiring the public.

The 2026 inductees are:

- [Robert Banks](#)
- [Donald J. Carty](#)
- [Ken Molson](#)
- [Michael Potter](#)

We are also pleased to present a national honour. The **Belt of Orion Award for Excellence** is awarded to an organization that has made an outstanding and lasting contribution to Canadian aviation. In 2026, this award will be presented to the [Air Transport Association of Canada \(ATAC\)](#), recognizing decades of leadership and service to the commercial aviation industry.

The [Canadian Space Agency's Artemis II Team](#) has been selected to receive **Canada's Aviation Distinction Award** in recognition of its historic contributions to Canada's role in human spaceflight and lunar exploration. Their work represents not only a major achievement in Canadian aerospace history, but also a powerful source of inspiration for future generations of Canadians pursuing careers in aviation, space, science, and technology.

Together, their contributions have strengthened Canadian aviation and ensured that its stories, achievements, and values continue to endure.

Their legacy serves as a source of inspiration for future generations of pilots, engineers, researchers, innovators, and leaders who will carry Canada's aviation story forward.

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# 2026 Inductees



## Robert Banks

Dr. Robert Banks is recognised for his life-long work in aviation medicine and human factors research. As a military pilot and flight surgeon, he studied how the human body responds to the stresses of flight and helped identify critical safety risks. His research into physiological effects such as the “push-pull effect” has helped pilots, engineers, and medical professionals better understand and prevent loss of consciousness and other dangers in high-performance flight. His work has influenced safety standards in aviation and aerospace by improving how people and machines work together in flight.

## Donald J. Carty

Donald J. Carty has made a lasting impact on aviation through his leadership in the airline industry. Born in Toronto and educated at Queen’s University and Harvard Business School, he served as CEO of AMR Corporation, the parent company of American Airlines. He also led and advised multiple aviation and business organisations, bringing strategic vision and strong executive leadership to every role. In addition to his airline leadership, he serves as Chair of Porter Airlines and offers guidance to several boards, helping shape the future of commercial aviation in Canada and beyond.



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## Ken Molson

Ken Molson is honoured for his deep commitment to preserving Canada's aviation heritage. As the founding curator of the National Aviation Museum in Ottawa, he helped build professional standards for collecting, documenting, and sharing Canada's aviation history. He gathered photographs, artifacts, and documents that have become foundational to understanding Canada's aviation story. In addition to his museum work, Ken wrote and contributed to important historical publications that help keep Canada's aviation past alive for scholars, enthusiasts, and the public.

## Michael Potter

Michael Potter is recognized for his passion for aviation and his work to bring historic aircraft to life. He founded Vintage Wings of Canada, a charitable organisation that preserves and displays significant aircraft, many of which are kept in flying condition. Through this foundation and his efforts with VinTech Aero Inc., he has given thousands of Canadians the chance to see and experience vintage aircraft up close, linking people with the history and spirit of flight.

# 2026 Inductees



## **Belt of Orion Award for Excellence**

### **Air Transport Association of Canada (ATAC)**

The Air Transport Association of Canada has served as the national voice for commercial aviation since 1934. As Canada's leading trade association for airlines, flight training, and aviation service providers, ATAC advocates for safety, sustainability, and growth across the industry. It brings together operators, educators, and partners to build collaboration, strengthen regulations, and support a competitive and safe aviation environment. ATAC's work helps ensure that Canada's commercial air transport industry remains strong, innovative, and connected at home and abroad.

## **Canada's Aviation Distinction Award**

### **Canadian Space Agency's Artemis II Team**

The Canadian Space Agency's Artemis II Team has been selected to receive Canada's Aviation Distinction Award in recognition of its historic contributions to Canada's role in human spaceflight and lunar exploration. Through leadership, innovation, technical excellence, public communication, and international collaboration, the team helped position Canada at the forefront of one of the most significant space missions of our generation. Their work represents not only a major achievement in Canadian space history, but also a powerful source of inspiration for future generations of Canadians pursuing careers in aviation, space, science, and technology.

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# Be their Light: The Lift Under Our Wings

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Event Partner</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exclusive recognition as Event Partner on all event materials (print &amp; digital)</li> <li>• Verbal acknowledgement by Master of Ceremonies during the formal program</li> <li>• Opportunity to screen a short promotional video (up to 3 minutes) during the event</li> <li>• Two (2) tables of eight (16 seats) in a premium location</li> <li>• Prominent sponsor logo placement on CAHF's website and social media channels</li> <li>• Full-page advertisement on event screens and printed materials</li> <li>• Named Friend of the Hall for one year</li> </ul>	\$50,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Diamond Wing Sponsor</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognition as Diamond Wing Sponsor in all promotional materials</li> <li>• One (1) table of eight (8 seats) in a premium location</li> <li>• Full-page advertisement on event screens and in program (if applicable)</li> <li>• Sponsor logo on CAHF website with hyperlink</li> <li>• Verbal recognition by the MC</li> <li>• Named Friend of the Hall for one year</li> </ul>	\$25,000
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Gold Wing Sponsor</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognition as Gold Wing Sponsor</li> <li>• One (1) table of eight (8 seats)</li> <li>• Half-page advertisement on event screens and in program (if applicable)</li> <li>• Sponsor logo on CAHF website with hyperlink</li> <li>• Named Friend of the Hall for one year</li> </ul>	\$10,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Silver Wing Sponsor</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognition as Silver Wing Sponsor</li> <li>• One (1) table of eight (8 seats), plus a sponsored table for aviation students or Air Cadets (optional)</li> <li>• Quarter-page advertisement on event screens and in program (if applicable)</li> <li>• Sponsor logo on CAHF website with hyperlink</li> <li>• Named Friend of the Hall for one year</li> </ul>	\$7,500
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Bronze Wing Sponsor</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognition as Bronze Wing Sponsor</li> <li>• One (1) table of eight (8 seats)</li> <li>• Logo placement on event screens</li> <li>• Sponsor logo on CAHF website with hyperlink</li> <li>• Named Friend of the Hall for one year</li> </ul>	\$5,500

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# Be their Light: The Lift Under Our Wings

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Hospitality Sponsor (1)</b>	Name/logo displayed prominently at entrance and in event program. Custom Recognition.	\$30,000
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Table Purchase</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reserved table of eight (8 seats - \$3,750)</li> <li>Reserved table of ten (10 Seats - \$4,500)</li> <li>Table sponsor name displayed on table card</li> <li>Named Friend of the Hall for one year</li> </ul>	\$3,750 or \$4,500

## Preferred Hotel Accommodations

ALT HOTEL OTTAWA AIRPORT

We are pleased to recommend Alt Hotel Ottawa Airport as the official hotel for the Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame Ottawa Gala. This brand-new property by Germain Hotels is directly connected to the Ottawa International Airport terminal, offering unmatched convenience for our out-of-town guests.

We encourage guests to book early to take advantage of this special rate. Please reference the Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame Ottawa Gala when making your reservation.

Corporate Code: \$229/night - <https://tinyurl.com/CAHF2026>

*Last day to book: August 1, 2026*



Individual Tickets (\$500 per person): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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# Celebrating Pioneers and Innovators



Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame: Each of the 262 names on this list belongs to a visionary whose dedication and expertise have propelled flight to new heights – from early trailblazers charting untamed skies to modern innovators expanding our reach into space. By supporting our annual gala, you are honouring these exceptional individuals as we preserve and share their stories while inspiring Canadians to dream bigger and soar farther in the ever-evolving realm of aviation.

Carlyle Agar – Thomas Appleton – William Archibald – J. N. Armstrong – Neil Armstrong – Julien Audette  
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