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Iowa Aviation Hall of Fame inducts two longtime pilots

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A stunt pilot who taught other fliers how to get out of spins and a longtime military pilot are the newest members of the Iowa Aviation Hall of Fame.

An induction ceremony for the two-man class was held on Saturday at the Iowa Aviation Museum in Greenfield. Olin "Olie" Pash and Milford Juhl were the honorees.

Here are their stories:

Olin "Olie" Pash

On a Sunday in the fall of 1944, 17-year-old Olin "Olie" Pash took a motorcycle trip to the Omaha airport. A pilot offered to take him and a friend in the air.

During the flight, Pash wondered aloud whether he could ever learn to fly. The pilot overheard him and pointed to Pash's motorcycle. The pilot said: "If you can ride

that ... you can learn to fly one of these."

The next day, Pash went to the Harlan Municipal Airport and took his first lesson. The flying bug bit him. "I thought it was so beautiful looking down," he said last week.

His greatest contribution to flying, he said, was making pilots safer. Many years ago, he taught pilots how to recover from spins.

Pash's lengthy career included a stint in the Navy near the end of World War II, 29 years of flying in air shows and management of

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Milford Juhl

The hall of fame is a capstone. "I've been searching for words ever since they let me know," he said.

He called the news of his induction his biggest surprise since his wife agreed to marry him.

Milford Juhl

Milford Juhl, who died in 2008, was the governor's pilot for 22 years, from 1948 to 1970.

Juhl joined the Army just days after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, and later was in charge of the Iowa Army National Guard's aviation operation, according to a news release. He was also responsible for building the first Army Aviation Facility in Iowa, something he considered one of his greatest accomplishments, said his daughter Pat McCullough, 68, of Ankeny.

On the ground, Juhl received a Life Saving Award after he saved two men who had been stranded on a flooded dam on the Cedar River. He also saved the life of a farmer near Red Oak when his land flooded.

Juhl had lived most of his life in the Boone area and served on the airport commission. He died at age 91.

McCullough said she was proud of her father's newest honor. "He would be very happy to have received this," she said.

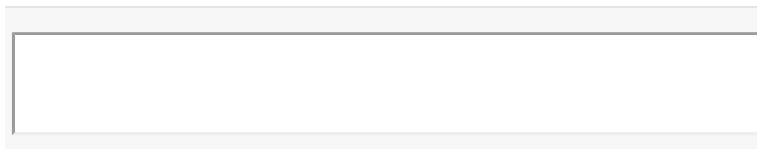
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