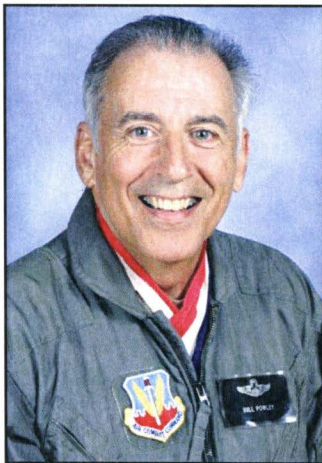


Col. Bill Powley to be inducted into 'Aviation Hall of Fame' list

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For his services and contributions to aviation, Col. Bill Powley will be inducted into the Tennessee Aviation Hall of Fame in November 2013.

After retiring from the military, Col. Powley began teaching JROTC classes at Unicoi County High School. He established the Flight Lesson Instructional Grants Helping Teens (F.L.I.G.H.T.) program which has allowed over 6,000 students to take to the air on orientation flights; more than 110 solos; over 2500 cumulative flight hours and more than 100 service projects while instilling professionalism,



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work ethic and discipline in his students. His efforts have launched successful careers of many students while making a lifelong impact on their lives.

In 2010, Powley was awarded the prestigious A. Scott Crossfield Aerospace Education Teacher of the Year Award, by the National Aviation Hall of Fame. That same year he was the first recipient of the Aviation Person of the Year award by the Tennessee Aviation Hall of Fame. In 2011 he was selected as the recipient of the Career Contributions to Aviation Award by the State of Tennessee Aeronautics Division.

Powley is a graduate of the Air Force Academy and a retired USAF, Vietnam veteran fighter pilot with extensive experience in the F-4, A-7 and F-16, totaling 347 combat missions.