

BRAVO 369 Biographies

Jeff Geer

President & Chairman, BRAVO 369 Flight Foundation

Jeff is a highly experienced aviation and telecommunications professional having spent more than 30 years of his career working in engineering and management positions for leading telecommunications and aviation companies. He started flying in 1985 and has logged over 1,500 hours in over 25 different aircraft types, including warbirds, since receiving his pilot's license in 1986. Of all of the aircraft flown Jeff admits that the most exciting and memorable flight time was in the P51-D Mustang, a World War II fighter aircraft. "It was the best stick time I've ever had, one of the most memorable flight experiences of my life!"

Jeff is the President of the GFR Group, a professional telecommunications design and services firm. He also serves as President and Chairman of the BRAVO 369 Flight Foundation, a non-profit organization whose mission is to support STEM education programs and to preserve historic aircraft and aviation history. A published author having written numerous articles and white papers for the telecommunications and aviation industries, Jeff has also been the subject of recent radio, television, and newspaper interviews regarding his activities with the BRAVO 369 Flight Foundation and the Warplanes to Siberia project and documentary film

Jeff's vision for BRAVO 369 Flight Foundation is "To leave a legacy of inspiration – to positively motivate and encourage our children and future generations to dream, strive for excellence and to reach for the stars. We want to show kids that if they believe in themselves they can do anything they put their minds to through hard work and perseverance. We want to set new standards in teaching and motivating young people to become the best, inspiring them in the same way the Apollo space program and many others in my life have inspired me."

Craig Lang

Co-founder & Director, BRAVO 369 Flight Foundation

Craig has more than 25 years' experience as a professional writer; he is a member of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP), holds a BA in English with Writing Concentration from Western Washington University and has worked in a wide-range of engineering environments including aerospace, telecommunications, and renewable energy. He is currently Manager of Business Development Services and photographer for CH2M HILL's Energy and Chemicals division in Bellingham, WA.

Craig is actively involved in education and regularly visits schools to promote careers in engineering. He holds teaching credentials for adult education and community college, and serves numerous school boards with a focus on STEM education.

In addition to an extensive media background, Craig is a published author. His most recent work is an article in *Sibirica*, *Warplanes to Siberia: Flying Alaska-Siberia Airway*. He also co-authored an article with Jeff Geer, *Coming Home – The 45th Mission* which is an account of World War II veteran Joe Moser's

return to flight in the P-38 Lightning at Planes of Fame Air Museum in Chino, CA which appeared in the January 2011 edition of Warbird Digest Magazine.

Matt Booty

Director, BRAVO 369 Flight Foundation

Matt is the GM of Redmond Game Studios and Platforms at Microsoft, where he leads the production of first party games and entertainment for Xbox, Windows and Windows Phone. Prior to joining Microsoft, he spent close to 20 years at Midway Games in Chicago, where he started out working on hardware, software and game design for arcade pinball and video games. He went on to manage video game production in six studios worldwide and became CEO of Midway in 2008. Matt has degrees in electrical engineering and computer engineering and a Master of Fine Arts in theatre with a minor in music composition, all from Purdue University.

Doug Fenton

Director & Vice Chair, BRAVO 369 Flight Foundation

Doug commenced flying training with the Royal Canadian Air Force January in 1964 and was awarded RCAF wings the following year. He went on to receive operational training in the F-86 Sabre and CF-104 Starfighter and was assigned an operational Starfighter tour in Europe from 1966 to 1970. He also did an exchange tour with USAF instructing on T-37s. Doug graduated from the University of Manitoba with Law Degree and practiced Law in White Rock, BC. He is the founder of the Canadian Starfighter Association and is still flying, with approximately 3,300 hours logged time.

Cheryl Taylor

Board Secretary, Board Director, BRAVO 369 Flight Foundation

Cheryl has been the founder, owner, and operator of Taylor's Technical Triage Inc. (T3sos) since 1993. She has over 35 years of experience performing technical triage and providing specialized support in technical communication and desktop publishing for Boeing, Schneider Electric, OutBack Power Technologies, and Tesoro Refining and Marketing. Ms. Taylor has extensive experience in project management, systems analysis, process analysis, and technical illustration/documentation with an emphasis on aviation, renewable energy, and petroleum refining. Cheryl has been a member of the Society of Technical Communication (STC) since 2005 and has won two Excellence Awards and five Merit Awards for outstanding technical documentation. She earned full certification as a Certified Professional Technical Communicator (CPTC) in March 2012. Cheryl is also a shy musician with one published song and is working on her own music CD.

David Lowrance

Film Maker, Family History Videos

David founded Family History Videos in 1999, with the sole purpose of recording and preserving the stories, challenges, lessons and accomplishments of the "Greatest Generation." As time progressed, he has partnered his efforts with individuals, museums, corporations and non-profits to preserve and protect films, media collections, and personal histories through the creation of full form, award-winning

documentaries. In addition to television production for Skagit TV21, David is a board member of the BRAVO 369 Flight Foundation and the Bellingham International Maritime Museum. His fascination with the human experience and belief that, "...every life has a story," has allowed him to produce projects throughout the United States, Canada, the Bering Sea, and Europe.

Allan Snowie

Board Director, BRAVO 369 Flight Foundation

Allan Snowie was born in Scotland and immigrated to Canada in 1957. He won an Air Cadet Private Pilot Flying Scholarship at age seventeen and then worked as an apprentice aviation mechanic before entering the Royal Canadian Navy. There he flew the DeHavilland-built Grumman S2Fs with the Canadian fleet and spent two years with the RCAF's VIP Transport Squadron (Canada's Air Force One – a Convair 580) before commencing an airline career with Air Canada. As a commercial pilot he had the privilege of flying DC8s, DC9s, B767s, and L1011s. He finished out his career flying A320s, A330s and A340s. This included five years as an instructor and check airman.

Now in retirement he flies experimental Nieuport XIs with the Escadrille NorWest, a group dedicated to honoring the efforts of our pioneer airmen of the First World War. He flew, and trailered, one of the biplanes coast-to-coast during Canada's commemoration of 100 years of flight in 2009. He has written about Canadian Naval Airmen of the RNAS 1914-1918 in a book titled 'Collishaw and Company'. Previous publications are 'Bloody Buron' a Regimental History of the Highland Light Infantry of Canada; and 'The Bonnie' HMCS Bonaventure, Canada's Last Aircraft Carrier.

Mark Kandianis

Mark Kandianis has been with the BRAVO 369 Flight Foundation since its inception and has been a great inspiration to the team. He flew the Northern Ferrying Route between Great Falls, Montana and Fairbanks, Alaska with Alan Anders and Jeff Geer in 2013.

Mark was born in the late 40's in Worcester, Massachusetts. In his teens, he became a commercial fisherman in New England, migrating to the Bering Sea of Alaska in the late 1970's. In Alaska, he formed his own fishing company, Kodiak Fish Company, operating three catcher processors in the Gulf of Alaska and the Bering Sea. He and his wife, Teresa, lived in Kodiak until 1995 when they moved to the Bellingham area. There Mark was able to indulge his love of flying in a Cessna 206 amphibian and later with his 1942 SNJ-4 – the Navy version of the T-6 Texan.

After retiring from the fishing business and selling his boats, he began volunteering with the Heritage Flight Museum in Bellingham and flying formation with his SNJ. He also has been dedicated to raising money for the USO, the Madigan Foundation, the Warrior Transition Battalion, and the National Military Family Association using his Bering Sea fishing connections to help support and sponsor these efforts.

Mark has been in love with flying since childhood and was a Civil Air Patrol (CAP) cadet in the mid-1960s. He received his pilot's license in 1997. He has over 3,200 flying hours and received his formation wingman's certificate in 2012.

Alan Anders

Vice President and Director of Operations & Maintenance, Heritage Flight Museum in Washington State

Alan has been involved with the BRAVO 369 Flight Foundation since its inception and has been as great mentor. He was Pilot in Command during the 2013 test flight from Great Falls to Fairbanks.

Alan was born in a Quonset hut on Hamilton Air Force base, north of San Francisco. His father, Apollo 8 astronaut, William Anders was out flying an F-89 Scorpion, and upon hearing news of his 1st son's birth over the radio, replied " I still have ½ a tank of fuel and will RTB (return to base) when bingo (minimum fuel)" Maybe that's when Alan decided to become a pilot. That day, Feb 18, 1957 was the day the last Skyraider rolled off of the Douglas Aircraft production line and was test flown. For some strange inexplicable reason, it is Alan's favorite airplane to fly.

Initially, Alan wanted to be a helicopter pilot in the Army, but graduating high school in the spring of 1975 after the fall Saigon, there was not a huge demand for helicopter pilots. He went on to pursue a career in commercial art, computer animation and making feature film at Dreamworks Animation. It was not until much later in life that Alan went on to finally pursue his love of flying and went at it with a vengeance. In over 11 years of flying he amassed well over 2,000 hours, mainly in ex-military warbirds. He earned his instrument, commercial helicopter, fixed wing ratings, and type ratings in the L-39 jet, T-28, and AD-4 Skyraider. In addition to flying with the Navy's Tailhook Legacy Flight, he flew a vintage AT-6 Texan with the Military's Texan II trainer in the Air Force's Texan Flight program.