

Charles Stanley Tippett, Jr.

Haymarket, Virginia



Inducted in 2016, Charles S. “Chuck” Tippett, Jr.’s dream of flying began when he was a young child watching planes go over his house. As of 2016, his aviation career spanned 29 years with 13 years as a performer and active supporter of the Flying Circus in Bealeton, Virginia. He has shown an enormous dedication to the restoration of antique and vintage airplanes and the preservation of aviation performance disciplines in danger of disappearing. He is an accomplished wing walker with a very unique act, including many feats of daring such as actually walking on the wing without any safety lines or harness and hanging from the wing struts held only by his ankles. Some parts of his performance are so distinctive that they have been patented. He has also been active with the Flying Circus program which provides rides in vintage airplanes to children and interested adults, with the Make-a-Wish Foundation and the Young Eagles Program of the Experimental Aircraft Association. He has taught dozens of students how to fly and takes great pride in the return of some of those students to the Flying Circus as performers. Of great significance is his participation with the Wounded Warrior Program. He provides or assists with providing airplane rides to wounded warriors each week, often using a "bucket truck" to lift them into the cockpit. His many varied accomplishments - his commitment to the Wounded Warrior Project, Make-A-Wish Foundation and Young Eagles, his dedication to historic preservation, his years of work with the Flying Circus, and his dedication to the almost lost art of wing walking - make him a true ambassador for aviation.