



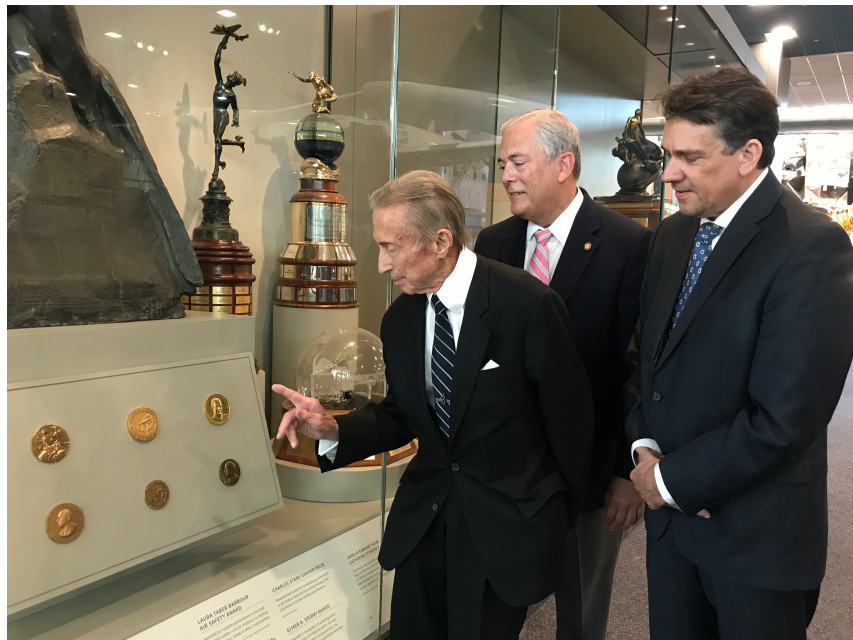
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## **Laura Taber Barbour Air Safety Award Unveiled At Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum**

**Washington, D.C.** -- On July 1st, the Laura Taber Barbour Air Safety Award medallion was introduced at the National Air and Space Museum's gallery opening ceremonies. The Award medallion is located within the Milestones Exhibit Interactive Trophy Case.

The medallion was a gift from Lynn Douglas Mouden, DDS in honor of his father, Captain Homer Mouden, who was the 1973 recipient of the Award, "for unstinting dedication to air safety, including pilots new plane safety evaluation, coordination of efforts concerning use of flight recorders, improved service testing and increasing of wet runway landing distance."



Viewing the trophy case, Cliff Barbour, Dr. Lynn Mouden, DDS and Philip Barbour

## **About the Laura Taber Barbour Air Safety Foundation and Award**

On April 14, 1945, after visiting family in Pittsburgh, Mrs. Laura Taber Barbour was aboard a Pennsylvania Central Airlines DC-3 when it crashed into the rugged terrain of Cheat Mountain near Morgantown, West Virginia. All passengers and crew were killed. In 1956, her husband, Dr. Clifford E. Barbour and son, Cliff, established the Award in her honor. For sixty-one years, this long distinguished award has recognized those responsible for worldwide crowning achievements in aviation safety.

The Award was established through early association with the Flight Safety Foundation and from its founding has enjoyed a rich history of Award Board members, nominees and Award recipients. In 2013, the Laura Taber Barbour Air Safety Foundation was formed from members of the Award Committee, the aviation community and the Barbour family. As the Foundation plans to broaden the scope of its intent, with great purpose, the Laura Taber Barbour Air Safety Award will continue to spotlight those champions who pioneer breakthroughs in flight safety. For more information on the Foundation, the Award, Barbour scholars and past winners, visit <http://LTBAward.org>

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