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First human-powered flight in US

What's Going On at RIAHOF Tonight?

RHODE ISLAND AVIATION HALL OF FAME 15th ANNUAL INDUCTION DINNER

November 18, 2017

PROGRAM

- 5:30 PM Cocktail reception begins
- 5:30 PM Patron and honoree reception in Library (invitation only)
- 6:25 PM Assembly: Guests take their seats
- 6:30 PM RI National Guard Color Guard presents colors
Pledge of Allegiance; Invocation by CAP Chaplain Captain Robert Gubala
- 6:40 PM Welcoming remarks; toasts to the Commander in Chief; to our serving military
and to those in harm's way
- 6:45 PM Final toast to all departed friends of aviation; Taps played by Grayson Farmer
- 6:50 PM Introduction of honored guests
- 6:55 PM Tables are called to buffet
- 7:45 PM Brief commentary on induction/recognition process; initial raffle items
- 7:55 PM Dessert and coffee; silent auction closes
- 8:05 PM Hall of Fame Recognition and Inductions
- 8:50 PM More raffle items
- 8:55 PM Hall of Fame Recognition and Inductions continue
- 9:45 PM Cash raffle drawing; end of program



Cyclists peer over the fence to watch
the 1911 Hendon Aviation meeting.

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