

# AVIATION News

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Special Edition

*Happy Landings*

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● YESTERDAY ● TODAY ● TOMORROW

## Happy Retirement Warren



## President's Message

After 53 years of publishing "Happy Landings" FAHS editor Dr. Warren Brown is retiring. Ninety-eight years young,



Warren is still going strong but decided this was the year he would step down and turn Happy Landings over to someone else which will be myself.

Now, I cannot fill his shoes, but I will try my best to bring you interesting articles from Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow and keep you abreast of what Florida Aviation Historical Society is up to. We value you, our members, and hope you will continue to renew your membership, that is still only \$20 and your renewal date is on your mailing label.

This issue is dedicated to Dr. Brown. So the next few pages will spotlight his activities and involvement with FAHS.

How many of you knew he was an accomplished artist and the picture on the cover is one he did of the Hindenberg. He has over 100 paintings of WW II planes in flight and other subjects he is interested in...BUT he won't sell them to us! He tells us they are his friends and can't part with them... so funny.

So here's to you Dr. Brown, our wonderful member. I'm sure Warren would like to hear from you and his address is:

14607 Brewster Drive, Largo, FL 33774.

Warren says "you can't be an angel until you learn to fly." Thanks for being our angel all these years.

*With love and appreciation, the Florida Aviation Historical Society, Mary Fletcher, President*

## Warren "Doc" Brown

is a founding member of the Florida Aviation Historical Society (FAHS) established in Pinellas County in 1977. The retired FAA Aviation Medical Examiner and Family Practice physician is the Society's "Squadron Leader" and remains a very active director in the state's largest group of aviation history enthusiasts.



Doc wears many hats and has served as Historian Emeritus, bi-monthly "Happy Landings" Newsletter Editor, Membership Chairman and Treasurer. He has also been Chairman of the FAHS-founded Florida Aviation Hall of Fame which started in 2003 on the 100th

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FAHS meets the first Saturday of each month, unless otherwise noted, at the AWAPS building, Albert Whitted Airport, 10:30 AM. All are invited to attend.



Anniversary of Powered Flight, and is co-sponsored by the Aerospace Center for Excellence/ Florida Air Museum at Sun 'n Fun.

A native of Pottstown, Pennsylvania, Doc attended Ursinus College before enlisting in the US Navy during World War II.

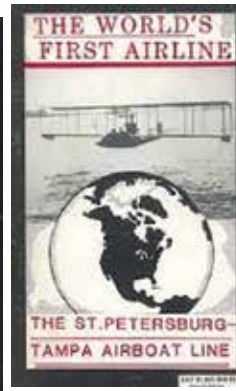
While on active duty as a corpsman he graduated with honors from Bethany College with a BS degree in Biology and Chemistry. After transitioning to the Naval Reserve he received his MD degree in 1949 from the Ohio State College of Medicine, followed by surgical residency at Pottstown Hospital.



During the Korean War Doc had sea duty aboard troopships, pulled shore duty in California and Thule (Greenland), and had one billet as ship's doctor aboard a Merchant Marine vessel carrying displaced persons from Germany to the United States. He was then assigned to the Navy Station Key West as a submarine squadron medical officer.

After mustering out of the Navy in 1953 Doc established residency in Largo, Florida with his wife and family and became a staff physician at Morton Plant Hospital in Clearwater. In 1961 he was appointed Chief of the Family Practice Section at the hospital.

As a private pilot with 1,000 hours in his logbook, Doc was designated a Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) Flight Surgeon in 1964, and purchased a Cessna 150E aircraft. In 1966 he received an award from the Tallmantz Air Museum in Santa Ana, California after setting a trans-continental Instrument Flight (IFR) speed record in a light aircraft!



Flying Corps in France, *The World's First Airline*, the story of the 1914 St. Petersburg-Tampa Airboat Line, and *Florida's Aviation History* – The First 100 Years.

In 2017 Dr. Brown was inducted into the Florida Aviation Hall of Fame at the Aerospace Center for Excellence, Lakeland, Florida during Sun 'n Fun.



Warren always helps dust off the full size Benoist



that is on display at the St. Petersburg Museum of History.

*The Patient's Guide to Medicine* was written and published by Doc in 1968 and updated in ten editions, including one in the Dutch language. He also wrote *Child Yank Over The Rainbow*, the true story of a World War I American aviator who flew with the British Royal



Warren is always there for our first of the month Saturday meetings.

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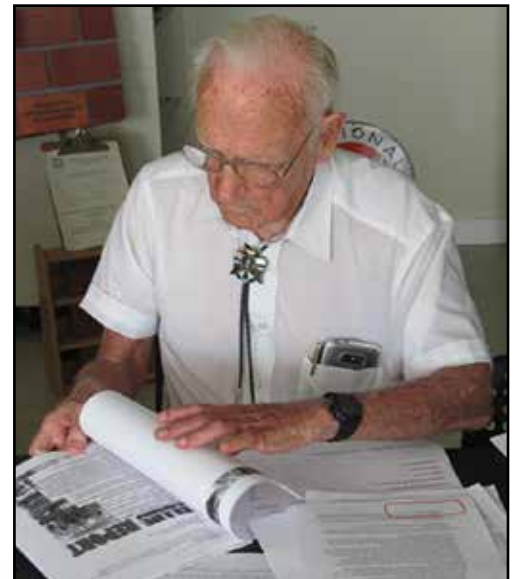
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**Happy  
Retirement  
"Doc"  
Keep  
painting.**