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LEGENDARY LAS COLINIAN: DR. FELIX FENTER

“Architect, Strategist, Chief Engineer and Helmsman of the Nation’s first defense against tactical missiles”

By Amanda Star Cline

Legendary people make brave life decisions, turn thoughts into actions, and do things that benefit the greater good. Legendary Las Colinian, Dr. Felix Fenter, is the first student to receive a Ph.D. in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Texas at Austin in 1960. But this isn't the only thing that makes Dr. Fenter interesting. His research, development, and management activities were major contributions to the aerospace industry, and much of the technology that he helped invent is still used today. This makes him a legend. This makes him incredible.

“We were pioneers and didn't know

it.” Dr. Fenter muses about his work on developing missiles and being part of the “Nation’s First Defense Against Tactical Missiles”.

“Ever since I was a toddler, I was fascinated with aviation, flying, and aircraft. In fact, I took flying lessons when I was 15 years old.” He built model airplanes, thinking about how they would work and how they would fly. His childhood fascination with all things aerodynamic and aeronautical would make a huge impact on United States defense capabilities.

The Paris, Texas native signed up for the Navy in 1944, right after his 18th birthday. However, before serving on the USS Helena, which would take him to

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Property of the Month

2905 Pacific, University Hills



LCA NEWS

Annual assessments cover January 2018 through December 2018 and are due **on July 1st, 2018**. Assessments are based on the property market value put forth by the Dallas Central Appraisal District assessed value of the previous year. The assessment rate is at fourteen cents (14¢) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of that appraised market value. It is important to know that the Las Colinas Association Annual assessment is different from the

invoice that you may receive from your homeowner's association, condo association or townhome association. Payments can be made online at www.lascolinas.org, by mail, or in person at 3838 Teleport Blvd. If you have questions, please call us at 972-541-2345.

In observance of Independence Day, LCA offices will close at 3pm on Tuesday, July 3rd and open Thursday, July 5th at 8:00am.

JUNE & JULY COMMUNITY EVENTS

The [City of Irving Independence Day Celebration](#) kicks off with a parade and reception on July 4th from 9- noon in the Irving heritage district. A dazzling firework show follows at 6pm on Lake Carolyn. Get there early and bring your blankets and folding chairs. More information can be found at <http://cityofirving.org/1295/Independence-Day-Parade-and-Reception>.

[City of Irving's Canal Fest](#) will be held Saturday, June 9th from 2pm – 10pm in the Las Colinas Urban Center. Admission is free.

The [Wounded Warrior Half & 10k Health & Fitness Expo](#) will take place on Friday, June 8th from 2:00pm-6:00pm & Saturday, June 9, 9:00am-4:00pm at Dallas Marriott Las Colinas located at 223 West Las Colinas Blvd. Details can be found at <http://www.dallasathletesracing.com/wounded-warrior-expo/>.

Mingle with national comic book artists at the [North Texas Comic Book Show](#) July 21, 2018 to July 22, 2018 at the Irving Convention Center. Check out <https://www.comicbooksdallas.com/> for details!

[Toyota Music Factory](#) will have many concerts throughout the summer. Check the schedule at www.Livenation.com.



[Let's Play Gaming Expo](#) will bring favorite board games, card games, and video games to the Irving Convention Center July 27, 2018 - July 29, 2018. Get the details at <https://www.letsplaygamingexpo.com/>.

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China, Japan and Panama, he was sent to the USN Advanced Electronics School for training. The students were trained in 'new' classified technology like sonar and radar. This was well suited for Fenter who had built radios as a kid.

"I was a nerd, that word not having been invented yet, anyway," he jokes.

Fenter promises that the Electronics School was more challenging than the aeronautical engineering school that he would go on to attend. He completed training and graduated to an Instructor, eventually

teaching at the Advanced Electronic School, located in the naval base on Treasure Island in the middle of the San Francisco Bay. Even though the school turned out 50 graduates per week, there was still a shortage of technicians during World War II so Fenter kept busy.

After serving in the military, Fenter started over, eventually landing at the University of Texas Aeronautical Engineering Program. Before he received the first-ever Doctor of Philosophy (P.h.d) in Aerospace Engineering awarded by The University of Texas at Austin, he did a 6-year stint as a research specialist in a lab. But this wasn't just any lab, it was the University's Defense Research Lab which was funded by defense contracts and carried out research for the Air Force, Navy, and other government operations including Project Bumblebee.

Project Bumblebee was initiated shortly after World War II and involved research and development to provide guided missiles that would protect

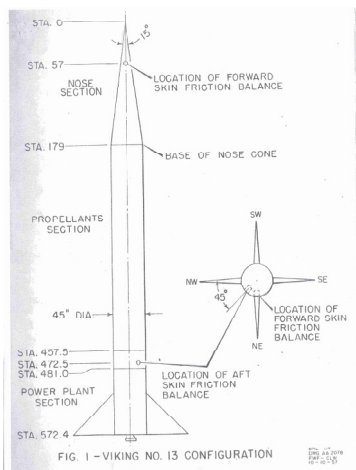
our ships from enemy attacks. This pioneering program was very successful, and today's Navy combat ships protect themselves with standard missiles which are direct descendants of the original Bumblebee missiles. Surface to air missiles (SAMs) incorporated guided missile technology and allowed for layered defense and long-range capabilities. Over the span of his career at the Chance Vought Aircraft Company in Dallas (and its successor companies), Dr. Fenter worked on Tactical Battlefield Missiles, defense against intercontinental ballistic missiles (SRHIT, Patriot PAC-3), the Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS), Sidewinder Air-to-Air Missile (AIM-9 series), and many others.

In 1983, President Reagan announced at his annual State of the Union Address that the United States would develop a defense against intercontinental ballistic missiles. This program was a response to the threat of the Cold War and SCUD missiles developed by the Soviet Union. Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative, also known as 'Star Wars', included the SRHIT that had been renamed to Flexible Lightweight Agile Guided Experiment (FLAGE). Dr. Fenter led the FLAGE initiative while serving as President of the Missile Division for the LTV Aerospace and Defense Company of Dallas. Thankfully, the defense against intercontinental ballistic missiles was never needed.

At age 70, Dr. Fenter, then President of the Loral Vought Systems Corporation, decided to retire. "...I made up my mind, long before, as the result of observing what goes on around me, that when I retired, no matter when it was, it's going to be a short cut. I was going

"I was a nerd, that word not having been invented yet, anyway."

-Dr. Felix Fenter



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Among the many interesting people that Dr. Fenter worked with was the famous Texas Congressman, Charlie Wilson. They became very good friends. An autographed book, Charlie Wilson's War, sits in Dr. Fenter's office and contains the following message:

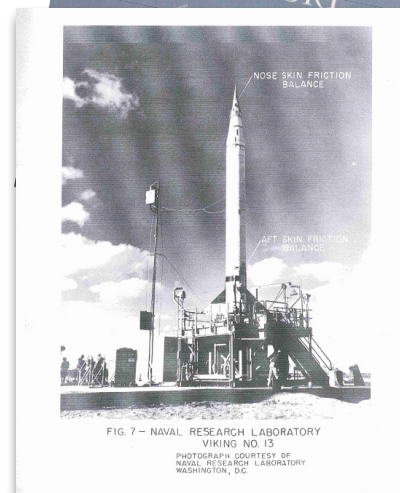
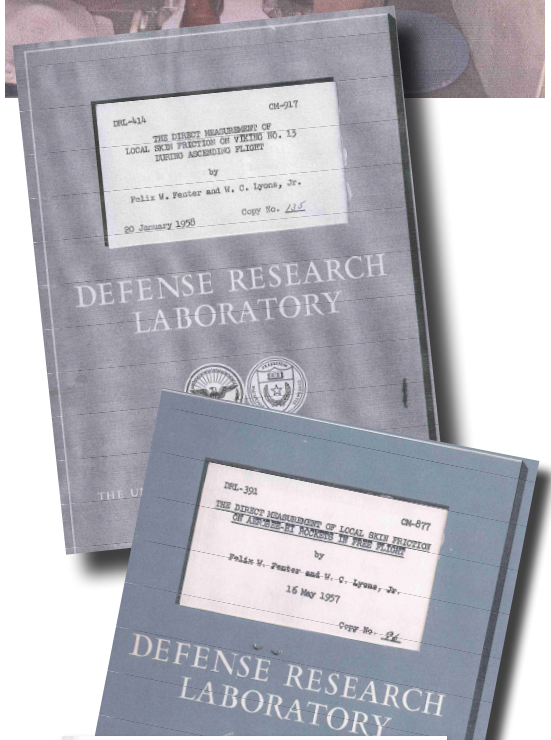
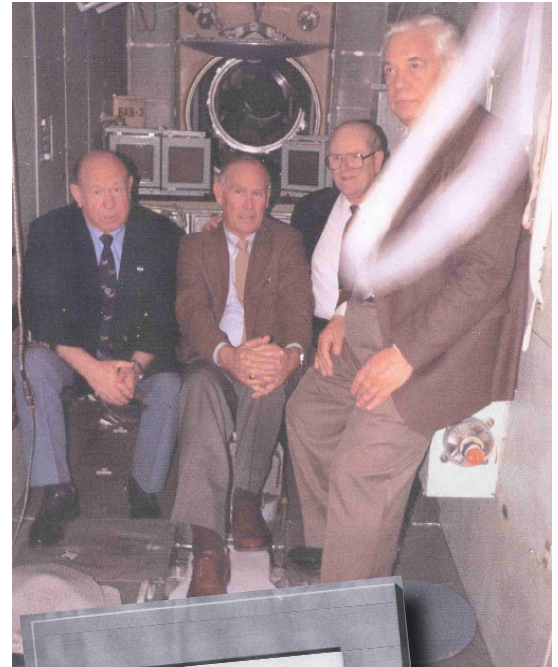
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For Felix Fenter, Great Patriot, Great Friend, Great Guy. I miss you and cherish our friendship.

-Charlie Wilson

to get out of the way because we had seen nearly every top executive in the various divisions of the company, and in other companies where at 65 years, they were immediately hired as consultants." Fenter wasn't going to do that. He was going to retire strong and give his colleagues a chance to run the company, besides he wanted to do something else.

What does a retired engineer do? They help develop robotics technology to improve surgical procedures in the medical industry. At 91, the Legendary Las Colinian has blueprints of a single person aerodynamic watercraft on top of this desk, in the middle of his home office in Las Colinas. His lifelong research in missile defense gave the Nation capabilities of combating enemy missiles. He continues his work for the greater good by working to improve surgical procedures. This makes him a legend. This makes him incredible.





2018 ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS



Rodney Phelps currently serves as the Citi Site President for Dallas/Irving, driving and executing Site Governance, People Strategy, Communication, Culture and Community Investment. Prior to joining Citi, Rodney spent over 15 years with GE Capital. After his term as Chairman of the Board in 2017, Rodney now serves as the Immediate Past Chairman of the Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce and continues his work on their Executive Committee. Rodney also sits on the Executive Committee of The First Tee of Greater Dallas. He holds a BBA from Stephen F. Austin University.



Ken Reese joined Hillwood in 1999 and is Executive Vice President of Hillwood Urban. He serves as development director for all efforts related to Hillwood's urban development. In 2015, Apollo, Vanderbilt and Hillwood purchased Williams Square in the Las Colinas Urban Center. In addition to being a partner in the project, Hillwood Urban manages the leasing for Williams Square. Hillwood Urban has a number of projects in development including a new office building planned for Turtle Creek; a planned tower located off the Woodall Rodgers freeway; and additional office complexes at Victory Park, among other initiatives. From 1994 to 1998, Reese worked in Toronto as a consultant for Royal Bank of Canada, Trizac Trilea Partners, Olympia & York, and other companies. During this time, Reese led the strategic planning and redevelopment of a portfolio of 100 assets, managed a pension fund client's \$425 million purchase of three of Canada's largest regional malls, and oversaw the disposition strategy of a portfolio of 30 assets valued in excess of \$500 million.



Carl Klinke is a retired Commercial Real Estate attorney with a long history in Las Colinas. Carl is a graduate of Northwestern University and earned his law degree from SMU School of Law in 1970. As in-house counsel and with private law firms, Carl is experienced in preparation and negotiation of commercial, industrial, multi-family, and ground leases, representing both landlords and tenants, among many other areas of expertise. From 1972 to 2005, Carl supervised and performed all legal work in connection with the Las Colinas Development. Carl has served on various Association Boards and Architectural Control Committees in Texas and Colorado. Carl currently serves on the Infrastructure Committee and the Legal Committee for Positano Condominium Association, a condominium association for a 170-unit condominium development here in Las Colinas, where he lives with his wife, Nancy.



Steve Nguyen has been a Las Colinas resident for 14 years, and lives in Hackberry with his wife, Lien, and their children Max and Sidney Claire. Steve grew up in Houston and earned his Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Optometry degrees at the University of Houston. After graduation, he moved to the DFW area, where he has practiced optometry for over 20 years. Currently, he serves on Governor Abbott's Advisory Council on Cultural Affairs (Vice-Chair), and the Board of Directors of the Las Colinas Association, the Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD Foundation, The Foundation for Education and Research in Vision (Pres), and the Coppell Baseball Association. When he gets a free moment, Steve enjoys spending time with his family, coaching baseball, and sneaking in a round of golf.



AFTER 5 IN LC: BOI NA BRAZA

The name, Boi Na Braza Churrascaria, can immediately cause an alert, cognizant person to begin drooling uncontrollably while experiencing phantom hunger pains. Thoughts and visions of various meats begin dancing in their heads. The Brazilian steakhouse is largely known for their famous meat selections but they have great beer, wines and mixed drink offerings.

For the beer drinkers, they have over 20 varieties, including 3 from Brazil. Wine drinkers have over 160 wines to choose from with many reds from Argentina and Chile. If you want to branch out from wine and beer, tell the bartender to bring you a Caipirinha. The Caipirinha is Brazil's national cocktail. Be careful with this one, though. It sneaks up on you.

The upscale bar area can seat up to 22 people

comfortably. There are two TV screens to watch a game or the news.

What you should order:

The Caipirinha is worth a try! The first sip is reminiscent of a lighter version of the margarita. It's sweet, earthy, exotic, fresh and green. The Caipirinha contains crushed lime, organic sugar and cachaça. It's uncomplicated and stripped down. What really makes this drink unique is Cachaca, which is made from fresh sugar cane juice.

Contact Info:

Boi Na Braza Churrascaria is located at the Toyota Music Factory at 310 W. Las Colinas Blvd, Suite 130 in Irving, Texas.

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LAS COLINAS ARTIST



Jeanne Lannin



"Snowball's Chance in Hell"

How did you come to live in Las Colinas?

I was working as a consultant for a company in Irving that is located across from Lake Carolyn. Several co-workers mentioned to me about the City's plan to grow and attract more tourism in the area. I had also attended several shows at the Irving Arts Center and was impressed by the diversity and quality of artwork at their events. I thought the new growth in the area might be an opportunity to show my artwork and expand my network.

What adjectives would you use to describe your work?

Colorful, Emotional, and Unusual.

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