

# Biography of Capt. Carl A. Hakenen Jr., Okemos High School Class of 1957

Carl Arthur Hakenen Jr., son of Carl Arthur "Arthur" (1904-1980) and Ruth C. (Sanders) (1910-1997) Hakenen, was born 15 January 1939. Carl's father was a World War II veteran of the US Coast Guard and a native of Ironwood, Michigan. Arthur married Miss Ruth Sanders 16 December 1933 Manhattan, New York. The couple would celebrate 46 years and two sons together. Arthur retired as Chief of the disability determination section in the State of Michigan Education Department's Vocational Rehabilitation Division.



Carl "Art", graduated in 1957 from Okemos High School and furthered his education with a 4 year bachelor's degree from Michigan State University.

Art was active in OHS...and popular with the ladies!

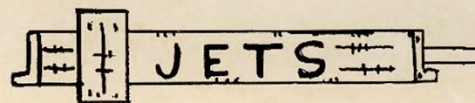
Arthur Hakenen "Art"  
 "Chase me, girls; I'm a butterfly."  
 South Intermediate Junior High 1  
 Arthur Hill High School 2  
 S.R.A. 4  
 Yearbook Staff Business Manager 4  
 Service Club 3, 4  
 JETS 3, 4  
 Art Club 3, V. Pres. 4  
 Projection Club 4



**Best Dancers**  
 Art Hakenen  
 Elaine Kalush



**JETS — Seated:** Jack Weiss, Roger Shull, Don Keck, Mr. Walbridge, Lynne Johnson, Jerry Largent, Wayne Sawyer. **Second Row:** Forest Kenworthy, John Bratzler, David Cardone, Joe Ferrar, Arthur Hakenen.



Z-o-o-o-m !



And very interested in science through the JETS club. (Notice JETS club members Don Keck and Joe Ferrar.)



Lansing State Journal (Lansing, Michigan) Wednesday 12 June 1963

HAKENEN - 2d Lt. Carl A. Hakenen, Jr., of Okemos has received his U.S. Air Force wings, graduating from pilot training at Vance AFB, Okla. He will be assigned to Travis AFB, Calif., to fly C124 cargo aircraft, following completion of survival training at Stead AFB, Nev. The son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Arthur Hakenen, 1630 Forest Hills Drive, Okemos, he received his B.S. degree from Michigan State University.

Lansing State Journal (Lansing, Michigan) Tuesday 28 January 1964

#### OKEMOS MAN TO WED CALIFORNIA GIRL

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar O. Samuels of Oakland, Calif., announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarajane, to Air Force Lt. Carl Arthur Hakenen Jr. Lt. Hakenen is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Arthur Hakenen of 1630 Forest Hills Drive, Okemos. A February wedding is planned.

Carl and Sarajane were wed 15 February 1964, Monterey County, California.

Lansing State Journal (Lansing, Michigan) Sunday 30 August 1964

HAKENEN - 1st Lt. Carl A. Hakenen Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hakenen, 1630 Forest hills Drive, Okemos, has graduated from the flight training course for Air Force transport pilots at Tinker AFB, Okla. He has been assigned to Travis AFB, Calif.

Carl was honorably discharged from the USAF in 1968. He spent 31 years employed by United Airlines flying mostly B727's. The following is a summary of his life since 1999.

"Captain Carl Hakenen, United Airlines Retired Captain Hakenen is a seasoned commercial pilot with 31 years of professional service with United Airlines. Prior to his career with United, Captain Hakenen served six years in the United States Air Force. Following his retirement from United, Captain Hakenen was the Assistant District Attorney and later the District Attorney of Solano County, as well as a volunteer pilot for Orbis Flying Hospital, which he continues to this day. Captain Hakenen is a graduate of Michigan State and McGeorge School of Law. He has lived in Northern California since 1964, is married, and has 3 children and 5 grandchildren."



Daily Republic, Solono County, CA

### **Fairfield HOST Lions Club Guest Speaker and Volunteer Pilot talks about Orbis**

#### **International and their "Flying Eye Hospital"**

By Community Contributor

The Fairfield HOST Lions Club was honored to have Carl Hakenen as their Guest Speaker on Wednesday February 14th.

Mr. Hakenen is a veteran of the U. S. Air Force and a retired Pilot from United Airlines.



After retirement Mr. Hakenen volunteered at [Orbis International](http://Orbis International) piloting several variations of the “Flying Eye Hospital” over the years to countries all over the world.

Orbis International is a non-profit non-governmental organization (NGO) based out of the United States and does not received government funding but relies on corporate and private donations.

It focuses on the prevention and treatment of blindness in developing countries around the world.

The charity over the years has trained over 10,000 doctors, conducted more than 15 Million eye exams and performed around 350,000 eye surgeries.

Currently Orbis is flying a Boeing MD-10 Wide Body airliner donated by FedEx that has been converted into a working Flying Eye Hospital and Training Center. The Flying Eye Hospital is built on an MD-10-30 freighter aircraft that utilizes a modular design concept.

It flies to developing countries to provide training for doctors and nurses, as well as delivering sight-saving surgeries, delivering state of the art medical equipment and repairing damaged and broken equipment for the local hospitals and clinics.

Carl was honored with a designation at the Smithsonian National Air & Space Museum Wall of Honor. Capt. Carl A. Hakenen Jr.: Foil: 14 Panel:4 Column: 3 Line:61  
 Pilot, USAF, 1963-1968  
 Pilot, United Airlines, 1968-1999  
 Pilot, Orbis Int. 2000-



ORBIS Volunteer Pilots: (Left to right) Mark Vaughan, Carl Hakenen and William Wilson after landing ORBIS's Flying Eye Hospital into Zambia for a program. Volunteer Pilots have been a critical part of ORBIS's Flying Eye Hospital programs since 1982.

## VOLUNTEER PILOTS

The work of the ORBIS Flying Eye Hospital would not be possible without the volunteer pilots and flight engineers who join us from FedEx and United Airlines and receive complimentary training from FedEx.

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| Captain Jim Bevier<br>Vandeventer, MS            | Captain Peter Doran<br>Collierville, TN | Captain David Hulbert<br>Memphis, TN     | Captain Bob Rutherford<br>Cordova, TN       |
| Captain Hal Biestek<br>Tucson, AZ                | Captain Gary Dyson<br>Lodi, TN          | Captain Ron Jones<br>Collierville, TN    | Captain Mark Vaughan<br>La Mirada, CA       |
| Captain David Blizzard<br>Collierville, TN       | Captain Lew Flowers<br>Fort Worth, TX   | Captain Scott Maw<br>Germantown, TN      | Captain William Wilson<br>Thousand Oaks, CA |
| Captain Michael Christiansen<br>Collierville, TN | Captain Carl Hakenen<br>Fairfield, CA   | Captain Gordon Platt<br>Collierville, TN | Captain Terry Zubrod<br>Collierville, TN    |
| Captain Stephen Dee<br>Cordova, TN               | Captain Samuel Heslep<br>Germantown, TN | Captain Richard Rouse<br>Germantown, TN  |   |





MD-10 Cockpit

Operating Room

Takeoff from Northern Asia



Capt. Harkeney flying the ORBIS Eye Hospital over the world.

