Join us for a fascinating presentation about the life of Frank G. Tinker Jr., American mercenary ace in the Spanish Civil War.

_Five Down, No Glory_ is the first in-depth biography of Frank Tinker, a U.S. Naval Academy graduate, class of 1933, who went into combat with Soviet airmen during the Spanish Civil War. Through sheer perseverance Tinker rose from a teenage enlisted seaman, through the U.S. Naval Academy, to the officer’s wardroom—then pressed on to claim the wings of a naval aviator and to become a top-flight fighter pilot and published author. Tinker would become the top American ace during the Spanish Civil War after downing eight enemy airplanes in combat.

Our speaker R. CARGILL HALL is Emeritus Chief Historian of the National Reconnaissance Office, an intelligence arm of the DoD. He is the author of _Lunar Impact: A History of Project Ranger_ and _Lightning Over Bougainville: The Yamamoto Mission Reconsidered_. Mr. Hall took on the task of completing the unfinished biography of Tinker started by his friend Richard K. Smith, adding his own research and refinement. Mr. Hall was selected to receive AIAA 2012 History Manuscript Award for the manuscript, which was published by the Naval Institute Press in October 2011. The authors, well-known aviation historians, also offer a rare discussion of the aerial tactics introduced in the Spanish Civil War that became standard procedure in World War II and firmly establish Tinker’s aviation feats for the historical record.

Copies of the book will be available for purchase ($28) - please bring a check or exact amount. Mr. Hall will be available for signing prior to and after the presentation. There will be pizza and refreshments provided before the meeting.

**Date & Time:** Thursday, January 19, 2012, 6:30 to 9:00 pm (Presentation by Mr. Hall at 7:25 pm)

**Location:** Room 106, College Hall, UTA
600 S West St, Arlington, TX 76011
[Google maps link](http://maps.google.com) (free parking on Lot F12, north of University Center)

**Cost:** Members $5, non-members $7, and students $3 (for pizza and soft drinks)

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