

OLD FLIERS GROUP  
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DOUG VINCENT....ANGEL FLIGHT OKLAHOMA

ADRIAN PITMAN....F-35 PROGRAM AND AIRCRAFT 5<sup>TH</sup> GEN. CAPABILITY



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Delia Parker and Bob Hunt recommended Doug Vincent (USA) and Adrian Pitman (Qld) to present talks to us. I thank them both, but I am greedy. I want more!

Doug Vincent volunteered himself and his aircraft to fly missions for Angel Flight Oklahoma. On that dreadful day, now known as 9/11, he was tasked with flying medical supplies to Louisville from Tulsa. The sky was devoid of aircraft, even Louisville Air Field, a busy transport hub. He was conscious of aviation security that night, requesting transponder codes to cross territory stalked with fighters. Doug returned that night to Oklahoma City where his plane was impounded for two weeks.

After a break for sweets and drinks we returned with Adrian Pitman. Adrian has retired from 55 years of

Military and Defence Service.

He spent 22 years as a Technical Director in the Department of Defence.

Adrian co-authored the book "F-35 The Inside Story of the Lightning !!"

Adrian has high praise for this aircraft which is a 5th generation, stealthy, network enabled, multi-role, super-sonic jet fighter.

He explained that unlike previous programs, the F-35 is a collaboration of nine countries, 214,000 personnel and 1650 companies.

As a result of the Ukrainian/Russian conflict, Northern European countries have embraced the program.

We look forward to your attendance at next month's Old Fliers Group luncheon on May 29.  
Steve Rogers