



**Joseph B. Wilder**  
**SCBA Past President, 1966-67**

*“My most striking memory was announcing from the podium, during the Winter Convention on January 2-7, 1967, the tragic death of the three crew members of Apollo 1. It stunned the audience of several hundred in the Wade Hampton Hotel ballroom. I also remember working with other officers to establish the broadcast sequence at USC and the employment of Dr. Richard Uray as association executive manager.”*

- Served as a pilot with the Second Air Commandos in Burma and China during World War II
- Graduated from the University of Georgia School of Journalism in 1947 and then entered the broadcast industry as a program director and sales manager of WKLY (Hartwell, GA)
- Retired former owner of WBAW-AM/FM, WBHC-AM/FM and WAKS-AM/FM
- Received the Peabody Award for community service in 1953
- Served as District 91 representative in the SC House of Representatives
- Inducted into the SCBA Hall of Fame in 1988
- Chairman Emeritus of the SC Aeronautics Commission and was elected to the SC Aviation Association Hall of Fame
- Director Emeritus of the Lower Savannah Council of Governments
- Received the Order of the Palmetto from Governor Carroll Campbell for his work with the disabled