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University of Toledo president William S. Carlson leaves today (Friday, April 1) for a three-week air tour of Alaska with the U.S. Air Force.

The president, who had the rank of Colonel in the Air Force during World War II and is now a Reserve Colonel, will collect data to complete his latest book on the Arctic.

The tour will include a visit to ice island research bases to study operations at the cold-weather stations, as well as stops at some of the "DEW Line" -- Distant Early Warning -- national defense installations.

President Carlson is no stranger to the Arctic; he was a member of the University of Michigan expedition to Greenland in 1928-29 and lead the 1930-31 expedition. He is the author of "Greenland Lies North" and during the war was director of the Air Force's Arctic, Desert and Tropic Information Center.

His new book, "Lifelines Through the Arctic," which will be published by a New York firm, will examine the transportation and communications potential of the polar regions. His study will discuss the opening of the air route to Siberia for the delivery of aircraft to Russia during WW II and examine the possibilities of a northern route to Europe via Greenland -- which he hopes to re-visit in the near future.

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