

# ***THE LEROY W. HOMER JR. FOUNDATION***



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## **Day of Remembrance—15th Anniversary of Sept 11, 2001**



On the 15th anniversary of the events of September 11th, 2001, Melodie Homer, President, Brian Florence, Vice-President, Pauline Smith, Executive Director and Mike Scott, scholarship recipient, 2003, were in attendance. On the evening of the 10th, Melodie Homer carried the lantern in memory of LeRoy in the Luminaria ceremony. On the morning of Sunday, September 11th, 2016, the bells were rung and the names read of every person who was lost on Flight #93. Family and friends were able to spend some time in the Visitor's Center before a wreath was laid and the entrance to the sacred ground area was open for family and friends to gather. Although the occasion was somber, it was well orchestrated to allow the families to be able to

share some time there, alongside the public. The last phase of the memorial will be the Tower of Voices, scheduled to be completed by Sept 2018. For more information, <http://www.honorflight93.org/memorial/>

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## **Two Schools Honor LeRoy Homer on 15th Anniversary**

On Sept 9, 2016, Wilmington Seventh-day Adventist Church school hosted a fundraiser on behalf of the LeRoy W. Homer Jr. Foundation. This elementary school located in Wilmington, NC has dedicated to doing more community service projects this year, and contacted us to see what they could do. Melodie Homer spent time with the students as they set up for the event, while also telling them how the events of September 11th, 2001 had inspired her to start the Foundation in 2002. In total they raised almost \$250.00 which will pay for a pop-up tent and table to set up for events here in the Wilmington area! Thank you!



On Sept 12th, LeRoy was honored in his hometown of Marlton, NJ at the Jaggard Elementary School on Patriot's Day. Jane Oswari, Vice President was in attendance and spoke to over 400 kids to inspire them to seek aviation as a potential future career. The kids and families raised \$1000 in less than one week for our scholarship fund. Thank you so much for your efforts!



## **Foundation Forms New Aviation Partnerships**



We are pleased to announce two new partnerships with aviation organizations, Jeppesen, a Boeing Company and Legacy Flight Academy. Jeppesen specializes in flight training and aviation services providing the best in aviation training materials. They offer online training courses that meet the ground instruction requirements and curricula needed to complete the FAA private pilot written exam.

Legacy Flight Academy (LFA), started in 2012 by Major Kenyatta Ruffin, USAFA graduate, and USAF F-16 pilot, won the BET Award “Shine A Light” award this past June. Although the Foundation and LFA operate in their own unique way, both organizations focus on aviation education. Our plans include sharing information about our partner organization to aspiring aviators. If there is not an opportunity with our program, there may be one with Legacy Flight Academy. This allows for cross promotion and hopefully more opportunities.

You will be hearing more about these partnerships in the upcoming months. Keep a look out for more information.



This past spring, the Foundation decided to integrate public service announcements (PSAs) into our social media platforms. Over two weekends in July, Melodie Homer met with past scholarship recipients in Chicago and Colorado Springs to film these PSAs. Thanks to everyone who donated to our first Kickstarter campaign! Although everyone volunteered their time, including our photographer, Jahns Chavez, we still had costs, mostly related to travel and accommodations. Because we used multiple locations on different weekends, postproduction is still being done. We will keep you updated on our progress and hope to share the final productions with you on social media very soon!

## **GETTING READY FOR HOLIDAY SHOPPING?**



Buy your holiday gifts and help the foundation at the same time! Did you know every time you shop at Amazon, you can have a portion of your purchase go to benefit the LeRoy Homer Foundation? Just go to [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) and log into your amazon account. You can then designate which charity you would like to receive a portion of your purchases.

It's a great way to help without having to give or do anything extra. We appreciate the support!



## **2017 LeRoy W. Homer Jr. Scholarship Application Window is Now OPEN!**

Be sure to visit our website [www.leroyhomer.org](http://www.leroyhomer.org) to download our latest application for our 2017 scholarship. We are looking for young adults with a passion for aviation. If you or anyone you know fits in this category, please encourage them to apply to our program. Help us spread the word!

## **Have you met Daniel Domonkos?**



Dan Domonkos is our newest board member, serving as Director at Large, Southern Region. Dan received his undergraduate degree from Towson University. He has worked for Deloitte, KPMG, ABB, and Domonkos & Company. He is a Certified Public Accountant and an instrument rated private pilot. Dan resides in Raleigh, NC. We are excited to have Dan on board and welcome his expertise.



Thank you to all the employees of United Airlines who participate in the monthly donation program. For a full list of donors, please visit [www.leroyhomer.org](http://www.leroyhomer.org) and click the donate tab.

## **Donor Acknowledgments Earning Their Wings**

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## **Have you checked out our all new website?**

It went under a complete renovation and its fresh new look is easy to use and navigate. If you haven't already done so, fly over to [leroyhomer.org](http://leroyhomer.org) and check us out!

*The LeRoy W. Homer Jr. Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that was established to provide financial support and encouragement to young people, with an interest in aviation, to pursue professional flight instruction leading to certification as a private pilot.*



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