# THE LEROY W. HOMER JR. FOUNDATION



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## Congratulations to our 2017 Scholarship Recipient



Congratulations Layton Howerton, 2017 LeRoy W. Homer Jr. Foundation scholarship recipient!

On behalf of the LeRoy W. Homer Jr. Foundation we would like to announce the selection of Layton Howerton as the 2017 Scholarship Recipient! Layton has been interested in aviation since he first saw the Blue Angels fly as a young boy. He has attended the ACE (Aviation Career Education) camp in Brookings, SD, and he will be attending the EAA Advanced Air Academy Camp this summer in Oshkosh, WI. This spring, Layton graduated from high school as the class of 2017 valedictorian. He has held leadership positions in FFA (Future Farmers of America) and FCCLA (Family Career & Community Leaders of America). He will be working this summer break earning his private pilot certificate. Layton will be attending lowa State University this fall where he will be majoring in Aerospace Engineering. Congratulations Layton!

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.



## Sunset Remembrance Event, Sept 9 - Wrightsville Beach, NC



A commemoration of the events of September 11th 2001, will take place on Wrightsville Beach on September 9, 2017 at 6:00 pm. This free community event will be hosted by the LeRoy W. Homer Jr. Foundation, a 501c3 non profit organization, founded in memory of LeRoy Homer, co-pilot of United #93.

"The idea of having a service like this here in the Wilmington area came about because I've met so many people here who also lost a loved one or are connected to that day in some way", says Melodie Homer, widow of LeRoy Homer. "We want to honor and remember those lives".

The Girls Choir of Wilmington will be performing during this evening sunset ceremony. Please bring your beach chairs to the beach area in front of the Blockade Runner Resort, beach access #32. Battery operated candles will be provided.

If you or someone you know in the Wilmington area lost a loved one that day please email **pmsmith@leroyhomer.org** and we will read their names aloud during the ceremony.

# KICKSTARTER

Our first PSA is finally complete! Thank you to all those who supported our Kickstarter program to produce our first public service announcement. You can watch our PSA on our website under the 'Gallery' heading. www.leroywhomerjr.org/gallery fØ

Want to keep up with everything that's going on with the Foundation? Make sure you follow us on our social media channels.

## Past Scholarship Recipient Update—Where are they now?



Ryan Wright received our scholarship back in 2005. After serving in the US Marines for many years, he currently works for Silver Airways, a Part 121 scheduled air carrier with routes that fly primarily in Florida and is the number one carrier to the Bahamas. When we asked Ryan about his new position he said, "We fly the Saab-340B+, a twin turboprop, multi-engine aircraft and enjoy flying very much." He is currently based out of Tampa International Airport (TPA) where he lives with his wife Danielle, and two dogs Sunshine and Shadow. Future aspirations consist of flying for a major airline. Congratulations Ryan on your aviation achievements and we wish you continued success in your career!



Have you checked out our YouTube channel? Check out the OFFICIAL LeRoy W. Homer Jr. Foundation channel. There are many videos out there on YouTube about LeRoy, but not all have been approved by the Foundation. Please look at our official channel for up to date videos.



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