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Commemorating the 20th Anniversary of Sept 11, 2001



On Saturday, Aug 28th we commemorated the 20th anniversary at the FAME venue in Philadelphia. The LeRoy W. Homer Jr. Foundation had about half of our recipients in attendance from all over the country, including our most recent 2021 recipients. Several recipients spoke and shared how receiving the scholarship was the first step in changing their lives and beginning their aviation careers. We were also honored to have Amy Weinstein from the National 9/11 Museum in NYC give us insight into the stories and memories she has helped curate from the last 20 years. With your love and support, we were able to raise additional funds to continue supporting aviation dreams. We want to thank all those who have continued to stand with us since 2001. It is because of your continued financial support that we have been able to award 27 scholarships to date. Thank you for honoring the past and inspiring the future!

USAFA Class of '24 Hosts Exemplar Dinner

Each class of at the United States Air Force Academy has a tradition of selecting an exemplar, and the class of 2024 selected 1987 USAFA alumni, Major LeRoy Homer. The "Exemplar Dining In" dinner was held on Thursday, September 30, 2021, at Mitchell Hall with over 1000 cadets in attendance. Melodie Homer was in attendance and spoke to the cadets about the characteristics she hopes they will embody as they go through their years at the Air Force Academy and beyond. Colonel Edward Lengel, Director, Operations, Plans and Readiness for the Air Force and USAFA alumna was the keynote speaker, and spoke about his experiences, as a soldier and pilot, in the war against terrorism that was waged in Afghanistan after 9/11. Every time the class of 2024 is addressed, their response will now be to shout "Roy" in response. We are thrilled that the class of 2024 selected LeRoy Homer as their exemplar.



When once you have tasted flight, you will forever walk the earth with your eyes turned skyward. For there you have been, and there you will always long to return. - Leonardo DaVinci



Endowment Fund Off To A Great Start

The LeRoy Homer Foundation launched an Endowment fund earlier this year as we begin to plan towards the permanence of our organization. As we begin this endeavor, we are so appreciative of those of you who have chosen to make donations of \$2500.00 and above. We were thrilled to receive a \$50,000 check from ALPA National, and several other large donations in honor of the 20th Anniversary. Although we are off to a great start, we would like to be closer to our goal. Over the

next few years, we plan to raise enough funds to allow us to continue awarding scholarships, even as the costs of flight training increase. If you would like to donate to the Endowment fund, we are accepting multi-year pledges. We are also soliciting individuals and businesses who would be interested in participating in matching grants. For more information, or to donate, please visit us at leroywhomerjr.org/endowment/ or contact mhomer@leroyhomer.org.



Grant Awarded for the 3rd Time!

We want to share some great news. Our foundation was awarded a generous grant from the Ray Foundation for the third time. The Ray Foundation's mission is to encourage the potential in the youth of America by enabling them to develop life skills such as self-discipline, self-confidence, and self-reliance. In keeping with the spirit of their founders, the Ray Foundation primarily supports education programs and organizations with a focus on aviation and aerospace. We are so thankful for their generosity in supporting our mission to create the next generation of pilots. Please visit rayfoundation.us to learn more about this amazing foundation.



We've Come Full Circle!

Here we are, 20 years after the anniversary of Sept 11, 2001. We have truly come full circle with one of our first recipients, Sarah Cooke. She was awarded a scholarship the first year we started the foundation. Just recently, she was offered a position as First Officer with United Airlines following in LeRoy's footsteps. Here she is in front of a memorial plaque of LeRoy Homer and Captain Jason Dahl, heroes from Flight 93. Thank you to all those who support the foundation. You are changing lives every day and we are forever grateful for standing by our side these last 20 years.



Check out leroyhomer.org for our latest merchandise! We have brand new t-shirts available that would make a great gift this holiday season!



Donor Acknowledgments

Earning Their Wings

Thank you for your ongoing support. Without you, it would not be possible for us to continue awarding flight scholarships. In addition, thank you to all the employees of United Airlines who participate in the monthly donation program. Due to space, we cannot acknowledge everyone here.

For a full list of donors, please visit www.leroywhomerjr.org/about/donors

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Just A Buck is a program from United Airlines where employees have the opportunity to donate "just a buck" through their payroll to our foundation along with others that were created in memory of the United pilots from 9/11. This program has been invaluable to our foundation and has given us the opportunity to continue giving scholarships out year after year. Thank you to all those who participate in this program. Your ongoing support means so much to us! To find out more about this program, visit:

www.justabuck.info.



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