



SCHOLARSHIP IN HONOR OF

LAMANA KELLY DIXON
&
GENERAL ROBERT J. DIXON

U.S. AIR FORCE

Lamana Kelly Dixon

Kelly Dixon, a native of Montgomery, met her husband-to-be while she was serving in the office of the Director of Defense Research and Engineering in the Pentagon. The Dixons were married at Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Alabama.

After the assignment to the Air War College at Maxwell AFB, the Dixons spent three years in Paris with SHAPE. The family traveled throughout Europe, while Tom, Roland and Mary attended French school. Kelly Lee was born in Paris during the SHAPE tour.

From Paris, it was Washington for three years in War Plans, living in Fairfax, Virginia, followed by a tour with SAC at Loring AFB, Maine. There she was active with Family Services, Child Care Center, Officers' Wives' Club, Red Cross volunteer at the hospital and manager of a husband and four children.

Then it was Randolph AFB, Texas, where General Dixon headed up the Military Personnel Center and Kelly continued active with Base projects and volunteer work. When General Dixon did a tour in Vietnam she tended the Dixon clan, and devoted free time to volunteer projects.

When the Dixons went to the Pentagon, in DCS/Personnel, Kelly served on the Wives' Club

Board, and worked with Family Services and the hospital.

Her dedication to Air Force projects increased when General Dixon became Tactical Air Commander at Langley AFB, Virginia. From 1973 to 1978 she succeeded in obtaining increased AF funds to upgrade Child Care Centers and Youth Centers at TAC bases. She also focused on improving the Family Services at each base. She maintained interest in the Officers' Wives' Club at Langley as Honorary President.

After General Dixon's retirement from the Air Force, the Dixons moved to Long Island where he was President of Fairchild Republic, and Kelly continued volunteer commitments and played a little golf.

The family moved to Texas in 1983. Kelly continues to volunteer, and for nine years, until October 1993, served on the Air Force Village Foundation Board; also still plays a little golf.

Kelly is proud that their extended family made this AFA scholarship available to a deserving young person. The Air Force and the future of its young people have always been an important part of her life.

General Robert J. Dixon

General Robert James Dixon retired as Commander of the U.S. Air Force's Tactical Air Command on 30 April 1978 after 37 years active military service with the RCAF, RAF, Army Air Corps, and the USAF. He was a command pilot with more than 6,000 flying hours.

Among General Dixon's military decorations and awards are the Distinguished Service Cross, AF Distinguished Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Army Distinguished Service Medal, British Distinguished Flying Cross, Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster, U.S. Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star Medal, Air medal with 11 oak leaf clusters, and Purple Heart. General Dixon also received decorations for his service in WW II, in the Korean, and Vietnam wars.

He received the Air Force Management Award in 1969 and the Collier Trophy in 1978, with Tactical Air Command, for the Red Flag realistic training program.

General Dixon served in three wars; World War II where he flew Spitfires, P-38s, and P-51s; he was shot down over an oil refinery in Germany and taken prisoner. He flew 28 combat missions in F-86s before the Armistice in the Korean war. He

was Vice Commander of the Seventh Air Force during the Vietnam war, where he flew 36 combat missions in F-4, RF-4, and other 7th AF aircraft.

Upon his return from Vietnam, August 1, 1970, he was promoted to Lieutenant General and became Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel, Headquarters, USAF. On October 1, 1973, he was promoted to General and was Commander of Tactical Air Command (CINC AFLANT) until his retirement in 1978.

After Air Force retirement, General Dixon was President and Chairman of the Board, Fairchild Republic Company from 1978 to 1982. Since 1982 he has been an Independent Consulting Contractor with Aerospace Industry, and served on various Boards, including Burdeshaw Associates, Scientific Measurement Systems; Trustee, Falcon Foundation, Air Force Academy; Air Force Historical Foundation; Air Force Aid Society; and the Air War College Foundation.

General Dixon was born in New York City and graduated from Dartmouth College in 1941 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Literature. In 1941 he entered pilot training in the Royal Canadian Air Force, and was commissioned a pilot officer.

Dear Lt. Gen. Bellis:

In tribute to their superb record of service to our country and the United States Air Force, and in recognition of their dedication to freedom and our democratic way of life, the undersigned family members are proud to sponsor the Lamana Kelly Dixon and General Robert J. Dixon Falcon Foundation Scholarship.

Sincerely,

*Edward K. Northrop, Thomas F.
Dixon, Roland C. Dixon, Mary
L. Dixon and Kelly Dixon Cooper*



The Falcon Foundation is a 501(c)(3), non-profit foundation. Its purpose is to provide scholarships to College or Preparatory Schools for motivated young people seeking admission to USAFA and a career in the Air Force.

Although it is a separate organization, the Falcon Foundation works closely with USAFA.