



SCHOLARSHIP IN HONOR OF

GENERAL
RUSSELL E. DOUGHERTY

U.S. AIR FORCE

General Russell E. Dougherty

General Dougherty was the Eighth Commander in-Chief of the Strategic Air Command, a position of far-reaching importance to national security and also a position of heavy personal responsibility. His appointment as Commander-in-Chief, SAC, reflected the high regard and confidence of Air Force and Defense Department officials.

General Dougherty is a Kentuckian. He graduated from Western Kentucky University, from the Law School of the University of Louisville and from the National War College.

In 1943, he completed aviation cadet training and became a four-engine instructor for B-17's and B-29's. Later General Dougherty, with his legal training in college, became a Judge Advocate and ultimately was appointed Assistant Air Force Trial Attorney.

He returned to operational duties in SAC, including such assignments as Combat Crew Commander, Operations Officer, Maintenance Officer, Commander of a B-47 Unit and Deputy for Operations of the Fifteenth Air Force of SAC. He was Commander of the Second Air Force which became the Eighth Air Force. He served in several staff positions in Europe, including Chief of Staff of Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE).

General Dougherty holds the following awards: one Defense Distinguished Service Medal; three

Air Force Distinguished Service Medals; the Bronze Star Medal; the Joint Service Commendation Medal; and many theater ribbons.

With regards to General Dougherty's awards, very few officers can be found who enjoy the honor of wearing four Distinguished Service Medals. Only through superior performance in an important job with many responsibilities can this award be earned. To have earned four DSM's over years of service is indeed a real proof of ability and dedication.

In 1978 General Dougherty lost Gerry, his wife of 35 years, due to cancer. He is now married to Barbara Brooks of Birmingham, Alabama. His twin sons, Mark and Bryant, are USAF fighter pilots and his daughter Diane (Streicker) is married to a Chicago attorney.

It is not often that an officer accumulates such an outstanding career of top performance in so many positions of critical importance to the national security of the United States. The Air Force, Defense Department and the people of this country have reason to be proud of General Dougherty and grateful for his many contributions to national defense throughout the years of his service. The Falcon Foundation is grateful to General Lyon for sponsoring this scholarship in honor of a fine American.

Dear General Montgomery:

In tribute to General Dougherty's fine record of service in national defense and in recognition of his fine character and the high respect that he has earned in the Air Force, it is my privilege to sponsor a Falcon Foundation scholarship in his honor. Through the years, many young people will be assisted in their efforts to enter the Air Force Academy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'W. Lyon', written in a cursive style.

*William Lyon
Maj. Gen., USAF (Ret.)*



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