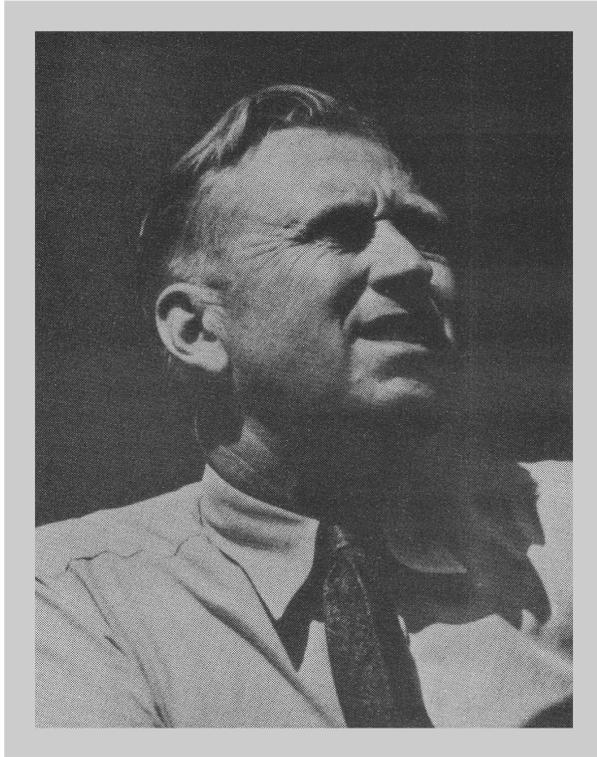




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SCHOLARSHIP IN HONOR OF

LEROY R. GRUMMAN

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Leroy R. Grumman is one of the six founders of the company that bears his name. He served as its first president, its first chairman, and guided the company from its inception in December 1929 at the beginning of the Great Depression to its development in the mid 1960's of the Lunar Module for America's Project Apollo.

Grumman was born on January 4, 1895, in Huntington, Long Island, New York. He attended school on Long Island and then worked his way through Cornell University. He received a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Cornell in 1916.

He went to work for the New York Telephone Company after graduation, but the outbreak of World War I in 1917 prompted him to join the U.S. Navy. He enlisted as a machinist's mate 2nd class and shortly afterwards applied for aviation duty. In September 1918 he graduated as a naval aviator and was commissioned an ensign. He served as a Flight Instructor at Pensacola and then as Project Engineer and Test Pilot at the League Island Naval Yard near Philadelphia.

At League Island, he met two aviation pioneers, Albert and Grover Loening. It was for the Loening Aeronautical Engineering Corporation that Grumman went to work in 1920 after leaving the Navy, first as test pilot, then factory manager, and finally General Manager. Grumman remained with the Loenings until 1929 when as a result of a series of business arrangements the factory was to close and relocate to Pennsylvania.

Grumman and five associates decided to stay on Long Island and go into business for themselves. They rented a garage in Baldwin, Long Island,

and with about \$65,000 of their own money and \$30,000 from the Loenings, opened for business on January 2, 1930, as the Grumman Aircraft Engineering Corporation.

Grumman served as President throughout his company's formative years when it grew from a repair shop for Loening amphibians to the premier builder of aircraft for the U.S. Navy. His numerous engineering innovations resulted in the first retractable landing gear on a production military aircraft and a unique way of folding the wings of carrier-based planes that permitted a 50 percent increase in the number of aircraft a carrier could accommodate.

Grumman relinquished the presidency in 1946, but remained as Chairman of the Board. During the next 20 years he led the company into the jet age and then the space age. When he retired in 1966 as Chairman, his company was in the midst of building the Lunar Module, the ship that carried the astronauts to the moon. Grumman remained as a director until June 1972. At his retirement the Grumman Corporation's board of directors elected him Honorary Chairman of the Board for his lifetime.

Many awards have been bestowed upon Leroy Grumman during his long aviation career. For his achievements in naval aviation, the highest civilian award, the Presidential Medal for Merit, was bestowed upon him in March 1948 by Secretary of Defense James V. Forrestal. In the same year he was awarded the Daniel Guggenheim Medal for "pioneering in aeronautics." In May 1968, he became the first recipient of the National Academy of Science's Hunsacker Medal "for his contributions to aeronautical engineering." He is

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enshrined in the Long Island Hall of Fame and the Aviation Hall of Fame (in Dayton, Ohio).

In 1949, he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Engineering degree from the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn and in 1961 an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Adelphi University.

In 1981 he received the Wings Club's Distinguished Service Award for his contribution to

aircraft design and manufacture in the field of general aviation.

Grumman married Rose Marion Werther in 1921 and they had four children, Marion Elinor (Mrs. Ellis L. Phillips, Jr.), Florence Werther (Mrs. Fred Hold), Grace Caroline (Mrs. A. C. Nelson), and David Leroy.

Dear General Bellis:

We are pleased to participate in The Falcon Foundation scholarship program and are very proud to sponsor a scholarship in the name of our company's founder, Leroy R. Grumman.

Leroy Grumman was a gentle genius. His dedication to excellence, his contribution to the field of aviation, and his concern for his fellow man have earned him a place in aviation history.

We hope this annual scholarship will help worthy young men and women achieve their goal of a long and successful career in the U.S. Air Force.

Sincerely,



*George M. Skurla
Chairman of the Board
and President
Grumman Aerospace Corp.*



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