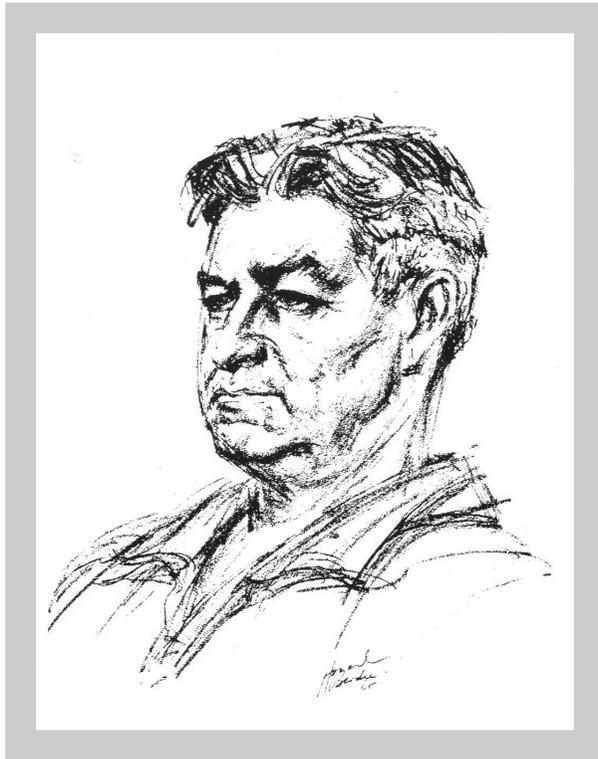




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SCHOLARSHIP IN HONOR OF

GENERAL
CURTIS E. LeMAY

U.S. AIR FORCE

General Curtis E. LeMay

There was no United States Air Force Academy then; so Curtis LeMay completed the ROTC course at Ohio State University as an honor student and enlisted as an aviation cadet in the United States Army Air Corps, reporting to March Field, California, as a lowly “dodo,” in the November class of 1928. Now a second lieutenant, he received his wings at Kelly Field, Texas, in October, 1929. Until February 1, 1965 when he retired as Chief of Staff, United States Air Force, the service had his complete devotion, his absolute dedication, his constant thought and attention.

He smoked a pipe for cadet days to Guam; and only the “instant” mildew and fungus there changed this to cigars at Guam; and so he became, to friend and critic, the “Big Cigar.”

But chiefly he is to be remembered in terms of events, and for personal contribution to events which are historic in the annals of aviation, navigation, air power and space. Throughout it all, these thirty-five plus years, his guiding light may well have been his appreciation of, and consideration for, the human being. For uniquely, he recognized the infinite capacity of the human mind; the seemingly unlimited capability of the human species to endure hardship, to overcome difficulties, to solve problems, to rise to great moments - given the individual disposition and determination to do so. Equally, he was impatient - yes, intolerant - of anyone who gave less than his best and complained at subsequent failure.

Prior to World War II, he pioneered air routes over the South Atlantic to Africa, and over the North Atlantic to England. There was no aerial refueling, no electronic navigation aids to assist.

Commanding the Third bombardment Division in England, early in our participation in World War II, he led the famed Regensburg raid in the industrial heart of Germany, continuing to Africa, initiating “shuttle” bombing.

He initiated the use of “lead crews,” and the elimination of evasive action, once a formation made its final course adjustment. He did whatever he asked of others; and he became “Old Iron Pants.”

He commanded the 20th Air Force of nearly a thousand B-29’s in the bombing of the Japanese mainland; he introduced night radar bombing from low altitudes (5,000 -10,000 feet). He introduced centralized maintenance, rising the in-commission time of B-29’s from 30 hours to 120 hours monthly.

He commanded United States Air Forces in Europe in 1948 when the Soviets blockaded Berlin. Under his command was organized the famous Berlin Air Lift, maintaining life in a city of over two million of those who, a few years before, were enemies.

He was the first Commander, and for nine years commanded the Strategic Air Command. It became and is our principal deterrent force. Respecting its missiles, he still respected more the judgment and intelligence of human beings and therefore the continuing value of the manned system.

He was the tough task-master, the most appreciated partisan, for nearly 1,200,000 men and women who are the United States Air Force. He recognized it is they who closely monitor and are con-

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stantly prepared to employ, with deadly purpose and mission of salvation, the 14,000 aircraft, the 600 intercontinental ballistic missiles, the ninety billion dollar hardware of the Force. He was the professional's professional military airman. His many decorations are but mementos for meritorious and honorable service. He continued and enhanced the record for brilliant, inspiring leadership supplied by so many Air Force great.

His faith is simple and meaningful; and he states it best in his book, "Mission with LeMay."

"I hope that the United States of America has not yet passed the peak of honor and beauty, and that our people can still sustain simple philosophies at which some miserable souls feel it incumbent to sneer. I refer to some of the Psalms, and to the Gettysburg Address, and the Scout Oath. I refer to the Lord's Prayer, and to that other oath which a man must take when he stands with hand uplifted, and swears he will defend his country."

Dear General Bellis:

The Boeing Company is honored to have its name associated in perpetuity with the General Curtis E. LeMay Scholarship.

During his illustrious career with the United States Air Force, General LeMay became the consummate aviator in the minds of the American public. His professional competence and dedication to always being the best remain hallmarks of today's Air Force. As first commander of the Strategic Air Command, General LeMay left an indelible stamp on this nation's primary deterrent force.

Through this scholarship program for young people seeking an education and career in the Air Force, it is the hope of The Boeing Company that the legacy of greatness left by General LeMay will serve to inspire a new generation.

Sincerely,



Frank Throntz



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