



SCHOLARSHIP IN HONOR OF

MRS. CARL A. SPAATZ

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Ruth Harrison Spaatz was born in Fort Riley, Kansas, the daughter of a Cavalry officer. From her earliest years she became well acquainted with the nomadic way of service life with its constant changes of stations and schools.

Ruth first met her future husband at Schofield Barracks in Oahu, Hawaii in 1914, where her father was stationed. A young Lieutenant Carl A. "Tooe" Spaatz reported fresh from graduation from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Soon after their first meeting, Ruth was sent back to the University of California at Berkeley. She next met Tooe in San Antonio, Texas, where Colonel Harrison had been ordered from Hawaii. Ruth was home on vacation. Captain Spaatz was stationed at Kelly Field near San Antonio after having served with General Pershing's Expeditionary Force in Mexico assigned to the First Aero Squadron. (This was not only the first, but the only one at the time).

The United States was now at war with Germany (World War I). Ruth and Tooe Spaatz were married in July 1917, shortly before he left for France. It was the first of two World Wars she would live through on the Home Front.

Throughout her life, Ruth Spaatz not only efficiently and effectively carried out her responsibilities as the wife of a senior Air Force leader, but gained the respect of all who knew her as a very gracious and considerate person. Ruth was adept at balancing the often times conflicting problems of a career wife, mother and individual person. She was an ideal wife in support of her husband's career. Her family was number one in her life and her children were the crown of her many successes. Her lifelong interest in the theatre (she acted professionally as Ruth Harrison for a short time) served her well during the War years in Washington. Due primarily to her stage training, she became a very articulate and effective speaker and advocate for the Red Cross and other organizations aiding the War effort.

Ruth's long and rewarding life in the Air Force spanned the thirty years of its growth from an infant Aviation Section of the Army Signal Corps to the creation in 1947 of the independent United States Air Force when General Spaatz became the first Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force.

Dear General Bellis

We are delighted to honor Mrs. Ruth Harrison Spaatz through a Facon Foundation scholarship in her name.

Ruth Spaatz epitomizes the greatness of those Air Force wives whose support and inspiration contributed so significantly to the successful careers of our early Air Force leaders. She was at the forefront when "Tooeey" Spaatz became the first Chief of Staff of the U. S. Air Force.

The Ruth Spaatz scholarship funded in perpetuity will give a helping hand to deserving young women who are committed to serving their country in positions of Air Force leadership.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Campbell
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Mr. & Mrs. Robert D. Campbell



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