



SCHOLARSHIP IN HONOR OF

HAROLD C. STUART

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Harold C. Stuart was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, July 4, 1912. He attended their public school, then the University of Virginia, graduating in 1936 with LLB and JD degrees. During his six years at that University he was active in school affairs and athletics. He fought on Virginia's national championship boxing teams for four years, was twice national champion and captain in 1934.

In 1936 he commenced his law career in Tulsa, Oklahoma and has continued with the same firm, Doerner, Stuart, Saunders, Daniel and Anderson, where he is the Senior Partner. In 1941, the Governor appointed him a State Judge. In 1942, he resigned, flew to Texas to enlist in the Army Air Corps for flight training, but being over the age limit, was sent to Officers Training School and Combat Intelligence School, then to the Advanced Headquarters, 9th Air Force, outside of London. He served in England through the invasion of Normandy, on through France, Luxembourg, Belgium and Germany as Director of Operational Intelligence.

Immediately after V-E Day, he was assigned to Norway as Director of Air Intelligence until his discharge in 1946. In 1947, he was retained by several large newspapers to negotiate newsprint contracts in Norway and in 1948 by a major oil company to negotiate for scarce oil field casing in Germany. Being successful in both endeavors, in early 1949, General William Donovan of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) requested him to return to Norway for a highly secret mission, which was also successful.

On his return, at the request of Secretary Stuart Symington, he was appointed Assistant Secretary of the Air Force by President Truman. He had

policy responsibility for Research and Development; Reserves, Air National Guard and Civilian Component; Housing and Installations, including the earlier plans to build the Air Force Academy (these activities were scrubbed during the Korean War); and Civilian Aviation coordination. He served as Air Force member of the Research and Development Board, Civilian Components Policy Board, Air Coordinating Committee and Deputy U.S. Delegate to the International Civil Aviation Organization. In 1951 he resigned to open the Washington, D.C. office of his Tulsa law firm. In 1951 he was elected President of the Air Force Association and in 1952 Chairman of the Board.

In 1952, he built and served as President, Tulsa television KVOO, and then in 1956, when he was named President of First Stuart Corporation, he returned to Tulsa.

In 1958 with his mother-in-law, the late Gertrude Skelly, he established and has been Co-Trustee of the Gertrude Skelly Scholarship Trust, the purpose to select and provide scholarships for any motivated son or daughter of career military personnel of all services who desires to attend the Air Force Academy. Through 1987, some 700 such scholarships were given and now 23 will be given annually, in perpetuity, honoring each of the Secretaries of the Air Force and major Air Force commanders.

The Governor appointed him to the Oklahoma Highway Commission, 1959-63. In 1960 he was elected President of the Air Force Academy Foundation, served in the capacity and as Chairman of the Board for many years. During his tenure, the Foundation raised the funds to build many worthwhile projects, including the Eisenhower Golf Course and the Falcon Stadium - all were

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given to the Academy. In 1962 at the request of President Kennedy, he organized and chaired the First National Conference for the Peaceful Uses of Space. In 1964 President Johnson appointed him to the Air Force Academy Board of Visitors.

He is one of the most knowledgeable and avid sportsmen in North America. He has successfully hunted and fished in virtually every State and extensively throughout Alaska and Canada, taking virtually every species of fresh water fish, waterfowl, upland and big game in North America. He is a Trustee of North American Wildlife Foundation, Sponsor in Perpetuity and Trustee of Ducks Unlimited; member of Fair Chase and Big Game Clubs in Alaska and others.

He served on many corporate boards, including Skelly and Getty Oil Companies, Greyhound Corporation, Armour, Morrison-Knudson Company Inc., Lowrance Electronics, First Tulsa Bancorporation and others.

He is a much decorated veteran of World War II, recipient of many local, State, and National honors, including being inducted into the Oklahoma Aviation and Space Hall of Fame and the Oklahoma Hall of Fame.

He married Joan Skelly of Tulsa. They have two children: Randi Stuart Wilson and Jon R. Stuart.

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Harold C. Stuart is a man of ideals, integrity and one to whom any young person could look up to as a classic example of success that hard work and diligence can achieve. Harold is senior partner in a prestigious law firm, a corporate executive who brought struggling entities to financial success, a director of several national and local Oklahoma corporations and has capably served our nation in both a military and civilian capacity (served as Assistant Secretary of the Air Force in its formative years under President Harry S. Truman).

It is quite appropriate that the Gertrude Skelly Trust should honor Harold C. Stuart with this scholarship through the Falcon Foundation and that the young person receiving this scholarship should be challenged to serve our nation as has Harold C. Stuart.

Very Truly Yours,

John R. March, Jr.



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.