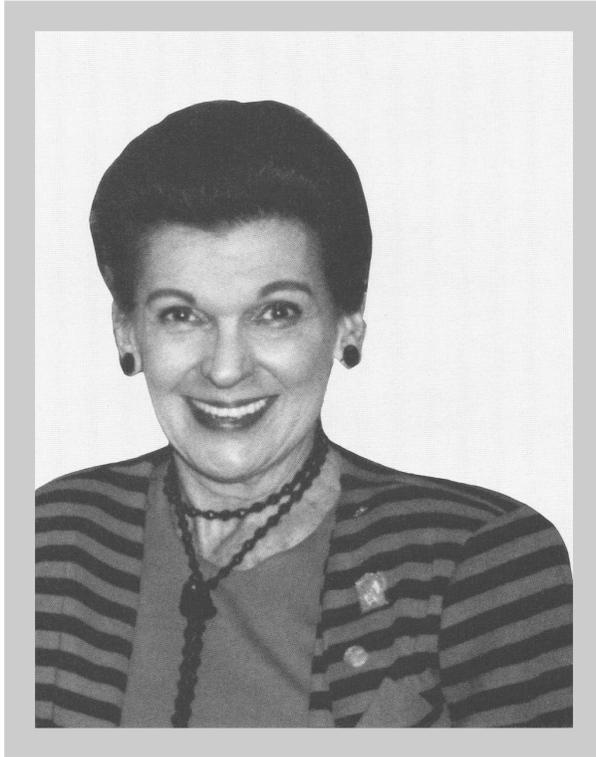




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SCHOLARSHIP IN HONOR OF

**LIEUTENANT COLONEL
DOROTHY L. WELKER**

CIVIL AIR PATROL

Lieutenant Colonel Dorothy L. Welker

Dorothy L. Welker, an avid fund raiser, devoted most of her life to the advancement of this nation's greatest asset, its youth. A life member of the Air Force Association (AFA) and its Aerospace Education Foundation, "Dottie," as she was affectionately known to the Air Force, Aerospace Education Foundation, Air Force Association and Civil Air Patrol leaders around the nation, served as secretary of AFA's esteemed Iron Gate Chapter in New York City for almost a quarter of a century. For fifteen years, she served as coordinator of the chapter's annual Air Force Salute in New York City, a fund-raising event which, over the years, has contributed over \$2 million to Air Force-oriented charities and the Aerospace Education Foundation.

A graduate of Long Island University, Dorothy Welker first became involved in aviation in the early 1950's with Trans World Airlines (TWA) in Washington, D. C. In 1956, she became active in Air Force and AFA affairs when she joined the Air Force's auxiliary, the Civil Air Patrol (CAP), eventually rising to the rank of CAP lieutenant colonel. Serving in the field of public relations at the Group, Wing and Regional levels, she capped her CAP career as the Advisor on Public Affairs to the Civil Air Patrol's National Commander.

Throughout her professional career, which spanned more than forty years in the fields of public relations and real estate, Dorothy was constantly involved in fund-raising activities and social work for charities, hospitals and homes for the aged.

She will be best remembered to the Air Force and AFA leaders as the person who was most responsible for assuring the continued success of the annual Air Force Salute. This formal dinner-dance, conducted in early spring each year at the Sheraton New York Hotel & Towers, became one of the better known fund-raising events of the city's social year.

Dorothy was the recipient of countless awards. Among them were several from the Civil Air Patrol and the Air Force Association for outstanding and exceptional service. Often referred to as the "Key to the Iron Gate" in 1988 she was presented with the Iron Gate Chapter's first Goldwater Fellowship for her many years of dedicated service to the chapter and its mission of educating the public on aerospace issues. In 1990, the U.S. Air Force honored her with its very highest award presented to a civilian, its Exceptional Service Award.

She was also an active member of many other organizations, including The Wings Club in New York City, the National Aeronautic Association, and the National Aviation Hall of Fame.

One of her most cherished activities was her service as a trustee of The Falcon Foundation. She was deeply devoted to young people aspiring to attend the United States Air Force Academy. One of her last wishes was to ask that memorial contributions be made to The Falcon Foundation so that motivated candidates seeking admission to the United States Air Force Academy and a career in the Air Force could reach their goal.

Her many career and voluntary activities often made her days long and her travels far; but her love and admiration for the family always brought her back. Her sons Douglas and Mark, and daughters Christine and Tara, as well as several grandchildren know that Dorothy's life was devoted to helping the youth of our nation.

Dorothy Welker died on June 12, 1993, but not before being notified that the Iron Gate Chapter of the Air Force Association would sponsor a Falcon Foundation Scholarship in honor of their Chapter Secretary and National Air Force Salute Coordinator, Dorothy L. Welker.

Dear General Bellis:

The great leaders, for whom the Falcon Scholarships are named, have set outstanding examples of leadership and service and built a solid foundation for others to follow and build on.

We hope this scholarship will inspire and encourage the recipient to achieve his or her goals.

We are privileged to provide this opportunity for the development of future leaders.

Iron Gate Chapter

Air Force Association



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.