



Our Mission

Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation, was established in 1987. Our mission is to provide college scholarships to dependent children and spouses of all US Navy - officer and enlisted - active duty, retired, honorably discharged or deceased who served within Naval Air Forces. Recipients are selected on the basis of scholastic merit, community service and extra curricular activities.

Wings Over America annually sponsors over forty scholarships to students who have chosen to continue their education. The foundation is funded solely through the generous contributions of private and corporate sources, and has proudly awarded over \$530,000 to outstanding students since 1987.

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Ron Hoppock of Raytheon and WOASF Scholar Joshua Rolon of Virginia Beach (3 time winner)

From The President

The Wings over America Scholarship Foundation has had a very busy summer. Since our last newsletter our talented volunteers have read countless scholarship applications and we have awarded over \$85,000 to 43 deserving students. We continue to enjoy a record year for donations received and because of that, we were able to increase our award amount to \$1,800. We want to thank our many donors, especially as the need for scholarships will persist with our troubled economy.

WOASF continues to depend on its Board of Directors for their expertise in order to grow our foundation. We want to express our heart-felt thanks to our departing board members Pat Mazach and Rob Weber for their support in the last several years. We are excited to bring on many new board members over the next couple of months. Marjy Starling, a past president of WOASF has hit the ground running and is proving to be a very energetic board member and we want to thank her for rejoining our team.

We are also pleased to announce that Steve Laukaitis has also joined our board. Steve has transitioned from the Navy and has joined Lockheed Martin in the recent years and we look forward to working with him. Vice Admiral (Ret.) James Zortman will also join our board later in the fall. As both a former COMNAVAIRLANT and COMNAVAIRPAC, he will bring a wealth of knowledge to our board. Welcome, all of you.

WOASF has hosted many events in celebration of the Centennial of Naval Aviation; Tides baseball game, movie night and finally our golf tournament and gala raffle. We have enjoyed being part of this historic year. For the first time we are pleased to hold a golf tournament in Pax River, Maryland on Friday, October 21, 2011. Board members, Tom Hills and Marjy Starling are spearheading this event and we would like to thank them in advance for their leadership. Please visit our website to sign up!

As we begin another scholarship year, we want to remind you that it is never too early to start organizing your student and getting your prequalification paperwork in order. Our application for the 2012 scholarships will be available on our website on October 1, 2011. We look forward to another successful year and we are extremely proud to assist in educating military children and spouses.

-Jodi Branch, WOASF President and CEO

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2011 WOASF Scholars

High School Students

Alejandro Anduze, *Northrop Grumman Scholar*
Virginia Beach, VA
University of Miami

Connor Borchers, *Navy League of Hampton Roads Scholar*
Virginia Beach, VA
University of Delaware

Nicole Creange, *Pratt & Whitney Scholar*
Chesapeake, VA
James Madison University

Rachel Dailey, *Wings Over America Scholar*
Oak Harbor, WA
Western Washington University

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Keller, TX
University of North Texas

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Norfolk, VA
Georgetown University

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Penn State

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Vienna, VA
Vassar College

Sheryl Ferrell, *Wings Over America Scholar*
Louisville, OH
Virginia Wesleyan College

Katherine Fournier, *Wings Over America Scholar*
Phoenix, AZ
University of Arizona

Kelly Gawne, *Association of Naval Aviation Scholar*
Burke, VA
Notre Dame University

Brooke Hollingsworth, *Richard "Spike" Pittman Scholar*
Chesapeake, VA
Christopher Newport University

Morgan Karney, *Rolls-Royce Scholar, USS Ronald Reagan Officer's Spouses Assoc. Scholar*
Coronado, CA
Gonzaga University

Paula Lewis, *VADM Richard "Sweetpea" Allen Scholar*
Virginia Beach, VA
University of Virginia

Elizabeth Murphy, *Northrop Grumman Scholar*
Oceanside, CA
UCLA

Christopher Papas, *USS Dwight D. Eisenhower Scholar*
Herndon, VA
The College of William and Mary

Justin Ratte, *Wings Over America Scholar*
Gulf Breeze, FL
Flagler College

Christopher Roth, *Lockheed Martin Scholar*
Virginia Beach, VA
University of Virginia

Erica Ruth, *Neil Kinnear Scholar*
Naples, Italy
University of Virginia

Ansely Webb, *WOASF Centennial Scholar*
Virginia Beach, VA
Florida State University

Michael Whalen, *Wings Over America Scholar*
Coronado, CA
Santa Clara University

Hannah Wirt, *Wings Over America Scholar*
Bowling Green, OH
Carnegie Mellon University

College Students

Amelia Black, *Wings Over America Scholar*
Duluth, MN
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

Jonathan Brennan, *LCDR Kirin "Tator" O'Connor Scholar*
Virginia Beach, VA
Virginia Tech

Caitlyn Cavanaugh, *CAPT John "Turk" Green Scholar*
Virginia Beach, VA
The College of William and Mary

Meghann Dailey, *Wings Over America Scholar*
Oak Harbor, WA
Whitworth University

Elizabeth Gurney, *Wings Over America Scholar*
Leesburg, VA
University of Virginia

Ryan Hnarakis, *CAPT Brad Johanson Scholar*
Moorpark, CA
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

Johanna Jorgensen, *Wings Over America Scholar*
Jacksonville, FL
University of North Florida

Amy Netardus, *Wings Over America Scholar*
Virginia Beach, VA
University of Central Florida

Anne Nikola, *Wings Over America Scholar*
O'Fallon, IL
McKendree University

Joshua Rolon, *Raytheon Scholar*
Virginia Beach, VA
Christopher Newport University

Michael Trotta, *Booz Allen Hamilton Scholar*
Earlsville, VA
The College of William and Mary

Matthew Wagner, *Boeing Scholar*
Virginia Beach, VA
Harvard College

Meghan Webb, *First Command Scholar*
Tallahassee, FL
Florida State University

Anna-Marie White, *Wings Over America Scholar*
Carson City, NV
University of Southern California

Alexis Wibe, *Kitay Family Foundation Scholar*
Virginia Beach, VA
Bridgewater College

Margaret Wilcox, *Phyllis Gureck Scholar*
Chesapeake, VA
Virginia Tech

Spouses

Valerie Buckler, *Wings Over America Scholar*
Fleming Island, FL
Saint Leo University

Deanne Laga, *Wings Over America Scholar*
Fleming Island, FL
Saint John's River State

Karen Lagos-Portillo, *Wings Over America Scholar*
Puerto Rico
University Interamericana de Puerto Rico

Brandi Long, *Naval Aviation Spouses Hampton Roads Scholar*
Norfolk, VA
University of Phoenix

Amber McKinney, *NAS Oceana Spouses' Club Scholar*
Chesapeake, VA
University of Maryland University College

Amber Pierron, *Naval Aviation Spouses San Diego Scholar*
San Diego, CA
San Diego Mesa College

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Hastings College

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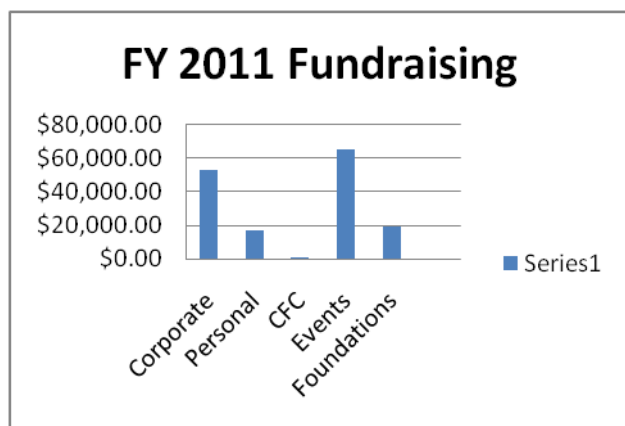
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Fabulous Fundraising Year



It has been another banner year for WOASF! We have raised over \$155,000 this year. We had a variety of special events this year to celebrate the Centennial of Naval Aviation, including two special golf tournaments, movie night and Norfolk Tides night. These events raised over \$25,000 directly for the scholarship fund. We hosted our biggest Annual Spring Golf tournament yet with 220 golfers at NAS Oceana Aeropines Golf Course.

Of course our great year was due in large part to our wonderful donors. Corporate donors, individuals and foundations went all out this year to support WOASF. WOASF is lucky to have so many long time supporters who have been with us

since our inception. We are also grateful to our many new donors who have found us through our special events and social media.

Because of your generous contributions we were able to increase our scholarship awards again this year, raising the average award from \$1500 to \$1800. In addition to the four year CAPT John Turk Green Memorial Scholarship last year, we added the four year WOASF Centennial Scholarship this year awarded to Ansley Webb. Next year we hope to increase scholarships to \$2000 to keep up with rising tuition costs.

Even among all this good news, the demand for scholarship dollars is greater than the supply. The cost of a college education continues to soar and more and more students need help paying for their college degrees. We encourage all of our donors to continue to give and if possible to increase your donations. WOASF also can offer a variety of ways to donate to the scholarship foundation. In addition to regular mail or on-line contributions, we encourage you to consider memorial and special giving in the name of someone special, planned giving and estate planning. Please contact our office for more information. On behalf of our foundation and scholars past, present and future- Thank you.

\$\$\$\$ Top 10 Ways to Support WOASF \$\$\$\$\$

10. **Attend** an event being held to support WOASF –Movie Night, Golf tournament, Tides Game...
9. **Host** an event to sponsor WOASF – Silent Auction, Chili Cook-off, Golf Outing
8. **Play** in the annual golf tournament – May 27, 2011 NAS Oceana Aeropines Golf Course
7. Be a **Sponsor** of the Annual Golf Tournament
6. Ask your company to make a **Matching Gift** – see our website for a list of known companies that match donations or visit your company's Human Resources Office.
5. Participate in the Virtual Race Around the World – get your buddies together and support your community aircraft.
4. **Celebrate** with Us – celebrate a milestone birthday or anniversary, a retirement or change of command with a named scholarship.
3. Leave a **"Living Legacy"** to Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation in your will.
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and
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We have had an incredibly busy year at WOASF and we could have not done it all without our volunteers. From Golf Tournaments, to Movie Night to Scholarship Preparation and Selection, we have a wonderful group of volunteers who have devoted hundreds of hours to WOASF and for that we are very grateful. If you would like to join our team, please contact our office.

A Look Back



PC1 Courtney Parker from HSC-84 sings the National Anthem, Riptide welcomes RADM Branch and Navy SEALs, Navy SEALs and helicopter pilots and crew are welcomed by crowd

Scholarship Deadlines

October 1st- pre-qualification forms available

March 1st- pre-qualification form must be post-marked

April 1st- Full scholarship application must be post-marked

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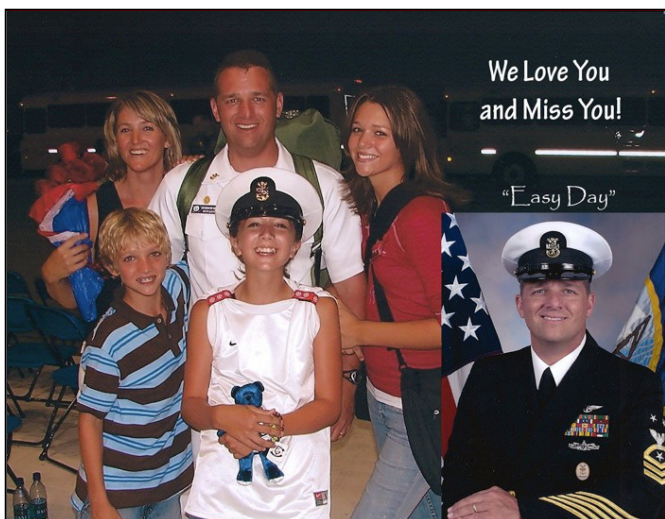
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CMDCM (AW/SW) Jeffrey J. Garber Scholarship

Wings Over America Scholarship Fund is proud to announce another scholarship in a series of lasting tributes to great leaders in Naval Aviation – Command Master Chief (AW/SW) Jeffrey J. Garber.

Master Chief Garber is best remembered by his family, friends and co-workers as a leader who genuinely cared for those under his charge, and always encouraged them to pursue education as a means to better themselves and make the most of their future.

Calling Garber "a Sailor's Sailor," retired Vice Adm. Alfred G. Harms Jr. said the Command Master Chief was a role model who "consistently made a difference in the lives of countless shipmates. Jeff's strong, principled leadership, his uncompromising professionalism, genuine compassion for others and dauntless uplifting spirit were the making of legend."

Master Chief Garber enlisted in the Navy in 1983 and reported to his first sea duty on the USS WORDEN (CG 18) home ported in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. His subsequent sea duty assignments included USS NIMITZ (CVN 68), USS PORTLAND (LSD 37), Command Master Chief of the Blue Blasters (VFA 34), and Command Master Chief of Carrier Air Wing SEVEN. Master Chief Garber's shore duty assignments included Navy Recruiting District, Omaha, Nebraska; Naval Leadership Training Unit, Bangor, Washington, and Afloat Training Group Atlantic, Norfolk, Virginia.

Jeff is survived by his wife Amy and three children: Tayler, Paige, and Josh. Honoring Jeff through this scholarship is "exactly what he would have wanted," said Amy, "he never forgot where he started and found joy in encouraging people to never give up on their dreams and aspirations."

Capt Calvin Craig, the Commander of Carrier Air Wing SEVEN at the time of Jeff's passing onboard USS Eisenhower in 2009, said that "we are all the better for him, his life, his work, and his guidance. Rest assured that those of us - and there are thousands that knew him well, that worked with him every day - can attest he was a truly great man. A faithful servant, a devoted husband and dad, a beloved son and brother, a steadfast friend, loyal shipmate, and humble leader...to say he will be missed doesn't even come close. Remember him, his boundless energy, his contagious smile, and try to make each day - as Jeff always said - an "Easy Day!" For more information or to donate to the Jeff Garber Memorial Scholarship, please visit our website www.wingsoveramerica.us and click on the Jeff Garber tab.

Working With Other Scholarships

Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation is pursuing partners in its scholarship program. Last year the Oceana Officer's Spouses' Scholarship and the USS Ronald Reagan Officer's Spouses Association Scholarship application and selection process was turned over to WOASF, but those groups still did fundraising for their scholarships. Applicants only had to file one form in order to be eligible for more than one scholarship award. WOASF encourages other scholarship groups to inquire about becoming a partner. Our goal is for WOASF to become a "clearing house" of Naval Aviation Scholarships and hope to make the application process easier for the college bound dependents in our community. If interested, please contact Christine Wilson, our Executive Director.

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WOASF Scholars Profile

Total Winners:

High School : 22
College: 5
Spouse: 6

Gender

High School: 6 male 16 female
College: 5 male 10 female

High School GPA

Weighted: 3.94
Unweighted: 3.78

College GPA: 3.77

Geographic Area:

High School

West coast: 5
Midwest: 3
East coast: 13
Out of Country: 1

College

West Coast: 3
Midwest: 2
East Coast: 10

Spouse

West Coast: 1
Midwest: 0
East Coast: 5
Out of Country: 1

Military Status:

High School

Active Duty: 10
Retired: 11
Deceased: 1

College

Active Duty: 5
Retired: 10
Deceased: 0

Spouses

Active Duty: 6
Retired: 0
Deceased: 0

NEED VOLUNTEER HOURS?

WOASF will have a tent at the NAS Oceana Air Show Oct. 16-18. We need volunteers to man the tent. Our main purpose is to give out information about the scholarship, but we also have the opportunity to sell merchandise to benefit the foundation. Of course we need volunteers! If you have high school students who would like to help for those precious community service hours, we can give them a letter. Give us a call today!

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*-WOASF Scholar
Elizabeth Gurney*



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CALENDAR NOTES

2011

SEP 23 - WOASF Golf Tournament -Princess Anne Country Club

SEP 24- All Aviation Gala, VA Beach Convention Center

OCT 21- PAX River Golf Tournament, MD

2012

TBA- vs. Admirals Hockey Game, Norfolk, VA

FEB 24- WOASF Winter Golf Tournament—NAS North Island, Coronado, CA

FEB- Naval Aviation Officer's Spouses Club—Hampton Roads Auction

MAY 25- WOASF Spring Golf Tournament, NAS Oceana, Virginia Beach, VA

OCT 16-18 -WOASF Tent at the Oceana Air Show

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