

The LeRoy W. Homer Jr. Foundation



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2007 Scholarship Recipient Chosen

Julie Falsken from Norco, CA is the scholarship recipient for 2007. As well as achieving academic excellence, Julie lettered in three varsity sports—tennis, track & field and soccer. She will receive a part scholarship for soccer to Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University where she will be attending school this fall. She is finishing up her flight lessons and has already soloed for the first time. Congratulations Julie!



The Tuskegee Airmen received the Congressional Gold Medal in a poignant ceremony at the nation's Capitol. Over 300 airmen, spouses, widows and other family members were present in the rotunda when Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President and many other members of the House and Senate, presented this prestigious award to the legendary group of black aviators, over sixty years after they served in World War II.

Because of his heroic actions on September 11, 2001, the airmen honored LeRoy Homer posthumously, bestowing him the title, "Tuskegee Airman", at his memorial service in 2001. United Airlines #93 was one of four planes hijacked during the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, the only one of the four planes, which did not reach its intended target, later confirmed to be the United States Capitol. Melodie Homer, LeRoy's widow and the president of The LeRoy W. Homer Jr. Foundation was in attendance at the Capitol when the medal was awarded.

"LeRoy was inspired by many legendary aviators, including the Tuskegee Airmen", said Melodie Homer of Marlton, NJ. "It's an honor to attend this [historical event] on LeRoy's behalf", Melodie Homer said. The medal will be placed in the Smithsonian Institute. All airmen received a bronze replica.

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Proceeds of Book Sales Benefit Aviation Foundation

When Tom Murphy, author of *Reclaiming The Sky: 9/11 and the Untold Story of the Men and Women Who Kept America Flying*, first contacted The Foundation early last year, we were intrigued. Tom was looking for aviation charities to donate proceeds from his book.

In the aftermath of 9/11, Tom Murphy, aviation consultant, lecturer and writer, decided to honor the aviation professionals who went to work on September 11th and died doing their jobs.

He also credits the men and women who went back to work after the worst day in aviation history, bringing the industry back to where it is today.

Tom's reclaiming the sky efforts have grown. And Tom continues to support aviation charities. To purchase *Reclaiming The Sky* or to find out more about the *Reclaiming The Sky* program, visit www.reclaimingthesky.com.

Representatives of The Foundation are available to speak at school assemblies, community events, conferences, and aviation events. For more information, contact Heather Thorpe at 404-306-0844 or heathert@leroywhomerjr.org.

2008 Scholarships

Scholarship applications for 2008 will be available online starting October 1, 2007 until January 31, 2008. If you know a young adult 16 to 23 years of age who is interested in aviation, please visit our website www.leroywhomerjr.org. Specific questions not addressed on our website can be directed to Cheryl Homer-Wilson, Executive Director chomerwilson@leroywhomerjr.org or 1

Melodie Homer Chosen as 2007 Woman of Achievement

Melodie Homer, president of The LeRoy W. Homer Jr. Foundation, and resident of Marlton, NJ has been chosen as the 2007 Woman of Achievement by the Mrs. New Jersey United States organization. Melodie was presented with the award at the recent pageant event on May 19, 2007.

The Mrs. New Jersey United States Woman of Achievement Award is a specially designed award honoring those outstanding women that call New Jersey their home. The Organization believes that married women should be recognized for their ability to integrate confidence, intelligence and success through their contributions to the community.



(L to R) Mr. Christopher Wilshire, Pageant organizer, Mrs. New Jersey Susan Huntley, Melodie Homer, President of The LeRoy W. Homer Jr. Foundation.

Ms. Susan Huntley, a former flight attendant with United Airlines became aware of Melodie Homer and The LeRoy W. Homer Jr. Foundation shortly after its inception. She had flown with First Officer LeRoy Homer on several occasions and had grown to admire him professionally and personally. Susan's nomination led to Melodie Homer being chosen for this prestigious honor.

Female Aviator New Honorary Board Member



The Board of Directors of The LeRoy W. Homer Jr. Foundation is proud to announce **Emily Warner** as our new Honorary Board Member. Emily Warner was the first female pilot to be hired by a US scheduled airline. Capt. Warner began her position with Frontier Airlines in 1973, working her way up the ranks to the Boeing 737. She also logged miles with Continental Airlines and United Parcel Service (UPS) throughout the 1980s and 1990s before accepting a position with the Federal Aviation Administration, initially as an Aviation Safety Inspector and most recently as Air Crew Program Manager assigned to the United Airlines Boeing 737 fleet.

Captain Emily Warner has received numerous awards over the years including the Amelia Earhart "Woman of the Year", she was inducted into the Colorado Hall of Fame, the Colorado Aviation Hall of Fame, the National Women's Hall of Fame and the Women Leaders of Excellence Award. Her uniform is in the Smithsonian Institute Air and Space Museum and her Frontier memorabilia installed in the Wings Over The Rockies Museum.

Captain Warner is a member of the International 99s, the International Society of Women Airline Pilots, the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association and the Colorado

Aviation Historical Society, to name a few. She currently resides in Denver,

Show Home & Tasting Party

**Saturday,
October 6, 2007
7:30 PM**

The setting for our fundraiser is a beautiful home located in Sicklerville, NJ. This African themed estate features an impressive semi-circular great room with floor to ceiling windows and matching french doors which open onto the patio. The gourmet kitchen features beautifully rich cherry cabinets, granite countertops and a striking slate backsplash. A formal dining room and sunken living room complete the main floor. The second floor master bedroom is a small haven, with sitting area, double sided fireplace, balcony and lavish master bath. This state of the art home, built by MT Martin Inc. uses computer technology to control various functions within the house; heated floors, lighting, music and security, to name a few.

Tickets

\$20.00 in advance

**\$25.00 night of
fundraiser**

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For more information

**The Board of Directors of The LeRoy W. Homer
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- Melodie Homer

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The LeRoy W. Homer Jr. Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization which encourages and supports young adults who wish to pursue careers as professional pilots, by awarding flight scholarships to obtain private pilot certification.

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- **Include The Foundation in your company-based United Way donation. If you support another charitable organization, it is possible to split your contribution between more than one organization. Contact the United Way of Burlington County for more information.**
- **Selling something on eBay? You can donate all or a portion of the proceeds to The Foundation.**
- **If your employer has a matching program for charitable donations, consider having these funds donated to The Foundation.**
- **You can now donate to The Foundation online through www.NetworkforGood.org or www.sixdegrees.org**
- **We are always looking for volunteers. We will accept as little or as much time as you can offer us.**

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