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Summer 2024



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2024 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The Army War College Foundation received 130 scholarship applications this year and awarded a total of \$29,500 to 42 winners. **Congratulations to all!** A very special thank you to our volunteer committee members who reviewed all the submitted applications.

DISTANCE CLASS GIFT SCHOLARSHIPS



\$1,500

Henry D. Fink
St. Ignatius College Prep, IL

Son of
MG Alex B. Fink, DDE '13

Henry is the seventh recipient of the DDE '17 scholarship.

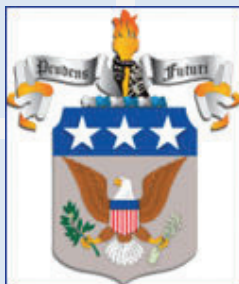


\$1,500

Andilusia R. Manwaring
Copper Hills, H.S., UT

Daughter of
COL Tammy E. Manwaring, DDE '23

Andilusia is the sixth recipient of the DDE '18 scholarship, dedicated to the memory of classmate and friend **COL Matthew Y. Pollard.**



\$1,500

Alexander G. Lacey
Sherwood H.S., MD

Son of
COL (Ret) Floyd E. Lacey, Jr., DDE '18

Alex is the fifth recipient of the DDE '19 scholarship.



\$1,500

Maire I. LaRowe
St. Lawrence University

Daughter of
COL Major W. LaRowe, DDE '11

Maire is the third recipient of the DDE '21 scholarship.

These two scholarships are sponsored in honor of **Gulf War Veterans** by **BG (Ret) Roger W. Searce, RES '90.**

\$1,000

William T. Venable
Union University

Son of
COL (Ret) Kirk J. Venable, DDE '14



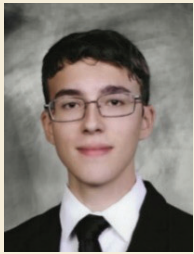
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Logan M. Virgil
Robinson H.S., FL

Son of
COL Scott M. Vigil, USAWCF '22



The 2025 online scholarship application will be available at USAWC.org from January 3 through March 3, 2025.



\$1,000

Micah G. Austin

Stuttgart H.S., Germany

Son of

LTC Matthew G. Austin, RES '22

*This scholarship is
awarded in memory of
COL (Ret) J. Tom Nettling,
RES '85 & former FAC.*



Tom, age 70, died August 29, 2013 at home in Green Valley, Arizona from cancer caused by the effects of Agent Orange. While in high school, guidance counselors steered him along a "vo-tech track," but he wanted to go to college and did, graduating from Shippensburg University in 1964 and the Univ. of Southern California in 1973. He entered the Army as a private and retired as a Colonel. He was a combat veteran of Vietnam, having served in the 11th Light Infantry Brigade and later the 4th Battalion, 21st Infantry. After his USAWC graduation, Tom served as USAWC Deputy Chief of Staff and held many post-Army positions. Tom was actively involved in supporting military causes and helping wounded service members and their families, to include scholarships. **Thank you to Tom's widow, Linda, for establishing this scholarship.**



\$1,000

Faith Almond

Elon University

Daughter of

COL Mark E. Almond, DDE '22

*This scholarship is
awarded in memory of
COL Hugh D. Shoults,
RES '13.*



Tragically, Hugh was killed in a vehicle accident on August 27, 2016. A native of Spokane, he began his career with the Washington Army National Guard. He was a proud graduate of Gonzaga University in 1989, and was commissioned as a Chemical Officer in the Regular Army. His command assignments included the I Corps Special Troops Battalion, Ft. Lewis, which deployed to Iraq, HQs Support Troops, U.S. Army Garrison, Aberdeen Proving Ground, and A Company, 1st Battalion, 10th Infantry Regiment, Ft. Leonard Wood. Hugh was a devoted and loving husband and father of two children. He was always supportive of his family's interests and endeavors, especially his children's education. Hugh lived life to its fullest and cared deeply about his fellow Soldiers. **Thank you to Hugh's widow, Jennifer Stepetic, and his seminar-mates for establishing this scholarship.**



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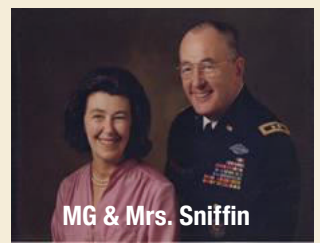
Anya K. Price

Zama Middle High School, Japan

Daughter of

COL Jaren K. Price, USAWCF '16

*This scholarship is
awarded in memory of MG
and Mrs. Charles R. 'Peter'
Sniffin, RES '64.*



MG Sniffin graduated from OCS in 1943 at age 18. Assignments included the 88th Inf Div; the 349th Inf Reg in North Africa and Italy; the 24th Inf Div and the 1st Bn, 21st Inf in Korea; the 4th Inf Div in Vietnam; Chief of Staff, XXIV Corps in Vietnam; ADC of the 8th Inf Div in Germany; Army Staff; Joint Chiefs' Rep to the Mutual & Balanced Force Reduction talks with the Warsaw Pact in Austria; DCG, Sixth U.S. Army; and CG, U.S. Army Readiness Region IX. He and his wife Jean were in their 70th year of marriage when Peter passed away in May 2018. Jean was born into an Army family, served as a volunteer nurse's aide in an Army hospital in WWII, married into the Army, and gave two sons to the Army as officers. She passed away in February 2019 having never had a second of her life without a connection to the U.S. Army. **Thank you to the Sniffin family and friends for establishing this scholarship.**



Chrystal M. Lee

Truman State University

Daughter of

**COL Christopher S.
Moenster, DDE '20**

\$1,000

AWCF

Scholarships

Roman A. Randazzo

Buena, H.S., AZ

Son of

**LTC (Ret) Dylan T.
Randazzo, RES 2018**





\$500

Elena F. Rasmussen

Carlisle H.S., PA

Daughter of
LTC Matthew S. Rasmussen
RES '22



\$500

Natalie J. Buss

Carlisle H.S., PA

Daughter of
COL Darren W. Buss,
RES '20

This scholarship is awarded in memory of SGT Patrick C. Hawkins, son of COL (Ret) and Mrs. Roy Hawkins, RES '99 & former FAC. Patrick, age 25, was killed on October 6, 2013 while conducting combat operations during his fourth Afghanistan deployment. He was going to the aid of a fellow wounded Ranger when he was killed. Patrick graduated from Carlisle H.S. in 2007. He studied Culinary Arts and achieved an Associate's Degree in 2010, but that same year, he decided to join the Army to serve his country. He excelled as a Soldier, completing Airborne and Ranger Schools, and earning a Fire Team Leader position in Company B, 3rd Battalion, 75th Infantry (Ranger). Throughout his life, Patrick was fiercely loyal and would readily go to the aid of his friends. He had John 15:13 tattooed on his left forearm. Patrick was tough and aggressive, balanced with compassion and sensitivity, and he lived life to the fullest. ***Thank you to Roy and Sheila Hawkins for establishing this scholarship.***

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SGT Hawkins

'Greater love hath no man than this; that a man lay down his life for his friends.'

John 15:13



\$1,000

Elizabeth L. Barth

Pope John Paul II H.S., LA

Daughter of
COL Jesse L. Barth, DDE '20

This scholarship is awarded in memory of BG (Ret) Frank Laudano, DDE '06.



BG Laudano

This scholarship honors BG (Ret) Francis 'Frank' S. Laudano III, ARNG, a graduate of the Distance Class of 2006. Prior to his untimely death from a heart attack in December 2016, BG Laudano had served for 32 years in the U.S. Army and the Florida Army National Guard. His final military assignment was as the Commander, 164th Air Defense Brigade in Orlando, Florida. After retirement, he was the Commandant and Chief Financial Officer of the Sarasota Military Academy, a charter school founded in 2002. ***Thank you to his friend and Florida Army National Guard colleague COL (Ret) Kip O. Lassner, DDE '16 for establishing this scholarship.***



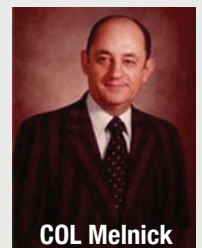
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Rebecca E. Sepanic

Michigan State University

Daughter of
COL (Ret) Jason R. Sepanic, DDE '18

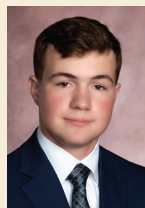
This scholarship is awarded in memory of COL (Ret) Arseny Melnick, DCS Class of 1973.



COL Melnick

This scholarship is in memory of COL (Ret) Arseny A. Melnick, a graduate of the Distance Class of 1973. Melnick entered military service in 1944 and rose from private to Tech Sergeant in WWII, earning two Bronze Stars in the Battle of the Rhineland. He served for many years as a liaison officer for recruiting on behalf of the United States Military Academy. In addition to his military service, as a graduate of Youngstown State University and Law School, Colonel Melnick was a practicing attorney in Ohio for nearly 50 years. ***Thank you to the Melnick family for establishing this scholarship.***

\$500 High School Awards



Taylor C. Bulwinkle, Chapin H.S., SC, daughter of LTC Joseph B. Bulwinkle, DDE '20; **Lily M. Davis**, Cumberland Valley, H.S., PA, daughter of LTC Nathaniel B. Davis, faculty; **Frederick B. Dente**, Fort Knox Middle High School, KY, son of COL Jerome F. Dente, RES '17; **Aisha R. Fritsche**, Tomah H.S., WI, daughter of Mr. Mark D. Fritsche, DDE '18; **Alexandra A. Funk**, Stillwater Area H.S., MN, daughter of COL (Ret) Michael S. Funk, DDE '11; **Grace S. Hall**, Howard H.S., MD, daughter of Ms. Kyra C. Hall, RES '21.



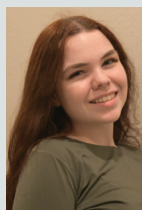
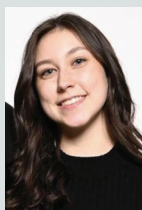
Ava L. Harris, Stuttgart H.S., Germany, daughter of Col Jason C. Harris, USAF, RES '20; **Spencer Kline**, Waynelete School, ME, son of LTC Joseph Kline, DDE '18; **Addison G. Manley**, Leavenworth Senior H.S., KS, daughter of COL Robert L. Manley III, RES '20; **Amelia H. Morgan**, Kwajalein Junior/Senior H.S., RMI, daughter of COL Andrew R. Morgan, DDE '22; **Iain C. Nicol**, Winnacunnet H.S., NH, son of Col Charles D. Nicol, Jr., USMC, RES '21; **Nathaniel T. Peacock**, Montgomery H.S., TX, son of COL (Ret) Tanya A. Peacock, DDE '19; **Abbey E. Pickel**, Portland H.S., CT, daughter of LTC David L. Pickel, Jr., DDE '19.



\$500 College Awards



Ethan C. Ploetz, Fountain Fort Carson H.S., CO., son of COL Nicholas J. Ploetz, RES '21; **Kianna R. Riera**, Cranford H.S., NJ, daughter of Mr. Jose J. Riera, DDE '21; **Andrew J. Stone**, Nelsonville-York H.S., OH, son of BG Andrew B. Stone, DDE '18; **Ella G. Stremmel**, Beavercreek H.S., OH, daughter of Col Kenneth A. Stremmel, USAF, RES '19; **James T. Bourgoynne**, Louisiana State University, son of Benjamin L. Bourgoynne, DDE '18; **Brayden L. Brock**, University of Colorado-Colorado Springs, son of Col March A. Brock, USAF, RES '19.



Sean T. E. Bryant, The University of Alabama, son of COL Nathanael D. Bryant, RES '19; **Alexandrea N. Friebis**, the College of New Jersey, daughter of COL Eric R. Friebis, DDE '19; **Cade A. Hertzendorf**, Rochester Institute of Technology, son of COL (Ret) Michael J. Hertzendorf, RES '14; **Cassidy R. Perry**, University of Texas at Austin, daughter of Mr. Robert N. Perry, DDE '22; **Brayden W. Ross**, Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, son of COL Ben B. Ross, DDE '23; **Kendal E. Tumlin**, The Pennsylvania State University, daughter of COL Michael P. Tumlin, RES 24; **Braelynn S. White**, Kennesaw State University, daughter of LTC Anece L. Baxter-White, DDE '22; **Bryce O. White**, Florida A&M University, son of LTC Anece L. Baxter-White, DDE '22.



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