



SCHOLARSHIP IN HONOR OF

**MAJOR GENERAL
JOHN R. ALISON**

U.S. AIR FORCE

Major General John R. Alison

A fighter pilot ace in World War II, John R. Alison is a retired Air Force officer with the rank of Major General. He served as Assistant Secretary of Commerce in the Truman administration, and he has served as President of the National Aeronautic Association, the Air Force Association and the American Ordnance Association. Currently he serves as Chairman of the Board of the National Aeronautic Association, a member of the board and finance committee of the Air Force Association and Chairman of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, National Capital Chapter.

General Alison received a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering from the University of Florida in 1936. He joined the U.S. Army Air Corps the same year and was graduated and commissioned at Kelly Field, Texas, in 1937.

In the spring of 1941 he was assigned to London as Assistant Military Attaché. Later in 1941 and 1942, he served as Assistant Military Attaché for Air to the Soviet Union.

During his military career, General Alison saw active service as a Fighter Squadron Commander under Major General Claire Chennault in China. He is an officially rated fighter ace with seven enemy aircraft destroyed.

Following service with General Chennault, he served as Deputy Commander of the First Air Commando Force and led the glider assault landings of British General Orde Wingate's troops behind enemy lines in Burma. During the last year of

the war in the Pacific, General Alison was Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, for the Fifth Air Force, directing air operations against the Japanese in the Philippines; and against the Japanese homeland from bases in Okinawa.

He has received the following decorations for meritorious military service: the Distinguished Service Cross; Distinguished Service Medal; Distinguished Flying Cross; Silver Star; Purple Heart; Legion of Merit; Air Medal; and the British Distinguished Service Order. General Alison retired from the Air Force in August 1971, after 35 years of service.

General Alison has been a member of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics; a member of the National Security Resources Board Committee, studying the use of United States commercial air lines in time of war; a member of the Secretary of Defense Reserve Policy Board; and is a trustee of the Falcon Foundation. He holds an honorary Doctor's degree from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. During World War II the airport at Gainesville, Florida, was named in his honor; and in 1979, the new airport terminal was dedicated in his name.

John R. Alison is Vice President, Customer Relations, Northrop Corporation, headquartered in Washington, D.C.

Prior to joining Northrop in 1953, General Alison was President of the Transit Van Corporation, engaged in research and development of transportation equipment.

Dear General Bellis:

Throughout his adult life, John R. Allison has been dedicated to service to his country. We feel a great pride in having John Allison as a member of the Northrop family and appreciate his work for, and dedication to, the causes of the Falcon Foundation.

It is a pleasure to dedicate this scholarship so that others may follow in his footsteps.

With warmest personal regards,

Sincerely,


*Thomas V. Jones
Chairman of the Board and
Chief Executive Officer
Northrop Corporation*



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.

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