



SCHOLARSHIP IN HONOR OF

LIEUTENANT GENERAL
BENJAMIN O. DAVIS

U.S. AIR FORCE

Lieutenant General Benjamin O. Davis

General Davis was born in 1912. He attended the University of Chicago and entered the U.S. Military Academy in 1932, graduating in 1936 as a second lieutenant in the Infantry.

He commanded an Infantry company at Fort Benning, Georgia, graduated later from the Infantry School and assumed duties as a professor of Military Science at Tuskegee Institute. In 1941, he graduated from the Army's Advanced Flying School near Tuskegee and the same year transferred to the Army Air Corps.

In 1943, as Commander of the 99th Fighter Squadron, he moved with his unit to North Africa and later to Sicily where he engaged in air combat as the Squadron Commander. Later in the war he commanded the 332nd Fighter Wing.

Following the war, General Davis commanded the 477th Composite Group and the 332nd Fighter Wing. He was also Base Commander at Lockbourne Army Air Base in Ohio.

General Davis graduated from the Air War College in 1950.

His various military positions include: Chief of Staff or Operations at Headquarters USAF; Commander of the 51st Fighter-Interceptor Wing in Korea; Director of Operations at the Far East Air Force in Tokyo; Vice Commander, Thirteenth Air Force, in Taipei, Formosa; Chief of Staff of the Twelfth Air Force in Europe; Deputy Chief of Operations of the U.S. Air Forces in Europe; various staff positions in the Pentagon; Chief of Staff of

the NATO Command in Korea; Commander of the Thirteenth Air Force in the Philippines; and Deputy Commander of the U.S. Strike Command in Florida.

General Davis retired in 1970. Following his retirement he held many high positions in civilian life with the Government including the position of Assistant Secretary of the Transportation Department.

His awards include: DSM (USAF); DSM (U.S. Army); Silver Star; Legion of Merit with two oak clusters; DFC; Air Medal with five oak leaf clusters; Presidential Citation; many campaign and service medals; Croix de guerre (France); Republic of Liberia Star of Africa; Republic of China Cloud and Banner Medal with one oak leaf cluster; Republic of Korea Order of National Security Merit; Republic of the Philippines Legion of Honor; Kingdom of Thailand Knight Grand Cross of the Most Noble Order of the Crown of Thailand; Philippines Presidential Unit Citation; United Nations Service Medal; Republic of Vietnam Campaign Metal.

In 1930, he was married to Agatha Scott.

In 1970, General Davis was appointed by the President for a three-year term as a member of the Board of Visitors of the Air Force Academy, serving as Chairman in 1973. He also served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Association of Graduates, Air Force Academy, from 1971 to 1974.

Dear General Montgomery:

United Technologies is pleased to sponsor this Falcon Foundation scholarship in honor of Lieutenant General Benjamin O. Davis, Jr.

General Davis graduated from West Point in 1936. He completed a distinguished military career of 34 years which included service in peacetime and wartime in staff and command positions both at home and abroad. Following his military career, he served in many civilian government positions, some through Presidential appointment.

Through this scholarship we are privileged to assist young people who aspire to a career of distinction in the United States Air Force.

Sincerely,

Harry J. Gray
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