



SCHOLARSHIP IN HONOR OF

**GENERAL
JOHN D. RYAN**

U.S. AIR FORCE

General John D. Ryan

General Ryan was born in Cherokee, Iowa in 1915. In 1938, he graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and received his commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He went to pilot training and received his pilot wings in 1939. He instructed in the Air Training Command until 1943.

During World War II he commanded the 2nd Bombardment Group (B-17s) in Italy during 1944-45. After World War II, he was assigned to the Strategic Air Command (SAC) and served in SAC from 1946 to 1963. During his tenure in SAC he held command positions at Wing, Air Division and numbered Air Force level. From 1956 to 1960 he served as Director of Material at Headquarters SAC.

In 1963, he was assigned as the Inspector General of the USAF stationed in Washington, D.C. In July 1964 he returned to SAC as Vice Commander in Chief and in December 1964 he was appointed Commander in Chief of the Strategic Air Command and promoted to the four-star rank of General.

In January 1967 he was assigned as Commander in Chief, Pacific Air Forces, and in July 1968 returned to the Pentagon as Vice Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force.

He served as Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force from 1969 to 1973. He retired on August 1, 1973.

General Ryan married Jo Guidera in 1939. They had three children - Jack, Jr., Mike and Patty Jo. Both boys graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy with the Class of 1965.

General Ryan's decorations include 5 Air Force Distinguished Service Medals, 1 Army Distinguished Service Medal, 2 Silver Stars, 2 Distinguished Flying Crosses, a Purple Heart, and numerous decorations from foreign countries.

General Ryan passed away on 27 October, 1983. Mrs. Ryan makes her retirement home in San Antonio, Texas.

Dear General Bellis,

In behalf of all the officers, men and women of the United States Air Force who had the privilege of serving under General John D. Ryan, it is my pleasure and honor to sponsor this scholarship.

If the recipients of this scholarship emulate the outstanding characteristics of leadership, compassion, dedication and devotion to duty exhibited by General Ryan throughout his career, they can and will also achieve greatness.

Sincerely,



*Harold E. Humfeld
A truly devoted and
Ryanized Maj. Gen.
USAF (Ret.)*



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