



SCHOLARSHIP IN HONOR OF

DUDLEY C. SHARP

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Dudley Crawford Sharp became Secretary of the Air Force on December 11, 1959 after having served as Under Secretary from August 3, 1959.

Mr. Sharp was born in Houston, Texas on March 16, 1905. He attended both public and private schools in Houston and completed his pre-college schooling at the Gilman County School in Baltimore, Maryland. He was graduated from Princeton University with a degree of Bachelor of Science in 1928.

Immediately after graduation, Mr. Sharp joined the Mission Manufacturing Company of Houston, Texas, as Vice President. He was elected Executive Vice President in 1935, and became President in 1946, which office he held until his appointment as Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Materiel on October 3, 1955. Upon his resignation from this position on January 31, 1959, he returned to Houston and served as Vice Chairman of the Board of Mission Manufacturing Company. The Mission Manufacturing Company is engaged in the development, manufacturing and distribution of equipment used in the petroleum industry. Mr. Sharp was appointed Under Secretary of the Air Force in August 1959.

Mr. Sharp served in the U. S. Navy from 1942 to 1945. He was on sea duty in various capacities as Executive Officer and Commanding Officer on antisubmarine warfare vessels and later served in the Office of Procurement and Materiel with the

Navy Department in Washington. He was relieved from active duty early in 1945 to assume the position of Administrative Manager of the Applied Physics Laboratory, Silver Spring, Maryland.

As Under Secretary of the Air Force, Mr. Sharp served as the principal assistant to the Secretary, Chairman of the Air Force Requirements Review Board and Defense Department representative on the Department of Defense - Federal Aviation Agency Advisory Committee.

In recent years Mr. Sharp has been involved in private investments and has offices in the Bank of the SW Building, Houston, Texas.

At present he is serving on the Board of Visitors, M.D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute; Board of Trustees, Texas Medical Center, Inc., and Chairman of Capital Fund Drive, Alley Theatre.

Formerly he was Chairman, Harris County Republican Party; Trustee, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation; Director, Houston Lighthouse for the Blind; Director, Houston Planned Parenthood Center; Chairman, Prairie View A & M College Foundation; and Director of the Houston Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Sharp was married to Tina Cleveland January 2, 1929, and they have two children, Dudley C. Sharp, Jr. and Julia May Sharp Vergara.

The Falcon Foundation

It is a pleasure for the Gertrude Skelly Trust to establish scholarships in honor of Secretaries of the United States Air Force. Their outstanding civilian leadership through the years has been a key to the strength of our Nation's military posture. It is only fitting that these leaders be recognized and honored by the award, each year, of scholarships to deserving sons or daughters of career military personnel who will become the future leaders in our Air Force.

It is our privilege to establish this scholarship, in perpetuity, honoring Dudley C. Sharp, Secretary of the United States Air Force (11 December 1959 to 20 January 1961).

Sincerely,

Gertrude Skelly Trust

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Trustee



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