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Commemorative Air Force Wings Over Houston Airshow Awards Scholarships to Three College-Level Aviation Students

HOUSTON (October 11, 2018) – Three scholarships have been awarded by the [Commemorative Air Force \(CAF\) Wings Over Houston Airshow](#) to university students who are pursuing careers in aviation-related fields. The CAF Wings Over Houston Airshow Scholarship Program provides assistance to students who have completed two years of study in aviation or a related field and who demonstrate academic potential, leadership and extracurricular involvement.

“Each recipient is a high achiever who lives in Texas and shares the passion and commitment to aviation, as do all of us associated with or performing in the CAF Wings Over Houston Airshow,” **said Airshow Director Bill Roach**. “When you purchase a ticket to this year’s show on October 20 and 21, you will not only see an amazing show featuring the U.S. Navy Blue Angels and other exciting performers, but you will also help fund our college scholarship program, programs for high school students, restoration of historical aircraft, and many other local non-profit organizations.”

This year’s scholarship recipients are:

- **Addison Hemphill of Anahuac, Texas**, is a junior at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Houston. Majoring in aeronautics with a minor in aviation safety, Hemphill has maintained a 4.0 grade point average. Having already earned her private pilot license, she is currently working on her instrument rating and intends to also attain commercial, multi-engine and flight instructor ratings prior to graduation. Hemphill’s goal is to become an airline pilot, and she is also interested in pursuing a career with NASA in the future.

- **Samuel Rice of Austin, Texas**, is a junior at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, Arizona. Majoring in aerospace engineering, Rice currently has a 3.38 GPA. He also serves as a Squadron Commander and Flight Commander in his Air Force ROTC detachment and as president and treasurer of a student branch of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE). After graduation, Rice intends to enter the aerospace industry with a private sector launch services company.
- **Serges Kenfack** is an aviation major at the Michigan Institute of Aviation and Technology in Houston. Currently studying for a certificate in airframe and power plant maintenance, he has maintained a 3.94 GPA. He plans to also train as a pilot and pursue a career in commercial aviation.

One of Houston's largest non-profit civic events, the CAF Wings Over Houston Airshow proceeds sponsor the Wings Over Houston Scholarship Program for college students studying for careers in aviation, Aviation Career Education (ACE) Summer Academy for high school juniors and seniors interested in aviation, Commemorative Air Force aircraft restoration and flying historical programs, and many other area non-profit groups.

To purchase tickets for the 2018 CAF Wings Over Houston Airshow, please visit the airshow's website, www.wingsoverhouston.com, or call 888-4-FLYSHOW. On airshow performance days, general admission tickets will be sold at the gate. Once inside the gates, fans are welcome to visit reserved areas and purchase upgraded seating, if any are available.

About Commemorative Air Force (CAF) Wings Over Houston Airshow

The [Commemorative Air Force \(CAF\) Wings Over Houston Airshow](#) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) community event produced by a volunteer effort of the Gulf Coast Wing, Houston Wing, and Tora! Tora! Tora! of the Commemorative Air Force, with support from the Lone Star Flight Museum in Galveston, Texas Legends Flying Museum, Vietnam War Flight Museum, Lewis Air Legends and Collings Foundation West. The Airshow is dedicated to showcasing vintage World War II aircraft, along with the thrills of modern aviation. One of the top air shows in the United States in its category, the CAF Wings Over Houston Airshow attracts more than 90,000 festival goers throughout Houston as

well as from around the globe. The 2018 Airshow benefits the CAF Wings Over Houston Airshow Scholarship Program, Exchange Club of Sugar Land, military recruiting efforts, and the Commemorative Air Force aircraft restoration and flying historical programs, in addition to numerous other nonprofit participating organizations.

About the Commemorative Air Force

The Commemorative Air Force is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization based in Dallas, and the recognized leader of the Warbird Movement—the effort to preserve and honor American military aviation history. Since it was founded in 1957, the CAF has accrued 170 historic aircraft—the largest collection of vintage military aircraft in the world. Educational outreach programs impact an estimated 20 million Americans each year thanks to over 12,000 volunteers who support the CAF nationally and overseas. The Commemorative Air Force honors the men and women who built, maintained, and flew in American airplanes during World War II. The organization believes that is best accomplished by maintaining the airplanes in flying condition; taking the airplanes to the people, allowing them to experience the sight and sound of the aircraft in flight. For more information, visit www.commemorativeairforce.org.