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Scholarship Foundation Announces 2010 Recipients

The Directors of the Scholarship Foundation have presented eight 2010 scholarship grant awards. Judges, this year, were Lynn D. Ball, Earl E. Killen, Jerry B. Kraft, Thomas R. Maines, and Dr. Marco Montoya. Chairman Lynn Ball votes only when there is a tie.

Again this year, we received many more applications than our budget could accommodate. We had budgeted for seven awards, but we had two finalists tied for the seventh scholarship grant. They were so equal in every aspect of our judging procedure that we felt both should receive the award so eight awards were presented. All recipients have been notified of their awards and checks for \$1000.00 have been sent to each recipient's financial account at the university or technical school specified. Those who did not receive awards have been notified also. It is our hope that they will reapply next year. In the coming months, we will provide some guidance toward submitting successful applications for scholarship grants both from our Foundation and from other donor organizations supporting our young people's educational goals. Following in alphabetical order are brief profiles of our very excellent 2010 scholarship grant recipients. Our 3rd Infantry Division off-spring make us proud.

Michael J. DesJardin, of Colorado Springs, Colorado, has received the Scholarship Foundation's "General Maurice W. Kendall Legacy Award." Michael was sponsored by his father, LTC James M. DesJardin who served with the 30th Infantry Regiment from 2004-2006. Michael's goals at Clemson University are to continue in ROTC, complete his education with a degree in Law, and become a military officer so he can defend the civil rights of our Soldiers. While attending high school, Michael was heavily involved in athletics and band. As a member of the baseball team, he was First Team Academic All State. He retained his membership in the National Honor Society while serving on Student Council, volunteering in support of new students during orientation, serving as a High Trails Camp counselor, and rescuing dogs for a local program. Additionally he worked in the U.S. Air Force Academy summer hire program. Recently, Michael served as a member of the "Army Teen Panel Associations Command" which focused on improving living standards among Army teens. Michael's essay entitled "National Pride," focuses on the 3rd Infantry Division Soldier's pride when singing "Dog Face Soldier"; he believes that few, today, have the sort of pride our Soldiers demonstrate. He is saddened by the seeming rift between Republicans and Democrats and fears this separation of ideals is damaging America's core. Support for our nation, instead of coming from our national leaders, seems to Michael to be coming only from our military. Through his own exposure to his father's service, he has gained a "unique sense of duty, honor, and country." In a way, he feels this experience separates him from his classmates. He is extremely proud to be the son of a "Dog Face Soldier," and even prouder of the prospect of becoming a Soldier in the future.

Emma Kavanagh, of Savannah, Georgia, has received the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division Scholarship Grant. Emma was sponsored by her father, Jamie A. Kavanagh, currently serving with the 3rd Infantry Division in Bagram, Afghanistan. Emma is already a musician and composer and hopes to become a music teacher and choir director through her studies at Christendom College. She has received many honors and much recognition for work in the field of music in Hawaii. For four years, she also served as a volunteer religious education teacher at several Army chapels; at two of those, she was a primary teacher for grades 1-3. Further, she worked at a childhood education center with two-to-five year olds. Two of her many awards were for volunteer work at Ft. Rucker, Alabama, and at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Emma, also an athlete, was a member of various swim teams for eight years. In Hawaii, she was a two-year member of the Pearl Harbor Sailing Team and worked lifeguarding for a scuba class and at the

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local YMCA in Georgia, where she also taught swimming. Emma's essay, "The Dogface Soldier Song," explains the origin of the song and the reasons for changes in the song over the years. Emma describes her fond memories of her father, who is serving with the 3rd in Afghanistan now and who also served with the 3rd when she was a small child. During that first assignment, her father went about the house singing "The Dogface Soldier," thus enabling her to learn the words before she was four years old. She also talks of the lasting pride the song evokes. When Emma requested a letter of recommendation to the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division Scholarship Foundation on her behalf from one of her professors, to her great surprise, he stood up and sang "The Dogface Soldier" in its entirety. Her professor had served with the 3rd during WWII.

Patrick Thomas Motel, of Mill Hall, Pennsylvania, has received the Scholarship Foundation's "Adam Kradya Memorial Award Honoring James Kradya." Patrick was sponsored by his father, LTC Thomas J. Motel, who served with the 1st Battalion of the 7th Infantry Regiment from June 1987 to June 1990. At the University of Pittsburgh, Patrick is pursuing a degree in physical therapy and plans to serve in the U.S. Army to help rehabilitate Soldiers injured during their service to our country. Those writing on his behalf cite skills in support of this career: leadership, motivational capabilities, creativity, and hard work. To assist with the cost of his education, Patrick has worked at Dairy Queen, Dunkin Donuts, and as a certified USSF Youth Soccer referee. He also volunteered with his local Key Club, served on the Student Council at his high school, and provided physical labor and maintenance in establishing a dental clinic for low income patients in Lock Haven, Pennsylvania. Further, Patrick helped his father set up and run the soccer shooting challenge for youth soccer players through the Knights of Columbus in Lock Haven. In support of his religion, education, and athletics, Patrick holds many club and activity memberships. His essay, "Lifetime of National Pride," describes his life of pride as a member of a military family. He believes that, if Americans had more pride in themselves and their country, they could fix our problems such as the national debt, healthcare, and national security. He disparages the inattentive and rude activities of some when the National Anthem is being played. While serving as captain of his soccer team, he insisted that team members show respect for the Anthem and made them follow the US Flag Code. He says, "Each generation must teach this respect or, soon, we will fall into disrespect for our nation and its ideals."

Christine M. Nussio, Christine M. Nussio, of Dumfries, Virginia, has received the Scholarship Foundation's "Thomas W. Mason Old China Hand Legacy Award." Christine was sponsored by her father, COL Ricky J. Nussio, who served with the 3rd from June 2001 to May 2004, including service in Iraq where he was awarded the Bronze Star for Valor. At Christendom College, Christine is working to perfect her historical writing skills and already has articles published. Our December 2009 *Watch on the Rhine* carried her article entitled, "The Rock of the Marne at the Tigris and Euphrates," and we hope to publish another article in an upcoming issue. Currently, Christine is studying the content and style of other writers, and she told the Foundation directors about her published works. She discusses the problems with existing history books, many of which people regard as "boring." Because most history books are written by the "winners," many people view their writings as valueless. While she hopes to "remedy the dangers of historical illiteracy," she realizes that she must first complete her studies and build her firm foundation. It is her hope to provide "Americans with the historical resources needed for the crucial task of defending and advancing our nation." In spite of her heavy educational demands, Christine found time to participate in the Washington D.C. "March for Life," to volunteer for various college community activities and to support her memberships in the "Ladies Ancient

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Order of Hibernians," the "Daughters of the American Revolution," Christendom College's "Students for Life," and "Chester-Belloc Debate Society." Christine's essay, "Saddam Hussein Unhorsed," summarizes the Third Infantry Division's "from berm to Bagdad" assault into Iraq to topple "the inhumane and corrupt dictatorship of Saddam Hussein." Even after our Desert Rogues of TF 1-64 completed their successful "Thunder Run" armored raid into the city of Baghdad, Saddam's propaganda minister, "Bagdad Bob" (so nicknamed by our Soldiers), continued to claim Iraqi control of the city. To dispel this myth, on April 7, 2003, TF 1-64 destroyed the iconic, bronze statue of Saddam Hussein on horseback at the infamous saber arch parade-ground. Through their actions, our Soldiers exposed the regime's constant attempts to deceive its citizens and demonstrated that Saddam's oppression of his country was at an end.

Ethan Vail, of Michigan City, Indiana, has received the Scholarship Foundation's "Audie Murphy Outpost #35 Award in Memory of Our Fallen Soldiers." Ethan was sponsored by his grandfather, William H. Harris, who served with the 3rd Infantry Division Military Police in Korea from May to September 1954. Ethan's goals in attending Purdue University are focused on a Master of Fine Arts Degree in the technical end of theatre. Ethan is already an accomplished theatrical lighting designer. While much of his volunteer work has been in the area of theatre, he is also an accomplished musician, having received honors in that area, as well as in foreign languages. Ethan's community service includes 13 years of work with "Special Olympics," 14 years as a church acolyte, five years as a Eucharistic Minister, and three years with a Mission Team to Mexico (two years as Assistant Director). He has supported "Convocations Voice Network" and maintained his position on the Dean's List. Ethan's essay, "Know the History and You Will Have Pride," looks past current problems in America to take pride in our history, which has led us to the point of freedom and prosperity. He examines the American Revolution and the Declaration of Independence of 1776. He projects what would have happened (trials for treason) if our revolutionaries had been unsuccessful in freeing us from England. He is proud of the revolutionaries' bravery and courage, which gives him the freedom he has today. In Ethan's view, in spite of the current recession, our country is still filled with opportunities. He compares these opportunities to those that will be open to him upon graduation. He relates America's opportunities to those of other countries and takes pride in our nation which draws people who wish to immigrate here. He is grateful for the freedom America provides.

Zachary A. Vail, of Michigan City, Indiana, has received the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division Scholarship Grant. Zachary was sponsored by his grandfather, William H. Harris, who served with the 3rd Infantry Division Military Police in Korea from May to September 1954. Zachary holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Indiana State University in the field of Information Technology but longs to teach mathematics so he is completing a second BS degree in Education at Vincennes University. Currently, his course entitled, "Experiences in Education," requires student-teaching under the supervision of a teacher holding an off-campus position. Ultimately, student teachers are graded by their peers, the course instructor, and the supervising teacher. This sort of instruction and grading is called "micro-teaching"—a course in which Zachary excels. His extracurricular activities include heavy involvement in church activities and duties, as well as work with "Special Olympics." Zachary's essay entitled, "National Pride," discusses the structure of individual businesses when our country formed. He sees us migrating to rely on technology too heavily. This, Zachary feels, defeats the individuality of personal business rapport. While Zachary sees technology as very important, he does not believe we should allow technology to do our work for us—to the exclusion of our own contributions. He laments the loss of our one-time quite important hardware stores, owned by local proprietors.

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These have been replaced by the "Big Box Stores," such as Lowes, Home Depot, and others. Employees in these stores "lack the experience to deal with the common every day home problems," and they don't know the use of the products they sell. He sees this situation as threatening national pride. He relates similar observations of changes in other businesses. Zachary also shows that technology is invading the family, and many of us are degrading the family's time together to enjoy one-time simple activities such as a movie or baseball game. He thinks people should get "back to the basics" to "spark the growth of the nation."

Jocelyn Willis, of Fort Stewart, Georgia, has received the Scholarship Foundation's "James and Joan Strawn Memorial Honoring Members of Golden Gate OP #54 Award." Jocelyn was sponsored by her mother, SFC Sonya K. Willis, who recently returned from duty in Iraq with the 3rd Infantry Division. Jocelyn is attending Savannah Technical College where she is majoring in culinary arts. Since Savannah Technical College is a liberal arts university, Jocelyn will graduate with a Bachelor Degree. Through her love for baking and cooking, Jocelyn aspires to be a baker and pastry chef and hopes someday to have her own bakery. This seems an odd ambition when one views her perfect score in math, and high averages in computer applications and digital media. Even though Jocelyn is a full-time student and works at the Ft. Stewart Commissary, she finds time for such extracurricular activities as Academic Team; French, Science and Art Clubs; Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl, and soccer. She has been a soccer referee for 5 ½ years and is certified through the Georgia Association. In high school, she also participated in both marching and advanced band (clarinet), and served on the high school yearbook staff. Jocelyn has received honors for her volunteer work in Japan, and she volunteers at churches Vacation Bible Schools and bakes cookies for and entertains folks in nursing homes. Jocelyn's essay, entitled "Audie Murphy: the Tale of an Unexpected Hero," recaps Audie's life and military career. She is proud that Audie was a member of "our very own 3rd Infantry Division," and she marvels at his fortitude in surviving so many disappointments such as his father's desertion of the family. She sympathizes with Audie's pain when his mother died and his younger siblings had to be placed in an orphanage. Jocelyn does a good job of presenting Audie's military career in an easy to follow sequence which reveals his support of and loyalty to the men with whom he served. Jocelyn's point is that Audie overcame all the obstacles he faced in life to become a "true American hero."

Erich D. Yaeger, of Swampscott, Massachusetts, is the recipient of the "Terrence A. Smith Memorial Award Honoring Capt. Raymond D. Hill, II." Erich was sponsored by his grandfather, Charles Lamlein, who served with the 3rd Infantry Division in Korea from 1952-1953. Erich is attending Washington University, St. Louis, in the school of Engineering and Applied Science. His goal is to become a pioneer in the emerging field of green engineering which includes the science of renewable energy including, but not limited to, solar power to provide electricity. Erich holds American Red Cross Certification in Lifeguarding, CPR, and AED, and he worked at Swampscott town beaches and at the Jewish Community Center in Marblehead, Massachusetts. High school honors include membership in the National Honor Society and in many educational and community service clubs and organizations. He received the Cornell Book Award, was named "Best Sophomore Speaker," and received the 2009 John and Abigail Adams State Scholarship. For participation in the Swampscott Sailing Program, Erich received a Sailor Leadership Award. Erich's essay, "What is an American?" discusses national pride. Erich sees America's great strength in the ability of its citizens to unify and overcome great obstacles. America, he says, preserves its stature in global politics by being a proactive nation. He asks "What is an American?" and answers by stating, "...an American..."

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embodies the ideals, progressive attitudes, and belief in justice that our country was founded upon." Diversity contributes to our culture, a culture constantly changing to accommodate new ideas. Due to government antics, he sometimes feels disenfranchised but knows that is not an un-American feeling. Erich believes differing opinions are what make America special. National pride requires that we appreciate our freedom that so many have given their lives for and the sacrifices our nation has made to retain our liberties—"these know no political boundaries." He feels that his own patriotism and pride are manifested in his community involvement: President of the Interact Club, liaison with the Rotary Club, home improvement work for senior citizens, support of a local homeless youth shelter, and efforts to raise money for Haiti. Erich says we cannot limit our definition of an American, because we would limit our great diversity that helps our nation grow and thrive. Americans, he says, have a commitment to progressive ideals, embrace a diverse national culture, and have appreciation for our national liberties. With this in mind, Americans have an obligation to vote in support of their beliefs.