



TAILHOOK EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

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Dear Tailhookers,

Happy New Year.

On behalf of the board of directors, I express our gratitude to all of you for your continued support. It was another bumper year for your Tailhook Educational Foundation (TEF). We completed five new fully funded scholarships during the past year, which brings the total to 40 annual scholarships. The Foundation awarded 71 this past year and are looking for your participation this year in concert with the 56th Annual Tailhook Reunion — again at the Nugget Resort in Reno/Sparks, Nev., 6–9 September 2012.

The Foundation is kicking off our annual fully funded scholarship drive this year by honoring one of our own hero's and longtime member, CDR Dean "Diz" Laird, USN(Ret). Diz is the only Navy ace to shoot down both German and Japanese aircraft. Flying F4F *Wildcats* off the coast of Norway, he participated in the destruction of two German airplanes in October 1943. A year later he was flying F6F *Hellcats* from USS *Essex* (CV-9) in the Pacific Theater, where he claimed the remainder of his 5.75 confirmed victories.

You may donate to this scholarship by mail, at the Web site, on your smart phone or iPad. Type Diz Laird in the "country" line at checkout. The objective is to top off this fund at \$40,000. We plan to conclude with a formal award at the reunion.

While you visit our Web site at www.tailhook.net/Foundation.html, take a moment to check out our members who have included the TEF in their estate plans to endow our annual scholarship program. Please join us by making a gift in your will for the TEF. You may download a copy of the Planned Giving "Addendum to Last Will and Testament" for your consideration on the Web site. Join us as we continue to grow your Foundation and support our Tailhook children and grandchildren in their pursuit of higher education. Please call the TEF at 1 (800) 322-4665 if you have questions.

We recently added a new partner with the Foundation — www.donateacar.com. Donate your car today (including boats and RVs) and they'll pick it up tomorrow! Check out their Web site. Look for the free vacation certificate details and then donate your car today.



RADM Ham Tallent

I will be stepping down as the president of TEF this year. It has been an extreme pleasure and honor to have been a member of your board of directors, and I look forward to following the continued growth of your Foundation.

Warmest regards,



RADM Ham Tallent, USN(Ret)
President, Tailhook Educational Foundation

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We encourage you to take a look at the Tailhook Educational Foundation planned giving addendum for your last will and testament. They are all our children and grandchildren.

Establish a Legacy Now!

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