



# **GENERAL HENRY H. ARNOLD EDUCATION GRANT**

in honor of

## **GENERAL GEORGE SCRATCHLEY BROWN**



General George S. Brown was a distinguished Air Force officer who saw air combat in three wars and went on to achieve unparalleled success as a commander, Air Force Chief of Staff, and ultimately Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

General Brown was born in Montclair, New Jersey in 1918. He graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1941 and quickly rose to the rank of colonel in just three years. His first air combat was a young pilot in World War II. In August 1943, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his leadership and flying skills during the famous low-level bombing raid against oil refineries in Romania. When the attack's lead plane and ten others were shot down, it became George Brown's responsibility as a major to take control and lead the formation to home base.

General Brown also saw air combat in Korea and Vietnam, again demonstrating great courage and a natural flair for leadership. Before becoming Air Force Chief of Staff, he was Commander of the Air Force Systems Command at Andrews AFB.

During General Brown's illustrious thirty-seven year career that culminated in his four-year tenure as America's Top military officer, he was decorated by the United States and many allied countries, honors given to recognize a singularly gifted airman

In recognition of General Brown's consistent support of Air Force Aid Society programs that helped airmen and their families, an education assistance program was named in his honor. After his death, his widow, Alice "Skip" Brown, served on the Society's Board of Trustees for twelve years perpetuating their shared concern for Air Force members and their families.