



## Folds of Honor Biplane Unveiled

Partnerships with Col Ed Hamill (USAF Ret.) to raise awareness and funds for military families

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Folds of Honor, a foundation that provides academic scholarships to the families of fallen or disabled military members, announced today a partnership with Col Ed Hamill (USAF Ret.) to fly the Folds of Honor Biplane for the 2022 and 2023 air show seasons. Hamill retired with 30 years of service and over 2,200 hours of F-16 flight time, including multiple combat tours. This new partnership reunites Hamill with the same Pitts S-2C that he previously performed in on the air show circuit for nearly ten years.

He will fly the Folds of Honor Biplane, raising awareness and funds for the charity's mission to provide educational scholarships to the spouses and children of military members who have fallen or been disabled while serving in the United States Armed Forces. Since 2007, the organization has provided over 35,000 scholarships worth about \$160 million.

"I have known Col Ed for a long time and respect him as a person and pilot," said Lt Col Dan Rooney, founder and CEO of Folds of Honor. "When Ed and I discussed this idea, we both thought it was a great opportunity to further showcase Folds of Honor and educate the public about our mission. We hope the visibility and excitement that the Folds of Honor Biplane provides will encourage people to support us and the military families that we serve."

"This partnership with Folds of Honor is the right fit at the right time," Hamill said. "I am blessed to have this opportunity to give back to the military community that has given me so much."

A highly visible air show pilot, Hamill has performed at 120 air shows since 1999. While he hasn't performed since 2012, he has stayed active in ICAS as an aerobatic evaluator and show organizer. Hamill looks to re-ignite his air show schedule with this new partnership, employing many of the same maneuvers he previously performed and telling a new story. Through his website and YouTube channel, he has been documenting his return to performing at air shows with his video series, "Back to Show Center."

Please visit [FoldsofHonor.org](http://FoldsofHonor.org) and [edhamill.com](http://edhamill.com) for more information.

## **About Folds of Honor**

Folds of Honor is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization that provides educational scholarships to the spouses and children of military members who have fallen or been disabled while serving in the United States Armed Forces. Our educational scholarships support private school tuition or tutoring in grades K-12, tuition for college, technical or trade school and post-graduate work, including a master's degree, doctorate, or professional program. Funds for a second bachelor's degree or trade/technical program certification are also available. Since its inception in 2007, Folds of Honor has awarded over 35,000 scholarships totaling more than \$160 million in all 50 states. Among the students served, 41 percent are minorities. It is rated a four-star charity by Charity Navigator and Platinum on GuideStar. It was founded by Lt Col Dan Rooney, the only-ever F-16 fighter pilot (with three combat tours in Iraq) and PGA Professional. For more information or to donate in support of a Folds of Honor scholarship visit [foldsofhonor.org](http://foldsofhonor.org).