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**FRANK G. BREWER, JR., DIES AT 92  
AMERICA'S AEROSPACE EDUCATION LEADER  
& CHAIRMAN OF BREWER TROPHY ASSOCIATION**



**FRANK G. BREWER, JR**  
October 4, 1917 – July 7, 2010

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WASHINGTON, D.C -- Like his father, he has not only been a successful businessman but also a church and civic leader and an enthusiastic supporter of youth in aerospace education. Mr. Brewer was born in 1917, raised and educated in Birmingham, Alabama, the city, which he always called home. Following his graduation from Alabama Polytechnic Institute (now Auburn University) in 1940 with a degree in Electrical Engineering, Mr. Brewer was drafted March 10, 1942 and entered the U.S. Army Air Corps at Fort McPherson, Georgia. From 1943 to 1945 he served with the Eighth and Ninth Air Forces in Europe as a lead radio operator on [Martin B26 Marauder bombers](#) from England and France. During his 69 combat missions, he was awarded two Distinguished Flying Crosses and eleven Air Medals.

Following World War II, he returned to Birmingham and became Vice President and part owner of Alabama Highway Express, Inc. He also served as President of Brewer Enterprises, Inc., before becoming Vice President and General Manager of Dixie Electrical Manufacturing Company in 1961. In 1964, Mr. Brewer became President of this firm, and subsequently, President and Chairman of the Board. Semi-retired in 1984, Mr. Brewer was a financial consultant and investment counselor and actively directed personal investments.

Mr. Brewer was a co-founder of the [B26 Marauder Historical Society](#) and its second president. He was one of the founders of the Alabama Chapter of the [Eighth Air Force Historical Society](#) and has been a continuous participant in its affairs.

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On March 27, 1958 Mr. Brewer joined Civil Air Patrol as a 2d Lieutenant. Since that time he served the Alabama Wing of CAP as Deputy for Cadets, Inspector, Deputy Commander, Interim Commander, and remained assigned to Alabama Wing Headquarters. He was promoted to Colonel and awarded the Civil Air Patrol Distinguished Service Medal on November 15, 2003.

In 2006, Brewer felt there was more to be done, and began motions to form a corporation "to promote Aviation Education through the Brewer Trophy and support the NAA, the Smithsonian Institution, and other organizations in enhancing the promotion and growth of Aviation Education". The Brewer Trophy Aviation Education Association was formally incorporated on May 8, 2007 and became an NAA Affiliate on June 6, 2007. ([www.brewertrophy.org](http://www.brewertrophy.org))

At the age of 89, Mr. Brewer participated in the 2007 Brewer Trophy Selection Committee. This meeting marked the 50th anniversary of passing of his father, Frank Sr. and was attended by six (6) past Brewer Trophy recipients and other industry and aviation education organization representatives.

On September 9th 2008 Mr. Brewer was selected to receive The Wesley L. McDonald Elder Statesman of Aviation Award by the National Aeronautic Association. Mr. Brewer received this award at the NAA Fall Awards Banquet on November 3rd in Arlington, Virginia. The citation noted Mr. Brewer's "lifetime of statesmanship and dedication and contributions of significant value to aeronautics."

The Elder Statesman awards were established in 1954 to honor outstanding Americans, who, by their efforts over a period of years, have made contributions of significant value to aeronautics, and have reflected credit upon America and themselves. Previous winners have included Eddie Rickenbacker, Jimmy Doolittle, Scott Crossfield and Chuck Yeager.

His father, Frank G. Brewer, Sr. founded the Brewer Trophy "in honor of his two sons and the million and a half American youth put into the air in World War II." He envisioned the importance of aerospace education and contributed to its advancement during his lifetime. The original trophy is on permanent display at the National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C. NAA administers the nomination process, selection and annual presentation of the Frank G. Brewer Trophy, the nation's highest honor for Aerospace Education, which was first awarded in 1943.

Recipients of the Brewer Trophy include individuals and organizations such as Paul H. Poberezny, EAA; Dr. Mervin K. Strickler, Jr., FAA; Mary Feik, CAP; John V. Sorenson, USAF CAP; Ambassador Edward Stimpson, ICAO; Astronaut Michael Collins, NASM; U.S. Senator Barry Goldwater; Lt. Gen. Kenneth L. Tallman, USAF Academy and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University; Gill Robb Wilson; Marilyn Link; The Ninety-Nines; University Aviation Association. For a complete listing see [www.brewertrophy.org](http://www.brewertrophy.org).

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