



**Celebrate Freedom Foundation**®  
A Non-Profit, Educational & Historical 501(c)(3) Corporation  
Our Mission: To Educate Children \* To Promote Patriotism  
\*To Honor the Military - Past, Present & Future\*  
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## For the Media

- **Celebrate Freedom Foundation (CFF):** A nonprofit educational and historical 501(c)(3) corporation dedicated to educating children, promoting lasting patriotism and honoring the military – past, present and future. The CFF provides innovative educational outreach programs in unconventional settings, focusing on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) subjects in elementary, middle and high schools.
- **Official Mission Statement of the Celebrate Freedom Foundation:** “Educating children, promoting lasting patriotism and honoring the military — past, present and future.”
- **Website:** Primary site address — [www.CelebrateFreedomFoundation.org](http://www.CelebrateFreedomFoundation.org)  
Secondary site address — [www.GoCFF.org](http://www.GoCFF.org)
- **The Freedom Flyer:** The official electronic newsletter of the Celebrate Freedom Foundation. Currently, *The Freedom Flyer* is distributed for FREE only by subscription. To subscribe, please visit [www.GoCFF.org](http://www.GoCFF.org)
- **SOaR™ Program:** Celebrate Freedom Foundation’s academic outreach program supports STEM courses (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) in middle and high schools and stimulates career choices. SOaR™ stands for School/Student Opportunities and Rewards. The program actively involves a fast-paced curriculum of hands-on activities, experiments and simulations using high-tech industrial and military aviation and transportation resources as a platform. SOaR™ is an “in the box’ curriculum educators can implement to enhance STEM teaching and learning.
- **STEM Courses:** Courses supported by Celebrate Freedom Foundation’s SOaR™ Program, an academic outreach program for middle and high school students. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. (See **SOaR™ Program** above)
- **SOaR™ Aviation Aerospace Science Camp (STEM Summer Camp):** A week-long residency program at Clemson University’s Camp Long, located in Aiken, S.C., that focuses on the physics and principles of flight, meteorology, navigation, aircraft systems, leadership development, and aviation careers. The curriculum used is based on the Celebrate Freedom Foundation’s SOaR™ program. The campus is designed for 50 school students; each student flies a Cessna 172 on a cross-country flight and is awarded a student pilot certificate. Students go on field trips during the day to Eagle Aviation, S.C. Aeronautics Commission and Shaw Air Force Base. The Science Camp is sponsored by the S.C. Aeronautics Commission; Clemson University; Safe Federal Credit Union; Sunshine Recycling; Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics; Women in Aviation International, Charleston, S.C, Chapter; U.S. Air Force; Eagle Aviation; Lockheed Martin.
- **Maggie:** Is a fully-restored and operational AH-1F Cobra Attack Helicopter, painted in camouflage and sports a Shark’s face on its nose. She is dedicated to the Vietnam Green Berets and named after Martha Rae, the USO entertainer/nurse they adopted. *Maggie* has proven to be a popular attraction at events and especially for middle and high school students at **SOaR™** events.
- **Annie:** Is a partially restored AH-1F Cobra Attack Helicopter, painted black and gold and is displayed at educational events. *Annie* is a Vietnam veteran and saw combat with the famed 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division and is named after another USO entertainer, Ann Margaret. This aircraft is a key part of a mobile educational display unit and is a “static display.” *Annie* is our most used **SOaR™** asset.
- **Kimberly:** Is our next scheduled AH-1F Cobra and will be fully-restored to operational status. *Kimberly* will be named after Captain Kimberly Hampton, U.S. Army, who was the first American female military pilot killed while flying in combat. Kimberly’s paint job is currently classified information and will be unveiled at a special ceremony at Presbyterian College in Clinton, S.C.

- **Celebrate Freedom Festival:** For the past 16 years, Celebrate Freedom Foundation has held an annual Celebrate Freedom Festival. This year, partnering with the S.C. Philharmonic, the Foundation will host its **16<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebrate Freedom Festival and Concert** offering a very patriotic concert at 7:30 p.m. on May 19<sup>th</sup> at the Koger Center for the Arts in Columbia, S.C.
- **Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC):** A federal program sponsored by the U.S. Armed Forces in high schools across the United States. The program was originally created as part of the National Defense Act of 1916 and later expanded under the 1964 ROTC Vitalization Act.
- **JROTC Award for Academic Excellence:** A prestigious award, consisting of a ribbon and certificate, that CFF presents annually to the most outstanding first-or second-year JROTC cadet at each of more than 3,200 participating high schools. The award, consisting of a ribbon and a certificate, is based on academic and personal achievements.
- **Officers and Board Members of Celebrate Freedom Foundation:** The Foundation has 11 board members, including 4 officers: John M. Lenti, Chairman, CEO; Jack Lovelady, President, COO; Larry Russell, Executive Director, CIO and Michael Mika, Secretary, CAO. Kathi Free is Executive Assistant and CFF's primary contact. The Foundation also has 9 program directors.
- **Corporate Supporters:** As of April 18, 2013, Celebrate Freedom Foundation has 24 Partners and 19 Benefactors and 1 Sponsor. For anything else related to the Celebrate Freedom Foundation, contact Kathi Free at [info@cff-soar.org](mailto:info@cff-soar.org) or (803) 708-4752.

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**Location of the Celebrate Freedom Foundation:** 2833 Aviation Way, West Columbia, S.C. 29170.

**Hours of Operation:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday, except on Federal and State holidays.

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