

Edwin L. Carpenter (1923-1983) Memorial Scholarship



AAI Engineering Support, Inc. was a key partner with Lake Region State College in the initial establishment of the Simulator Technology Associate of Applied Science Degree program in 1989. This public-private partnership involved creation of the initial curriculum, acquisition of simulator assets from government agencies, and selection of instructors. AAI Engineering Support, Inc. has continued this unique relationship with Lake Region State College since the beginning of the program.

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Edwin L. Carpenter was a founder of AAI Engineering Support, Inc. in the early 1980s. A native of Bath, New York, Mr. Carpenter entered the U.S. Naval Aviation Cadet Program at Colgate University in 1942. He was commissioned an Ensign in 1945. He had a distinguished career in naval aviation as a car-

rier-qualified pilot of over 15 types of aircraft and helicopters.

Mr. Carpenter joined the U.S. Navy's Training Devices Center at Port Washington, New York, in 1958 as director of the Guided Missile and Special Weapons Division where he was responsible for acquisition of training devices and training aids for a variety of weapon systems, such as the Redstone, Polaris, Sparrow, and Sidewinder Missile Systems. Mr. Carpenter retired from Navy service with the rank of Commander.

Edwin L. Carpenter joined the AAI Corporation in 1961 as director of Customer Services Operations where he was responsible for support operations for AAI Corporation-produced defense systems deployed world-wide.

In 1982, Mr. Carpenter was instrumental in founding AAI Engineering Support, Inc., a services company designed to be the first entity to provide full contractor services in support of the U.S. military's training and simulation systems. He remained with AAI Corporation as vice president of Customer Services until his death in 1983. He is survived by his wife Florence, son Kevin, and daughter Karen C. Buck.

Beginning in 1999, the AAI Engineering Support, Inc. Edwin L. Carpenter Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually to a talented student enrolled in the Lake Region State College Simulator Technology Program. +