

LI donor Everett Womack — pictured in red — conducted a clinic in marksmanship and Revolutionary War history for this semester's class of Leadership Institute interns through his non-profit work with Project Appleseed. In response to the Leadership Institute's **Leaders for America** plan, Everett increased his support to create budding conservative leaders like these high-caliber interns.

## A LIFELONG DEFENDER OF LIBERTY Everett Womack's Donor Story

"I have ten grandchildren," said Leadership Institute donor Everett Womack of Georgia. "I hope I never see the day when one of them asks me, 'Grandpa, what was it like to be free?""

After serving in the U.S. Air Force, Everett has continued to defend his country by teaching American history and marksmanship. He and his wife Linda recently increased their support of the Leadership Institute to create the **Leaders for America** who will safeguard American freedom.

## A lifetime of travel and service

Born in Cedartown, Georgia, Everett grew up in a military family. His father served in the Navy during World War II and then as a vehicle mechanic for the Air Force. Due to frequent location transfers, Everett grew up all over the country — and even abroad.

"My father ended up being stationed in places like Puerto Rico, Georgia, Florida, Louisiana, New Mexico, and Germany where I graduated from high school," said Everett.

Following in his father's footsteps, Everett graduated as an Air Force ROTC student from Georgia Tech in 1969 with bachelor's and master's degrees in industrial management, before starting his Air Force service at Cape Kennedy.

Everett met his wife while at Georgia Tech. They are blessed with two children, one of whom they adopted. He supported his family through a very successful business career, eventually becoming an International Vice President of Coca-Cola.

## Stepping up his support to meet the moment

Everett has three criteria for organizations he donates to: mission, effectiveness, and integrity.

"The Leadership Institute's mission is very clear. Having recently visited LI and witnessed the recognition of your 250,000th student, I would say you're good at what you do," said Everett. "Knowing Morton's personal commitment to the Leadership Institute, not only with his money but with his time and effort — and seeing the dedication of the LI staff — LI passes all three tests with flying colors."

Thanks to donors like Everett, your Leadership Institute is more committed than ever to its mission to train conservative leaders.

This summer, your Leadership Institute launched its **Leaders for America** strategic plan to double its size and effectiveness and train 70,000 conservative leaders by Election Day 2024. Inspired by this plan, Everett and his wife increased their giving to speed the plan's success.

"Looking at the dire straits we're in as a country, training 70,000 conservatives requires resources. We felt like it was time to step up and increase our support," he explained.

This year, Everett and Linda visited the Leadership Institute over Independence Day weekend to observe LI's largest Youth Leadership School ever — with 285 students trained.

"Seeing wholesome young people dedicated to a cause that they believe in — that's very inspirational for us and it was the tipping point for us to make this commitment," explained Everett.

## **Teaching marksmanship and history**

In addition to his philanthropic work, Everett volunteers with a nonprofit organization called Project Appleseed. This organization promotes civic responsibility through the teaching of colonial history and the American tradition of rifle marksmanship.

As an instructor with Project Appleseed, Everett said, "We love teaching people about firearm safety and marksmanship as a heritage in this country. It's played a vital role in this country since the beginning."

This fall semester, Everett conducted an Appleseed clinic for the Leadership Institute's intern class.

"I loved meeting them and learning what they plan to do after they finish their internships," exclaimed Everett. "One of the interns, Shakira Jackson, was very inspirational knowing that she's planning to run for city council in Philadelphia."

He sees many parallels between the Leadership Institute and his work with Project Appleseed.

"John Adams said the Revolution was won in the hearts and minds of the people before the first shot was ever fired," explained Everett. "That was true then and it's true today. We're in a revolutionary battle for the hearts and minds of the present generation. That's what the Leadership Institute does and that's what we do."

Thanks to your support, the Leadership Institute defends the founding principles of the American Revolution and creates the **Leaders for America** necessary to carry the torch of liberty into the future.

By increasing your giving to LI, you'll create well-trained, principled conservative **Leaders for America**. If you'd like to make a significant increase to your giving, please call Caleb Crandall at (703) 647-3373.