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The Boeing Company presented \$100,000 at the opening of the U.S. Army's Airborne & Special Operations Museum here today honoring the men and women who dedicated their lives to airborne operations in defense of our nation.

In a separate ceremony, the U.S. Air Force's Air Mobility Command dedicated a Boeing C-17 airlift aircraft as the "Spirit of Airborne."

Bill Lawler, vice president of Business Development for Boeing Military Aircraft and Missile Systems, presented the \$100,000 grant from The Boeing Company to the museum, a non-profit foundation that is part of the Army museum system.

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Henry Shelton and Gen. Charles Robertson, Jr., commander in chief, U.S. Transportation Command, and commander, Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill., presided at both events.

The C-17 is used in U.S. Army airborne operations. A model of the C-17 is part of the museum's permanent display, which is open to the public.

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