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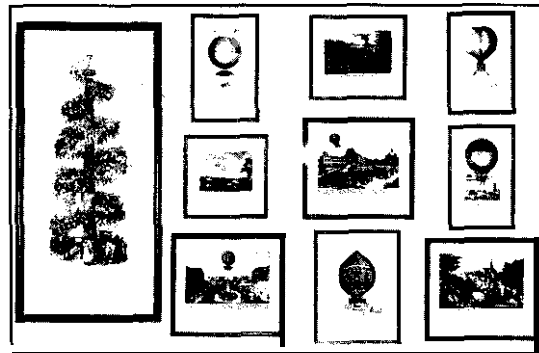
EL POMAR GRANT

In the March 1990 Newsletter, The Friends reported receiving a \$25,000 grant from El Pomar Foundation. By January 1992 all of those funds were expended in support of the Gimbel Conservation and Preservation Project.

Some of the major goals accomplished with El Pomar contribution included:

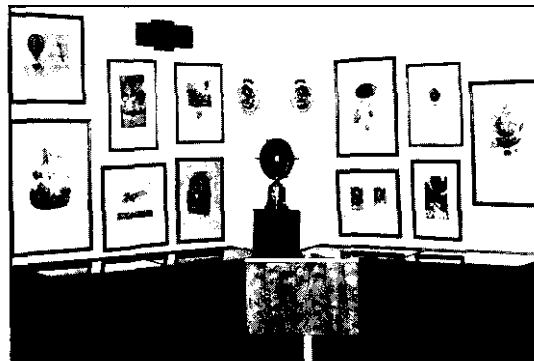
- Installing security labels in over 5,000 books.
- Producing color microfilm and microfiche copies of the most valuable 1000 antique prints in the Collection to protect the originals from damage caused by the wear and tear of handling by users.
- Encapsulating 3,165 delicate items in special acid-free Mylar covers for proper storage.
- Constructing a special case to store historical aviation medallions.
- Purchasing over 100 custom built, acid-free Solander boxes to store rare books.

The grants from El Pomar and Boettcher Foundations, combined with generous donations from members, will enable The Friends to complete the conservation and preservation project in the near future.



NEW LOOK FOR GIMBEL ROOM

The Boettcher Foundation Grant provided the funds to mount 1,019 aeronautical prints. For display on the walls of the Gimbel Room, 28 of the most significant historical prints were framed. Titles and dates were placed on inserts in each print. Consequently, visitors to the Gimbel Room can now follow the chronological evolution of ballooning as well as other historical events. We now plan to publish a brochure so that visitors will have a record of what they have observed.



BOETTCHER FOUNDATION GRANT

In the November 1990 Newsletter, The Friends reported receipt of \$23,000 from the Boettcher Foundation to defray expenses involved in preserving the prints in the Gimbel Aeronautical Collection in the Air Force Academy Library. The entire amount has been expended on the project.

The Friends contracted with Novis Frame and Art Gallery of Colorado Springs to provide legends, frames and mats for 28 specially selected prints to be displayed in the Gimbel Room at the Academy Library.

A total of 1,019 aeronautical prints have been processed with Boettcher funds.



**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR**

ANNUAL MEETING

MAY 8, 1992

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MOORMAN

I would like to share a letter which I recently received from the parent of a cadet. This is one among many such letters we have received from the parents and the friends of the Air Force Academy Library and is indicative of the interest and support from all of our members and friends.

Dear General **Moorman**:

Please know of my appreciation for the work which you and your associates do for the betterment of the USAFA Library.

When I went to college the library was the focal point for my thirst to learn more about the world. If I had had the opportunity to use the USAFA Library who knows what further achievements would be possible. I am very pleased that our daughter uses your library frequently, and is quite **proudful** of the extent of the library opportunities and the surroundings.

The attached check is in support of your fine work and the obvious achievements the cadets are capable of attaining due to an outstanding on-site library.

Thanks to the Library Foundation for making excellence through library support possible. Keep up the good work.

Cordially,

Signed
Richard N. Matthews
Glendale, CA



Lt. General Bradley C. Hosmer

ANNUAL MEETING FOR 1991

On August 26, 1991, The Friends held a very successful annual meeting. This luncheon meeting at the Air Force Academy Officers' Club was attended by 67 members and guests. We were honored to have as our speaker the new Superintendent, Lt. General Bradley C. Hosmer. Mrs. Hosmer also attended. General Hosmer clearly stated his endorsement for the work of The Friends in support of the overall goal of educational excellence at the Academy. Among our other guests were members of the staff and faculty including the Commandant of Cadets, the Dean of the Faculty and the Chief of Staff. Other distinguished attendees included Mr. Frederick K. Trask, III of the Boettcher Foundation, General James Hill of the Air Academy Foundation, Major General and Mrs. W. H. Wise, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hoff, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Novis.

NEW PROJECTS

The completion of the Gimbel Collection preservation will enable The Friends, in the coming year, to embark on several new and exciting projects. One involves early planning for an elegant illustrated catalog of the holdings. The other involves possible marketing of quality reproductions of the rare balloon prints and medallions.

THE ANNUAL MEETING FOR 1992

The forthcoming annual meeting will be held as a luncheon at the Officers' Club of the Air Force Academy on Friday, May 8. A social period will commence at 11:30 A.M. and the luncheon is planned to commence at 12:15 P.M. Those planning to attend from out of state will be assisted in obtaining reservations for accommodations if they will call General Clark at (719) 488-3240. The Dean of the Faculty, Brigadier General Ruben A. Cubero, will be our speaker on this occasion. More specifics will be provided in a later mailing in April.

NEW BOARD MEMBER

Colonel Henry A. Kortemeyer joined the Board and the Executive Committee. He will handle budget and accounting activities. He served as a Command pilot and held Command responsibilities during his 31-year Air Force career. His last major assignment was as Base Commander in Okinawa. He retired in 1971 and established a sporting goods store in Colorado Springs. From 1974 to 1977 he served as President of the Colorado Springs Chapter of the Air Force Association. He is an ardent sports fan and is a great booster for all Academy sports activities.

DISBURSEMENTS TO ACADEMY LIBRARY

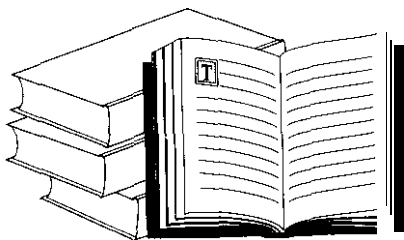
1991	
Friends	.\$ 2,950.00
El Pomar	
Grant.	.\$ 1,324.59
Boettcher	
Foundation	
Grant.	<u>\$20,240.00</u>
	\$24,514.59

1992	
1 January - 1 March	
Friends	.\$ 5,439.91
El Pomar	
Grant..	.\$ 3,582.07*
Boettcher	
Foundation	
Grant.	<u>\$ 489.55*</u>
	\$ 9,511.53

*Completes the grant.

Books and documentary source materials were purchased for the Academy Library on the following general areas: The Prisoner of War Experience in All Wars, Military Aviation, Leadership and Falconry.

At the specific request of several academic departments, specialized research materials were purchased out of Friends funds.



Members of the Academy Officers Wives Club Help With Friends' Mailing

GENERAL "HAP" ARNOLD TAPES

The Friends joined forces with the Falcon Foundation in an extensive project to preserve the quality of the 207 oral history tapes developed by Air Force Historian, Dr. Murray Green, for his research of the career of General H. H. Arnold. Dr. Green interviewed scores of military and civilian leaders who had known and worked with General Arnold. The original tapes were recorded almost 30 years ago and the condition of the original tapes was poor. With the use of the latest sound technology, the quality of the sound has been preserved. In addition to the production of archival quality tape recordings, the interviews have been reproduced onto individual cassettes. Cadets and other researchers can now listen to the voices of these pioneer airpower leaders. This collection of tapes is among the best primary source of American aeronautical materials in existence.

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A Friendly Reminder

We need your continued gifts of rare books, books dealing with military aviation and unit histories as well as documentary materials and collections of personal papers dealing with airpower themes and air leaders.

We also need your assistance in expanding the Academy Library's holdings with Prisoner of War Experience in all wars.

Please search your personal libraries and papers and notify us of materials you may wish to donate.

Most of all, we need your continued financial support. Please return the attached sheet along with your 1992 contribution.

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