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# NEWSLETTER

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### MEMORIAL PROGRAM

Since mid-1992, The Friends have offered a new attractive memorial program which has appealed especially to World War II Army Air Force veterans who want to honor their service buddies. Through The Friends they now can honor individuals or crews by having a certificate for the honoree placed in a handsome Honor Book on display in the AFA Library. This feature also has an appeal to those who wish to remember military dependents or close associates. Among the 54 citations in the Honor Book as of September 14, 1993, some 11 commemorate allied foreign officers, French resistance fighters, other service personnel and service wives. The Memorial Program has also a broad appeal to those who wish to remember non-military personnel.

Another part of the program allows a donor to purchase books in which a book plate is inserted bearing the name of an intended honoree. Individuals may be honored in this way.

A donation of \$50 or more will purchase either type of memorial which will appear in the Honor Book. Donations made without a specific request for books or certificates will be used to meet essential needs that federal disbursements do not cover. All donations will help the fine AFA Library to become a great one.

Included in the following pages are some examples of certificates which have been prepared for several honorees. When several donors of \$50 or more contribute to the same memorial, their names are placed on the over page of the



*This beautiful Honor Book and custom-built stand are permanently displayed in the Special Collections Branch of the Academy Library. The wooden stand was constructed by a master craftsman, Colonel Thomas A. Personett, USAF (Ret) of Monument, Colorado.*

certificate. Additional information about the honoree submitted by the donor and not appearing on the certificate is permanently filed in the Special Collections Branch of the Library and is available for review. It will provide an informal history to document the Academy's holdings. This information will also be helpful in producing cadet research papers and may even stimulate cadet motivation for a life of service to the Air Force and the Nation.

When a donation is made for a memorial, a completed form like the attached should accompany it. It will provide the information needed for the appropriate memorial.

### GIMBEL CATALOGUE PROJECT

The Director of Academy Libraries has set for The Friends as one of its major goals, the production of a printed catalogue of the Gimbel Aeronautical Collection. Over the years, the members of the Executive Committee and key members of the Library staff have labored to create a plan of action to undertake this formidable task. The aim is to produce an annotated, illustrated catalogue of selected portions of the huge Gimbel Collection consisting of nearly 25,000 items. The plan had to be written so that it would provide the essential information for potential consultants and bibliographer; who may be engaged on a contractual basis. The plan also had to detail many procedural problems such as selection of materials, compilation, translation, editing, publication design and most important of all, funding sources. A project of this dimension will require financial support from local and national foundations which make grants to fund educational projects on a large scale. In order to obtain such grants, The Friends, through their membership, must demonstrate the ability to provide adequate seed money to launch the project. This is why we must continue to attract new members.

## MESSAGE FROM GENERAL MOORMAN

I wish to congratulate Cadet First Class Geoffrey Hickman, Class of 1994, who recently received the Air Force Historical Foundation's 1993 award for the best research paper on military history written by a cadet. Hickman's paper "Duty, Honor, But for Another Country?" was based on the Eagle Squadrons Historical Collection in the Special Collections Branch of the Academy Library. (American flyers joined three RAF Eagle Squadrons before the entry of the U.S. in WWII.) The award was presented at the annual meeting of the Foundation in Washington, DC. As explained in an earlier Newsletter, the Eagle Squadrons Collection was acquired by The Friends for the Academy Library.

## SILVER FALCONS

On August 26, 1993, General Fagan was a speaker at the Reunion of the Silver Falcons at the Hilton Hotel in Colorado Springs. He highlighted the 1993 activities of The Friends. He also distributed copies of the new brochures produced by The Friends. Retired Lt Col Floyd Etbridge (a former Academy staff officer), President of the Silver Falcons Association, entertained a motion to distribute the new Friends brochures to the Association's 500 members. The motion passed unanimously.

Silver Falcon member, retired Colonel Thomas Pryor, a former Harvard Government Professor, presented General Fagan with a fine copy of the 1826 British edition of Adam Smith's *Wealth of Nations*. This book will be added to the rare books housed in the Special Collections of the Academy Library.

## DOOLITTLE RAIDERS

The Friends join the Air Force community in an expression of sympathy on the loss of General James H. Doolittle. During the Spring 1993 Reunion of the Doolittle Raiders, the Chairman, Brigadier General Richard A. Knobloch, USAF (Ret), met with General Clark and Archivist Duane Reed, Colonel C.V. Glines, USAF, (Ret) a noted military author and biographer of General Doolittle, was also present. Following the meeting, General Knobloch wrote a letter to General Hosmer, Academy Superintendent, in which the Academy Library was designated as the repository for the records and personal papers of the Doolittle Raiders. In addition, Colonel Glines plans to donate his research collection on the life and military career of General Doolittle to the Academy Library. General Knobloch stated that he was "most favorably impressed with the Library and its fine staff."

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### TO HONOR

**EUGENE R. HICKS**  
**Second Lieutenant,**  
**U.S. Army Air Forces**

Lt. Hicks was the pilot of B-24 "Robin-D-Cradle." of the 832nd Squadron, 486th Bomb Group. On 28 May 1944, he lead the squadron on a mission to Leipzig, Germany. On the return, the aircraft was severely damaged, fell out of formation, and could not maintain altitude. Lt. Hicks lost his life by staying with the aircraft until his crew bailed out. He ditched the aircraft in the English Channel. He was awarded the Purple Heart and Air Medal.

BY ROBERTA SINNOCK

The two citations on this page are greatly reduced. The originals are 11 1/2" X 11 1/2" on parchment-like paper. All the printing is custom done. Where multiple donors apply, their names are listed on the reverse side. The citation sheet is enclosed in a Mylar envelope for protection so that it can be viewed from each side.

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### TO HONOR

**EIGHT MEMBERS OF THE  
CREW OF B-17F  
"THE HUN HUNTER,"  
KILLED IN ACTION ON  
16 FEB 1943.**

Leonard E. Duncan	Herbert H. Burnette
Robert P. Mericle	Carl E. Olson
Howard M. Jones	Michael J. Stanko
Ralph A. Livengood	Erban L. Jones

The crew of the "Hun Hunter" had participated in bombing missions over occupied Europe from Nov. 1942. These eight crew members were killed as the A/C was shot down on a mission to St. Nazaire, France on 16 Feb. 1943.

*Brief Lives, Lived Well With Honor*  
BY HENRY M. BURMAN, A/C PILOT AND POW

## MRS. KUTER

The Friends wish to extend their condolences to the family of Mrs. Laurence S. Kuter, who recently died. She was the widow of one of the preeminent Air Force leaders of World War II. Ethel Kuter, who resided in the Air Force Village in San Antonio, Texas, was the first Life Member of The Friends. She was a loyal supporter and benefactor of the Academy Library.

In 1962 when he retired, General Kuter presented his papers to the Academy Library. During General Kuter's long career, Ethel Kuter assembled orders, photographs, correspondence, invitations, greeting cards, memos, newspaper clippings and related materials into scrapbooks. Every item was fully identified and dated. This material was assembled into 52 bound volumes. The Kuter Collection is an invaluable documentary source on the history of the Air Force during World War II and the critical post-war era. The Kuter Collection continues to be researched extensively by cadets and by scholars who visit the Academy Library.

### DISBURSEMENTS TO THE LIBRARY

(As of September 30, 1993)

General Book Fund .....	\$ 500.00
Memorial Funds . . .	\$ 2570.00
Other Projects .....	\$ 1,369.06
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$ 4,439.06</b>

## ESCAPE AND EVASION SOCIETY

Recently, the Air Force Escape and Evasion Society (AFEES) has become affiliated with The Friends. Eventually, the archival holdings of the Society will be transferred to the Academy Library. In addition, the Chairman of the Society, Mr. Ralph K. Patton, has donated to The Friends, his personal collection of Escape and Evasion materials. Included are one hundred books plus personal stories, newspaper articles and Escape & Evasion memorabilia. Mr. Patton further supported The Friends by becoming a Life Member.

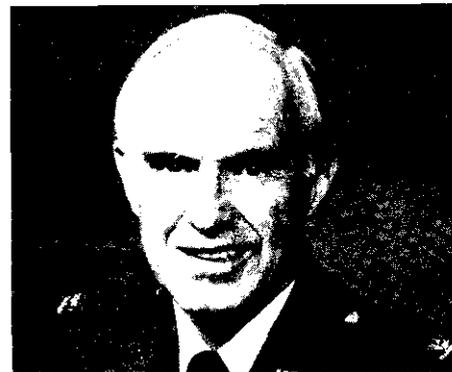
Downed airmen who evaded capture and the Escape & Evasion people who aided them in World War II were involved in clandestine operations with the resistance network in Europe. These secret, dangerous operations and the people engaged in them, are not well publicized even after a half century has elapsed. This Escape&Evasion material will open up a whole new aspect of military history to cadets and others engaged in this type of archival research. Along with other original military source materials available in the Academy Library, the Escape & Evasion documents will present the cadets with a rare opportunity to write research papers without having to rely on interpretations found in published histories.

The Friends are deeply appreciative of the efforts of Lt Col J.W. Bradbury, USAF (Ret), a former Academy Professor of Political Science, in negotiating with the AFEE Society. Brad was a co-pilot in Escape & Evasion operations. He is a staunch charter member of the Friends.

## EIGHTH AIR FORCE

On May 19, 1993, General Clark received a letter from John E. Greenwood, President of the 8th Air Force Memorial Museum Foundation, Inc. In part, the letter stated:

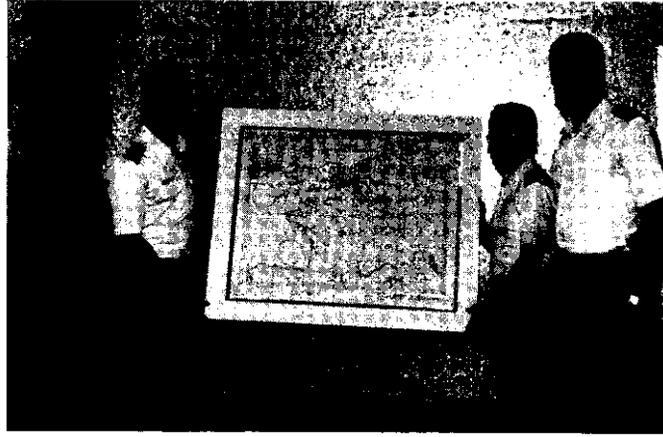
"Recently, the Air Force Memorial Museum Foundation Board staff of Directors held their mid-year meeting in Chicago. I am happy to report that we voted to contribute \$500.00 to the Air Force Academy Library to be used for the Prisoner of War Collection. We have had many members, including you, that helped endure and contribute to the history of this Collection. We hope to make further contributions in coming years."



Brigadier General Philip D. Caine

### 1993 ANNUAL MEETING

The 1993 Annual Meeting of the Friends was held on Thursday, May 6 at the Academy Officers Club. Seventy members were served at the luncheon. The featured speaker was retired Brigadier General Philip D. Caine. His topic was "Eagles and Our Heritage; A Fragile Link." General Caine is the author of a newly published book, *Eagles of the RAF*. His last assignment was as Deputy Commandant for Military Instruction at the Academy. He is a command pilot with more than 4,500 hours of flying and served in Vietnam. He holds M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in history from Stanford University.



*Cadets examining a WWII navigation map maintained by Navigator William A. Malone, 303rd Bomb Group. The map and mission logs were donated by his widow, Mrs. Gloria Malone and his sister Maryan Malone of Yonkers, N.Y.*

## *A Friendly Reminder*

**Please consider participating in our new Memorial Program. Check the attached for details.**

**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 on the American prisoners 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. If you have already made a contribution in 1993, we sincerely thank you. If you have not made a 1993 contribution, please fill out the attached form and send your check today in the self-addressed envelope.**

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