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NEWSLETTER

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RESPONSES

The Friends are sending copies of *The Genesis of Flight* to 150 institutions throughout the world. Some early acknowledgements are quoted below:

"This is a magnificent book. Rarely in life does one come across a book as profound as this one. *The Genesis of Flight* is absolutely astounding as a work of art, science, literature, and history. It clearly stands out as a pinnacle of scholarship, aptly reflecting the stellar reputation of the Air Force Academy Library's Gimbel Collection of Aeronautical History. Yet, it is bigger than that."

Aerospace Power Journal, Spring 2001

"As the proud repository of another distinguished Gimbel Collection; the Free Library of Philadelphia is happy to accept your gift. It is a distinguished piece of work which does great credit to The Friends, to the authors and the Air Force Academy. The book will be catalogued and added to the reference collection of our Rare Book Department which houses Colonel Gimbel's great Edgar Allan Poe Collection."

The Free Library of Philadelphia

"It is a beautiful and informative book and is a welcome addition to the collection in the Sherman Fairchild Library of Engineering and Applied Science."

California Institute of Technology

"This book will serve as a valuable research tool. It will also enhance our special collections and will be enjoyed and used by students, faculty and staff, now and in future generations."

Illinois Institute of Technology

LUNCHEON SPEAKER THE 2001 ANNUAL LUNCHEON WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, MAY 11

Lieutenant General John R. Dallager became the Superintendent of the United States Air Force Academy in June 2000. General Dallager, a distinguished graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy, earned a Bachelor of Science degree majoring in Mechanical Engineering in June 1969. He has served in several U.S. Joint Staff and instructor positions, as well as squadron, wing, numbered Air Force and combined/joint task force command positions. A command pilot with more than 2,900 hours in F-4, A-10, and F-15 aircraft, he has accumulated 600-plus combat hours over Southeast and Southwest Asia and Bosnia.



He earned a Master of Business degree from Troy State University in Alabama in 1978. He is also a graduate of the Air Command and Staff College, the National Defense University and the U.S. Army War College. Prior to being assigned to the Academy, General Dallager served as Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations and Logistics, Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, and Director of Operations, Joint Guard (Bosnia) and Joint Guarantor (Kosovo). He is married to the former Jane Gilbert and they have two children, John G. and Kristin.

"This 'masterpiece cataloguing the Gimbel Collection arrived today. It is a beautifully crafted work of which you are surely justifiably proud."

The Denver Public Library

"Thank you and The Friends for the honor bestowed on the Boston Public Library in donating this beautiful and informative book to us. It will be a worthwhile and well received addition to our Research Library Collection."

The Boston Public Library

The Annual Meeting will be held on Friday, May 11, 2001, at the Academy Officers' Club. The social hour (cash bar) will begin at 11:30 a.m. and luncheon will be served at 12:15 p.m. The cost will be \$13.00 per person. Please complete the enclosed form, make checks payable to The Friends of the Academy Library and return in the self-addressed envelope.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The year 2001 has started out with a bang for The Friends. First, I would like to welcome the five new members whom we have added to the Board of Directors. They are: Brig. General Erlind G. Royer, former Academy Dean of the Faculty; Colonel James C. Gaston, Academy Class of 1963, producer of the fine CD of *The Genesis of Flight*; Professor Richard W. Lemp of the Academy English Department and a retired Air Force Lt. Colonel; Colonel Jock C. H. Schwank, Academy Class of 1960, former faculty member and Commandant of the Academy Prep School; and Dr. Donald White, Professor and Head of the Department of Music at Purdue University for 34 years. He was also a POW in Stalag Luft III.

Following the successful publication of The Friends book, *The Genesis of Flight*, the Executive Committee began the promised free distribution of about 150 gift copies to libraries and museums and other institutions specializing in aeronautics located around the world. It turned out to be a major and costly task which is still underway.

The recently acquired Vietnam POW historical collections brought with them both work and opportunities. Arranging for processing the massive files for accession by the Academy Library and the need to record and illustrate the dramatic story that these papers and memorabilia hold, have taxed the time and the expertise of The Friends' Executive Committee.

The richness of the historical materials at hand in the Library and those being continually accessed, offer The Friends tempting opportunities for the development of programs, books, and displays. In short, we are never at a loss for interesting projects. Our future Newsletter will keep you informed of these exciting developments.

HARD AT WORK



General Clark, General Fagan, General Caine, Colonel Schwank and Colonel Kortemeyer packing 150 copies of The Genesis of Flight for delivery to institutions all over the world.

ANDRUS PAPERS



General Clark formally accepts the Andrus papers from Colonel Burton C. Andrus, Jr

Retired Air Force Colonel Burton C. Andrus, Jr., recently donated a rich collection of his father's papers to the Academy Library. His father, the late Colonel Burton C. Andrus, USA, served as the Commander of the 6850th Security Detachment of the International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg, Germany after World War II. He had the challenging task of managing the incarceration of the senior German officials and generals in the Nuremberg Prison during their trials as war criminals. The documents in this personal collection are extensive and extremely valuable for research and study by cadets and historians.

STALAG LUFT III PROJECT



General Clark and Kalynne Holm with the wonderfully reproduced volumes.

On March 15, 2001, Kalynne Holm, President of The Photo Safe in Monument, Colorado, completed and delivered, in two volumes, the beautifully reproduced copies of the Stalag Luft III Historical materials. The contents were assembled and annotated by General Clark and his many fellow POWs in Stalag Luft III. The camp was located at Sagan near the Polish border and was the scene of "The Great Escape" in 1944 which has been depicted in books, movies and on TV. The collection includes photographs made with clandestine cameras smuggled into the camp. Its contents also illustrate the incredible ingenuity of the POWs in forging German passes and other important documents. The contents of the volumes present one of the most comprehensive studies of the prisoner-of-war experiences ever assembled.

MEMORIAL PROGRAM

Since 1992, The Friends have offered an attractive memorial program which has appeal to military personnel and civilians alike. It has a special significance to remember veterans of all National Conflicts.

A donation of \$50.00 or more will secure a memorial certificate. Instructions are included in the Membership Donation sheet included in the mailing of this Newsletter. The completed certificates are included in the Honor Book which is permanently displayed near the Gimbel Room in the Special Collections Branch on the 6th floor of the Academy Library. The Friends had a beautiful cabinet built to house the present six volumes of the Honor Book. A copy of the certificate is sent to the donor. Additional names of donors are included on the reverse side of the certificate. (A sample certificate is shown.)

STATUS OF THE FALCONRY BOOK

Work continues on the Academy falconry book which The Friends are producing to fill a significant blind spot in the historical record of the Air Force Academy. The training and flying of falcons at Academy sports events is unique in the sporting world. The manuscript is in the process of a final editing and illustrations are being selected and located appropriately in the text. Most of the illustrations will be in color. The outstanding performance for nearly 45 years of selected cadet falconers and their birds will be highlighted. The Association of Graduates has offered to assist The Friends in finding a source of funding to publish the book. Word One, Inc., is already designing a CD to capture the dramatic and exciting story of the cadets and their performing falcon mascots. This book, and the companion CD, will add an interesting new aspects to the prestigious holdings of falconry materials now housed in the Academy Library which are among the best in the world.

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**TO HONOR
WILLIAM GLEN CLARK, SR.
LT. COLONEL, U.S. AIR FORCE
1921 - 1998**

Bill Clark served as an officer in the 13th Air Force in the South Pacific from 1942 to 1945. After the war he earned degrees in English at the University of Iowa. He was recalled to active duty in May, 1951, taught at the Air Force Academy and served as one of the English Department's first Tenure Associate Professors. After retirement he taught at the University of Iowa retiring as an Associate Professor Emeritus. He was a man of quiet reason, respected by all for his thoughtful manner and fair-minded decisions. A faithful husband, a devoted father, a Socratic teacher, and a valued friend.

By Brig. General and Mrs. Jesse C. Gatlin, Jr.

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Pictured are: Mrs. Liz Buderus, granddaughter of Colonel Fitzgerald; C1C Patrick McClintock; Lt. Gen. A. P. Clark, President of The Friends; and Colonel Fitzgerald's daughters, Mrs. Joy McClintock, Mrs. Donna Hill, and Mrs. Lyn Persano.

Cadet Patrick McClintock, Class of 2001, recently arranged for the donation by members of his family of an important series of correspondence, memoranda, official documents and printed matter that depict the military career of his grandfather, Colonel Wayne A. Fitzgerald, USAF. Included within Colonel Fitzgerald's papers is the diary that he maintained during his service with the 5th Air Force during World War II. The diary offers cadets and other researchers important "real life" insights into the air war in the South Pacific.

Copies of *The Genesis of Flight* may be purchased by sending your request to the Air Force Academy Association of Graduates, 3 116 Academy Dr., USAF Academy, CO 80840-4457, along with your check for \$60.00 plus \$6.00 shipping and handling. To purchase the CD-Rom separately, send your check to the same address for \$24.00 plus \$5.00 shipping and handling.

A Friendly Reminder

Please search your personal libraries and papers for materials dealing with military aviation. Notify us before sending items. Most of all, we need your continued financial support. If you have already made a 2001 contribution, we sincerely thank you. If you have not made a 2001 contribution, please fill out the attached form and send your check today in the self-addressed envelope. Make check payable to The Friends of the Academy Library.