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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OUR TENTH ANNIVERSARY

On February 10, 1987, The Friends of the Air Force Academy Library was duly incorporated as a non-profit corporation. Since that time, at the direction of the Director of Academy Libraries, The Friends has successfully accomplished a myriad of projects and objectives which have enhanced the quality of the Academy Library as an education, research, scientific and cultural institution. The Friends has enabled the Library to acquire materials, to pursue projects, to create publications and to implement services beyond those made possible by funds allocated by the Air Force. I am pleased to report that over the last 10 years, The Friends membership has increased to nearly 1500 members and we have provided approximately \$200,000 in funding and services to the Library.

The Friends has arranged for acquisition by the Library a number of historically significant collections of organizational records and personal papers that reflect the evolution of American military power. The Friends has successfully acquired personal papers and records of the members of the Eagle Squadron Association, the Doolittle Tokyo Raiders, the Women Airforce Service Pilots and the former Prisoners of War, Stalag Luft III. In addition, a series of research collections which were gathered in conjunction with published works on the history of air power were obtained for inclusion within the Library's Special Collections Branch. Significant acquisitions include the research materials of Arthur Durand, author of Stalag Luft III: The Secret Story, and Dewitt S. Copp, author of A Few Great Captains: The Men and Events That Shaped The Development of U.A. Air Power and Forged in Fire: Strategy and Decisions That Shaped the Airway Over Europe, 1940-1945. In addition, in coordination with the Falcon Foundation, The Friends assisted in acquiring the papers in the "Hap" Arnold-Murray Green Collections which chronicles the life and military career of General H. H. Arnold.

In 1989, at the request of the Director of Academy Library, The Friends initiated a conservation project to ensure the preservation of the rich holdings of the Colonel Richard Gimbel Aeronautical History Collection. The Friends funding of the project was augmented through generous grants from the El Pomar and Boettcher Foundations and resulted in the microfilming of over 1000 selected aeronautical prints and the encapsulation of thousands of items including letters, newspapers, post cards, tickets, handbills, programs, and periodicals. All of these items were then transferred into acid-free folders and storage boxes meeting archival standards. In addition, custom made pressure boxes were purchased to ensure the protection of the most valuable of the 5000 books within the Gimbel Collection. Completed in 1992, the project resulted in bringing state-of-the-art archival conservation to the Collection ensuring its preservation for research by future generations of cadets and scholars.

Upon completion of the Gimbel Conservation Project, The Friends began the daunting task of producing an annotated bibliography to selected holdings within the Gimbel Collection. The Friends assumed the project to satisfy a long-standing need to provide scholars world-wide and the general public with a published catalogue to one of the most prestigious aeronautical collections in existence. A prospectus was developed for the project and bibliographers were engaged to select, annotate and discuss the historical importance of items in specific categories. During 1995, the bibliographers came to the Academy to examine and study the materials in their assigned category. Professor Clive Hart, of the University of Essex in England, examined rare books published between 1489-1850 as well as the series of historically significant letters and manuscripts within the Collection. Dr. Tom Crouch, of the

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ANNUAL LUNCHEON SPEAKER

Brig. Gen. Stephen R. Lorenz, Commandant Cadets and Commander, 34th Training Wing, Air Force Academy, will be the annual luncheon speaker on Tuesday, May 6. He commands and administers the 4,000-member cadet wing and its 930 supporting Air Force personnel. He graduated from the Air Force Academy in the Class of 1973. General Lorenz is a command pilot with 3,300 hours flying time. His previous assignments include staff assignment at a major command, the Air Staff and the Joint Staff. He has commanded an air refueling squadron, operations group, and an air refueling wing which won the Riverside Trophy for being the best wing in the 15th Air Force. His last assignment before coming to the Academy was command of the Air Mobility Wing at McGuire Air Force Base, N. J. which won the Armstrong Trophy as the best wing in the 21st Air Force in 1995.

General Lorenz and his wife, Leslie, have three children: Tracy, Stephen and Kelly.

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Smithsonian Institution, examined aeronautical books published between 1850 and 1914. Dr. Dominick Pisano, also from the Smithsonian, accepted the difficult task of selecting and describing significant items from hundreds of handbills, postal material, and dime novels, periodicals and newspapers. Professor Paul Maravelas, formerly of the University of Minnesota selected and annotated the most significant balloon prints within the Collection. President Emeritus of the American Numismatic Society, Mr. Edward Rochette, selected and described the most important of over 250 medals in the Collections and Dr. Holly Pittman of the University of Pennsylvania annotated the historical significance of the ancient seals dating from 2700 BC for illustration within the catalogue. As reported in this newsletter, the manuscript is nearing completion and is being considered for publication by several nationally recognized publishers.

Since mid-1992, The Friends has offered an attractive memorial program which has appealed to military personnel and civilians alike. Through the Memorial Program, individuals may be honored by having an inscribed certificate for the honoree placed in a handsome Honor Book which is on permanent display within the Academy Library's Special Collection Branch. The details of the Memorial Program are outlined in an article in this newsletter.

In 1994, The Friends, in coordination with the Special Collections Branch of the Library, initiated a series of annual programs and exhibits which focus on an important event in the history of American military airpower. The exhibit is opened each Spring with an evening program which features a talk by a recognized historian who has written extensively on the exhibit's subject. Following the opening, the exhibit is displayed for several months on the third floor of the Academy Library. The Friends is pleased to sponsor the annual program and exhibit which serves to further acquaint the cadets with an important aspect of their heritage. Over the past 10 years, The Friends has benefited from the tireless efforts of past and present members of its Executive Board. I wish to again express by appreciation to Bill Mahon, Jack Ward, Henry Kortemeyer, George Fagan, Phil Caine, Will Ketterson, Bub Clark and The Friends Secretary, Mrs. Rae Hellen for their extraordinary contributions in making the first 10 years of Friends organization an unequivocal success.

GIMBEL CATALOGUE PROJECT PROGRESSING WELL

The Friends continue to make excellent progress in accomplishing a major goal of the Library which is to produce an annotated bibliography of selected holdings within the Colonel Richard Gimbel Aeronautical History Collection. The individual manuscripts, which have been produced by a renowned team of bibliographers, are now being reviewed by Mrs. Alice Levin, a professional editor, and Dr. Richard Lemp of the Academy's Department of English. In addition, Dr. Tom Couch, Director of the Department of Aeronautics of the National Air and Space Museum, is writing an extensive introductory essay to preface the catalogue. Recently, The Friends was approached by representatives of several prestigious nationally recognized publishers which have expressed a keen interest in publishing the catalogue.

THE FRIENDS ACQUIRE THE PRIVATE LIBRARY OF A FORMER MEMBER OF THE LAFAYETTE ESCADRILLE

Charles Dolan, son of Charles H. Dolan, who was the last surviving member of the Lafayette Escadrille, recently donated a segment of his father's library to The Friends for inclusion within the Special Collections branch of the Academy Library. Mr. Dolan's library consists of an extraordinary series of inscribed and autographed books which depict the evolution of American military aviation from its inception in 1907 through World War I. Included is a first edition volume of Winged Defense which is inscribed and autographed to Mr. Dolan by the author, William Mitchell.

SPRING EXHIBIT

The annual exhibit of The Friends will depict the history of Stalag Luft III, the Luftwaffe prisoner of war camp made famous by the "Great Escape." The exhibit will be on display in the Cadet Library from March 15 through June 15, 1997.

ABOUT THE COLLECTION

The complete history of Stalag Luft III in manuscripts, photos, and documentation is preserved for present and future cadets, scholars, and historians in the Special Collections Branch of the Library of the United States Air Force Academy.

The centerpiece of the Special Collections Section is the Stalag Luft III Former Prisoners of War archive. The Collection includes hundreds of photographs, many of which were taken in the camp with clandestine cameras during the war.

Among the many research documents are the memoirs of former members of the German garrison including Colonel Friedrich-Wilhelm Von Lindeiner and Major Gustav Simoleit and the oral history of Herman Glemnitz.

The Branch houses the papers of retired Air Force Lt. Gen. A. P. Clark and the assembled works of Henry Soderberg, the Swedish volunteer with the International Y.M.C.A. Also included are the papers of the late Air Force Maj. Gen. Delmar Spivey and hundreds of small collections of documents, photographs, logs, and artwork which have been donated to the Academy by ex-Kriegies. The Branch also housed the research collection gathered by Arthur Durand in support of the publication of his book, Stalag Luft III: The Secret Story.

The Collection is extremely important to cadets enrolled in history, foreign language and English courses at the Academy. Coordinating with the academic departments, the staff of the Special Collections Branch provides instruction to cadets regarding research methods in primary source materials. For their own research projects, cadets can write from original source materials and need not depend upon interpretations found within published histories.

THE PAPERS OF MAJ. GEN LEIGH WADE ACQUIRED FOR THE LIBRARY

The Friends recently received a collection of personal papers of the late Maj. Gen. Leigh Wade, U.S. Air Force, Retired. The collection was donated by retired Colonel and Mrs. John Tkacik. The papers chronicle General Wade's military career including his service as a pilot of the U.S. Army Air Service's "around the world flight," April 6 to September 18, 1924. The Friends is indebted to Air Force Lt. Gen. Brad Hosmer and Air Force Maj. Gen. Jack Huston who contacted the Tkaciks and arranged for the donation of the material for inclusion within the holdings of the Academy Library.



Brig. Gen. George Fagan, Brig. Gen. Marcus Kinevan, Col. William Mahon, Brig. Gen. Philip Caine, Lt. Col. R.H. Schaeffer, Col. Henry Kortemeyer, Mr Hal Littrell, Col. Jock Schwank, Mr Duane Reed, Col. David Wagie, Dr. Edward Scott, Mr. Willis Ketterson, Seated: Lt. Gen. A. P. Clark

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors of The Friends of the Air Force Academy Library was convened at Doolittle Hall, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado on Friday, December 6, 1996.

MEMORIAL PROGRAM

Since mid-1992, The Friends has offered an attractive memorial program which has appealed to military personnel and civilians alike and especially to World War II Army Air Force veterans. 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 Air Force Academy Library. This feature has an appeal to those who wish to remember military dependents or close associates. The Memorial Program also has a broad appeal to those who wish to remember

non-military personnel.

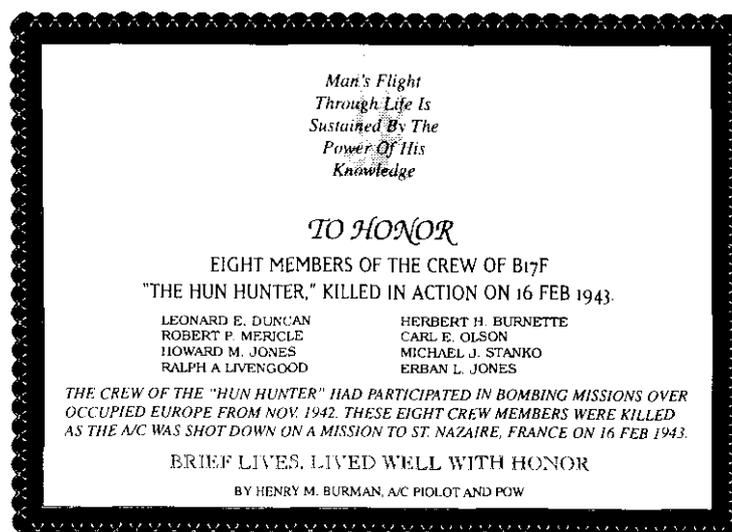
Another part of the program allows a donor to purchase books in which a book plate is inserted bearing the name of an intended honoree. Individuals may be honored in this way.

A donation of \$50 or more will purchase either type of memorial. Donations made without specific request for books or certificates will be used to meet essential Library needs that federal disbursements do not cover. All donations will help the Air Force Academy Library become even greater.

Below is an example of a certificate prepared for several honorees. When sev-

eral donors of \$50 or more contribute to the same memorial, their names are placed on the back of the certificate. Additional information about the honoree submitted by the donor and not appearing on the certificate is permanently tiled 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.

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



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TO HONOR

EIGHT MEMBERS OF THE CREW OF B17F
"THE HUN HUNTER," KILLED IN ACTION ON 16 FEB 1943.

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HOWARD M. JONES
RALPH A. LIVENGOD

HERBERT H. BURNETTE
CARL E. OLSON
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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

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1996	1997 to March 31
General Book Fund \$2,000.00	Memorial Funds \$. 1 ,000.00
Memorial Funds 4,661 .00	Other Services
Other Services	& Support 8,309.00
& Support 21,908.00	Grand Total \$9,309.00
Grand Total \$28,569.00	

MAILING ADDRESS

New United States Postal Service regulations went into effect on October 6, 1996 for all non-profit organizations holding bulk mailing permits. Special attention must be made to correct street address, city, state and accurate zip codes and, if available, the additional four digits on all items placed in the mail. It is very important that The Friends maintain an accurate, current mailing list of its members. Please assist us by providing all the proper data in all future correspondence with The Friends.

Example: Colonel John Doe
1234 Name of street apt # (if needed)
city, state 00000-0000 (Your zip code)

NOTICE OF ANNUAL LUNCHEON

The May 6 luncheon will be held at the Academy Officers Club Sunrise Room. The social hour will begin at 11:30 A.M. and lunch will be served at 12:15. Guests are welcome. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Please complete the enclosed card and send your check in the enclosed, self-addressed envelope not later than April 28.

A Friendly Reminder

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

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 Airmen prisoners of war experience in all wars.

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

Most of all, we need your continued financial support. If you have already made a contribution in 1997, we sincerely thank you. If you have not made a 1997 contribution, please fill out the attached form and send your check today in the self-addressed envelope.