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PRESIDENT CLARK HONORED

On September 3, 1999, Lt. General A. P. Clark, USAF (Ret.) was recognized with the Air Force Academy's first Distinguished Service Award. The presentation was made during the Parents' Weekend Parade which was attended by more than 5,000 guests. In the citation which was read at the ceremony, General Clark was lauded for his more than a quarter century of contributions to the Academy.

While serving as the Academy's sixth superintendent from 1971 to 1974, General Clark donated 32 firearms which had been issued to members of the U.S. military from the American Revolution to the war in Vietnam. Informal estimates place the value of General Clark's donation at well over \$100,000. This magnificent collection of long arms is permanently displayed along the spiral staircase in the Academy Library.

Following his retirement from the Air Force, General Clark immediately became involved with projects and programs associated with the Special Collections Branch and the Colonel Richard Gimbel Aeronautical History Collection at the Academy Library.

General Clark's initial work was devoted to spending countless hours in developing and shaping the rich history of Stalag Luft III, the German prisoner of war camp made famous by the "Great Escape" of World War II, by assembling



Lt. Gen. A. P. Clark, USAF (Ret.) is shown receiving the Academy's first Distinguished Service Award from Academy Superintendent, Lt. Gen. Tad Oelstrom. The award recognizes those individuals who have contributed significantly and directly to the morale and well-being of the Academy through their generous donation of time and resources.

an archival collection of Stalag Luft III materials. (General Clark was a prisoner of war at Stalag Luft III from 1942 to 1945.) The collection began with a scrapbook compiled by General Clark. He also donated an extensive series of photographs and other important papers to the Library. The collection was subsequently expanded under General Clark's guidance as President of the Stalag Luft III Former POW Association. Today the collection is the centerpiece of the prisoner of war

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors of The Friends will be held on Friday, December 3, 1999 at 9:30 a.m. Again, the Association of Graduates (AOG) has graciously agreed to let us hold the meeting in their conference room at Doolittle Hall.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Executive Committee of The Friends is delighted to add Lt. Col USAF (Ret.) Dona Hildebrand as a member. We have a very full plate of work at this time with several projects that have firm completion dates and they have kept members of the Committee quite busy.

The agenda and related planning for our annual board meeting is in the works with the meeting scheduled for 3 December at 9:30 a.m. at Doolittle Hall

Proofing the fourth set of galleys for the Gimbel Catalogue has just been finished. We expect to receive the color-illustrated galleys soon.

The excellent CD-ROM of the Gimbel Catalogue, which is being produced by Word One, Inc., is in the final review.

Several large and important historical collections for the Library have recently come our way including the Southeast Asia Prisoner of War Collection. Currently, arrangements are underway for the acquisition of the General Jeanne Holm Collection on the History of Women in the Armed Forces,

The presentation of the CD-Rom of the Stalag Luft III Collection has just been completed and is being produced on the Academy's Intranet prior to release on the worldwide Internet.

Work is also in progress on the publication of a book on the history of the Academy's Falconry Program.

We are pleased with the keen interest shown in our work by our members and by the many other friends of the Air Force and the Air Force Academy. We continue to receive donations of important historical items for the Library. We trust that from this wide base of interest we will also continue to receive the funding support so necessary for our response to the continuing urgent needs of the Academy Library.

Warm regards and thanks to all of you

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holdings in the Special Collections Branch. General Clark routinely participates in oral history interviews with cadets researching the history of the American airman's prisoner of war experience during World War II. A growing number of scholars have used the collection and it has become the subject of numerous books, articles and a series of film documentaries which have been aired nationally on American and British television.

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 Vo" Lindeier and Major Gustav Simoleit and the oral history of Herman Glemnitz.

The Branch also houses 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 houses the research collection gathered by Arthur Durand in support of the publication of his book, Stalag Luft III: The Secret story.

In February 1987, General Clark worked with the Director of Academy Libraries, Lt. Colonel R. H. Schaeffer, and the Academy Superintendent, Lt. General Winfield W. Scott Jr., to establish The Friends of the Air Force Academy Library. The Friends organization was chartered as a tax-exempt, charitable foundation to enhance the quality of the Academy Library. Serving as the Secretary, and subsequently as the President of The Friends, General Clark has led The Friends in accomplishing a myriad of projects which further that goal.

CD-ROM

The Friends have reached an agreement with Word One Associates, Inc. of Colorado Springs for the production of a compact disk representing the Colonel Richard Gimbel Aeronautical History Collection. Word One, Inc. is producing the disk under the authority, and with the cooperation and support, of The Friends.

The introductory section of the disk covers the origins of the Gimbel Collection, the Collection's home at the United States Air Force Academy, the scholars who contributed to the catalogue, and The Friends of the Air Force Academy Library. The disk includes photographs, sound, and text for each of the items found in The Genesis of Flight, the catalogue of selected holdings of the Gimbel Collection. Arrangement of the items on the disk follows the major sections which appear in the catalogue. Each section and item has a brief voiced introduction and a textual presentation of the scholarship associated with it.

The disk will accompany each volume of The Genesis of Flight sold by the University of Washington Press. The disk will also be made available for purchase through The Friends.

CORRECT MAILING DATA

Help us keep our mailing list up to date. Please inform The Friends whenever you move or change your address. Please send us the complete mailing address including the zip code. Undelivered mail is returned to us and we have to pay the Post Office 50 cents for each item returned.

PROGRESS OF THE GIMBEL CATALOGUE

The Executive Committee continues to be pleased with the progress of the Gimbel Catalogue. As reported in the last Newsletter, progress was slowed during the spring because of the massive proof-reading job and the resultant number of changes in the manuscript. In late June, Mr. Dana Levy, the head of Perpetua Press which is producing the book on behalf of the University of Washington Press, visited the Academy to take a few final pictures and discuss final arrangements for publication. At that time we also introduced him to the CD ROM project which is covered elsewhere in this newsletter. We had a very fruitful meeting with Mr. Levy and adopted a revised production schedule. As expected, the schedule has slipped slightly since that meeting because of unforeseen delays in final editing. However, we expect that the book will be finished and ready for sale and distribution by April, 2000. We remain convinced that the catalogue, entitled The Genesis of Flight, will be a beautiful volume and a major addition to the dramatic and exciting history of flight.



ARCHIVE ON THE HISTORY OF WOMEN IN THE ARMED FORCES

"The Jeanne Holm Collection on Women in the Armed Forces" has been donated by Major General Jeanne Holm, USAF (Ret.) for inclusion within the holdings of the Special Collections Branch of the Library. During her military career, General Holm gathered an extensive series of correspondence, memoranda, reports, government documents, photographs, and printed matter related to the history of women in the Armed Forces. The Friends are delighted at the opportunity to acquire these materials for the Library as there is no comparable existing collection of archival documentation dedicated solely to the subject of women in the Armed Forces. Following the archival conservation of the papers and the creation of an inventory to the material, the collection will be made readily accessible for cadet and scholarly research within the Library's Special Collections Branch.

Jeanne M. Holm, from Portland, Oregon, enlisted in the Army in July 1942. She attended Officer Candidate School and in January, 1943 received a commission as a "Third Officer" (equivalent to second lieutenant) in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC). During World



War II, General Holm was assigned to the Women's Army Corp (WAC) Training Center at Fort Oglethorpe, GA. She left active military service in 1946 and attended Lewis and Clark College for two years. (She returned to the college in 1956 to receive her Bachelor of Arts degree.) She was recalled to active duty with the Army during

the Berlin crisis in 1948. In 1949, she transferred to the Air Force. In 1952, she became the first woman to attend the Air Force Air Command and Staff School at Maxwell AFB. In November 1956, following a succession of assignments, General Holm was appointed Director, Women in the Air Force (WAF) and on 1 March 1973, she became Director of the Secretary of the Air Force Personnel Council. General Holm was promoted to brigadier general on 16 July 1971 and subsequently to major general on 1 July 1973. She was the first woman in the United States Armed Forces to serve in that grade. She retired in 1975. General Holm is the author of Women in the Military: An Unfinished Revolution (1982) and the editor of In Defense of a Nation: Servicewomen in World War II (1998).

RARE PRINT OF FRENCH ACE

The Friends recently acquired a rare print (number 27 of 70) of a painting of World War I French aviator, Captain George Guynemer by Henry Farré. During World War I, Henry Farré was the official artist of the French Army and Navy. He used his canvas to record the combat encounters of men and machines in the skies over France during the war. Farré sketched scenes involving French, American and German squadrons from the open cockpit of a bomber before committing his paintings to canvas. His work is displayed in art galleries in the United States and abroad. The Air Force Academy has one of the largest collections of original Farré paintings in the world.

The print was donated by Mrs. Barbara Rosenfield, widow of the late Walter A. Rosenfield, Jr., Lt. Col., USAF (Ret.). Colonel Rosenfield had a distinguished career with the RCAF and USAAF during World War II. He subsequently served as a squadron commander during the Korean War and as a U-2 pilot during the Cold War. Following his retirement from the Air Force, Colonel Rosenfield joined Air America and served in Southeast Asia from 1964 to 1974. He died in February, 1999.

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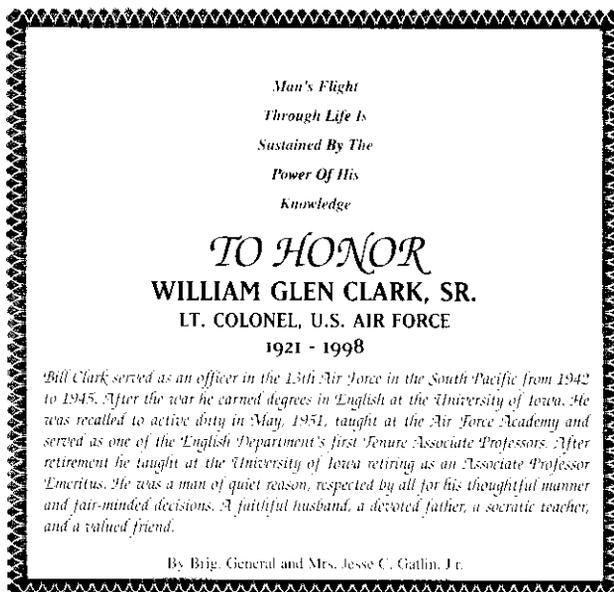
Since mid-1992, 'She Friends has offered an attractive memorial program which has appealed to military personnel and civilians alike and especially to World War II Army Air Force veterans. Through The Friends they now can honor individuals or crews by having a certificate for the honoree placed in a 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 hooks in which a hook 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 a single honoree. When several donors, for a total 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 filed in the Special Collections Branch of the Library and is available for review.



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 airman's prisoners of war experience in all wars. These items are used by the cadets in the preparation of research papers and by scholars from throughout the world in the production of books, articles and film documentaries.

Most of all, we need your continued financial support. ***If you have already made a contribution in 1999, we sincerely thank you. If you have not made a 1999-2000 contribution, please fill out the attached form and send your check today in the self-addressed envelope.***