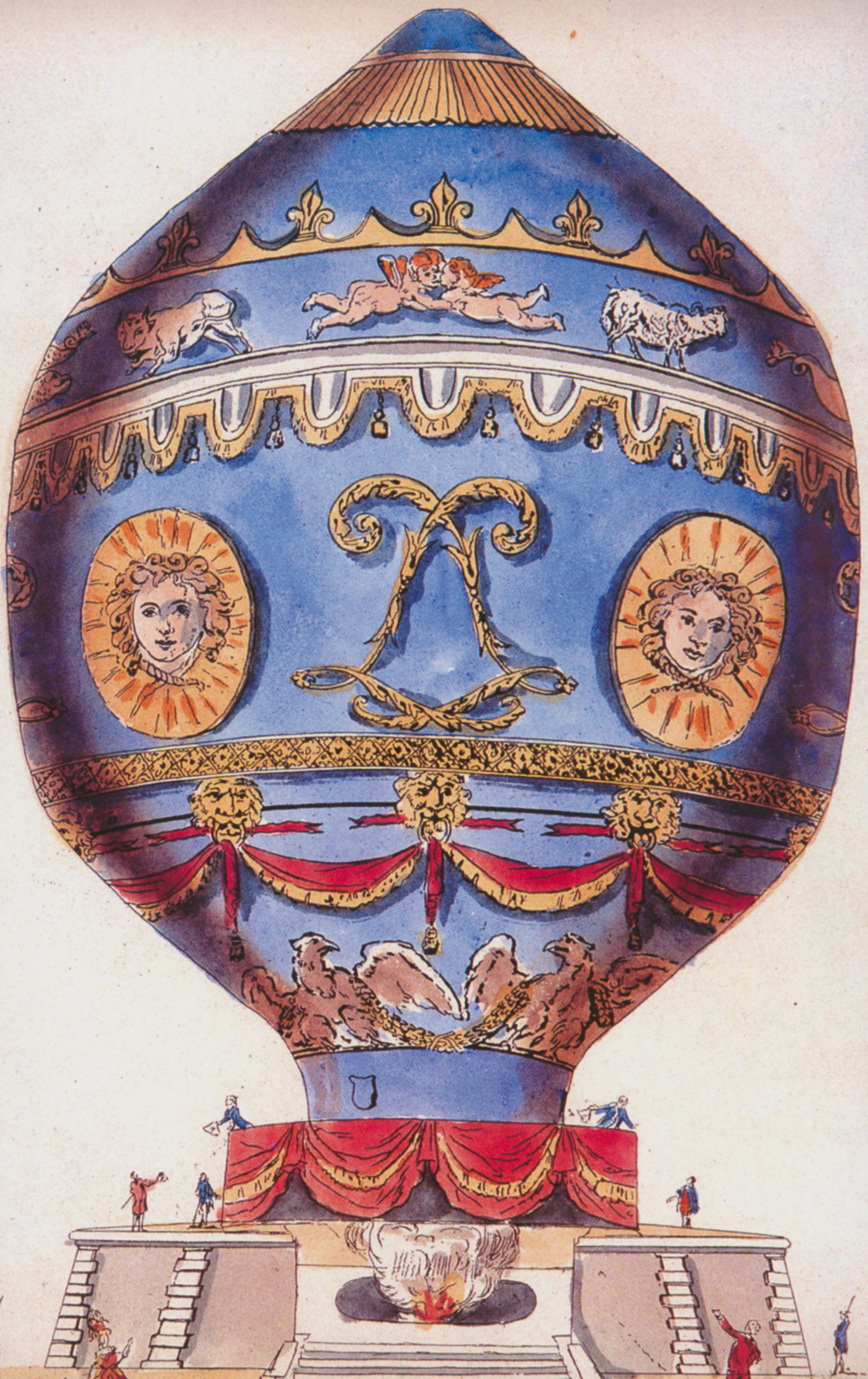


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The Friends of the Air Force Academy Library is a tax-exempt, charitable foundation that was established in 1987 to enhance the quality of the Library as an educational, research, scientific and cultural institution.

The Friends enable the Library to acquire materials, to pursue projects, to create publications, and to implement services beyond those made possible through appropriated funds.

THE FRIENDS THROUGH THE YEARS

The Friends was formed under the guidance of Gen. T. R. Milton, USAF (Ret.); Lt. Gen. A. P. Clark, USAF (Ret.); Lt. Gen. Thomas S. Moorman, USAF (Ret.); Brig. Gen. George V. Fagan, USAF (Ret.); Brig. Gen. Jess Gatlin, USAF (Ret.); and the Library director, Lt. Col. Reiner H. Schaffer.

At the time of the founding of The Friends' organization, Lt. Gen. Winfield W. Scott, Jr. was the Academy's superintendent, and Duane J. Reed was the archivist of the Library's Special Collections Branch. All played a significant role in the development and direction of the organization.

The Friends continues to benefit from the leadership and experience of its volunteer Board of Directors, which includes former Academy superintendents as well as other distinguished Air Force and community leaders. In addition to the Library director, representatives from the Academy faculty and from the Association of Graduates advise The Friends.



TOP ROW:
 A) Lt. Gen. Winfield W. Scott, Jr., Lt. Gen. A. P. Clark, Gen. T. R. Milton; Brig. Gen. Jess Gatlin, Lt. Col. Reiner H. Schaffer, and Lt. Gen. Thomas S. Moorman.
 B) "History of the Air Force Academy" exhibit - Lt. Gen. Bradley C. Hosmer with cadet uniform.

CENTER ROW:
 C) Lt. Gen. A. P. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Overlander at the presentation of the papers of General George Stratemyer.
 D) Cadet class in the Gimbel Library.

BOTTOM ROW:
 E) "History of Stalag Luft III" exhibit.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

In 2003, the Library's Special Collections Branch was re-named in honor of the Academy's sixth superintendent, Lt. Gen. A. P. Clark. The Branch contains the official archives of the Academy and major works on aeronautics and military history. The Branch also houses a significant number of collections of the personal papers of military personnel and civilians who were instrumental in the development and implementation of air power. These collections, donated to the Library through The Friends, provide historical insights that span man's early attempts to master flight through the modern airpower era. The Branch also houses the Colonel Richard Gimbel Aeronautical History Collection. With holdings dating from the 15th century, the Gimbel Collection is considered to be unrivaled with respect to its holdings on the pre-history of powered flight.

ACQUISITIONS

Through private solicitation, The Friends acquire important collections for cadet study and for scholarly research. Among these are the Pat Pateman Women Airforce Service Pilots Collection, the A. P. Clark Stalag Luft III Collection, the Leigh Wade Round the World Flight of 1924 Collection, the Philip D. Caine Eagle Squadron Oral History Collection, the Ralph Patton Escape and Evasion Collection, the Hap Arnold-Murray Green Collection, and the Hubert R. Harmon Collection.

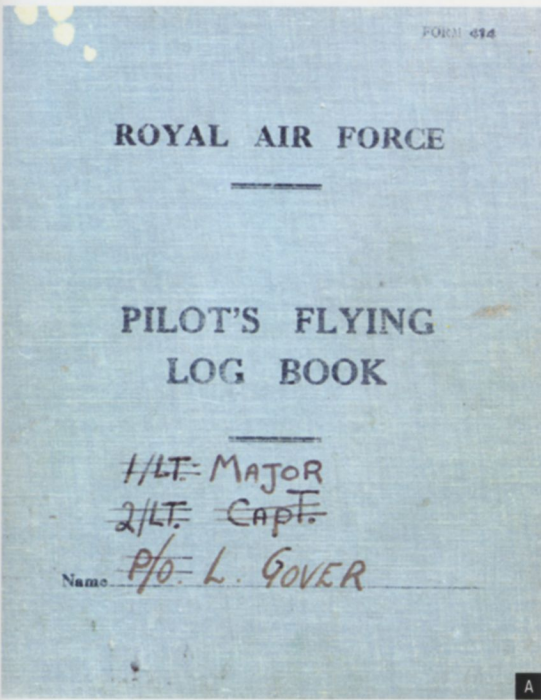
CONSERVATION

Conservation of historic documents and artifacts ensures their availability for future generations. At the request of the Library director, The Friends fund and administer important conservation projects, including rare book and other textual items in the Colonel Richard Gimbel Aeronautical History Collection. Additional conservation projects include the duplication of over 200 oral history tapes in the Hap Arnold-Murray Green Collection, and the transcription of oral history interviews conducted by Philip D. Caine with members of the Eagle Squadrons of World War II.

PUBLICATIONS

The Friends have produced a variety of publications and multi-media presentations that have been developed from the holdings of the Library. This series of publications has enhanced the Library's prestige significantly.

In 2000, The Friends produced an internationally acclaimed catalogue of selected items in the Colonel Richard Gimbel Aeronautical History Collection. Developed by five leading bibliographers and published by the University of Washington Press, the catalogue is entitled *The Genesis of Flight: The Aeronautical History Collection of Colonel Richard Gimbel*. The book was accompanied by an interactive DVD and was distributed to major aeronautical libraries throughout the world.



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 multitude of subjects
 from the bliss of
 sleep to the
 honors of war -
 1941 - little can
 be repeated -
 German Army can
 move at will over
 Continental Europe
 North Africa that
 is different. The
 battle of the Atlantic
 can't be won
 with American Aid.
 1942 - a year of
 increasing strength
 for Am - Army
 we must plan
 for 1943



TOP ROW:

- A] Pilot's flying log of Leroy Gover, member of Eagle Squadrons of World War II.
- B] Photo of Lt. Col. Pat Pateman, member of Women Airforce Service Pilots and Lt. Gen. Thomas S. Moorman during presentation of the WASP Collection.
- C] Lt. Gen. A. P. Clark presenting Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. John F. Regni with a copy of *The Genesis of Flight*.

CENTER ROW:

- D] Brig Gen. Philip D. Caine and Duane Reed - Initial layout of *The Friends'* exhibit on history of the Eagle Squadrons of World War II.
- E] Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. John F. Regni at Friends' annual luncheon 2006.
- F] Lt. Gen. A. P. Clark and Mr. Tony Huston during the presentation of the Falconry Book Collection.

BOTTOM ROW:

- G] The Friends' annual luncheon 2006. H] Page from trip diary maintained by General Henry H. Arnold, 1942.

In commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Academy and in collaboration with the Academy's Association of Graduates, The Friends commissioned Word One, Inc. to develop a DVD depicting the genesis and evolution of the Air Force Academy. Released in 2004, the DVD, entitled "Expect Great Things," featured oral interviews with many key figures in the Academy's history. It received overwhelmingly positive reviews and has been incorporated into the Academy's program of instruction. The Friends subsequently published a limited-edition compendium of transcripts of 37 of the interviews. This project led to the development of an ongoing oral history program, which has become one of The Friends' primary heritage activities.

The Friends has also produced "Evade!," a DVD that chronicles the escape and evasion experiences of American airmen during World War II. Much of the content came from materials donated by Ralph K. Patton, a B-17 pilot who evaded capture in France and who was instrumental in founding the Air Forces Escape and Evasion Society. This DVD is currently used in the Academy's "History of Airpower" course and by the faculty at the Air University.

Since its inception, the Falconry Program has generated many inquiries and has intrigued countless visitors to the Academy. *Falconry at the United States Air Force Academy* by A. P. Clark depicts the history of this unique cadet activity. The book, sponsored by The Friends, describes the imaginative and innovative work of cadet falconers in their exciting application of this ancient sport.

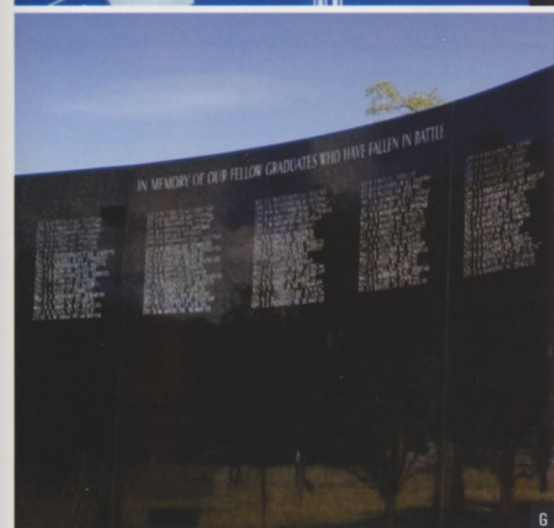
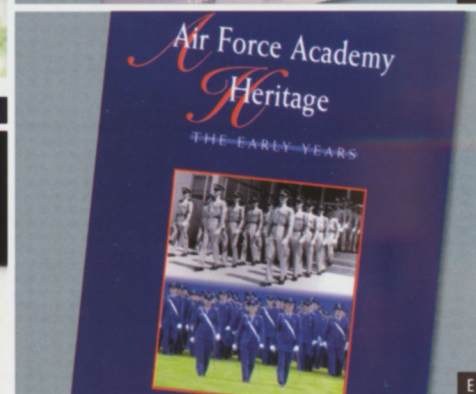
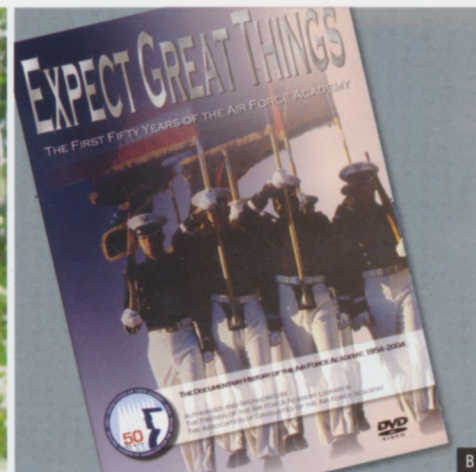
In 2005, Brig. Gen. George V. Fagan authorized The Friends to republish portions of his comprehensive and scholarly history of the Academy's first ten years, *The Air Force Academy: An Illustrated History*. The new publication, entitled *Air Force Academy Heritage: The Early Years*, will acquaint cadets, faculty and staff, and the public with the institution's rich history.

EDUCATION

By producing publications and multi-media presentations and by acquiring historically significant collections, The Friends has contributed significantly to cadet education. During the academic year, the staff of the Clark Special Collections Branch provides instruction to cadets regarding research methods in original sources housed in the Branch. Using these materials, cadets need not depend on interpretations found in published histories.

The Friends has also sponsored a number of major exhibits and presentations by historians or by individuals who were participants in the events depicted in the exhibits. These have included "Service Before Self: The Eagle Squadrons of World War II," presented by historian Philip D. Caine; "The History of Stalag Luft III," presented by Henry Soderberg, an International Y.M.C.A. prisoner-of-war representative during World War II; "The Ben Steele Japanese Prisoner of War Art Collection," presented by former prisoner of war Benjamin Steele; "The History of the Air Force Academy," presented by

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TOP ROW:
 A] L-R Lt. Gen. A. P. Clark and Brig. Gen. Dana Born, Dean of Faculty, USAF Academy, Friends' annual luncheon, 2006.
 B] Cover of DVD *Expect Great Things: The First Fifty Years of the Air Force Academy* by Word One, Inc.

CENTER ROW:
 C] L-R Professor Clive Hart, Dr. Tom Crouch, Dr. Paul Marvelas, Dr. Dominick A. Pisano, Mr. Edward Rochette - Authors of *The Genesis of Flight: The Aeronautical History Collection of Colonel Richard Gimbel*. D] Mrs. Thelma Hostetter - Conservator of the Gimbel Collection.
 E] Book Cover: *Air Force Academy Heritage: The Early Years* by Brig. Gen. George V. Fagan. F] Cover of the DVD, *EVADE!* by Word One, Inc.

BOTTOM ROW:
 G] The Academy's Graduate War Memorial Wall. H] The Friends' Board of Directors meeting May 2006. L-R Back Row: Mr. Willis I. Ketterson, Col. Henry A. Kortemeyer, Col. Richard S. Rauschkolb, Brig. Gen. Philip D. Caine, Brig. Gen. Erlind G. Royer, Mr. Duane Reed, Col. Jock C.H. Schwank, Mrs. Christie Schwank, Lt. Gen. Winfield W. Scott, Jr. L-R Front Row: Dr. Edward A. Scott, Lt. Col. Dona R.H. Hildebrand, Mrs. John M. Bennett, Dr. Mary Elizabeth Ruwell, Dr. Donald H. White, Col. James C. Gaston. Seated: Lt. Gen. A. P. Clark.

Lt. Gen. Bradley C. Hosmer, the first Air Force Academy graduate to become the superintendent; and "The Genesis of Flight," presented by Dr. Tom Crouch, Senior Curator of Aeronautics at the National Air and Space Museum.

The Friends' exhibits and publications (both print and electronic) make documents and artifacts accessible to users at the Academy and beyond. Cadets, scholars, and the public benefit from this important work as The Friends seeks to make available priceless collections from the Library's extensive holdings.

FUTURE PROJECTS

As The Friends moves into its third decade, its focus remains on continuing to enhance the Library's holdings by broadening the scope of its contributions.

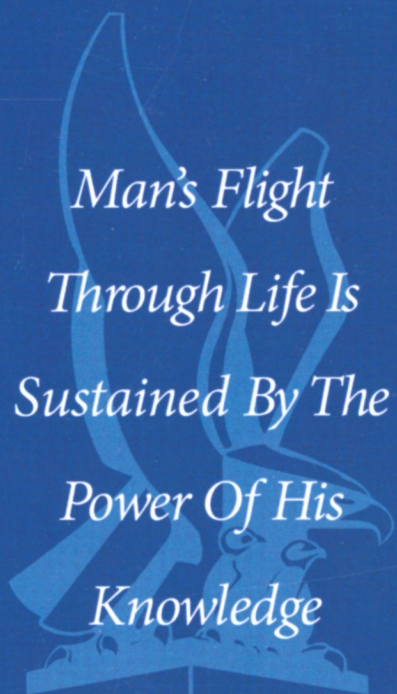
PROJECTS INCLUDE:

- Acquiring collections of personal papers including records, diaries, and photographs relating to the history of the Academy and the Air Force.
- Conducting additional interviews with prominent people in the history of the Academy.
- Transcribing oral history interviews conducted with members of the Eagle Squadrons of World War II and former commanders of the Academy Prep School.
- Continuing to offer a memorial certificate program for those who wish to recognize individuals or organizations.
- Supporting a heritage project that will gather all available material related to the lives of Air Force Academy graduates currently named on the Academy's Graduate War Memorial Wall. Ultimately, the material will be placed in the Library and on The Friends' web site for study and reflection by cadets, graduates, and the public.
- Sponsoring the research, writing and publication of the biography of the Academy's first superintendent, Lt. Gen. Hubert R. Harmon, "The Father of the Air Force Academy."



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