



*Man's Flight  
Through Life Is  
Sustained By The  
Power Of His  
Knowledge*

# TO HONOR

**ALBERT PATTON CLARK**

**LIEUTENANT GENERAL, USAF, USMA 1936**

**1913-2010**

*The Friends of the Air Force Academy Library lost a remarkable leader and champion with the passing of Lieutenant General Albert P. Clark on 8 March 2010. A founding father of The Friends, he served first as secretary and later as our long-time president. Under his inspirational leadership, The Friends grew to more than 1000 members and provided over \$500,000 in gifts and services to the cadet library. To help cadets identify with their military heritage, he donated his extensive personal collection of firearms for permanent display along the library's spiral staircase. A subsequent gift included a priceless scrapbook and other rare archival materials that commemorate the experience of Allied airmen confined in the German prisoner of war camp, Stalag Luft III. He later led the effort to preserve the library's rich holdings on the history of flight, a project that culminated in publication of "The Genesis of Flight: The Aeronautical Collection of Colonel Richard Gimbel." For more than thirty years General Clark dedicated himself to enhancing the quality and prestige of the Academy library. The library's Clark Special Collections Branch stands as a memorial to his devotion and leadership.*

*Consummate Leader, Valiant Patriot, and Esteemed Colleague*

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