



NEWSLETTER

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EL POMAR GRANT

On November 20, 1989, the Trustees of El Pomar Foundation of Colorado Springs notified President Moorman that they had approved a grant of \$25,000. The grant is for the preservation of prints, documents and other items in the Colonel Richard Gimbel Aeronautical History Collection. The check arrived just before Christmas and was deposited in Certificates of Deposit in the Air Academy National Bank. In collaboration with the Director of the Academy Libraries, a detailed schedule was made showing how and when the money will be expended during 1990. The Friends will pay all the bills and employ the personnel required to perform the various tasks. Future Newsletters will contain reports of progress in expending the funds. This grant will enable us to commence a portion of the long-range plan of the Academy Library to arrest the deterioration of this national treasure. Additional grant proposals are being processed for Colorado and national foundations to fund the continuation of this significant project.

GIFTS IN KIND

The officials of the Academy Library are prohibited by law from soliciting gifts of collections. The Friends, by their Charter, assist the Academy Library in this very significant area. The Friends can correspond with donors and can actively solicit the gift of rare books, films, electronic media as well as documents and personal papers relating to aeronautical and air power themes. Over the past three years, The Friends have acquired for the Library approximately forty such collections. Among these are the WASP (Womens Airforce Service Pilots) and the Eagle Squadrons WWII historical collections.

COLONEL JOHN M. BENNETT MEMORIAL FUND



On July 30, 1989, Board and Executive Committee member John Bennett died following a month's illness. John had a distinguished 30-year Air Force career as a pilot and administrator. During World War II, John spent three years as a Prisoner of War in Stalag Luft

III. He was very active in POW organizations and delivered many slide lectures on POWs to service clubs and similar organizations throughout the country. At the request of the Bennett family, memorial donations were directed to The Friends. John's relatives and associates contributed more than \$3,000.00 to establish the Bennett Memorial Fund. The Fund is to be used to purchase books and other materials on the Prisoner of War experience in all American wars. A special Academy Library book plate was designed and a plate will be inserted in each memorial book added to the Collection.

Other memorial funds received included those for RAF Squadron Leader, F.H.R. Baraldi; Lt Col Gordon LeRoy F. Boozer (USAFA 1965); Major General Haywood S. Hansell; Marine Gunnery Sergeant Robert E. Johnson; Mrs. Adare Weaver Kitchens; Mrs. Miss Atha G. Moorman; Lieutenant John G. Schwegart; Lieutenant Scott A. Semmel (USAFA 1981); Mrs. Ruth Spatz and Major General Arthur Vanaman.

The Board and membership express condolences to President Moorman on the recent death of his wife of 53 years, Miss Atha.

APPRECIATION

The Friends wish to thank the Board and members of the Silver Falcon Association for their gift of \$1,000.00. Individual Silver Falcon members also sent donations directly to The Friends. We are deeply appreciative of the assistance of Ruth Whitaker, Executive Secretary, of SFA, in coordinating matters between our two organizations.

JOINT EFFORT

The Board voted to share our office with the LaFayette Foundation. This non-profit corporation is being organized to spearhead the fund-raising for the creation of the Air Force Academy Museum. The President, Dr. James J. Parks, is also a member of the Board of The Friends.

CADET CLASS OF 1992 DONATION

Lt. Gen A. P. Clark, USAF (Ret), talked to the USAFA Class of 1992 at their annual Dining-In on February 10, 1990, about his experiences as a German POW in Stalag Luft III during the last three years of World War II. His specific subject was "The Great Escape" of which he was one of the architects.

As an expression of appreciation for his most interesting presentation, the cadets gave him a check for \$92 made payable to the Friends of the Air Force Academy Library, of which he is the Secretary.

ANNUAL MEETING

Plans are being formulated for the Annual Spring Meeting of the Friends. Members will be informed of the details in the near future.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Lynda Hare Smith, civic leader; former member of the Board of Visitors, USAF Academy.

Colonel William J. Mahon, USAF (Ret), recently retired after serving for 16 years as Assistant Vice President of USAA and General Manager, of the Rocky Mountain Regional Home Office of USAA in Colorado Springs and Vice Chairman, Military Affairs Committee, Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce, for 15 years.

James J. Parks, M.D., a Denver physician; President of the LaFayette Foundation; recently inducted into the Colorado Aviation Historical Society Hall of Fame.

NEW ADVISORS

Colonel Jock C. H. Schwank, USAF (Ret), USAFA 1960, Vice President, Service, of the Association of Graduates.

Colonel James R. Woody, USAFA 1966, Permanent Professor and Vice Dean of the Faculty, USAF Academy.

DIRECT SUPPORT FOR THE ACADEMY LIBRARY

During 1989, The Friends provided the Academy Library with the following financial assistance:

1. Book fund - maintained at a level of \$500. \$2000 has been expended.
2. John Bennett Memorial Book Fund. \$3000 - given to the Library in \$500 increments to purchase materials pertaining to POWs in all wars. \$1500 expended.
3. Baraldi Fund - \$2380 - \$1500 has been expended.
4. Auction Fund - \$5000 is obligated to be used by the Director of the Libraries to bid on more books. To date, 68 specialized books have been acquired through funds provided by The Friends.

Other funds may be established in the future to support programs such as lecture series, reactivation of the Academy Oral History Program and publishing a book on Falconry.

BARALDI MEMORIAL FUND

Brigadier General Edwin S. Chickering, USAF (Ret) initiated a series of letters to friends of the late Squadron Leader F.H.R. (Jimmy) Baraldi suggesting that contributions be made to the Friends of the Air Force Academy Library in honor of his memory. The fund already exceeds \$2000.

Born in London, England, in 1913, "Jimmy", as he was known to his friends, was educated at Uppingham and joined Price Waterhouse in 1934, becoming a Certified Accountant in 1938.

At the outbreak of World War II, he joined the Royal Air Force. During the Battle of Britain, he flew with two famous Spitfire squadrons—Squadron 609 and Squadron 111, the Black Arrows. Subsequently, he flew as a flight leader in fighters in the Mediterranean Theater.

On his return to England in the Spring of 1944, Squadron Leader Baraldi was assigned as a liaison officer to the U.S. Ninth Air Force. He landed in Normandy on D-Day + 3 with the advanced element of the 84th Fighter Wing. His operational experience and his fluency in French proved of great value to the Americans in the tactical air campaign across Northern Europe.

During his service with the U.S. Army Air Corps, he formed a life-long friendship with the Intelligence Officer of the 84th, Lt. Col. Robert Tyre Jones, Jr., of Atlanta, Georgia, better known to American golf fans as "Bobby" Jones. After the war, Jones persuaded Jimmy to join the Coca-Cola Company. At the time of Jimmy's retirement in 1978 he was Senior Vice President and Manager of the Northern European Area of the Coca-Cola Export Corporation.

As a staunch Britisher but always enthusiastic about America, he maintained for more than 45 years his close personal ties to his many American friends from both military and civilian life.

CONTINUED FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Help The Friends achieve their 1990 goal of 1,000 Charter Members. As of January 1, we have 771 members. Fill out the form on the back page and send your contribution today and urge your family and friends to join. If you have already made your renewal contribution for 1990, please accept our hearty thanks.

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New members donating \$50 or more will receive a Limited Edition Reproduction of the 1783 Montgolfier Balloon Print from the Gimbel Collection.

Enclosed you will find my tax-deductible donation of \$_____.

Make checks payable to: The Friends of the AFA Library

Please charge my tax-deductible contribution to my: Visa Master Card

Card No. _/_

Expiration Date: ____/____

New Membership 1990 Renewal

I want you to contact me concerning the possible donation of rare books, films, electronic media as well as documents and personal papers relating to aeronautical and air power themes.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Name: _____
(Please print)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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(Please include area code)

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