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GIMBEL PROJECT COMPLETED

The conservation and preservation project for the Colonel Richard Gimbel Aeronautical History Collection was completed in mid-1992. The project began in 1990 with funding provided by grants from El Pomar Foundation, the Boettcher Foundation and from The Friends' resources. Thousands of delicate paper items were encapsulated in non-acidic mylar envelopes. One thousand selected aeronautical prints were color microfilmed and microfiched so that these rare items will be available for use by cadets and other researchers without damage to the originals. The original prints were rematted and encased in non-acid materials. Thirty-five prints selected for their historical significance were framed and placed on the walls of the Gimbel Library. Over 150 books were placed in custom-built, non-acid pressure containers to protect the books from all environmental effects such as dust, light and humidity. The Friends had a custom-built cabinet crafted by Colonel Thomas Personett USAF (Ret) to hold the Library's collections of several hundred rare aeronautical medallions. As a result of the Gimbel conservation project, the Academy Library's Special Collections Branch is one of the nation's best examples of state-of-the-art technology in conservation and preservation.



DIRECTOR OF LIBRARIES NAMED AT USAFA

Lt Col James W. Hopkins was recently appointed as the Director of Academy Libraries. Colonel Hopkins holds an MA in English from Midwestern State University and an MLS from the University of Texas. He was Assistant Director for Technical Services at the Academy Library 1980-1982 and from 1986-1988. He is an Associate Professor of English and teaches classes in literature, composition and speech. Prior to assuming his new job, he was Commander of the Dean of Faculty Squadron and the Director of Faculty Support. He serves as one of three Advisors to the Board.

MEMORIALIZATION PROGRAM EXPANDED

Since 1988, The Friends have offered opportunities for individuals to be memorialized through donations at the \$50.00 and above level. All books purchased out of memorial funds have a distinctive Friends' bookplate inserted. In the past year the program has been expanded. Donations may be restricted to the purchase of books as in the past to memorialize friends and relatives. Donations may now also be unrestricted and will be applied against the priorities established by the Director of Academy Libraries.

In September 1992, in coordination with the Stalag Luft III Former Prisoners of War, the memorialization program has been increased in scope to include organizations as well as combat crew members, many of whom were killed in action during World War II.

Hopefully, this new type of memorialization will also appeal to veterans of the Korean and Vietnam wars as well as Desert Storm.

All memorialization donors (at the \$50 or more level) and those memorialized will be recorded in The Friends of the Library Honor Book. The Honor Book and its custom-built stand will be displayed prominently in the Special Collections area on the sixth floor of the Academy Library. Please refer to memorial form outlined on last page of Newsletter.

MESSAGE FROM GENERAL MOORMAN

I wish to salute the loyal, dedicated service of the five members of the Executive Committee who assist me in the day-to-day operations of The Friends. All are volunteers who possess a wide variety of talents and years of military and civilian experience in executive positions. They meet every Tuesday and Thursday morning. The members of the Executive Committee assist me in formulating policies and serve as liaison between The Friends and the Director Academy Libraries. I know that the entire membership of The Friends joins me in appreciating the important work the Executive Committee performs.

DISBURSEMENTS TO THE LIBRARY DURING 1992

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| General Book Fund . . . | \$ 1,800.00 |
| Memorial Fund | \$ 1,500.00 |
| Gimbel Project: | |
| El Pomar Funds | \$ 3,582.00 |
| Boettcher Funds | \$ 2,471.00 |
| Friends Funds | \$13,969.00 |
| TOTAL | \$23,322.00 |

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The 1993 Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 6, at 11:30 A.M. at the Air Force Academy Officers' Club. Specific details about the program will be furnished to the membership at a later date.



The custom-built cabinet designed to house the 250 aeronautical medallions which are part of the Gimbel collection

USERS OF THE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS BRANCH

Many scholars during 1992 used the research materials in the Special Collections Branch. Among the researchers were: Dr. Roger Launius, Director of History NASA (Dr. John Victory papers); Dr. R. J. Overy, Kings College, London (Papers of Generals L. S. Kuter, H. S. Hansell and G. C. McDonald); Dr. Geoffery Perret, ("Hap" Arnold-Murray Green Collection); Major Gen., J. W. Huston, USAF (Ret) Professor U.S. Naval Academy ("Hap" Arnold-Murray Green Collection) and Dr. Kristen Schaefer, architectural historian, Skidmore, Owings and Merrill, Chicago, IL (using USAF Academy construction records for a new architectural history of the Academy).

Author acknowledgments of assistance by the Special Collections staff were published in Coningham: A Biography of Sir Arthur Coningham by Vincent Orange; I Could Never Be So Lucky Again; An Autobiography of General James H. Doolittle by James H. Doolittle with Carroll Glines; On Silver Wings; The Women Airforce Service Pilots of World War II, 1942-1944 by Marianne Verges; and The Mighty Eighth in Colour by Roger A. Freeman.

Many cadet research papers were written. Papers written by Cadet Charles S. Corcoran and by Cadet William Jeffery received the Air Force Historical Foundation's Award for the best papers in military history written by cadet authors during 1990 and 1991.

THANKS FOR VIDEO DISCS

For use in the Military Art and Science Divisions of the Commandant of Cadets, The Friends purchased twenty-two video discs. In a letter to General Moorman, the Commandant, Brigadier General (Maj. Gen. Selectee) Richard C. Bethurem, wrote: "These (video discs) will certainly improve the quality of our instruction. The curriculum continues to concentrate on the conduct of war, military theory, the application of airpower, and joint operations. These video materials will help our instructors illustrate these complex concepts. The materials you have provided will improve our teaching, the quality of the officers we commission, and the Air Force."

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Lt Colonel John J. Ward, USAF (Ret) recently joined the Board. He served as a navigator in LeMay's 305th Bomb Group, 8th Air Force during WWII. On John's 19th mission, on May 19, 1943, his plane was shot down over Kiel, Germany and he was imprisoned in Stalag Luft III. On April 4, 1945, John escaped and re-joined the allied forces. In 1946, he left active duty, served in the Air Force Reserve with MATS and retired in 1977. As a civilian, he worked in the nuclear industry with the Atomic Energy Commission and its successor, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission until he retired in March 1979. He moved to Colorado Springs in 1991.

Brigadier General Philip D. Caine, USAF (Ret) was a Permanent Professor and the Deputy Commandant for Military Instruction at the US Air Force Academy. General Caine is the author of the recently published book, Eagles of the RAF. A Distinguished Graduate of the Reserve Officer Training Corps, General Caine holds both MA and PhD degrees in history from Stanford University. He is a command pilot with more than 4,500 hours of flying time and served flying tours with both Air Training Command and Air Defense Command. General Caine has also served as Acting Chief of Project CHECO in Vietnam, Professor and Acting Head of the History Department at the Air Force Academy, and a Professor of International Studies at the National War College. He retired from the Air Force in 1992.

Lt Col Reiner H. Schaeffer, USAF (Ret) served as Director of

Academy Libraries from 1982 until his retirement on 28 August 1992. He also served as Tenure Associate Professor of German from 1979 to 1992. He was born in 1938 in Berlin, Germany and attended grammar and secondary schools in Switzerland. As a result, he is affectionately called "Swiss" by his friends and colleagues. He immigrated to the United States in February 1958 and on September 2, 1958 he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. He rose rapidly in the enlisted ranks until promoted to Master Sergeant. After attending Officers Training School at Lackland AFB, Schaeffer, as a Distinguished Graduate was commissioned a second lieutenant on May 18, 1970. From 1970 to 1975 he served as a personnel officer. In 1975, he was appointed as an Instructor of German and French in the Academy's Department of Foreign Languages. In 1972 Schaeffer earned a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Missouri at Kansas City. In 1979 he received his PhD from Ohio State University.

NEW ADVISOR

Colonel Daniel W. Litwhiler is Vice Dean of the Faculty and Permanent Professor of Mathematical Sciences. He was born in Ringtown, Pennsylvania and attended schools in Florida. He graduated with honors from Florida State University in 1963. He received a M.S. Degree in Mathematics from Florida State in 1965 and was commissioned on July 10, 1964 as an ROTC Distinguished Military Graduate. In 1977 he completed his PhD at the University of Oklahoma. He graduated from the Squadron Officer School, the Air Command and Staff College and the Air War College. In 1986 he graduated from the Industrial College of the

Armed Forces. Colonel Litwhiler's military experience includes assignments in Thailand, Japan and in the Pentagon. He served three tours of duty with the Academy (1972-1974, 1977-1985, and 1986 to the present). He has served as an Assistant Junior Varsity and Varsity Coach for inter-collegiate baseball at the Academy.

Colonel Litwhiler is married to the former Margaret Jane Pendergast and they have four children. Mrs. Litwhiler has been an outstanding civilian volunteer for the Library over the past four years.

1992 ACQUISITIONS

During the year, the Academy Library added to its collections more than 100 specialized books purchased out of funds provided by The Friends. A commemorative bookplate was placed in each volume to remind readers of the generous support of The Friends.

The Special Collections Branch continued to receive manuscript and non-book materials through the efforts of The Friends. Among the manuscript material, printed matter, photographs and artifacts were the following categories: the history of Stalag Luft III, the Eagle Squadrons of World War II, the construction and early operations of the Air Force Academy, the establishment and operation of the Strategic Air Command, and situation maps of World War II in the Pacific Theater of Operations.

Members are urged to notify The Friends of documentary materials pertaining to airpower and military operations which they may possess and are willing to donate to the Academy Library.



Mrs. Otto Mauer (seated), donated her late husband's collection of early Academy construction documents. Standing (left to right) Colonel Kortemeyer, Lt Colonel Hopkins, General Clark, Archivist Duane Reed, and Colonel Mahon.

A Friendly Reminder

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 prisoners of war experience in all wars.

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

Most of all, we need your continued financial support. Please return the attached sheet along with your 1993 contribution.

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