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MISSION COMPLETED

In the first week of October the long-awaited Genesis of Flight volumes arrived. This fine book has been examined and praised by scholars and members of the Academy community. In celebration of this happy event, the Friends hosted a luncheon for 60 guests including authors, editors, sponsors and those who worked for the past six years to produce the book. Present also were three ladies of the Gimbel family. A gala reception was held in the evening at Doolittle Hall was attended by about 200 guests. Dr. Tom Crouch, Senior Curator of Aeronautics, National Air and Space Museum, Smithsonian Institution, and one of the book's principal authors, gave the keynote address. Dr. Crouch's presentation was followed by an introduction to the CD-Rom that is found within each volume. The CD-Rom was produced by Word One, Inc. of Colorado Springs and provides a beautifully illustrated interactive presentation of the book. The reception was enhanced by an exhibit of priceless materials from the Collection. The volume, The Genesis of Flight, is available for purchase through the Academy Association of Graduates and the University of Washington Press.

Copies of The Genesis of Flight may be purchased by sending your request to the Air Force Academy Association of Graduates, 3116 Academy Dr. USAF Academy, CO 80840-4457 along with your check for \$60.00 plus \$6.00 shipping and handling. To purchase the CD-Rom separately, send your check to the same address for \$24.00 plus \$5.00 shipping and handling.



Lt. Gen. Clark giving Genesis of Flight to the Academy superintendent Lt. Gen. John R. Dallager.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On the first day of October, The Friends received the initial shipment of their new book, The Genesis of Flight. To finally have our book in hand is a real triumph and the culmination of six years of work by The Friends, the authors, editors, Special Collections staff at the Academy, and the University of Washington Press.

We staged a gala celebration of this event on October 26 and I believe our reception that evening at Doolittle Hall had to be one of the highlights of the Academy's cultural season. We were very pleased that almost all of the principle players in this project were present. We were also delighted to have three ladies from the Gimbel family with us.

The Friends intend to place a copy of this catalogue in the libraries of most of the institutions of higher learning and museums throughout the world that have specialty programs or collections dealing with the evolution of flight. Not only will this expand their resources, but it will also enhance the reputation of both the Air Force Academy and the Academy Library.

I was personally surprised and greatly honored to discover that my colleagues had dedicated this catalogue to me. It is an honor I certainly share fully with them.

A.P. Clark

Directors Annual Meeting 9:30 A.M.,
Thursday, December 14, Doolittle Hall
Conference Room



Mrs. Patricia Gimbel Lewis, Brig. Gen. Fagan, Mrs. Pamela Gimbel Lehman, Lt. Gen. Clark and Miss Allison Gimbel Lewis.



Prof. Clive Hart of the University of Essex, England; Dr. Tom D. Crouch, Smithsonian Institution; Prof. Paul Maravelas, University of Minnesota; Dr. Dominick Pisano, Smithsonian Institution; Mr. Edward Rochette, President of the American Numismatic Association.



Dr. Tom Crouch, Principal Speaker at the Gala.



Brig. Gen. Caine telling Lt. Gen Clark that the Genesis of Flight has been dedicated to him.



Brig. General Philip D. Caine presided over the luncheon and the Gala.

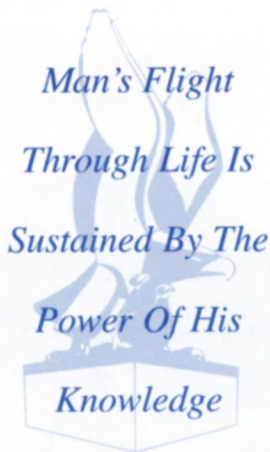


Mrs. Sue Wagie and Brig. Gen. David Wagie, the Dean of the Faculty, discuss the Gala with Brig. Gen. Caine.



Members, sponsors, spouses and cadets attend the Gala.





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FALCONRY COLLECTION



Lt. General A. P. Clark, Tony Huston, Duane Reed.

The purchase of selected holdings of the Tony Huston Falconry Collection has been completed by the Academy Library. Fifty-one rare books, many dating front the eighteenth century, have now been added to the library's important collection on the art of Falconry. The Academy Library owns more than one thousand titles on Falconry, some dating back to the 16th and

17th centuries. Tony Huston, son of the legendary film director John Huston, brought the Collection to the Academy and was hosted at lunch and given a tour of the Falcon Mews. Mr. Huston presented the books to the Library during a photo session in the Gimbel Room attended by Lt. General Clark and Duane Reed.

STRATEMEYER COLLECTION

On October 20, Mr. Tom Overlander of Austin, Texas, donated the World War II papers gathered by General George Stratemeyer during his service as commander of the India-Burma Sector of the China, Burma, India Theater of Operations during World War II. The papers include General Stratemeyer's personal diaries that he maintained during the war. Tom Overlander and his wife, Margaret, with a party of friends presented the papers to the Library. This highly prized and valuable collection constitutes an important addition to the military holdings of the Library's Special Collections Branch. The papers will add vital data for cadets researching this aspect of World War II.



Pictured left to right are: Dr. Edward Scott, Director of Academy Libraries; Lt. General A. P. Clark; Mr. Tom Overlander, Mrs. Margaret Overlander and Duane Reed, Archivist and Head of Special Collections.

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