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NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT RETIRES

Lieutenant General Thomas S. Moorman, Jr., retired as President of The Friends on July 1, 1997. He had served with distinction for the first ten years of The Friends existence. Under General Moorman's leadership the membership flourished from a handful of members to over 1500. During this time, The Friends provided \$200,000 in funds and services to the Academy Library. He directed a number of significant projects undertaken by The Friends including the pending publication of the illustrated, annotated catalogue of the Colonel Richard Gimbel Aeronautical Collection.

The Moorman family has had a record of a century of distinguished military service to the American nation. General Moorman's father served in the Army for 35 years and became Commandant of Cadets at Clemson College. General Moorman's son, Thomas S. Moorman, earned four stars and recently retired as Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force.

"Tommy" Moorman, as his close friend and associates always called him, graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in 1933. After pilot training at Randolph Field, he entered the field of meteorology and spent the next twenty years in a series of important weather officer assignments. In 1958, General Moorman assumed command of the 13th Air Force with headquarters in the Philippines. In July, 1961, he became Vice Commander-in-Chief of U.S. Air Forces Pacific. On July 1, 1965, General Moorman entered upon his duties as fifth superintendent of the Air Force Academy.

General Moorman and his charming spouse, Missatha, were the ideal couple to serve at this critical period of the Academy's history. At General Moorman's retirement ceremony on July 31, 1970, General John D. Ryan, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, presented him with the Distinguished Service Medal. The citation in part read:

"In this important and demanding assignment, General Moorman, through his dynamic leadership and outstanding initia-



tive... greatly enhanced the Academy as one of the leading education institutions in America."

During the past few years, General Moorman's health has deteriorated. At age 87, he decided to leave his home in Colorado Springs after 32 years and move to the Washington, D.C. area where he will be closer to his daughter and both sons and their families. His new address is:

The Johnson Center
Falcon's Landing
20535 Earhart Place
Sterling, VA 20165-7502

NOTE: A new President for The Friends will be chosen at the Annual Meeting in December.

GIMBEL PROJECT ADVANCES

On September 15, Donald Ellegood, Editor Emeritus of the University of Washington Press and Book Designer, Dana Levy, visited with members of the Executive Committee of The Friends to have the manuscript illustrated and annotated catalogue of selected holdings of the Gimbel Collection published by the University of Washington Press. Messrs. Ellegood and Levy came to see the Gimbel Collection and to work out some of the details preliminary to embarking upon publication.

Book designer, Mr. Levy, will be responsible for handling all the multitude of technical details necessary to complete the publication of an outstanding product. As the co-owner of the Perpetua Press of Los Angeles, Mr. Levy has designed and produced more than 100 books. He has a great command of computer technology which enhances the design capability of illustrated works. His skilled typography and layouts have won many book awards including the American Book Award in 1980.

The photography for the 315 color illustrations for the catalogue is nearing completion. Before submission of the complete manuscript, some additional work will be done by Mrs. Alice Levine, our professional editor, of Boulder, Colorado. Dr. Richard Lemp of the Academy's English Department will also do some final checking of the many Latin, French and German words used in books and titles included in the text.

The Executive Committee hopes to submit the final edited manuscript to the University of Washington Press by the end of December 1997. Mr. Ellegood has predicted

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The Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 4 in the AOG Conference Room in Doolittle Hall.



Brig. Gen. Fagan, Dana Levy, Donald Ellegood, Gen. Clark. Back row: Col. Kortemeyer, Duane Reed, Brig. Gen. Caine.

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that if everything goes as scheduled, the Press should be able to produce the book by late 1998 or early 1999.

Bringing the manuscript to its successful conclusion entailed years of preparation and days of hard work. General Clark and Duane Reed carried most of the burden, assisted by Phil Caine and other members of the

Executive Committee. The effort will be well rewarded when the finished book appears and is available to the public and to the leading museums and academic libraries throughout the world. The publication will also enhance the Air Force Academy's reputation as a cultural and educational institution.

BRIEFING THE SUPERINTENDENT

On September 9, members of the Executive Committee met with the new superintendent, Lieutenant General Tad J. Oelstrom. The meeting was held in the Gimbel Room. General Clark briefed the Superintendent on the goals and achievements of the Friends over the past decade. General Oelstrom was very interested and asked a number of questions about the present and future plans of The Friends organization.

General Oelstrom is the third graduate of the Academy to serve as superintendent. He is a member of the Class of 1965. He is a career fighter pilot with 240 combat missions flown during two tours in Southeast Asia. He has held command at squadron level, wing level and commanded the Third U.S. Air Force. He has received many of the Air Force's highest awards and decorations. General Oelstrom is married to the former Sandy Illing. General and Mrs. Oelstrom are the parents of three daughters; Kristin, Stephanie and Megan.



Seated around the table in the Gimbel Room are: Brig. Gen. Caine, General Clark, General Oelstrom, Col. Kortemeyer, Dr. Scott, Brig. Gen. Fagan.

GENERAL POE'S GIFT

General Bryce Poe II recently donated a segment of books from his private library to The Friends of inclusion within the Special Collections Branch of the Academy Library. Included is an out-of-print edition of *How Our Army Grew Wings* by Charles D. Forest Chandler and Frank P. Lahm. This rare volume chronicles the history of the establishment of American Military Aeronautics.

MAILING ADDRESS

New United States Postal Service regulations went into effect on October 6, 1996 for all non-profit organizations holding bulk mailing permits. Special attention must be made to correct street address, city, state and accurate zip codes and, if available, the additional four digits on all items placed in the mail. It is very important that The Friends maintain an accurate, current mailing list of its members. Please assist us by providing all the proper data in all future correspondence with The Friends.

Example: Colonel John Doe
1234 Name of street - apt # (if needed)
City, State 00000-0000 (Your zip code)



STALAG LUFT III EXHIBIT

For their annual Spring exhibit, The Friends choose to display selected holdings of the Stalag Luft III Former Prisoners of War Historical Collection. This marvelous collection contains memoirs, diaries, photographs and memorabilia largely brought back from Germany by liberated prisoners of this camp at the end of World War II. This collection is one of the major historical collections in the Special Collections Branch of the Academy Library. The speaker for the opening evening program held on the evening of April 25 was to have been Colonel Arthur Durand, USAF (Ret), the author of the well-known book: *Stalag Luft III, The Secret Story*. Colonel Durand fell ill, however, and The Friends were fortunate to have Mr. Henry Soderberg, the Swedish Representative of the International YMCA who serviced this POW camp during the war, consent to speak instead. Mr. Soderberg's extensive collection of materials which depict his wartime service in Germany, during which he provided for the physical and spiritual needs of the thousands of Allied prisoners forms an important part of the POW collection and of the exhibit. (We regret to report

that Henry Soderberg died on September 21, 1997 of a heart attack.)

On April 25th, the night of the opening of the exhibit, the ground was covered with 18 inches of snow. Traffic was snarled and traveling on the steep hills of the Academy site was difficult and dangerous. Yet in spite of nature's prank, several hundred people, including cadets, managed to arrive at Doolittle Hall and the affair went off on schedule.

Except for this special weekend, the exhibit was displayed on the third level of the Academy Library from March 15 through June 15. During this time, most of the Academy's 4000 cadets, faculty, and staff, as well as thousands of Academy visitors, examined it. The Friends deeply appreciate the generous support of the exhibit by the American Numismatic Association and Cowen's Storage/United Van Lines of Colorado Springs.

Before being disassembled, the exhibit was photographed in both traditional and digital format. In the future, the exhibit will be made available for research on the internet.

MEMORIAL PROGRAM

Since mid-1992, The Friends has offered an attractive memorial program which has appealed to military personnel and civilians alike and especially to World War II Army Air Force veterans. Through The Friends they now can honor individuals or crews by having a certificate for the honoree placed in a handsome Honor Book on display in the Air Force Academy Library. This feature has an appeal to those who wish to remember military dependents or close associates. The Memorial Program also has a broad appeal to those who wish to remember non-military personnel.

Another part of the program allows a donor to purchase books in which a book plate is inserted bearing the name of an intended honoree. Individuals may be honored in this way.

A donation of \$50 or more will purchase either type of memorial. Donations made without specific request for books or certificates will be used to meet essential Library needs that federal disbursements do not cover. All donations will help the Air Force Academy Library become even greater.

Below is an example of a certificate prepared for several honorees. When several donors of \$50 or more contribute to the same memorial, their names are placed on the back of the certificate. Additional information about the honoree submitted by the donor and not appearing on the certificate is permanently filed in the Special Collections Branch of the Library and is available for review. It will provide an informal history to document the Academy's holdings.

TO HONOR

EIGHT MEMBERS OF THE CREW OF B17F
"THE HUN HUNTER," KILLED IN ACTION
ON 16 FEB 1943.

LEONARD E. DUNCAN
ROBERT P. MERICLE
HOWARD M. JONES
RALPH A. LIVENGOD

HERBERT H. BURNETTE
CARL E. OLSON
MICHAEL J. STANKO
ERBAN L. JONES

THE CREW OF THE "HUN HUNTER" HAD PARTICIPATED IN BOMBING MISSIONS OVER OCCUPIED EUROPE FROM NOV. 1942. THESE EIGHT CREW MEMBERS WERE KILLED AS THE A/C WAS SHOT DOWN ON A MISSION TO ST. NAZAIRE, FRANCE ON 16 FEB 1943.

BRIEF LIVES, LIVED WELL WITH HONOR

BY HENRY M. BURMAN, A/C PILOT AND POW

DISBURSEMENTS TO THE LIBRARY

1996	1997 to October 31
General Book Fund . . . \$2,000.00	Memorial Funds \$2,000.00
Memorial Funds4,661.00	Other Services
Other Services	& Support11,882.74
& Support21,908.00	Grand Total \$13,882.74
Grand Total \$28,569.00	

THANKS STALAG LUFT III ASSOCIATION

We are grateful to the Stalag Luft III Association for a substantial donation as it finally was disbanded and closed the books on its association's activities. Also, the South Camp reunion participants donated their closing balance surplus of \$5,000 to The Friends.

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AN URGENT REQUEST

As a loyal supporter of The Friends and the Air Force Academy, we are asking for your help in achieving our goal of completing the catalogue of selected holdings of the Colonel Richard Gambel Aeronautical History Collection.

The Friends' share of the cost of this publication, to be paid over the next 18 months, will limit our needed support of the Academy Library.

The Board of Directors are appealing to all of our loyal supporters to consider making a special donation over and above their yearly one, to help bring the catalogue project to a successful conclusion. Any contribution will be very helpful. Those who contribute \$500.00 or more will have their name recorded in the published catalogue and will also receive a courtesy copy of this magnificent book.

Please fill out the attached form and send your check today in the self-addressed envelope. Remember, your donation is tax deductible under the Internal Revenue regulations.

