

# NEWSLETTER

## The Friends of the Air Force Academy Library

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### EXCITING PROGRESS IN GIMBEL CATALOGUE PROJECT

The University of Washington Press and its affiliate book design agency, Perpetua Press, have begun assembling the catalogue in preparation for printing. Their master schedule is in our hands and it calls for production to be finished by the end of 1998. The Press personnel are very pleased with the quality of the manuscript and photography. With the very professional support of Major Matthew Duffin of the Air Force Academy Department of Law, we have thoroughly reviewed our copyright position concerning the illustrations to be used in the book and remain confident that all of our bases are covered.

The production schedule provides for a series of reviews of the galley proofs prior to printing. The Friends Executive Committee, our writers and editor will be fully involved in these reviews so that we can be sure of a quality product. We will receive the first proofs in March and our final check will be completed in September. All will be on a very tight time schedule. The final prototype volume should be available for review in October and the finished books are expected to be ready to ship by year's end.

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Lt. Gen. Thomas S. Moorman  
1910-1997

Most of us are aware of the sad news that General Thomas S. Moorman passed away on December 23, 1997. He was The Friends first and only President during the ten years since we commenced our operations. Under his leadership, The Friends have flourished in their efforts to support the Academy Library. His family kindly suggested that any memorial donations be addressed to The Friends and the response to this suggestion has been impressive. He will be sorely missed by all of The Friends membership and many others as he was a highly respected and warmly regarded person.

Present plans call for a production run of 5,000 copies of which The Friends expect to receive 200 as a courtesy for distribution world-wide to institutions prominently identified with the early history of aeronautics. We are hoping to obtain the sponsorship of the Smithsonian Institution's traveling exhibit agency to enable us to put an exhibit of the Gimbel Collection on the road concurrently with the release of the volume to the public. Such a traveling exhibit is of considerable interest to the publishers as a marketing venture. The book would be offered for sale at the exhibit venues.

The Friends, on the other hand, are a non-profit institution. Thus our primary concern is to support the Air Force Academy Library and to enhance the stature and prestige of the Academy as an educational and cultural institution. We are confident that we will have every reason to be proud of this volume.

### P.O.W. EXHIBIT GOES ON-LINE

Last year's POW Exhibit is going on the internet thanks to the skill and hard work of the Special Collection staff and the Faculty and cadets of the Department of English. Initially, this interesting and instructive story will only be on the internal Academy net but it is planned, eventually to offer it worldwide.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I was honored to have been asked by the Board at its December meeting to serve as President of The Friends. I have a big pair of footprints to fill. General Moorman took us through our first ten years with great success. I have inherited a very healthy and vibrant organization with a full plate of on-going work to accomplish in our support of the Academy Library.

Our annual program, an exhibit on the history of the Academy, to be unveiled on April 1, will highlight the professional and technical capability of the staff of the Special Collections Branch and the Graphics Division of the 10th Communications Squadron of the Academy. With this task, plus the bi-annual newsletter and the concurrent job of reviewing the galley proofs of our Gimbel Catalogue, the Executive Committee of The Friends finds itself extremely busy for a group of old volunteers!

I am very pleased by the response we received from our special solicitation for the printing of the Gimbel Catalogue. We are now assured of meeting all of the expenses associated with the production of this fine work.

It is a real pleasure to be able to work with so many genuine and responsive friends of our Air Force Academy. I do hope you will turn out in large numbers for our May 7 luncheon meeting to hear a very timely and interesting message from our Superintendent. Thank you all for your wonderful and continuing support of our work.

Lt. General A. P. Clark, USAF (Ret)

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The 1998 Annual Luncheon Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 7, at 11:30 A.M. at the Air Force Academy Officer's Club. See enclosed flyer for details.

## IMPORTANT LAFAYETTE ESCADRILLE PAPERS ACQUIRED FOR THE ACADEMY LIBRARY

Mrs. Eve Dolan, the daughter-in-law of Colonel Charles. H. Dolan who was the last surviving member of the Lafayette Escadrille, has donated a significant collection of Colonel Dolan's papers to The Friends. The Collection, which includes correspondence, official memoranda and reports, photographs, and uniform items will be housed within the Academy Library's Special Collections Branch where it will be made available to cadets and scholars who are researching the rich history of the Lafayette Escadrille. The material will augment Colonel Dolan's private library which was donated to the Library by the Dolan family in the spring of 1997.

## THE FRIENDS SPRING EXHIBIT

This year's exhibit by The Friends will highlight the history of the Air Force Academy, 1954-1998. The exhibit will be on display in the Academy Library from 1 April - 1 June 1998.

The exhibit is drawn from the rich collection of official documents, personal papers, photographs, news clippings, and Academy related publications in the Special Collections Branch of the Academy Library. The exhibit chronicles benchmarks in the Academy's history and depicts the administration of the Academy's multifaceted program on instruction. It is focused on the evolution of the process by which the Academy trains and educates military professionals and produces officers who are predisposed to a career of service to the United States Air Force.

## NEW MEMBER BOARD OF DIRECTOR



Dona R. Hildebrand, Lt. Colonel, USAF (Ret), was recently unanimously approved by the Board of Directors as a new member of the Board. Dona has been a great supporter of The Friends ever since we first organized and she has enthusiastically accepted the invitation to join.

Dona is a graduate of the University of Colorado and has earned several graduate degrees. She served in the Air Force for 25 years retiring in 1975. She and her husband, Colonel Floyd G. Hildebrand, USAF (Ret), make their home in Woodmoor near Colorado Springs.

## 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)



## ATTENDEES ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

Standing left to right: Col. Jock Schwank (Advisor), Col. Henry Kortemeyer (Vice Pres), Mr. Willis Ketterson (Vice Pres), Mr. Duane Reed (Academy Archivist), Lt. Col. R.H. Schaeffer, Col. William Mahon. Seated middle row: Col. David Wagie (Vice Dean, Advisor), Lt. Col. Naomi McCracken, Mrs. John M. Bennett, Brig. Gen. Marcos Kinevan.

Seated bottom row: Gen. Philip Caine (Secretary), Dr. Edward Scott (Director of Libraries, Advisor); Lt. Gen. A.P. Clark (President), Brig. Gen. George V. Fagan (Treasurer).

## 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.

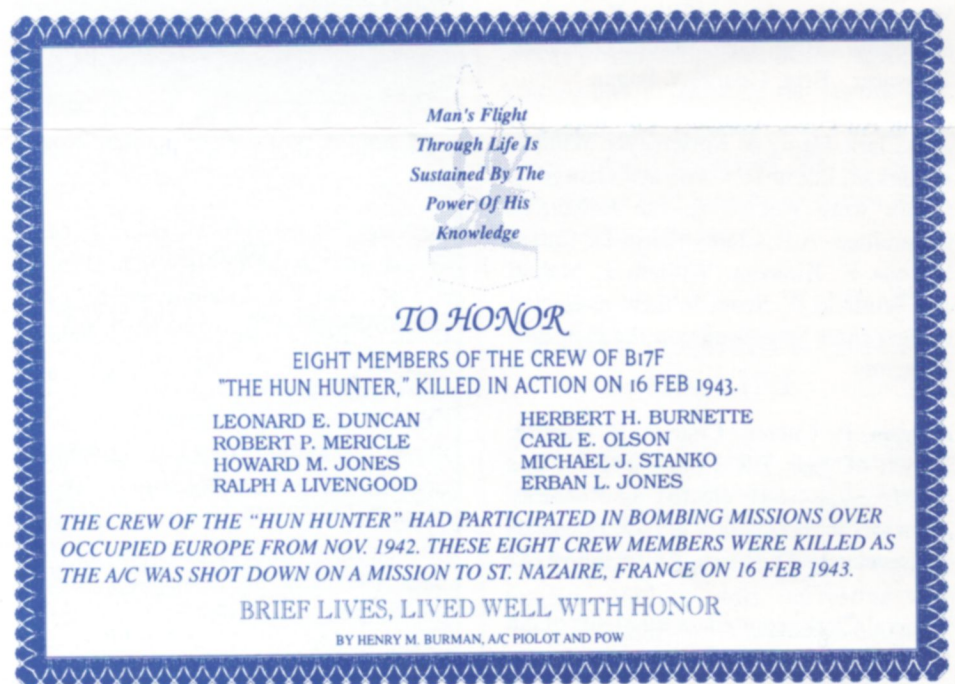
A donation of \$50 or more will purchase either type of memorial. Donations made without specific request for books or certificates will be used to meet essential Library needs that federal disbursements

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, for a total 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.

When a donation is made for a memorial, a completed form like the one enclosed should accompany it. The form will provide information needed for the appropriate memorial.



## ANNUAL BOARD MEETING HELD ON 4 DECEMBER 1997

The Directors of The Friends met for their annual meeting on 4 December in Doolittle Hall. This was a very important meeting since there were a number of changes in both the Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws to be approved. In addition, it was necessary to elect a new slate of officers owing primarily to the resignation of Lt. General Moorman as President. Following is a summary of the actions at the meeting.

The Articles of Incorporation were changed to authorize the Board of Directors to have not less than five nor more than twenty members, each of whom will be a voting member and serve a term of three years. The Executive Committee was also authorized to have no more than nine members.

The By-Laws were changed to authorize the Executive Committee to make decisions on routine matters during the period between annual meetings of the Board of Directors.

Election of officers:

President - Lt. General A.P. Clark, 1st Vice Pres. - Col. H.A. Kortemeyer, 2nd Vice Pres. - Mr. Willis Ketterson, Secretary - Brig. Gen. Philip, D. Caine, Treasurer - Brig. George V. Fagan

A.P. Clark, Henry A. Kortemeyer, Willis I. Ketterson, Philip D. Caine and George V. Fagan were elected to the Executive Committee. A.P. Clark, Philip D. Caine, Marcos E. Kinevan, William J. Mahon and Winfield W. Scott, Jr. were re-elected to new three year terms on the Board of Directors.

Gordon P. Culver, Charles R. Hamm, Robert M. Lee, T.R. Milton and Thomas S. Moorman were elected as Honorary Directors in recognition of their outstanding service to The Friends over the years.

General Clark reported on the status of the Gimbel Catalogue project which is summarized elsewhere in this Newsletter.

## A Friendly Reminder

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

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 airmen prisoners of war experience in all wars.

Please consider participating in our Memorial Program. Check the attached for details.

Most of all, we need your continued financial support. If you have already made a contribution in 1998, we sincerely thank you. If you have not made a 1998 contribution, please fill out the attached form and send your check today in the self-addressed envelope.

### DISBURSEMENTS TO THE LIBRARY - 1997

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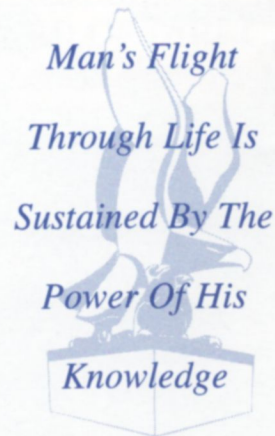
Memorial Funds . . . . \$ 2,000

Other Services

& Support . . . . .11,883

Gimbel Catalogue . . . . 40,000

\$53,883



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