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MAJOR VIETNAM POW ARCHIVE

The Academy Library's Special Collections is acquiring a major new archive of materials about the experiences of American prisoners of war in Southeast Asia. These materials include nearly all the documents gathered and produced by the Secretary of Defense's historical office during a 25-year effort to create the definitive history of that POW experience, as well as many one-of-a-kind films, audio tapes, photographs, maps, charts and chronologies.

The basic product of that research is a book called Honor Bound, co-authored by retired Colonel Fred Kiley, currently a visiting professor of English, who arranged the transfer of the archival materials to the Academy. Approximately 50 boxes are in the declassification process and should arrive at the Academy later this year. In the year 2000, an additional 15 boxes of documents are expected from OSD - making the Academy's collection of these Vietnam War materials the largest and most authoritative in existence.

Thanks to support by NAMPOW, the Vietnam POW organization and its president,

retired Navy Captain Mike McGrath, a resident of Monument, Colorado, the collection will be further enriched by individual contributions such as autobiographies, memoirs, and oral histories. In these times when jointness among the services is paramount, it is fitting to note that the first individual contribution — a 500-page memoir — came from a retired Naval Commander Philip Butler, one of the first aviators captured in North Vietnam.

General A. P. Clark — President of The Friends of the USAF Academy Library, former Superintendent of the Academy, Chairman of the 1976 Code of Conduct Review Committee and a World War II POW himself — has called this new archive the most important on its subject and sees its future as a working archive, open to cadets, faculty, staff, and visiting researchers.

Copies of the first edition of Honor Bound are now in the Collection. A revised edition published by the Naval Institute Press will be available in April in bookstores and on the Internet.

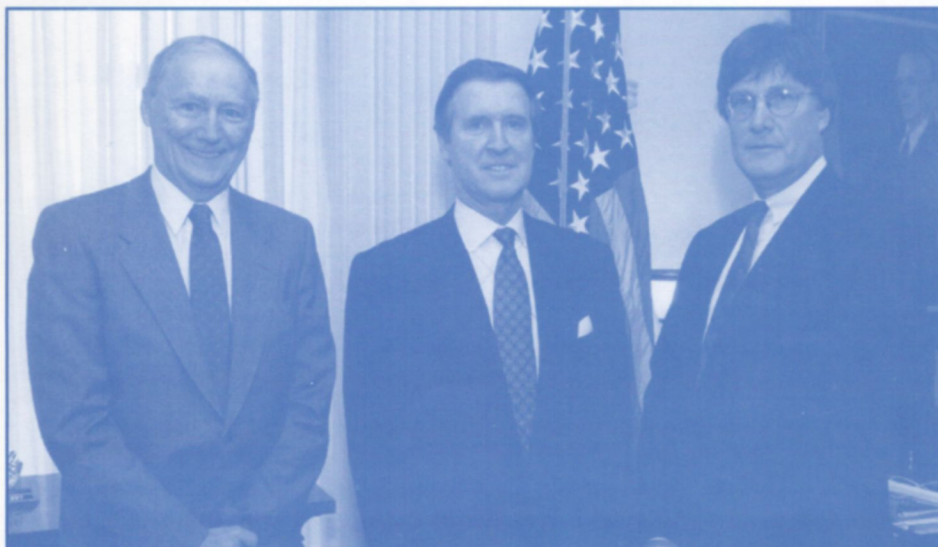
LUNCHEON SPEAKER



Brigadier General David A. Wagie is the Dean of the Faculty, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO. He commands the 800-member Dean of the Faculty mission element and oversees the annual design and instruction of over 500 undergraduate courses for 4000 cadets in 21 academic disciplines. He also directs the operation of 5 support staff agencies and faculty resources involving over \$250 million.

He entered the Air Force in 1968 as a member of the 14th graduating class of the United States Air Force Academy, graduating as a distinguished graduate in 1972. He flew as a KC-135 aircraft commander and an EC-135 research pilot. Later, at the Air Force Academy, he served as an associate professor and deputy head of astronautics. He also held positions as deputy commandant, permanent professor for military instruction, director of the Center for Character Development, and vice dean of the faculty. While at the Academy, General Wagie served as a T-43 pilot, and he currently flies as a T-41 instructor pilot.

General Wagie is married to the former Susan Kuczenski. They have three daughters: Angela, Megan and Tiffany.



Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen meeting with the authors of Honor Bound, Fred Kiley (left) and Stuart Rochester (right).

The Annual Meeting Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, May 11 at 11:30 am at the Academy Officer's club. See attached reservation sheet.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is hard to believe that The Friends are well into their eleventh year of work in support of the Academy Library. The time has passed so fast — I guess because it has been so enjoyable. The companionship and the wonderfully interesting work has kept our executive committee members looking forward to our two mornings a week working in the library. The many valuable and interesting historical collections, individual documents, books, and photographs that have passed through our hands from donors and on to the library have made our work seem very worthwhile. We have learned a lot and the future seems always to hold more challenges in the form of books to produce and programs to put together to enrich the Academy Library. The support that we have gotten from our membership makes me feel very proud to be a part of this organization's work.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Board of The Friends was held in Doolittle Hall at the Air Force Academy on December 8, 1998. The gathering was well attended with eleven Directors present and eight more executing proxies. Initial items of business included the unanimous election of A.P. Clark as President, Henry A. Kortemeyer as 1st Vice President, Willis Ketterson as 2nd Vice President, Philip Caine as Secretary and George Fagan as

publisher in mid-January, a number of factors have caused that date to slip in the middle of March. The President particularly thanked Colonel, USAF (Ret) Elliott Converse, Lt. Colonel, USAF (Ret) Richard Lemp and Mr. Duane Reed for their extraordinary effort in proof reading and preparing the proofs for return to the publisher. He also thanked the 37 members of The Friends who contributed \$500 or more toward publication of the cata-



Board members pose on balcony of Doolittle Hall.

Treasurer. Re-elected to a three year term on the Board were George Fagan, Mrs. John Bennet, Henry Kortemeyer, Harold Littrell and R. H. Schaeffer.

President Clark briefed the Board on several items of interest. He first summarized the status of the Gimbel Catalogue. While at the time of the meeting we believed that the proofs of the volume would be returned to the

logue. We are confident that the volume will be a milestone in the history of man's quest to fly when it is published, probably early next year.

General Clark addressed the progress of the Falconry book which The Friends hope to publish in the future. It is presently being edited and the final manuscript will be completed in the near future. He also briefed the Board on the Spring 1998 exhibit about the history of the Academy and General Hosmer's superb talk about the institution. An update of the current use of the exhibit is contained elsewhere in this newsletter.

Secretary Caine talked to the group about the acquisition of both the Fogleman papers and those of Leigh Wade and the Around-the-World Flight of 1924.

Dr. Ed Scott, Director of Academy Libraries, gave the Board a very comprehensive update on the challenges facing the Library, primarily those that come from the ongoing move to outsource most of the Academy support agencies. He voiced concern about the negative impact the move will have on the Academy library system.

Finally, President Clark reported that, given the effort required to produce the Gimbel Catalogue, The Friends will not be producing a Spring Exhibit this year. We have decided to wait until the publication of the catalogue and tie the exhibit to that event.



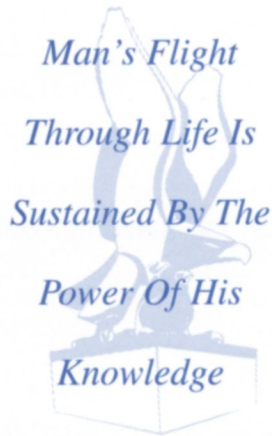
Board members during a break period.

UPDATE ON THE GIMBEL CATALOGUE

Work on the Gimbel Catalogue proceeds apace. Members of the Executive Committee, Mr. Duane Reed, Dr. Elliott Converse and Dr. Richard Lemp and our six authors have been working steadily since early December to scrub the second set of page proofs provided by the publishers. This task involves 380 pages of material containing illustrations and narrative for the 300 selected items from this rich collection, an illustrated introductory essay, an appendix, a bibliography, and other necessary related pages. Since all these items from the rare books and prints to the ancient seals and medals are accompanied by library bibliographic data and many are written or captioned in foreign languages including Latin, this task is painstaking but vital to achieve our goal of production a very high-quality book. We hope to put the manuscript back in the hands of the press by the end of March and into the hands of the printer by summer. If all goes well we may see a finished book before the end of the year or early in the year 2000.

The 1998 Friends exhibit on the history of the Air Force Academy, which was on display in the Academy Library from March through June, 1998, has continued to be displayed throughout the Academy community. The exhibit was recently shown at the meeting of the Sabre Society, at the celebration of Founders Day and, at this writing, is on display in Doolittle Hall. In addition, the Public Affairs Office is putting the display on the Internet for public relations purposes.





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 Forces 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.

All donations will help the Air Force Academy Library become even greater.

Below is an example of a certificate prepared for a single honoree. 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.

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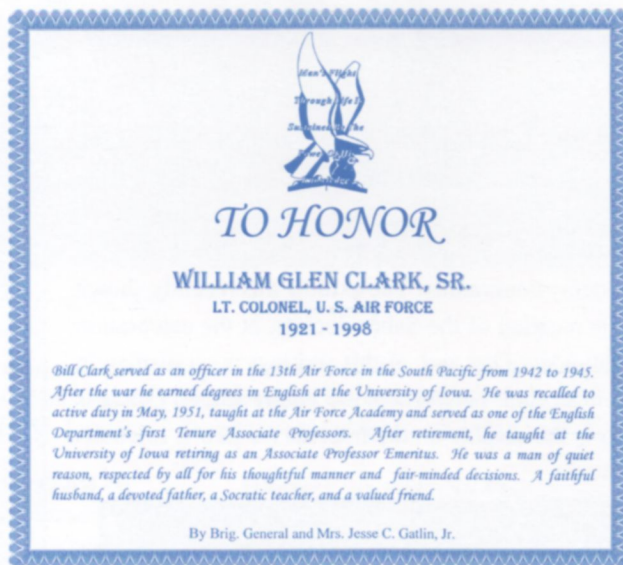
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Another part of the program allows a donor to purchase books in which a book plate is inserted bearing the name of an intended honoree. Individuals may be honored in this way.

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.



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 prisoner of war experience in all wars.

Most of all, we need your continued financial support. *If you have already made a contribution in 1999, we sincerely thank you. If you have not made a 1999 contribution, please fill out the attached form and send your check today in the self-addressed envelope.*