



THE FRIENDS OF THE AIR FORCE ACADEMY LIBRARY

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*Founded in 1987 as a Colorado 501 C 3

*Mission: Enhance the quality of the Academy's Library as an educational, research, scientific and cultural institution.

-Focus on enriching the Clark Special Collections Branch

*Leadership

-Volunteer Board – meets annually

-Executive Committee – meets at least monthly (Caine, Schwank, Gaston, Hildebrand, Reed & Titus)

Determine and manage projects and expenditures, semi-annual newsletter, annual luncheon, represent Friends at USAFA, fund management

-New Board members to be added in May: BGen USAF (Ret) Jim Head; Col USAF (Ret) Andi Biancur – also to Executive Committee; Col USAF (Ret) Phillip Meilinger; & Peggy Litwhiler

-New Officers in May: President-Caine, Vice president-Titus, Secretary-Hildebrand, Treasurer-Schwank

-Contract employees, no full time employees: Administrative support, Accomplish projects, computer and website support

*Funding

-Patron donations: 650 patrons donate approximately \$14K/yr

-Agency Account with the AOG: started in late 2006 with 1.5M gift

Lost 1/3rd in stock market/hedge fund crash

14.8% gained back in 2009

*Budget

-\$100K a year

-88% of expenditures on Projects, average over last 3 years

-3.5% on Fundraising and 8.5% on General Admin average over last 3 years

*Projects

-Solicit on behalf of the Library – they can't solicit

-Early years focused on acquisition of a number of historically significant collections of organizational records and personal papers tracing the evolution of American air power: e.g., Eagle Squadrons, Doolittle Tokyo Raiders, WAF, Stalag Luft II, papers of various Air Corps and Air Force leaders.

-In recent years major efforts include conservation and preservation of existing collections, and focusing on Academy heritage:

..Published **Air Force Academy Heritage; Falconry at the United States Air Force Academy; Hubert R Harmon; Expect Great Things** DVD and a Compendium of over 50 interviews on Academy early years.

..Thirty-four in-depth oral history interviews: includes 8 Superintendents, 5 Deans, 5 Commandants, Athletic Director, early key staff, Academy architect and first Prep School Commander.

..Friends web site: wide range of information from **Icarus, the Cadet Journal of Arts** to hundred of captioned photographs of General Doolittle's life. Most relevant to all graduates is the continually updated Graduate Memorial Wall interactive database containing more than 20,000 pages of information about the 174 graduates selected to be listed on the Memorial Wall. Created by Biancur, Coppock, Schwank and Sexton with great cooperation from AOG and library staff.

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