



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

CLASS OF 1968

MEMORIAL CEREMONY

OCTOBER 5, 2018



THE CLASS OF 1968 MEMORIAL CEREMONY

The Class of 1968 Memorial Ceremony is conducted this year as part of the 50th Reunion and provides an opportunity for the graduate community to honor and remember those classmates who have passed away.

The first ceremony of this type occurred in 1964 with a memorial service in the Cadet Chapel. In 1965 the ceremony was changed to a formation on the terrazzo, and then returned to the Chapel in 1990 for classes celebrating their 25th or later reunion. This year's Memorial Ceremony will again be conducted at the Chapel. It will be highlighted by a roll call of deceased classmates. As each deceased class member's name is read, a pre-designated classmate from his graduating squadron will respond, "Absent Sir."

During the Reunion weekend, classmates and families are invited to honor our classmates who have gone before by visiting their gravesite or memorial marker in the Academy Cemetery. This Memorial Ceremony is a time to embrace the memories of our fallen classmates and recognize them as part of the legacy that made us the USAFA Class of 1968.

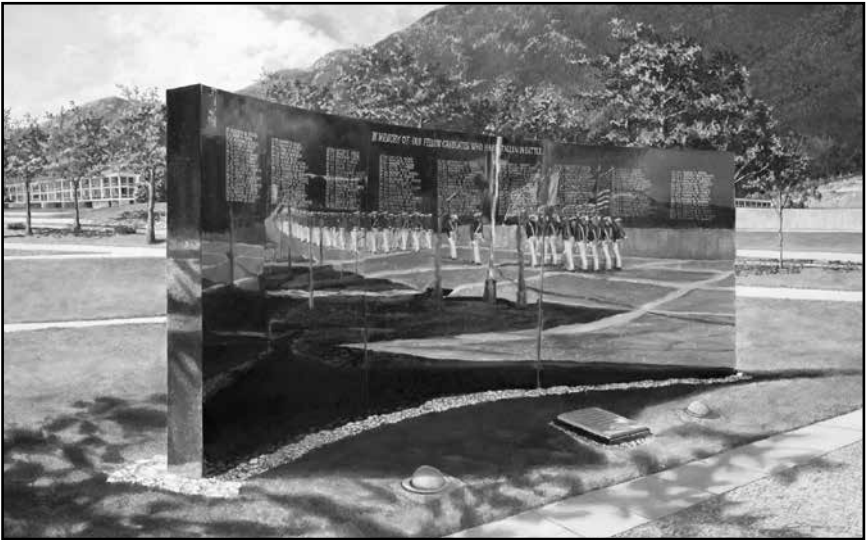


OFFICERS OF THE CLASS OF 1968

President	Phil Pignataro
Class Vice President	Ed Eberhart
Secretary	Blair Stewart
Treasurer	Terry Gruters
Class Historian	Duane Mroslo

MEMORIAL CEREMONY OCTOBER 5, 2018

Organ Prelude.....	Dr. Joseph Galema
Welcoming Remarks	Dale Oderman, Class of 1968
Scripture Reading Psalm 46.....	Chaplain Quentin M. Genke
Message.....	Chaplain Quentin M. Genke
Prayer.....	Chaplain Quentin M. Genke
Reading of the Roll.....	Bob Denny, Class of 1968 & Ed Leonard, Class of 1968
Moment of Silence	
<i>Taps</i>	TSgt Chris Hammiel
<i>Lord Guard and Guide the Men Who Fly</i>	Steve Staley, Class of 1968
.....	Accompanied by Dr. Joseph Galema
Closing Remarks	Dale Oderman, Class of 1968
Benediction.....	Chaplain Quentin M. Genke



THE WAR MEMORIAL

The War Memorial stands on the terrazzo on the north end of the Air Gardens and faces the American flag for which the deceased graduates listed on the memorial died. The memorial is a striking curved monolith constructed of three 7'x21' slabs of black starlite granite. The inscription "In memory of our fellow graduates who have fallen in battle ..." is a simple but eloquent statement of why a name is inscribed on the memorial. The criteria for being remembered on the War Memorial are:

1. Graduates who died from direct hostile action.
2. Graduates who died within an area of conflict as the result of an incident which was in direct support of the conflict.
3. Graduates who died outside an area of conflict while directly supporting the activities within that area will be considered on an individual basis by the Board of Directors of the Association of Graduates.

At the dedication ceremony in 1970, Brigadier General Robin Olds, Commandant of Cadets, brought the essence of the memorial forcefully home with the following words:

This monolith of simple beauty contains the names of graduates of the Air Force Academy who have given their lives in combat. Each was a gallant man, devoted to his country and proud of his heritage. Each died bravely, as one's country sometimes calls upon her sons to do. Remember these names. Honor them. They are a part of you, the Wing. They represent your past, as you today represent our future. Reflect on their example of selfless devotion to duty and gain courage so that when you face your test, you may add honor and glory to the annals of the Wing—and of the Air Force—and of our country.

Eleven members of the Class of 1968 are among the 181 names on the War Memorial.

Elmon Cleveland Caudill II
John Everett Duffy
Theron Carl Fehrenbach II
Ted Brian Hallenbeck
Paul Vernon Jackson III
Charles Louis Kollenberg
John Leslie Ryder
Wallace Blaine Sawyer, Jr
Walter Harrison Sigafos III
Willis Grant Uhls
Russell Earl Voris

There are presently 185 graduates listed on the War Memorial.

Located north of the Class of '59 Challenge Bridge at Doolittle Hall is a replica of the War Memorial. The replica, a gift from the Class of 1970, was completed and set in place in May 2004.

Memorial Locations – In addition to the war memorial and replica, cadets and graduates are memorialized in other locations at the Academy. The names of those who die on active duty are placed on plaques just outside the Cadet Catholic Chapel. Names of other deceased graduates may also be found on the plaque at the Memorial Tree Grove located just East of Doolittle Hall, in the memorial section of the USAF Academy Cemetery, or on a memorial paver at Doolittle Hall.

LORD GUARD AND GUIDE THE MEN WHO FLY

Lord guard and guide the men who fly
Through the great spaces of the sky;
Be with them traversing the air
In darkening storms or sunshine fair.

You who support with tender might
The balanced birds in all their flight,
Lord of the tempered winds, be near,
That, having you, they know no fear.

Control their minds with instinct fit
Whene'er, adventuring they quit
The firm security of land;
Grant steadfast eye and skillful hand.

Aloft in solitudes of space,
Uphold them with your saving grace.
O God, protect the men who fly
Through lonely ways beneath the sky. Amen.

—Mary C. D. Hamilton

**Indicates name on War Memorial*



DAN B. TEDFORD
Cadet Fourth Class
8th Squadron
d. 15 July 1964



**JOHN THOMAS
GRIFFIN**
Cadet Third Class
9th Squadron
d. 21 March 1966



**DAVID ALAN
STEWART**
Second Lieutenant
2nd Squadron
d. 29 July 1968



**KENNETH GEORGE
ORVIS**
Second Lieutenant
13th Squadron
d. 17 July 1969



**JOHN EVERETT
DUFFY***
Captain
14th Squadron
d. 4 April 1970



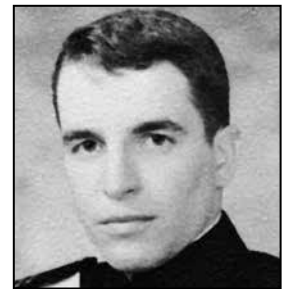
**THERON CARL
FEHRENBACH II***
First Lieutenant
2nd Squadron
d. 6 April 1970



**DENNIS BAUER
HAAS**
First Lieutenant
17th Squadron
d. 10 April 1970



**JOHN LESLIE
RYDER***
Captain
6th Squadron
d. 9 June 1970



**RUSSELL EARL
VORIS***
First Lieutenant
1st Squadron
d. 24 June 1970

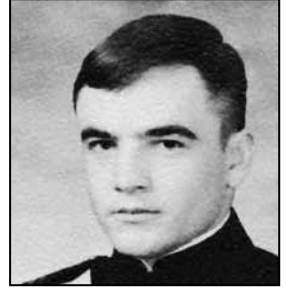
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**ELMON CLEVELAND
CAUDILL II***
First Lieutenant
12th Squadron
d. 29 November 1970



**CHARLES LOUIS
KOLLENBERG***
First Lieutenant
4th Squadron
d. 29 November 1970



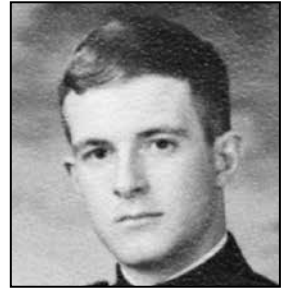
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UHLS***
Captain
22nd Squadron
d. 11 February 1971



**JAMES DENNIS
HOPPE**
First Lieutenant
12th Squadron
d. 18 March 1971



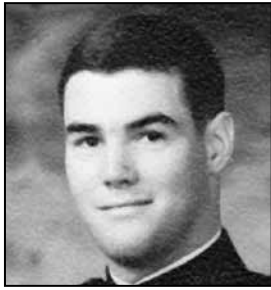
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SIGAFOOS III***
Captain
3rd Squadron
d. 25 April 1971



**BYRON CLAIRE
BURNETT**
Captain
4th Squadron
d. 18 June 1971



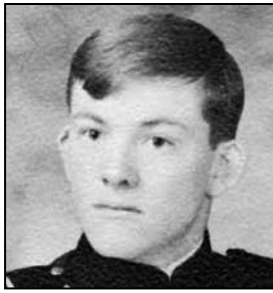
**JAMES EDWARD
ALEXANDER**
Captain
25th Squadron
d. 16 June 1972



**PAUL VERNON
JACKSON III***
Captain
5th Squadron
d. 24 December 1972



**TED BRIAN
HALLENBECK***
Captain
1st Squadron
d. 5 February 1973



**ZACKARY
STIDMON**

Captain
11th Squadron
d. 11 December 1973



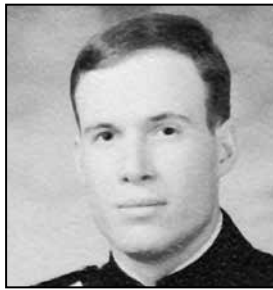
**STEPHEN RAY
ROSEMAN**

Captain
3rd Squadron
d. 12 December 1974



**RALPH DAVID
BOWLES**

Captain
22nd Squadron
d. 7 October 1975



**EDWARD ALLEN
GREENE II**

18th Squadron
d. 24 October 1975



**STEPHEN
HORSMAN REID**

Captain
18th Squadron
d. 5 October 1977



**DALE FOY
STEPHENS**

Captain
23rd Squadron
d. 1 November 1977



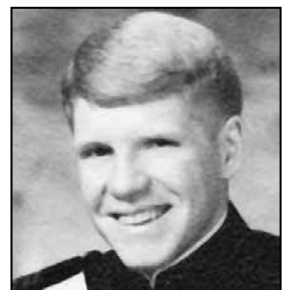
**JAMES EDWARD
PUEPPKE**

Captain
20th Squadron
d. 26 November 1977



RICHARD FREY

12th Squadron
d. 14 February 1980



**ARTHUR LLOYD
MOXON**

Major
17th Squadron
d. 9 January 1981

**Indicates name on War Memorial*



**WILLIAM FRANKLIN
GEORGE II**

Major
4th Squadron
d. 19 January 1983



**ROBERT ALAN
SHUMWAY JR.**

Major
8th Squadron
d. 29 June 1983



**WALLACE BLAINE
SAWYER JR.***

29th Squadron
d. 5 October 1986



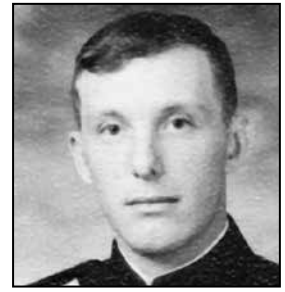
**ARMANDO PONCE
CASTRO**

Lieutenant Colonel
10th Squadron
d. 18 March 1987



**KIMMEL ROSS
ANDERSON**

23rd Squadron
d. 1 November 1987



**MICHAEL ROGER
CARTWRIGHT**

24th Squadron
d. 7 April 1989



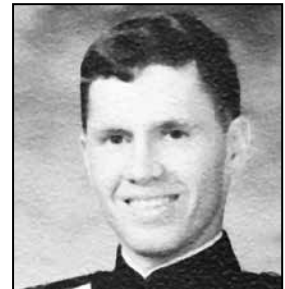
**ROBERT MICHAEL
LINSMAYER JR.**

Lieutenant Colonel
28th Squadron
d. 19 March 1991



**MARTIN FLOYD
EGGERT**

29th Squadron
d. 12 May 1991



**IAN JAMESON
DUNCAN**

26th Squadron
d. 24 May 1992



**CRAIG CECIL
SQUIER**

19th Squadron
d. 26 August 1992



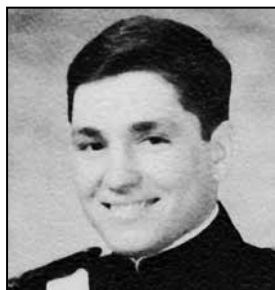
**FRANK TIPTON
BIRK**

Colonel (Ret)
4th Squadron
d. 2 August 1993



**JAMES LYLE
MEYER**

7th Squadron
d. 28 December 1993



**JOHN JEFFERSON
WATKINS JR.**

30th Squadron
d. 29 May 1996



**GERALD WILLIAM
BROWN JR.**

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret)
28th Squadron
d. 18 February 1997



**DAVIS GUY
MCADORY**

Captain (Ret)
13th Squadron
d. 29 November 1997



**ROBERT JON
HAGER**

Colonel (Ret)
11th Squadron
d. 15 October 1999



**WILLIAM EDGAR
GREGORY JR.**

9th Squadron
d. 24 November 1999



**JOSEPH CLARENCE
HEDRICK JR.**

22nd Squadron
d. 18 July 2001



**ROBERT OWEN
PULVER**

Captain
17th Squadron
d. 10 July 2003



**JOHN ARTHUR
MACKAY**

Major (Ret)
13th Squadron
d. 29 March 2004



**PETER JACOB
MAREK JR.**

10th Squadron
d. 29 April 2004



**EDWIN LAWRENCE
MERIDETH JR.**

Major (Ret)
13th Squadron
d. 14 October 2004



**JOHN EDWARD
HAYDEN**

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret)
27th Squadron
d. 2 December 2005



**CARL HAZARD
RICHARDSON, JR.**

10th Squadron
d. 5 January 2006



**JONATHAN ANDREW
MCCREIGHT (PENRY)**

25th Squadron
d. 14 May 2006



**RUSSELL CRAIG
WALKER**

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret)
24th Squadron
d. 9 July 2006



**STEPHEN WORTH
THOMSON**

8th Squadron
d. 10 November 2006



**JAMES PATRICK
LYONS III**

11th Squadron
d. 25 November 2006



**JONATHAN G.
RAND**

30th Squadron
d. 13 January 2007



**WILLIAM LARRY
PIGG**

9th Squadron
d. 16 December 2007



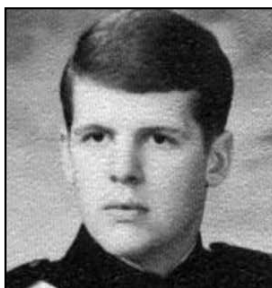
CARY D. HUNTER

27th Squadron
d. 28 February 2008



**WALTER DALLAS
CURTISS**

27th Squadron
d. 4 March 2008



**JOHN STANLEY
COBB**

2nd Squadron
d. 11 April 2008



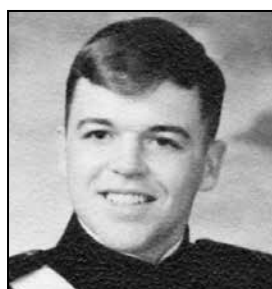
JOHN M. LAMBERT

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret)
5th Squadron
d. 29 April 2008



JOHN P. KOSTIUİK

16th Squadron
d. 10 May 2008



**PHILLIP L.
STITZER**

20th Squadron
d. 4 January 2010



**THOMAS A.
DRAPER**

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret)
17th Squadron
d. 28 September 2010



CARL G. KNOPKE

13th Squadron
d. 16 October 2010



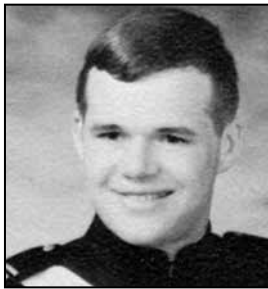
**GLENN L.
GILLETTE**

12th Squadron
d. 1 November 2010



**GREGORY
VARHALL**

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret)
5th Squadron
d. 15 April 2011



STEPHEN F. PAIGE

24th Squadron
d. 12 June 2011



**DON R.
HARRINGTON**

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret)
11th Squadron
d. 7 July 2011



**DANIEL J.
BARKER**

Colonel (Ret)
5th Squadron
d. 7 November 2012



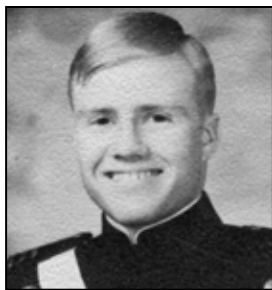
**JAMES E.
HEFFER**

27th Squadron
d. 12 May 2013



**GARY L.
DIKKERS**

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret)
22nd Squadron
d. 5 June 2013



**JAMES EDWARD
MADSEN**

6th Squadron
May 15, 2014



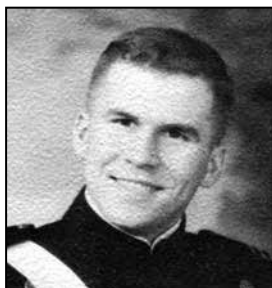
**JAMES HENRY
HIX, JR**

25th Squadron
November 4, 2014



**MICHAEL
ANTHONY SOTAK**

Major (Ret)
13th Squadron
March 25, 2015



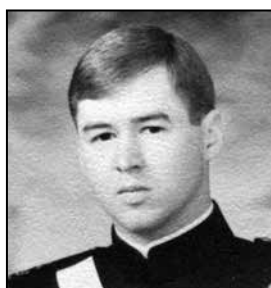
**DON KNIGHT
RISHER**

29th Squadron
December 29, 2015



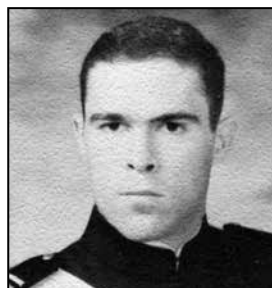
**RICHARD STANLEY
ABRAMSON**

21st Squadron
January 17, 2016



**ARNOLD LLOYD
JULICH**

Colonel (Ret)
7th Squadron
January 26, 2016



**DANIEL PAUL
HITES**

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret)
25th Squadron
February 12, 2016



**RALPH ROLAND
ROSS, JR**

27th Squadron
March 1, 2016



**ELTON THOMAS
POLLOCK**

Colonel (Ret)
6th Squadron
May 25, 2016



**MARK CONAN
WISE**

20th Squadron
October 12, 2016



**THOMAS JOHN
MEYER**

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret)
23rd Squadron
November 25, 2016



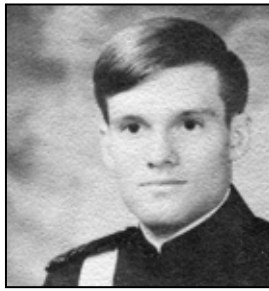
**MICHAEL MATHIAS
GRAIL**

Major (Ret)
6th Squadron
February 26, 2017



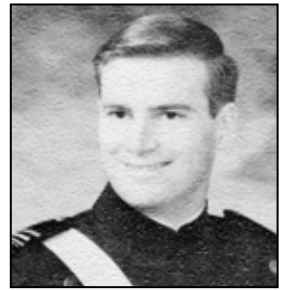
**FORREST VICTOR
SCHWENGELS, II**

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret)
3rd Squadron
April 4, 2017



**STUART WILLIAM
THOMSON**

Colonel (Ret)
1st Squadron
April 22, 2017



**JAMES TYLER
ESTES, JR**

11th Squadron
April 25, 2017



**WAYNE BOYD
PETERSEN**

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret)
24th Squadron
July 10, 2017



**WILLIAM WAYNE
ROWELL**

20th Squadron
October 12, 2017

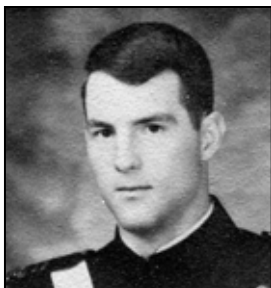


**JEROME
FREDERICK
RUNNION**

24th Squadron
October 27, 2017



**ROBERT ARNOLD
DALEY**
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret),
USAFR
21st Squadron
December 25, 2017



DAVID LEE KAPP
14th Squadron
January 9, 2018



**PETER EDWARD
DAVIS**
First Lieutenant (Ret)
21st Squadron
July 24, 2018