

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY



# *Class of 1968*

**MEMORIAL CEREMONY**

September 15, 2023



## **The Class of 1968 Memorial Ceremony**

**T**he Class of 1968 Memorial Ceremony is conducted this year as part of the 55th 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, conducted in the Arnold Hall Theater, will be highlighted by a roll call of deceased classmates. As each deceased class member's name is called out, a classmate will respond "Absent, Sir." The roll call will be immediately followed by a minute of silence to honor the fallen.

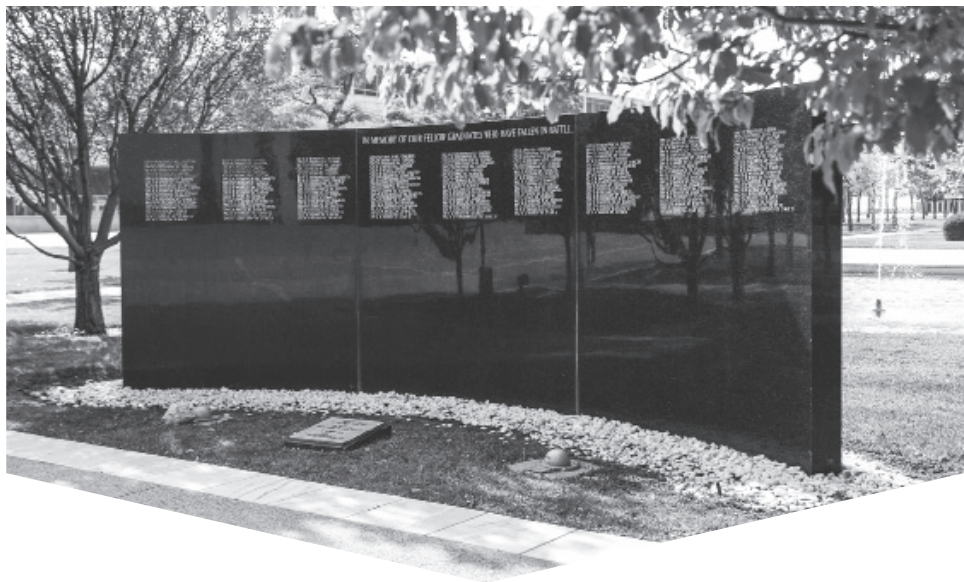
This memorial ceremony is dedicated to those members of the Class of 1968 who have gone before us. It is a time to embrace the memories of our fallen classmates. In this ceremony, we recognize our departed classmates, and celebrate as a community the experiences that made us the USAF Academy Class of 1968.

## ► **Officers of the Class of 1968**

President.....	<b>Phil Pignataro</b>
Vice President .....	<b>Ed Eberhardt</b>
Secretary.....	<b>Blair Stewart</b>
Treasurer .....	<b>Terry Gruters</b>
Class Historian .....	<b>Duane Mrosia</b>

## ► **Memorial Ceremony Sequence of Events September 15, 2023**

Welcoming Remarks.....	<b>Dale Oderman, Class of 1968</b>
Message.....	<b>Chaplain, Lt Col, Chad Montgomery</b>
Prayer .....	<b>Chaplain, Lt Col, Chad Montgomery</b>
Reading of the Roll ....	<b>Bob Denny and Ed Leonard, Class of 1968</b>
Moment of Silence	
<i>Taps</i> .....	<b>TSgt Jonathan Powell</b>
<i>Lord Guard and Guide the Men Who Fly</i> ....	<b>Steve Staley, Class of 1968</b>
Closing Remarks .....	<b>Dale Oderman, Class of 1968</b>
Benediction.....	<b>Chaplain, Lt Col, Chad Montgomery</b>



## ► The Graduate War Memorial

The Graduate War Memorial stands on the Terrazzo on the north end of the Air Garden and faces the American flag for which those 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 criteria for a name to be included on the memorial. The actual determination of those graduates who are remembered on the Graduate War Memorial follows the circumstances listed below:

- Graduates who died from direct hostile action.
- Graduates who died within an area of conflict as the result of an incident which was in direct support of the conflict.
- 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.*

Twelve members of the Class of 1968 are among the 190 names on the War Memorial.

*Armando Ponce Castro  
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 190 graduates listed on the Graduate War Memorial including two graduates, Col. (Ret.) Charles E. Jones '74 and LeRoy Homer Jr. '87, who were killed in the September 11, 2001, terror attacks.

Located north of the Class of '59 Challenge Bridge at Doolittle Hall is a replica of the Graduate 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, and on a memorial paver at Doolittle Hall.

## ► **God Bless America**

God bless America  
Land that I love  
Stand beside her  
And guide her  
Through the night with the light from above  
From the mountains  
To the prairies  
To the oceans  
White with foam  
God bless America  
My home sweet home  
From the mountains  
To the prairies  
To the oceans  
White with foam  
God bless America  
My home sweet home  
God bless America  
My home sweet home

*—Irving Berlin*

► **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*

## ► High Flight

Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth  
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;  
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth  
Of sun-split clouds—and done a hundred things  
You have not dreamed of—wheeled and soared and swung  
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there  
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung  
My eager craft through footless halls of air.  
Up, up the long, delirious, burning blue  
I've topped the windswept heights with easy grace  
Where never lark, or even eagle flew.  
And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod  
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,  
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.

*—John Gillespie Magee Jr.*  
(1922-1941)

## ► One More Roll

We toast our hearty Comrades  
Who have fallen from the skies,  
And were gently caught by God's own hands  
To be with Him on high.  
To dwell among the soaring clouds  
They've known so well before,  
From victory roll to tail chase  
At Heaven's very door.  
As we fly among them there  
We're sure to hear their plea,  
Take care my friend, watch your six,  
And do one more roll for me.

*—Commander Jerry Coffee in Hanoi, 1968*



## Deceased in Chronological Order

*\*Indicates name on War Memorial*



**Dan Bernard  
Tedford**

Cadet Fourth Class  
8th Squadron  
July 15, 1964



**John Thomas  
Griffin**

Cadet Third Class  
9th Squadron  
March 21, 1966



**David Alan  
Stewart**

Second Lieutenant  
2nd Squadron  
July 29, 1968



**Kenneth George  
Orvis**

Second Lieutenant  
13th Squadron  
July 17, 1969



**John Everett  
Duffy\***

Captain  
14th Squadron  
April 4, 1970



**Theron Carl  
Fehrenbach II\***

First Lieutenant  
2nd Squadron  
April 6, 1970



**Dennis Bauer  
Haas**

First Lieutenant  
17th Squadron  
April 10, 1970



**John Leslie  
Ryder\***

Captain  
6th Squadron  
June 9, 1970



**Russell Earl  
Voris\***

First Lieutenant  
1st Squadron  
June 24, 1970



**Elmon Cleveland  
Caudill II\***

First Lieutenant  
12th Squadron  
November 29, 1970



**Charles Louis  
Kollenberg\***

First Lieutenant  
4th Squadron  
November 29, 1970



**Willis Grant  
Uhls\***

Captain  
22nd Squadron  
February 11, 1971



**James Dennis  
Hoppe**

First Lieutenant  
12th Squadron  
March 18, 1971



**Walter Harrison  
Sigafos III\***

Captain  
3rd Squadron  
April 25, 1971



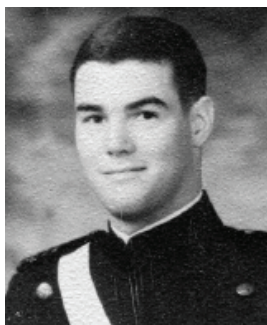
**Byron Claire  
Burnett**

Captain  
4th Squadron  
June 18, 1971



**James Edward  
Alexander**

Captain  
25th Squadron  
June 16, 1972



**Paul Vernon  
Jackson III\***

Captain  
5th Squadron  
December 24, 1972



**Ted Brian  
Hallenbeck\***

Captain  
1st Squadron  
February 5, 1973



**Zackary  
Stidmon**

Captain  
11th Squadron  
December 11, 1973



**Stephen Ray  
Roseman**

Captain  
3rd Squadron  
December 12, 1974



**Ralph David  
Bowles**

Captain  
22nd Squadron  
October 7, 1975



**Edward Allen  
Greene II**

18th Squadron  
October 24, 1975



**Stephen Horsman  
Reid**

Captain  
18th Squadron  
October 5, 1977



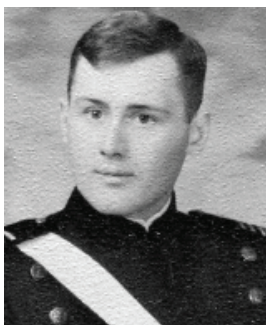
**Dale Foy  
Stephens**

Captain  
23rd Squadron  
November 1, 1977



**James Edward  
Puepke**

Captain  
20th Squadron  
November 26, 1977



**Richard  
Frey**

Captain (Ret.)  
12th Squadron  
February 14, 1980



**Arthur Lloyd  
Moxon**

Major  
17th Squadron  
January 9, 1981



**William Franklin  
George II**

Major  
4th Squadron  
January 19, 1983



**Robert Alan  
Shumway Jr.**

Major  
8th Squadron  
June 29, 1983



**Wallace Blaine  
Sawyer Jr.\***

29th Squadron  
October 5, 1986



**Armando Ponce  
Castro\***

Colonel  
10th Squadron  
March 18, 1987



**Kimmel Ross  
Anderson**

23rd Squadron  
November 1, 1987



**Michael Roger  
Cartwright**

Captain  
24th Squadron  
April 7, 1989





**Robert Michael  
Linsmayer Jr.**  
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.)  
28th Squadron  
March 19, 1991



**Martin Floyd  
Eggert**  
Captain  
29th Squadron  
May 12, 1991



**Ian Jameson  
Duncan**  
Captain  
26th Squadron  
May 24, 1992



**Craig Cecil  
Squier**  
Captain  
19th Squadron  
August 26, 1992



**Frank Tipton  
Birk**  
Colonel (Ret.)  
4th Squadron  
August 2, 1993



**James Lyle  
Meyer**  
Captain  
7th Squadron  
December 28, 1993



**John Jefferson  
Watkins Jr.**  
Captain  
30th Squadron  
May 29, 1996



**Gerald William  
Brown Jr.**  
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.)  
28th Squadron  
February 18, 1997



**Davis Guy  
McAdory**  
Captain (Ret.)  
13th Squadron  
November 29, 1997



**Robert Jon  
Hager**

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



**William Edgar  
Gregory Jr.**

Captain  
9th Squadron  
November 24, 1999



**Joseph Clarence  
Hedrick Jr.**

Captain  
22nd Squadron  
July 18, 2001



**Robert Owen  
Pulver**

Captain  
17th Squadron  
July 10, 2003



**John Arthur  
MacKay**

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



**Peter Jacob  
Marek Jr.**

Captain  
10th Squadron  
April 29, 2004



**Edwin Lawrence  
Merideth Jr.**

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



**John Edward  
Hayden**

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



**Carl Hazard  
Richardson Jr.**

Captain  
10th Squadron  
January 5, 2006



**Jonathan Andrew  
McCreight (Penry)**

25th Squadron  
May 14, 2006



**Russell Craig  
Walker**

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



**Stephen Worth  
Thomson**

Captain  
8th Squadron  
November 10, 2006



**James Patrick  
Lyons III**

Captain  
11th Squadron  
November 25, 2006



**Jonathan G.  
Rand**

Captain  
30th Squadron  
January 13, 2007



**William Larry  
Pigg**

Captain  
9th Squadron  
December 16, 2007



**Cary Deane  
Hunter**

Captain  
27th Squadron  
February 28, 2008



**Walter Dallas  
Curtiss**

Captain  
27th Squadron  
March 4, 2008



**John Stanley  
Cobb**

Captain  
2nd Squadron  
April 11, 2008





**John Melvin  
Lambert**  
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.)  
5th Squadron  
April 29, 2008



**John Peter  
Kostiuik**  
16th Squadron  
May 10, 2008



**Phillip Landis  
Stitzer**  
Captain  
20th Squadron  
January 4, 2010



**Thomas Alan  
Draper**  
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.)  
17th Squadron  
September 28, 2010



**Carl George  
Knopke**  
Captain  
13th Squadron  
October 16, 2010



**Glenn Lewis  
Gillette**  
Captain  
12th Squadron  
November 1, 2010



**Gregory  
Varhall**  
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.)  
5th Squadron  
April 15, 2011



**Stephen Frederick  
Paige**  
Major  
24th Squadron  
June 12, 2011



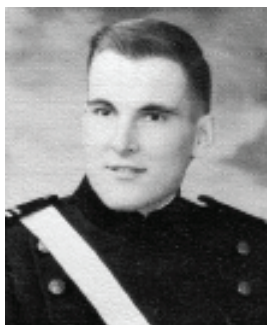
**Don Raymond  
Harrington**  
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.)  
11th Squadron  
July 7, 2011





**Daniel James  
Barker**

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



**James Edward  
Heffer**

Captain  
27th Squadron  
May 12, 2013



**Gary Lee  
Dikkers**

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



**James Edward  
Madsen**

Captain  
6th Squadron  
May 15, 2014



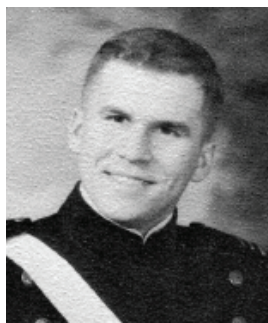
**James Henry  
Hix Jr.**

Captain  
25th Squadron  
November 4, 2014



**Michael Anthony  
Sotak**

Major (Ret.)  
13th Squadron  
March 25, 2015



**Don Knight  
Risher**

Major (Ret.)  
29th Squadron  
December 29, 2015



**Richard Stanley  
Abramson**

Captain  
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.**

Captain  
27th Squadron  
March 1, 2016



**Elton Thomas  
Pollock**

Colonel (Ret.)  
6th Squadron  
May 25, 2016



**Mark Conan  
Wise**

Captain  
20th Squadron  
October 12, 2016



**Thomas John  
Meyer**

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



**Michael Mathias  
Grail**

Major (Ret.)  
6th Squadron  
February 27, 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.**

Captain  
11th Squadron  
April 25, 2017



**Wayne Boyd  
Petersen**

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



**William Wayne  
Rowell**

Captain  
20th Squadron  
October 12, 2017



**Jerome Frederick  
Runion**

Captain  
24th Squadron  
October 27, 2017



**Robert Arnold  
Daley**

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.)  
21st Squadron  
December 25, 2017



**David Lee  
Kapp**

Captain  
14th Squadron  
January 9, 2018



**Peter Edward  
Davis**

First Lieutenant (Ret.)  
21st Squadron  
July 24, 2018



**Bernard William  
Glade**

Captain  
21st Squadron  
October 16, 2018



**Charles Jacob  
Yoos**

Colonel (Ret.)  
26th Squadron  
November 26, 2018



**Alvin Earl  
Blumberg**

Colonel (Ret.)  
2nd Squadron  
January 26, 2019





**Paul Alva  
Gosnell**  
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.)  
18th Squadron  
February 22, 2019



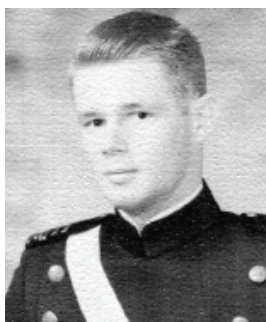
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Barnard**  
Major (Ret.)  
22nd Squadron  
May 14, 2019



**Stanley Hugh  
Burgess**  
Captain  
22nd Squadron  
July 10, 2019



**William Francis  
Brown**  
Captain  
16th Squadron  
July 12, 2019



**Richard Herbert  
Smith**  
Major (Ret.)  
2nd Squadron  
October 10, 2019



**James Michael  
Cupello**  
Captain  
25th Squadron  
January 20, 2020



**Bruce Stanley  
Marks**  
Captain  
11th Squadron  
March 21, 2020



**William Alexander  
Turchick**  
Major (Ret.)  
9th Squadron  
September 12, 2020



**David Charles  
Allard**  
Colonel (Ret.)  
4th Squadron  
December 14, 2020



**Richard Earl  
Fallon**

Major (Ret.)  
14th Squadron  
January 6, 2021



**Donald Francis  
Motz**

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.)  
17th Squadron  
January 13, 2021



**Cort Louis  
Durocher**

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.)  
29th Squadron  
February 5, 2021



**Jack Douglas  
Saunders**

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.)  
29th Squadron  
February 8, 2021



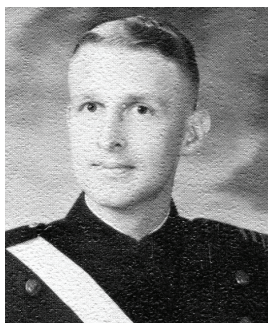
**Thomas Madison  
McCloy**

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.)  
1st Squadron  
March 13, 2021



**William Gerard  
Van Amerongen**

Captain  
27th Squadron  
March 26, 2021



**Leroy  
Barco**

Major  
5th Squadron  
September 17, 2021



**John Charles  
Macon**

Captain  
23rd Squadron  
September 18, 2021



**Lee Davis  
Kelley**

Captain  
15th Squadron  
October 7, 2021



**Vangel Louis  
Perroy**  
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.)  
10th Squadron  
October 11, 2021



**Joseph William  
Barnes**  
Colonel (Ret.)  
10th Squadron  
October 20, 2021



**Alan Dale  
Dillman**  
Captain  
24th Squadron  
November 24, 2021



**Gerald Frank  
Wyngaard**  
Colonel (Ret.)  
28th Squadron  
February 17, 2022



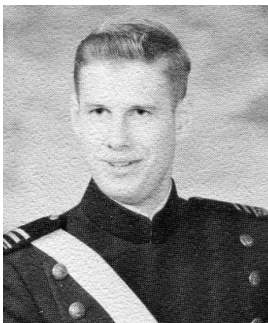
**William Aaron  
Gauntt**  
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.)  
26th Squadron  
February 24, 2022



**Dale Vincent  
Franz**  
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.)  
18th Squadron  
March 5, 2022



**Roger Allen  
Sindle**  
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.)  
9th Squadron  
March 19, 2022



**Michael Gray  
McCalley**  
Captain  
1st Squadron  
April 27, 2022



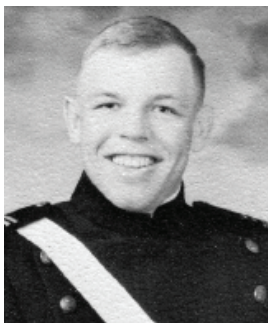
**John Edward  
Malloy**  
Captain  
12th Squadron  
July 13, 2022





**Thomas John  
Eaves**

Major (Ret.)  
15th Squadron  
August 12, 2022



**Lowell Gary  
Hebenstreit**

Captain  
6th Squadron  
August 18, 2022



**Slava Wetscheslav  
Harlamor**

Captain (Ret.)  
15th Squadron  
September 9, 2022



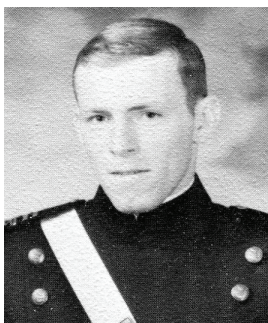
**Philip Lewis  
Abold**

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.)  
30th Squadron  
December 6, 2022



**James Eugene  
DeFazio**

Captain  
18th Squadron  
February 13, 2023



**Bruce Alan  
Gerrity**

Colonel  
14th Squadron  
March 13, 2023



**Ray Martin  
Cole Jr.**

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.)  
14th Squadron  
July 5, 2023

