

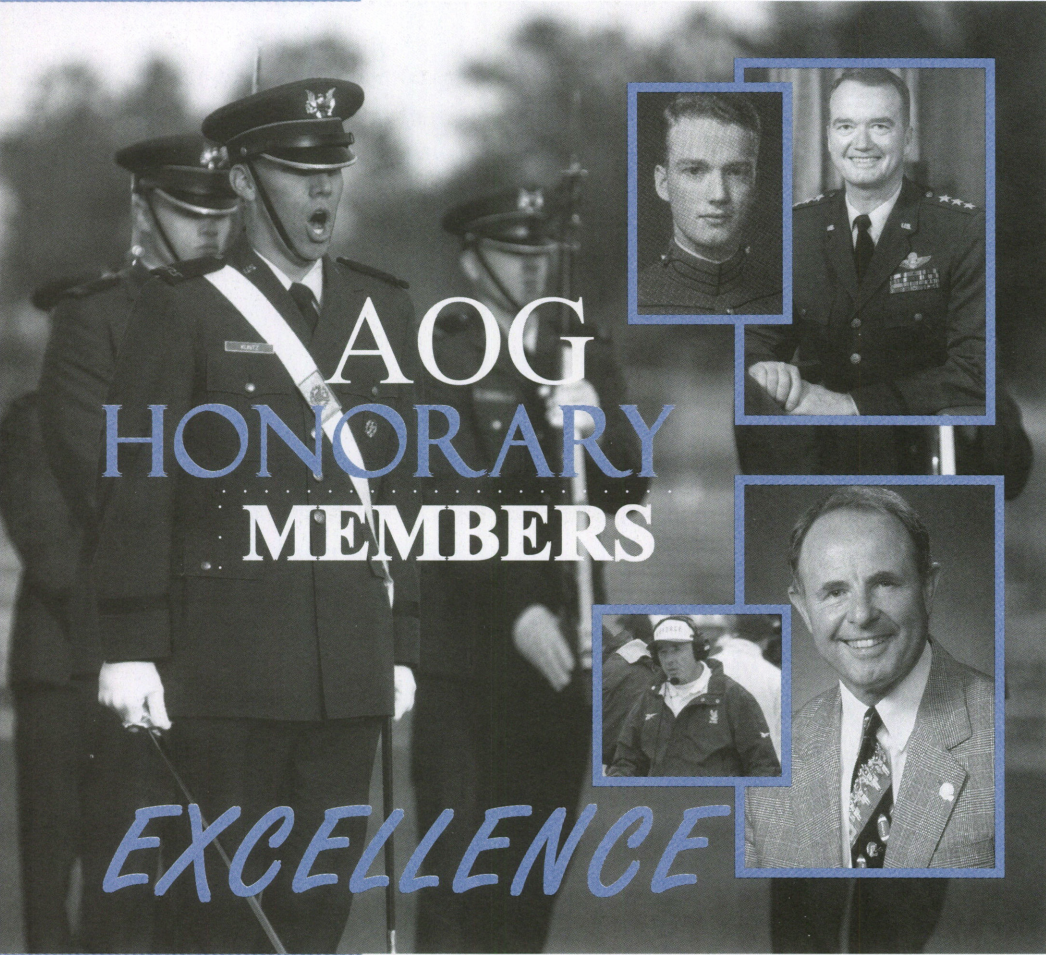
LEGACY

Lieutenant General (Ret) A.P. Clark, former Superintendent and longtime Academy supporter, joins Coach Fisher DeBerry as the newest honorary members of the Academy's Association of Graduates (AOG). Honorary Membership in the AOG is limited to 20 living members. There are currently 15 living members and 10 former honorary members who are deceased.

Lt. Gen. (Ret) A.P. Clark was the sixth Academy Superintendent; he served from 1970 until 1974. His solid leadership had a positive impact on the morale of the Cadet Wing during the difficult years of the Vietnam War. He was instrumental in establishing the Commander-in Chief's trophy—emblematic of service academy football supremacy. He has dedicated much of his life to bettering this institution. In 1973, he donated a series of 32 of the principal long arms issued to the US military from the American Revolution to the war in Vietnam. Informal estimates place the value of General Clark's donation at well over \$100,000. For many years, General Clark conducted orientations to cadet classes on the use and historical significance of each individual weapon within the display.

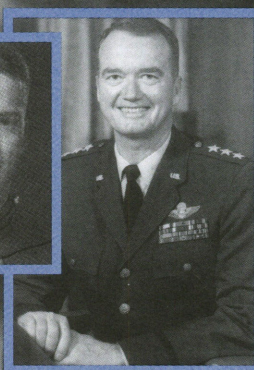
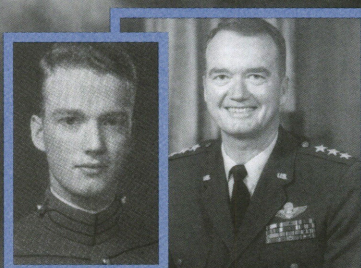
Following retirement from active duty in 1974, General Clark immediately became involved with projects and programs associated with the Special Collections Branch and the

Colonel Richard Gimbel Aeronautical History Collection at the Academy Library. He devoted countless hours developing and shaping a collection to capture his experiences as a POW (1942-1945) in Stalag Luft III (made famous in the movie *The Great Escape*) during WWII. The collection became the centerpiece of the holdings of the Special Collections Branch and is one of the most valued exhibits at the library. It is a rich source of unique original historical documents and is widely used by the cadets. Each semester General Clark participates in oral history interviews with cadets who are researching the history of the Allied prisoner of war experience during WWII. A growing number of scholars use the collection and it has been the subject of numerous film



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documentaries that have been aired nationally on American and British television.

In 1987, General Clark and another former Superintendent, Lt General Thomas S. Moorman (65-70), approached then Superintendent, Lt. Gen. Winfield W. Scott

about establishing The Friends of the Library as a tax-exempt charitable foundation for the purpose of enhancing the quality of the Air Force Academy Library as an educational, research, scientific and cultural institution. Since that historic meeting, The Friends has acquired materials, pursued projects, and implemented services beyond those provided by Air Force funds. As President, General Clark has led The Friends organization in the accomplishment of myriad projects and objectives that have greatly benefited the Academy library. With over 1500 members, the organization has provided over \$550,000 in funding and services to the library. It has acquired personal papers and records of members of the Eagle Squadron Association, the Doolittle Raiders, the Women Air Service Pilots and the former Prisoners of War, Stalag Luft III Association. In a major coup, the Friends assisted in procuring valuable papers that chronicle the life and military career of General Hap Arnold. The organization also actively supported the library's acquisition of key materials related to the American POW experience in SEA. Much of the material was used in the writing of the Pulitzer Prize winning book, *Honor Bound: American Prisoners of War in Southeast Asia, 1961-1973*.

For the last 12 years, The Friends organization has been instrumental in preserving and promoting the rich holdings of the Colonel Richard Gimbel Aeronautical History Collection. Housed within the Academy Library, the "Gimbel" collection is the pre-eminent aeronautical collection on the pre-history of flight in the world. The result of this undertaking was the co-publication of the

book *Genesis of Flight* by The Friends of the Air Force Academy Library and the University of Washington Press. The 350-page volume includes over 300 beautiful color images which are representative of over 20,000 items of the Gimbel collection.

General Clark's tireless leadership of The Friends and his dedication to the Academy over the last 30 plus years have earned him Honorary Membership in the Association of Graduates.

(Editor's Note—Both Honor Bound and Genesis of Flight can be purchased from the AOG—call 719-472-0300 or check out our website at www.aog-usafa.org)



DeBerry Demands Excellence

Coach Fisher DeBerry joins Lt. Gen. Clark on the Honorary Membership rolls. He has become as much a part of the AFA landscape as Falcon Stadium and the Cadet Chapel. As successful as he is charitable, he has had 15 of his 17 teams post winning records and 11 have captured a bowl bid. He coached the Falcons to a share of the Western Athletic Conference (WAC) Championship in 1985, his second season, and again in 1995. In 1985, Air Force started 10-0 and finished 12-1 with a win over national power Texas. DeBerry was selected as national Coach of the Year.

In 1998, DeBerry guided the team to its first outright title with the WAC Mountain Division Title championship and a win over Brigham Young in the title game. The team finished 12-1 and ended the season ranked 10th in the country. His success resulted in his selection as the WAC Coach of the Year for the third time in his career.

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His current overall record of 135-72-1 makes him the winningest coach in Air Force history. In 1997, he became the 16th active coach to win 100 games.

Highlighting Coach DeBerry's coaching record is the Falcons domination of archrivals Army and Navy. His teams have dominated the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy series. Air force has won the trophy 11 times and shared it once in DeBerry's 16 seasons. He is a combined 28-6 against the Black Knights and Midshipmen and is the winningest coach in service academy history. DeBerry has also beaten Notre Dame three times and the Fighting Irish were extremely lucky to escape with an overtime victory last season at South Bend.

While wins and losses tend to define a coach's success, Coach DeBerry's contributions to the Academy extend far beyond the gridiron. Since his arrival at USAFA in 1980, Coach has superbly represented the Academy to the nation. His dedication to the Academy, its mission, and its values is clearly evident in all his words and actions. He expects his players to live up to the Academy's high academic standards and become leaders in the Wing. His players have earned national scholarships, become doctors, lawyers, CEOs, and leaders of the Air Force. Chris Howard was not only an outstanding football player, but he was also the Wing Commander and a Rhodes Scholar. Chad Hennings won the Outland Trophy in 1987 and went on to fly combat missions in the Gulf War. After joining the Air Force Reserves, he went on to win three Super Bowl rings with the Dallas Cowboys. He remains a staunch supporter of the Academy.

DeBerry's leadership has earned coast-to-coast respect for the Academy football program. In 1996, he served as president of the powerful and prestigious American Football Coaches Association—a 10,000-member organization founded in 1922 by Amos Alonzo Stagg and John W. Heisman. Most importantly, Coach DeBerry has had a positive impact on the thousands of young men who have experienced the privilege of playing for him. His high ethical standards have set the standards for his program. Coach is also a man willing to give his time to worthy causes—both he and wife LuAnn are active in church, charity and community affairs. During the course of a year, he gives countless motivational speeches to religious and corporate

groups. DeBerry has strong ties to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and he and LuAnn have assisted fund-raising efforts for the Easter Seals, the March of Dimes, the Salvation Army, the American Heart Association and the Rocky Mountain Arthritis Association. He was also the 2000 chairperson for the citywide Relay for Life sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

Coach DeBerry's solid reputation for integrity, service before self, and excellence—the Air Force core values, his positive impact on his players and all cadets, and his exceptional coaching record, make him highly deserving of Honorary Membership in the AOG. ✓

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**Col (Ret) Frank Monaco '70
USMA, C1C Joe Monaco '01
Air Force Academy, Capt
Frank Monaco '96 USMA, and
1LT Mike Monaco '98 USMA
visit Doolittle Hall during
Graduation week. Obviously a
very proud father.**