

Cited for Constant Academy Support:

Tutt Brothers Named Honorary Members

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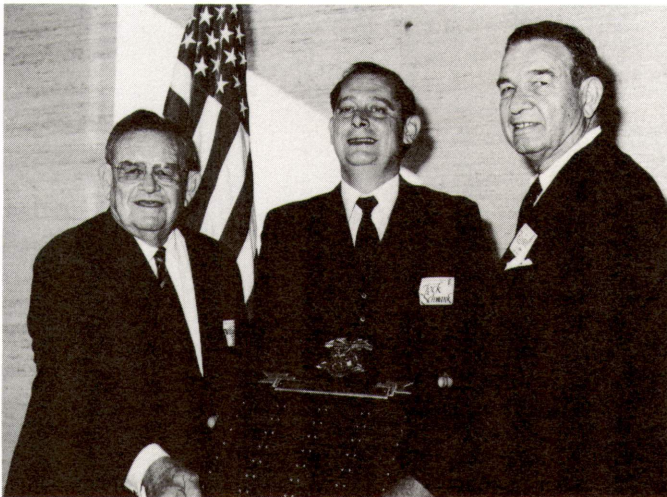
William Thayer Tutt and Russell T. Tutt, sons of Broadmoor Hotel co-founder Charles Tutt II, were recently tapped for honorary memberships in the Air Force Academy Association of Graduates.

At a banquet in the Academy Officers' Club July 30, the two men were presented with individual plaques by retired Air Force Col. Jock Schwank, president of the AOG. Each plaque was inscribed with a descriptive citation. In addition, the brothers' names have been affixed to a large permanent plaque which hangs in the AOG office.

"Honorary membership in the Association of Graduates has been limited by our board of directors to 20 living persons," Colonel Schwank said. "Our two honorees, who over a period of years have rendered great service to the U.S. Air Force and the Air Force Academy, will join outstanding leaders who have preceded them."

Those recognized in the past include U.S. Senator Barry Goldwater, (R-Ariz.); Gail McComas, the Academy's first Cadet Wing hostess; retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Robert J. Smith; Freida Weber, former secretary to the AOG; Jim Conboy, director of athletic training; and Colorado Springs businessman Joseph Reich, Sr.

"The Tutts are being honored for long-standing, continuous service to the Air Force Academy since the early 1950s when they first lobbied to help bring the Academy to Colorado Springs," Colonel Schwank said.



William Thayer Tutt, left, and Russell T. Tutt, right, join AOG president retired Col. Jock Schwank in displaying the permanent plaque on which the names of honorary members are affixed. The plaque hangs in the AOG office. Both of the Tutts received smaller personal plaques with individual citations. (U.S. Air Force photo by Bill Madsen)

Lt. Gen. Winfield W. Scott, Jr., Academy superintendent, was the speaker at the banquet attended by AOG members and their spouses plus the relatives and invited friends of the honorees. Retired Air Force Lt. Generals A.P. Clark and Thomas S. Mooreman, former Academy superintendents, and their wives were among the enthusiastic attendees.

William Thayer Tutt, who rose to the rank of lieutenant colonel in the Army Air Corps during World War II, has rendered con-

spicuous service to the Academy for 35 years. As joint chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee in 1948, he helped convince planners that Colorado Springs should be the site for the Academy. His service continued as he became the first president and later chairman of the board of the Air Force Academy Foundation.

Under Tutt's leadership, the foundation funded the Eisenhower Golf Course, Falcon Stadium and a portion of the new Visitor Center. He was recognized by the U.S. Air Force with the presentation of the Exceptional Service Award. He was instrumental in bringing the Continental Defense Command to Colorado Springs, where it became the North American Air Defense Command in 1957.

Russell T. Tutt, first as president and subsequently as chairman of the Broadmoor Hotel, El Pomar Investments and the El Pomar Foundation, was the key individual in providing funding and securing additional support for the Eisenhower Golf Course, Falcon Stadium and the new Visitor Center.

In addition, his leadership in the Colorado Springs banking and business communities has led to constant support of the Air Force Academy and its activities. (*The Falcon Flyer*)

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Zenith Microcomputers Issued to Class of '90

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Zenith microcomputers were distributed to the 1,250 members of the Academy's freshmen class in August at Vandenberg Hall. The program, designed to increase personal contact among faculty and cadets, is believed to be the largest local area network in the world and consists of 200 miles of cable and 6,000 users. The same microcomputers will be installed at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and the Naval Academy later this month.

A \$6.5 million contract with Contel of Fairfax, Va., provides total connectivity among users. The network includes cadet rooms, faculty, staff, the Cadet Gymnasium, Field House and Mitchell Hall.

According to Col. Erlind G. Royer, the Academy's head of the Department of Electrical Engineering, "Research done at other schools has indicated that interaction among classmates in the dormitories has increased with the use of microcomputers. More significant, I think, is the fact that survey results of the lower three classes of the Cadet Wing indicate cadets expect to save an hour each day on academics and 30 minutes or more on Cadet Wing uses."

Cadets will pay approximately \$1,125 for the microcomputer. The screen will be provided by the Air Force for permanent installation. Cadets will receive hours of lectures and training on operating the microcomputers to include a briefing on the ethical use of software. "It is a concern. Large systems like this are open to some abuse, but we have tried to do everything we can to negate that," said Colonel Royer. "The faculty will make sure material not meant for cadets is protected through user identification and password control."