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The Association of Graduates sent notices informing us of the deaths of three of our classmates. Col. (Ret) David W. **Milam**, CS-04 class of 1963 passed away of unknown causes on 11 Sep 2014 in Centerville, Ohio. Services were held on 16 Sep at the Southminster Presbyterian Church of Centerville, OH 45475. The family has suggested that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Noon Optimist Club of Centerville; P.O. Box 750492; Centerville, OH 45475-0492 <http://www.centervillenooptimist.com/>. Condolences may be sent to his family in care of his wife, Donna: Mrs. Donna Milam; 1179 Ripplecreek Ct.; Centerville, OH 45458-3229.

Maj. (Ret) Hugh K. **Webb**, CS-15 class of 1963 died on 15 Oct 2014 in Franklin, Indiana of unknown causes. A Celebration of Life with Military Honors was held on 18 Oct at Second Mt. Pleasant Church; 1540 N 800 East; Franklin, IN 46131. The family has suggested that in lieu of flowers, a donation be made to the American Cancer Society; P.O. Box 22718; Oklahoma City, OK 72123-1718 (800) 227-2345, <https://donate.cancer.org>. Condolences may be sent to his family in care of his wife, Sharon: Mrs. Sharon G. Webb; 2122 Heather Glen Way; Franklin, IN 46131-3622.

Lt Col (Ret) David **Dougan**, CS-07 class of 1963 passed away on 19 Dec 2013 in Honolulu, HI. Private services were held at the time of his death. His family had suggested that donations be made in his memory to the St. Francis Hospice; St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii; PO Box 29700; Honolulu, HI 96820. We are sorry but condolence information is not available.

Gil **Merkle** asked me to forward the following to the Class: I want to thank classmates for their thoughts and prayers for my wife Sue who passed away on September 23. We will bury her ashes in a memorial service at the Academy cemetery on December 23rd at 1100. There will be a reception following the service in Doolittle Hall.

This year's '63 Mini-reunion was held during the AFA-Boise State football game weekend of 26-27 September. The festivities started on Friday night when a sizeable number of classmates and guests gathered in Arnold Hall for the annual

cup-turning ceremony in front of our cups cabinet on the mezzanine. A catered dinner and social hour, also in Arnold Hall, followed. Cups were turned for Bob **Murphy**, CS-14, Ted **Schroeder**, CS-04, John "Jack" **Daugherty**, CS-07 and David **Milam**, CS-04. We were honored to have some family members of the deceased in attendance and they contributed to the event.

Prior to the football game on Saturday evening many of our classmates and their guests attended the tailgate at the Stadium parking lot. Lots of good food and drink was available to fortify ourselves for a successful night of cheering the Falcons to a victory. Not all who attended the Friday evening event came to the game and tailgate but we were well represented. Classmates not in the picture include Ken **Kopke**, Ed **Reisdorf**, Drue **DeBerry**, Dick **Shutack**, JJ **Kennedy**, Roger **Zoeller**, John **Helinski**, Jim **Hauser**, Phil **Tate** and Ev **Vaughn**. I am sure I have missed one or two names that did not make my notes so please forgive the lapse.

Weather throughout was absolutely perfect. Once again Bob and Charlie Anne **Hayes** did a marvelous job coordinating all the events. As they have done in the past, Bill **Ball**, Gordy **Bredvik** and Stinky **Steinbrink** led the cup turning ceremony. Jimmie **Butler** provided the photograph for the tailgate.



Annual Tailgate Photo: Front Row l-r: Butler, Henderson, Bredvik, Shmoldas, Schuchter and Thacker. Back Row l-r: Ball, Christie, Steinbeck, Kuhn, Winzell, Lee, Hayes and Nuss

Class Gift Update: Diff writes: Memories of our fantastic Fiftieth Reunion may be fading, but our class gift continues to grow. Its value increased three percent (YTD) from investment returns to \$837,000. There are \$180,000 of pledges to the fund (included in the total above) remaining. The Endowment reports 1963 is establishing a “fantastic” record of completing its pledges. So far, the CCLD has not made a request for funds, but it is good to know the money is there when the request arrives. Bravo to '63!!

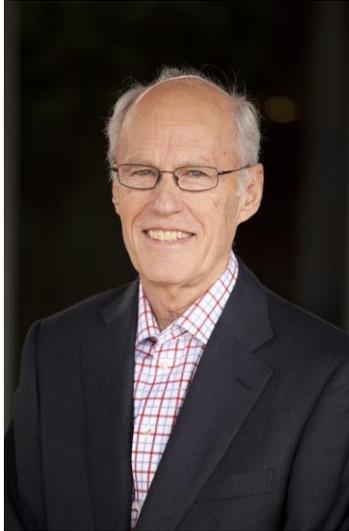
From Lou **Matjasko**: For any classmates, who haven't and would now like to contribute a video story to USAFA Class Histories, contact Lou, Gil **Merkle**, John **Borling** or Gordon **Bredvik**. They have equipment or can help you with other arrangements. Call or e-mail me if you need numbers or addresses.

Classmates Honored! Two of our classmates, Ron Fogleman and John Fox, were recently bestowed honors for their service to country and community.



Ron in his F-100 Cockpit

On October 10th Ron Fogleman was honored by the Wings Over the Rockies Air & Space Museum located on the former site of Lowry Air Force Base. According to Museum executives this was their 5th annual Tribute to a Fighter Pilot. For the event the Museum's Hanger was transformed into a Friday night O'Club to swap stories and raise funds for developing future leaders. Past events have paid tribute to Robin Olds and Steve Ritchie, as well as Bob Hoover and the CO ANG. The picture of Ron and his Hun was posted on the Museum's Face Book page.



Classmate and Business Executive

Congratulations to John **Fox** for being the recipient of this year's Air Force Academy Distinguished Service Award. He received the award from Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Michelle D. Johnson during the Parents' Weekend Parade at Stillman Field [Parade Ground], Aug. 29th. The award, established by the Academy in February 1999, is presented annually to an individual or organization whose contributions have had a distinct impact on the well-being of the Academy. The award recognizes those who contribute to the Academy through their generosity and dedication to the institution. (USFA Release).

Books: I would like to recommend a book by Bill Yenne, author of numerous books on military and aviation history. The title is **Hap Arnold**, *Inventing the Air Force*. What is unique about this book is how relevant Arnold would be if he were leading the Air Force today. Arnold admonished his successors to think creatively and not to be lulled into relying on preparing to fight the wars of the past. He wrote "There is only one question that should be asked . . . Do they [bases, techniques, equipment etc.] fit into the modern war picture? If they don't, we should be ruthless and throw them out." Interestingly, Arnold went to France in the fall of 1918 to brief General Pershing on a drone (the Bug) invented by Charles Kettering that was ready for a demonstration over the WWI battlefields. Fate got in the way: the demo was scheduled to take place the morning of November 11th. If you have become a fan of F. Denis **King** he says his second book, **Retribution**, a sequel to **Price For A Patriot**, will be out by the time you read this column. That's it for this time. Take care, be safe and have a very happy holiday season.