Class Lithograph

Each year the graduating class commissions an original oil painting for display in Spaatz Hall. Since the inception of the ***Gathering of Eagles*** program, this painting commemorates the achievements of the aerospace leaders honored as ***Eagles*** each year.

Sample Signed Lithograph

Just as prized by ***Eagles***, graduates, faculty and staff is the ***Gathering of Eagles*** limited edition lithograph of the original painting. It is pencil signed by each ***Eagle*** next to their individual portrait. These side panels frame a center panel depicting the ***Eagle's*** aircraft or spacecraft and is signed and numbered by the renowned aviation artist, Mr. Jay Ashurst.

- Each ***Eagle*** is provided with a lithograph as a remembrance of this occasion.
- Lithographs are also provided as a gift from the class to each International Officer attending the school.
- Lithograph sales are the primary source of funding for the ***Gathering of Eagles*** program, which is borne almost entirely by the student body.
- The ***Gathering of Eagles*** lithograph rivals the graduation diploma for prominent display in command sections in all U.S. services and international offices as well.

The Gathering of Eagles Team

The ***Gathering of Eagles*** team consists of 15 students selected from the class to execute this year-long project while meeting research requirements for graduation and a Master's of Military Operational Art and Science Degree. Faculty advisors provide guidance with senior oversight provided by the Vice Commandant of the Air Command and Staff College.

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Major Megan Doherty	Major Joshua Pope
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Major Angela Henderson	Major Roy Recker
Major Beth Horine	Major Mark Sletten
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The Mission

Prepare field grade officers to develop, employ, and command air, space, and cyberspace power in joint, multinational, and interagency operations.

The Vision

Develop and sustain the faculty, curriculum, and programs necessary to produce the most respected air, space, and cyberspace power advocates in the world.

The Gathering of Eagles Program

For three decades, the ***Gathering of Eagles*** program has served as the capstone event for the graduates of the Air Command and Staff College. It is an integral part of the Air Command and Staff College experience. The bringing of distinguished air, space, and cyberspace leaders and legends from around the world to this stage ensures ***Eagles'*** living histories and lessons learned are carried forward by the world's future military and civilian leadership.

Gathering of Eagles History

The ***Gathering of Eagles*** traces its origin to 1980, when retired Brigadier General Paul Tibbets spoke to Air Command and Staff College students, faculty, and staff. This visit is the genesis of the annual ***Gathering of Eagles***.

The first official ***Gathering of Eagles*** (then known as "Great Moments in Aviation History") occurred in 1982 when a small faculty and student group developed an aviation heritage program. They designed a program promoting aviation history and aviation pioneers. The class invited fifteen distinguished aviators to share their unique personal experiences with members of the class. These legendary figures were a diverse group from many nations and services. The first ***"Eagles"*** -- George Vaughn, Leigh Wade, Jimmy Doolittle, Curtis LeMay, George Gay, Joe Foss, John Mitchell, "Chuck" Yeager, Gail Halverson, Paul Tibbets, "Gabby" Gabreski, Robin Olds, Mike Novosel, "Pete" Knight and Neil Armstrong -- spanned aviation history from World War I to the Space Age.

Many legendary ***Eagles*** have followed over the years and include air, space, and cyberspace power figures such as "Pappy" Boyington, Benjamin O. Davis Jr., "Robbie" Risner, George H.W. Bush, John Glenn, Joe Engle, Jeremiah Denton, George "Bud" Day, Leo Thorsness, Hal Moore, Bruce Crandall, Israel Del Toro, and Eugene Kranz.

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- 341 Air Force active, reserve, and guard officers
- 83 Army, Navy, and Marine Corps officers
- 75 international officers from 69 countries
- 15 select civilians from U.S. agencies

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2012 Tentative Schedule of Events

June 5 (Tuesday)
- Welcome Reception

June 6 (Wednesday)
- Eagles Breakfast
- Teaching Interviews in Wood Auditorium
- Eagles Luncheon
- Alabama Power Dinner at Montgomery Zoo

June 7 (Thursday)
- Eagles Breakfast
- Teaching Interviews in Wood Auditorium
- Eagles Luncheon
- Eagles BBQ with ACSC Students

June 8 (Friday)
- Eagles Breakfast
- Teaching Interviews in Wood Auditorium
- Eagles Luncheon
- Eagles BBQ with ACSC Students

June 9 (Saturday)
- ***Air Force Association*** Brunch
- Departure