

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY



Class of 1975

MEMORIAL CEREMONY

October 31, 2025





► THE CLASS OF 1975 MEMORIAL CEREMONY

This Memorial Ceremony is dedicated to the members of the Class of 1975 who have gone before us and provides an opportunity for the graduates and family members to honor and remember their classmates, friends, and loved ones 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. Unfortunately, this year's memorial ceremony could not be conducted in the Cadet Chapel since it is being renovated. It will be highlighted by a message from Class of 75 graduate Chaplain Harry Mathis and a roll call of deceased classmates.

Immediately following the ceremony you are encouraged to drive to the USAFA cemetery, where the 35 graves of Class of 75 graduates are marked with small flags. You can also refer to the map and QR code to search by name.

► MEMORIAL CEREMONY SEQUENCE OF EVENTS OCTOBER 31, 2025

Welcome.....	Larry Bryant
Invocation.....	Bentley Rayburn
Music.....	<i>High Flight</i>
Scripture.....	John 14:1-6
Message.....	Harry Mathis
Roll Call.....	Bentley Rayburn & Scott Hente
Moment of Silence and Taps	
Music.....	<i>Lord Guard and Guide</i>
Benediction.....	Harry Mathis

► **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)

► **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.

Thou who doth keep with tender might
The balanced birds in all their flight,
Thou of the tempered winds, be near,
That, having thee, 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 thy saving grace.
O God, protect the men who fly
Through lonely ways beneath the sky. Amen.

— *Mary C. D. Hamilton*

► CLASS OF 1975 DECEASED MEMBERS

Alphabetical Listing



**Patrick J.
Ash**

Lt. Col. (Ret.)
10th Squadron
Feb. 16, 2011



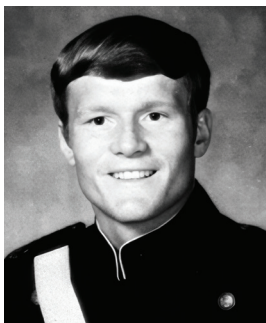
**Steven L.
Barber**

Lt. Col. (Ret.)
21st Squadron
June 14, 2017



**Joseph C.
Benner**

Maj.
38th Squadron
Dec. 10, 1987



**Charles K.
Bergman**

Col. (Ret.)
25th Squadron
Dec. 25, 2016



**Larry T.
Bishop**

26th Squadron
Nov. 5, 2017



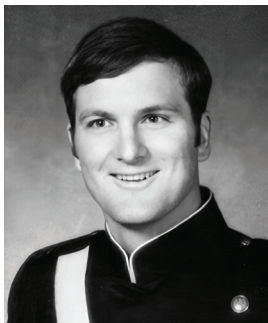
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Brundige IV**

Capt.
4th Squadron
Dec. 15, 1981



**Jose R.
Castro-Aguirre**

3rd Squadron
April 16, 2006



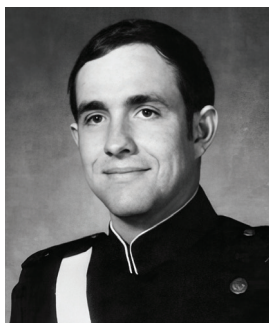
**Gary W.
Cox**

12th Squadron
Feb. 12, 2020



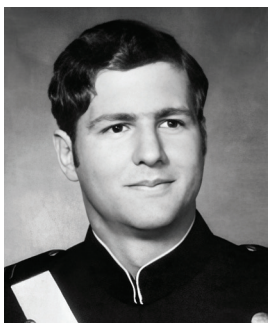
**Michael E.
Cox**

Capt.
10th Squadron
May 22, 1985



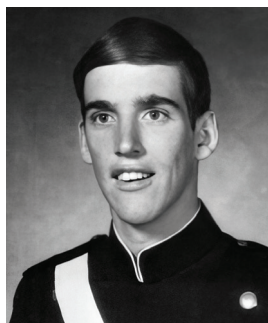
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Darnier**

Col. (Ret.)
23rd Squadron
July 19, 2024



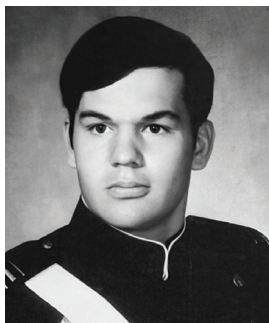
**Curtis A.
DeVries**

Lt. Col. (Ret.)
5th Squadron
Oct. 5, 2020



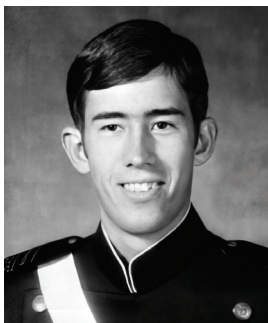
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Dodds**

39th Squadron
March 28, 1983



**Richard M.
Duesing**

Lt. Col. (Ret.)
35th Squadron
Sept. 1, 2024



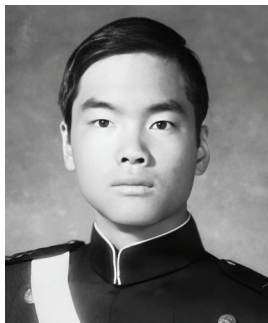
**Daniel L.
Falvey**

Col. (Ret.)
25th Squadron
March 13, 2023



**David L.
Fleming**

Col. (Ret.)
24th Squadron
May 1, 2021



**Matthew K.
Fong**

Lt. Col. (Ret.)
29th Squadron
June 1, 2011



**Dennis R.
Forinash**

Lt. Col. (Ret.)
21st Squadron
July 7, 2017



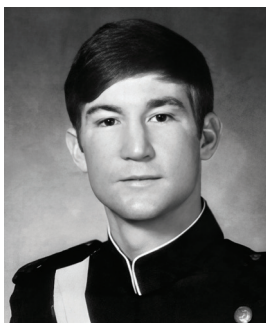
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Hartwell**

40th Squadron
Aug. 26, 1993



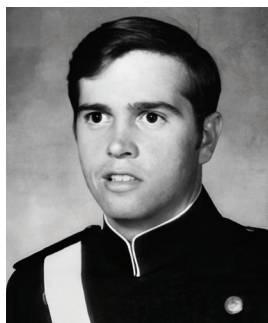
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Held**

28th Squadron
Jan. 3, 2020



**Samuel D.
Hollins Sr.**

16th Squadron
March 3, 2013



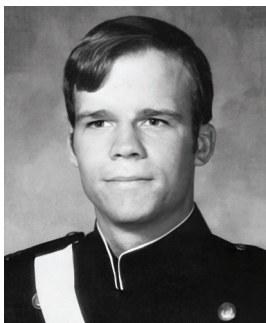
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Hossler**

Capt.
29th Squadron
Sept. 29, 1981



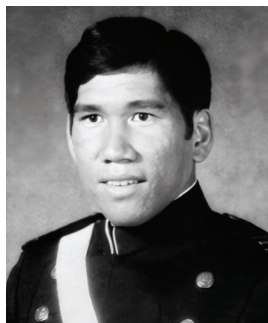
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Johnson Jr.**

1st Lt.
16th Squadron
July 14, 1977



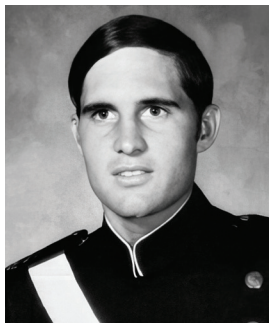
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Jones**

2nd Lt.
36th Squadron
Dec. 14, 1976



**Joseph W.
Kahiapo Jr.**

Lt. Col. (Ret.)
38th Squadron
Aug. 10, 2021



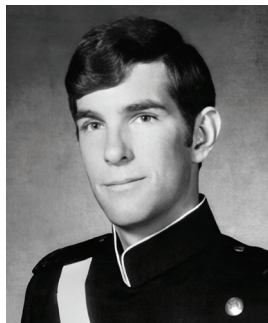
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Kemp**

Lt. Col. (Ret.)
35th Squadron
April 28, 2024



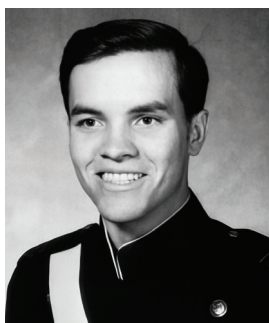
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Kendall**

37th Squadron
Feb. 12, 2017



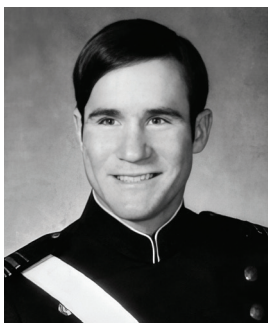
**Robert A.
Knauff**

Maj. Gen. (Ret.)
28th Squadron
May 3, 2014



**Jack R.
Kummerfeld**

Maj. (Ret.)
7th Squadron
Oct. 19, 2004



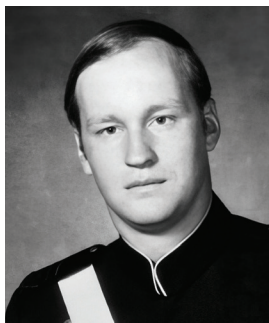
**William E.
Linn**

2nd Squadron
March 2, 1991



**David K.
Livingston**

Maj. (Ret.)
19th Squadron
Dec. 14, 2013



**Brad A.
Logan**

Capt.
10th Squadron
March 13, 1980



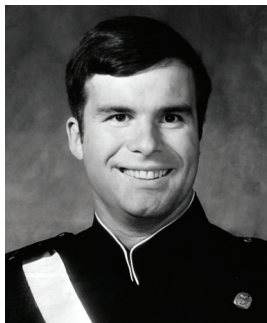
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Lyerly Jr.**

Lt. Col. (Ret.)
40th Squadron
Dec. 26, 2020

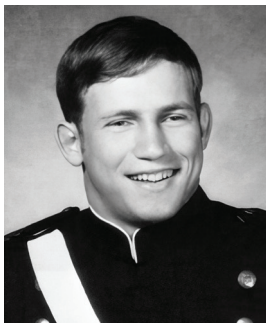


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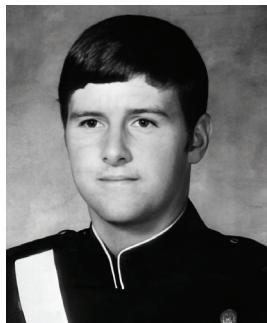
15th Squadron
Nov. 19, 1985



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Mandeville**
Maj. (Ret.)
31st Squadron
Oct. 9, 2017



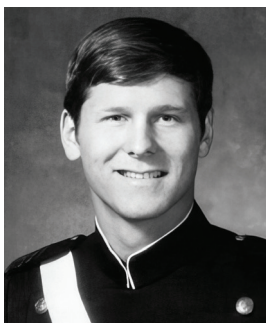
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Mark**
1st Lt.
38th Squadron
July 6, 1978



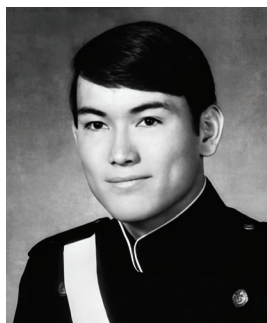
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Martin Jr.**
10th Squadron
July 31, 2021



**Gary R.
Matson**
38th Squadron
Dec. 20, 2019



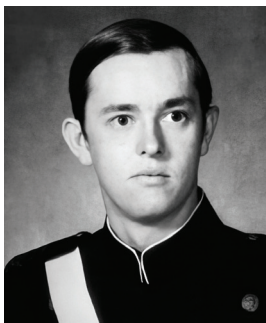
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McCarthy**
Maj.
6th Squadron
March 7, 1986



**Richard A.
McIntosh**
Col. (Ret.)
5th Squadron
Aug. 14, 2017



**Michael G.
McVay**
Maj.
36th Squadron
Oct. 31, 1985



**Marlo D.
Mellum**
Lt. Col. (Ret.)
20th Squadron
Sept. 14, 2020



**Michael B.
Murdoch**
Lt. Col. (Ret.)
11th Squadron
March 21, 2023



**Frederick E.
Nickel Jr.**
Lt. Col. (Ret.)
36th Squadron
Aug. 4, 2023



**Charles W.
Nystrom Jr.**
Lt. Col. (Ret.)
7th Squadron
Aug. 14, 2008



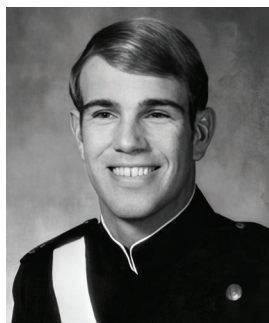
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O'Brien**
Maj. (Ret.)
22nd Squadron
April 8, 2021



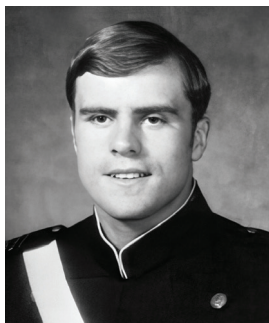
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Owens**
Lt. Col. (Ret.)
11th Squadron
Nov. 29, 1994



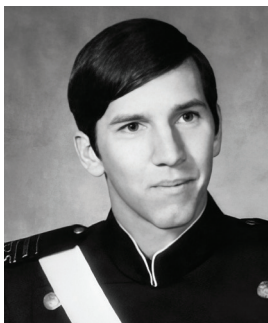
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Pearce**
9th Squadron
June 30, 2011



**Carl I.
Peterson**
8th Squadron
Sep. 26, 1996



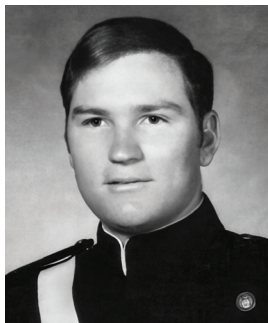
**Thomas L.
Peterson**
Lt. Col. (Ret.)
20th Squadron
April 20, 2024



**Kerry R.
Putt**
Capt.
1st Squadron
Oct. 8, 1980



**Lawrence K.
Ridge**
2nd Lt.
20th Squadron
Dec. 10, 1976



**Charles F.
Riordan III**

Maj. (Ret.)
28th Squadron
Feb. 27, 2005



**Mark B.
Rogers**

Col. (Ret.)
19th Squadron
Oct. 14, 2023



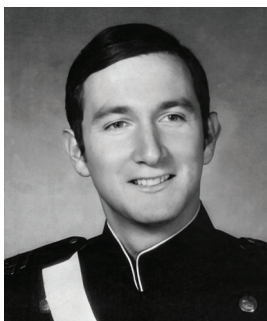
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Ruth**

Lt. Col. (Ret.)
3rd Squadron
May 7, 2018



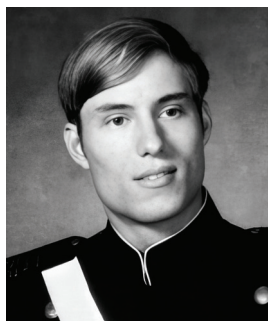
**Samuel K.
Ryals**

Col. (Ret.)
13th Squadron
Oct. 15, 2022



**Rodolfo
Saavedra-Ferrere**

18th Squadron
Sept. 28, 2023



**Charlie D.
Sargent**

24th Squadron
June 4, 2017



**Roy R.
Sawyer II**

Maj. (Ret.)
25th Squadron
April 14, 2022



**Carl P.
Schwartz**

Maj. (Ret.)
1st Squadron
April 29, 2019



**Craig T.
Scott**

Maj. (Ret.)
6th Squadron
April 12, 2021



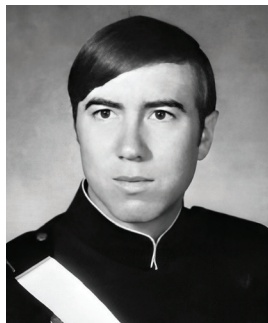
**Mark L.
Shope**

34th Squadron
Oct. 9, 2012



**James M.
Simonitsch**

1st Lt.
26th Squadron
May 4, 1978



**Michael A.
Simpson**

Capt.
23rd Squadron
Jan. 21, 1981



**John G.
Sims**

CW4 (Ret.)
21st Squadron
Dec. 13, 2020



**Scott M.
Smith**

Lt. Col. (Ret.)
30th Squadron
Sept. 16, 2022



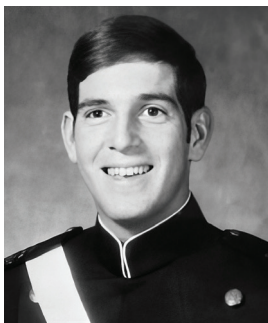
**Christopher C.
Soto**

Lt. Col. (Ret.)
23rd Squadron
Oct. 16, 2024



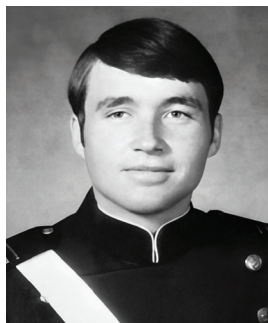
**Theodore G.
Stallone**

11th Squadron
Aug. 5, 2023



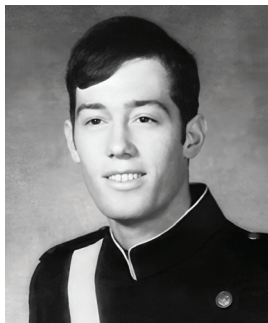
**John M.
Steward**

Lt. Col.
7th Squadron
Dec. 17, 1993



**David
Stinson Jr.**

25th Squadron
Jan. 27, 2025



**Peter P.
Strunk**

25th Squadron
April 11, 2003



**John C.
Stults Jr.**

Lt. Col. (Ret.)
40th Squadron
Dec. 14, 2024



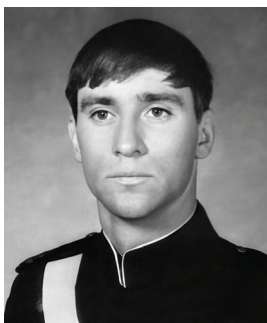
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Summers**

26th Squadron
Oct. 8, 1992



**John R.
Sutton**

28th Squadron
Oct. 14, 2020



**William F.
Thompson**

Lt. Col. (Ret.)
8th Squadron
Feb. 4, 2005



**Stephen W.
Tibbitts**

Lt. Col. (Ret.)
2nd Squadron
Oct. 3, 2019



**Jon R.
Turner**

Lt. Col. (Ret.)
10th Squadron
March 10, 2005



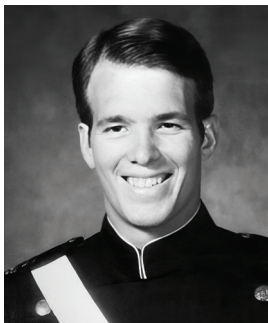
**John E.
Vanden Dries Jr.**

Col. (Ret.)
21st Squadron
Feb. 1, 2002



**Gregory V.
White**

Lt. Col. (Ret.)
1st Squadron
June 9, 2023



**John T.
Wolter**

30th Squadron
Dec. 19, 2008



**William A.
Young**

13th Squadron
July 25, 2021

► RESTING MEMORIALS, USAFA

NAME	RANK	DIED	AREA	ROW	GRAVE
Patrick J. Ash	Lt. Col. (Ret.)	Feb. 16, 2011	6	E	28
Steven L. Barber	Lt. Col. (Ret.)	June 14, 2017	8	D	29
Joseph C. Benner	Maj.	Dec. 10, 1987	6	B	12
Michael E. Cox	Capt.	May 22, 1985	MEM	7	64
John B. Dodds		March 28, 1983	3	A	16
David L. Fleming	Col. (Ret.)	May 1, 2021	2	C	54
Matthew K. Fong	Lt. Col. (Ret.)	June 1, 2011	6	F	60
Dennis R. Forinash	Lt. Col. (Ret.)	July 7, 2017	8	A	35
Kenneth L. Hossler	Capt.	Sept. 29, 1981	3	A	30
Walter R. Johnson Jr.	1st Lt.	July 14, 1977	3	C	6
Jack R. Kummerfeld	Maj. (Ret.)	Oct. 19, 2004	6	E	73
William E. Linn		March 2, 1991	MEM	6	56
William H. Lyerly Jr.	Lt. Col. (Ret.)	Dec. 26, 2020	2	C	22
Edwin P. Mallo		Nov. 19, 1985	3	A	60
Michael J. Mark	1st Lt.	July 6, 1978	3	B	58
Gary R. Matson		Dec. 20, 2019	8	E	33
David C. McCarthy	Maj.	March 7, 1986	6	A	54
Michael G. McVay	Maj.	Oct. 31, 1985	6	A	76
Charles W. Nystrom Jr.	Lt. Col. (Ret.)	Aug. 14, 2008	6	A	47
Phil L. Pearce		June 30, 2011	6	F	61
Kerry R. Putt	Capt.	Oct. 8, 1980	3	A	58
Charles F. Riordan III	Maj. (Ret.)	Feb. 27, 2005	6	E	44
Mark B. Rogers	Col. (Ret.)	Oct. 14, 2023	2	D	132
Michael E. Ruth	Lt. Col. (Ret.)	May 7, 2018	8	B	42
Roy R. Sawyer II	Maj. (Ret.)	April 14, 2022	2	D	21
Mark L. Shope		Oct. 9, 2012	6	B	54
James M. Simonitsch	1st Lt.	May 4, 1978	3	C	16
Theodore G. Stallone		Aug. 5, 2023	2	D	90
John M. Steward	Lt. Col.	Dec. 17, 1993	6	D	4
John R. Sutton		Oct. 14, 2020	2	C	93
William F. Thompson	Lt. Col. (Ret.)	Feb. 4, 2005	6	E	48
Jon R. Turner	Lt. Col. (Ret.)	March 10, 2005	6	A	80
John E. Vanden Dries Jr.	Col. (Ret.)	Feb. 1, 2002	6	E	59
John T. Wolter		Dec. 19, 2008	6	A	71

► USAFA GRAVE SITES FOR '75 CLASSMATES



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