

## SEVENTEENTH SQUADRON

Seventeenth Squadron, otherwise known as Stalag 17, is presently commanded by Capt. Henry Wilborn. The unit was formed in 1960 with the second group of new squadrons. The 17th squadron patch design includes a mailed silver fist holding a silver torch with a flame ~~of~~ of gold and red, symbolizing strength of purpose and character as well as knowledge and the opportunity to learn. An emerald green wreath encircles the fist and represents the victory toward which we strive: obtaining our ultimate goal, the ideal of peace. The colors of the four classes at the Air Force Academy - red, gold, blue, and silver - are interwoven in the emblem to represent the solidarity of the Cadet Wing. All past or present members of the squadron are proud of their association, as shown in such graduates as Lt.Col. Denend (Fullbright scholar, White House fellow, and national security advisor) and Maj. Jerry Singleton (Vietnam POW). Also, several other grads have returned to the Academy as instructors, including Lt.Col. Cox (DFCEM), Capt. Hill (DFCBS), Capt. Leopold (DFEE), Capt. Moxon (DFEGM), and Capt. Pumfrey (DFACS). The squadron has won several awards in the past, such as first in military proficiency (1962-63), first in intercollegiate athletics (1970-71), and the intramural championship (1962-63, 1965-66) and is proud to be sponsored by the 62nd MAW stationed at McChord AFB in Washington.