



dining

Ring

1975 CLASS RING

On one side of the 1975 Class Ring is the Class Crest, a complicated design containing much symbolism and meaning. Beginning at the top, we see a chain containing 59 links surrounding the words "United States Air Force Academy". The significance of the 59 links is that, just as the Class of 1959 was the first link in the chain of Academy classes, so, too, does the Class of 1975 add its temper to the steel of excellence that is the hallmark of Air Force Academy Graduates.

The dominant element in the body of the crest is the attacking falcon. Protectively shielded under his right wing is the Earth, with the United States and the North American continent showing predominantly. Coming out of the Earth, from a position close to Colorado, sweeping around to the left, behind the wing, beyond the moon and stars and ending over the left wing is the class numbers "75" with the star Polaris nestling within the numerals.

This shows our beginning at the Air Force Academy and our future bound only by space. Polaris, the North, or Guiding Star, symbolically represents our directing guidance, and "75" encloses the falcon in a protective arc, tying the class to the proud traditions of excellence and dedication of previous Academy classes. Like the space shuttle, the next major US space program, 1975 is the next class to graduate, and, as the shuttle is near the moon, so, too, has the Class of 1975 set its goals high.

Clutched in the right talon of the falcon is the blade of a sabre. Symbolically, holding the sabre point is the upraised position means challenge, or war, and the Class of 1975 is ready to do battle in any conflict in which our nation requires of us our services. In the left talon, the falcon is clutching an olive branch, the symbol of peace, and shows the Class' desire for peace and determination to stand ready to defend our nation's desire for cooperation and co-existence.

Hooked on one pounce is one of the orbits of the atom, linking the power of the atom to the seventeenth class, showing our willingness and ability to use that power in peace as well as war.

Finally, the Class Motto, *Ignotum Vincere*, meaning "To Conquer the Unknown", is inscribed on a scroll that encircles the sabre. The motto is a simple expression of our determination to face, and conquer, whatever the future has in store.

1975 RING REPRESENTATIVES

CWDS-01 Lewallen, E. C.	CWDS-21 Barber, S. L.
CWDS-02 Howard, J. D.	CWDS-22 Obrien, J. P.
CWDS-03 Steward, J. M.	CWDS-23 Darner, T. C.
CWDS-04 Posthumus, M. A.	CWDS-24 Carter, D. N.
CWDS-05 Shields, D. C.	CWDS-25 Koelling, J. H.
CWDS-06 Ossiff, J.	CWDS-26 Siminitich, J. M.
CWDS-07 Kummerfield, J. R.	CWDS-27 Blatchly, P. L.
CWDS-08 Kovach, D. J.	CWDS-28 Allison, B.
CWDS-09 Gomes, B. V.	CWDS-29 Uhall, T. H.
CWDS-10 Heald, J. R.	CWDS-30 Lyons, R. L.
CWDS-11 Leskowski, E. B.	CWDS-31 Farnham, J. S.
CWDS-12 Gillette, T. L.	CWDS-32 Rhoads, W.
CWDS-13 Graham, C. R.	CWDS-33 Cox, M. D.
CWDS-14 Schuessler, W. M.	CWDS-34 Peters, M. S.
CWDS-15 Masters, M. C.	CWDS-35 Lotakis, P. G.
CWDS-16 Stich, S. A.	CWDS-36 Basin, F. B.
CWDS-17 Roberts, S. J.	CWDS-37 Steward, W. D.
CWDS-18 Henk, J. W.	CWDS-38 Heald, C.
CWDS-19 Meteer, P.	CWDS-39 Snellgrove, D.
CWDS-20 Vargo, S.	CWDS-40 Janetta, D. L.

OIC — Captain Richard R. Heinzman
CIC — John Howard

1975 CLASS OFFICERS

President	John Wolter
Vice President	John Charlton
Secretary	Scott Swanson
Treasurer	Randy James

OFFICER OF THE MESS

President of the Mess	John Wolter
Mr. Vice	Mike Mark

HONORED GUESTS OF THE CLASS OF 1975

Brigadier General James M. Stewart, USAFR (Ret)
Guest Speaker

Lieutenant General Albert P. Clark
Superintendent

Brigadier General Hoyt S. Vandenberg
Commandant of Cadets

Brigadier General William T. Woodyard
Dean of the Faculty

Colonel Francis E. Merritt
Director of Athletics

Colonel George J. Nelson
Chief of Staff

Colonel Philip J. Erdle
Vice Dean of the Faculty

Chaplain, Colonel Mervin R. Johnson
Command Chaplain

Chaplain, Colonel Robert J. Shannon
Director of Cadet Chaplain Activities

Chaplain, Captain Theodore H. Stainman
Jewish Cadet Chaplain

Colonel A. K. Taylor

Colonel C. G. Baily

Colonel R. E. Costin

Mr. Jim Shackelford
L. G. Balfour Co.

The Air Officers Commanding

The Wing and Group Sergeant Majors

Other Distinguished Guests

BRIGADIER GENERAL JAMES M. STEWART, USAFR (Ret)
Guest Speaker

No list of the greatest stars created by the motion picture industry would be complete without the name of James Stewart.

To his chosen profession, Stewart is one of its finest performers as witness five Academy Award nominations, an Oscar for best actor of the year, two New York Film Critics best actor awards, ditto from the Venice Film Festival, and France's "Victoire" trophy, also for best actor. Little needs to be said about his legendary prowess at the box offices of the world.

In terms of military service to his country, Stewart was one of the first top stars to volunteer for the armed forces. He became a private in the Army Air Force on March 22, 1941, nine months before Pearl Harbor, was decorated many times and was a brigadier general in the United States Air Force Reserve prior to his retirement in 1968. He is one of two officers in the history of the Air Force Reserve to receive the Distinguished Service Medal, "for exceptionally meritorious service to the United States."

In the field of education, the actor is a graduate of Princeton University with a degree of Bachelor of Science in Architecture and served as a member of that institution's board of trustees for four years. He is presently a trustee of Claremont College, Claremont, Calif. He has been awarded two honorary degrees, namely Doctor of Letters from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and Master of Arts from Princeton.

Aware of the responsibility of the citizen to his community, Stewart, among other activities, is a member of the executive board of the Los Angeles Council of the Boy Scouts of America, the board of directors of Project Hope and a member of the Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church.

Of Scotch-Irish descent, Stewart was born in Indiana, Pennsylvania, May 20, 1908, son of Alexander Stewart, a hardware store owner.

As a boy, Stewart nearly broke his neck trying to fly his own version of an airplane. Just before he entered high school, he adopted another hobby—playing the accordion. What might have been a harbinger of Stewart's future profession was his prowess with a film projector which, in turn, led to a hitch as projectionist in the town's movie theatre. Love for the accordion and the early aviation "bug" have remained with him. He is also a fine photographer. He and his wife, Gloria, are outdoor enthusiasts and have traveled to many parts of the world.

Stewart left home for the first time to enroll at Mercersburg Academy to prepare for his college choice, Princeton.

As a Princeton freshman, Jimmy elected to major in civil engineering. Discouraged in this field by one of his professors, he turned to architecture.

Stewart won a scholarship to Graduate School to work toward his Master of Arts degree. However, after graduation, he was asked by Joshua Logan, another Princetonian, to work in the Players—a stock company in Falmouth, Massachusetts. When the time came to attend Graduate School,

he elected to stay with acting. He made his professional debut in the play, "Goodbye Again," and moved along with it when it went on to Broadway.

He has been an actor ever since except for his military service and a brief interlude as stage manager of Jane Cowl's "Camille."

In 1939 he was nominated for an Oscar for his performance in "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington;" the following year, for his portrayal in "The Philadelphia Story," he won the Academy Award as Best Actor of the Year.

He appeared in only three pictures after "The Philadelphia Story" when the war interrupted his film career. Nine months later, after his entering the service, because of his previous flying experience, and educational background, he was made a lieutenant and won his wings. After a year of training, he became a bomber pilot and squadron commander. Soon thereafter he went to England and into combat with the 8th Air Force. He participated in 20 missions, including raids on Bremen, Frankfurt and Berlin.

For his leadership of a wing of bombers during the February 20 raid on aircraft factories at Brunswick, Germany, Stewart was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross with two Oak Leaf Clusters, after previously having received the Air Medal and three Oak Leaf Clusters. He also holds the Croix de Guerre with Palm. He became a wing commander and was promoted to colonel before his discharge from the service in the fall of 1945.

Stewart's first picture after his return to Hollywood was "It's A Wonderful Life" in 1946, for which he received another Academy Award nomination. There was no lull in his postwar career; he quickly starred in several pictures in succession. In 1950 he received his fourth Oscar nomination for "Harvey." A fifth nomination came for his performance in "Anatomy of a Murder."

In November, 1968, Stewart was honored by his colleagues in the acting profession when he was presented the annual Screen Actors Guild award for "outstanding achievement in fostering the finest ideals of the acting profession."

Stewart returned to Broadway in mid-February of 1970, co-starring with Helen Hayes in Mary Chase's Pulitzer Prize comedy, "Harvey," scheduled for a very limited engagement at the ANTA theatre. The engagement was extended soon after opening night because of the tremendous demand for tickets and unanimous critical acclaim for the play and its co-stars. When it closed, it was still playing to SRO audiences.

Stewart has been the star of two television series. The first, "The Jimmy Stewart Show", in which the actor portrayed a professor. The second, "Hawkins," was comprised of six 90-minute dramas in which Jimmy played a country lawyer.

Stewart was married on August 9, 1949 to Gloria Hatrick McLean who has two sons by a former marriage. The oldest son, First Lieutenant Ronald W. McLean, born June 19, 1944, was killed in action in Vietnam on June 8, 1969; Michael, the youngest son, is a law graduate of Oxford University. The Stewarts have twin daughters, Judy and Kelly, born May 7, 1951. They live in Beverly Hills.

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

MESS CALLED TO ORDER: COLORS ADVANCED

INVOCATION

INTRODUCTION OF HONORED GUESTS

DINNER

SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS

PRESENTATION OF RING TO CLASS PRESIDENT

PRESENTATION OF CLASS RINGS

ADDRESS BY GUEST SPEAKER

COLORS RETIRED: MESS ADJOURNED

MENU

BEAUJOLAIS DINNER WINE

SHRIMP COCKTAIL

FRESH GARDEN SALAD
French Dressing

FILET MIGNON
Bordelaise Sauce

POTATOES SUZETTE

BUTTERED ASPARAGUS TIPS

HOT PARKER HOUSE ROLLS

FRUIT PUNCH

COFFEE

ICE CREAM TORTE CAKE