



Class of 1975 45th Reunion Class Gift

Air Gardens Renovation and *Contrails* Endowment



In celebration of our 45th Reunion, the Class of 1975 Gift Committee is proud to announce the selection of two class gifts – restoration of the iconic *Air Gardens* and endowment of the traditional *Contrails* for perpetuity.

The *Air Gardens* today have suffered from lack of attention, with reduced water features, deteriorated vegetation and broken marble strips. The desire is to restore the *Air Gardens* with the fountains and landscape as close to the original design as possible. The Class of 1975 will be recognized with a permanent obelisk mounted plaque placed on the grounds of the *Air Garden*.

Contrails was introduced in 1955, and has been a traditional part of USAFA heritage ever since. *Contrails* is an integral source of professional knowledge reviews for all cadets in each class. It forms a common base of knowledge that will remain with them for their entire careers, always linking them back to the Long Blue Line. The Class of 1975 will be recognized in each edition with our class crest and an address to the new class on a cover page.

The historic *Air Gardens* and traditional *Contrails* are iconic features that make an impact on each and every cadet who comes through the Academy. These gifts were chosen for their broad impact on the Cadet Wing, time proven mission impact, durable presence into the future, and their broad appeal to members of the class of 1975.

The Class of 1975 will conduct a class run funding campaign in 2017 with immediate gifting of *Contrails* and follow-on funds dedicated to renovation of the *Air Gardens*. Both projects will be completed before the Class of 1975's 45th Reunion in 2020.

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