

# NCLS 2017

For those of you who were unable to attend the 24<sup>th</sup> edition of the National Character and Leadership Symposium at USAFA, the photos that follow provide a glimpse of scenes around our 19,000 acre campus February 23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>. The theme for this edition was "Warrior Ethos and the American Airman", and the speaker list can be viewed at <http://www.cvent.com/events/2017-national-character-leadership-symposium/speakers-8e660eb1aee74045b4a2208de1b2803a.aspx>. As members of the event's flagship sponsor, we from '73 hear an expression of gratitude for that sponsorship at the conclusion of each session, and that probably contributes to our leading attendance (over 70 attending in 2017). For our class, each year's NCLS is a mini-reunion. Life is short – if you haven't yet made it to this outstanding program, add it to your list.



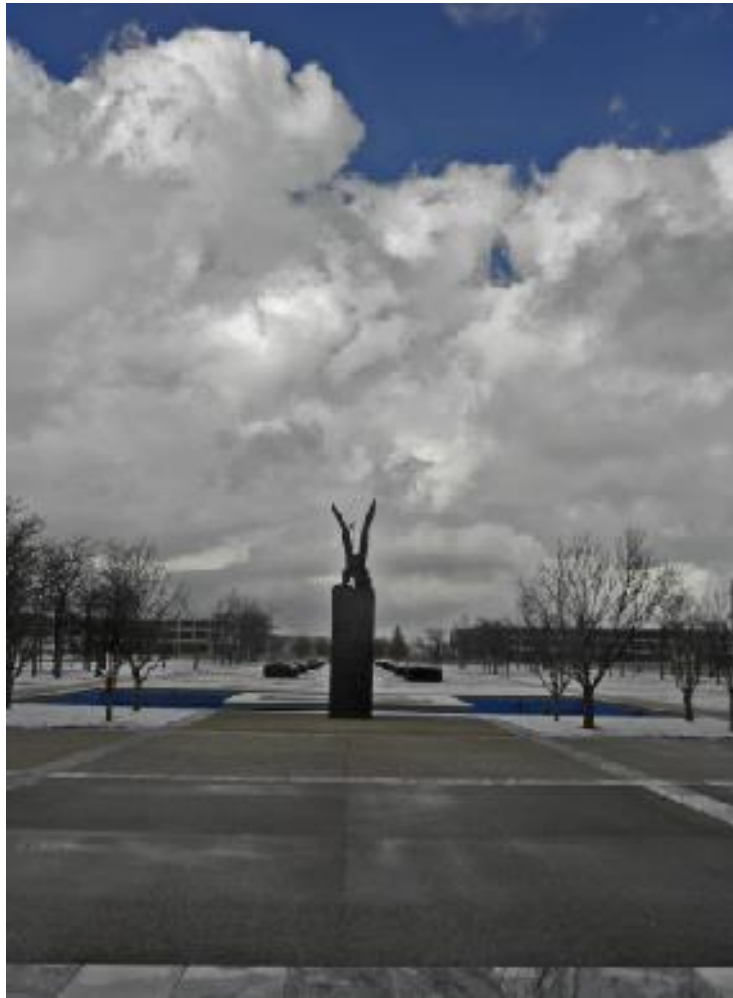
The unique architecture of the USAFA campus now includes the angled glass tower of [Polaris Hall](#), home of the Center for Character and Leadership Development (CCLD). "The Forum" within provides a great venue for lectures.





Angled at  $39^\circ$  to align with the North Star, reflections from the new Polaris Hall are constantly changing





While some views never change





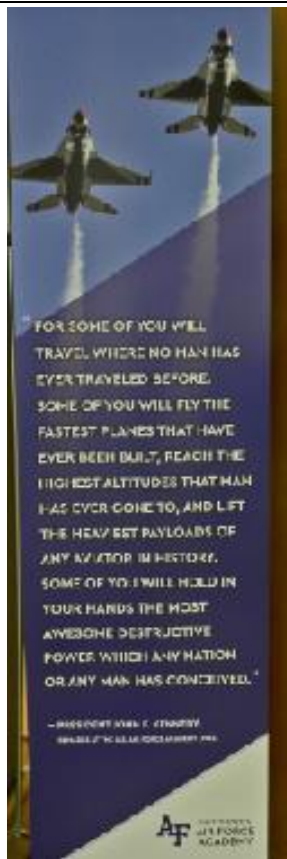


Twin “Air Terraces” (East and West) flank the lower level of Polaris Hall



While the monolithic glass tower soars 105' above

A place-marker within Polaris Hall features an excerpt from the [remarks of JFK to the Graduating class of 1963](#)



“For some of you will travel where no man has ever traveled before.

Some of you will fly the fastest planes that have ever been built, reach the highest altitudes that man has ever gone to, and lift the heaviest payloads of any aviator in history.

Some of you will hold in your hands the most awesome destructive power which any nation or any man has conceived.”

<http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/ws/?pid=9254>

Where Class President Bob Munson presided over our meeting Friday afternoon.







A group from “The Illustrious Class” enjoyed lunch at Mitch’s with Cadets from their old Squadrons  
Another group at the formal dinner in Arnold Hall on Thursday night.

