

Dear Fellow Members of the Illustrious Class of 1973,

This is just a quick note to let you know we had another very successful National Character and Leadership Symposium, February 25-26. This year's theme was "Professionalism and the Profession of Arms."

The Class of 1973 was recognized throughout the event as the flagship sponsor. What does it mean to be the flagship sponsor? There are two takeaways from this distinction. First, the Academy leadership, and especially the cadets, clearly knows that the Class of 1973 endowed the NCLS with a multimillion dollar gift. This allows the planners to build in a margin of excellence for speakers and a first-class venue well into the future. Second, and more importantly, the cadets visibly see that the Class of 1973 walks the talk. At the Thursday evening banquet, prior to the Class of 1973 John and Lyn Muse Lecture, the emcee introduces the Class of 1973. To see 30 or so classmates standing in the Arnold Hall Banquet room is a powerful testament to our belief in and commitment to the importance of character-based leadership. The cadets truly get it and frequently single out our classmates during the various speaking sessions to thank us.

We had outstanding speakers at this event. Here are links to a couple: the first is our very own sponsored speaker, [SSgt Spencer Stone](#); the second is [Simon Sinek](#), a very polished speaker on a very well-received presentation. Our new webmasters, Craig MacPherson and Kelly McCullar, have updated our [Class website](#). They have posted other material from the NCLS as well, including some pictures of our mini-reunion Friday night at the Villa in Palmer Lake—there were over 40 of us in attendance. Craig and Kelly welcome other pictures from those who attended the NCLS as well as pictures in general for each of our cadet squadrons.

Attached is the feedback Bob Munson, our NCLS Champion, collected from all of us who attended and sent to the Center for Character and Leadership Development.

It appears that we are witnessing a great trend whereby the number of our classmates attending the NCLS grows with each passing year. This is an excellent trend. Hopefully, we will have 40 or 50 classmates at the NCLS in 2017. Bring your wives! They are an important part of our gift to the Academy.

Best,

Ron Scott, Class President

Dale Birch, Class Senator

Trapper Carpenter, Class Vice President

Don Rightmyer, Class Historian

John Stefonik, Class Secretary

Craig MacPherson, Class Webmaster

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Bob Munson, Former President and NCLS Champion