

This is LtCol (Ret) Darrel Knutson from the Class of 1968. A few years ago I got my saber back from my mother shortly before her death. My son was in the Army and did not have any desire for the saber. So, I decided to GIVE it to the oldest cadet in the Class of 2018, our Legacy Class. In researching to find this cadet, the Cadet OIC for 100 Night asked me "How many of your classmates want to join you?" I had not considered this so I sent out a series of emails through the AOG and we ended up GIVING away 18 sabers. Each saber was engraved with the donors name and rank and 1968 with the cadet's name and 2018 like this.



We did this in Doolittle Hall just before the 100 Night dinner for most of them. For several reasons this was not the most ideal time or place. We had a small supplemental event in early May where we gave away the last 4. However, in the process several of the donors and AOC's contacted asked "Why not make this a tradition?"

The main reason for this LegacySaber.com website is to somehow perpetuate this into that tradition. Due to communications issues the Class of 1969 only had 7 sabers to give away. See their page. I am still very interested in making this a real tradition of helping Class members to "recycle" their sabers to Legacy Class Cadets. I have the means to do the engraving and the time and inclination to do the grunt work to make this a good event. I have done this for the Class of 1969 and will continue as long as possible.

This is why this section is on the website and is specifically pointed out to class leadership. In order to make this a true tradition, each class's leadership has to want to participate. However, **it is not intended to be an "official" class project.** The process would entail sending out two or three emails to the class through the AOG, deciding who your point of contact is, determining how and when you want to do the event and actually giving the sabers to the cadets. I am more than willing to do the engraving and whatever else you allow me to be involved in. It has to be your class's show though. It was surprising to me how many of the individuals in both my class and the class of 69 wanted to freely GIVE their sabers.

I am asking you to review other pertinent sections of this website and give me an email or call at your convenience to discuss other details.

Thank you

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