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Please accept my congratulations on your approaching graduation; I wish you every success in your subsequent Air Force career. When I entered the Academy in 1965, I was told I would need a vision waiver even to be a Navigator. In November 1968 I got a call from someone in the Aeronautics program, wanting to know why I had not signed up for T-41s, and would I like to do so? WOULD I?!?!?! Vision Waiver November 1968 - T-41s spring semester 1969 - UPT Vance, 69-70 - IP T-28 A&B (Military Assistance Program: VietNameese, Thais, Laos, Cambodians) Keesler 70-73 - AT-28D (Detachment 1 56th Special Operations Wing 1st Air Commandos/USMACTHAI) 73-74 - IP T38 Laughlin 74-76 - IP T38 PIT Randolph 76-79 – So: the chance somebody took on a half-blind Cadet was paid back, with interest. I met my lovely wife Brenda during my Keesler tour of duty, and married her in 1976. We reluctantly left the Air Force in 1979; I could see that the peacetime Air Force and I were not going to get along. The broad USAFA curriculum paid off for me, and I subsequently took positions as a Naval contractor with Westinghouse Nuclear Power School 79-80 - Nuclear Powerplant Operations, 80-89 – Nuclear Site Security Manager USN 89-2000 - Emergency Program Director USN 2000-2011, and then retired. Oh – and Jeopardy! contestant, 2018. You will find that the Academy's education, personal development, friendships, and honor code will serve you well, whether you stay in the Air Force or seek your fortune elsewhere. Be proud of your accomplishments to date; set your goals high and accept the challenges of the future; remember your oath of office and never un-swear it. Good luck to you – raise this saber and a glass to your friends and classmates!! Esse!!! Non Videre!!!