

125 FOR THE 125TH

THE WILLIAM HITCHCOCK CHAIR OF EXCELLENCE FOR SOCIAL STUDIES

A case for your support

Established to honor the dedication and service of William 'Bill' Hitchcock to Fork Union Military Academy, this endowment fund will stand in perpetuity to support the position of Social Studies Department Chairperson.

Bill Hitchcock came to Fork Union Military Academy in 1974 with the intention of staying a year while he finished his doctoral dissertation, and, instead, found a home. He initially taught freshmen geography, but soon moved into teaching history and government to upper classmen. He was instrumental in developing the Academy's AP and dual enrollment programs, served as Chairman of the Social Studies Department, and was honored for his work in the classroom by the Ford Foundation and National Endowment for the Humanities.

A native of Chicago, and a graduate of Lake Forest College where he received All American mention as a football player, Bill served his nation as a United States Marine Corps officer, and the young men of Fork Union as a teacher, coach, Middle School Headmaster, and mentor. He and his wife Cathy raised daughters Jennifer and Sharon in Fork Union and are the proud grandparents of Sophie and Harrison Webb.

Endowed Chairs of Excellence have a significant impact on the Academy because they provide funding for salaries and benefits that would otherwise come from the operating budget. Gifts to these accounts will establish a corpus from which a Board of Trustees approved percentage will be drawn each year to help finance the position. Chairs of Excellence are considered fully funded upon the Academy receiving \$1,000,000 in donations on its behalf.

Gifts of at least \$12,500 will be credited towards the Academy's campaign to receive 125 major gifts in celebration of its 125th anniversary. Gifts may be cash or a cash equivalent, marketable securities (including options), life insurance policies, 401 (k)/IRA beneficiary status, real estate (with or without restrictions such as life estate, but subject to acceptance by the Academy), or in any other form acceptable to the Academy, and may be made by individuals, families, corporations, foundations, or groups such as Academy graduating classes or collections of former teammates. Gifts may also be made anonymously or in the name or memory of another individual.

Bill Hitchcock impacted the lives of cadets in the classroom, on the field, and in the barracks while also being a role model and loyal colleague for teachers and staff, and he did so for generations. A Christian gentleman, his life is the embodiment of a continued commitment to excellence in Body, Mind, and Spirit. The establishment of this fund will allow his name to remain tied to the school community he served so well into the future, and for his influence to continue.

Talented educators like Bill Hitchcock are not only a key factor in the Academy's instruction of young men but teach and reinforce the mission of Fork Union Military Academy through their interactions with the Corps of Cadets. Please help us ensure we continue to attract and retain the best and brightest educators by supporting our Chairs of Excellence project.