

Association Honors John Terino With “Overdue” McRaney Award

John Terino was presented the Brigadier General Mike McRaney Distinguished Service Award, the highest honor AFPAAA bestows, May 17, in San Antonio, at the banquet culminating the 15th Annual Membership Meeting.

“It is long overdue and richly deserved,” said former AFPAAA board chairman and current treasurer Jim Hart, who accepted the award for John, who was not present.

Terino has had a major impact on the association

since its founding. He called the initial organization meeting at the Touchdown Club in Washington, DC, in 1993, that led to the creation of AFPAAA.



He was the secretary of AFPAAA for its first five years and a member of the board of directors for its first seven years. His most enduring contribution has been as Communications Chairman and newsletter editor, posts

he held first from 1994-2001 and has held, along with board membership, since 2005.

As the organization evolved, he designed our logo and has created numerous meeting logos. John also designed the “Best of the Best” trophy. He created AFPAAA’s first recruiting and the endowment fund brochures.

With Dave Shea, he coauthored the comprehensive guidelines that are used to plan and conduct our annual meeting.

He has also contributed to AFPAAA’s History Project by conducting interviews with key practitioners.

John created the booklet distributed at the 1995 meeting in Colorado Springs that honored AFPAAA members who participated in World War II on its fiftieth anniversary and a similar publication for Korea’s fiftieth anniversary.

He was also instrumental in ensuring that AFPAAA’s name remained as it was originally via a vote of the membership in 2001.



President’s Awards To Powers, Smith

Charley Powers and Dave Smith were recognized at the 15th Annual Membership Meeting during the President’s Awards luncheon at the Randolph AFB Officers Club, May 16.

Both were presented certificates that included a piece of the original Pad A, Complex 26, gantry at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Florida, from which America’s first space launch, the Explorer 1, was made January 31, 1956.

Powers, a past AFPAAA Chairman of the Board, was recognized for his distinctive

performance in active duty and reserve Public Affairs assignments. Charley’s work as a civilian public relations executive and the work he did with SAF/PA to increase the awareness of AFPAAA in the career field were also cited.

Smith, also a past AFPAAA Chairman of the Board, was recognized for his uncommon commitment and service to the Association. The certificate also recognizes Dave’s extraordinary leadership during his active duty career and now as a civilian member of the Air Force Public Affairs team at Randolph AFB.



Donation For The Wounded – Pete Peterson, AFPAAA President, presents a \$500 check to Lt. Colonel Robert Cornes, Executive Officer to the Commanding General, Brooke Army Medical Center at the end of our tour of the Intrepid National Armed Forces Rehabilitation Center, May 16. The AFPAAA donation will be used where it is needed most for the Fisher House, the Center for the Intrepid, the Wounded Warrior Family Support Center, or elsewhere. This facility harnesses state-of-the-art technology to provide military amputees with improved rehabilitation resources through the use of advanced prosthetics, computerized and video monitoring, biomechanical studies, and advanced physical training therapy methods. Successful rehabilitation provides them, if they desire, the opportunity to remain on active duty.

Election Triggers Leadership Moves; Peterson Takes Chair

With the ballots cast by mail, received, and counted, thanks to the efforts of Kathy McCollom and Donna Pastor, the annual AFPAAA Board of Directors election process has been completed.

The successful candidates – Dick Able, Jim Hart, Hank Hufnagel, Pat Mullaney, Pete Peterson, and Hal Smarkola – began their two-year terms effective July 1.

The newly and reelected join sitting board members Neil Buttimer, Sam Giammo,



Peterson, Giammo, Queen, Mullaney, Hart, C.B. Kelly, Larry McCracken, Christine Queen, and John Terino.

Also effective July 1, the AFPAAA Leadership Progression Plan has put Pete in the Chairman of the Board position. Outgoing chairman,

Tom Halbert, did not seek reelection to the Board of Directors.

Sam Giammo has replaced Peterson as our AFPAAA president and Christine Queen is now vice president and chair of the site selection

and oversight committee for the Annual Membership Meeting.

Newly elected board member Pat Mullaney moves into the secretary position vacated by Christine.

Jim Hart continues as treasurer, a position that is not part of the leadership progression plan.

Three times more eligible members voted in this year's election versus last year's, according to Elections Chairman Kathy McCollom.



Endowment Fund Tops \$237K As 33 Centurions, Powers Boost It \$4,400

AFPAAA's 15th Annual Membership Meeting in San Antonio was the most successful for the Centurion Donation Program since it was inaugurated five years ago at the suggestion of C. B. Kelly. Thirty-three members made donations of \$100 or more, either before or during the meeting, that go directly to AFPAAA's Endowment Fund. Added to the \$1,000 donation of Charley Powers, who was presented an engraved walnut clock for his generosity, the Endowment Fund gained \$4,400.

These donations pushed the Endowment Fund, the vehicle to give AFPAAA a solid financial base so it can to provide services to its members in the future, to more than \$237,000. The goal for the fund is \$300,000.

Centurion donors present at the San Antonio had an opportunity to be rewarded for their generosity. They were eligible to have their name drawn for a refund of their

LaQuinta hotel room fee; Christine Queen and Bud Ross were the winners.

AFPAAA's Treasurer, Jim Hart, said, "... anyone making a tax deductible Centurion donation from now through next year's meeting at Wright-Patterson will, if they are present, be eligible for the drawings at that meeting.

The San Antonio Centurions were: *Linda Arnold, Michele Bell, Don Brownlee, Paul Cole, Jerry*

Dalton, Ted Daniel, Mark Foutch, Sam Giammo, Robert Glymph, John Gura, Tom Halbert, Jim Hart, Willis Helmantoler, Hank Hufnagel, C.B. Kelly, George Larrieu, Samuel K. Lessey, Jr., Joe McAnally, Larry McCracken, Mike McRaney, Alvina Mitchell, Doug Moore, Pete Peterson, Joe Purka, Christine Queen, Ed Robertson, Bud Ross, Dave Schillerstrom, Hal Smarkola. Mike Terrill, Roy Whitton, Jim Witt, John Worthington.



Charley Powers receives an engraved walnut clock from treasurer Jim Hart in recognition of his \$1000 contribution to AFPAAA's Endowment Fund. Clocks are presented to donors for gifts at the \$1,000, \$3,000 and \$5,000 levels. Charley is the 27th donor to receive a clock.

Lord Guard & Guide

Laurence Macauley

Larry Macauley, a Lifetime Founder of AFPAAA, died November 6, 2006, in Florida. He was 91. A veteran of World War II, he retired in 1966 as a colonel. He continued his public affairs career as a civilian.

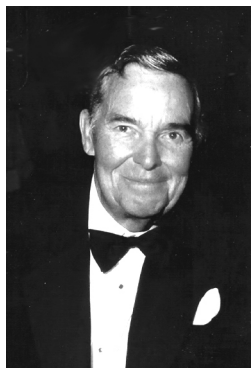
I am saddened to learn of Larry Macauley's death. He served as Major General David M. Jones speech writer at the Air Force Eastern Test Range, when I was there as SSgt Smith from spring 1968 to fall 1969. Mr. Macauley was a kind, gentle man and the source of staff distraction when the general would drop in, unannounced, to check on his artistic progress.

— David Smith

Timothy Rowan

Tim Rowan, who began his public affairs career with the European Stars and Stripes and was a key civilian in Air Force Public Affairs for almost three decades, died February 22 in Jacksonville, Florida. He was 84.

He graduated from Western High School in Washington, DC, in 1942 and served in the Navy in World War II. After graduating from Duke University in 1947, he began his newspaper career, working at *The Washington Post*, *Durham Sun*, *Baltimore Evening Sun*, *Johnston Democrat*, and *The Stars and Stripes* at Darmstadt, Germany.



Tim's Air Force Public Affairs career started when he became an information specialist at USAFE in Wiesbaden, and was Chief of the Air Force Newspaper Section at SAF/PA when he retired. An enthusiastic golfer and gardener, Tim and his wife of 57 years, Joan, retired to Pinehurst, N.C. in 1983. Subsequently they moved to

Jacksonville. His favorite charity was tutoring adult reading in a prison environment.

Tim is survived by Joan and his brothers Peter P. Rowan of Charleston, S.C., and Michael B. Rowan of Shallotte, N.C. Donations in Tim's memory may be made to the Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, or Duke University, Durham N.C.

As feisty as a bantam rooster but with a heart of gold. That's how I think of Tim Rowan. We first met in the late 60s at the Pentagon where Tim was in the Internal Information Division and I in the Public Information Division of SAFOI. Tim was a gifted and talented writer. He could take the most complex Air Force material and spin it into prose even your dense uncle could understand. A newspaper man early in his career, Tim's final Air Force job in 1983 fittingly was Chief of Air Force newspapers. Rest in peace, friend.

— Dave Shea

Tim's passing is another great loss for the AF PA/Info program. The two words that best describe my memory of Tim are "intense" and "passionate" in whatever he was doing. I especially recall what a good mentor he was to officers, airmen and civilians with less experience than he had. I know he helped the careers of many of our best people. Rest in peace, Tim!

— Jerry Dalton

James Carlton Santos

Jim Santos, a retired Air Force Broadcaster, died March 15, in San

Antonio, Texas. He was 47. He was born in San Diego and joined the Air Force in 1978. His career began as a Munitions Systems Specialist. Four years later he became a broadcaster.

Jim served in Greece; Florida; Misawa and Yokota, Japan; and Turkey. He was on the Headquarters Air Force Broadcasting staff at Kelly AFB when he retired in June 1998. Jim is survived by his wife, Noriko, and his sisters, Tyra and Teresa Santos

David J. Small

David Small, a Lifetime Founder of AFPAAA, died January 19, 2007, in Steilacoom, Washington. He was 65.

Chief Dave Small was the MAC Resource Manager when I was on my second tour at the headquarters (1986-88). I saw, first hand, his superb mentoring and nurturing skills, particularly with the younger enlisted troops, but also with young officers he nominated to fill key positions. He was a straight shooter, who diplomatically, but without hesitation, told those of us in leadership positions what we needed to know about morale, capabilities of people and the effectiveness of the headquarters staff and base public affairs operations. We were blessed with his sage counsel. There are, no doubt, those still in the Air Force today—officer, enlisted and civilians—who owe him a debt of gratitude for leading them in the right direction.

— Bud Ross

Herbert L. Wurth

Herb Wurth, the man with the unsurpassed sense of humor that kept things in perspective, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Easter Sunday, March 23, in Sun City, Arizona. He was 87.

He was born in Jersey City, New Jersey. Drafted at the outset of World War II, he volunteered for pilot training, ending up flying "The Hump" in C-46s and C-47s. After the war he flew as a Special Air Missions pilot out of Bolling AFB, transporting the likes of General Dwight D. Eisenhower and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.

Herb became an information officer in SAF/OI, served on the DoD Press Desk, and in the Los Angeles Office of Information, where he worked on the movie "Tora, Tora, Tora," and the TV series "I Dream of Jeannie." He retired as a colonel in 1970. After five years doing publicity for the Postal Service, he returned to the Air Force as Assistant Director of Information until 1980. He was buried in the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona. Herb is survived by his wife, Eleanor; two sons, Jim and Bob; two grandchildren, Scott and Amy, and his daughter-in-law, Connie.



Herb was one of the pioneers of the Air Force Public Affairs career field. As Assistant Director in the Pentagon, one of Herb's jobs was to background reporters on what was going in the Air Force — things we couldn't say officially. What I will remember about Herb was his big smile and jovial manner. He was a great mentor and valued friend. He loved his job and worked hard to make us all better people and public affairs professionals. It was an honor to know and serve with him. May God rest his soul.

— Art Forster

A true friend, golfer, and expert Public Affairs Officer, he will be missed much. All the best to Eli and his sons We will keep Herb in Our Prayers.

— Betty & Ken Blackshaw

In my view, Herb Wurth was truly one of the giants of AF Public Affairs/Information, which he served for so many years with such distinction, both in uniform and later as the civilian Assistant Director SAF/PA.

His gentle humor often masked his real genius in our
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business. As Assistant Director, he replaced Mark Gilman (no easy task), who, in turn, replaced Max Boyd (also not an easy task). Each of them served as our collective conscience and as trusted friends of the Pentagon “regulars.”

I found his advice to be extremely valuable and always well-conceived. On more than one occasion, he restrained me from making dumb mistakes.

A favorite memory: One early Spring morning, Herb suggested that what the “front office” needed was a picnic. He suggested the next Tuesday, at 11:30 am, in West Potomac Park. He arranged for a couple of division chiefs and a secretary to man the office while the rest of us were away. He and Ellie procured the hot dogs, buns, salad, chips, soft drinks, beer and dessert, and he brought a portable grill and charcoal. When the rest of us arrived in the park, the fire was going and the dogs were on the grill. We all stood around enjoying the crisp, fresh air, each other’s company and a great repast. After about an hour, we packed up and returned to our duties in the Puzzle Palace. The following year an unforecast hard rain storm seemed to doom our plans, but he and Ellie opened their high rise apartment near Bailey’s Crossroads and hosted all of us there for the second annual “Herb Wurth picnic.”

In more recent years, many of us enjoyed his daily calendar of historic events and his insightful, humorous comments which he faithfully sent us until he was no longer able to do so. Herb will be greatly missed by many of us and, especially, by the vast number of media people whom he served so well. Rest in Peace, Herb, and sincere condolences to Ellie and Jim and Bob, and their families!

– Jerry Dalton

Herb was a unique pro and one that easily blended his biting sense of humor and keen wit with his consummate professional instincts into the everyday order of business. He had a wonderful manner of making a tense situation easier to manage by putting things into the proper perspective and making all around him realize the end of the world had not come . . . just another crisis to be handled. He ‘grounded’ many ideas with common sense and decades of valuable experience. Herb was a friend, a mentor, a damn good ear and a never ending source of chuckles and happiness and fine advice. Yes, we lost another real good one with Herb’s passing. God rest his soul.

– Mike McRaney

I lost a hero on Easter, a man I looked up to more than any other. For seventeen years I wore an Air Force uniform - like him, became a pilot - like him, and learned that life could be fun thru Herb’s sense of humor. In all the times I needed him (and there were more than a few) he was there! Herb was more than my uncle - he was a man I would have been proud to call Dad.

“And, while with silent, lifting mind I’ve trod the high untrespassed sanctity of space, Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.”

See you upstairs partner!

– Richard Hegi & Family, Cumming, Georgia

Another great from the greatest generation has gone on to enhance the hereafter. There is jubilation in the Lancasterian O-Club tonight. Herb’s in.

– Ral Aars

Herb was one to listen to as well as one to love. Soon after being assigned to SAF/PA, I was greatly blessed with being the over-night duty officer, designated as the all-knowing SAF/PA spokesperson. And, in addition, I was selected to attend and participate in the A.M. Council of SAF/PA power-brokers addressing issues of the day, reaching into the future. Starting to his right, the big cheese, General Dalton, would ask each attendee for their wisdom of the day. As

the new guy on the block, I was getting ready for my part in the big show when, all of a sudden, General Dalton exploded into a red-eyed-shouting-TIRADE about something that was said. He quickly ran out of breath, all became quiet, and after a respectful pause, Mr. Herbert Wurth calmly spoke-up saying, “Come now General, I don’t believe we have to go that far.” Quiet returned, the General did not respond other than to close the Council. Being new to the Palace, my thoughts at the time included, “Who is this guy Herbert Wurth, that gets away with talking back to the General?” And, “how do I get to know him on a friendly basis?” Dear Herb, keep a spot at your feet for me.

– Roy M. Williamson

I really liked Herb. I think he had the greatest sense of humor of anyone I had ever met in the US Air Force, the Army, Navy, Coast Guard and Marines. His great smile and devilish laugh was a joy to behold. When I used to host PIO lunches at the Press Club, he was always the center of good stories and wonderful fellowship. I worked with him in the Pentagon and he was always there for advice, substantive answers to policy questions, and as the epitome of integrity. We lost a good friend and experienced leader in Public Affairs. I will miss him and remember him as a leader and as an American I was proud to know. God Bless Him.

– Vincent R. Tocci



Herb was Assistant Director of Public Affairs at SAF/PA when I knew him. What a great guy. He was down to earth and very funny in that wisecracking New York sort of way, with a fine perspective of what was important and what was not, born of years of experience and “no fear.” I sure appreciated his being there when I first walked into the big five-sided building as a new major, arriving from a Wing-level assignment with no MAJCOM experience.

– Mark Foutch

Herb was one of the most amazing friends I ever knew. I kept in touch with him after I left the DC/VA area and usually saw him (along with Ken Blackshaw) when I visited there from Texas. Herb has a stunning bio – all revealed to me in his off-hand humor. He was a motorcycle delivery man after his retirement from a very high civil service job after military retirement. For a time he was an escort for foreign visitors and for a time involved under cover with the Intelligence services. I recall how handily he worked with the press while in the Office of the Secy of the Air Force. And always with a great sense of humor and ready quip and chuckle. Herb was also a counselor to widows of friends who needed advice on insurance and taxes and other problems. Very kind-hearted was Herb. And always so kind and thoughtful with Ellie. I have left out many other great memories of a great human being. WHAT A GUY!

– Frank Jennings

Many of us have favorite Herb Wurth stories. Mine occurred in the late 1960s when I worked for him in SAF/OI. Herb was the chief of the Public Information Division at the time, and I was a captain in what was then called the Support Forces branch. Herb gathered a handful of us into his office one morning to discuss the issue of the day.

As the meeting got underway, his phone rang. Herb decided to answer it: “Colonel Wurth, Public Information,” he said. After listening intently for about 30 seconds, his patience with what apparently was a dumb inquiry expired. He said: “How should I know? What do you think this is, the Public Information Division?” After a beat, Herb said: “Yes sir, yes sir. I’ll be right over.” He looked up sheepishly and said: “It was the general. I got to go.” I’ve never forgotten that incident, and I’ll never forget Herb Wurth

– a great guy with a great sense of humor. I shall miss him.

– Dave Shea

To be with Herb Wurth was to be glad to be alive. No matter how tough a problem one faced, Herb's ubiquitous sense of humor made it easier. Maybe surviving the flak thrown at the old transport pilot by enemy gunners during the Big War made everything else a trifle less tense for him. Whatever, Herb's ready wit and engaging smile helped many a younger officer through some difficult decisions. Along with his delightful humor was a sparkling intellect and strong sense of ethics. Such attributes made him an ideal choice to serve in high public affairs positions, which he did with no little elan. If there was an Air Force Public Affairs Hall of Fame, Herb Wurth would be admitted as soon as eligible. Indeed, he was a giant among the legends with whom he served."

– Gerry Hickman

Herb Wurth and I were of different eras in the U.S. Air Force. Colonel Wurth a World War II and Korean War veteran, I and others of my

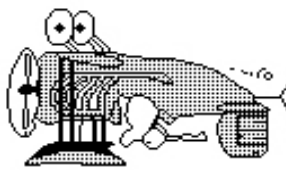
age group served during the Southeast Asia War, the Cold War, as well as other less notorious dust ups. Thus I knew Herb only slightly on a personal basis.



I sure knew of his enviable reputation though as a pilot, then as a leading Information/Public Affairs Officer. I regarded Herb most highly as did everyone I knew that also knew him. I became quite well acquainted with him via e-mail exchanges over several years. We discussed politics - him on one side of the political fence, me on the other - and as Herb put it in his perpetual sense of humor and good will, we were not political but only patriots concerned about the welfare of our great nation. In our e-mails Herb spoke often of his priest. I admired him for his faith also though I am a Protestant, and I am confident for Herb on leaving this life for eternity.

Herb truly is an icon of the Greatest Generation identified by Tom Brokaw.

– Ron Marlar



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Welcome Aboard To . . . Donald A. Braga, Sonya S. Coderre, Greg Justice, Joseph D. McAnally, Dan McFarland, Charles G. Merlo, Eli 'Cal' Miller, and Pat Miner.

New Lifers . . . Mike Cox and Will Humiston have joined as Life Members and **Ed Worley** has upgraded to Life Membership.

Lest We Forget . . . that there are many who have made and continue to make sacrifices to keep us free. Remembering them, two organizations that deserve our support come to mind: The USO and Fisher House. Many of us have availed ourselves of The USO and its services as we have traveled and at our duty assignments overseas. Supporting The USO is easy, just go to www.uso.org to find out what it is doing and to make a contribution. Fisher House is less widely known, but those who visited the Intrepid Center are aware of the magnificent job these residences do to provide "a home away from home" so family members can be close to a loved one at the most stressful time – during hospitalization for an illness, disease, or injury. To get the full story on the Fisher House Program and to make donations go to www.fisherhouse.org

Wright-Patt 2009 . . . Current information about AFPAAA's 16th Annual Membership Meeting at

Wright-Patterson AFB, April 30 - May 2, 2009 is available at a special page on our web site at www.afpaaa.org/annualmeet.html Check it as the arrangements and program develop.

Mark Your Calendar . . . Tuesday, September 16, is the date for the AFPAAA/Air Force PA Luncheon at AFA at the Marriot Wardman Park Hotel, price and program are being worked out. Contact Neil Buttimer in a month or so – phone 540 973-0083; e-mail buttimer@afpaaa.org – for details.

Second Chance At H.O.T CD . . . If you were too late to get a CD of The Heart of Texas Chorus after it wowed everyone in San Antonio (they sold out quickly) with selections ranging from the Air Force Song and Deep In The Heart of Texas to God Bless the U.S.A. and the William Tell Overture, don't despair. Just go to www.hotchorus.org click on the Products tab, then click on recordings. Four CDs are available – \$15 each – of the chorus that has won more than 20 first place awards in state through national competitions. You can order on-line, but for the non-profit chorus to get the full benefit send your selection and check made out to The Heart of Texas Chorus directly to John Worthington, 239 Roseheart, San Antonio, TX 78259.

Charlie Brown Would Like Your Help . . . Once upon a time in the land of 'Nam a very funny, somewhat profane, and what many considered accurate description of how MACV handled news was portrayed in an audio tape know as "What the captain means to say." Member Charlie Brown lost his tape in a major house fire last year and would like to recapture that memory if anyone who has a copy will duplicate it and send it to him. E-mail Charlie first to ensure he doesn't get multiple copies at brown551967@bellsouth.net

Attendees

Linda & Jack Arnold
 Art Barnes
 Richard & Betty Basore
 Michelle Bell Boyd
 Michael Beeman
 Temple & Jeanne Black
 Lindsey Borg
 Mike Briggs
 Don & Jeanne Brownlee
 Neil & Connie Buttimer
 Dave & Nancy Cole
 Paul & Elizabeth Cole
 Mike Connally
 JC & Ginny Corcoran
 Tammy Cournoyer
 Mel & Mollie Cummings
 Jerry & Marion Dalton
 Cathy Dawson
 Carey Deckard
 Alan & Marcia Defend
 Naomi Evangelista
 Larry Farlow
 Mark & Janet Foutch
 Ron Fry
 Sam & Dawn Giammo
 Chris Giesel
 Tom Gilroy
 Robert Glymph
 Sam Grant
 Jack Gregory
 John Gura
 Tom Halbert
 Jim & Patty Hart
 Don Hessenflow
 Gerry & Ann Hickman
 Don & Adana Hilkemeir
 Tom Hobson
 Stephanie Holcombe
 Robin Holloway
 Hank Hufnagel
 Willis & Diana Humiston
 Doug & Dene Jacobsen
 Frank & Lita Jennings
 Elliot Johnson
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 Mike Kelly
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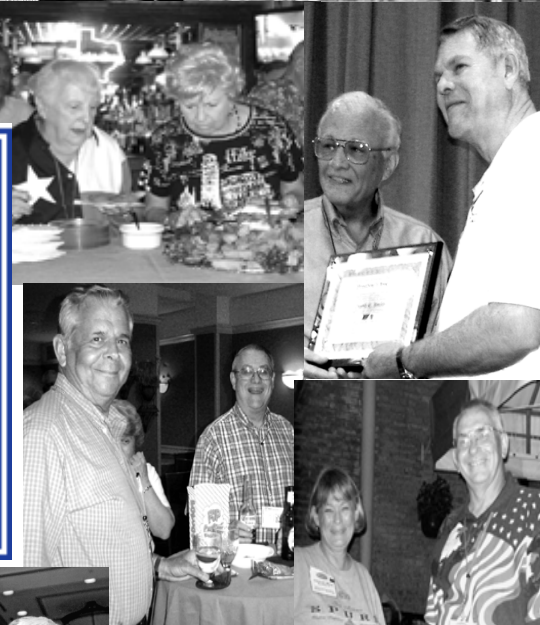


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Attendees

- Larry McCracken
- Joe McAnally
- Darren McDew
- Mike & Susan McRaney
- Alvina & John Mitchell
- Doug Moore
- Pat Mullaney
- Gabe Myers
- Mike Nachshen
- Will Nichols
- Rick Nollenberger
- George & Carolyn Ogles
- Pat Peek
- Pete Peterson
- Tom Pfeiffer
- Mike Pierson
- Charley Powers
- Alice & Harry Price
- Joe Purka
- Christine Queen
- Ed & Karen Robertson
- Bud & Hilda Ross
- Dave & Carol Schillerstrom
- Dave & Mary Shea
- Jim & Kay Sherman
- Tom Shumaker
- Hal & Peggy Smarkola
- David & Carolyn Smith
- Ernie Stepp
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From The President's Pen ———

If you missed the 2008 AFPAAA 15th annual conference in San Antonio, you missed a great event. It was a memorable reunion meeting, with just the right mix of tours, briefings and social events. I'd like to give a well-deserved tip of the ten-gallon hat to Co-Chairmen Hal Smarkola and Linda Arnold and their team of Larry Farlow, Mike Gallagher, Don Hessenflow, Don Hilkemeier, Doug Jacobsen, Frank Jennings, Mike Kelly, Alvina Mitchell, Alice Price, Dave Smith, and John Worthington who planned and conducted the meeting.



The visits to Randolph AFB and the Center for the Intrepid at Brooke Army Medical Center provided the attendees with an inside look at some very high profile programs. And, while the annual banquet was, as always, a top-rate event, it ended on a great note with a rousing performance of patriotic music by the Heart of Texas Chorus.

Everyone I spoke to agreed that the venue for the meeting, the La Quinta at the San Antonio Convention Center, was ideal. With good meeting facilities and easy access to the San Antonio Riverwalk, the location only added to the success of the meeting. Now we can start the process of preparing for the next annual meeting scheduled for April 30 – May 3, 2009, in Dayton, Ohio. I hope you can block your calendar now and plan to attend.

I'm very encouraged that the membership rolls for the Association have increased by 84 in the past year. That is a great trend, but we must sustain it. Please keep AFPAAA in mind when you talk to your colleagues and recommend to non-members that they join. We especially need to attract men and women who are nearing retirement or have recently retired. That would be the best way to ensure the viability of AFPAAA in the future. We also want to make sure we maintain a good mix of people who served as officer, enlisted and civilian members of the Air Force in order to truly represent the total force.

Finally, I want you to know that I look forward to working for you as your president in 2008-09, and appreciate the support of our very talented executive board. We all have an "open e-mail door" policy, so contact us if you have any comments or suggestions.

Sam Giammo

Minutes of the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association

15th Annual Membership Meeting

Saturday, May 17, 2007

LaQuinta San Antonio Convention Center

San Antonio, Texas

President Pete Peterson called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. CDT and Secretary Christine Queen advised him that the necessary 10 percent of the membership was present for a quorum.

He introduced members of the Board and announced that board officers would be moving up according to the succession plan. He introduced Pat Mullaney who will assume the position of secretary July 1, upon his election to the board.

Vice President Sam Giammo read the names of the Air Force Public Affairs community members who died since the last annual meeting:

Irv Breslauer	Larry Macauley
Don Burgrabbe	Tom Maypole
Chuck Cooper	C. Gordon Furbish
Bill Fein	John Gray
Chris Frost	Tim Rowan
Marjorie Gray	Dave Small
	Herb Wurth

A moment of silence was observed to remember our deceased colleagues.

Secretary Queen motioned, if there were no questions, that the minutes for the 2007 Annual Meeting be approved. Jerry Dalton seconded the motion; it was approved by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Jim Hart presented the financial report that included the FY 2008 2nd Quarter Financial Report (March 31, 2008); Endowment Fund Status, and the results of the May 2, 2008 Financial Committee Investment Meeting. The Endowment Fund showed a value of \$231,998.18 on March 31. It has risen to \$237,678.58 as of April 30, 2008. The account was valued at \$250,610.42 on October 31, 2007, which was near the market high.

AFPAAA's total net worth on October 31, 2007 was \$275,402.39. As of March 31, 2008 it had dropped to \$270,002.27. That represents a loss of approximately \$5,400.12.

During the first quarter of 2008 the market was down most of the time. When the market losses are factored in, they represent a drop of approximately \$18,400 in AFPAAA's net worth. In April almost \$6,000 of those losses was recouped. Overall, the investments are doing well. It is hard to find a blend of funds that are always consistent performers.

The next order of business was a drawing for the reimbursement of hotel room fees for the 2008 AFPAAA Annual Meeting using the free room nights given to the

Association by the hotel management. The people eligible for the drawing were the Centurions – the members who contributed \$100 or more at the meeting. The winners of the drawing were Christine Queen and Bud Ross.

Treasurer Hart then recognized the sponsors of the 2008 Annual Meeting:

Wells Fargo Bank & Security Service Federal Credit Union (Linda Arnold and John Worthington) Ice Breaker Reception	Raytheon (Dave Shea) SAF/PA Director's Luncheon
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USAA (Michael F. Kelly) Reception Transportation	Lockheed-Martin (Joe Wagovich) Banquet
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Rockwell Collins (Woody Hogle & Tom Hobson) President's Luncheon	Pratt & Whitney (Ron Rand) Banquet
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Embry-Riddle University (Pat Mullaney) Break Refreshments	Mike and Susan McRaney Banquet Flowers
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Committee Reports

Membership

Neil Buttimer reported that since last year's annual meeting, the Association membership has increased by 84 members. AFPAAA maintains a core group of about 470 full (Annual, Lifetime Founder and Lifetime) members. The Association remains stable for full (retired) membership and for the past six years, this number has varied less than 1 percent. Essentially, the number of full members that fail to renew just about matches the number of new full members that sign up or transition from Associate to Full Membership.

This year we also offered complementary Associate memberships to the professional active duty, reserve and civilian people serving in the Public Affairs field. We have had excellent support from SAF/PA, especially Deputy Directory Colonel Mike Caldwell, in getting the word out. So far we have received 93 applications.

Renewal notices were sent in December to 130 members (91 Full and 39 Associate). As of May 14, renewals have been received from 71 members (54 Full and 17 Associate). This translates to a 76 percent renewal rate for our Full members, which is just about our goal, and a 44 percent renewal rate for Associate members.

The annual 2008 directory mailed in February was printed through the generosity of BAE Systems again this year.

Randy Morger retired from BEA, but had budgeted for the printing before he left. At this point, we do not know if BAE Systems will continue to print the directory in the future or if we will have to make alternate arrangements.

Website/Oral History Program

John Gura encouraged members to update their personal files as follows:

- For the online directory, notify John Gura.
- For the printed directory, notify Neil Buttimer.

He encouraged the members to check their PC and obtain up-to-date virus and spyware protection. Some members are getting spam. This is the result of malicious spyware that has stolen e-mail addresses from one or more board member's infected PCs. The only effective fix for us is to redo the association e-mail addresses which he will do after the new board is seated on July 1.

John Gura said if you are not sure how effective your antivirus protection is, the program he highly recommends is NOD32, or better yet, ESET Smart Security, from ESET Software. For more info go to: <http://www.eset.com/products/index.php> ESET Smart Security offers two years of coverage with a personal firewall, antispam, antivirus and antispyware protection for \$90.00.

There was nothing to report on the Oral History Program.

Communications/Newsletter

It was reported for Communications Chairman John Terino that the Association newsletter is alive and well. He extended his thanks everyone who contributed to the newsletter and asked for the following assistance:

- Photos from the 2008 Annual Meeting
- Inputs for the Prop Blast & Jet Wash column.
- Notify him if any member of the PA, Band, Broadcast, or Multimedia community passes.

State of the Association

Chairman Halbert delivered his State of the Association address. The highlights were:• The organization, after 15 years, is healthy.

- We are strong financially with the Centurion Campaign and the Endowment Fund.
- AFPAAA has a good working relationship with Deputy Director Colonel Mike Caldwell - our link with SAP/PA. This is a two-way street because we support SAF/PA through the Best of the Best with a \$1,000 award; donation to the Holiday Ball which results in a lower price for those who need it plus 12 of our members attended.
- AFPAAA's membership numbers are doing well

thanks to the recruiting and reenlistment efforts of Jim Hart, Neil Buttimer, and Joe Purka.

- Chairman Halbert thanked everyone for their support. He closed by saying that he is leaving the Association in the very capable hands of President Pete Peterson; who will succeed him.

2009 Annual Meeting - Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio)

President Peterson reported on the 2009 Annual Membership Meeting in Dayton, Ohio, April 30 - May 2, 2009. Planning is progressing well. The Public Affairs team at the 88th Air Base Wing (host unit) is providing great support and committed to the success of this event. Everyone is working closely to develop an interesting program for AFPAAA attendees.

Rooms have been blocked at the Hope Hotel on Wight-Patterson. The National Museum of the United States Air Force has been reserved for our Saturday night banquet and plans are progressing well for that event. The Band of Flight will perform at the event. They will give a 20 minute performance of patriotic music following dinner and provide a vocalist to sing the National Anthem. The band is restricted from performing social music during cocktails and dinner or for dancing. The honor guard will participate.

2010 Annual Meeting – Orlando, Florida

President Peterson announced that Tom Halbert would be the POC for the 2010 Annual Meeting.

[Comments About/From the Membership](#)

Jerry Dalton was recognized for receiving the Public Relations Society of America's (PRSA) 2007 Gold Anvil Award, the highest individual honor, at the PRSA 2007 International Conference, Oct. 20–23, in Philadelphia.

Barbara Terino, wife of John Terino, took first place in the Caesars Palace Las Vegas "Millionaire Maker Slot Tournament" and walked away with \$50,000. The win qualifies her for participation in the "Millionaire Maker Tournament of Champions" in October when the top prize will be a cool million bucks.

Several members encouraged those present to take an active roll in the community whether it is FEMA, mentoring, or volunteering at the local installation. One member said to visit those of the AFPAAA community who are in nursing homes.

[Adjournment](#)

Pete Peterson moved for adjournment , multiple members seconded the motion; it was approved by a voice vote.

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