

SAF/PA's Ann Stefanek 2014 'Best of The Best'

McRaney Award To Hank Hufnagel & Jim McGuire

In a first for AFPAAA, Hank Hufnagel and Jim McGuire became the first corecipients of the Brigadier General Mike McRaney Distinguished Service Award. The award was presented at AFPAAA's 22nd Annual Membership Meeting, May 16th.

Hank and Jim both have lengthy records of service to the association, including as members of the board of directors. But in less visible positions as members of the finance committee headed by treasurer Jim Hart they have made really significant contributions to the fiscal soundness and growth of the AFPAAA Endowment Fund.

In the years they have been on the committee, they have used their experience in the financial industry to help the fund exceed its goal of \$300,000, which was established to provide income to sustain the AFPAAA's



Hank Hufnagel (l) and Jim McGuire (r) flank Mike McRaney after receiving AFPAAA's Brigadier General Mike McRaney Distinguished Service Award.

programs over and above the membership dues. Today the fund has grown to more than \$370,000.

The McRaney Award recognizes contributions and service to AFPAAA beyond what would normally be expected of a member from receiving the award.

Ann M. Stefanek, SAF/PA's Deputy Chief of Media Operations, was presented the 'Best of The Best' award by AFPAAA President Clem Gaines at AFPAAA's 22nd Annual Membership Meeting, May 16th.

The award, sponsored by Lockheed Martin, recognizes the top officer, civilian, or enlisted person in Air Force Public Affairs who best demonstrates professional excellence and contributes significantly to the effectiveness of the Air Force mission.

In addition to the trophy, Ann, who has been in SAF/PA since 2004, received a check for \$1,000 and a life membership in AFPAAA.

She earned the honor for her work throughout 2014 in leading the Air Force press desk in shaping communication strategies on issues that included close air support, the Air Force budget, and SpaceX certification; then integrating those strategies across PA divisions and the Air Staff to synchronize the messages to DoD, think tanks, the media, and Congress.

Ann's Air Force career began in 1988 as a personnel officer, with subsequent active duty assignments as an executive officer and squadron section commander. Beginning in 1997 she continued her career in the Air Force Reserve, retiring as a colonel on April 1st. Her last assignment was as the Mobilization Assistant to Air Force Material Command's Director of Public Affairs.



Arnald Gabriel & Lou Timmons Receive President's Awards

Arnald Gabriel and Lou Timmons are the recipients of the 2015 AFPAAA President's Awards. Gabriel was recognized for his continued service to and involvement with the Air Force Band after serving as its commander/conductor for 21 years (see pg 2 [Links](#) for complete profile).

Timmons was honored for his assistance to AFPAAA and his work in SAF/PA since graduating from the Defense Information School in December 1999.

The award, a plaque with a small, red piece of the Cape Canaveral gantry used for the January 31, 1958, launch of Explorer One, America's first satellite, is presented to those who have had a significant impacted on Air Force Public Affairs.

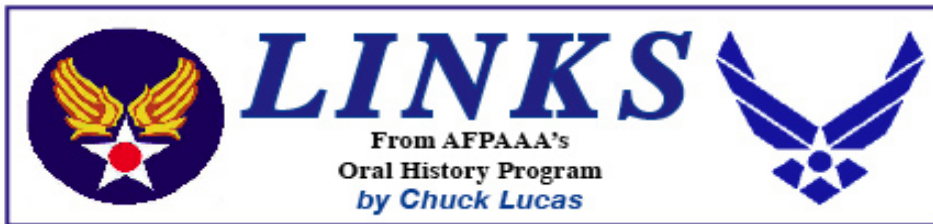


AFPAAA President's Award is presented to Lou Timmons (right) by Clem Gaines.

Originally from Brooklyn, New York, Lou's government career began in 1976 with

the Department of Health, Education and Welfare in New York City. A year later, he transferred to Washington, D.C. to become part of the administrative staff of the Library of Congress. Seven years later he moved to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and in 1987 to DoD's Community Relations Division. In 1999 he had the opportunity to cross-train to Public Affairs.

After completing DINFOS he was in the SAF/PA Media Division for two years prior to moving to Community Relations. Currently, he is responsible for coordinating visits by community, business, and civic leaders from throughout the country with senior Air Force leaders and those of other services within DoD.



Arnald Gabriel: Machine Gunner To Music Legend

Before Arnald Gabriel, the Conductor Emeritus of the USAF Band, took up the baton, he had another proficiency. From the D-Day landing to the end of World War II in Europe, he was handling a .30 caliber machine gun.

That skill earned him the Combat Infantryman's Badge, two Bronze Stars for valor and heroism in battle, and the French Croix de Guerre. By his retirement from the Air Force in 1985, Colonel Gabriel had



The need for infantrymen for D-Day cut short Gabriel's effort to be in the AAF.

added three Legions of Merit for his contributions to military music.

After the war, the son of Italian immigrants returned to his native Cortland, N.Y. Although an accomplished musician, he had no thoughts of a career in music. He was working in a canning factory until his high school band director convinced him that the GI Bill would help him gain a degree in music at Ithaca College.

The Korean War was underway when he graduated. He was eligible for recall but, understandably, had no interest in returning to the infantry.

His college band director knew Colonel George Howard, the USAF Band conductor, and told him about Gabriel. The newly established Air Force was expanding its band program. Gabe passed an audition, was appointed a warrant officer and named band director at Sampson AFB, N.Y.

After Sampson closed and the Air Force warrant officer grade abolished, he was commissioned a first lieutenant and assigned to Langley AFB, Virginia. Three years later, he considered resigning, to complete his master's degree and become a music teacher. He explained this to Ben LeBailly, then a colonel and chief of information for Hq Tactical Air

Command "You're going to what?" LeBailly asked. "He was so persuasive and made such a strong plea for me to stay, I did," Gabriel recalls.

From 1958-63, Captain Gabriel directed the USAFE Band at Wiesbaden, Germany. The band appeared in 24 countries with great success earning his first Legion of Merit. He moved on to the Air Force Academy for a short time.

In 1964, with now Major General LeBailly the head of Air Force Public Affairs, and the USAF Band experiencing some serious administrative problems, Gabe was selected as director of the USAF Band at Bolling AFB, D.C.

Then Chief of Staff, General. Curt LeMay, had eliminated several units of the Air Force Band, reducing strength by more than 300 spaces. Gabriel was given 15 minutes to plead his case. He asked that 60 spaces be restored and for more recruiting incentives – all costing money.

LeMay said, "If this doesn't work, which rear end can I have?" LeBailly, LeMay's PR man, said, "Sir, you can have mine."

Gabe got most of what he asked for, but with some difficulty. "The Air Force was watching me, very closely, to make sure I was following Air Force regulations" he said.

He did not disappoint. Three years

later he was awarded his second Legion of Merit for what he "had done to restore units of the Air Force Band and its integrity." His 21-year record as



Commander/Conductor of the Air Force Band - from captain to colonel - may never be matched.

The White House had him on speed dial. Over the years, his Sunday concerts at DAR Constitution Hall featured more than 150 celebrity guests, such as Meredith Willson, Arthur Fiedler, Joe Williams, Doc Severinsen, Della Reese, Shirley Temple, William Conrad, Sarah Vaughn, and Mike Douglas, and regularly attracted 4,000 people.

Defense appropriations were always a challenge. But Gabe managed to maintain the 220 spaces, begrudgingly approved by LeMay. But times have changed.

"In 1951, we had 80 bands, every base had a band" he said. "Today, we have 9."

One of the featured units of the band, the Singing Sergeants, received a big boost when women were added.



Child star Shirley Temple, later ambassador Shirley Temple Black, was a favorite and frequent guest artist with the USAF Band.

Karen Eler (nee) Riale joined the Singing Sergeants in 1972, after Gabriel cleared it with LeBailly. "He had two words," Gabe said, "Why not?" and hung up.

His 36-year military career ended with presentation of an unprecedented third Legion of Merit.

He's enjoyed multiple prestigious positions with major orchestras and bands in three decades of "retirement," but his greatest memories are of Air Force bands.

What he did in his career is almost held in awe by those who have worn the band uniform since he departed. He was awarded his "emeritus" title in 1990, and in 2008, the USAF Band dedicated the Arnald D. Gabriel Hall at Bolling AFB in his honor.

From The President's Pen ———



I am deeply honored to serve as president of the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association and look forward to my year in the office.

Thanks to all who attended the 22nd Annual Membership Meeting in May. It was wonderful to spend time with all of you. A special thanks to Perry Nouis, our annual meeting chairman, who headed the effort. This was his first year as annual meeting chairman and he did a superb job putting this everything together. Thanks also to Frank McNally, the local meeting committee lead, who assembled a great program that included visits to the Pentagon, the AF Memorial, and the Udvar-Hazy Center. And to Lou Timmons, of SAF/PA, who coordinated and led our tour efforts on Friday.

We heard Air Force Vice Chief of Staff General Larry Spencer speak candidly about the tough times caused by sequestration that our Air Force faces. SAF/PA Director Brigadier General Kathleen Cook told us about Public Affairs' many great accomplishment, as well as the challenges it faces.

At our business meeting Saturday afternoon, it was announced that Perry Nouis is the newest member of the board of directors and that Phil Ratliff was reelected to another term. Treasurer Jim Hart provided the annual financial report as did other committee chairmen for their areas.

Hank Hufnagel and Jim McGuire, at our concluding banquet, were announced as this year's McRaney award winners for their efforts over many years on the association's investment committee. Theirs was a richly deserved honor as they have contributed greatly to giving AFPAAA a strong financial base.

As president during the coming year one thing I plan to focus on is increasing membership. Last year we started a program called "Every Member Get a Member." That campaign resulted in a few new members, but with your help we can do much better.

Contact at least two or more former PA associates you know who are not members and urge them to join AFPAAA. A one-year paid membership is a great gift for a birthday or other special occasion - our membership form is on page 11 as well as being downloadable from our web site. Make as many copies as you need.

And, I encourage everyone to review the names in our printed directory or on the AFPAAA web site - we need to get more members active in AFPAAA. Contact friends you haven't heard from in a while or who you haven't seen at a recent annual meeting. Let them know what a great association we have and encourage them to become active members.

It may seem a bit early with our meeting completed just a little over a month ago, but it's not too early to mark your 2016 calendar for our next get together, May 12-14, in Colorado Springs.

Again, it's an honor for me to serve as your president. I encourage you to contact me with ideas that can make our alumni association better. Please e-mail them to me at larry.clavette@afpaaa.org or call me at 540 903-7238.

— Larry Clavette

Gilleland: The Case For Calling America Exceptional And Will It Remain That Way?

AFPAAA Life Member Don Gilleland's third book, *America: An Exceptional Nation* is an unabashed profession of his love of the United States and why it became and still is the leader of the free world.

In the preface, he states: ". . . I believe we represent one of a handful of nations that can offer real hope for our world in the 21st Century. It is my effort to show how and why I believe America is truly an extraordinarily exceptional nation."

He pulls no punches and makes a compelling case for his perspective, and that is a long perspective, as his subtitle "Observations of A Senior Citizen" indicates.

Gilleland points out that the concept of America being an exceptional nation is neither new nor held only by Americans. He cites French historian and political scientist Alexis de Tocqueville whose *Democracy in America*, published in two volumes in 1835 and 1840, noted American exceptionalism.

But this book is not a puff piece. In covering a variety of aspects of where and how America has and does fit into the world he shows what has made America exceptional and what is working toward undermining that exceptionalism.

Gilleland points out "Historically, America was forged out of millions of immigrants from all over the world who assimilated into our country and proudly learned English so they could meld into our culture as quickly as possible." That was one of the things that made America exceptional. But, as he laments,

English was never adopted as the official language of the United States.

"Now record numbers of non-English speaking immigrant are flooding into our country and, instead of assimilating into

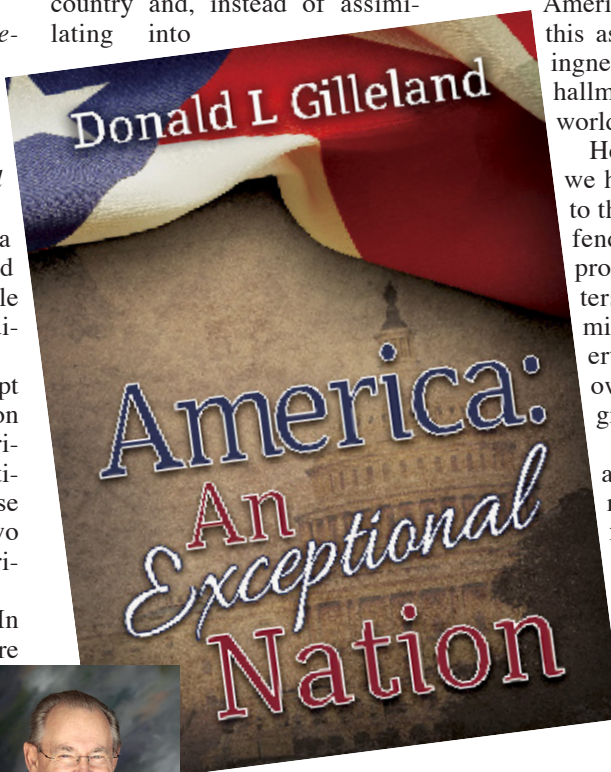
it undermines the sense of national unity that has contributed to America's exceptionalism.

Generosity is another major aspect of America's exceptionalism. Gilleland sees this as a broad concept. America's willingness to share its bounty has been a hallmark of the nation since it became a world power in the early 20th century.

He goes to great length to show how we have been a major supplier of food to the world, in many instances the defender of weak nations and allies alike, provider of relief when natural disasters occur, and willing to sacrifice our military on foreign soil to defend liberty of other countries, as well as our own, while refraining from using our great power to subjugate nations.

This book has a lot of information and issues worthy of reflection, too much to cover here. It not only defends American exceptionalism it explores trends here and around the world that will impact whether or not the United States continues to be unique among nations and a world leader. It reads easily and is well worth getting.

— John Terino



our culture, insist on bringing their culture with them and sometimes refusing to learn English," he states as he address the situation at length, adding that when the government encourages that with diversity programs, bilingual education, and putting all forms of government documents in a multitude of languages,

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Aviation Artist Zaur Eylanbekov Autographs Books For McRaney Award Winners

Zaur Eylanbekov, the man who creates the beautiful and precise drawings for the *Airpower Classics* feature in the Air Force Association's magazine and now compiled in a coffee table book, came to the AFPAAA Board Meeting at the Hilton Tysons Corner to sign copies of the volume for presentation to Mike McRaney Distinguished Service Award winners Hank Hufnagel and Jim McGuire.

The books were donated by former board chairman Mark Foutch. The

monthly magazine page which features United States and prominent military aircraft from other nations, in addition to Eylanbekov's art, carries historical information on each aircraft, as well as specifications and technical data prepared by the former director of the National Air and Space Museum and aviation historian Walter J. Boyne.

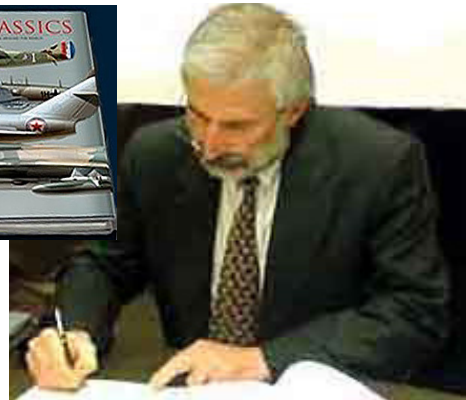




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**Air Force Public Affairs Alumni
Association 22nd Annual Membership
Meeting, May 14 -16, 2015
Washington, DC & Tysons Corner, Virginia**



Attendees

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Pete Alexandrakos
Judy & Jerry Bivens
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Claude Bradshaw
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Minutes of the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association

22nd Annual Membership Meeting

Saturday, May 16, 2015

Hilton Tysons Corner, McLean, Virginia

The meeting was called to order by President Clem Gaines at 2 p.m. A quorum was declared by Secretary Judy Bivens.

Board of Directors Members Present:

Phil Ratliff, Chairman of the Board	Tom Dolney
Clem Gaines, President	Art Forster
Larry Clavette, Vice President	John Gura
Judy Bivens, Secretary	Johnny Whitaker
Jim Hart, Treasurer	

Absent: Dick Abel; Jay DeFrank - Proxy to Johnny Whitaker; John Terino – Proxy to Jim Hart; Mike Cox – Proxy to Phil Ratliff.

Remembrance Of Deceased Members Of The Public Affairs Community – The names of members of the Public Affairs community who died since the last Annual Membership Meeting were read by the secretary and recognized by the membership with a moment of silence:

Helen M. Ball	Thomas R. Hobson
James R. Brickel	Lyman V. Johnston
Aaron Burgstein	Richard L. Kline
William T. Coleman, Jr.	Robert E. Schuldt
Merritt G. Garner	Harry M. Zubkoff

21st Annual Membership Meeting Minutes – President Clem Gaines presented the minutes of the 21st Annual Membership Meeting, May 14, 2014 for approval. Rick Fuller moved for approval, Dave Smith seconded and they were approved unanimously.

Association Finances – Treasurer Jim Hart presented the financial status of the Association. Jim McGuire, Hank Hufnagel and Treasurer Hart make up the Investment Committee, which makes recommendations to the Board regarding Association finances

Overall, the Association is in good financial condition. The AFPAAA fiscal year ended on September 30, 2014. At that time, the Association had \$22,541.28 in the checking account and the Endowment Fund was \$358,840.16. The total net worth was \$381,381.44.

The initial goal for the Endowment Fund was \$300,000 with the expectation that it would generate \$15,000 per year to sustain the programs of the Association over and above the membership dues. Treasurer Hart reported that the investment committee has overseen and increased the value of the endowment fund. Through contributions and growth, the value of the fund today is \$374,960.

In addition, as of today, the checking account has just over

\$49,000, including registration fees and corporate donations for the annual meeting. Approximately \$30,000 will be spent on the activities of the annual meeting.

Treasurer Hart made a motion to approve the report as presented; it was seconded by David Smith and approved unanimously.

The Association membership thanked the Investment Committee for their wise handling of the funds.

SAF/PA Liaison Report – Liaison Art Forster reported that Brig. Gen. Kathleen Cook, director of Air Force Public Affairs, has appointed Mike Caldwell, deputy director of SAF/PA, as her liaison with the Association. Mr. Caldwell has worked hard to improve the communications between the two organizations. One of the improvements is the current information they provide the Association for our web site. We now have access to Air Force talking points and products provided to senior Air Force leaders. Association by-laws provide for the SAF/PA liaison to be an associate (non-voting) member of the Association Board of Directors and Mike Caldwell attended the most recent board meeting.

The Association is currently discussing with SAF/PA the possibility of creating an Air Force Public Affairs Hall of Fame similar to the Army's. The Army has a detailed Hall of Fame program, including a dedicated web site and a photo display at the Defense Information School, recognizing the members of the Hall of Fame. Each year, up to three distinguished former Army public affairs professionals are added to the Hall of Fame. Army public affairs works very closely with their alumni association in recognizing their Hall of Fame members. The liaisons for the Association and SAF/PA, Art Forster and Mike Caldwell, have developed a draft memorandum of agreement outlining each organization's role in the proposed Air Force Public Affairs Hall of Fame program. They will work over the next few months to develop an agreement to present to the board for recommendation to Brigadier General Cook. It's an exciting project that will enable our community to recognize the pioneers and stalwarts of our business so future generations will understand their contributions to our career field and the Air Force.

Committee Reports

Web Site/Oral History – Committee Chairman John Gura noted the oral history of Colonel Arnald Gabriel, conductor emeritus of the Air Force Band, is complete and a summary will be published in a future Association newsletter.

More current information is being added to the web site

from SAF/PA resources. Members were encouraged to let him know about information they would like to see on the web site. A member asked if recorded oral histories could be loaded on the web site. John Gura responded that the size of the bandwidth limits video and audio content, but additional bandwidth could be purchased, if necessary. John Gura pointed out that the oral histories are printed versus recorded.

Communications—Jim Hart presented the Communications report for Committee Chairman John Terino who could not be at the meeting. John Terino continues to publish a quality newsletter and he makes a special effort to honor our deceased members. Please send remembrances of those deceased members to him when he asks for input. The newsletter belongs to the members and he welcomes your items and pictures for publication—awards, articles and books published, promotions, etc. — which should be submitted by the first of March, June, September, and December for publication in the April, July, October, and January issues.

Membership – Neil Buttmer said we currently have 567 members. We have a problem in recruiting and maintaining our associate members. Most of the broadcasters we added to the rolls by offering free memberships two years ago have not renewed. Neil usually waits two years after membership has expired to drop members from our rolls. Members are encouraged to recruit new members; the membership application is on the web site. Members can also update their contact information on the web site. The Board has asked the committee to research the possibility of offering members the option of paying their dues on-line. BAE Systems continues to donate the printing of the Association directory and the cost of mailing the hard-copy directory is minimal. Art Forster challenged each member to reach out to three people to encourage them to join the Association.

AFPAAA Coin – Thanks to John Gura for designing and obtaining the AFPAAA Coin. Coins are available for purchase on the web site.

Election Results – Chairman Ratliff announced the results of the Board of Directors election. Elected for two-year terms were:

Jay DeFrank	Perry Nouis	Johnny Whitaker
Tom Dolney	Art Forster	Phil Ratliff

Chairman Ratliff announced that as specified in the by-laws, the board of directors elected the following officers whose terms begin July 1, 2015:

Clem Gaines, Chairman of the Board
Larry Clavette, President

Judy Bivens, Vice President
Jim Hart, Treasurer
Art Forster, Secretary

John Terino was reappointed Communications Chairman.

2016 Annual Membership Meeting – Perry Nouis, Annual Meeting Coordinator, reported the board approved the DoubleTree Hotel, Colorado Springs, Colorado, as the site for the 23rd Annual Membership Meeting, May 12-14, 2016. The local hosts will be Barry Grossman and Fred Morgan. The 2017 Annual Membership Meeting will be back in the eastern U.S. Locations being researched by the Board are Destin, Florida.; Hampton Roads, Virginia; and Charleston, South Carolina.

New Business

Colorado Springs Area PA & Other Alumni Involvement – Jerry Dalton asked that the Association have involvement from the local active-duty public affairs staffs during next year’s annual meeting in Colorado Springs. He also recommended that the AFPAAA President write to the presidents of the band, broadcaster and combat camera alumni associations and invite them to our annual meeting.

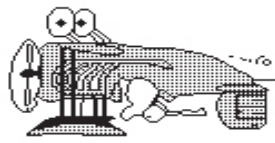
Name Change – Doug Kennett asked for the Board to revisit the issue of changing the Association’s name to Air Force Public Affairs Association in an effort to gain new members. Christine Queen responded that the issue was studied when she was Chairman of the Board. Bud Ross wrote an extensive paper on the findings and the Board decided a name change would not make a difference in membership recruitment or retention. There would be significant costs associated with a change and the issue was considered closed.

State of the Association - President Clem Gaines reported the AFPAAA is doing well and is financially sound. The Association is well-organized and we seek to have a greater interaction with SAF/PA. This year the Board will look at the impact of offering on-line membership payments in order to serve the members more efficiently. The Board is also reviewing the oral history program to determine if we can make those narratives available at no cost to members.

Adjournment—With no other business, Mark Foutch moved for adjournment, it was seconded by Dave Smith and the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Submitted,
Judy Bivens
Secretary

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Welcome Aboard To . . . Ken Hackman, Joseph LaMarca, Jr., and Larry St. Marie.

New Lifers . . . who have either joined or upgraded to AFPAAA Life membership are **Edward Bachl, Mike Caldwell, James 'JC' Corcoran, Ann M. Stefanek, and Bob Sule.**

General Darren W. McDew . . . an AFPAAA member and former SAF/PA Director (November 2007-February 2009), has been nominated by the President to be commander of U.S. Transportation Command. He currently heads Air Mobility Command.



In His Grandfather's Footsteps . . . Brigadier General Paul W. Tibbets IV has taken command of the 509th Bomb Wing, Whiteman AFB, Missouri, which is equipped with our most advanced strategic bomber, the B-2 Spirit. In 1945, his grandfather, then Colonel Paul W. Tibbets, Jr. piloted the Enola Gay, our then most advanced bomber, the B-29 Superfortress, that dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima.

A Unique Gathering Of Eight . . . the current SAF/PA Director and seven former directors, occurred at our Annual Membership Meeting. From left to right: Ron Rand (Feb. 1988-Dec. 2003), Ed Robertson (Oct. 1989-May 1992), Les Kodlick (May 2009-Feb. 2014), Kathleen Cook (Feb. 2014-Present), Jim Hart (Mobilization Assistant, Jul. 1988-Apr. 1995), Mike McRaney (Mar. 1985-Sep. 1989), Dick Abel (Aug. 1980-Mar. 1985). Front: Jerry Dalton (Dec. 1975-Aug. 1980).



Our New Board & Officers . . . effective the first of this month here are the new officers and members of the board of directors of AFPAAA: **Clem Gaines**, chairman; **Larry Clavette**, president; **Judy Bivens**, vice president; **Art Forster**, secretary; **Jim Hart**, treasurer; **Dick Abel, Jay DeFrank, Tom Dolney, John Gura, Perry Nouis, Phil Ratliff, John Terino, Johnny Whitaker, and Mike Caldwell**, liaison from SAF/PA.

Thanks Alan . . . member **Alan Freitag** had again donated the money he receives for work done as a trustee of The Interactivity Foundation to the AFPAAA Endowment Fund. His contributions over the years total \$2,500

Off The Air . . . DoD's television channel which began broadcasting in 2004 as The Pentagon Channel, and was renamed the DoD News Channel last July, ended broadcasts April 17. Designed to get military news and information to the members of the armed forces, it was available in the United States and around the world on cable networks, from satellite transmission, and on the internet.

On To Colorado Springs! . . . Our 23rd Annual Membership Meeting will be May 12-14 in Colorado Springs with the DoubleTree Hotel our headquarters. The room rate will be \$109, with a complimentary shuttle to the airport, free parking and wi-fi, and lots more. Barry Grossman and Fred Morgan are our on-site hosts. Plans are being worked so check future issues of News & Notes and our web site for details.



Membership Application

Full Members – former members of the Air Force Public Affairs, Broadcasting, Bands, or Multimedia career fields, military or civilian, retired or separated. *Associate Members* – current or former members of the Air Force Public Affairs, Broadcasting, Bands, or Multimedia career fields, military or civilian, still in service.

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Business e-mail address _____

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My grade/rank/GS/GM was/is _____

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in (month & year) _____

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ENDOWMENT FUND GAINS \$3,300 AS 33 CENTURIONS MAKE DONATIONS BOOST

“This year’s Centurion donations totalling \$3,300 have made another major contribution to our Endowment Fund,” AFPAAA Treasurer Jim Hart said. “The goal for the fund of \$300,000 was set in 1997 to provide for future operations of the

association; we’ve hit that, but with the fluctuations in the stock market, it is good to have a bit of a cushion. Right now we are at \$374,000”

This past year, 33 Centurion \$100 donations were made, almost all from individuals at our May Annual Membership Meeting. Since it began in 2003, the Centurion program has

increased the fund by more than \$30,000.

A major change in management of the Endowment Fund took has been very effective. With board approval, three years ago the finance committee determined it would be wise to transfer our funds to Newbridge Securities which placed them in a balanced portfolio of American Funds. “That move has produced positive results for AFPAAA with an overall increase in the value of our portfolio from the variety of funds Newbridge has used for our holdings,” Jim observed.

Members can make donations to the Endowment Fund in a variety of ways – money, stocks, real estate, collectibles, and other valuables. Donations are tax deductible, reducing a member’s tax liability while helping provide for the future of AFPAAA.

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*Indicates winner of the free rooms drawing. All Centurion donors since the previous Annual Membership Meeting present at this year’s meeting, were eligible for the drawing. The room prizes this year were valued at \$400.00 each.