

Board Of Directors Election Has Six Open Seats; Nominations Due Feb. 1

AFPAAA's Board of Directors election is in three months. Any Full Member of AFPAAA in good standing can run for one of the six open seats, which carry a two-year term beginning July 1.

Potential candidates should make their candidacy known by February 1 to the nominating committee headed by Clem Gaines. E-mail nominations should be sent to: cgaines67@verizon.net

Those seeking office should include a short, one or two paragraph resume/biography that would encourage members

to vote for them if accepted by the committee for placement on the ballot.

It should briefly sketch their qualifications; how they have supported AFPAAA, and why they want to be on the Board of Directors. A head and shoulders picture, either jpeg or TIFF format, or a print suitable for scanning, should be provided.

All potential candidates should understand that implicit in board membership is their willingness to enter the leadership progression to become

secretary, vice president, president, and ultimately chairman of the board.

Election ballots will be in the April issue of AFPAAA News & Notes and on-line voting via the AFPAAA web site will also be available at that time. Election results will be announced during the business session of AFPAAA's 23rd Annual Membership Meeting, Saturday, May 14, in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Six incumbents - Dick Abel, Judy Bivens, Larry Clavette, John Gura, Jim Hart, and Johnny Whitaker - are seeking re-election.

Stars For Another PA, Colonel Ed Thomas Nominated For B.G.

Currently serving as the commander of the Thomas M. Barnes Center for Enlisted Education at Maxwell AFB's Gunter Annex, Colonel Edward W. Thomas, Jr. was nominated on December 1 by the president for promotion to brigadier general.

A graduate of Texas A&M, he was commissioned in 1990. Before his current assignment he was the Public Affairs assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Among his other assignments have been U. S. EUCOM and PACAF Directors of Public Affairs, SAF/PA director of current operations, and Commander, 673d Mission Support Group at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska.



Added Attractions For May Colorado Springs Meeting

Our 23rd Annual Membership Meeting, May 12-14 in Colorado Springs, gets even better with two additions - one a fun event and one financial.

The fun event is an optional golf outing on the morning of Thursday, May 12, at either the Air Force Academy or Peterson AFB links. Duffers wishing to play should plan on getting into Colorado Springs the day before. Full details will be in the April newsletter and on our web site.

Being able to use a credit card to handle your registration fees is now a reality. You now have the choice of filling out the form on page 7 and mailing it with a check, or you can register on-line using your credit card for payment on our web site link of: <http://www.afpaaa.org/AnnMeet-Reg16.html> Your credit card payment will be processed through Pay Pal but you do not need an account with them to make your payment.

Credit card payments can only be made through our web site, do not send the registration form on page 7 with credit payments by mail to Jim Hart - only checks or money orders should be with mail registrations.

Our program needs a few more tweaks to be complete, but with one day devoted to space operations and missile defense at Peterson and Schriever AFBs and a morning at the Air Force Academy, plus all our social activities, it will be a great time.

Our Thanks To BAE Systems For AFPAAA's Directory

There are a number of 'silent supporters' of AFPAAA that help provide the means for your association to operate. BAE Systems in Nashua, New Hampshire is one of those silent supporters.

As you thumb through your copy of the current edition of the directory for a phone number or address of an old friend or colleague tip your hat to BAE Systems.

This year, as it has for 18 years, BAE Systems has printed 600 membership directories for AFPAAA.

In a letter of appreciation to BAE Systems, AFPAAA Treasurer Jim Hart noted that the printing of the directory by the company provides "... a far greater benefit to the Association than just the dollar value. It frees up funds that are then available to support many other benefits to our members and the United States Air Force."



“Football, Flying & Faith” - Dick Abel’s Life Odyssey Makes A Compelling Read

Not a day-by-day chronicle of his life nor a puff piece that proclaims his individual achievements and greatness; rather, Dick Abel’s autobiography *Football, Flying & Faith* presents the story of a humble man who has accomplished much in his lifetime.

The book is an Odyssey of Dick’s life, presented in chapters that are a series of vignettes depicting how he came from a depression era family to become an Air Force brigadier general, and much more.

As you read each chapter things become clear: His commitment to excellence, and his evolving and deepening commitment to his Christian faith. You will find that Ann, his wife, has been a big part in Dick’s progression through his multiple careers and faith commitment.

There is Dick the athlete. A kid who played football at St. Ignatius High School in Cleveland and parlayed those skills onto the team at the University of Detroit. Football was part of his Air Force career too, first as a player-coach at Lackland AFB, Texas, then as an assistant coach at the Air Force Academy.

But his athletic career had a down side. In the early days of America’s effort to put a man in space he was selected for NASA’s Space Capsule Testing Program. After several

days of extensive physical examination he was eliminated; multiple concussions from football had produced irregular brain waves. Then, in 1962, while at

sociations that included the United States Olympic Committee; President of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and as the director of the Military Ministry of the Campus Crusade for Christ is a story in itself.

A considerable portion of the book is devoted to Vietnam and the return of the POWs, which Dick had a major role in. His insights and observations are well worth reading.

Equally important, and a must read section for all military and other public relations practitioners is chapter 12 “Public Affairs - Abel’s Way”. It is a primer in how to do Public Affairs right.

Throughout the book is the theme of Dick’s commitment to and practice of his faith. Dick’s story is a good read and there is a lot to be learned about living your life well - whether you are deeply religious or not.

— John Terino



Williams AFB, Arizona, to be one of the first T-38 flight instructors, the same irregular brain waves ended his flying career.

How Dick overcame that career crisis and went on to complete his Air Force career with post AF as-

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From The President's Pen —



Our AFPAAA founders had a great vision for us that included: conducting programs to keep members informed of and up-to-date on the key issues facing the Air Force and its Public Affairs community; providing social and recreational activities that would enable old friends and people who we served with to keep in touch, and to sponsor or participate in activities of a patriotic nature.

I think our association is at a point where we need to reflect on what we are doing to remain relevant in terms of attracting and holding younger members from the PA, Band, Broadcasting, and Multi-Media communities.

Looking over the membership directory, it is clear that most of us are part of an older generation. That means, while the older members must continue to be served, we must serve the needs of our younger members if AFPAAA is to continue to grow and survive.

Talking to younger PAs, I've learned that they certainly have different needs than I do. They adapt to the changing technology time we live in. Many of them are interested in employment after their service ends. Others don't even realize they can join an alumni association while they are still serving.

Unfortunately, I don't have an answer for why those in the younger generation don't join our association, or other veterans' groups for that matter – many of them are also struggling with gaining membership and support from a younger generation.

For AFPAAA, could it be it's a communication challenge? How could that be as we are a group of the best communicators to ever served the Air Force! When I look at our web site there appear to be programs, even employment assistance, that should interest them. But, maybe we don't offer programs or services that appeal to or serve the younger PAs.

AFPAAA took a small initiative a few weeks ago by providing a list of members willing to judge the annual active duty, guard, and reserve media contests. Thanks to those of you who volunteered to be judges. It's a small step in enhancing AFPAAA's visibility and contact with those now serving who are potentially our members in the years to come. That's a start; but we need to do more; the question is what?

Do you have ideas or suggestions that can make the association more interesting to the younger generations? If so, I encourage you to contact me with your ideas and suggestions. You can contact me by e-mailing them to me at larryclavette@afpaaa.org or call me at 540 903-7238.

— Larry Clavette

Lord Guard & Guide

Davis F. 'Doc' Ball

The second member of an Air Force Public Affairs family, AFPAAA Life Member Doc Ball died August 26 in San Antonio, Texas. He was 77. His wife Helen, also a Life Member, passed in December 2014.

His military career began in the Army as a gunner on a tank. In the Air Force he was a medical corpsman before entering the then information career field. He retired in 1977 as a master sergeant.

Doc continued his Air Force career in civil service where he supported officer training at Lackland AFB as a media manager.

In retirement he was an avid historical researcher, completing several "Ride With Me" tapes to share regional Texas history. He also was a

designer, builder, and flier of radio controlled model airplanes.

Doc is survived by his son, Scott, and daughter, Elizabeth; five grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He was interred with Helen at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

Remembrances in his name may be made to the Ramey Air Force Base Historical Association, 527 Avenue Ing Orlando Alarcon, Aguadilla, Puerto Rico 00604 or to the San Antonio Humane Society, 4804 Fredericksburg Road, San Antonio, TX 78229.



Ronald Gruchy

AFPAAA member, Ron Gruchy, died July 20, in Scottsdale, Arizona. He was 81.

Ron's route to becoming a Public Affairs Officer was not straight. Raised in Newton Highlands, Massachusetts, despite being underage when the Korean War broke out he managed to enlist in the Army. On his 18th birthday he arrived in Inchon as a medical technician.

After the war he was a X-Ray technician at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston. There he met his wife Barbara, a nursing student. They married in 1955.

The couple moved to Florida where Ron studied film and television at the University of Miami. After graduation he worked for CBS as a cameraman in Miami.

Ron entered Officer Training School in 1963 and was commissioned. From OTS he had a 17 year career in Public Affairs, mostly involving radio,

television, and film work.

His assignments included Europe; Deputy Chief of the American Forces Thailand Network, Korat RTAB, and Westover AFB, Massachusetts.

Ron's final assignment was as chief of the audio visual branch in SAF/PA's Los Angeles office. He was responsible for enhancing the Air Force's image with accuracy and in a positive manner in hundreds of television shows and movies that were and are still being seen by millions of people around the world.

Among the TV shows he worked on were *The Six Million Dollar Man*, *Life Goes to War*, *The Bionic Woman* (in one episode he doubled for Lindsay Wagner), and *Hawaii Five-O*; movies included *Airport 1975*, *The Swarm*, *Hair*, *Telefon*, and *Superman*.

Ron retired in 1980 as a major. In retirement he played golf, sang in the church choir, and loved being with his family



and friends. When in hospice shortly before he passed he told his daughter, "It's been a good ride. I've had fun."

His wife, Barbara, died five weeks prior to Ron's passing. He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Richard Goulooze, and grandsons, Ryan and Casey.

Remembrances in Ron's name may be sent to the Wounded Warrior Project.

Ron Gruchy was my best friend in the Air Force. And that is saying a lot since I counted scores of my associates as good, personal friends as well as respected professional colleagues. But Ron was special.

I got to know him even before I met him in person. I was a newly minted second lieutenant assigned to the 7122nd Support Squadron, which ran the Air Force's Armed Forces Radio and Television operations in

Europe, Africa, and the Middle East. As a result of the Air Force's early-60s resolve to place round pegs in round



round of assignments, every junior officer arriving in the squadron had broadcasting degrees—Ron among them. He was the commander of our stations in Greece and Crete.

What set him apart was the deep respect that all the NCOs in the squadron had for him. Perhaps it was his prior enlisted service, but more likely it was his inspiring, warm, personable leadership style. Everyone who had ever visited any of his stations told of the sense of teamwork and quiet professionalism that characterized operations under his command.

When Buzz Rizer replaced Pete Ballas as the squadron commander, one of his first decisions was to make Ron the squadron deputy commander. Smart move. Ron provided a bedrock foundation of organization and sure-footedness to the fast-burning, pot-stirring, change-agent leader that Buzz was. They

were a great team, and with them at the helm, the squadron made quantum leaps forward to becoming a truly professional broadcast operation across three continents.

It was during that time that Ron's wife, Bobbie, and my Barbara also became lifelong friends. And the Gruchy's daughter Linda became our surrogate niece. We stayed in regular contact through the rest of our Air Force careers as well as throughout our civilian post-military lives.

Ron's final Air Force assignment was heading the audio-visual branch of SAF/PA's Los Angeles office. Despite the powerful anti-military atmosphere in Hollywood during the early 1970s, Ron ploughed ahead, undaunted, and nurtured countless ways to place the Air Force's image and story in a favorable light in numerous films as well as many network television series and specials.

As the chief of information and liaison at AFRTS Headquarters in LA at the time, I knew firsthand what an uphill struggle Ron was facing. And yet, he seemed to relish the challenge. His long list of successes speaks for itself.

Not long after retiring from the Air Force, Barbara and I celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary. Ron and Bobbie totally surprised us by flying to Texas from Arizona especially to spend the day with us. And 25 years later, as we were preparing to celebrate our 50th, one of the first phone calls we received was from Ron and Bobbie "apologizing" for the fact that they would not be able to join us this time, but that their health was simply not up to it.

They wished us well, and promised to try to make it to our 75th. That was the last contact we had with them, and we will cherish it until we meet them again in the hereafter to rekindle that friendship of more than 50 years.

— Ral Aars

Ronald C. Lindeke

Ron Lindeke, a Lifetime Founder of AFPAAA, passed away September 23 at the Appleton Medical Center in Wisconsin. He was 75 years old.

He was born in St. Paul, Minnesota. The family moved to Eau Claire, Wisconsin, where Ron was president of his high school class and earned a B.S. degree in secondary education from the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire.

Ron's 22-year career in Air Force Public Affairs began at Pease AFB, New Hampshire in 1962. He was Director of Radio and Television at the Defense Information School.

Other assignments took him to France and Germany with the United States European Command and to Korea as Chief of Community Relations and Public Affairs Plans for the United Nations Command and U.S. Forces Korea.

His two Pentagon assignments included DoD's Air Force Press Desk and as the executive officer for the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs.

Ron's last two assignments were as the Deputy Director of Public Affairs, Tactical Air Command, and as Director of Public Affairs, Air Force Communications Command. He retired from the latter in 1984 as a lieutenant colonel.

After a brief stint as a partner in the Roanoke Agency, a public relations, advertising and marketing firm serving Northeastern North Carolina, Ron became the manager of public affairs for Lockheed Space Operations at Vandenberg AFB.

Ron held various positions with Lockheed during a 13 year career with the company. He was director of communications for the Lockheed Martin Skunk Works, Palmdale, California, when he retired in 1999.

He moved to Las Vegas

where he ran a small business and traveled extensively with a group of friends.

He is survived by his nephew, Bill Lindeke. On line condolences may be sent at: www.wichmannfargo.com



I met Ron in the late 1970s when I was first assigned to SAF/PA. I knew him first socially and was immediately impressed with his totally dry sense of humor. But he also had a great

deal more experience than me and while Ron would never have thought of himself as a mentor, he indeed became one of those special people I reached out to when I needed advice. His PR sense was "spot on" and his understanding of the Air Force far broader than mine. He became a good friend and I was honored to have him as one of the two ushers at my wedding. He was a special man and is truly missed by those who had the honor of knowing him well.

– Doug Kennett

When Ron Lindeke passed away in September, we lost a great colleague, and a fine officer and public affairs practitioner. Even though Connie and I hadn't talked with Ron for more than 10 years we thought of him often, especially his sardonic wit that was akin to Walter Matthau's. To understand Ron you had to know he was sui generis. And, I know that he was because he told me he was.

Ron was a happy guy who didn't take himself too seriously and could find something to say about most situations he encountered. For those of you who knew him this all makes sense. For those of you who didn't, a few examples. He knew all the words to "I've Got The Horse Right Here" from "Guys and Dolls." He knew the five classifications of the results of passing gas. While discretion prevents me

from including them in this tribute, e-mail me and I'll send them along.

He had nicknames for his friends (and nicknames for some he didn't know but thought the name, although probably unwelcomed, would be appropriate). He used one word to describe anything or item. The word was "shaw-zawas." Never ashamed to steal someone else's material, he stole that one from Bugs Bunny. Connie and I still use it.

Without trying to sound trite, our world will be a little sadder without Ron in it.

– Gene Sands

Ron was dry and he was

Edward N. Neunherz

Ed Neunherz died at home in Veradale, Washington on January 27, 2015. He was 70 years old.

He was born in Columbus, Ohio, and graduated with a BA from the University of Arkansas, had an MBA from Gonzaga University, and a MSE from Wayne State University.

Ed's Air Force career spanned almost 27 years. Ed served as a Weapons Safety Officer and Public Affairs Officer.

In Public Affairs he was involved in the Titan missile explosion, air show disasters, the hostage return from Lebanon, and the removal of chemical weapons from Germany. Other overseas assignments included Italy and Japan.

Ed retired in 1983 as a lieutenant colonel.

He retired to Spokane, Washington to become executive director of Spokane Lilac Festival before becoming a senior vice president at Global Credit Union until 2010.

He was involved in many civic and community organizations, including serving as president of the Greater Spokane Substance Abuse Council, the Spokane Armed Services Committee, and the

wry. Two gifts he gave to Gene and me really stand out in my memory. The first, a giant brass bird on a perch, included a note saying something like "Here is a new pet for you. He doesn't eat much, he doesn't talk and he s---s bee-bees!" We named him Shimluski.

Our wedding gift was a clock just a bit too big for the amount of paper Ron had. On the bottom, hand scribbled across the naked box was the comment "Just pretend this is wrapping paper." A true original!

Gene and I will truly miss him and the fun we had with him.

– Connie Jackson

Washington State Festivals and Events Association.

Ed is survived by his wife, Patricia Gayle and son Gregory, and two grandchildren.

Remembrances in Ed's name may be made to the Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery, 509-535-3155; the Greater Spokane Substance Abuse Council (GSSAC), 509-922-8383, or Operation Spokane Heroes, 801 W. Riverside, suite 100, Spokane, WA 99201.

I had the good fortune of serving with Ed at 8th Air Force HQ at Barksdale AFB, LA in the early 80's. He was a great PAO whose advice was always timely, well-reasoned and on target. He was fun to be around and had a sharp wit that could cut to the bone. Ed was cool and steady under fire and proudly earned the nickname, Easy Ed. After retiring from the USAF, Ed and Gayle moved back to the Spokane, Washington area where he was stationed earlier at Fairchild AFB. He became a well-respected community leader who devoted much of his time to helping others. Ed touched many lives and will be greatly missed – Godspeed old friend!

– Art Forster

McGraw Heads Board Of \$1B Not-For-Profit Hospital

The Board of Trustees of the Wilmington, North Carolina, New Hanover Regional Medical Center (NHRMC) has appointed AFPAAA member Dick McGraw its chairman. The appointment was effective October 27.

NHRMC is a one-billion dollar not-for-profit general medical and surgical hospital that has 678 beds. It offers care in a number of facilities, including New Hanover Regional Medical Center,

NHRMC Orthopedic Hospital, Betty H. Cameron Women's & Children's Hospital, Behavioral Health Hospital, Pender Memorial Hospital, and NHRMC Rehabilitation Hospital.

NHRMC also has extensive emergency, urgent care, and outpatient services capabilities.

The hospital has more than 36,000 admissions a year and performs approximately 10,000 inpatient and 17,000 outpatient surgeries, and its

emergency room has more than 120,000 visits per year.

Dick retired from the Air Force in 1983. He is currently completing his third consecutive term as a trustee since 2009. He also served on the board in 2000-2001 before accepting appointment as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs and later Special Assistant to Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld.



AFPAAA Colorado Springs Itinerary May 12-14 (Subject To Change)

Thursday, May 12

8 am - 1 pm
Noon - 5 pm
2 - 4 pm
5 - 7 pm

Optional Golf Outing at AF Academy or Peterson AFB Course - TBD
Registration
AFPAAA Board Meeting
Welcome Reception - DoubleTree Hotel

Friday, May 13

6:30 - 7:30 am
7:30 - 8:15 am
8:30 - 8:45 am
9 - 11:15 am
11:15 - 11:30 am
11:30 am - 1 pm
1 - 1:40 pm
1:45 - 2 pm
2 - 4:20 pm
4:20 - 5:15 pm
Evening Free

Breakfast
Board Buses to Peterson AFB Visitor Center
Air Force Space Command Headquarters - Group Picture
Space Command, NORAD-USNORTHCOM, 21st Space Wing briefings
Buses to Peterson AFB Club
President's Luncheon
Board Buses to Schriever AFB
Clear Security
Missile Defense Agency and 50th Space Wing briefings/tour
Board Buses to DoubleTree Hotel
Optional - Colorado Springs Philharmonic, Rhapsody In Blue - Pikes Peak Center

Saturday, May 14

6:30 - 7:30 am
7:30 - 8:30 am
8:45 - 10:45 am
10:45 - 11:15 am
Noon - 1:30 pm
2 - 4 pm
6 - 9:30 pm

Breakfast
Board Buses to AF Academy Visitor Center
Welcoming and USAFA briefing/tour
Board Buses to DoubleTree Hotel
SAF/PA Director's Luncheon
AFPAAA Membership Meeting
AFPAAA Awards Reception & Banquet (Grand Ballroom)

Double Scholarship Winner, Broadcast Journalist Sergeant Ben Wocken Seeks Commission To Be Public Affairs Officer

Staff Sergeant Ben Wocken is a man on a mission - his goal: OTS, a commission, and a career as a Public Affairs Officer - and if determination and hard work mean anything, he'll succeed in his mission.

An AFPAAA member, Sergeant Wocken is a broadcast journalist stationed at HQ American Forces Network - Europe, Sembach, Germany.

When he enlisted in 2009 he had a bachelor's degree from Humboldt State University in political science with a minor in broadcasting, and experience as a congressional aide.

Before getting into the broadcast side of Public Affairs, Ben spent four years in medical administration with the 375th AES

at Scott AFB. During that time he deployed to Afghanistan as an Aeromedical Evacuation Duty Controller with the 651st Expeditionary Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

Currently he is adding to his credentials to get an OTS slot and becoming a Public Affairs Officer by pursuing online a Masters of Public Affairs degree from the University of Missouri's Harry S. Truman School of Public Affairs.

Ben is excelling. Through three semesters he is carrying a 4.0 grade point average. Last year he garnered two scholarships to help pay his tuition.

Through the Air Force Association he received a Colonel Loren J. and Mrs.

Lawona W. Spencer Scholarship worth \$5,000. These scholarships are intended to assist Air Force personnel pursuing graduate level education in management and administration as preparation for senior level leadership roles.

He was also selected by the Veterans of Foreign Wars as one of 85 service members and veterans to receive part of more than \$360,000 from the 'Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarships' program.





Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

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(Do you receive text messages at this number? Yes ___ No ___)

Guest(s) Name(s): _____

How do you want your name/guest name(s) to appear on name badges: _____

Full Registration

Includes all events, except golf, on Thursday, Friday & Saturday.

Please indicate the total number of each meal choice(s) for the Saturday banquet:

Beef _____ Chicken _____ Vegetarian _____

Members Attending _____ x \$200 = \$ _____

Guests Attending _____ x \$175 = \$ _____

Non Members _____ x \$300 = \$ _____

How many in your party will go by bus to Peterson & Schriever AFBs on Friday, May 13? _____

How many in your party will go by bus to the Air Force Academy on Saturday, May 14? _____

Individual Event Registration

Icebreaker Reception - DoubleTree Hotel, Thursday, May 12, 5-7 p.m.

Members Attending _____ x \$20 = \$ _____

Guests Attending _____ x \$20 = \$ _____

Non Members _____ x \$25 = \$ _____

Peterson AFB, President's Luncheon, Schriever AFB, Friday, May 13.

(Includes bus transportation to Peterson & Schriever AFBs)

Members Attending _____ x \$75 = \$ _____

Guests Attending _____ x \$75 = \$ _____

Non Members _____ x \$85 = \$ _____

President's Luncheon Only – Peterson AFB, Friday, May 13.

Members Attending _____ x \$35 = \$ _____

Guests Attending _____ x \$35 = \$ _____

Non Members _____ x \$45 = \$ _____

Air Force Academy & Director's Luncheon, Saturday, May 14.

(Includes bus transportation to the Air Force Academy)

Members Attending _____ x \$60 = \$ _____

Guests Attending _____ x \$60 = \$ _____

Non Members _____ x \$70 = \$ _____

Director's Luncheon Only, DoubleTree Hotel, Saturday, May 14.

Members Attending _____ x \$50 = \$ _____

Guests Attending _____ x \$50 = \$ _____

Non Members _____ x \$60 = \$ _____

AFPAAA Annual Reception and Banquet, Saturday, May 14, 6-10 p.m.

Please indicate number of meal choice(s) for the banquet:

Beef _____ Chicken _____ Vegetarian _____

Members Attending _____ x \$75 = \$ _____

Guests Attending _____ x \$75 = \$ _____

Non Members _____ x \$85 = \$ _____

Please make your check or money order payable to: **AFPAAA**

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 7371 Cox Road
 Bascom FL 32423

To pay by credit card & register on line go to: <http://www.afpaaa.org/AnnMeet-Reg16.html>

Hotel: AFPAAA has a block of rooms at the DoubleTree by Hilton Colorado Springs at **\$109.00+tax** per night (single or double). Make your reservations by calling **1 800 774-1500** or **719 576-8900** and ask for discount code **AFP**. Reservations for the AFPAAA rate must be made by **April 17, 2016**.

Please check AFPAAA's web site for the latest information on the 23rd Annual Membership Meeting: <http://www.AFPAAA.org/annualmeet.html>

Registrations Are Due By
May 6, 2016
Registrations Received
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Welcome Aboard To . . . new members Will Ackerman, Brian Behret, Debra Donatto, Sheryll Klinkel, David Naden, Donald Miles, Henry Tyszler.

Our Man In Poland . . . AFPAAA member Alan Freitag, a professor at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, who is on a nine-month Fulbright Scholar teaching public relations at Poznan University of Economics invites you to check out <http://prprof-in-poland.blogspot.com> for his most current and previous very interesting blogs.

Something For Nuthin' . . . *Air Force Magazine* is now available online for free. The Air Force Association says "Air Force Magazine and its archived Daily Report columns are now free for anyone to read. The USAF Almanac, which appears in the May issue of Air Force Magazine, however, is a special research tool that will remain available only to members. Non-members can purchase the Almanac for \$20. Please bookmark www.airforcemag.com and sign up to receive the Daily Report to stay up to date with the latest Air Force, airpower, and national security news."

Judges Supplied . . . MAJCOM PA offices, the AF PA Agency and SAF/PA are holding their annual print, broadcast, graphics, and photography competitions now. And, in response to a request from the National Guard Bureau, AFPAAA solicited for and got volunteers to help judge the NGB's media contest. While it is too late for you to be a judge in this year's contests, AFPAAA would like to expand its roster of volunteer judges for next year. If you can be a resource for next year drop an e-mail to Larry Clavette at larryclavette@afpaaa.org with your name, email, phone number, and the category or categories you feel qualified to judge.