

Board Votes For DINFOS AF Distinguished Grad Awards & To Fund Part of Associates' PRSA Fees

The Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association will recognize the Air Force honor graduates of the Defense Information School and will provide partial funding to Associate Members seeking Public Relations Society of America membership.

"We are doing what members said they wanted - recognition of achievement and support of professional development," said Board Chairman Mike McRaney.

The idea to recognize DINFOS honor grads came from member Charles Wynne, who heads the school's journalism division.

"We will present one-year Associate Memberships to Air Force honor graduates of the Basic Journalist, Basic

Broadcasting, and Public Affairs Officer courses," McRaney said. "By giving these memberships we achieve two things: we recognize the significant achievements of these people, and we introduce them to our Association and its benefits."

It is expected that there will be between seven and ten honor graduates per year from the three courses.

Partial funding for PRSA accreditation was approved by the Board of Directors in response to a request for professional development support for younger Public Affairs career field people from Brig. General Ron Sconyers, Air Force Director of Public Affairs.

The Board voted to allot \$1,000 in 1997 for ten \$100 grants. The grants will cover one-half of the PRSA's accreditation fee for Air Force Public Affairs people who are members of the Association. Future funding will be considered on a year-by-year basis.

"By providing these grants we do two things: we help improve the professionalism of future Public Affairs leaders; and we show the tangible benefits of membership," McRaney said.

The Association stipulated that the grants be available to all who would be eligible with four for junior enlisteds - up to E-6, three to junior civilians - up to GS-9, and three to officers - up to O-4.

Recipients will be selected by SAF/PA.

The Board did not approve two requests that came from our Annual Membership Meeting. One was to establish an award, named for former SAF/OI Associate Director Gladys Wise, that would be given annually to the outstanding civilian in public affairs.

"Our 'Best of the Best' award can go to a civilian, it would be costly to the Association to create the award, and SAF/PA felt it already has the right mix of awards," McRaney explained.

The other was to create a membership biography file. It was not accepted because resources to administer the project are not available.

Four Board Seats Open; Candidates Sought

The two-year terms of four current members of the Board of Directors of the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association - Jim Hart, Kathy McCollom, Jim Reinhard, and Dave Smith - are about to end.

All but Jim Reinhard, who has assumed increased international responsibilities with Northrop-Grumman, will run again.

Additional candidates,

including self-nominations, can be proposed by members for placement on the ballot.

Only Full Members - retired/separated military or civilian - in good standing can be nominated for the board.

The names of proposed nominees must be received by the nominating committee in writing with a postmark of not later than April 1.

The names of proposed

candidates should be submitted with a short biography that includes the person's retirement date, career highlights, current occupation, etc., to:

Kathleen McCollom
Nominating Chairman
Air Force Public Affairs
Alumni Association
1501 Crystal Drive #431
Arlington, VA 22202

Voting will be by mail. The ballots will be mailed to Full

Members in May and must be returned by June 25.

To allow the incumbents to complete their terms and because this year's Annual Membership Meeting is in April, the Board has waived the provision that election results be announced at the meeting.

Results of the election will be in the issue of News & Notes that follows the election.

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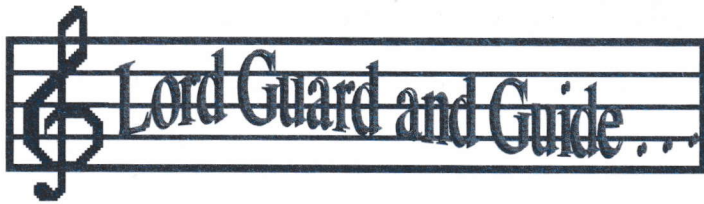
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Fred Feldman

Fred Feldman, an Air Force Reserve Public Affairs Officer, was a pioneer; but not as a PA. He was a pioneering helicopter traffic reporter for radio station WOR in New York City.

He was the second of the breed - Francis Gary Powers, operating in the sky over Los Angeles, was the first,

Fred got into traffic reporting purely by accident. After seven years in the Air Force flying jets and serving as an instructor pilot, he was flying for a commercial helicopter service in the New York area. When WOR decided in April 1962 to put a reporter on a helicopter to do morning traffic reports, Fred's company was hired to supply the equipment and pilot.

On the day the station's reports were to start, Fred and his chopper were ready. WOR was not. The station had not yet hired a reporter to do the job.

Fred, who had no broadcasting training, was

sent aloft to cover for the missing reporter. His reports that day were the start of a 16 year career.

During more than a decade and a half, he became a fixture to millions of people in the New York metropolitan area and is credited with dubbing the Long Island Expressway 'the world's longest parking lot.'

A heart attack and bypass surgery in 1968 brought his helicopter traffic reporting to a halt.

He served many years with the Reserve's New York Information Squadron. Later he was a mobilization augmentee at Headquarters, Air Reserve Personnel Center in Denver. He was a great help getting key Air Force people guest shots on New York radio stations, especially WOR. He retired in the rank of colonel.

Fred died of a heart attack at his home in Roseland, New Jersey October 18. He is survived by his sister Joann Fessler

S. L. 'Smitty' von Fossen

Smitty von Fossen had enough experiences in the Air Force to fill two careers.

He began in the Army Air Forces in World War II as an Aviation Cadet who became an instructor pilot.

After the war he flew P-47 Thunderbolts and P-51 Mustangs. He was an L-5 pilot in the Korean War.

After a tour as an ROTC instructor at Syracuse, he returned to the cockpit, first in RB-45s followed by RB and EB-66s. He served as a Civil Air Patrol liaison officer

at Wright-Patterson AFB, and was assigned to Germany in 1964. Smitty was assigned to the Director of operations staff at 7th Air Force Headquarters in Vietnam in 1967-68.

He became a Public Affairs Officer in Chicago in 1968. In 1969 he was appointed Director of Public Affairs for the Air Force Reserve at Robins AFB.

Smitty retired as a colonel in 1974. He passed away on November 6 in Sarasota, Florida.

Jim Hart Selected As PR Professional Of The Year

AFPAAA Lifetime Founder and member of our Board of Directors James W. Hart, Jr., was selected by the readers of *PR News* as "PR Professional of the Year."

Jim received the award at a reception November 11 in the St. Louis Adams Mark Hotel during the annual conference of the Public Relations Society of America.

The award was presented by Debra Murphy, the editor of *PR News*. Robert Dilenschneider of the Dilenschneider Group, who worked with Hart at Hill & Knowlton delivered remarks in tribute to Hart.

The other two candidates, Barbara Hunter and Richard Yarbrough, were formidable. Hunter is considered one of the most effective agency executives in the field with an outstanding record as head of D-A-Y Public Relations and later with Ogilvy & Mather, before founding Hunter & Associates. She had been the New York chapter and national president of PRSA.

Yarbrough, who is now a senior counselor at Manning, Selvage & Lee, had a stellar record too. He was a communications executive with BellSouth for many

years. Most recently he managed public relations for the Olympic Summer Games in Atlanta last year.

Jim brought to the contest the fact that he was heading both the Public Affairs Council in Washington, D.C., and the Texas Public Relations Association, while working as the vice president of public affairs for PanEnergy Corp, a \$6 billion natural gas company.

Under his guidance, the PanEnergy communications and public relations programs have won three Public Relations Society of America Silver Anvil Awards and two International Association of Business Communicators Gold Quill Awards.

In addition, PanEnergy's response to a gas line explosion in New Jersey, which Jim spearheaded, is considered an exemplary exercise in crisis management and became a *PR News* case study.

For the public relations professionals who are the readers of *PR News*, it was a tough choice. When the votes were tallied, Jim Hart was the winner; an honor he richly deserves, as those of us who had the privilege of working with him in the Air Force can attest to.

New Membership Directory Off The Presses In April

There are no new member or revisions to current member directory listings in this issue of *News & Notes*.

The omissions are deliberate. The 1997 Membership directory is now in the final stages of preparation. Look for it in your mail in April.

Meanwhile, keep sending in those changes to your listings - new phone numbers and addresses for both home and work, e-mail addresses, etc.

We will resume publishing updates and new member listings our next issue of *News and Notes*.

From The Chairman's Pen



Early this year, just a little over three and a half years since our Association came into being, we crossed the 600 member milestone, much to my satisfaction and surprise, and to the surprise of many who have been involved from the beginning. There are many reasons for this accomplishment; some are very worthy of mention.

It all started decades ago, a slow burning idea that was kicked around in offices, clubs, and at nearly every command Public Affairs conference; establish a formal alumni association. But the idea languished for lack of a group of people who were willing to pick up the torch. In the summer of 1993, Colonel Mike Gallagher, then PA Director at Air Combat Command – the old TAC – challenged the group of alumni guests he had at Langley for a command update to ‘just do it.’

The mix of attendees must have been exactly right, or the beer was flowing more than usual, because a core group of ‘geezers,’ as Mike called us, accepted the challenge. Our first meetings were at the Touchdown Club in Washington, then we moved to the downstairs bar of the Ft. Myer Officers’ Club (an Army club for gosh sakes). Amid the refreshments and peanuts, and despite the noise of happy hour, we decided what had to be done.

That group of folks, Pete Alexandrakos, Ted Daniel, John Gulick, Jim Reinhard, Gene Sands, John Terino, and myself hashed out some bylaws, responsibilities, goals – we originally expected 100 to 150 members – dues schedule, qualification elements, membership categories, and other necessary details. Many of the discussions featured very strong individual expressions of what we should be, what we should look like, how much to charge, and so forth . . . and some of the discussions became heated, but fortunately none were terminally fatal to anyone.

We needed a way to begin contacting potential members to solicit their applications – and money – and a way to publicize what we were doing. John Terino created our very attractive and successful newsletter. All of us kicked in as many names as we could to give us a good start. Neil Buttimer took on the awesome task of membership chairman, Pete Alexandrakos assumed the difficult job of managing our funds. I was chosen as chairman and president. John Gulick arranged for a nearly priceless piece of art from renowned aviation artist Keith Farris to be used gratis as the beautiful and meaningful background for our membership certificates. Everyone played a major role, gave much time, money, ideas, and enthusiasm to make the Association a success.

One of the smarter folks in the group remembered that Tom Halbert developed and maintained a Washington area alumni listing of sorts that was used by SAF/OI, then later by SAF/PA, for Christmas cards, invitations to the office Christmas Party – later changed to the more politically correct Holiday Ball – HOBA for short, golf tournaments, and other special events. That list was the basis for our first membership solicitation mailout and we were off to the races. Three successful annual conventions, several major projects promoting public affairs professionalism, a growing membership, and a healthy investment program put us where we are today . . . still growing, solvent, and I believe, appreciated by SAF/PA and the membership for having come this far.

To all of the members who believed in our efforts and have stayed with us, especially those founding and life members who chose to be with us for the long-haul, the entire board offers you a deep and special thanks. Many doubted these efforts (some still do), many more converted from original one-year memberships to three-year and life memberships, indicating their extended support and participation. Only a couple have dropped their membership for lack of interest or disappointment – sorry guys.

And to those board members, convention coordinators, donators of talent, time, and resources – especially Jim Hart of PanEnergy Corp. – who contributed so much, developed so many good ideas and translated them into quick effective actions – all of us owe you a huge and special debt of thanks for all you did and for giving us good reason to celebrate the crossing of a huge membership milestone.

We can continue the toasts to our new milestone by attending the 50th Anniversary of the United State Air Force celebration in Las Vegas next month. If you haven’t made your reservations and travel arrangements so you can join your many colleagues who have already signed up, don’t delay. The details are on pages 6 & 7.

See you in Vegas!

– Mike McRaney

The Many Wars Of Bill McGinty

by Chuck Lucas

Most who knew Bill McGinty recall his enthusiasm during a 30-year Air Force career, that included 21 years in public affairs. To AFPAAA Associate Members, tasked today with tough decisions in putting the Air Force in the best light, his story is required reading.

Bill flew Hurricanes and Spitfires with the RAF in England before Pearl Harbor. He joined the Army Air Forces in London as a flying sergeant. Within six months he was a captain commanding a P-51 squadron. After D-Day, and 3 1/2 kills, he was at Tyndall Field, Fla., teaching air tactics – by 1946 he was the base's "temporary" public relations officer.

In the mid-50s he put new life into SAFOI's Magazine and Books Branch. One week, Time, Newsweek, and Life all had Air Force cover stories.

A story from AFPAAA's Oral History collection will be in each future issue. "We want people to see the wealth of information that is in these interviews," said Oral History Chairman John Gura. "Public Affairs people have been part of every significant activity the Air Force has been involved in, often in key positions; if not making policy, then interpreting it; and normally in close proximity to the movers and shakers. Yet, no one had collected the lessons learned, anecdotes, and insights until now. The AFPAAA's Oral Histories provide first-person records for practitioners, students, and journalists so the prophecy that 'those who deny history are doomed to repeat it,' may not be fulfilled."

In 1957, three B-52s made their first nonstop, around-the world flight, a classified mission. "If you're going to fly B-52s around the world, it has significance; it's a great achievement; we're doing it for a purpose," McGinty told the Air Staff. "We'll get reports on where they are and how they're doing." However, fear of possible failure quashed Bill's idea. But, when the B-52s landed, Life magazine had the story on its cover. "We had an Air Force photographer on board.



Col. Bill McGinty discusses the Viet Cong's midnight raid on Tan Son Nhut Air Base, April 13, 1966, with MAC-V Commander General William C. Westmoreland.

He took the photograph, which I didn't know about, but like me he was enthusiastic," McGinty said.

"I don't know where the information plan was. After it was over they were going to put out a release, I guess.

"Our recommendation wasn't presented in a very aggressive way," he said. "But in our enthusiasm, we got ahead of ourselves and caused a major flap, which embarrassed the Air Force. I got thrown out of my job."

After administrative leave and jet school, Bill was named chief of Information for 17th Air Force at Wheelus AB, Libya. As contingency Information Officer for the Mediterranean, he was on the scene in Turkey and Lebanon during the crises of 1958.

In 1965, when Chief of Staff Gen. J. P. McConnell expressed displeasure with



how the Air Force story was being reported in Vietnam, McGinty was tapped for the assignment. In short order, McGinty's team was doing such a good job that it caught the eye of DoD info chief Arthur Sylvester, an old McGinty nemesis.

McGinty detested the "Five O'Clock Follies" (daily briefings) in Saigon. "Our show was at the air field, alongside the airplane . . . or whatever. Pilots returning from air strikes would land in Saigon, enroute to home bases in Thailand. We put the people who were doing the job in front of the press corps."

Sylvester wanted everything to go through the Follies.

"In my opinion, MAC-V managed the news," McGinty said. "I cooperated the best I could. I sent our releases through them. But this other stuff, working with the reporters – actualities, we did ourselves.

"I had a deal with the rescue people. Alerted to a helicopter pickup of a serviceman who had escaped from a prison camp in Laos, we put the package together.

"This was special. A rescue of the first guy who got away from a prison camp. We handed the package to MAC-V. The Pentagon wanted no publicity." The package was returned to McGinty and the story broke.

"It was 'McGinty's gonna

get credit for the Air Force' – that kind of mentality. I didn't know what the hell they were talking about. I didn't leak anything."

Despite exoneration by an investigation team, Bill was relieved. Joe Fried, of the New York Daily News, said he broke the story, adding: "McGinty is charged with this and I never talked to him about it," Bill related.

McGinty was tabbed to be the U.S. Pacific Command's top PAO, working for DoD, under an admiral. It was a BG slot. Instead, he set a retirement date and spent his last year as a special assistant at TAC. He headed Boeing's public affairs operations in Washington from 1967 to 1985.

McGinty's 'Golden Rule' remains valid today: "If you want to score in public affairs, you get the reporters to participate." Then the reporters will tell the Air Force's story. And that's exactly what he did in easing more than a half dozen sensitive international PR situations for the Air Force during his career. Bill insisted, "Whatever you run into, there are ways of solving it in the best interest of the United States and the United States Air Force."

Colonel Bill McGinty's full career in his own words is one of 39 Oral Histories completed to date by the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association. Members will receive a transcript of this history for a tax deductible donation of \$25 to AFPAAA (nonmember \$35). To order, or for a list of all the histories available, write to:

AFPAAA - Histories
P.O. Box 540
Fairfax, VA 22030-0540

Association's 'Transition Tips' And Member Network Prove Their Worth

Captain Casey S. Mahon, was Chief of Com Rel at the Air Force Academy, when he wrote to us in December. He was retiring and should have been job hunting, right? Wrong!

Casey, an AFPAAA Associate Member had a job. He credits the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association with helping him land the position and he asked us to share his experience with you.

He wrote: "As an upcoming retiree, I had many questions about transitioning from the Air Force to the "civilian" world. I went through the Air Force Transition Assistance Program (TAP) which answered many questions. I read as much relevant

material as I could get my hands on. And I asked questions.

"What does this have to do with the AFPAAA? Networking is considered one of the keys to landing a job (TAP says more than 85% of jobs come from networking). So, as an associate, I reached out to selected AFPAAA members, asking for advice and possible connections.

"I was thrilled to receive responses from among others Art Dederick, Bob Eberle, Art Foster, Gene Sands, Denny Schulstad, Mike Wallace, and Jerry Dalton. Their expert advice, leads, along with the Tips for Transition booklet, were really appreciated and are worth recommending to the

membership.

"The bottom line is they helped me land a job . . . quickly.

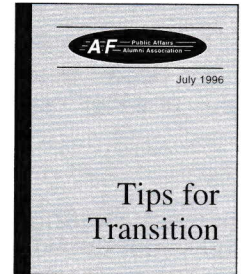
"I had less than 20 resumes on the street and was working the issue on a relaxed schedule. So I was surprised when early on (less than two months after I started my search) I went from phone interview to two all expenses paid in-house screenings.

"On December 24th I accepted the Community Relations Director position at Mary Greeley Medical Center in Ames, Iowa. Nice Christmas present.

"Thank you very much to all of you who helped me. In closing I offer that AFPAAA is a valuable tool in many ways; if you haven't done so, take advantage of the

incredible talent available. Thanks again and if I can ever be of help, please do not hesitate to call."

Casey began his new career on February 12.

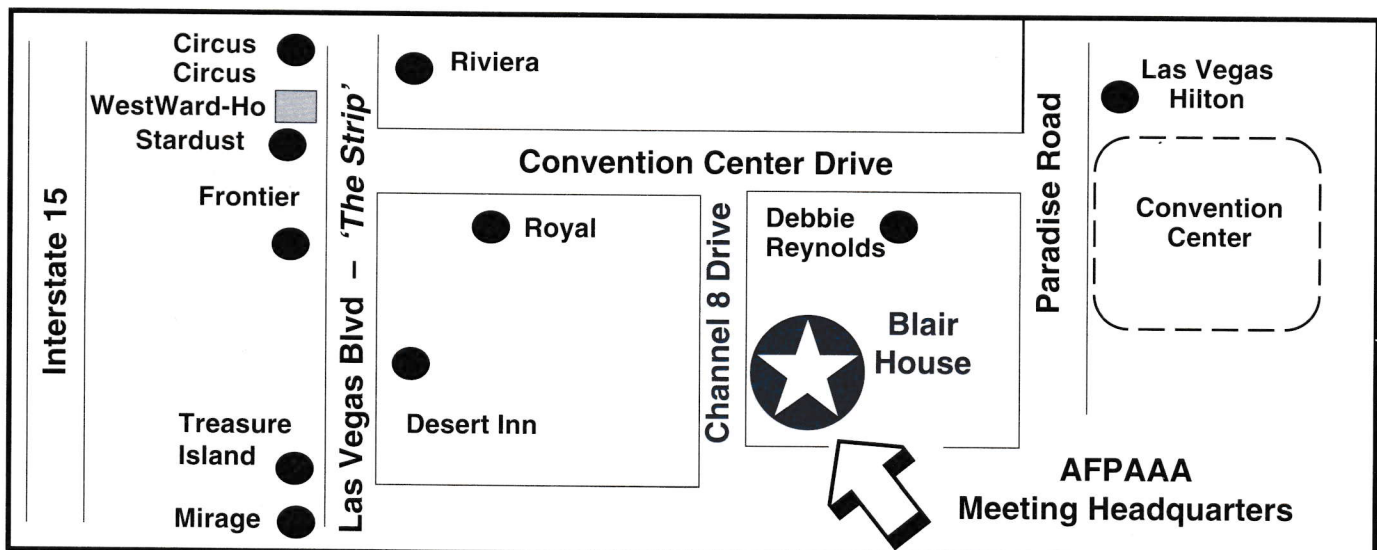


Copies of AFPAAA's Tips for Transition can be obtained by sending your name and address and a check (\$8 each) made out to Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association to:

AFPAAA - Tips
P.O. Box 540
Fairfax, VA 22030-0540

"I Can Find Vegas, But Where Is Blair House?"

If you are flying in, call Blair House at 792-2222 for their van - if you get impatient, there are lots of taxi, limo, and van services. If you drive to Las Vegas or rent a car, get onto Las Vegas Boulevard aka "The Strip." From the airport, turn left onto Tropicana, then right onto Las Vegas Blvd. If you are a first time visitor or haven't been to Vegas for a while you'll see "the Strip" in all its glory, especially if you arrive at night. When you pass Caesar's Palace look to the map below - it's not to scale and all streets/casinos are not shown, but it will get you to Blair House. As you pass the Frontier and Desert Inn, start looking for Convention Center Drive - it's on your right just as you get to the Stardust - turn right, go past the Royal and turn right onto Channel 8 Drive. Blair House is at the end of Channel 8 Drive on your left.





Daily Activities At A Glance



4th Annual Membership Meeting

Registration - Blair House
\$75 per person. AFPAAA fee covers all activities in this column except admission to the exhibit hall which requires the Air Force Fifty \$25 registration fee.

Icebreaker - Blair House
Hosted by Jim Hart and PanEnergy Corp

Business Meeting - Blair House
Continental Breakfast Included In AFPAAA Registration Fee

AFPAAA Booth Open - Exhibit Hall

Registration - Blair House

Dinner & Show - WestWard-Ho
Included In AFPAAA Fee

AFPAAA Booth Open - Exhibit Hall

Tuesday, April 22

1 PM - Midnight

4 PM - 8 PM

5 PM - 7 PM

Wednesday, April 23

9 AM - 11 AM

10 AM - 4 PM

9 AM - 5 PM

2 PM - 5 PM

5 PM - 7 PM

6 PM - 10 PM

Thursday, April 24

9 AM - Noon

9:30 AM - 3 PM

2 PM - 3:30 PM

4 PM - 6:30 PM

5:30 PM - 7 PM

7 PM - 8:30 PM

9 PM - 11 PM

Friday, April 25 & Saturday, April 26

10 AM - 4 PM

All events at Convention Center unless otherwise noted - Required registration fee per person is \$25 - corresponding additional fees for events as indicated.

Anniversary Welcome Reception
\$20

Exhibits Open - Air Force Fifty
Registration Required

International Airpower Symposium I
\$175 for both days

Airpower Reception
\$20

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\$175 for both days

Exhibits Open - Air Force Fifty
Registration Required

Air Force Fifty in Review - Matinee
Hilton Hotel \$50

50th Anniversary Reception

Anniversary Buffet - Reception and pre-show buffet \$40 or reception and post show dinner \$125

Air Force Fifty in Review - Evening
Hilton Hotel \$50

50th Anniversary Dinner
Hilton Hotel

Nellis AFB Open House & Air Show
Optional daily transportation \$15

WestWard-Ho Dinner & Show Complete Annual Meeting Agenda; Hotel, Airline Reservations Tighten - Act Now

"Our members who have delayed making airline and hotel reservations, as well as registering for the Association's Annual Membership Meeting, could have some problems," cautioned Dave Shea, who heads the event.

With literally tens of thousands of people heading to Las Vegas for the April 22-26 Air Force Association's Air Force Fifty celebration, getting a good ticket price or flight could be difficult. The same applies to hotel rooms.

"There are still some rooms available at our headquarters hotel, Blair House, but I expect them

to be gone real soon as people take advantage of our special rate," Shea said.

Two-room suites at Blair House are \$60 per night for members. Call 1-800-533-9111 and specify group #1053. It is a short walk from the convention center and the Las Vegas Hilton where all Air Force Fifty events will be held except the air show at Nellis AFB.

Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association events will take place Tuesday and Wednesday, April 22 & 23 to allow members time to participate in AFA sponsored events or just enjoy Las Vegas.

Our Blair House

registration desk will open at 1 PM Tuesday. The traditional icebreaker, courtesy of Jim Hart and PanEnergy Corp, will be at Blair House at 4 PM.

Wednesday morning our business meeting will be at Blair House. That evening we'll enjoy a buffet dinner and show, featuring Marty Allen, at the WestWard-Ho Hotel.

There will be an AFPAAA booth - #621 - in the exhibit hall of the convention center. (A complete schedule of Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association and Air Force Fifty activities is on the opposite page.)

"Our deadline for

advance registration is near. Members need to fill in the form (below) and get a check in the mail by April 1. We will have on-site registration, but it really helps the logistics if we have a good count before we get there," Shea said.

"Because of the time involved in consolidating and forwarding, we can't take any more registrations for AFA Air Force Fifty events. People will have to contact AFA directly or register with AFA at the convention center." AFA registration is required for all its events, including admission to the exhibit hall. It is not required for the Nellis AFB Air Show.



1997 Annual Membership Meeting Registration Form Las Vegas, April 22-26, 1997



4th Annual Membership Meeting

Instructions: Use this form to register for the AFPAAA Annual Meeting. Return it with your check, made payable to **Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association to: AFPAAA, PO Box 540, Fairfax VA 22030-0540. Mail not later than April 1. To reserve a suite at the AFPAAA headquarters, Blair House, call the hotel directly at 1-800-553-9111 and specify group #1053. Because there is not enough time to allow for consolidation and forwarding, we can no longer accept registration and monies for AFA activities. You can call 1-888-933-3883 for AFA "Air Force Fifty" registration information.**

Registration And Payment Information

Name (as you want it on your badge): _____

Address: _____

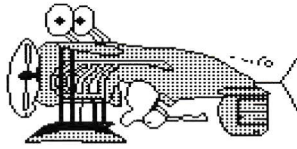
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Phone #: (____) _____

Spouse/Guest Name(s): _____

AFPAAA Member registration fee (\$ 75) \$ _____

AFPAAA Spouse/Guest registration fee (\$ 75) \$ _____

Total AFPAAA Registration Enclosed \$ _____



Prop Wash & Jet Blast



A New 'Lifer' . . .

Special congratulations to Mynda McGuire on upgrading to Lifetime Member status.

Welcome Aboard To . . .

Mike 'Scud' Escudie George Pearce
Mary Freeman Berry Pitts
Carolyn Garber Clancy Preston
Bill Huntington Kelley Thibodeau
Pat Mullaney Kathleen White
 Dick Wiegand

Stellar Performers . . .

Kudos to one-time PAs Tom Keck and C. J. Wax; they've been tapped for major general.

Las Vegas Hint #1 . . .

Like strawberry shortcake? The WestWard-Ho snack bar – on the other side of the Stardust past McDonald's – has a biggie for just \$1.50 – it's so big they usually give you two spoons for sharing. There's also a half-pound hot dog and a beer for the same price. For a sit down dinner, try the prime rib at the Frontier – last time we were there it was \$3.95 – or the Stardust's buffets.

Of The Podium . . .

Jack Olsen lectured on military aviation and his WWII B-17 and POW experiences to aeronautical science students at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona. He also spoke to AFROTC cadets there; gave them two monographs covering what happened to him in 1944-45; and about being commissioned in the first AFROTC class at the University of Illinois in 1949.

Las Vegas Hint #2 . . .

Stretch your 'Lost Wages' coins, try 5-cent video poker at the nearby Stardust, Silver City, or WestWard-Ho – no winners guaranteed, but it is fun.

Now You Can e-mail Us . . .

In addition to the United States Postal Service and the multitude of telephone companies that you can use to reach our president, board members, and committee chairmen, you can now contact the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association by e-mail. Just key in

afpaaa@compuserve.com

and send us any updates you have to your directory listing – new home or business address, a change of residence or work phone number – or ideas to better your AFPAAA, whatever. Remember, with e-mail we're but a local phone call away.

Las Vegas Hint #3 . . .

The Riviera's 'La Cage' and 'Splash' shows and 'Legends' at the Imperial Palace are good; strolling through the shops at Caesar's is a treat; you'll be surprised by the quality of the lounge entertainers at the Stardust, Riviera, and WestWard-Ho; catch the laser lights at the Wizard of Oz's castle at the MGM Grand; and don't forget to take in an act in the Circus Circus big top.

And Of The Stage . . .

The Sixth Annual AriZoni Theatre Awards of Excellence chose Irv Ziff as the Phoenix area's best actor of the year in a play. Irv starred in *Conversations With My Father*.

A Royal Opening . . .

Queen Elizabeth will do the honors at Duxford Air Field near Cambridge on August 1, dedicating and opening the American Air Museum in Britain. Its director, Ted Inman, told us it is part of the Imperial War Museum and was established to honor American aviators of all services who served in the U.K., Europe, and throughout the world from World War I to the present. Funds for the museum have come from both sides of the Atlantic and donations to finish the project are still needed. For information write to:

American Air Museum In Britain
655 15th Street, NW
Suite 475
Washington, DC 20005