



**Spring 2004**



*Taken in the early 70's during a visit by Maj. Gen. Robert Ginsburg, then director of Information, to Eglin, nine of the 12 people are, or were Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association members and will be attending the annual meeting there 30 years later. Shown (left to right) are: Steve Fisher, Neil Buttimer, Dick Rapp (a Lifetime Founder who died a couple of years ago), Karen Miller, Ralph Francis (partial), John Gulick, General Ginsburg, Tom Halbert, Iris Galen, Larry McCracken, Walt Werner and Joe Purka.*

## **Former SECAF, Gulf War air commander, special ops wing leader address members in Florida**

A former Secretary of the Air Force, the commander of the air campaign during the first Gulf War and the commander of an Air Force Reserve special operations wing are among the people scheduled to address members of the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association during their 11<sup>th</sup> annual meeting Thursday, Apr. 29 through Sunday, May 2.

The event will be held at The Village of Baytowne Wharf in Sandestin, and at Eglin and Hurlburt AFBs in northwest

Florida.

Former Secretary of the Air Force Thomas C. Reed, retired Gen. Chuck Horner and Brig. Gen. Thomas M. Stogsdill, commander of the 919th SOW, are scheduled to address the group Saturday morning.

“With Secretary Reed and Generals Horner and Stogsdill, we may have one of the most interesting and enlightening Saturday morning sessions ever,” said Joe Purka, this year’s annual meeting organizer.

Reed will discuss an insider’s history of the cold war.

Horner will offer his insights into the first and second desert wars.

Stogsdill will discuss, within security restraints, his reserve unit’s participation in Afghanistan and Iraq.

“We have an outstanding committee with members ready to step forward and take up various duties,” Purka said. “Jim Hart, Walt Werner, Michele Bell, Bill

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### **11th annual AFPAAA meeting at a glance.....**

- Thursday, Apr. 29 through Sunday, May 2, 2004.
- Advance registration fees — \$145 for members and \$125 for spouses/guests. Completed registration forms (see page six), payment and dinner selection mailed by Apr. 10.
- The Sandestin Resort group rate of

\$130 per night (plus tax). Hotel reservations made directly with Sandestin Group Reservations by faxing the Housing Request Form (see Page 7 or download from [www.afpaaa.org](http://www.afpaaa.org)) to: (850) 267-8221.

- Guest speakers Saturday morning include former Secretary of the Air Force Thomas C. Reed, retired Gen. Chuck Horner and

Brig Gen. Thomas M. Stogsdill, commander of the 919th Special Operations Wing

- **HOW TO GET THERE-** Airline service via Delta, Northwest and US Air is available at the Fort Walton Beach-Okaloosa County Regional Airport (code: VPS). Taxis and all major rental car agencies are available at the airport.

# The Link: Bomber pilot becomes PA

by **Chuck Lucas**

Boone Rose flew 51 combat missions over Europe in B-26 and B-17 aircraft during World War II and eagerly returned to Kentucky.

He earned a bachelor's degree in Agriculture at the University of Kentucky in 1948 before enrolling in the Merrill Lynch Brokerage School in New York.

The Air Force and Public Affairs were furthest from his mind.

"Having experienced 315 combat hours, I felt, there's no future in getting shot at," said Rose.

Merrill Lynch considered Rose a "fast burner" and quickly placed him in Louisville.

"I was doing absolutely great!"

In 1950 he accepted an offer to take charge of the company's Southeast Division of Spot Commodities in Atlanta.

But, before he was able to effect the move, his Air Force Reserve commission earned him an offer he couldn't refuse. The Korean War necessitated his recall to instruct B-29 aircrews.

"It was supposed to be for 12 months and I was real bitter."

The recall was extended to 21 months and Rose was scheduled to check out in the A-26 for combat duty. Instead, he accepted a regular commission and checked out in KC-97s.

It turned out to be a career decision. He notified Merrill Lynch he was going to give the Air Force another shot.

A series of SAC flying assignments followed and in 1963 he found himself as special projects officer for the commander of 2<sup>nd</sup> Air Force at Barksdale AFB, La.

Protocol was an additional duty.

"I didn't even know how to spell protocol." It was also his introduction to Public Affairs.

Col. Nick Barley was PA director for 2nd AF.

"A rated officer, he was a great guy



**Boone Rose**

– super golfer too."

In 1967 he was in Vietnam, 23 years after his last overseas assignment. He split his tour as exec to the Tactical Air Control Center for 7<sup>th</sup> Air Force and exec to Gen. William Momyer, 7<sup>th</sup> AF commander. He describes the latter assignment as "the best learning opportunity experience of my Air Force career."

Rose returned from Vietnam as a new colonel with an assignment to Boston University to get a master's degree in Public Relations.

"They said that I was an experiment...20 years after my undergraduate degree in Agriculture...Now I'm going into a field with smart kids, smart young guys and gals that have been training in Public Affairs from right out of high school or college."

Rose sought an exemption from General Momyer.

"I could get you off the school list," Momyer told him, "but I think you'd be making a mistake. Anytime you can further your education, you really should take advantage of it."

Rose was already earmarked for SAFOI when he received a note from

Momyer.

"He wanted to talk to me about my next assignment."

Momyer was the TAC commander at Langley AFB, Va., in 1970 and he wanted Rose to be the PA deputy to Col. Bill Edgar. A year later Rose was the director.

"I didn't want to step right in like I knew what the hell I was doing. I didn't even know what I was doing when (Edgar left).

"I had to get along with people and know how not to take advantage but listen to some of these young ideas and some of these bright people that I had working with me."

Rose said when Momyer retired and Gen. Robert Dixon came on board, the tension was tight.

"I had won so many battles for the Public Affairs guys and General Momyer, always, was right there. Absolutely, in his eyes, I don't think I ever did anything wrong."

Rose found General Dixon a different breed.

"He required more of an adjustment than anyone I've ever had to adjust to in my life, but I would have to say that except for the way he went about things, he was a crackerjack."

After four years at TAC, Rose came up for reassignment.

"General Dixon mentioned it to me. 'I understand that General Momyer promised you a base commander's job.'

"I said, well, yes sir."

He said, 'Myrtle Beach?' "Yes sir. And he says, 'Well, I'll certainly honor that.'

"He was a very warm person."

Colonel Rose retired from active duty in 1975. He and his wife, Dorothy, reside in Melbourne, Fla.

*This column is a feature on stories from the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association's Oral History program. The author can be reached at: clucas5@juno.com*

# PA Snoopings.....

by **The Snoop**

In case you missed it, solid article entitled "**The War In Primetime**" in the February 2004 issue of **Military Officer** as published by the Military Officers Association of America, formerly TROA.

For you youngsters, that's the organization **Chuck Cooper** served for more than 10 years as editor of **The Retired Officers Magazine** and **Director of Publications** before retiring in 1996.

Staff editor Tiffany Ayers did an extremely credible job in discussing the embedding journalist concept. At the outset, she quickly points out that military officials and reporters agree that the embedding program that stationed more than 600 reporters with military forces in and around Iraq "...was a success and served to improve the relationship between the military and the media."

Former PA **Chief Brig Gen Ron Rand** agrees.

"I think it was absolutely the right thing to do given the instantaneous global information environment we live in," he told the magazine. "It served to advance the relationship (between the military and the media) not in baby steps but in a fairly large step."

The Snoop recommends you take another large step and check out the article at [www.moaa.org](http://www.moaa.org).

Two members of our association have been selected for pro-

motion to Colonel! Please join me in congratulating **Audrey Bahler**, chief of Public Affairs in the Office of the Air Force Reserve in the Pentagon, and **Stevi Shapiro**, Director of Public Affairs at Space and Missile Systems Center, Los Angeles AFB, CA.

Either he just couldn't get the beltway out of his briefcase or he wanted to be closer to his golfing buddies, but **Art Forster** is back in the Washington D.C. area.

After seven years in downtown Manhattan with Hill and Knowlton, Art has been named Director of **Congressional and Public Affairs for the Defense Contract Management Agency** in Alexandria, Va. DCMA is a joint service combat support agency with approximately 11,000 civilians and military professionals in the U.S. and 26 other countries.

The Snoop knows that Art will once again excel as he did during his distinguished 29 year Air Force PA career.

Look for Art and his lovely wife Janet to set up in their new DC area digs by the middle of the year. You can drop him a line at [artforster@earthlink.net](mailto:artforster@earthlink.net).

Please join me in welcoming new members **Michael Braibish**, **John M. Donlon**, **Chuck Fowler**, **Joan C. Fudala**, **Debra Millett**, **Kevin L. Reinert**, and **Oscar P. Seara**.

The Clark Air Base Scrapbook <http://zcap.freeyellow.com/pix3.htm> is a unique tribute to the former base and those who served there over the years.

The Scrapbook was created by Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association member Thomas Utts, who was assigned to the 13th Air Force Public Affairs office from 1971 to 1973.

The website is part of his Clark Air Base military project which also includes a nonfiction book with oral history accounts which is still in work.

The website has 37 separate webpages, each with numerous photographs sent by people who were stationed there.

It is arranged in chronological order covering most of the base's 90 year history. Starting with photos from 1910 during the early years as a U.S. Army cavalry base, to the post-WWII recovery when it became Clark Air Base, to extensive coverage of the eruption of Mount Pinatubo.

There are also two page of pictures from 2000 and 2001 showing the base as it is today.

Utts, who lives in San Diego, is also the author of **KOREA BLUE**, a military thriller published by Signet Books

Newsworthy items of interest may be sent to "The PA Snoop" in care of Al Eakle, editor, at [aeakle@msn.com](mailto:aeakle@msn.com).



## Meeting/Reunion Agenda

### Thursday, April 29

#### Morning

Options require Apr. 28 arrival

Golf or Fishing (charter 4-6 passengers)

#### Afternoon

Noon-8:00 p.m. - Check-in The Grand Sandestin lobby. AFPAAA desk adjacent to hotel reception

#### Evening

5:00 p.m. - Ice Breaker, Lobby Lounge, Grand Sandestin

8:00 p.m. - Open

Options: - Nine restaurants in villag; - Sunset Sail (\$40) individual arrangement

### Friday, April 30

#### Morning

8:15 a.m. - Depart for Eglin AFB

9:00 a.m. - Arrive Eglin Conference Center (Air Armament Center overview)

9:45 a.m. - Group 1 depart for King Hangar, Group 2 depart for Taconi Center

10:00 a.m.-Group 1- AAC weapons display; Group 2- Future weapons briefing

10:45 a.m.- Groups swap locations

11:00 a.m.- Group 2- AAC weapons display; Group 1- Future weapons briefing

11:45 a.m. Travel to Officers Club

11:55 a.m. Group photo

#### Afternoon

12:00 p.m.- President's Luncheon, Eglin Officers Club. SPONSOR: Lockheed Martin

12:05 p.m. Welcome-Air Armament Center commander

1:00 p.m. - Depart for Hurlburt Field

1:30 p.m. -AFSOC static displays (AC-130U, Pave Low, Combat Talon)

2:30 p.m. -View Hurlburt Air Park

4:00 p.m. - Depart for Hotel

5:00 p.m.- Arrive Village of Baytowne Wharf

#### Evening

Open- Options: - Sunset Sail (\$25) - Island Belle Sunset Bay (\$35)

### Saturday, May 1

#### Morning

8:00 a.m. Continental breakfast available

8:30 a.m. BGen. Thomas M. Stogsdill  
Commander, 919th Special Operations Wing

9:15 a.m. - Former Secretary of the Air Force Thomas C. Reed

10:15 a.m. - Break

10:30 a.m. - TBD

11:00 a.m.- Retired Gen. Chuck Horner

#### Afternoon

12:15 p.m. - Director's Luncheon, Azalea 3  
BGen. Frederick F. Roggero, SAF/PA  
SPONSOR: The Raytheon Company

1:30 p.m. - Annual Meeting, Azalea 1 & 2

#### Evening

6:00 p.m. - Annual Reception, Lobby 2nd Flr

6:30 p.m. - Annual Banquet, Azalea 2 & 3  
SPONSOR: The Boeing Company

### Sunday, May 2

Departures

Optional: Golf or fishing

## Check-in starts Apr. 29

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Campbell, Annette Crawford... each one has volunteered to take on major responsibilities to ensure this is one of the very best of the association's annual meetings."



Arrival, check-in and registration will be Apr. 29 in the lobby of the Grand Sandestin from noon to 8 p.m.

"The always popular no-host ice breaker will be in the lobby bar," said Purka.

Friday's visit to Eglin and Hurlburt AFBs includes the Air Force Materiel Command's Air Armament Center, and the Special Operations Command's 16<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Wing. The Air Armament Center commander and several other Eglin staff will join us for the President's Luncheon at the Eglin Officers Club overlooking Choctawhatchee Bay.

AFPAAA members will get to view some of the Air Force's newest bombs, rockets and guns under development and test at Eglin, and the newest aircraft in the Special Operations Command inventory, including AC-130-U "Spooky," Pave Low and Combat Talon.

As an added attraction, the Hurlburt Air Park will offer a nostalgic walk through time for many, with displays of the AC-47, the original "Spooky" gunship, AC-119 "Shadow," Vietnam era FAC aircraft such as the O-1, O-2 and OV-10, A-1E Skyraider and many more. Plans are to have several of Hurlburt's historians provide a walking narrative through the air park.

Saturday morning's events will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the Azalea Suite of conference rooms on the second floor of The Baytowne Conference Center, adjacent to The Grand Sandestin. The Director's Luncheon and Annual Meeting will be held in the same location.

The Director's Luncheon is sponsored by Raytheon, and will feature Brig. Gen. Frederick Roggero, director of SAF/PA

The annual reception will be held in the second floor lobby of the Baytowne Conference Center and the banquet in Azalea suite. Menu selections include Filet Mignon with Truffle Sauce and Chicken stuffed with Wild Mushroom Ragout, accompanied by salad, rolls, butter, dessert, coffee, tea, and wine.

Saturday evening's dinner music and entertainment will feature an ensemble led by Ray Brown, a member of the original Four Freshmen.

The Boeing Company is sponsoring the annual banquet on Saturday evening.

"I believe this is the first time we have a corporate sponsor for that event and we are very appreciative of The Boeing Company's generosity in support of AFPAAA," Purka said.

## New gathering place hosts meeting attendees

The Village of Baytowne Wharf is the new gathering place for anyone visiting, working or living along Florida's Emerald Coast.

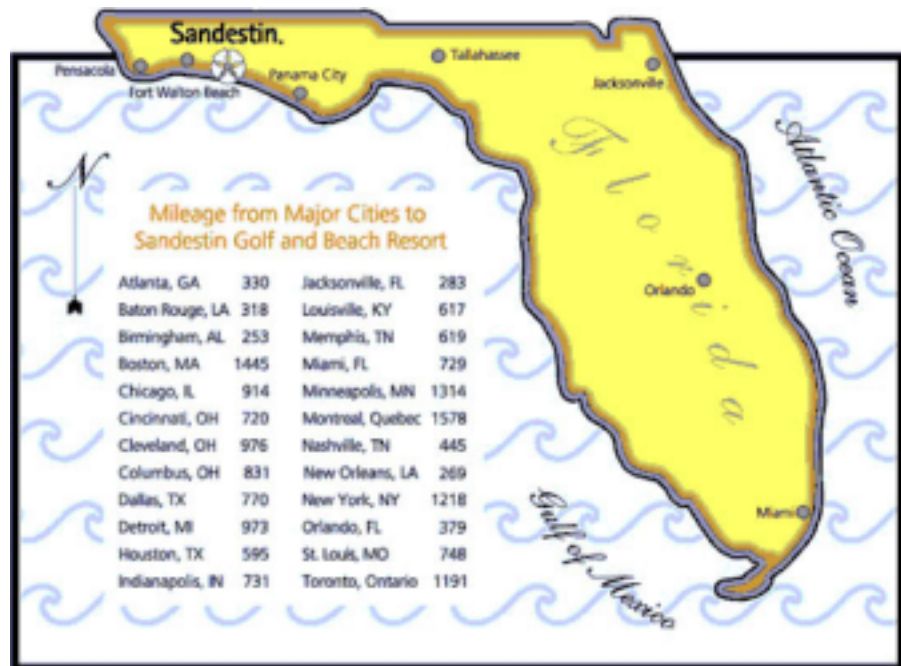
In addition to the new "Grand Sandestin" hotel and The Baytowne Conference Center, the village boasts other lodging facilities, charming shops and boutiques, a variety of restaurants, night-clubs and bars – all within easy walking distance.

The Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association's group rate of \$130 per night (plus tax) includes complimentary bikes, health club usage, one hour per day of tennis court time (based on availability) and one hour per day usage of either a canoe, kayak or boogie board.

The Sandestin Resort also boasts four award-winning golf courses, sunset and evening cruises on a 60-foot customized motor yacht or a 70-foot sloop, parasailing, wave runner and either half- or full-day pontoon boat rentals.

For those wishing to arrive early or stay later to take advantage of the beaches, golf, fishing or water sports, the group rate will be available for three days prior and three days following the official meeting dates.

For golfers, green and cart fees for



the Links and Baytowne courses are \$89.00, while the fees for the 6,900 yard, par 71 Raven course is \$109 and the 7,000 yard Burnt Pine course is \$129. Members can arrange their own foursomes, but reservations and advance payment is strongly recommended.

For the anglers in the group, tentative arrangements are being made for full- or half-day fishing trips on Thursday or Sunday, depending on the number of members interested.

Optional activities available on either Thursday or Friday evenings include a moonlight cruise aboard the *Jennifer Marie*, a 70-foot gaff schooner, or a sunset cruise aboard the *Island Belle*, a fully air-conditioned 60-foot custom motor yacht. A minimum of 35 people are required for a 1 ½ hour moonlight cruise on the *Jennifer Marie* and 45 people are required for a 2 ½ hour sunset cruise on the *Island Belle*. The costs are \$25 and \$35 per person respectively, based on the minimums listed.

For interested spouses and those preferring a slower pace, the nation's largest designer outlet center is located just minutes from The Village of Baytowne Wharf. The Silver Sands Factory Stores offer more than 100 designer-name stores.

Another Friday option is a 1:30 p.m. formal "High Tea" at the Magnolia and

Ivy Tea Room. This authentic Southern tea room includes a charming gift emporium filled with Victorian-themed merchandise, antiques, tea cups, tea pots, accoutrements, books and stationery, and, of course, a full selection of gourmet loose-leaf teas. Reservations and advance payment of \$30 are required to schedule this event.

Advance registration fees are the same as last year — \$145 for members and \$125 for spouses/guests. (See registration form on Page 6 or download from [www.afpaaa.org](http://www.afpaaa.org)). Completed registration forms, payment and dinner selection should be mailed to Linda Arnold, Attn: AFPAAA, 1831 Parhaven Drive, San Antonio, TX 78232 not later than Apr. 10, 2004.

Payment for optional events, such as golf, sailing, fishing or high tea should also be included. In some cases the costs may vary slightly, depending on the number of members participating. Golf fees will vary as indicated above, depending on availability of tee times and course selected.

Hotel reservations should be made directly with Sandestin Group Reservations by faxing the Housing Request Form (see Page 7 or download from [www.afpaaa.org](http://www.afpaaa.org))

Faxes are preferred, however they can also be mailed.

### How to get there

Airline service via Delta, Northwest and US Air is available at the Fort Walton Beach-Okaloosa County Regional Airport (code: VPS).

Taxis and all major rental car agencies are available at the airport.

Turn right out of the airport onto Rte. 85 to Niceville, then left on Rte.20, and follow signs to the Mid-Bay Bridge (toll). Approximately one mile past the bridge, turn left onto US Hwy 98(east) to Sandestin. The entrance is on your left, opposite a large water tower on the right. Travel approx.18-20 miles, 35 minutes.

Alternate airline service is available in Panama City (code: PFN). Take US Hwy 98(west) to Sandestin. Entrance will be on your right. (Travel approx. 46-48 miles, 1 hour).



## ELEVENTH ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

*Sandestin, Florida  
April 29 – May 2, 2004*

Headquarters for AFPAAA's Eleventh Annual Membership Meeting is **The Village at Baytowne Wharf**, located in Sandestin on Florida's northwest Emerald Coast. A group rate of \$130 plus tax per night is available. Rates include complimentary bikes and health club usage, and one hour per day of tennis court, canoe or kayak. See our website [www.afpaaa.org](http://www.afpaaa.org) for details. Advance registration fee for the annual meeting is \$145 for members and \$125 for a spouse or guest. Registration fee includes two lunches, gala reception and banquet, memento and registration package. Appropriate casual attire is the dress for all daytime activities; coat and tie please for the Saturday reception and banquet.

Name: _____	Phone: _____
Address: _____	
City, State, Zip: _____	E-mail address: _____
Name(s) of guest(s) accompanying you: _____	
Do you or your guests have any physical handicaps or special dietary needs? If yes, please specify:	
Saturday Night Annual Reception and Banquet Meal Choice: _____ Beef _____ Chicken	
Preferred name on nametag (s): _____	

EVENT	COST	NUMBER	LINE TOTAL
Member Registration (all meeting events)	\$145	_____	_____
Non-Member Registration (all meeting events)	\$175	_____	_____
Guest Registration (all meeting events)	\$125	_____	_____

**Single Event Registrations Only: (Note: These events ARE included in registration fees)**

President's Luncheon (Fri, Apr. 30)	\$12	_____	_____
Director's Luncheon (Sat, May 1)	\$35	_____	_____
Annual Reception & Banquet (Sat, May 1)	\$75	_____	_____

**Optional Events: (Note: These events ARE NOT included in the registration fees)**

High Tea at Magnolia & Ivy (1:30 p.m. Fri)	\$30	_____	_____
Golf (Thursday or Sunday)	\$89/109/129	_____	_____
Half-day fishing (Thursday or Sunday)	\$120	_____	_____
Pick-A-Cruise (pick one, 35-45 people <b>required</b> )			
Moonlight Cruise (1 hr sail) or	\$25	_____	_____
Island Belle (2 hr cruise w/beer & wine)	\$35	_____	_____

**TOTAL ENCLOSED:** (Make check payable to AFPAAA) \_\_\_\_\_

Mail completed form & check to:

**Linda Arnold, ATTN: AFPAAA  
1831 Parhaven Dr  
San Antonio TX 78232**

**AIR FORCE PUBLIC AFFAIRS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE**  
**Thursday, April 29 - Sunday, May 2, 2004** **GROUP CODE: 425680**

**HOUSING REQUEST FORM**

Please print legibly and fax to: Sandestin Group Reservations Fax: (850) 267-8221 or Call (800) 320-8115. Faxes are preferred, however, you can mail form to: Sandestin Group Reservations, 9300 Emerald Coast Parkway West, Sandestin, FL 32550

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number in Party:      Adults \_\_\_\_\_      Children \_\_\_\_\_

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Your cut-off date for reservations is **March 15, 2004**, after which rooms will be sold on a space-available basis.

**ACCOMMODATIONS AND RATES**

A deposit of two night's room and tax is required to secure rooms. All rates are subject to 10% tax.

<u>ACCOMMODATIONS</u>	<u>DAILY RATE</u>
VILLAGE HOTEL ROOM	\$130.00

All rates quoted **DO NOT** include 7% sales tax and 3% bed tax.

Rates for accommodations will vary depending on occupancy and type of accommodations.

Any other type of accommodation besides what is in your block will vary in cost depending on location and occupancy. Deposits are refundable in the event of individual room cancellations, provided notice is received by Sandestin 14 days prior to scheduled arrival date.



## Association members can help the troops by giving a pint of blood at donor centers

Many people, including members of the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association, have wondered how they can help the troops at home, overseas and in harms way. Help can come by simply rolling up a sleeve and giving blood.

The Armed Services Blood Program was developed to provide blood products and services to our military community worldwide in peacetime and war. There are more than 20 ASBP blood donor centers in the United States.

Blood must be collected constantly to replace aging contingency supplies and also to meet the peacetime and wartime needs of the military health system, according to ASBP officials.

While blood is given freely by military donors, the processing, storage and transportation of blood carries significant

costs. When the ASBP cannot collect enough blood, the military must purchase products from civilian agencies, such as the Red Cross (assuming that blood is available for purchase). The average cost of blood from outside sources is about \$250 per unit.

Individuals can donate blood every 56 days (eight weeks). The entire process takes approximately one hour. Each unit donated will be tested for infectious disease and then separated into red blood cells, platelets, and plasma. One donation can help up to three people!

Policies now in effect dramatically decrease the possibility of transmitting the human form of Mad Cow Disease through blood products. As a result of this policy, people who have lived or traveled extensively in Europe and the Near East

are no longer eligible to donate blood.

Most healthy adults are eligible to give blood. However, there are some reasons a person may be deferred from donating — temporarily or permanently.

Though many people who were stationed in Europe must now be deferred, many others who served in this area may still be eligible. Being in Europe during specific years and for extended lengths of time are the main things to consider when evaluating whether or not people are eligible to donate. Potential donors will be deferred if they have:

- Traveled or resided in the United Kingdom from 1980 through 1996 for a cumulative period of three months or more.

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## AFPAAA novelist tackles tough subject of parental aging

Like most folks, retired Air Force Col. Mike Wallace thought his parents would live forever.

Barring that, they would cooperate and live in good health until the very moment they passed quietly into the night.

There would be no loose ends. There would be no need for intermediate care or nursing homes.

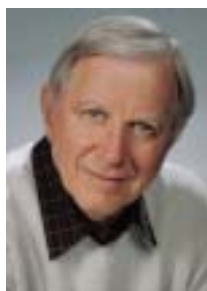
In short, there would be no tough decisions to make.

But like most folks, he was wrong.

“That cold, rainy day I moved my parents into an assisted living facility against their will was perhaps the worst of my life,” explains the author of *Remington Hills*, a newly-published novel that chronicles his gut-wrenching experiences.

“As it turned out, it was a smart move because they needed the help. But hardly a day passed during those first few weeks when I wasn’t overwhelmed with guilt.”

Mike spent months observing daily life in his parents’ place. Along the way, he learned a great deal about the elder-care industry, the people who run such facilities, the seniors who live in them and the problems facing management.



**Mike Wallace**

He knew that much of what he learned was worth sharing with other families who might face similar situations someday, but believed that fiction was the best route.

“Quite frankly, people prefer not to read about subjects they don’t like to think about and elder-care seems to head the list,” Wallace says.

“Therefore, I felt I’d come closer to capturing a reader’s attention if I could wrap my thoughts within the more entertaining and forgiving embrace of fiction.

“Whereas most of the book’s characters and incidents are based on composites, my main protagonist, Will Brister, is the personification of my late father.”

Mike entered the Air Force in 1962 and retired in 1992, following his last assignment as Director of Public Affairs at the Air Force Academy.

He then spent two years in San Antonio, Tex., helping to open the newly-constructed Alamodome. After hiring and

training a large percentage of the staff, he saw the Dome through its first full year of operation.

Mike then moved to Fort Collins, Co., where he assisted his son in the opening of a craft beer brewery. He then spent four years teaching three different journalism courses at the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley.

Mike and his wife, Karen, now live in Las Vegas.

*Remington Hills* provides a memorable read about family ties and compassion...heartache and tough decisions...courage and triumph. It can help readers better prepare for the day when they, too, might begin to recognize certain “signs” and know that it’s time to become the parents to their parents.

*Remington Hills* is a print-on-demand offering that can be ordered on-line through Amazon.com, at most any major bookstore (Barnes & Noble, Books-a-Million, etc.), or directly from its publisher, iUniverse.

To order from iUniverse, call 1-877-288-4737, or visit [www.iUniverse.com](http://www.iUniverse.com). ISBN: 0-595-29482-0 Price: \$24.95 U.S. — \$33.95 Canada — \$20.99 U.K.



# Lord guide and protect.....

*EDITOR'S NOTE: Obituaries are published in the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association newsletter when they are received. Members who know of the death of an Air Force public affairs, broadcasting or bandsman professional are asked to forward obituaries to the newsletter editor at: aeakle@msn.com*

## **Lt.Col. William C. Anderson**

The Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association received word that retired **Lt. Col. William C. Anderson** of Fairfield, Calif., died in 2003. He retired from the Air Force in 1964. No other details were available at press time.

## **CMSgt. Percy Brown Jr.**

Retired **CMSgt. Percy Brown Jr.**, 81, of Ewa Beach, formerly of Connecticut, died July 9, 2003 in St. Francis-West Medical Center.

He was born in Connecticut.

He entered the military in January 1942 and retired in 1973.

He is survived by sons David W., Lance A., Richard L., Brady Brown and Edward T. and Mark D. Harrison; daughter Patricia D. Mindas; sister Mae Riley; seven grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

## **Arthur Hicks**

**Arthur Byron Hicks**, 90, died Feb. 15 in Melbourne, Fla.

Born April 29, 1913 in Atlanta, Ga., Arthur first came to Brevard County in 1963 following his retirement from the U.S. Air Force.

He entered military service in July 1942 in the Army Air Corps and had tours of duty in Texas, Florida, the Philippines and Japan. He received the Air Force Commendation Medal, American Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, and the United Nations Service Medal.

Art then began a second career with the Air Force and served as Deputy Chief of Public Affairs for the Air Force Eastern Test Range at Patrick AFB, Fla., before retiring from the civil service in 1980. He was crucial in creating the AF Space Museum at Kennedy Space Center back in the mid 60s and served on the Space Museums Advisory Board.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Sara Virginia; three children, eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Donations may be made in his memory to the Salvation Army.

## **Lt. Col. Harry R. Sunderland**

Retired **Lt. Col. Harry Robert Sunderland** died Jan. 22, 2004.

He was born June, 1941, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Harry moved to Wichita, Kansas, at a young age and attended schools there.

He met his wife, Carol Jane Regier in Wichita. The couple married there on June 22, 1963.

He graduated from the Wichita State University ROTC Program in 1966 and entered the Air Force as a second lieutenant. He retired from the Air Force as a lieutenant colonel following 20 years of service. His last assignment was as the chief of SAF/PA's Chicago office.

He operated his own public relations company, Sunderland and Company, in Chicago for many years.

In 1996 he and his wife retired to Wolf Creek, Mont., where they lived until moving to Great Falls in April 2003.

He was active in church activities, the Boy Scouts, BMX racing and the Wolf Creek Volunteer Fire Dept. He also was an adjunct professor at Carroll College in Helena.

Harry enjoyed hunting and fishing, playing his trumpet, good movies, a good game of poker, and hanging out with family and friends.

He and Carol had two sons and a daughter plus eight grandchildren.

## **Col. Jim Sunderman**

Retired **Col. Jim Sunderman** died in 2003 from heart attack, reports member Bill Frenshley. No obituary was available at press time.

## **Lt. Col. Robert W. "Bob" Nicholson, Jr.**

Retired **Lt. Col. Robert W. "Bob" Nicholson, Jr.** died on January 31 in Arlington, VA after a battle with lung cancer. He served as a public affairs officer in the Air Force from 1965 to 1987.

Bob, who was born in 1943 at Georgetown University Hospital, Washington, D.C., grew up in Philadelphia, PA and graduated from St. Joseph's University with an undergraduate degree in English in 1965. He later took a master's degree in journalism at Boston University and was a graduate of the Air Command and Staff College and the Air War College.

During his long and distinguished Air Force career, Bob served in Oklahoma, Thailand, Virginia, Spain, New York City, the Pentagon, and Florida.

While at the Pentagon, he achieved distinction as an advisor to senior Air Force leaders during the hot debates between Congress

and the Defense Department over the Quality vs. Quantity issues of the early 1980s, a success for which he was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal.

His final Air Force assignment was as the director of public affairs at the Eastern Space and Missile Center, Patrick AFB, Fla., a position that thrust him onto the national stage as the Air Force's key spokesman following the explosion of the space shuttle Challenger.

Among his many decorations are the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, and the Humanitarian Service Medal.

Following his retirement from the Air Force in 1987, Nicholson entered civilian life at Redgate Technology, a small dot com where he spearheaded marketing, communications and public affairs.

Shortly thereafter Redgate became one of the first companies acquired by America Online, which was just starting its run toward becoming a world powerhouse in Internet communications. He retired from AOL in 1999 and turned his efforts toward volunteer public service.

From 1996 until his death, Bob served on the "Sandlot Gang" as a key volunteer for Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia.

A skilled builder, his leadership abilities, sense of humor, concern for his fellow human beings, and sensitivity made him a highly successful crew and home construction leader. He supervised the building of several Habitat homes in the Northern Virginia area.

In both 2002 and 2003, Habitat for Humanity honored Bob for his contributions to the community.

Interment with full military honors was at Arlington National Cemetery on Feb. 23.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Elizabeth "Beth" Nicholson; his father and step-mother; his son; his daughter and son-in-law; a granddaughter; and five siblings.

## **SMSgt. Robert A. Young Sr.**

Retired **SMSgt. Robert A. Young Sr.**, 72, of Tampa, Fla., passed away Jan. 17, 2003.

He was born in Lowell, Mass. and served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean and Vietnam Wars. Many may remember Bob from his assignment with the 86th Tactical Fighter Wing Information Office at Ramstein AB, Germany. His final assignment was at MacDill AFB, Fla., where he retired in 1978.

He was a member of the American Legion Post 139 and VFW Post 4321.

He is survived by his son, five daughters, a sister, and ten grandchildren.

## The President's Pen.....

I recently read an article in a professional magazine that pointed out that nearly 55% of the private organizations founded in the US each year fail after three years. The author then presented five reasons for why the minority succeeded.

As we in AFPAAA celebrate our 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary as an organization I think there is something to be learned from these five reasons.

(1). The organization has to be relevant to the membership.

(2). There must be good leadership from the first day.

(3). There must be adequate financial support provided.

(4). The membership has to feel they



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are directly involved in the operation of the organization.

(5). The organization must be able to deliver on all its stated programs.

I believe that any objective review of AFPAAA would determine that we, as an organization,

have met or exceed each of these criteria.

We should all thank the original

members and founders for their wisdom in setting up the organization to succeed.

We should also thank each member who has provided support in terms of leadership, support in programming, or donated money – because they continue to build on what was originally provided.

I am proud to be a part of such a dynamic organization – as I hope you are. Thanks to all of you for your continued support of AFPAAA.

See you in Sandestin!

*Sincerely*

*Mike*

*Mike Gannon*

## From the Chairman of the Board.....

Dear Friends

I hope by now you have all registered for this year's annual meeting in Destin, Florida. Carolyn and I look forward to seeing you.

Sometimes we don't communicate with you enough about what our association is doing for the membership and for Air Force Public Affairs. Here is a sampling.

You should have all received your 2004 AFPAAA Membership Directory.

The fact that you are reading this in the newsletter is another part of this association's product.

Every Air Force graduate from Defense Information School receives a Public Affairs badge courtesy of our Association.

Recently our association was asked to provide funding for morale and welfare items for the troops at the school house and we filled that request.

We have a member-managed website to keep us up to date on what is happening and available to members.

And volunteers do all of this work.

All funding is from donations by members and corporate sponsors.

BAE Systems in Nashua, N.H. again printed the membership directory at no cost.

Some of the events at our annual meeting are funded by our friends at Boeing, Lockheed Martin and Raytheon—and have been for many years.

AFPAAA sponsorship of the SAF/PA Annual Golf Tournament is fully funded by individual donations from members.



*Association Chairman of the Board David Smith can be reached at: dsmith@afpaaa.org*

Corporate sponsors and individual members donate door prizes at the annual meeting.

We are very grateful to all our sponsors, corporate and individual, because without them our annual products and meetings would be missing some of the quality and diversity we all appreciate.

Last year, during the 10th Annual Meeting, member Betty Jane Williams challenged all the members present to donate at least \$10 to the AFPAAA Endowment Fund. Several hundred dollars were raised in just a few minutes.

A new member recently asked what the endowment fund was for.

We started the endowment fund in 1998 with an ultimate goal of raising \$300,000. That goal was determined by an equation designed to provide sufficient income from capital to sustain our association through good times and bad.

We are, after eight years, nearly half way to our goal.

We have had endowment fund drives and we will again. The AFPAAA Endow-

ment Fund is for all of us and needs to be built by all of us.

There is no ideal pledge, there is no donation too small, there is certainly no donation too large, but every donation is tax deductible.

The AFPAAA was designated by the Internal Revenue Service exempt from Federal Income Tax under section 501a of the Internal Revenue Code based on the fact that at least 75 percent of our members are past or present members of the Armed Forces of the United States as defined under section 501(c) (19) of the Code.

If you would like to join us in building AFPAAA's future I urge you to consider a donation or an annual pledge to our endowment fund. Jim Hart, our treasurer, sends a letter of acknowledgement and tax deductibility with each donation.

If you would like more information about the AFPAAA Endowment Fund, please send Jim a note at jimwhart@digitalex.com.

For me, the most important benefit of our association is the ability and opportunity to stay in touch with old friends and to make new ones.

Thank you all for your continuing support of AFPAAA and our Air Force. I ask you all to keep our troops who are deployed in harms way in your prayers. God bless America.

*Sincerely*

*David*

*David E. Smith*

# Some restrictions apply to blood center donors

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- Been affiliated with the Department of Defense (DoD) and been stationed in Europe from 1980 through 1996 for a cumulative period of six months or more.

- Traveled or resided in Europe from 1980 to present for a cumulative period of five years (applies to DoD personnel on or after January 1, 1997).

- Received a transfusion in the United Kingdom since 1980.

- Received bovine insulin produced in the United Kingdom since 1980.

People should not donate blood if they:

- Have donated blood in the last 55 days.

- Have had their ears-or any other part of your body-pierced in the past twelve months.

- Have had a tattoo or brand in the past twelve months.

- Have had an immunization recently. (deferral times vary from two weeks to one year, depending on the vaccine).

- Are taking certain medications. (most medications do not disqualify donation - call the local blood donor center to verify eligibility).

- Do not feel well.

- Have a low hemoglobin (iron) level. (this will be tested before people donate blood — they may donate as soon as their level meets the minimum criteria).

- Do not weigh at least 110 pounds.

- Have traveled to or visited a malaria endemic area in the last twelve months (a list of malaria endemic areas is available at the local blood donor center).

- Have uncontrolled hypertension. (this will be tested before people donate

blood — they may donate as soon as their blood pressure meets the criteria).

- Have a cold, flu, or flu-like symptoms. (people are eligible to donate once they have been feeling better for three days).

ASBP blood donor centers are located at:

- Elmendorf AFB, Alaska- (907) 580-6520

- San Diego Naval Medical Center, Calif-(619) 532-6653

- Travis AFB, Calif.- 94535-1800 Main Number: (707) 423-5342

- Walter Reed AMC, D.C.- (202) 782-4156/3372

- Ft Gordon, Ga.- (706) 787-3234

- Tripler Army Medical Center, Hawaii-(808)433-6148

- Naval Hospital Great Lakes, Ill.- (847) 688-2068

- Scott AFB, Ill.- (618) 256-7351

- Fort Knox, Ky.- (502) 624-8642

- Keesler AFB, Miss- (228) 377-9306

- Camp Lejeune, N.C.-(910) 450-4606

- Fort Bragg, N.C.- (910) 396-9925

- Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio-(937) 257-0580

- Fort Jackson, S.C.- (803) 751-2395

- Fort Bliss, Tex.- (915) 569-1504

- Fort Hood, Tex.- (254) 287-5938

- Fort Sam Houston, Tex.- (210) 295-4655

- Lackland AFB, Tex.- (210) 292-8116

- Naval Medical Center, Portsmouth, Va.-(757) 953-1686

- Fort Lewis, Wash.- (253) 968-1903

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### MEMBERSHIP RATES:

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## Submissions wanted for the newsletter

People from within the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association want to hear when members are promoted, get a new job, receive and award or do something newsworthy.

Submissions for the AFPAAA newsletter can either be emailed directly to the newsletter

editor, Al Eakle, at: [aeakle@msn.com](mailto:aeakle@msn.com) or sent by snail mail to: Al Eakle, 3607 Shadettree Drive, Beavercreek Ohio 45431.

The deadline for the Summer issue of the newsletter is May 15.

## Thunderbirds announce 2004 show schedule

NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE, Nev. (AFP) — The U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron "Thunderbirds" announced their 2004 air show schedule.

### The 2004 schedule is:

Mar. 27-28: Punta Gorda, Fla.  
 Apr. 3-4: Eglin AFB, Fla.;  
 Apr. 17- 18: San Diego;  
 Apr. 24-25: March ARB, Calif.;  
 May 1-2: Millville, N.J.;  
 May 8-9: Lake City, Fla.;  
 May 15-16: Dover AFB, Del.;  
 May 22: Charleston AFB, S.C.;  
 May 23: Langley AFB, Va.  
 May 29- 30: Moffett Field, Calif.  
 June 5- 6: Maxwell AFB, Ala.;

June 12: Hill AFB, Utah;  
 June 13: NAS Fallon, Nev.;  
 June 19-20: North Kingdon ANGB, R.I.;  
 June 26-27: Janesville, Wisc.  
 July 3-4: Kansas City, Mo.;  
 July 10-11: Binghamton, N.Y.;  
 July 17-18: Cold Lake, Alberta;  
 July 21: Cheyenne, Wyo.;  
 July 24-25: Fairchild AFB, Wash.;  
 July 31-Aug. 1: Greenfield, Ind.  
 Aug. 14-15: Westover ARB, Mass.;  
 Aug 21-22: Offutt AFB, Neb.;  
 Aug. 28 and 29: Toledo, Ohio.;  
 Sept. 4: Ellsworth AFB, S.D.;  
 Sept. 11-Oct. 3: Pacific Rim tour;

Oct. 9-10: Redding, Calif.;  
 Oct. 16-17: Houston;  
 Oct. 23-24: El Paso, Texas;  
 Oct. 30-31: Lafayette, La.;  
 Nov. 6: Camden, S.C.;  
 Nov. 7: Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.;  
 Nov. 13-14 — Nellis AFB, Nev.  
 Show schedules are subject to change, members of the retirement community should confirm a performance before traveling a long distance.

Call the base public affairs office on the military installation where the event is planned or the local chamber of commerce at civilian locations.

### VA has more details

## New law may provide income for unknowing spouses

A recently passed law may provide income for thousands of unknowing surviving spouses of military retirees and other veterans.

Public Law 108-183, the Veterans Benefit Act of 2003 signed into law by President Bush on Dec. 16, allows survivors of members who died of service-connected causes to retain Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) if they remarry after attaining age 57.

Previously, surviving spouses lost

this entitlement if they remarried at any age. The only provision to regain the benefit was if the latter marriage ended in death or divorce.

Also, those who have already remarried (and were age 57 or older when they did so) have until Dec. 16, 2004 to apply for reinstatement of their DIC benefits. The current entitlement is \$967 a month.

The application form is VA form 21-686c which is available on the web at

<http://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/21-686c.pdf>.

So far, this law has gotten has received little publicity and some may be eligible for this benefit.

In addition, readers who know of individuals who may be eligible should inform them that of this new law.

Those eligible should apply as soon as possible as there was no mention that payments are retroactive.

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