

Campbell Wins Will Rogers Award



Bill Campbell & James Rogers

Bill Campbell, an AFPAAA Lifetime Member, has been honored with the National Society of Newspaper Columnists' Will Rogers Humanitarian Award. The award, a statuette of the farsighted philosopher-humorist of the 1920s and '30s, who used his forum as a commentator for humanitarian purposes, was presented in June by Rogers great-grandson, James, at the society's conference in New Orleans.

Bill, who now writes for the Beachcomber in Destin, Florida, has been a columnist for the past 20 years. Community service has been the theme for many of his writings as he supported a wide variety of non-profit organizations and involved himself personally with a number of these groups. As president of the local unit of the American Cancer Society, Bill was instrumental in the launching of "Relay for Life," a program that has raised more than \$1 million to benefit cancer patients.

A physician who praised his efforts to urge men to get checked for prostate cancer at an annual free screening nominated him for the award.

This was the ninth time the Will Rogers Humanitarian Award has been presented and for the first time the judging ended in a tie that resulted in two winners.

In addition to Bill, Carol A. Dawson, who writes "The Extra Miler" column for the Indiana's Jeffersonville Evening News and The New Albany Tribune, received the award.



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Wright-Patt Meeting Plans Lookin' Good

"It's like a cornucopia, there is just so much to choose from," observed 16th Annual Membership Meeting Chair Pete Peterson. "One thing is for sure, we've got the wind-up gala dinner locked in for the Modern Flight Hangar at the National Museum of the United States Air Force, and that alone makes it sure this will be a spectacular gathering."

In addition, for the April 20-May 2 event, Pete is working on what sites at Wright Patterson AFB and the surrounding area we can visit.



"We have visits scheduled to both the restoration area and the Presidential Aircraft Gallery," Pete said. "In restoration they are working on the B-17 Memphis Belle of WW II fame and we will be able to go aboard Air Force One where Lyndon Johnson was sworn in as President after President Kennedy's assassination.

Arrangements have been made for rooms at Wright-Patt's Hope Hotel. Pete is still looking over the tours of the various labs that are possible and would be of the greatest interest to our members. "Mark you calendars now and start making travel plans. The reservation form will be in the January News & Notes, and updates on our plans will be available at our web site - www.afpaaa.org



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From The President's Pen —————

The state of the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association continues to be healthy, both in membership numbers and financially. Anyone who attended our most recent annual meeting in San Antonio knows that first-hand. We are a group of dedicated professionals who not only know how to have a good time when we get together, but are seriously interested in keeping in touch with what's happening in today's Air Force Public Affairs, Band, Still Photography, Videography, and Broadcasting communities.



While that is a rosy picture, I once again stress, as my predecessors have done, that we must not just sit back and enjoy the status quo, patting ourselves on the back for being part of such a successful association. You've heard this before, but the average age of the membership continues to rise, including the key group of members that has been deeply involved in managing the association since it was founded — people who have proven to be its backbone. But, most importantly, we have to recognize that the pool of people from which we draw future members is getting smaller. These are all factors that must be foremost in our minds as we move forward.

In his comments to the San Antonio meeting attendees, Brigadier General Darren W. McDew, the Air Force's Director of Public Affairs, told us what has been happening with the active duty officer, enlisted, and civilian PA force. The numbers continue to be reduced and the people currently filling the authorized position are being stretched very thin by deployments. In addition, the number of career public affairs people at SAF/PA continues to trend downward. That is something we must come to grips with and we have to decide what we can do to ensure the sustainability of our organization. You can be sure that this will be a hot topic that your board will address and discuss at the next annual meeting.

In the past, we have stressed the need to continue to recruit new members — “Every Member Get a Member” has been the theme. Let's not let that fade away. I ask our members to not just filter through their memory banks to think of former colleagues who they might be able to track down and ask to join AFPAAA. I also urge members living near active Air Force installations to make a concerted effort to get to know the PA staff people at those installations and become one of our ambassadors to the active duty force. We all need to take part in the cultivation of our future association membership, and we can start that by making AFPAAA a familiar organization to those who are currently filling the ranks.

Finally, the plans for the next Annual Membership Meeting at Wright-Patterson AFB, April 30 – May 2, are falling into place. Be sure to read the article on page one for more details of the meeting, mark your calendar, and plan to be there.

— Sam Giammo

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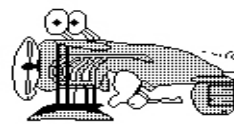
Werner Lucke, a retired AF Reserve colonel who was an engineer at Northrop, passed away this summer. He was active in the Public Affairs Reserve Squadron in Chicago and worked frequently in support of the Chicago Office of Public Affairs in the 1970s. He is survived by his wife, Gloria, children Scott, Kathy, and Stacy, and six grandchildren.

Dwight F. 'Jim' Sherman

Dwight F. 'Jim' Sherman passed away from heart failure September 19; he was 74. He served three years in the Marine Corps before he enlisted in the Air Force and served most of his 20-year career in Public Affairs. After retiring as a master sergeant in 1975, he earned a degree in journalism from Southwest Texas State University and returned to Public Affairs as a civilian employee retiring as a GS-12 in 1995.

Among the places where he served were Forbes AFB, RAF Mildenhall, and Tinker AFB. At USAFE Headquarters, Ramstein AB, he worked first in the Media Relations Division, then as Chief of Public Affairs Plans. At Randolph AFB he was Chief of Plans for ATC/PA.

He is survived by his wife, Kay; son, Sandy; and daughter, Rhonda. He was interred at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery on September 29. Donations in his memory may be made to the American Heart Association.



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Welcome Aboard To . . . *Daniel Epright, William E. Lindcome, Karen Roganov, and Charles J. Schaefer IV.*

New Lifers . . . *Michael Gose, Michael Murk, and Catherine Reardon* have upgraded to Lifetime Member status.

FORE! . . . *The SAF/PA Golf Tournament will be at Andrews AFB, Friday, Oct. 17; tee time is 2 pm. Registrations due by Friday, Oct. 3 Check our web site www.afpaaa.org for details.*

Movin' Up. . . *Ray Crockett* elected to PRSA's College of Fellows . . . *Jay DeFrank* to Vice President of Communications at Pratt & Whitney . . . Associate Member *Edward W. Tonini* to Major General and Adjutant General of the Kentucky National Guard.

Vote Early And Often. . . *Associate Member Kirk E. Faryniasz, currently USAFA ALO for the Culture Coast of Florida, is the Republican candidate for Florida House seat in District 67.*

Movin' On. . . *after 31 years of service, the last 25 in the Public Affairs office at Eglin AFB, Shirley Pigott, who provided great support for AFPAAA's meeting there four years ago, has retired.*

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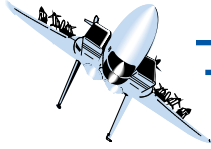
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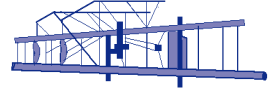
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