



Major Board Shifts – Mike Caldwell Resigns, Mark Foutch To VP, Mike Cox Added To Board As Secretary

The scope and time demands of his new job, as well as personal reasons, made it impossible for Mike Caldwell to give proper attention to his duties as a member of the AFPAAA Board of Directors and as its vice president, resulting in his resignation from the board in November. His departure from the AFPAAA leadership progression created a vacancy on the board and moved secretary Mark Foutch to the vice presi-

Elections Coming: Six Board Seats Open; Nominees Sought By 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.

Potential candidates should make their candidacy known by February 1 to the nominating committee headed by Sam Giammo. E-mail nominations should be sent to samgiammo@afpaaa.org

Individuals seeking office should include a short, three or four paragraph resume/biography that would encourage members to vote for them if accepted by the committee for placement on the ballot. They should outline their qualifications; how they have supported AFPAAA; and why they want to be on the Board of Directors. Nominations should include a head and shoulders picture in either jpeg, TIFF, or a hard copy suitable for scanning.

All potential candidates should understand that by becoming a member of the board it is implicit they are willing 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. Results of the election will be announced at the business session of AFPAAA's 18th Annual Membership Meeting, Saturday, May 14, in Fairfield, California.

Those elected will begin their two-year terms on July 1. Incumbents Neil Buttimer, Mike Cox, and Mark Foutch are running for reelection. Alan DeFend, Sam Giammo, and Christine Queen are not running.

Printed & Web Site Directories Need Good Info, Updating Is Easy

When we move, change jobs, or get new phone service, it is very easy to overlook some of the people and places we need to let know of those changes.

Two of those places are the printed and on-line directories provided to members as a service by AFPAAA. Please take a moment to check you listings with AFPAAA and make sure they are up-to-date.

If your listing is not current, just send the correct information to: updates@afpaaa.org

*May 12-14,
Fairfield, California,
Travis AFB Annual
Membership Meeting,
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presidency immediately instead of in July; in turn, that left the board without a secretary.

Mike Cox, a Lifetime Member, who had previously expressed interest in becoming more



Mike Cox

involved in AFPAAA, was contacted and agreed to join the board and the leadership progression. His name was submitted to the board for appointment to fill Mike Caldwell's term and to assume the secretarial duties. The board affirmed both actions.

Mike has headed his own public affairs/strategic communications firm serving aerospace companies since 2008. Prior to then he was Vice President of Communications for Bell Helicopter Textron in Fort Worth, Texas, where he was responsible for all advertising, trade show activities and the development of marketing strategies.

During 26 years in the Air Force, his assignments included two tours at the Pentagon and contingency deployments to Grenada, Desert Storm, and Somalia. Mike retired in 1998 as a colonel. His final assignment was at Scott AFB, Illinois, where he was Director of Public Affairs for Air Mobility Command.

Aerial Port Squadron Admin Officer To Diplomat: State Dept Award Caps Don Bishop's Diverse Career

How do you go from an admin officer at a McGuire AFB Aerial Post Squadron in 1968 to a key diplomatic position in Afghanistan in 2010? Ask AFPAAA Life Member Don Bishop, with some interesting detours along the way in a 42-year career, he did just that.

He got an AFROTC commission in 1968 and was assigned to McGuire AFB, New Jersey. The Vietnam War was on and in less than a year Don was the admin officer for the 37th Security Police Squadron at Phu Cat AB.

Next was DINFOS, followed by Maxwell AFB, Alabama, where he was AFROTC's Chief of Public Information. His next stop was as IO at Kwang Ju, AB Korea. Then came a major turning point in his career, an AFIT master's degree program and four years teaching history at the Air Force Academy.

Don left the Air Force in 1979 to join the Foreign Service. With the U.S. Infor-

mation Agency and the Department of State, he served in Hong Kong, Korea, and Taiwan. As the Country Public Affairs Officer, he led public affairs and public diplomacy, in Bangladesh, Nigeria, China, and Afghanistan.

Don was the foreign policy advisor to the Commandant of the Marine Corps then held the same position with USAF Chief of Staff, General Norton Schwartz in 2008-2009 prior to deploying to the American Embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan. As Acting Director of Communication and Public Diplomacy, he led the public diplomacy and strategic communications effort for five months until the arrival of former CNN and ABC correspondent David Ensor as the new Director. The two



Bishop with JCS Chairman Admiral Mike Mullen in Kabul

worked together for five months until Don returned to the United States.

When he retired last fall as a member of the State Department's Senior Foreign Service in Public Diplomacy he received the Secretary of State's Career Achievement Award.

Air Force Impact On Individual's Lives Showcased In Photo Displays At Pentagon, Library Of Congress

"Pioneers in Blue," a photographic portrait series of a selection of Air Force veterans from a wide range of career fields and backgrounds – heroes, POWs, pilots, jet mechanics, cryptologists, medical technicians, graphic artists, and many more – has

been created and placed on display by Air Force Public Affairs.

The photographs and accompanying

text tell how the Air Force made a difference in each person's life. The display is in the Pentagon, on 'A' ring of the 5th floor between the 8th and 9th corridors. A second version of the

series is in the Library of Congress thanks to Representative Sam Johnson who flew F-86s and F-4s in Korea and Vietnam, and retired as a colonel. He is one of the featured Air Force veterans in the series which includes Chuck Yeager,



ger, Tuskegee Airman Calvin Spann; former POW Jay Hess; WWII B-25 gunner Joseph

Brucker; and OIF wounded warrior Jennifer Miranda. SAF/PA is working to make the series available to a wider audience via a public web site.

Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association News & Notes, John Terino, editor, is published quarterly for members by the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association, P. O. Box 447, Locust Grove, VA 22508-0447. On-line subscriptions are available at www.afpaaa.org. **Membership Information:** Those who have served in Air Force Public Affairs, an Air Force Band, as an Air Force Broadcaster, or in the multimedia career fields as either military or civilian are eligible for *Full Membership*. Current or former members of those career fields, still on active duty, or in the Guard or Reserve are eligible for *Associate Membership*. **Membership Rates:** Lifetime \$300 (payable in four quarterly \$75 installments); Full Membership, one-year \$25 or three years \$50. Associate Membership, one-year \$10 or three years \$20. Membership applications are available at www.afpaaa.org. **Board of Directors and Officers:** Chairman, Christine Queen; President, Bud Ross; Vice President, Mark Foutch; Secretary, Mike Cox; Treasurer, Jim Hart; Dick Abel, Neil Buttimer, Sam Giammo, John Gura, Hank Hufnagel, Hal Smarkola, John Terino. **Committee Chairmen:** Annual Meeting, Mark Foutch; Communications, John Terino; Development, Joe Purka; Elections, Kathy McCollom; Finance, Jim Hart; Membership, Neil Buttimer; Oral History & Web Site John Gura.

From The President's Pen



Dear AFPAAA friends,

By the time you read this message, you will be reflecting on the holiday season and looking to a new year of challenges just as are our fellow military men and women deployed to hot spots around the globe; I am sure you have kept them in your thoughts and prayers.

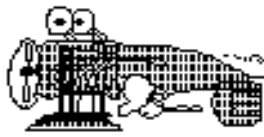
A recent Air Force Times article listed deployment days spent in 2010 by various Air Force specialties. Public Affairs, broadcast, and combat camera personnel were all listed in the top 25 percentile for number of days deployed. They are doing a great job under very demanding conditions. The “new normal,” as some have called it, is placing heavy demands on all our aircraft and the crews that fly them as well as virtually every support specialty.

I was privileged to visit Air Mobility Command (AMC) headquarters recently with a civilian delegation from the Travis AFB area. The AMC senior leadership said that because of its rough terrain, long distances, roadside ambushes and IEDs posing peril to friendly forces convoys there is an insatiable demand for logistics by air and air drop in Afghanistan. Airlift and air drop are not the most efficient means of moving vast quantities of supplies, but in those situations they are often the most effective and timely.

At the same time, air evacuation of wounded warriors has reached new highs in speed of patient transfer and numbers of lives saved. Air refueling aircraft are steadfastly supporting our combat aircraft as they execute close air support. In short, the air mobility mission is providing our warriors on the ground and in the air the vital support they need. So I think it is fitting and timely that we will focus on those operational missions at our 18th Annual Membership Meeting, May 12-14, 2011, in Fairfield, California, the home of AMC's Travis AFB. I hope as many of you as possible will make a point to be there.

SAF/PA Director Brigadier General (Select) Les Kodlick expects to join us in Fairfield. He recently met with Dave Shea and Neil Buttimer of the AFPAAA Membership Development Committee and Art Forster, to discuss how we might improve the association's value to those currently serving in the Air Force. Once we have that information, we will prepare our recommendations to the board on membership development and the proposal to change the name of the organization. We'll keep you posted.

— Bud Ross



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&
Jet Blast**




Welcome Aboard To . . . Cordelia Rackley.

Movin' Up . . . SAF/PA deputy director Noel 'Christy' Nolta to Senior Executive Service . . . former SAF/PA director Michelle Johnson, now Director, Strategy, Policy, Programs and Logistics, U.S. Transportation Command, Scott AFB, selected for major general.

We Mourn . . . the passing in July of West Point graduate and retired Army Colonel Minter L. Wilson, Jr., whose assignments included Chief of the Public Information Division of SHAPE. His interment was at Arlington National Cemetery on November 1.

Have You SSQed Lately? . . . If not, and you would like some food for thought on Air Force, defense, and foreign policy issues go to <http://www.au.af.mil/au/ssq/> That will take you to Air University's Strategic Studies Quarterly. The current issue has some timely articles, including "Chinese Military Involvement in a Future Korean War," "Tinted Blue: Air Force Culture and American Civil-Military Relations," and lots more.

Jelly Beans, Golf, Wine, More In Annual Meeting Plan

Got a sweet tooth? Enjoy 'Pasture Pool?' or Are you a vinophile? If you answer 'Yes' to any of those questions, don't miss our 18th Annual Member Meeting, May 12-14, which you can register for with the form on the  facing page.

While all the details are still being worked out by meeting chairman Bud Ross and his committee, this is shaping up to be a stellar event. From the golf tournament that precedes the opening mixer, Thursday evening, May 12, through the next day's visit to Travis AFB for a look at a number of Air Mobility Command's most dynamic units, and through the gala banquet that wraps up the meeting on Saturday evening, there is something for everyone.

Included in the planned activities are a tour of the Jelly Belly candy factory on Friday afternoon and a free wine tasting that evening.

Saturday morning will feature a series of 'Re-Bluing Briefings,' including a presentation on the much in the news Global Hawk remotely piloted vehicle, followed by the SAF/PA Luncheon, with director and AFPAAA Life Member Les Kodlick (Brigadier General selectee) updating us on the career field. Our business meeting will conclude the afternoon.

Directory Updates



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Name: _____
 Address: _____

 E-mail: _____
 Phone: _____
 Cell Phone: _____
 Guest(s) Name(s): _____



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

Are you a new member of AFPAAA? No Yes
 Is this your first AFPAAA Annual Meeting? No Yes

Full Registration

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

Please indicate number of meal choice(s) for Saturday banquet ___ Beef ___ Fish

How many in your party will go to Travis AFB on Friday, May 13? _____

Members Attending ___ x \$150 = \$_____
 Guests Attending ___ x \$140 = \$_____
 Non Members ___ x \$200 = \$_____

Individual Event Registration (Do Not Use If You Pay The Full Registration Fee)

Icebreaker Reception - Thursday, May 12, 5-7:30 p.m.

Members Attending ___ x \$10 = \$_____
 Guests Attending ___ x \$10 = \$_____
 Non Members ___ x \$20 = \$_____

Travis AFB/Jelly Belly Tour, Friday, May 13, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Includes bus transportation & President's Luncheon.

Members Attending ___ x \$60 = \$_____
 Guests Attending ___ x \$60 = \$_____
 Non Members ___ x \$70 = \$_____

President's Luncheon Only, Friday May 13.

Members Attending ___ x \$25 = \$_____
 Guests Attending ___ x \$25 = \$_____
 Non Members ___ x \$35 = \$_____

Re-Bluing Briefings, SAF/PA Luncheon, Membership Meeting, Saturday, May 14.

Members Attending ___ x \$40 = \$_____
 Guests Attending ___ x \$40 = \$_____
 Non Members ___ x \$50 = \$_____

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

Please indicate number of meal choice(s) for banquet ___ Beef ___ Fish

Members Attending ___ x \$60 = \$_____
 Guests Attending ___ x \$60 = \$_____
 Non Members ___ x \$70 = \$_____

Optional Events

1. Golf Tournament, Rancho Solano GC, Thursday, May 12, 8 am - 1 pm
 Green fees/cart included with entry. Club rental \$25. Must pre-register.

Entry Fee & Cart ___ x \$40 = \$_____

2. Free Wine Tasting, Friday, May 13, 6 pm - 8 pm, Hilton Garden Inn Number Attending _____

Please make your check or money order payable to: **AFPAAA**
 Mail form and check/money order to: **AFPAAA**
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Total Remitted \$ _____

Registration: Due by **May 6, 2011**, those received after **May 6** will be charged a \$25 per person late fee. Refunds must be requested by **May 6**.

Hotel: AFPAAA has negotiated a block of rooms at the Hilton Garden Inn at the military per diem rate of \$84 plus 12% tax. Make your reservations by calling **(707) 426-6900** and asking for the **AFPAAA rate**. The rate is available for 3 days prior to and 3 days after our meeting. Hotel reservations for the AFPAAA rate must be made by **May 1, 2010**.

Additional information - activities, hotel, and directions - is at www.AFPAAA.org/annualmeet.html

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