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It's easy! It's quick! It's up-to-date! It's a great way to communicate! It's AFPAAA's new Facebook web page . . . And it is only a click away.

"When AFPAAA was founded, giving our members a means to keep track of friends was one of our prime objectives," said Sam Giammo, who established our Facebook site.

That was 19 years ago. Then, and until now, our three means of "keeping in touch" were AFPAAA's directory, the Annual Membership Meeting, and the newsletter. "All are good," Giammo continued, "but they are comparatively slow in this age of social media. Now we can reach each other instantaneously."

Connecting to AFPAAA's Facebook page is easy. You can just go to: <http://www.Facebook.com/AFPAAA> or log into the AFPAAA website at: <http://www.afpaaa.org> and click on the Facebook symbol  in the middle of the page.

"To get the most from all the features of our Facebook page, you will need to sign up, which is very easy – just click on the green 'sign up' button



News & Notes
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on the right side of the AFPAAA Facebook page. We've had a lot of people we haven't heard from before come aboard," Giammo explained. He was assisted by Al Eakle and our web guru, John Gura, in establishing the page.

Six Board Seats Will Be Filled In Election

While the national news media is focused on the quadrennial November Presidential Election, AFPAAA's annual Board of Directors election is now .

Six of the eleven elected board seats are open this year. Current board members, Dick Abel, John Gura, and Jim Hart, are seeking another term. Three new candidates – Judy Bivens, Larry Clavette, and Johnny Whitaker – have been nominated. There is a place on the ballot for write-in candidates.



Ballot On Page 5

Biographies of the candidates accompany the ballot on page 5. Mailed ballots need to be received by Saturday, April 14. Those who prefer to vote electronically may do so via our website <http://www.afpaaa.org/vote.html> Voting is open to Full Members in good standing. Election results will be announced May 5, in St. Louis at the Annual Membership Meeting.

***Don't Delay;
If You're Going
To The Annual
Membership
Meeting In
St. Louis Act
Now!***

**Full Details & Registration Form
On Pages 10-11**

Gene Sands Captures Show Biz History With Wally Boag

A unique slice of America's entertainment history is captured by AFPAAA Lifetime Founder Gene Sands as co-author with the subject of "Wally Boag, Clown Prince of Disneyland."

Unlike Eddie Foy, George M. Cohan's family, Abbot and Costello, and the many other stars who emerged from vaudeville, Wally Boag, who died in 2011, is not a household name. Yet, he was the quintessential song, dance, and comic stage artist.

After refining his skills for 20 years in theaters and night clubs around America and internationally, Wally became a permanent fixture at Disneyland.

He was the star of the Golden Horseshoe Revue. From 1955 through early 1982, when he retired, Wally did 40,000 performances in the show, a feat that none of the legends of entertainment in the past, or those who may come in the future, could duplicate in any venue.

He details how, in London in 1947, a twelve-year-old Julie Andrews joined him for the balloon animals portion of his act, giving her the opportunity to stop the show with her singing.

Wally was one of Walt Disney's favorite performers and that relationship is woven throughout the book. His talents

were displayed on the Mickey Mouse Club and voicing some of the animatronics in the park.

He appeared in a number of Disney films, including wearing a life-like mask to do the stunt work for Fred McMurray in the flying sequences of the *Absent Minded Professor*.

This biography is fun, it is not verbose, Wally tells his story, from when he was first bitten by

the bug to perform as a child through many stops until he reached Disneyland, in a jaunty, easy to read style, replete with pictures.

But, the book is not just about Wally's story. There are three other mini-stories in the book.

Walt Disney chose Wally to star in the Golden Horseshoe Review before Disneyland opened, so, as he details his

27-year-career in the review you get an insight into the growth of the park in its early years.

Then there is the Steve Martin connection. Martin, who starting at age ten working at Disneyland selling guide books, did the introduction to the book and credits Wally with being a major influence on his career.

Finally, there is how Gene Sands met Wally, worked with him on stage at the park and in clubs, became a life-long friend, and his biographer.

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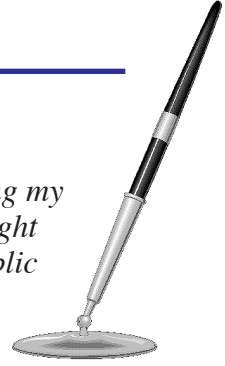
book you don't feel you are reading, instead it is as if you and Wally are sitting in his living room as he reminisces about his family, career, and the people he worked with.

"Wally Boag, Clown Prince of Disneyland." is a coffee table book that is fascinating and a great leisure read that is both educational and entertaining. It may be ordered from <http://www.wallyboag.com>

– John Terino



From The President's Pen



Time sure flies when you're having fun! Seems like yesterday I was pondering my first "President's Pen" column and here I'm drafting my last one. So, I thought I'd offer a review of what's been accomplished by and for our Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association. Here's what I've seen from my perch:

First and foremost, our officers, Board, and specialty committees have managed this organization and its resources responsibly. AFPAAA's mission has been pursued with dedication and creativity. We have strengthened our relationship with Brigadier General Les Kodlick and his SAF/PA team. Our visibility with the active force continues through the "Best of the Best" award, support of the Holiday Ball, and providing Public Affairs badges for Air Force DINFOS graduates. Our annual meeting at Travis AFB was outstanding, and plans for our St. Louis meeting, May 3-5, are clicking along nicely. John Terino makes our newsletter attractive and informative. We've added new features on our web site and, thanks to Sam Giammo, entered the social media world via Facebook.

Looking at the emphasis areas from my first newsletter last July, it's a mixed bag. On the plus side we have a fine crop of new younger leaders moving up the officer positions, and some really promising new Board candidates. But I'm still concerned about continuity in our "expert" positions: the Membership, Web site, Communications, Treasurer, and Annual Meetings chairs. Presidents come and go, but these folks are the true "mission hackers" — they make the train run on time, and keep it on the tracks.

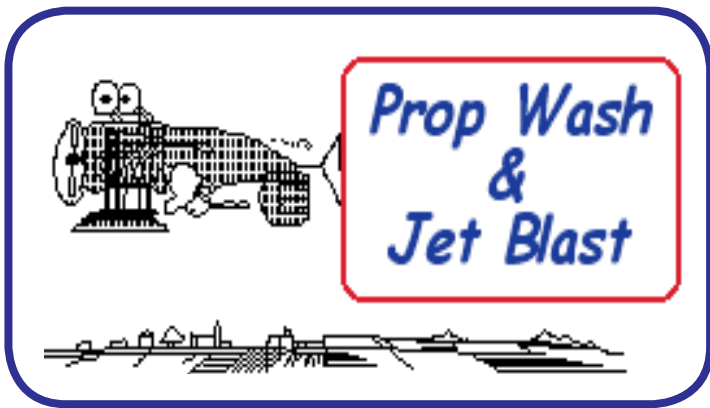
Now, one of those key people is stepping down. Linda Arnold, who with her committee, has for years managed our annual meetings with amazing dedication and savvy, tells us St. Louis is the last she will chair. Fortunately, John Gura has already given us a head start on our Las Vegas meeting April 25-27, 2013. Nevertheless, we need to bolster our Annual meeting Committee and any AFPAAA member with conference planning experience is welcome to volunteer to become part of that team.

Finally, and still very important, we must follow up vigorously on the report Bud Ross and his membership development committee presented at Travis. We are losing more members than we are gaining. All of us need to reach out to people we know who would benefit from membership in this great organization, and who, in turn, would bring new ideas and talents to AFPAAA. Do it now.

My term ends June 30. Vice President Mike Cox is expected to succeed me and be appointed your next President as set forth in the association's succession plan. I know he will do an outstanding job. At the same time, I'm looking forward to following Bud Ross, a true gentleman and a real PA pro, as your next Chairman of the Board.

See you in St. Louis!

— Mark Foutch



Welcome Aboard To . . . *Thomas Dolney, Kathleen Grey, Shaw Jones, David Lester, Lena Lopez, Andrew Stanley, and David Ward.*

New Lifers . . . *Congratulations to Jim Ragan who upgraded his membership, and to new member David Ward who joined as a Life Member.*

Bill Knowlton Honored . . . *at the historic Ryman Auditorium in Nashville, Tennessee, with the Bluegrass Music Association's Distinguished Achievement Award. He was recognized for fostering Bluegrass' image, recognition, and accessibility. An AFPAAA Life Member, Bill has hosted the Bluegrass Ramble on WCNF-FM in Syracuse, Utica, and Watertown, New York, since 1973 and is the co-founder of the Central New York Bluegrass Association.*

Four-Star First . . . *for the Air Force, with the nomination of Lieutenant General Janet Wolfenbarger for promotion to general and commander of Air Materiel Command. She was commissioned as a member of the class of 1980 at the Air Force Academy and has a graduate degree in aeronautics and astronautics from MIT. She is currently the military deputy in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition.*

Hall of Famer . . . *Keith Ferris, renowned aviation artist – check the big B-17 mural in the Smithsonian's Air & Space Museum – and long time friend of Air Force Public Affairs, will be inducted into The National Aviation Hall of Fame, Dayton, Ohio, this fall. Among the many things he is being recognized for are the founding of the American Society of Aviation Artists and his expert knowledge and invention of aircraft paint systems for military camouflage and high-visibility purposes.*

Hangin' It Up . . . *AFPAAA Lifetime Founder Sam Giammo has retired after 13 years at the University of New Mexico where he was Director of Public Affairs for the Health Sciences Center.*

We Mourn . . . *the passing in December of Henry Catto, 85, the first Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs during Ronald Reagan's presidency. He had a distinguished career in business and as a public servant, including appointments by the first President Bush as US ambassador to the Court of St. James and director of the US Information Agency.*

Got An Itch, Scratch It With A Discount . . . *Want to replace the old refrigerator, get a new car, take a trip, send flowers, or buy paint and redo a room? With the current economy, getting anything at a reasonable price is a challenge. Discounts for active duty military, veterans, and military retirees are available, and, you don't have to wander from store to store to find them. Here are just three of many web sites that can help save money: <http://www.military.com/discounts> <http://www.militaryrates.com/military-discounts-shopping.cfm> <http://www.militaryandveteransdiscounts.com/> Merchants such as Ace Hardware, Lowe's, and Home Depot are among the many you'll find. One caution, be sure to confirm the discounts are still in effect before you buy, they change frequently.*

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Election - Vote Below For Six Board Members

The AFPAAA Board of Directors has 11 elected members who serve overlapping two-year terms. Six positions are open this year for terms beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2014. Only Full Members in good standing may vote. To be counted, all ballots must reach the Election Committee by Saturday, April 14, 2012. The candidates are below. Provision is made for a write-in vote but ballots may only be cast for six persons. Those wishing to vote electronically may do so by going to <http://www.afpaaa.org/vote.html>

Dick Abel has been served three terms on the board. An internationally known speaker on family values, military affairs, and moral leadership and author of Leadership Is ALL About People, he is president of the instructional program of the same title, a seminar for people who desire to impact the lives of others. He is also ambassador at large and executive director emeritus of Military Ministry, a division of Campus Crusade International. A retired Air Force brigadier general and jet pilot, during his 30-year military career, he led an Air Force acrobatic team, was an assistant football coach at the U.S. Air Force Academy, escorted home five flights of returning POWs from Vietnam, served as special assistant to three four-star Navy admirals and one chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and was director of Air Force Public Affairs.

Judy Bivens has been the Veterans Service Officer for McNairy County, Tennessee since 2004. She assists veterans, their surviving spouses and family members in accessing benefits through the Department of Veteran Affairs. She joined the Air Force in 1975, retrained into public affairs as a first-termer in 1980, and subsequently served in all areas of the career field. Her assignments included Barksdale AFB, Louisiana; Reese AFB, Texas; Ankara Air Station, Turkey; Yokota Air Base, Japan; and Headquarters, Recruiting Service, Randolph AFB, Texas. Judy was promoted to chief master sergeant in 1994, and became the public affairs resource manager for Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB, Ill. In 1998, she became the chief of enlisted public affairs assignments at the Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph AFB. Judy retired from the Air Force in 2001 and was an associate professor of management studies at the University of Tennessee, McNairy Center until 2005.

Larry Clavette is a Life Member of AFPAAA. He has been in Air Force Public Affairs nearly 35 years, and is the director of the Air Force Public Affairs Agency, San Antonio, Texas. Prior to his current assignment, he was SAF/PA assistant deputy director of public affairs. Larry joined SAF/PA in 2001 as a policy writer. Larry retired from active duty in 1993 after serving in public affairs assignments at Griffiss AFB, New York; San Vito AS, Italy; Offutt AFB, Nebraska; Rhein-Main AB, Germany, and Langley AFB, Virginia. He also served as a public affairs instructor and training development specialist at DINFOS, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana. He started his Air Force civilian career in 1993 at Griffiss AFB as chief of media relations and chief of public affairs. He served as chief of public affairs for DFAS-Rome before moving to Offutt AFB as chief of community relations and deputy chief of public affairs. Larry then became the chief of public affairs for the 14FTW, Columbus AFB, Mississippi, before moving to the Pentagon. Larry has a bachelor's degree in leadership and management.

John Gura is a Lifetime Founder of AFPAAA. He spent 21 years in the Air Force retiring as a Lt. Colonel in 1983. As a PA, John held wing, MAJCOM, and SAF/PA jobs including stints as Chief of the Chicago field office and Department Director and Deputy Commander of DINFOS. Subsequently, he held corporate marketing and video production positions until helping found HomeSafe Environmental, Inc., a California environmental training and testing firm in 2000. He developed and continues to provide support for the AFPAAA web site and the Oral History Program. John served previously as Association President and Chairman.

Jim Hart is a Lifetime Founder of AFPAAA and has been active in the leadership of AFPAAA since it was formed. He has served the Association as President and Chairman of the Board, and has been treasurer, for the past 10 years. Although board membership is not required to hold the office of Treasurer, he believes that all officers of the association should stand for election to the board. He retired in 1995 as Mobilization Assistant to the Director, SAF/PA, after 36 years of service.

Johnny Whitaker is a Life Member of AFPAAA and Director of Communications for Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company's Marietta, Georgia, operations (AF Plant #6, collocated with Dobbins ARB). He joined Lockheed Martin in 2008 after nearly 35 years as an Air Force Public Affairs officer and senior civilian. A 1973 US Air Force Academy graduate, with a BS in management, he has an MA in communications from the University of Oklahoma. He retired from active duty as a colonel in 2003 as PA Director at HQ Air Combat Command (his second tour as ACC/PA Director). It was one of the highlights of a career that included being PA Director of Air Education and Training Command, SAF/PA Deputy Director, and Commander 14th Support Group, Columbus AFB, Mississippi. Johnny was the first civilian Director of Communications at the USAF Academy during five tumultuous years that included high-visibility sexual assault, Cadet Honor Code, and religious issues.

Ballot – AFPAAA Board of Directors Candidates – 2012

Instructions

Only Full Members in good standing (dues paid) of AFPAAA are eligible to vote, if you do not meet this criteria do not submit a ballot. Select or write in only six names.

Dick Abel **Judy Bivens** **Larry Clavette** **John Gura** **Jim Hart** **Johnny Whitaker**

Other _____

Print Your Name _____ Signature _____

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Garry Lee Bowers

Garry Bowers, a Lifetime Founder of AFPAAA, passed away after a lengthy illness, December 24, in Monongalia General Hospital, Morgantown, West Virginia. He was 73.

He had two very successful careers: one in broadcasting, the other in the Air Force Reserve. A native of Morgantown, while earning a degree in Industrial Management from West Virginia University, he began his broadcasting career at WCLG in Morgantown. After graduating in 1961, he continued at the station and became its sales manager in 1963.



Garry was a leading air personality in Morgantown, broadcasting news, election results, and community events. He was promoted to station manager, and then bought the AM-FM station in 1983, becoming its owner-operator. A member of the West Virginia Broadcasters Hall of Fame, he hosted the very popular “Old Trading Post” on WCLG AM

for 25 years and celebrated 53 years of broadcasting in October.

His military career began in the West Virginia Army National Guard in 1966, as an armor scout. He transferred to Air National Guard in 1970 as an Information Officer for the 130th Special Operations Group. Subsequent active duty service found him at Air Force Systems Command and then in SAF/PA. Garry’s final assignment was as the Reserve Deputy Director of Public Affairs. He retired in 1998 as a colonel.

Garry is survived by his wife of 50 years, Linda Britton Bowers, three children, sons Marc and Michael, and daughter Heather Bowers, and his sister Ann Rea Summers. Interment was at Britton Cemetery. Garry can be remembered through donations in his name to either Spruce Street United Methodist Church, 386 Spruce St., Morgantown, WV 26505 or to any charity which benefits the welfare of animals.

I always enjoyed speaking with Garry when I was in the Pentagon and at various USAFR function. When he retired in 1998, I had the honor of setting up his retirement ceremony. Garry was a great guy and supporter of our Air Force.

– Bob Raub

Anyone who knew Garry Bowers could not forget him. He virtually lit up a room when he walked in. Everyone smiled and laughed when he was around!

As Garry was married to his college sweetheart upon graduation from WVU, he was ineligible for the draft. But as he built and grew WCLG AM & FM radio stations into the market leader in Morgantown and all of eastern WV, Garry had the desire to give back, so he joined the WV Guard.

I became aware of Garry and his talents in the late 1980s when I had the honor to serve as Director of PA for AF Systems Command. Garry was a Guard Major and wanted to expand his horizons. We brought him on board and he was a natural,

with an unparalleled mix of radio, business and PR savvy. There wasn't a member of that talented AFSC/PA staff who didn't learn something new from Garry. Everyone looked forward to his tours of duty.

Later, as AFSC closed, he moved to SAF/PA Media Relations, was promoted to Colonel and became one of the stalwart Reserve Colonels of that decade - or any other. During those years he volunteered on many occasions to assist, above and beyond his normal duties in the Pentagon, in helping instruct PA professionals in field training at Camp Bullis. His message was a simple one - know your audience, focus on your customer, and the message will come. And it always did! Rest in peace, my dear friend, for your mark on the West Virginia Radio Hall of Fame and Air Force Public Affairs is indelible.

– Doug Kennett

I will always remember Garry as the fellow with a big smile on his face and a willingness to pitch in and do whatever was asked of him. He would come in from West Virginia bubbling all over and ready to go. He brought a lot to the Air Force including a deep understanding of the electronic media. We all benefited from the lift he would bring us and the spirit he left when he went back to his radio station.

– Don Hessenflow

Garry was a friend, colleague and wingman during a fascinating and very busy period at SAF/PA. Clearly, a pro and one you could count on to provide sage counsel, particularly on some of the most challenging of issues confronting our PA practice. From Khobar Towers to Kelly Flinn, Garry was right there in the mix helping SAF/PA leadership develop the overall response strategy and craft the specific message.

A great mentor to our young PAs, both active and reserve, he knew how to communicate and enjoyed sharing his experience and wisdom with our junior officers. He had the look of an Air Force full Colonel. His thick silver hair was only matched by his articulate silver tongue. He was a real natural at the podium or behind the microphone; but who would expect less of a man who had spent his entire civilian career in radio broadcasting, going from talent to management to station owner.

I fondly remember Garry during our Reserve PA Conferences. Always great times. He was an integral part of the planning and program implementation. He was a great resource and played a significant role in the management and success of the IMA PA program. I particularly remember he could always be counted on to bring and share some fine cigars and scout out a pleasant bar to enjoy them in. He was gregarious, affable, funny, and smart. Garry had it all and frankly he earned and deserved it all. He left us much too soon.

Today, the community of our AF Public Affairs professionals is one member less. But he is now offering his wise counsel to a higher authority.

– Mark Rosenker

Garry was a very savvy guy and gave the AF the benefit of his years of experience and refined good judgment and instinct that resulted from decades of service to his community as a broadcaster and civic and business leader in Morgantown, West Virginia. He was gregarious and positive, quick with a joke, and the kind of guy you wanted on your team if you had a difficult situation to figure out. A good guy and gentleman who contributed a lot and will be missed.

– Alan DeFend

Robert W. Marshall

Rob Marshall of Las Vegas, an AFPAAA Member, passed away December 22 after an extended illness. He was 73. He was born in Hedford, Massachusetts, and his Air Force career began after high school in December 1954 when he enlisted in the Air Force.

He was sent to dental tech school at Great Lakes Naval Training Center. After 17 years as a dental technician, he cross-trained in 1973 and became a broadcaster.

Rob's broadcasting assignments took him to Thailand, Taiwan, and Misawa and Yokota Air Bases in Japan. His last assignment was as Superintendent of Broadcasting for the Far East Network, Armed Forces Radio and Television Service. He retired as a chief master sergeant in January 1987.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; eight children; 18 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren, and two sisters and two brothers. He was buried in the Southern Nevada Veterans Cemetery.

Rob's message to all of us was "If you live every day, all the way, once is enough."



Anita L. Bailey Schmidt

Anita L. Bailey Schmidt, a Life Member of AFPAAA passed away on December 25 while visiting family in Spokane, Washington. She was 55 and had battled cancer for many years.

She graduated from Danbury High School, Danbury, Connecticut, earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from Charter Oak College, and a master's degree in mass communications from the University of the Incarnate Word, San Antonio, Texas.

Anita enlisted in the Air Force in March 1978. Her assignments included Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi; Bitburg Air Base, Germany; K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base, Michigan; Joint Task Force Bravo, Honduras; Lackland Air Force Base, Texas; and on the Air Force Surgeon General's Staff, the Pentagon. Her final assignment was as the Public Affairs Superintendent for Air Force Reserve Command, Robins Air Force Base, Georgia. She retired in September 2002 as a senior master sergeant.

After retiring, she taught public speaking, public relations, news writing, media relations, interpersonal and cross cultural communications courses at Macon State College, Mercer University, Gordon College, and at the Warner Robins campus of Georgia Military College.

She was active in the Associates of the Vietnam Veterans of America, her local church, and the Christian



Motorcycle Association, with which she made several mission trips to South America.

Anita is survived by her husband, retired Technical Sergeant Brian L. Schmidt of Perry, Georgia; her parents, Enrico J. and Rosemary Potenziani, of Kathleen, Georgia; her sister, Ida Bessette, and five step-children.

James Hammond Taylor

Jim Taylor, who began his military career as a buck private when he enlisted in the Army Air Forces Reserve in December 1943, and rose through the ranks to retire from the Air Force as a colonel in 1976, died February 12, at Tripler Army Medical Center, Hawaii. He was 85.

Jim's life had a Horatio Alger quality. He was born in rural Blakely, Georgia His father died when he was 6. When his mother could not take care of her three children, Jim spent his growing up years during the depression in the Methodist Orphan's Home in Macon, Georgia. As a teen, before he enlisted, he worked on aircraft at the Jacksonville Florida Naval Air Station.



Jim was slated for training as an Aviation Cadet until, to his disappointment, he failed the eye test. He did, however, qualify for aircrew duty and served as and aircraft observer with the 24th Combat Mapping Squadron at Clark Field in the Philippines.

He left the military for a short time, but the job market was tough and he reentered active duty. During the Korean war he flew reconnaissance missions as a photo gunner in what was then the United States Air Force.

The turning point in his career came when a major talked Jim into taking the OCS exam. He passed the exam and graduated with honors as one of the top three members of class of 54-A at Lackland AFB, Texas.

His first assignment was as photographic officer at Shaw AFB, South Carolina. While at Shaw, he completed his bachelor of science degree and ended his tour there in 1958 as assistant base information officer.

He was selected for the AFIT graduate degree program and attended Boston University. He received a masters in journalism in 1959.

Subsequent assignments included McGuire AFB, New Jersey, where he arranged the welcome when Elvis Presley's returned from Army service in Germany. He was involved in the airlift of arms and journalists to Calcutta, when Chinese forces crossed India's border.



Evelyn and Jim in Darmstadt, Germany

In 1965 he became Deputy Director Of Information for AFROTC at Maxwell AFB, Alabama

From 1967-70 while at Bolling AFB, Jim was Chief, Editorial Division, Command Services Unit, and then Editor of AIRMAN magazine.

He served as Senior Information Advisor to the Vietnamese Air Force, In 1971 he moved to Hawaii where he was Southeast Asia Plans Officer, and then Chief of the Operations Branch in CINCPAC's Public-Legislative Affairs Office at Camp H. M. Smith.

Jim was part of the return of the POW's from Vietnam, including one flight from Hanoi. He then became Chief of Community Relations in SAF/OI.

His last assignment was as Editor-in-Chief of the European Edition of STARS AND STRIPES, the job he loved most.

He moved to Hawaii in 1977. Jim is survived by his wife Evelyn; sons, Bruce and Brent Taylor, and Emory Damron; his brother Thomas, and his sister Ann Cummings; two grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

Jim will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery later this spring. Donations in his memory can be made to any organization that aids veterans.

"Nice guy...low-key...talented" are among the adjectives that come to mind when asked if you knew Jim Taylor. He spoke softly, and often this was reflected in his written prose. But, he also was "solid and dependable." His Air Force assignments bear this out. He belied the squeaky wheel maxim. Instead, whether behind an editor's desk or in some makeshift space on a foreign shore, he delivered success -- much to the delight of his superiors and co-workers.

- Chuck Lucas

Jim was a fine man and a superb Air Force officer. We have many fond memories of him and of you, Evelyn, in Germany. Ann and I send our sincere condolences.

- Gerry and Ann Hickman

Russell Alan Turner II

Russ Turner of Lake Worth, Florida, who was an Air Force pilot for six years followed by 20 years as a Public Affairs Officer, died June 8. He was 81. He flew B-29 weather reconnaissance missions in England, Air Defense Command C-121 "picket ships" off the coast of California, and Tactical Air Command C-130s.



Russ' Public Affairs assignments included public information officer with NATO defense forces, Iceland; the Air Force Ballistic Missile Division, Los Angeles Air Force Station; and Aeronautical Systems Division, Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio. He headed Air Force Logistics Command's Public Affairs Office until he retired as a colonel.

He worked for Frank Wright, Inc., one of the oldest public relations firms in Florida, until joining Colee & Satory, where he was director of public relations and an account executive, until retiring in 1986.

Russ is survived by sons John and Stephen, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was buried in Gordonsville Cemetery, Gordonsville, Tennessee. He can be remembered by donations to Hospice of Palm Beach County, 5300 East Avenue, West Palm Beach, Florida 33407, or to any veterans organization.

Russ Turner was a quiet, soft-spoken leader whom I'll remember not only for his public affairs expertise, but also for his great talent as a portrait artist.

I first met Russ in the Pentagon in the late 1960s and subsequently worked directly for him from 1973 to 1975 at Aeronautical Systems Division, Wright-Patterson AFB. It was an exciting time to be at ASD as we introduced the F-15, F-16, B-1, and A-10. Russ moved from ASD across Highway 444 to the Patterson side to head up Air Force Logistics Command's public affairs operations.

He was a true professional and will be missed.

- Dave Shea

AU's Journal Out of Print, Goes Electronic; Ups Issues To Six Per Year & Reader Compatible

Air and Space Power Journal (ASPJ), Air University's thought provoking and key source of airpower-related information is now a paperless publication.

The change is immediate with the current March-April 2012 issue the first electronic version; it is available at: www.airpower.au.af.mil

The electronic version of ASPJ offers articles in multiple formats that are compatible with electronic reading devices.

In addition, the electronic Journal will be published six

times a year vice the former quarterly printed version.

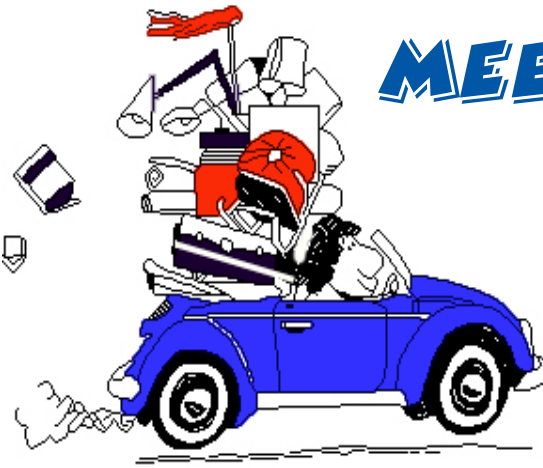
The new online edition has everything that was in the print version and more.

ASPJ's scope is being expanded with new features, including "Selected Air University Research," "International Features," "Doctrine Updates," and "Historical Highlights" from the 64-year archives of the Journal.

Some of the articles in the first online Journal are "Energy Horizons: A Science and Technology Vision for Air Force

Energy" Dr. Mark T. Maybury, Chief Scientist, USAF; "The Combined Bomber Offensive's Destruction of Germany's Refined-Fuels Industry" Lt Col Woody W. Parramore, USAF, Retired; "Building Global Partnerships: 112 Gripes about the French Revisited" Col Jim Drape, USAF; "The Australian Factor in the United States' Western Pacific Strategy" Liao Kai, and "Common Sense at the Crossroads for Our Air Force" Col Russell J. Smith, USAF, Retired.

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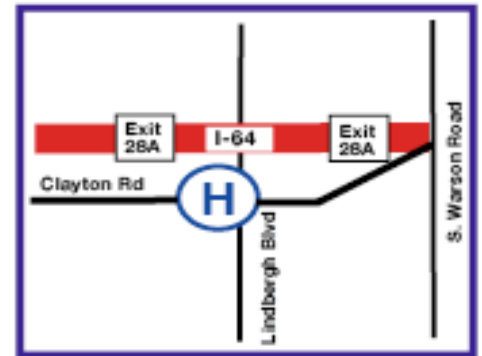


Thursday evening, May 3, its off to Scott AFB on Friday to re-Blue, courtesy of the folks at Air Mobility Command. The Presidents Luncheon will be mid-day. Our evening will be free so we can take advantage of the restaurants in the nearby mall or venture to downtown St. Louis for sightseeing and dining.

Saturday we'll have a few more briefings, highlighted by the SAF/PA Director's Luncheon. Brigadier General Les Kodlick tell us what is happening in terms of challenges faced by the Air Force Public Affairs community, as well as the entire Air Force in this period of budget cutting and force reductions.

The afternoon activities end with our business meeting. Association President Mark Foutch will report the state of AFPAAA and members will be able to comment and express their views.

We'll conclude our stay in St. Louis with our gala banquet Saturday evening where two individuals will be honored. The "Best of the Best" award, which



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AFPAAA sponsors, will be presented to the top performer in Air Force Public Affairs, and the Brigadier General Mike McRaney Distinguished Service Award will recognize one of our members for their contributions to AFPAAA.

From our icebreaker, through our visit to Scott AFB, to the gala banquet, there is a schedule of activities for AFPAAA's 19th Annual Membership Meeting, May 3-5, that are sure to please.

We've great rooms at a great rate at the Hilton St. Louis Fontenac, including breakfast every day. For those driving, it's just off of Interstate 64 - see map on this page. If you are flying into Lambert-St. Louis International Airport, the hotel's free shuttle runs from 7am to 11pm.

After we renew old friendships

Extend Your Stay To Enjoy The Culture, Sights, & Ambiance Of The St. Louis Area

You might want to arrive a few days before our Annual Membership Meeting or stay a few days after it or do both, to take advantage of the AFPAAA hotel rate and enjoy the rich and diverse things to see and do in St. Louis.

If you haven't much time, or you want to get a feel for the many sights of the town to help you decide where you want to spend more time, you might want to take a 75 minute narrated ride on a St. Louis Fun Tours motorized trolley.

If you haven't been to the Gateway Arch it is well worth it, and below it is the Museum of Westward Expansion where you can explore the world of the American Indians and the 19th century pioneers who shaped the history of America's West - phone (314) 655-1700.

For baseball fans, the St. Louis Cardinals will be home for night games with the Pittsburgh Pirates May 1 & 2, and the afternoon of May 3.

Thirsty? The Budweiser Brewery

Tour, is available Mon.-Sat. 10am-4pm, and 11:30 am-4pm Sunday, at 12th & Lynch Street, phone: (314) 577-2626.

You can cast-off on a one or two hour Gateway Riverboat cruise from the Arch any day from 10:30am-9pm. Reservations are required for dinner cruises. Call (314) 982-1410 or toll free (877) 982-1410 for details and reservations.

If you are more inclined to the 'Sportin' Life,' as they used to say on the riverboats that plied the Mississippi, there are five casinos - Ameristar; Argosy's Alton Belle; Casino Queen; Harrah's at Riverboat Casino Center, and the Luminere Place. The galloping dominoes, slots, poker, blackjack, are among the offerings.

For the auto enthusiast, especially if Mercedes Benz is what you like, try the Kemp Auto Museum in Chesterfield, open Wed.-Sun. 10am-5-pm. It is the only Mercedes museum in the

United States, and it displays historic automobiles from 1886 to the present.

There are many museums in St. Louis. For art lovers try the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, which is an active Catholic church that also houses the world's largest collection of mosaic art. For a more modern venue there is the Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis. The Museum of Contemporary Religious Art, housed in a spacious former chapel, is the world's first museum of interfaith contemporary art.

Some of the other museums in and near St. Louis, include the American Kennel Club museum of the Dog, The Eugene Field House and St. Louis Toy Museum, the Soldiers Memorial Military Museum, and the Army Corps of Engineer's Great Rivers Museum.

For a more complete idea of what is available, so you can plan your stay to take fullest advantage of your time, go to: <http://explorestlouis.com>

Registration Form



**19th Annual Membership Meeting
St. Louis, Missouri, May 3-5, 2012**

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: _____

Full Registration

Includes all events on Thursday, Friday & Saturday except optional activities. Breakfast at the hotel is included.

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

Members Attending ___ x \$175 = \$ _____

Guests Attending ___ x \$160 = \$ _____

Non Members ___ x \$250 = \$ _____

How many in your party will go to Scott AFB on Friday, May 4? _____

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

Icebreaker Reception - Thursday, May 3.

Members Attending ___ x \$15 = \$ _____

Guests Attending ___ x \$15 = \$ _____

Non Members ___ x \$25 = \$ _____

Scott AFB and Boeing Tour Friday, May 4.

Includes bus transportation & President's Luncheon.

Members Attending ___ x \$70 = \$ _____

Guests Attending ___ x \$70 = \$ _____

Non Members ___ x \$80 = \$ _____

President's Luncheon Only, Friday May 4,

Members Attending ___ x \$30 = \$ _____

Guests Attending ___ x \$30 = \$ _____

Non Members ___ x \$40 = \$ _____

Re-Bluing Briefings, SAF/PA Luncheon.

Membership Meeting, Saturday, May 5.

Members Attending ___ x \$45 = \$ _____

Guests Attending ___ x \$45 = \$ _____

Non Members ___ x \$55 = \$ _____

AFPAAA Annual Reception and Banquet, Saturday, May 5, 6-10 p.m.

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

Members Attending ___ x \$70 = \$ _____

Guests Attending ___ x \$70 = \$ _____

Non Members ___ x \$80 = \$ _____

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

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Optional Events

Golf Outing, Forest Park Golf Club, Thursday, May 3, 8 a.m.-1 pm. Green fees/cart

included: \$35; club rental \$25 - all payable at the course. Contact Bud Ross at

bud.ross06@yahoo.com for details and to sign up.

Number playing _____

Registration: Due by **April 26, 2012**, those received after **April 26** will be charged a \$25 per person late fee. Refunds must be requested by **April 30, 2012**.

Hotel: AFPAAA has negotiated a block of rooms at the Hilton St. Louis Frontenac at \$85 per night plus tax. Call **1 800 325-7800** or **314 993-1100** for reservations and ask for the **AFPAAA rate (Group Code: AFPA)**. The rate is available for 3 days prior to and 3 days after our meeting. Reservations for the AFPAAA rate must be made by **April 19, 2012**. Cancellation must be made by 4 PM on day of arrival. Hotel website: www.stlouisfrontenac.hilton.com

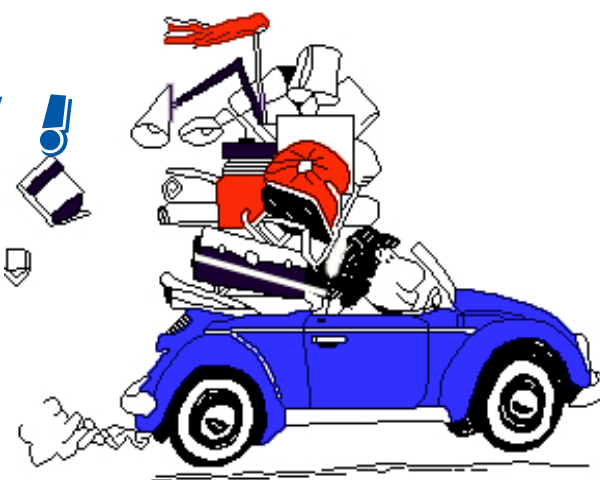
Additional information - activities, hotel, and directions - at: www.AFPAAA.org/annualmeet.html

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