

Brig. General Les Kodlick Retires; Colonel Kathleen Cook New SAF/PA Director



Sharing The Moment: Former SAF/PA Director Brigadier General Les Kodlick and his wife, Carol, with AFPAAA Board of Directors member Clem Gains at the General's retirement ceremony, February 25.

Brigadier General Les Kodlick, who guided Air Force Public Affairs through a period of intense combat operations, personnel challenges, and changes in communications, retired February 25. Colonel Kathleen A. Cook, from Air Force Space Command, who has been nominated for promotion to Brigadier General, is now SAF/PA director. She is an Associate Member of AFPAAA.

Retired General Norton A. Schwartz, Air Force Chief of Staff for most of General Kodlick's tenure as SAF/PA director, conducted the retirement ceremony in the Air Force Band's home, Historic Hanger II, Joint Base Anacostia Bolling.

General Kodlick was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for his service as director. As director, he recognized that Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and other social media have increasingly become prime means of communicating among younger people. He took the necessary steps to ensure the Air Force was using them to get its message out to its members and the public.

The ability of the Air Force Public Affairs community to deploy world-wide with fewer personnel was another challenge he had to meet. That challenge became even more difficult as sequestration kicked in and the operational tempo in Afghanistan and other places increased, necessitating more frequent rotations of the uniformed PA force.

Many of the deployments put Public Affairs people in actual combat in greater numbers than ever before. That is evident from the fact that the last five recipients of the Public Affairs Best of The Best Award earned it for accomplishments while deployed supporting combat units in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Kodlicks initially plan to retire to Colorado.



Six Board Seats Will Be Filled In Election

Six of the twelve elected seats on AFPAAA's board of directors are open this year. The incumbent board members, Dick Abel, Judy Bivens, Larry Clavette, John Gura, Jim Hart, and Johnny Whitaker are seeking reelection.

Biographies of the candidates accompany the ballot on page 5. Mailed ballots need to be received by Saturday, April 26. Those who prefer to vote electronically may do so via our web site <http://www.afpaaa.org/vote.html>

Voting is open to Full Members in good standing. Election results will be announced May 10, in San Antonio at the Annual Membership Meeting.



Ballot On Page 5

***Going To
The Annual
Membership
Meeting In
San Antonio?
Don't Delay;
Act Now!***

**Full Details & Registration Form
On Pages 9-10**



Mike Gallagher Uncontested, Election Cancelled, Takes San Antonio City Council Seat

If it didn't really happen, you'd think it was a TV sitcom script: Mike Gallagher was running for a San Antonio City Council seat when the election was cancelled and he won!

An unusual series of events put Mike in the seat. It was all legal, and a tribute to Mike's past, effective community service.

First, the former holder of the 10th District seat stepped down to run for county judge. On January 30, the San Antonio City Council, in an unanimous, bipartisan vote,

appointed Mike to fill the vacant seat until a special election could be held in May to determine who would serve the rest of the term until the 2015 general election.

The next step was for candidates to file to run for the seat. The filing deadline came and passed... and the only person who filed was Mike.

When the City Clerk reported that no one was running against Mike, the City Council decided to avoid the cost of holding an election and declared him the winner.

Mike's experience in San Antonio community and government affairs, and the support of the people in the 10th District made him a strong candidate. That experience includes service on numerous city boards and committees, president of the Northeast Neighborhood Alliance of 85 neighborhoods, and Chairman of the City of San Antonio Board of Adjustment.

Mike retired from the Air Force in 1997. He is an AFPAAA Lifetime Founder,



Mack Secord Inducted Into Georgia Aviation Hall Of Fame For 30 Years Of Angel Flight Service, Congo Rescue

Mack Secord has been elected to the Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame. He will be inducted at a black-tie enshrinement ceremony and banquet April 26 at the Museum of Aviation which adjoins Robins AFB. Mack will receive the Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame Gold Medallion of Honor and Achievement.

His selection recognizes 30 years as a volunteer pilot, board member, and fund raiser with Angel Flight, and for

his C-130 crew's rescue of more than 125 hostages in Stanleyville, Congo, in 1964. The hostages, mostly American missionaries and their children, were captives of terrorists for several weeks. For that flight, Mack received the Distinguished Flying Cross, and his unit was awarded the Mackay Trophy for the most meritorious flight of the year.

His Air Force career was split between flying and Public Affairs,

including assignments as a C-130 Hercules pilot/instructor, O-1 forward air controller in Vietnam, Director of Public Affairs 7/13 AF, Udorn RTAFB, Thailand, and senior USAF spokesman for DoD at the Pentagon.

Four others will be inducted posthumously – David C. Garrett, Jr., CEO of Delta Air Lines from 1978 to 1987; Elliott Gordon, Zachary Bellah, and Johnny S. Kytle.

Barry Grossman Presented Pinnacle Award, Highest Honor Of Pikes Peak PRSA Chapter

Barry Grossman, a Lifetime member of AFPAAA, was presented the Pikes Peak Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America's highest award in Colorado Springs January 23.

Barry received the Pinnacle Award, which recognizes a lifetime of outstanding achievement in public relations by a senior

chapter member. He was honored for a 37-year career in public relations that has included Air Force Public Affairs, the U. S. Space Foundation, PRACO Public Relations and Advertising, and the CH2M HILL transportation business group.

Barry has been a principal and senior public involvement consultant

with Bachman Public Relations since 2009.

An accredited member of PRSA, he served as the Pikes Peak PRSA chapter president in 1998. Barry retired from the Air Force in 1992.



From The President's Pen —



Have you ever wondered what happened to that person you worked next to or with at some point during your career? How about the voice at the other end of the line when you called your MAJCOM or The Pentagon, or, the Air Force people who were in your DINFOS class?

Our Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association provides a number of means – the newsletter and directory – to contact or catch up with all those folks from our past. But, perhaps the best means of connecting, is just around the corner.

A great opportunity to reconnect with all the people we served with is at our 21st Annual Membership Meeting in San Antonio, May 8-11. Even if the persons we are looking for don't attend, I'll bet there will be someone there who knows them.

Linda Arnold, Hal Smarkola, and their committee have put together a great program of tours, updates, and re-bluing, with plenty of leisure time to enjoy the city. All the details are on pages 9 & 10. Just fill out the form, either in hard copy or on-line, and send in your check. This promises to be a great gathering and you don't want to miss it.

As the story on page one details, Air Force Director of Public Affairs, Brigadier General Les Kodlick, has retired. We're going to miss Les sitting in the number one chair, but we're looking forward to his greater participation in our Association's activities. Colonel Kathleen Cook, an AFPAAA Associate Member, from Air Force Space Command is Les' successor. We hope, as she settles into the busy schedule that comes with occupying the SAF/PA director's chair, she can find time to join us in San Antonio.

And, our AFPAAA Board of Directors elections are this month. Please take a few moments to cast your ballot either electronically or from page five.

Cheers everyone – see you in San Antonio!

– Phil Ratliff

Don Gilleland's Book Examines The Tsunami-Like Changes America Has Undergone In The Past Five Decades

If his name was Charles Krauthammer, AFPAAA Life Member Don Gilleland's book, "*America: A Cultural Enigma*", would be on the New York Times Best Seller List.

Don has tackled a monumental task, analyzing the myriad changes that have occurred to all aspects of American life in the five decades from 1963-2013.

Why those five decades instead of the 100 years or so from 1863 to 1963? After all, that period would encompass the Civil War, the fulfilling of "Manifest Destiny", the American industrial revolution, women's suffrage, prohibition, the great depression, two world wars, the civil rights movement, and the nation's emergence as a super power and the leader of the free world. And all those things had great impact on us as individuals and a nation.

But, as important as those hundred years were, for Don they were what set the stage for the focus of his work – the changes that have occurred since 1963.

This is not a detached historical/sociological work. Don makes it clear this book reflects his view of the period. In the preface he says, "From the vantage point of a retired military officer and corporate executive, the author offers individual observations of seismic changes to our culture that

have dramatically divided our nation over the last fifty years."

From his personal perspective, Don details how he feels those changes – technical and social – have interacted with each other to produce the milieu we live in today, a milieu he points out

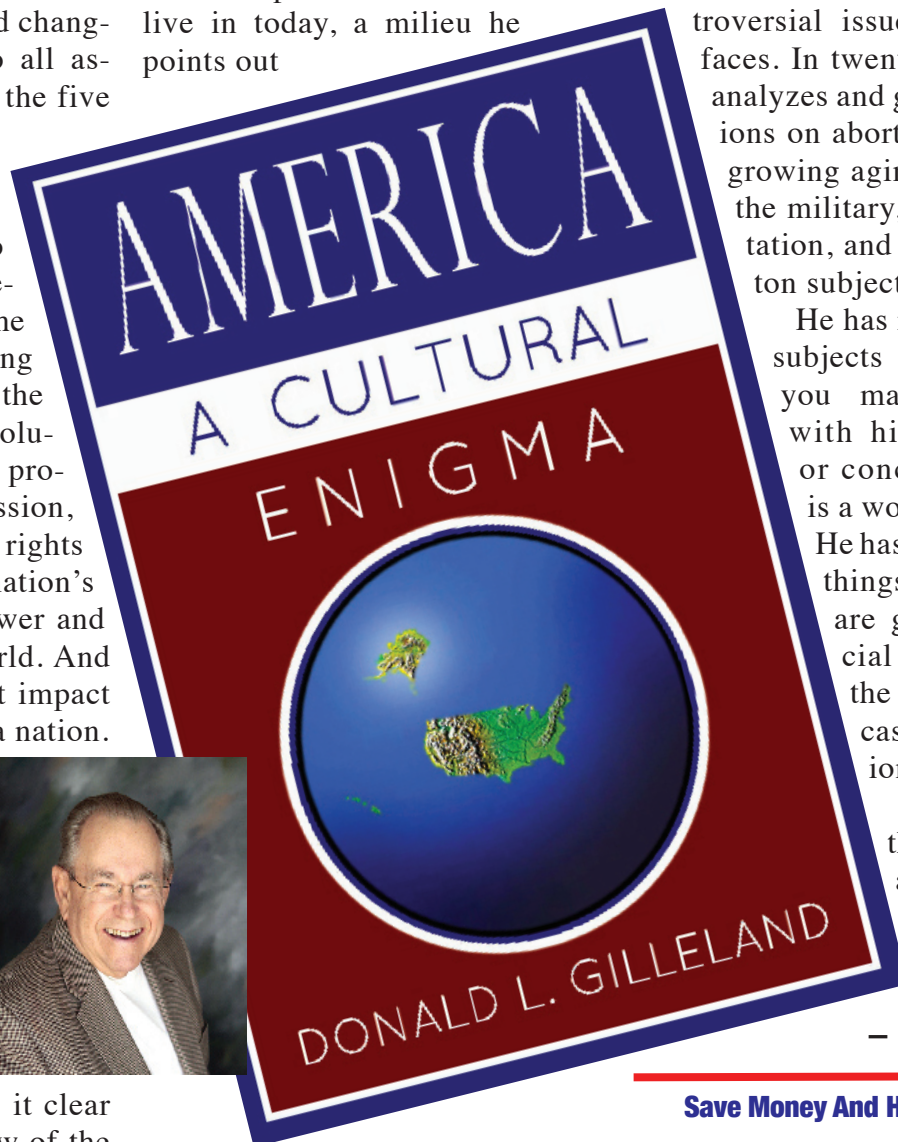
become a population of people who think of themselves as middle class citizens, with a small percentage relegated to the lower class and an even smaller percentage in the upper class."

Don does not dodge the controversial issues our nation faces. In twenty chapters he analyzes and gives his opinions on abortion, racism, a growing aging population, the military, sexual orientation, and other hot button subjects.

He has researched his subjects well. While you may not agree with his viewpoints or conclusions, this is a worthwhile read. He has pulled a lot of things together that are given superficial treatment on the nightly news-casts and opinion shows.

Don has set the table with ample food for thought that is worth consuming.

– John Terino



that is still constantly changing and evolving at a very rapid pace.

He believes those changes “. . . have dramatically divided our nation. America has largely

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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, 2014 and ending June 30, 2016. Only Full Members in good standing may vote. To be counted, all ballots must reach the Election Committee by Saturday, April 26, 2014. 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 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 is a Life Member of AFPAAA and has been the Veterans Service Officer for McNairy County, Tennessee since 2004. She joined the Air Force in 1975, retrained into public affairs as a first-terminer 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. She has a master's degree in management.



Larry Clavette is a Life Member of AFPAAA and is the Association's Secretary. He's been in Air Force Public Affairs nearly 35 years. He is the director of the Air Force Public Affairs Agency in San Antonio, prior to that he was SAF/PA assistant deputy director of public affairs. Larry retired from active duty in 1993 after serving in various public affairs assignments and as an instructor and training development specialist at DINFOS. His Air Force civilian career began in 1993 at Griffiss AFB as chief of media relations and chief of public affairs. He was chief of public affairs for DFAS-Rome before moving to Offutt AFB as chief of community relations and deputy chief of public affairs. Larry was the chief of public affairs for the 14FTW, Columbus AFB, Mississippi, before moving to the Pentagon. He has a bachelor's degree in leadership and management.



John Gura is a Lifetime Founder who served as AFPAAA's 3rd President and Board Chairman. In 1997 He created and continues to provide support for the AFPAAA web site and Oral History Program. He has also chaired four Annual Meetings. John spent 21 years as a USAF Public Affairs Officer, holding wing, MAJCOM, SAF/PA and Joint jobs, including stints as Chief of the Chicago field office and Department Director and Deputy Commander of DINFOS. He retired in 1983. Subsequently, he worked in corporate marketing and production positions until 2000 when he helped found HomeSafe Environmental, Inc., a California environmental training and testing firm where he serves as President.



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



Johnny Whitaker is a Life Member and on AFPAAA's Board. He is Director of Communications for the Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company's Marietta, Georgia, operations (AF Plant #6). 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, he has an MA in communications from the University of Oklahoma. He retired from active duty as a colonel in 2003 as Director of Public Affairs for Air Combat Command. He was also Director of Public Affairs, Air Education and Training Command; SAF/PA Deputy Director, and Commander, 14th Support Group, Columbus AFB, Mississippi. He was the first civilian Director of Communications at the USAF Academy for five tumultuous years that included high-visibility sexual assault, Honor Code and religious respect issues.

Ballot – AFPAAA Board of Directors Candidates – 2014

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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Lord Guard & Guide

Ronald G. Marlar

Ron Marlar, whose many careers included Air Force Public Affairs Officer, university PR executive, a diving instructor and business owner, and an ordained minister, died February 21 on his farm near Columbus, Texas.

A graduate of the University of Tennessee, he was commissioned through the AFROTC program. In his career he served at wing, numbered air force, major command, and Air Force headquarters levels, including duty at the personnel center making officer assignments at Palace Info. During his assignment as an AFROTC instructor at the University of Maryland; he earned a master's degree.

While in Vietnam in 1965-66 he was awarded the Bronze Star with 'V' for valor for heroic actions during an attack on Tan Son Nhut Air Base. He retired as a lieutenant colonel in 1984.

After his Air Force career, Ron spent several years teaching high school ROTC in Orlando, Florida, and was Director of Public Affairs for Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. He also owned and operated a deep-sea diving shop and school in Fort Lauderdale. A man of deep faith, Ron attended seminary and became an ordained minister. He is survived by two sons and two grandchildren.

Ron's passing came as a shock. He had just visited with me and my wife, Peggy, about ten days before he died. In a previous visit he left his suit with us and had returned to get it.

While visiting with us he talked much about his plans for the future. He was excited about the farm he had recently bought in Texas and looked forward to working it.

I first met Ron in 1964 at Stewart AFB, NY. I was the base PAO and Ron was assigned to the Recruiting Group on base. He asked me if I would mentor him in the public affairs field, which of course I agreed to do. Later, Peggy and I spent a week with Ron and his wife Sharon in Japan, where he was stationed, while I was at Clark AB in the Philippines.

At the end of our Air Force careers we both retired to Florida and he lived about 50 miles north of us. We didn't spend a lot of time together in retirement, mostly because he spent a lot of his time working on a diving site in Israel.

Nevertheless, our professional and personal friendship spanned 50 years, and I'm sure I learned as much from Ron as he learned from me.

I will miss him; but, more importantly, the Air Force Public Affairs community will miss him. He passed along a lot to young Air Force public affairs professionals.

So long my friend. I will see you again one day, God willing.

– Don Gilleland

The first time I saw Ron Marlar was the spring of 1965. He showed up unexpectedly at the small 2d Air Division Office of Information at Tan Son Nhut Air Base, Vietnam. A first lieutenant, he reported to Lt. Colonel Dave O'Hara. Merely glancing at the young man, O'Hara barked "Take these men for their interview with General Ky". Ron didn't know who General Ky was let alone where to find him, but asked not a single question. He took the car keys and left. He returned, telling O'Hara that the interview went well. So I recall Ron Marlar as an exceptionally bright young man who performed admirably with little supervision.

He was also a fast learner, within three months he was able to converse in Vietnamese. Later, stationed in Japan, he learned to speak Japanese. Utterly fearless, he would earn the Bronze Star with 'V' Device (for valor) for heroic actions in Vietnam.

Ron held a civilian pilot's license and after retiring from the Air Force he flew for a movie company out of Lajitas, Texas. He was Director of Public Affairs at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and taught AFJROTC at Colonial High School in Orlando, Florida. He had a scuba-diving shop and school in North Orlando. Shaquille O'Neal was one of his pupils.

Ron then answered the call to ministry and obtained a Masters of Divinity From Asbury Theological Seminary. Upon graduating from seminary he was ordained a Methodist Minister.

When Ann and I visited him in Sanford we found him living in a Spartan one-room apartment in the back of a feed store. He drove a battered, ancient van. His Christian ministry was to the homeless of the Orlando area, and all his income not needed for bare essentials went to help care for them.

Divorced for many years, Ron married for a second time. I was proud to serve as Best Man when he and Gloria Vasquez were married in San Antonio. Unhappily, cancer claimed her within a couple of years.

He was a recognized expert on modern Israel, including both Judaism and Islam. He spent a dozen summers in Israel studying and working on underwater archaeological projects. He witnessed for Christ to both Jews and Arabs. He learned to speak and read both Hebrew and Arabic, and studied the Koran in Arabic.

Ron planned on leading a solitary life when he bought the farm near Columbus, Texas, yet he still worked closely with his local pastor and church until he died.

– Gerry Hickman

Orye Evan Neuschwander

Evan Neuschwander, who had a 30-year Air Force career and then worked as a community relations manager with the Federal Emergency Management Agency in disaster-stricken communities across the United States, died of cancer January 19. He was 68.

He was born in Yuma, Arizona and spent his youth in Eugene, Oregon, graduating from North Eugene High School in 1963. He also had a degree in business from the University of Phoenix.

Evan's Air Force career was as a broadcaster with the American Forces Radio and Television Service. With the exception of an assignment in Public Affairs at Randolph AFB, Texas, he served most of his time overseas as a broadcaster. Those assignments included Korea, Spain, Greenland, Japan, and Alaska. His last assignment was at the AFRTS Broadcast



Marlar's Heroics Earned Bronze Star & Media Attention – During a shelling of Tan Son Nhut Air Base on the night of April 12, 1966, Ron Marlar and John Williams braved flames and climbed aboard a burning C-47 and off-loaded cases of white phosphorous rockets. Both Information Officers were awarded the Bronze Star with 'V' for valor. Ron met the media in front of the charred wreckage of the aircraft (above).



Center in Sun Valley, California. He retired in 1995 as a chief master sergeant.

Evan was interred with military honors at Willamette National Cemetery, Portland, Oregon. He is survived by his sister, Joann Schlegel, and daughter, Kristin Neuschwander. Remembrances may be made by donations in his name to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

angry, nor did I ever hear him raise his voice. Al was a friend in the broadest and deepest meaning of the word. His death is not just a personal loss, it is a loss for all who knew him, and the world has lost a rare, truly good man.

– John Terino

Olive Felty Wengel

Olive Felty, who spent more time in the SAF/PA front office than anyone in the military or civil service, died September 28. She was 94.

Olive's more than four decades in the Pentagon began shortly after the Air Force became a separate service with Mr. Steve Leo the Director of Information.

"My most famous hire was Olive Felty, whom I think I hired as a twenty one-year-old young lady," recalled recently deceased Colonel William Robinson. He was a captain at the time and Mr. Leo's executive officer.

Olive married late in life, becoming the wife of retired Public Affairs Officer, Colonel Emil Wengel, whose first wife passed away in 2003. He died in 2010. She is survived by her stepchildren Carolyn J. Mikeska, Leslie E. Wengel, Robert E. Wengel, and Stephanie K. Watson.

I first became acquainted with Olive in October 1960 while in the Plans and Programs Division of SAF/OI. At that time, she was the secretary for the Deputy Director, Colonel (later Lt. General) Maurice "Mo" Casey.

Two years later in January 1963, I moved to the front office in a new position of Special Assistant to the Director, Major General (later Lt. General) William K. Martin. In this new job, I got to know Olive very well.

I developed an appreciation for her abilities that I had not always had as an action officer. She was unquestionably Colonel Casey's right hand. She was tough in protecting his time, knew her business thoroughly, knew the OI/PA business, too, and was a great person with whom to work.

When the former Director's secretary married and subsequently left the Pentagon, Olive moved up as the Director's secretary. I don't remember when this happened, possibly during my time at USAFE or in Vietnam. As I recall, Olive was the Director's secretary when I was assigned to OASD (PA) in September 1969 after my Vietnam tour. I got to know her much better when I was assigned as Director in December, 1975. She became my secretary. In my view, she was perfect in this position.

She understood the Info/PA business better than all the SAF/OI staff, knew of the Pentagon "regulars," understood the Director's role in working for two bosses (SECAF & CSAF), and the Undersecretary and four Assistant Secretaries, plus the ASD (PA), the AFA, the Veterans' organizations, industry PR types, etc.

To say she made my job easier is an understatement. She helped me in every aspect of the job, with the possible exception of assignment of PA officers and senior NCOs. And, in that regard, she knew our AF people very well. She was not hesitant to privately express to me her thoughts of their strengths and weaknesses.

Olive had been single for most of her adult life, and I was happily surprised when, after his first wife's death, she married Emil Wengel who I first met when he was a Branch Chief in the Plans and Programs Division. After their marriage, Olive told me how happy she was to have found Emil and to be his wife. His death a few years later impacted Olive, and I don't believe she ever really got over his passing.

Olive as a person and as a professional was 4.0, 10 on a scale of 1-10, A+, and nearly perfect in every respect.

– Jerry Dalton

During his Air Force career, as a co-worker, supervisor, mentor, and senior leader, Evan touched the lives of many broadcasters and Public Affairs practitioners. Evan also touched the lives of countless Americans and their families as he and his beloved broadcasters delivered American radio and TV to those serving in far away foreign countries. He loved broadcasting and always insisted on excellence from himself and his professional counterparts. Evan was an avid Oregon Ducks and Dallas Cowboys football fan and loved to line-dance and travel. Those of us who knew and served with Evan have lost a fine friend.

– K D Higginbotham & Cal Miller

Albert W. Schumann

Al Schumann, a pilot and instructor pilot, an air attache, and a Public Affairs officer, died April 12, 2013, following a lengthy bout with viral meningitis. He was 79.

Al was born and grew up in New Jersey. A 1955 graduate of Rutgers University, he completed pilot training in 1957. During his 26-year Air Force career he served in France, Germany, Korea, Vietnam, where flew the O-2, and as an air attache at AFSOUTH, Naples, Italy.

While he was attending Air War College, he earned a master's degree in counseling. His last assignment was as SAF/PA Community Relations Division's chief. He retired as a colonel in 1981.

Moving to Williamsburg, Virginia, in 1995 allowed him and his wife Lynn to pursue their lifetime love of amateur theater, and for him to delve extensively into astronomy. He performed in numerous productions of the Williamsburg Players and spent many hours ushering and manning the concession stand.

Al is survived by his wife of 57 years, Lynn; children Richard A. Schumann, Rena E. Lantz, and Kim L. Fox; and five grandchildren. Interment with full military honors was September 30 at Arlington National Cemetery. Remembrances may be made by donations in his name to the Heritage Humane Society, 430 Waller Mill Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185.

He was my division chief in community relations at SAF/PA in 1980, but Al Schumann was much more. Al was a unique leader, one of those rarely found level-headed, soft spoken men who you immediately trusted.

We not only worked together in the Pentagon, with his wife, Lynn, my wife Barbara and I shared a lot with the Schumann's in our off-duty lives.

I still cherish the things we did, whether it was hauling manure from a local stable for his extensive, bountiful vegetable garden, then quenching our thirst with the home brewed beer we made, or enjoying a quiet evening discussing the problems of the world at one or the other of our homes.

No matter how vexing the situation, I never saw Al



Annual Meeting Registration



SAN ANTONIO * MAY 8-11, 2014

Please Print. Items 1-9 are required.

1. Name: _____
2. Address: _____

3. E-Mail: _____
4. Phone: (____) _____
5. Cell/Mobile Phone: (____) _____
6. Guest Names: _____

7. How do you want name(s) to appear on badges?

8. Are you a new member? Yes No
9. Is this your first Annual Meeting? Yes No

10. **Full Registration:** Includes all events on Thursday, Friday & Saturday
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| | Members _____ x \$175 = \$ _____ |
| 11. Indicate meal choices for Saturday Banquet ___ Beef ___ Chicken | Guests _____ x \$160 = \$ _____ |
| 12. How many in your party on the Base tour on Friday, May 9? _____ | Non Members _____ x \$250 = \$ _____ |

(If making Full Registration(s) ship to 819. Optional Dinners)

Individual Event Registration:

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| 13. Ice Breaker Reception ONLY - Thurs, May 8 | Members _____ x \$15 = \$ _____ |
| | Guests _____ x \$15 = \$ _____ |
| | Non Members _____ x \$20 = \$ _____ |
| 14. Base Tour ONLY - Friday, May 9
Includes Transportation & President's Luncheon | Members _____ x \$70 = \$ _____ |
| | Guests _____ x \$70 = \$ _____ |
| | Non Members _____ x \$80 = \$ _____ |
| 15. President's Luncheon ONLY - Fri, May 9 | Members _____ x \$30 = \$ _____ |
| | Guests _____ x \$30 = \$ _____ |
| | Non Members _____ x \$40 = \$ _____ |
| 16. Re-Bluing Briefings & SAFFA Lunch ONLY - Sat, May 10
Includes Lunch & Annual Membership Meeting | Members _____ x \$45 = \$ _____ |
| | Guests _____ x \$45 = \$ _____ |
| | Non Members _____ x \$55 = \$ _____ |
| 17. Annual Reception & Banquet ONLY - Sat, May 10 | Members _____ x \$70 = \$ _____ |
| 18. Indicate Banquet meal choice(s) ___ Beef ___ Chicken | Guests _____ x \$70 = \$ _____ |
| | Non Members _____ x \$80 = \$ _____ |

19. **Optional Dinners** - Friday, May 9 *(See Reverse for details)* Optional Dinner Total = \$ _____

Did you miss anything? Please check.
Remember, Items 1-9 are required.

Total to be Remitted \$ _____
(Enter amount at #22 on reverse.)

See Reverse for Optional Dinner & Payment details.

Optional Dinner Information - Friday, May 9, 2014 *(limited seats available, first come first reserved)*

20. Casa Rio Mexican Restaurant www.casa-rio.com

Dinner followed by a riverboat cruise to the newly expanded Riverwalk area. Cost includes transportation, Mexican dinner served family style and the river cruise. A pay as you go bar will be provided. Due to the size of the boat the group size is limited to 30. \$36 per person.

20. Casa Rio Mexican
Dinners x \$36 = \$ _____

(Enter amount on line 19)

21. Azuca Nuevo Latino Restaurant www.azuca.net

Dinner at Azuca, a gourmet Latin restaurant is a participatory event. Guests will help make Sangria and then the chef will demonstrate how to make Paella. Dinner includes transportation, Sangria, appetizers, salad, Paella, dessert & ice tea. A pay as you go bar will be provided. First come, first reserved. Our group is limited to the first 20 people to sign up. \$43 per person.

21. Azuca Nuevo Latino
Dinners x \$43= \$ _____

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Payment Information

22. Total To Be Remitted \$ _____

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Meeting Registration: Due by April 20, 2014. Registrations received after that date will be charged a \$25 per person late fee. Refunds must be requested by midnight, May 7, 2014.

Hotel Reservations: AFPAAA has negotiated a limited block of hotel rooms at \$110/nt+tax. To make your hotel reservations call **(866) 527-1498, option #1**. The AFPAAA Group Code is: **GRHKUU**. AFPAAA's Group rate is available 3 days before and 3 days after our meeting (if space is available). **Hotel Reservation Deadline: April 20, 2014.**

Ron Rand Elected President And CEO Of The Congressional Medal Of Honor Foundation



A funny thing happened to Ron Rand on his way to retirement . . . he got a job.

His career at Lockheed Martin, first as Senior Vice President of Communications, then as special assistant to company chairman Bob Stevens, ended February 28.

"I was excited about retiring, and even had a five-part retirement plan to spend more time with my family and friends, read more good books, walk on more beaches, travel more, and play more golf," Ron said. That



remains his intention, sort of.

"While that's still the plan, the retirement Full Monty will be on hold awhile longer because a funny thing happened as my retirement approached, I got a new job."

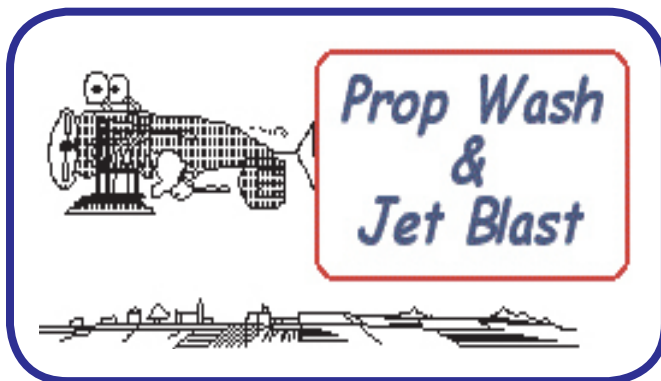
On the first of March Ron became the President and CEO of the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation, a IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit, that is headquartered in Rosslyn, Virginia.

The decision to continue working was made by the family. "We couldn't say no, and we're all looking

forward to the experience . . . Like our Lockheed Martin work, this is important and worthy work."

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In conjunction with the Congressional Medal of Honor Society, the Foundation provides the funds to inform the citizens of America, particularly youth, about what the Medal of Honor represents and make them aware of how ordinary Americans through courage, sacrifice, selfless service and patriotism can challenge fate and change the course of history.



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- Global Vigilance, Global Reach, Global Power for America: The World's Greatest Air Force — Powered by Airmen, Fueled by Innovation — General Mark A. Welsh III, USAF
- A Different Air Force Tiger — Brigadier General Buck Elton, USAF
- Peeling the Onion: Why Centralized Control/Decentralized Execution Works — Lt. Colonel Alan Docauer, USAF
- How LeMay Transformed Strategic Air Command — Colonel Phillip S. Meilinger, USAF, Ret.

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Thunderbirds Remaining 2014 Schedule

A large, detailed image of a Thunderbird aircraft, a high-speed aerobically efficient aircraft, is shown in flight, angled upwards. The aircraft is white with blue and red accents, and the words 'UNITED STATES AIR FORCE' and 'USA' are visible on its side. The aircraft is positioned diagonally across the page, behind the schedule text.

April 5-6: Columbus AFB, Miss.
April 12-13: Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.
April 26-27: Barksdale AFB, La.
May 3-4: Travis AFB, Calif.
May 10-11: Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J.
May 17-18: Youngstown Air Reserve Base, Ohio
May 24-25: Cannon AFB, N.M.
May 28: U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo.
May 31 – June 1: Fairchild AFB, Wash.
June 7-8: Rockford, Ill.
June 14-15: Ocean City, Md.
June 21-22: Tinker AFB, Okla.
June 28-29: Hill AFB, Utah
July 5-6: Battle Creek, Mich.
July 12-13: Fair Oaks, In.
July 15: Target Field, Minneapolis, Minn.
July 23: Cheyenne, Wyo.
July 26-27: JB Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska
Aug. 2-3: Oshkosh, Wis.
Aug. 9-10: Ypsilanti, Mich.
Aug. 13: Atlantic City, N.J.
Aug. 16-17: Rochester, N.Y.
Aug. 23-24: Waterloo, Iowa
Aug. 30-31: Kalispell, Mont.
Sep. 13-14: Altus AFB, Okla.
Sep. 20-21: Mountain Home AFB, Idaho
Sep. 27-28: Salinas, Calif.
Oct. 4-5: Melbourne, Fla.
Oct. 11-12: Daytona Beach, Fla.
Oct. 18-19: Rome, Ga.
Oct. 25-26: Ft. Worth, Texas
Nov. 1-2: Santa Teresa, N.M.
Nov. 8-9: Nellis AFB, Nev.