

Nominations Due Feb. 1 For Six Open Seats In Board Of Directors Election

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 beginning July 1.

Members who want to be candidates should make that known by February 1 to the nominating committee headed by Judy Bivens. Nominations should be sent to: judyBivens@afpaaa.org

Those seeking office should include a short, one or two paragraph resume/biography that would encourage members to vote for them if accepted by the

committee for placement on the ballot.

It should briefly sketch their qualifications; how they have supported AFPAAA, and why they want to be on the Board of Directors. A head and shoulders picture, either jpeg or TIFF format, or a print suitable for scanning, should be provided.

All potential candidates should understand that implicit in board membership is their willingness 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 and on-line voting via the AFPAAA web site will also be available at that time. Election results will be announced during the business session of AFPAAA's 25th Annual Membership Meeting, Saturday, June 2, in San Diego, California.

Three of the board members with terms expiring on June 30, Larry Clavette, Connie Custer, and Johnny Whitaker, are not seeking reelection. The other incumbents, Dick Abel, Judy Bivens, and John Gura are seeking another term on the board.

It's Loaded: 25th Annual Meeting Program In San Diego Has Wide Variety Of Tours, Presentations, & Sunset Cruise

Everything is not locked in yet so things might change. That said, AFPAAA's Annual Membership Meeting May 31-June 2 could be our best ever.

How about after our icebreaker reception on Thursday evening and breakfast on Friday we head off to General Atomics Aeronautical Systems, Poway, California. They make the MQ-1 Predator and MQ-9 Reaper UAV's (Unmanned Aerial Vehicles).

After AFPAAA President's Luncheon we'll be off to take a look at Marine Corps Training, San Diego, followed by a visit to Naval Surface Forces Pacific, Coronado.

Friday evening is free unless you choose to go on the optional San Diego Harbor Sunset Cruise. There will be limited space on the boat and all the details are not completed yet. Be sure to check

our web site and *News & Notes* next issue for how to make your cruise reservations.

Saturday morning we'll have a full program. After we finish breakfast Major Natasha Waggoner will bring us up to date on the USAF's Space Mission.

"Armed Forces Network: Back to the Future" will be presented by Colonel Dave Hochul of the Defense Media Activity. How the Air Force uses and responds to "Today In Social Media" will be covered by Technical Sergeant Dan DeCook of SAF/PAI.

The last presentation before the Director's Luncheon with Brigadier General Ed Thomas will be Lieutenant Colonel Nate Broshear, SAF/PA-LA, on "The United States Air Force in Popular Culture: Television, Film, Sports and Online".

Our afternoon activities will conclude with the Association's business meeting. In addition to our reception and gala awards banquet Saturday evening an added feature this year will be a silent auction.

Don't delay, go to page 7 or our web site and register for San Diego. And, don't forget your hotel reservations at the Sheraton Bay Tower at our special, reduced rate.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR SILENT AUCTION BRING SOMETHING TO SAN DIEGO!

Help make our Annual Membership meeting a success. If you can, bring something that is in reasonably good taste and worth \$50 or more that can fit in a suitcase to San Diego. It doesn't have to be Air Force related and can be handmade or store-bought. If you can make a donation contact Kathleen Gura: call (951) 830-8355 or email kathleen@homesafe.org

We Thank BAE Systems For AFPAAA's Directory

Among the silent supporters of AFPAAA that help provide the means for your association to operate is BAE Systems in Nashua, New Hampshire.

When you go through the current printed edition of the directory for a phone number or address of an old friend or colleague the directory you are holding is courtesy of BAE Systems. As it has for 20 years, BAE Systems printed our membership directories. BAE's assistance frees funds that are then available for AFPAAA to support many other benefits to our members and the United States Air Force.



McRaney Distinguished Service Award Nominations Due

The time is now to nominate a member for AFPAAA's highest honor, the Brigadier General Mike McRaney Distinguished Service Award. The award recognizes contributions to AFPAAA far beyond those normally expected of a member – a list of past recipients is in our membership directory. Guidelines for the award and recipients are available on our web site at www.afpaaa.org/awards.html

Recipients of the McRaney Award are determined by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors. The Award is not a “going out of office” award. Neither service on the Board of Directors, chairing a committee, or holding an office – such as president or chairman of the board of directors – is

required, nor do they exclude a member from the award.

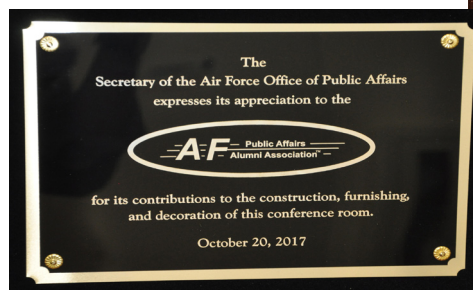
Rank, accomplishments, and positions on active duty or while working for a federal, state, or local government, non-profit entity, religious group, or private corporation will not be considered in determining award recipients. Neither will monetary contributions to AFPAAA in and of themselves be the sole reason for making the award.

Nominations can be made at any time and a presentation does not have to be made every year, but to be considered for presentation this year at the Annual Membership meeting nominations need to be received by February 1 to AFPAAA's secretary: jaydefrank@afpaaa.org

AFPAAA Helps SAF/PA Get Modern Conference Room



AFPAAA Associate Member and SAF/PA Director Brigadier General Ed Thomas, thanks other members (seated clockwise from far side of the table) John Kirkwood, his wife Barbara, Connie Custer, Clem Gaines, Mike McRaney, Denny Gauci, Vince Tocci, Dan Wooley, and Dave Shea for the Association's contribution to providing a modern conference room for Public Affairs in the Pentagon. Not in the picture but present were Neil Buttimer, Frank Smolinsky - 1999 Best of the Best, Sarah Hood, Ray Shepherd, Donna Stratford, and Senior Master Sergeant Gloria Wilson.



Air Force Public Affairs recognized AFPAAA's contribution to its new Pentagon conference room on October 20. "It's an excellent conference room, very well appointed and with the latest electronics built in for presentations. I wish we had something like it way back when. AFPAAA is able to support such projects with SAF/PA because of Jim Hart's key role in making our financial strength able to do so. In addition to the Jim Hart Best of the Best plaque, the display honoring the Public Affairs professionals who have died on active duty was very impressive as well."

–Mike McRaney, First AFPAAA Board Chairman & Former SAF/PA Director

who expressed his appreciation for the \$3,255 donated toward the project that made the conference room a reality. A plaque recognizing the donation is in the room as

is the plaque with the names of all the recipients of AFPAAA's Brigadier General James W. Hart, Jr. Best of the Best Award. The conference room is part of a larger renovation project that consolidates SAF/PAs offices in one area off the E-Ring on the fourth floor. "It was a great day," said Dave Shea, who described the conference room as "Classy".

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, Judy Bivens; President, Art Forster; Vice President, Tom Dolney; Secretary, Jay DeFrank; Treasurer, Phil Ratliff, Dick Abel, Larry Clavette, JC Corcoran, Connie Custer, John Gura, Perry Nouis, John Terino and Johnny Whitaker. **Committee Chairmen:** Annual Meeting Coordinator, Perry Nouis; Communications, John Terino; Development, Joe Purka; Elections, Kathy McCollom; Finance, Phil Ratliff; Membership, Neil Buttimer & Christine Queen; Oral History & Web site, John Gura; SAF/PA Liaison, Clem Gaines

From The President's Pen

As you may have already noted from the front page story this year's Annual Membership Meeting in San Diego, May 31 – June 2, 2018, is stacking up to be a real winner that provides a great opportunity to see old friends and make new ones – hope to see you there! BTW: your Board is considering Charleston, SC for our 2019 meeting location.



I have two things for your consideration and possible action: First, the Board of Directors election process is underway and now is the time for you to nominate someone or if you would like to serve yourself to throw your hat in the ring for the election committee's review and possible placement on the ballot – the details are on page one.

Second, nominations are now being accepted for our Mike McRaney Distinguished Service Award which is named in honor of AFPAAA's founding President and Board Chairman. The award criteria are available from our web site (<http://www.afpaaa.org/PDF/DSACguide.pdf>)

Clem Gaines, a past AFPAAA Board chairman, has assumed my former duties as our liaison to SAF/PA. Clem is in a unique position to excel in this role – he lives in the DC area and is an Army civilian public affairs director at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland. He has already reached out to Army Public Affairs to benchmark their outstanding Public Affairs Hall of Fame program. One of my goals is to work with SAF/PA to establish a similar program to memorialize our Air Force Public Affairs pioneers. Thanks, Clem, for taking on this important position.

Speaking of Public Affairs pioneers, for all of you, but especially our younger retirees and those still on active duty, we have posted two booklets on our web site (<http://www.afpaaa.org/history-Remember.html>) that are really interesting. One booklet is the remembrances in their own words of AFPAAA members who served in World War II. The booklet second is a similar presentation by our members who were involved in the Korean conflict. What makes these significant is that almost all our members were not in what we now call Public Affairs assignments at the time, they were in combat – many flying fighters bombers, and transports. You will be surprised at how many of those who are considered the “founders” and “legends” who shaped Public Affairs put their lives on the line in combat. Check the booklets out, in many ways they are a fascinating read.

A parting thought – if you live near an Air Force installation and haven't already done so, why not introduce yourself to the local PAO and offer them assistance? With our wealth of practical public affairs knowledge and experience we can serve as a valuable resource in helping them accomplish their important mission. I know that I would have appreciated such an offer when I was a young base PAO!

Best wishes to you and yours for a healthy, happy and productive new year!

– Art Forster

SMSgt Kevin Wallace, 89th Airlift Wing Chief Of Public Affairs, Awarded Bronze Star For Valor



him, he was his own enemy.

Shortly after his promotion to master sergeant he decided to attempt suicide but stopped short of completing the act. At the time he kept the attempt to himself. PTSD affected

him in other ways too. He committed an assault, but instead of being charged his problem was recognized and he was put in a program to help him overcome the effects of PTSD.

It was not easy for, Sergeant Wallace. He had to open up, discuss what had happened in Afghanistan and how it affected him.

Coping with PTSD has made him more than the chief of Public Affairs for the 89th. He is now part of the Air Force Wounded Warrior Program (woundedwarrior.af.mil/About-AFW2/).

Sergeant Wallace shares his Afghanistan experience, how PTSD affected him, and his battle to overcome it and resume his career.

He is part of the much larger, comprehensive Air Force Wounded Warrior Program. The program is mandated by Congress and federally-funded. It provides coordinated, personalized care, services and advocacy for seriously wounded, ill, or injured recovering service members, as well as their caregivers and families. With the acronym AFW2, it focuses on specific personal and family needs for a wide range of situations that may arise during the recovery process and afterwards.

AFW2 advocates for the recovering service member to ensure they have access and minimum delays or gaps in medical and non-medical service. It's objective is to help with the challenges the person may face from the initial identification of the condition through recovery and rehabilitation and the reintegration of the serviceman or woman back to active duty or, when dictated, the transition to retirement or separation. This Continuum of Care process aims to anticipate the needs of the individual and connect them with what they need to assist them.

“Eleven men were out there and 11 men were heroes.”

Those were the words of Senior Master Sergeant Kevin Wallace regarding the events that led to his receiving the Bronze Star with 'V' for from Colonel Casey D. Eaton, 89th Airlift Wing Commander, August 20th at Joint Base Andrews, Maryland.

Sergeant Wallace is the 89th's Chief of Public Affairs but in 2011 he was a combat photographer deployed with the Army's 4th Infantry Division.

The Bronze Star was awarded for his actions on one of many night patrols he made in Badghis Province, Afghanistan. That night his unit was ambushed and an intense fire-fight lasting several hours ensued before the patrol could disengage safely.

During the engagement more than a third of the patrol was wounded. Sergeant Wallace was hit in the neck and suffered a traumatic brain injury from an RPG blast which injured his ears – he now wears hearing aids.

Throughout the fight he alternated from using his weapon to return fire and using his camera to take pictures of the action to document what was happening.

That night he took more than 400 photographs of the fighting that were later used for operational analysis, battle assessment, collateral intelligence, information operations, historical records of Air Force and joint operations, and public affairs.

What happened that night and throughout the deployment produced more than physical wounds for the sergeant. By the time he returned from the deployment he had developed Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), and he had it bad.

Sergeant Wallace now was in another battle for his life – this time there was no one shooting at

Lord Guard & Guide

Andrew Thomas 'Tom' Gilroy

Tom Gilroy, an AFPAAA member who had a 31-year active duty and retired Air Force career, died at his home in Burke, Virginia, with his family at his side, Oct. 29 following a battle with cancer. He was 56.

He was born in Washington, DC and was a graduate of the University of Maryland and had a master's degree from the University of South Carolina.

Tom was commissioned from OTS. His assignments included Hanscom AFB, Massachusetts; Wiesbaden, Germany; Randolph AFB, Texas; Edwards AFB, CA; Baghdad, Iraq, and four at the Pentagon. He retired as a lieutenant colonel.

After retirement, Tom returned to the Pentagon in 2006. He was Chief of Force Development in SAF/PA's Requirements and Development Division until his death.

Over the years, his efforts to advance the career field's officer education, training, experience and capabilities had significant impact, earning him praise from Public Affairs' most senior leaders as well as the admiration of PA professionals.

Tom is survived by his wife Susan and children Ashley, Jessica, Lindsey and Drew. He will be interred in Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. Memorial remembrances in Tom's name may be made



to VITAS Community Connection - www.vitascommunityconnection.org

Tom was a consummate professional and amazingly talented expert whose efforts over the years have had an incalculable positive impact on our career field.

—Brig. General Edward T. Thomas

Tom was a friend, and I was proud to call him a professional colleague. He was a tremendous officer and then a civilian employee and was a true advocate for the Air Force Public Affairs community. In his role at SAF/PAR he was often called on to represent the Air Force in joint service training meetings at DINFOS. In that role, he touched the lives of all Public Affairs practitioners – but especially those young men and women just entering the Air Force. He learned the intricacies of the personnel and training worlds and that, combined with his God-given skills as an organizer and leader, made him the perfect representative to ensure the right policies and training programs were established to benefit the career field and help it move forward in a professional manner. His work and dedication to excellence will not soon be forgotten. Those of us who knew and served with Tom have lost a fine friend way to early.

—Mike Gannon

Carroll Vane 'C.V.' Glines, Jr.

C.V. Glines, an AFPAAA member whose 27-year Air Force career was overshadowed by his retired work as an author/editor and his 53-year association with the Doolittle Raiders passed away peacefully with his family by his side on January 14th, 2016. He was 95.

He was born in Baltimore, Maryland, and grew up in Glenolden, PA. He took his first

airplane flight at the first National Boy Scout Jamboree in 1937. While attending Drexel Institute of Technology in Philadelphia he began flying in 1939 when with nine others he purchased a 37-hp Cub for \$400.

C.V. joined the Army Air Corps in May 1941 as a Flying Cadet, getting his wings in January 1942. His assignments

in WW II included Enid Army Airfield as a flight instructor, Panama, and Europe.

After the war the Army encouraged its people to earn a little money on the side – that's how C.V.'s writing career began.

The first book he wrote, *The Complete Guide for the Serviceman's Wife*, stemmed from a project he developed to improve enlistment and reenlistment rates by dispelling the myths that wives and prospective wives had about military life; it was a success.

He earned a bachelor's degree and MBA at the University of Oklahoma in 1952, and a master's in journalism at American University, Washington, D.C., in 1969.

C.V. continued in operations until 1960 when he requested a transfer to SAF/OI and was made Project Officer for the establishment of the Command Services Unit and the Communications Study Group at Bolling AFB. Following that, he was Chief, of the Magazine and Book Branch and headed the function when it was centralized in DoD.

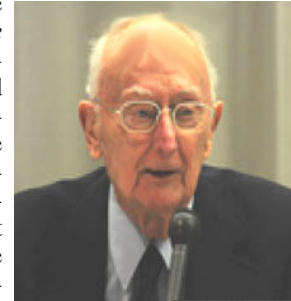
He retired in 1968 as a colonel from his final assignment, heading Public Affairs for Alaskan Air Command

C.V. had established his writing and editing credentials while on active duty and they became his civilian career.

In the fifty-plus years after he retired he held positions that included Publications Director for the National Business Aircraft Association, Editor of Air Line Pilot Magazine, Director of Communications for the Air Line Pilots Association, Associate Editor for Armed Forces Magazine, and Editor of Professional Pilot Magazine.

He wrote 38 books, al-

most all aviation non-fiction. His last book was *Those Legendary Piper Cubs*. In addition, C.V. was a regular contributor to Air Force Magazine and published more than 800 articles in a variety of national magazines. He did the Collier and Grolier Encyclopedia sections on the history of aviation and the history of the U.S. Air Force.



C.V. had a significant relationship with Jimmy Doolittle and the Doolittle Tokyo Raiders that began in 1962 when he was chosen to write the story of the Raiders. He was one of the very few men they have named an Honorary Doolittle Raider.

Over the subsequent five decades he was the Raiders official historian and wrote or coauthored numerous articles and books about them, including Doolittle's official autobiography, *I Could Never Be So Lucky Again*, *The Doolittle Raid*, and *Four Came Home*. C.V. was curator for 22 years of the General James 'Jimmy' H. Doolittle Archives at the Eugene McDermott Library at the University of Texas Dallas.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 72 years Mary Ellen in November 2015 and is survived by his children Karen, David and Valerie; grandchildren Kevin, Katie, Matt, Stephen and Garrett; and great-grandchildren Mary Grace, Vivian, Ian, Lucy, Gregor and Ryan.

Wayne G. Grohn

AFPAAA Member Wayne Grohn died July 26, 2016 in Florida. He was 81.

He completed his Air Force career in 1974 retiring as a master sergeant.

Gerald J. Hickman

Gerry Hickman, a Lifetime Founder of AFPAAA, passed away August 30 in Tomball, Texas from complications following a fall. He was 86.

He was born in Marsden, Arkansas and received a BA in political science from the University of Arkansas.

Commissioned through AFROTC he entered active duty in July 1954. He completed navigator training at Ellington AFB, Texas. Gerry logged more than 6,000 flying hours in a variety of aircraft, including 121 missions with the Air Commandoes in Vietnam, and earned Master Navigator wings. His flight and public affairs duties frequently overlapped.

He earned a masters degree in Public Communications from Boston University, graduated from the Armed Forces Staff College, and was the first public affairs professional chosen to attend the National War College.

During his Air Force career he moved steadily through a succession of assignments of increased responsibility, including USAFE Director of Public Affairs. His final post was SAF/PA Deputy Director.

He retired with 26 years of service as a colonel in 1980 when he chose to become the Director of Public Affairs for Gulf Oil Corporation.

Gerry was Vice President of Public Affairs for Control Data Corporation, Minneapolis, Minnesota, for less than a year before becoming Senior Vice President, Joseph E. Seagram & Sons, Inc. in New York City. Subsequently, desiring to be in Texas, he became the Executive Vice President of the Texas Medical Center.

In 1988 Gerry realized his dream of founding his own firm, specializing in public and government relations and grassroots lobbying. By the

In 1978 he left Spain for Tampa. Wayne's retirement careers were in journalism and teaching. He is survived by three sons, two daughters, and nine grandchildren.

time he retired, the firm operated in Washington, DC and thirty-seven states, and employed sixty associates.

Gerry is survived by his wife of almost 63 years, Ann, and daughter, Kelly Ann.

Gerry Hickman lives large in my memory as a giant in a field populated with consummate and dedicated public affairs and public relations professionals. We first met in the mid 60's at USAFE when he was a major I was a newly minted lieutenant.

I was in charge of the AFTV station in West Berlin when the USAFE IG team came with Gerry as the OI augmentee. He cut a wide swath through the Tempelhof OI shop and did not mince words in his blistering critique of them. He then called and said he would be seeing us the next morning. I did not sleep well that night.

At the end of two long days of grinding scrutiny and fine-grained investigation, he came into my office and closed the door. I was expecting a thrashing similar to the judgments he had rendered at Tempelhof.

He said, "I am not sure that an AFRTS station has ever been awarded an IG Meritorious rating, or even if it is permitted, but I want you to know that I am going to fight for that recognition for AFTV Berlin." I was speechless. He said, "I'll let you know how I do."

Such recognition coming from Gerry Hickman was an unforgettable milestone moment. Knowing that my crew had made that impression on

one of the Air Force's toughest professionals meant the world to us.

Gerry delivered on that promise. As he did on virtually every commitment he made in his professional career.

I will always cherish every encounter I had with Gerry on active duty and the years since. I always felt inspired by him, and motivated to raise the bar simply by listening to what he had to say.

We kept in touch regularly via email. One involved a retrospective on the most significant decisions we had made in our lives, including the decision to leave the Air Force and what civilian career pursuits to follow. He was very clear and adamant that the smartest decision he had ever made was to propose to Ann.

Our hearts and prayers go out to Ann and the family as they deal with the grief and challenges of carrying on without him. He was indeed one of a kind. Rest in peace, ol' friend. And thanks.

— *Ral Aars*

Gerry was a classic, consummate Air Force public affairs officer. I was sorry to hear of his passing. Jeannie and I pray for Ann and his family. God's peace Gerry!

— *Gene & Jeannie Townsend*

I first encountered Gerry Hickman when I was at Lakenheath and he became the Director of Information at USAFE. Even at that distance my impression was that he instilled a new commitment to professionalism and credibility, mentoring the command's career field talent while earning a position as a close and trusted counselor to CINCUSAFE.

Later, as SAF/PA's deputy director, he trusted me to handle a sensitive inquiry from the Jack Anderson organization about a general's perceived personal use of a C-135. But I didn't really get to know him and Ann until much later, through AFPAAA.

When Janet and I arrived at the 1999 Annual Membership Meeting opening reception at "the Cape," I remembered Ann's hospitality to spouses during the annual USAFE/OI conferences. I told Janet, a newcomer to the AFPAAA crowd, "Honey, there's Ann Hickman. You'll be just fine." And she was.

Since then we visited them every year or so at their home

near Houston and hosted them here in Olympia. As we got to know each other better I realized that he had more confidence in me than I'd had in myself during my Public Affairs career.

Gerry excelled professionally as a USAF aircrew member, as a public affairs officer, as a senior public relations executive at four major corporations, and as an entrepreneur-partner with his daughter Kelly when they formed their lobbying firm to engage Texas legislators and members of Congress. As a loving husband and father, as a gentleman, and as a friend, he had no peer. I miss him.

— *Mark Foutch*

Gerry was one of the stalwart and most respected leaders of the PA community. I had the benefit of his wisdom. It's sad that a simple mishap ultimately led to his final flight. We send our prayers and sympathy to his family.

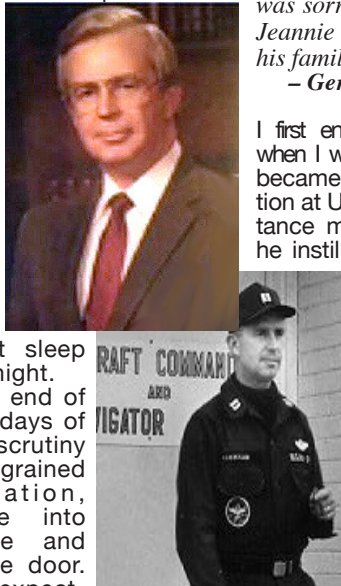
— *Art & Bridget Dederick*

Our Air Force Public Affairs family lost another legend with the passing of Gerry Hickman. Although I have many fond memories of him and Ann, the one that stands out was when I was tapped for assignment to USAFE. I was in San Antonio and Gerry invited me to visit him in Spring, Texas. Gerry was a former director of USAFE Public Affairs and he thoroughly briefed me about Ramstein AB and what I may expect on the job. His kindness aided a smooth transition for me and my family. May he rest in peace.

— *Dave Shea*

In 1965 I was TDYed to 2nd Air Division to augment the information operation until full tour forces could arrive. Captain Gerry Hickman was my boss in Combat News. We were reporting on the air war in both South and North Vietnam. To say I learned a lot from him is an understatement. A great mentor, superlative writer, and an adroit manager - it was no surprise to me when he was awarded a Legion of Merit for that assignment, a medal normally reserved for colonels at that time. Truly one of the greatest in Public Affairs.

— *John Terino*



Registration Form



AFPAAA
25th Annual Membership Meeting
San Diego, CA
May 31, June 1 & 2, 2018

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

(Do you receive text messages at this number? Yes ___ No ___)

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Guest(s) Name(s): _____

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

NOTE – To register and pay by credit card online go to: <http://www.afpaaa.org/AnnMeet-Reg18.html>

Full Registration

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

Please indicate the number of meal choice(s) for the Saturday banquet:

Steak _____ Fish _____ Vegetarian _____

How many in your party will go on the Friday, June 1, tour _____

Members Attending ___ x \$200 = \$ _____
Guests Attending ___ x \$200 = \$ _____
Non Members ___ x \$300 = \$ _____

Individual Event Registration

**Icebreaker Reception - Sheraton Bay Tower Hotel,
Thursday, May 31, 5-7 p.m.**

Members Attending ___ x \$20 = \$ _____
Guests Attending ___ x \$20 = \$ _____
Non Members ___ x \$25 = \$ _____

Breakfast - Sheraton Bay Tower Hotel, Friday, June 1.

Members Attending ___ x \$30 = \$ _____
Guests Attending ___ x \$30 = \$ _____
Non Members ___ x \$35 = \$ _____

President's Luncheon - Friday, June 1.

*(Includes bus transportation from Sheraton Bay Tower Hotel
for Friday tour)*

Members Attending ___ x \$75 = \$ _____
Guests Attending ___ x \$75 = \$ _____
Non Members ___ x \$85 = \$ _____

President's Luncheon Only – Friday, June 1.

Members Attending ___ x \$55 = \$ _____
Guests Attending ___ x \$55 = \$ _____
Non Members ___ x \$65 = \$ _____

Breakfast - Sheraton Bay Tower Hotel, Saturday, June 2.

Members Attending ___ x \$30 = \$ _____
Guests Attending ___ x \$30 = \$ _____
Non Members ___ x \$35 = \$ _____

**SAF/PA Director's Luncheon, Sheraton Bay Tower Hotel,
Saturday, June 2.**

Members Attending ___ x \$55 = \$ _____
Guests Attending ___ x \$55 = \$ _____
Non Members ___ x \$65 = \$ _____

**AFPAAA Annual Reception and Banquet, Sheraton Bay
Tower Hotel, Saturday, June 2, 6-10 p.m.**

Please indicate number of meal choice(s) for the banquet:

Steak _____ Fish _____ Vegetarian _____

Members Attending ___ x \$95 = \$ _____
Guests Attending ___ x \$95 = \$ _____
Non Members ___ x \$105 = \$ _____

Please make your check or money order payable to: AFPAAA

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May 16, 2018
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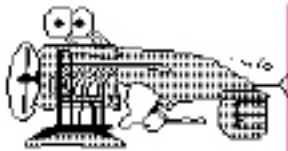
Hotel: AFPAAA has a block of rooms at the Sheraton Bay Tower Hotel at the rate of **\$155.00+tax** per night (single or double). This rate is valid 3 days before and after our meeting **if** space is available. Make hotel reservations online at <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/AFPAAA2018> or by calling **1 877 734-2726** and ask for group **AFPAAA 25th Annual Meeting 2018**. Hotel reservations must be made by **May 16, 2018**.

For the latest meeting information check AFPAAA's website: <http://www.AFPAAA.org/annualmeet.html>



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Welcome Aboard To . . . new members *Orville Desjarlais* and *Michael Meridith*.

An Upgrade For . . . *Laura Feldman* who has joined the ranks of AFPAAA Life Members.

Helping The Disabled . . . AFPAAA Life Member *Bob McCullough*, Director of Communications for Morgan's Wonderland, informs us that the world's first ultra-accessible splash park, Morgan's Inspiration Island, is now in operation in San Antonio, Texas. It joins Wonderland as a park designed for special-needs individuals of all ages, as well as everyone's enjoyment. Anyone with a physical or cognitive disability is admitted free of charge.

NBA's Top Whistle Blower . . . former SAF/PA director from November 2005-November 2007 *Michelle Johnson*, who retired as Superintendent of Air Force Academy last year has joined the National Basketball Association. In October she became Senior Vice President and head of Referee Operations.

No Air Force Strategic Bombers . . . if that idea is anathema to you perhaps you need to read *Darius E. Watson's Rethinking the US Nuclear Triad*, in the winter Strategic Studies Quarterly (strategicstudiesquarterly@us.af.mil). On US Nuclear Deterrence by retired Strategic Command chief General Kevin P. Chilton couldn't be more relevant with the current focus on the problems in our nuclear arsenal. While other nations have been introducing new systems into their inventories our deterrence continues to age and deteriorate. Considering the recent actions of ISIS in communicating, propagandizing, and radicalizing; and Russian attempts to affect elections, another very timely piece is **Commanding the Trend: Social Media as Information Warfare** by Lt. Colonel Jarred Prier.