

25th Annual Meeting Has Super Program! Now Is The Time To Make Your San Diego Meeting & Hotel Reservations

You don't want to miss our 25th Annual Membership Meeting, May 31-June 2; from the opening reception at the Sheraton San Diego Bay Tower Hotel & Marina Thursday evening until we wrap-up Saturday night, the program is loaded.

We will see the weapon that is making all the headlines in the Middle East, the MQ-9 Reaper UAV, at General Atomics Aeronautical Systems; have the President's Luncheon at Coronado's Island Inn then tour North Island Naval Air Station

and the submarine base . . . and that's just Friday's program.

On Saturday we'll be at our hotel to be re-Blued a bit with presentations on the Air Force's Space Mission, AF Public Affairs and Social Media, and SAF/LA's work with movies and television. At lunch we will be brought up-to-date on the challenges the PA career field faces by Director of Public Affairs Brigadier General Ed Thomas.

Our general membership meeting will follow lunch and that evening we will have our gala

reception and awards banquet.

But that's not all.

There are optional events – see the full program on page 4 and the golf outing and harbor cruise stories and links on this page for details.

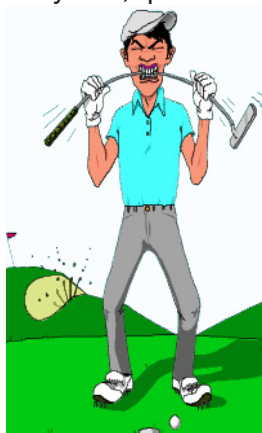
To ensure you don't miss out or are subject to late fees the form on page 7 has what you need to do to register for the Annual Membership Meeting, as well as special rate hotel reservation information. If you prefer you can get full information and register at our web site <http://www.afpaaa.org/annualmeet.html>

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Golf And A Water Excursion: Two Options For You To Enjoy

Attention Pasture Pool Aficionados!

How about a round of golf with a picturesque ocean view at North Island Naval Air Station's Sea 'N Air Golf Club? It's an option that's not included in the meeting registration fee that is available for Thursday morning, May 31, prior to the opening of our Annual Membership Meeting.



All the details and fees – greens, carts (powered, pull, & push), club rental, driving range – download the details at <http://www.afpaaa.org/AnnMt/Golf-May31.pdf>

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Make your reservations now by contacting Perry Nouis by phone: (320) 493-7325 or email: perry.nouis@gmail.com He'll be sure you're taken care of, including getting your tee time.

Don't Forget Your Items For The Silent Auction

Help raise funds for AFPAAA's future, Bring something for the Annual Membership Meeting's Silent Auction Saturday night.

It doesn't have to be Air Force related but it should be in reasonably good taste, worth \$50 or more, handmade or store bought, and able to fit in a suitcase.

If you think you have something for the auction contact Kathleen Gura – phone: (951) 830-8355 or email: kathleen@homesafe.org All money raised will go to our AFPAAA Endowment Fund to sustain future operations and benefit members.



What better way to start Friday evening before dinner than a sunset cruise of San Diego Harbor– but you need to act now as there are only a limited number of slots available.

Our luxury cruise from 6 pm- 8 pm on June 1 includes:

- Transportation to & from our hotel.
- A reserved area for us on the boat.
- Welcome aboard champagne/cider.
- Hors d'oeuvres

. . . and more.

Make your reservation and get payment details on our web site at <http://www.afpaaa.org/AnnMtCruise.html> The cost per person is \$68 by check or \$70.50 by credit card. Don't delay, this optional event will sell out fast!



News & Notes

Public Affairs Alumni Association™

April 2018

Arturo 'Art' Aviles

Art Aviles, who had a 20-year Air Force career as a pilot and a Public Affairs Officer, and an equally successful business career, passed away peacefully in his home in Huntington Beach, California, on January 7. He was 84.

He was born in Los Angeles and graduated from Loyola University and received a commission as an Air Force officer in 1956. He completed training and became a B-47 Stratojet pilot. He safely ejected when the engine of a B-47 he was flying in 1963 caught fire and the aircraft blew up. That accident led him into Public Affairs.

While recovering from his injuries he became a SAC General's Aide and duty as an Information Officer at Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona.

Art's later assignments included flying 150 missions in KC-135s and B-52s, and being a Forward Air Controller in Vietnam. He flew the EC-135 Airborne Command Post from RAF Mildenhall AB, England, and was the commander of Chievres AB, Belgium, SHAPE Headquarters. He accumulated more than 6,000 flight hours in bombers, fighters, transports, and helicopters.

He was assigned to Headquarters SAC as Deputy Chief of Public Affairs in 1972 and later became 8th Air Force Chief of Public Affairs. He turned down promotion to colonel for family reasons and retired in 1976 as a lieutenant colonel.

In retirement, Art entered the life insurance industry and soon became the Mutual Trust Life Insurance Company's District Manager for Los Angeles and Orange Counties. Nine years



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later he left the insurance industry and established Art Aviles and Associates Business Development Consultants serving companies desiring to conduct business with the U.S. military. He was very community and civic minded, selflessly volunteering his time to help grow organizations, corporations, hospitals and other entities.

Art is survived by his wife, Roxana; five children, Roxy, Art Jr., Robert, Cecilia, and Diana; ten grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

I will always remember Art as a charismatic leader and role model who had a profound impact on my Air Force career. We first met when I was a brand new 2nd Lt. at Offutt AFB, Neb. He took me under his wing and showed me how to be an officer and public affairs professional. He was a sharp looking, ramrod straight officer, movie star handsome with a penetrating gaze that could look right through you. I carried his words of wisdom and advice throughout my career. Thank you, Art, for your service, friendship and example of what it means to be an officer.

– Art Forster

Art was a fine officer who was a successful leader (base commander, PA professional, pilot) and had a many faceted career after the Air Force. Family, the church and the Air

Force were his priorities. He was extremely active in the community and his smile was quick and sincere. He left the world a better place.

– Rick Fuller

Dick Abel's New Book An Easy, Insightful Read

AFPAAA member Dick Abel's latest book, *GPS For Leaders Of Excellence*, is different. It is not a story or a textbook, nor is not a biography. Yet it has a lot to offer.

Perhaps the best way to describe this short book is to call it a form of 'checklist' for those who are or will be in positions of leadership.

But, it is not a typical checklist where you follow a progression of actions to ensure they have been accomplished and when you have done them all you are ready to perform the larger task those actions lead to.

Dick's checklist is rather unique. He has taken the words of well known great leaders, as well as positive concepts of management, character, and personal relationships, that support the thesis leadership is all about how you communicate with and treat people.

Using the idea that a GPS will correct you when you are off course, each of the chapters is labeled a "Vector Corrector" in chronological order from 2010-2017.

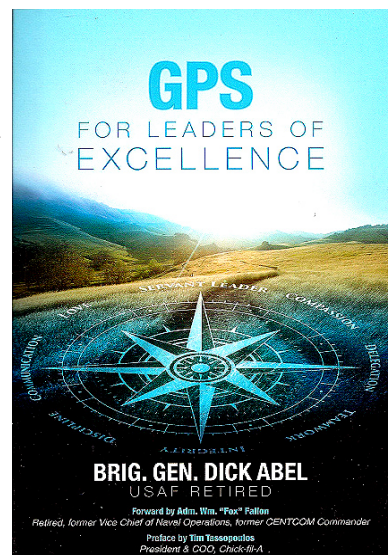
Because of the chapter dating and the labeling of each item in the chapters some people might assume the material in the book is dated – not so, readers will find the opposite. The chapter sub headings of Servant Leader, Compassion,

Delegation, Teamwork, Integrity, Discipline, Communication, and Love are the key to the content which is quite current and will be in the future.

Each chapter in Dick's checklist is a collection of vignettes of wisdom to which he adds his own comments. They should be read a few at a time, then pondered in terms of the readers' self perception as well as their relationships and dealings with others, especially those they supervise.

Dick's latest work is deceptively simple in presentation but there is a lot more substance in it than it would seem at first glance, which makes it a worthwhile read.

– John Terino



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From The President's Pen ———



I hope to see many of you next month at our 25th Anniversary Annual Membership Meeting. It promises to be one of our most interesting and informative events in one of America's most beautiful cities – San Diego.

This is our first gathering at a “non-Air Force” site and it provides a great opportunity to learn more about our sea service brethren. I'm especially looking forward to visiting General Atomics Aeronautical Systems, which provides unmanned aerial vehicles and radar solutions for America's military as well as commercial applications worldwide. Our meeting schedule and registration information are on pages 4 and 7, and those plus a list of members already signed-up are posted on our web site.

The future of AFPAAA is in your hands as we elect members to our Board of Directors. Four of these nominees, if elected, would be new to the Board. Please review all the candidate bios – they are an impressive group of professionals who have indicated a desire and commitment to serve our association. Our board members are the backbone of AFPAAA, they provide the foundation from which our officers are selected. The Board and our leadership succession plan have served us well over the years. It ensures that as officers progress from secretary through board chairman they gain the knowledge and experience which, melded with their dedication to AFPAAA, gives us the leadership we need. Please take the time and cast your ballot by mail from page 5 or electronically from our web site.

We continue to work with SAF/PA to establish an Air Force Public Affairs Hall of Fame to recognize and honor our trailblazers. Clem Gaines, the Association's liaison to SAF/PA, is leading our efforts and is consulting with Army Public Affairs to benchmark their Hall of Fame program which includes a special web site and wall displays in the Pentagon and at DINFOS. We'll keep you advised as we move forward.

This is my last 'Pen' as president. It has been a fun and challenging year that passed all too quickly. Thanks to my fellow Board members, as well as all Full and Associate Members of AFPAAA for your ideas and support.

See you in San Diego!

– Art Forster



Schedule of Events

Thursday, May 31

0800-1300 *Optional Golf Outing Sea 'N Air Men's Golf Club, North Island Naval Air Station*

1200-1900 *Registration Open*

1400 *Board of Directors Meeting*

1700 *Welcome Reception, Bay Towers Lounge*

1900 *Evening Open*

Friday, June 1

0630 *Breakfast*

0730 *Board Buses*

0830 *Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Development, General Atomics Aeronautical Systems*

0930 *UAV Production, General Atomics Aeronautical Systems*

1045 *Board Bus to Coronado*

1130 *President's Luncheon, Island Inn, Coronado*

1330 *Tour, North Island Naval Air Station, Coronado*

1500 *Tour, Submarine Base, Coronado*

1600 *Return to Hotel or Optional Drop-off at USS Midway Museum*

1700 *Evening Open*

1730 *Optional Sunset Harbor Cruise*

Saturday, June 2

0730-0830 *Breakfast*

0745 *Door Prizes*

0800 *Catalina Ballroom – USAF's Space Mission, Colonel Dave Westover, Air Force Space Command*

0900 *American Forces Network: Back to the Future, Colonel Dave Honchul, Defense Media Activity*

1000 *Today In Social Media, Technical Sergeant Dan DeCook, SAF/PAI*

1100 *USAF on Screen, Lieutenant Colonel Nate Broshear, SAF/PA-LA*

1215 *SAFPA Director's Luncheon, Coronado Ballroom,
Brigadier General Ed Thomas*

1400 *Annual Membership Meeting, Catalina Ballroom*

1800 *Annual Membership Reception & Silent Auction, Coronado Ballroom*

1900 *Annual Awards Banquet*

Sunday, June 3

Depart for home – SEE YOU NEXT YEAR IN CHARLESTON, SC., APRIL 25-27

Events, Times and Speakers are subject to change.



MAIL ONLY THIS BALLOT - DO NOT ENCLOSE REGISTRATION FORMS, CHECKS, OR OTHER ITEMS

Election - Vote Below For Six Board Members

The AFPAAA Board of Directors has 12 elected members serving overlapping two-year terms. Six positions are open this year for terms that begin July 1, 2018 and end June 30, 2020. Only Full Members of AFPAAA in good standing (dues paid) may vote. Select or write in up to six names. Please do not enclose any other materials with the ballot. To be counted, ballots must reach the Election Committee by Monday, April 30, 2018. Provision is made for a write-in vote but ballots may only be cast for six persons. If you wish to vote electronically go to <http://www.afpaaa.org/vote.html>



Dick Abel has served four 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.



Brett Ashworth served 21 years as an Air Force public affairs officer at the wing, DRU, MAJCOM, joint and Air Staff levels. He served as public affairs officer at Whiteman Air Force Base and Director of Public Affairs at the U.S. Air Force Academy. He also served as commander of the 344th Recruiting Squadron. He retired in 2014 from the Pentagon where he was Director of Air Force Media Operations. Upon military retirement he assumed the role of Vice President of Communications and Marketing at The Citadel. Brett became Vice Chancellor of Communications and Marketing at the Texas Tech University System in October of 2016. He, his wife Katy, and their 15-year-old triplets reside in Lubbock, Texas. He is a Life Member of AFPAAA.



Bryan Bouchard served more than 21 years in the Air Force beginning as a Cryptologic Linguist. After four years, he joined Public Affairs where he started as newspaper editor and NCOIC at Seymour Johnson AFB. Bryan served as the Public Affairs combat skills training instructor at Fort Dix before earning his commission in 2007. He deployed several times to Air Expeditionary Wings and Special Operations Task Forces in Iraq and Afghanistan. Bryan received many awards for his work, including the 2016 Air Force Communications Excellence Award and AFPAAA's Best of the Best. He retired in 2017 as a major. His last assignment was Public Affairs director for 12th Air Force and Air Forces Southern. Bryan is a Life Member of AFPAAA and the Communications Director for the Superior Court of Arizona in Maricopa County. He lives in Scottsdale with his wife and children.



John Dorrian is a Life Member of AFPAAA and Vice President for Communications and Marketing at The Citadel, consistently ranked as the number one public regional university in the South. After graduating from The Citadel in 1990, John entered the Air Force as a public affairs officer and spent 25 years serving at the wing, numbered air force, major command, Headquarters Air Force and combatant command levels. John also commanded the 305th Mission Support Squadron at McGuire AFB, N.J. His many deployments included duty as chief of press desk operations for the International Security Assistance Force, Kabul, Afghanistan, and as principal military spokesman for CJTF Operation Inherent Resolve in Iraq. John retired from active duty in 2017. He and his wife Valerie reside in Mount Pleasant, SC. They have 3 sons, Jay, Nicholas and Ryan.



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 five 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.



Doug Kennett is an AFPAAA Lifetime Founder. He has 30 years experience as an Air Force Public Affairs Officer and 14 as a senior Boeing Spokesman. From 1967-74 he headed Public Affairs at bases in Texas, Korea, and England. Following time as Public Affairs deputy for USAFSS, he joined the SAF/PA Press Desk handling highly controversial policy issues. He then became Chief of the Air Force Press Desk in DoD. His further assignments included Director of Public Affairs for 3rd Air Force and Air Force Systems Command, Director of AF Media Relations and Director of Press Operations for DoD. His time as a national security spokesman for Boeing included being vice president of Communications for their Aircraft and Missiles Business. In 2011 he was honored by AIA with the Lyman Award for lifetime achievement in Aerospace Public Relations.

Ballot – AFPAAA Board of Directors Candidates – 2018

Instructions

Only Full Members of AFPAAA in good standing (dues paid) are eligible to vote.
Select or write in up to six names. Please do not enclose any other materials with the ballot.

Dick Abel **Brett Ashworth** **Bryan Bouchard** **John Dorrian** **John Gura** **Doug Kennett**

Other _____

Print Your Name _____ Signature _____

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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 ___)

Email Address: _____

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

Mail form and check/money order to:

**Phil Ratliff, Treasurer
868 Trevino Terrace
Lady Lake, FL 32159**

**Meeting Registrations
Are Due NLT Midnight
May 16, 2018
Registrations Received
After That Time Will Be
Charged A \$25 Per
Person Late Fee**

Total Remitted \$ _____

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 Beth Brady Miller and James Morrow.*

Two More . . . *Brett Ashworth and John Dorrian, have joined the ranks of AFPAAA Life Members.*

The Potential UAV Terrorist Threat . . . *as the FAA relaxes regulations and more capable, easier to use system are available the likelihood they will be used for more than benign purposes is just one of the subjects in the spring issue of Air & Space Power Journal. Among other articles are "Developing Air Force Field Grade Officers for Joint Leadership", "The Big Data*

Imperative: Air Force Intelligence for the Information Age", and "The Elements of an Effective Squadron: An Air Force Organizational Study". The full text of all the articles, as well as book reviews, can be downloaded in a number of formats, including PDF and Kindle; just scroll to the bottom of the window at www.airuniversity.af.mil/ASPJ/ and make your choice.

Retired Members Be Aware . . . *the bad news is that TRICARE's Retiree Dental Program will end December 31. The good news is the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP) will take its place on New Year's Day. FEDVIP's sign up dates to make sure you are covered on January 1, 2019 are slated for November 12-December 10. Full program details are available at https://tricare.benefeds.com/InfoPortal/indexAction?utm_source=trica%20re-mil&utm_medium=website&utm_campaign=microsite Once on that site you can sign up to be notified about program updates and when key dates approach.*