

# Candidates Sought For Six Open Seats In Board Of Directors Election; Nominations Due By Feb. 1

There are six open seats in the upcoming AFPAAA Board of Directors election. Any Full Member of AFPAAA in good standing can run for one of the 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 Art Forster. Nominations should be sent to: [artforster@afpaaa.org](mailto:artforster@afpaaa.org)

Those who wish to run 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 accompany their bio.

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 26th Annual Membership Meeting, Saturday, April 27th, in Charleston, South Carolina.

Two board members with terms expiring on June 30, Art Forster and JC Corcoran, are not seeking reelection. The other incumbents, Jay DeFrank, Tom Dolney, Perry Nouis, and Phil Ratliff, are seeking another term on the board.



## BAE Prints Directory

When you go through the printed AFPAAA membership directory for a phone number or address, the directory you are holding is courtesy of BAE Systems. As it has for more than 20 years, BAE Systems printed our new directory. 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.

## Don't Miss Charleston-The Program Is Looking Great!

"It's all coming together for a great gathering," said Tom Dolney who heads the committee for our 26th Annual Membership Meeting in Charleston, South Carolina, April 25-27,

With the North Charleston Marriott locked in as our headquarters for registration, meetings, and our reception and awards banquet, following our 'ice breaker' reception Thursday evening, on Friday morning we will be off to Boeing's South Carolina plant. Boeing is providing a tour of its 787 Dreamliner final assembly operations.

Friday's agenda also includes lunch at the Patriots Point Naval and Maritime Museum aboard the USS Yorktown aircraft carrier and the Medal of Honor Museum. And, we'll visit Joint Base Charleston's C-17 Globemaster III wings too.

There are more activities on Friday which will be followed on Saturday by Re-Bluing briefings, lunch with SAF/PA Director, Brig. General Ed Thomas, and our membership meeting. That evening we will close the meeting with our reception and awards banquet.

Check-out the full agenda on page 6 and use the registration form on page 7 or register on-line at <http://www.afpaaa.org/AnnMeet-Reg19.html>

## Christy Nolta Promoted To Deputy Assistant Secretary Of The Air Force

AFPAAA member and former SAF/PA Deputy Director Noel "Christy" Nolta was appointed Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Reserve Affairs and Airman Readiness), Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs in November. Prior to her new post, she was Deputy Director of the Headquarters Air Force Staff.

Christy, a 1985 graduate of Virginia Tech with an AFROTC commission, has held numerous and varied positions on active duty, in the Air Force Reserve, and as a civilian.

Her active duty assignments included executive officer, 50th Tactical Fighter Wing, Hahn Air Base, Germany; command post controller, RAF Mildenhall, UK, and OTS flight training officer, Lackland AFB, Texas.

She separated from active duty in 1993 and worked five years as a senior claims adjuster for United Services Automobile Association. From 1998 - 2001 she taught information technology at the Bonn International School, Bonn, Germany. During this period she was an active part-time reservist.

Following the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack, Christy was mobilized and remained on active duty until October

2006. She attended Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama, and held a number of positions in SAF/PA during those years, including the director's executive officer and the deputy director of the Executive Issues Team.

Christy's civilian career with the government began in 2006 as the Deputy for Integration followed by Deputy Director, Secretary of the Air Force Office of Communication. Subsequent positions have included Director of staff (2008 - 2009) and Deputy Director (2009 - 2014) Secretary of the Air Force Office of Public Affairs, and Deputy Director, Secretary of the Air Force Office of Legislative Liaison.

As a reservist, Christy held a number of mobilization augmentee assignments. She was the mobilization assistant to the Director of Public Affairs from 2015-2016 when she retired as a colonel.



# Al Eakle & Jim Hart Experienced Hurricane Michael's Life-Threatening Force And Devastation First-Hand

The devastation to property and the impact on the lives of hundreds of thousands of people along Florida's gulf coast and extending through states to the north from Hurricane Michael was well reported but for AFPAAA members Al Eakle and Jim Hart it was a very personal, dangerous, and costly experience.

Al lived in Callaway, Florida, between Panama City and Tyndall AFB, when Michael passed directly over those communities on October 10.

"I hunkered down with my dogs, Reno and Coco, in the family room Wednesday morning, watching the local news until the TV went off the air at about 10 am. The electricity to the house and the whole area went out a bit later."

The wind got stronger and stronger until Michael hit landfall about 1 pm. 'Round 1' as Al called it had begun.

"I watched a few huge trees surrounding my house come down. Suddenly it got strangely quiet and the winds died. Peeked out the front door, then went outside. The eye of the storm was passing directly overhead."

"Strangest thing I ever saw. Big circle of clouds with a hole in the center all around me. I looked straight up and could see blue sky and the sun. There were a few trees down, one on my roof, but no damage. That lasted a few minutes until the winds started to pick up. I went back inside to ride out Round 2."

The storm intensified with gusts up to 190 mph. Al saw "huge trees blown down like twigs. Shingles flying everywhere. Part of my roof was gone and on the ground in my back yard - I now had a 'skylight' where there was none before."

As the storm moved on the wind died down and the rains came. Drywall in one of Al's bedroom was saturated and part of the ceiling collapsed as "Rainwater poured out of every electrical fixture and vent in the ceiling."

When Michael had passed, Al joined neighbors outside to assess the damage.

"The whole landscape of our neighborhood had changed. Power poles either down or snapped in half, big, beautiful trees on the ground or leaning against a house, and debris everywhere."

Even with the storm over, television was off the air, only one radio station was broadcasting, and two of the three major cell carriers were down. Al slept on a mattress on the floor of his front room that night.



"Cleanup began the next morning. Neighbors shared food, water, and gas until roads were cleared. Friends and strangers poured in wanting to help. It was totally unbelievable how people helped each other," Al recalled

Because of the damage, Al's rental home was uninhabitable and now he resides in Niceville, Florida, 60 miles west of Callaway.

On their farm in the remote community of Bascom, Florida, 70 miles northeast of Callaway, for Jim Hart, wife Patty, and his ailing 86-year-old aunt, the full force of Michael struck that afternoon. The eye passed over them at 2:30 pm.



The winds, now 'only' 120 mph, "Snapped most of the pine trees in the area, including ones that blocked the road to our house and another that landed on the roof," Jim said.

Power and communications were lost and they had to rely on their generator for a minimal supply of electricity for lights and the oxygen equipment Patty requires, and the aunt was running out of medicine. They were trapped.

"We couldn't get out until Friday when a neighbor with a bulldozer was able to clear our road. "With the road open, the Harts moved to their other home in Birmingham, Alabama. It was 23 days later, when power was restored, they returned to Bascom.

Damage to their house and other structures on the farm from the storm was extensive and recovery has not been helped by heavy rains from subsequent storms that have swept through the area.

"We have a 30'x60' tarp over part of the roof to try to limit any further water damage until we can get repairs done," Jim explained, "but it will take a long time get the farm back to where it was."

For all, it was an experience they won't forget; as Al said, "Events like this make you think about the important things like family and friends. We survived! "

## AFPAAA Offers Members Two Internet Options

There are two, dynamic, informative, interactive places on the internet for AFPAAA members. Depending on what they want to know or do, they can choose either our website or our Facebook page.

Log in at [www.afpaaa.org](http://www.afpaaa.org) and you are at our official website where anyone, members and non-members, will find a wealth of information about AFPAAA, including our purpose, who can join, dues, and a membership application.

There is full information on the where, when, cost and how to register for our Annual Membership Meeting; the AFPAAA Oral History Program, and the Association's awards.

You can access a number of informative links to stay "in touch" with what's going on in the Air Force and Public Affairs by clicking the USAF button on this site. For members there is on-line access to

the current membership directory and our AFPAAA News & Notes newsletter's current issue and archives.

Go to [www.facebook.com/groups/273635106035075](https://www.facebook.com/groups/273635106035075) and you are at our informal Facebook page. It is a closed group page that participants, including non-AFPAAA members, must be admitted to in order to participate.

Photos and items about AFPAAA and non-Association events and activities can be posted there. Our Facebook page is linked to a number of other related pages. It provides group members a place to exchange information and to engage in fresh, lively discussions.

If you have questions or suggestions about either internet site, contact: Website – John Gura at [johngura@afpaaa.org](mailto:johngura@afpaaa.org) Facebook page – Sam Giammo at [samgiammo@afpaaa.org](mailto:samgiammo@afpaaa.org)

# From The Chairman Of The Board



## ***AFPAAA Needs You To Take Over Key Committee Chairs***

*We are in a state of transition. Many of our lifetime founding members who have held key AFPAAA leadership positions for the past 25 years have either stepped aside or are preparing to do.*

*John Terino and John Gura have managed three of our most important committees – communications, website, and oral history – for almost the entire period of AFPAAA’s existence. Both of them are in their late 70’s and ready to step down as they train their successors.*

*Their positions are vital to AFPAAA’s operations and continued success. New, younger people must step up and take over these important duties for the next three years longer. Both Johns will train and mentor their replacements. While these duties do not require a great deal of time, they do require a good deal of attention. Here’s a description of the responsibilities.*

***Communications Chair*** – Includes serving as editor of our quarterly newsletter, News & Notes. The actual writing and layout of each issue, depending on the content, takes about two weeks of effort plus time between issues to gather items for the next newsletter. Familiarity with desktop publishing and photo editing for producing the printed newsletter is required. The editor is also responsible for arranging the printing, addressing, and mailing of the newsletter, and providing it in .pdf form for AFPAAA’s website.

*The Communications Chair also creates and places Annual Membership Meeting notices in appropriate military publications and websites, as well as handling queries generated by the notices.*

*Because of the recurring nature of AFPAAA activities and the planning cycle for the newsletter, the Communications Chair keeps AFPAAA’s officers informed prior to actions that need to be taken. Contact John Terino at [johnterino@afpaaa.org](mailto:johnterino@afpaaa.org) for more information about this committee.*

***Website Chair*** – Requires knowledge of designing and operating a website. Parts of the website – Annual Membership Meeting, Directory, Links, Oral History Program, Election Ballots, etc. – require frequent updating. The Chair administers the contract and works with the company providing technical support. Contact John Gura at [johngura@afpaaa.org](mailto:johngura@afpaaa.org) for more information.

***Oral History Chair*** – Maintains and adds to AFPAAA’s Oral History Collection of first-person accounts of the lives and key events of Air Force Public Affairs pioneers to provide a record for use by Air Force Public Affairs professionals, students, authors, journalists and others interested in the history of our profession.

*Using USAF Oral History Program and National Oral History Association standards, the chair, personally or through other AFPAAA members, records, and transcribes interviews with select Air Force Public Affairs professionals who were involved in significant events. As new histories are added to collection, they are placed with SAF/PA, Air University’s Oral History Program, DINFOS, and the Air Force Academy Library, as well as being available to association members. For more information about the Oral History Program go to [www.afpaaa.org](http://www.afpaaa.org) or contact John Gura at [johngura@afpaaa.org](mailto:johngura@afpaaa.org)*

*If you or anyone you know might be interested in serving as one of these committee chairs, please let John Terino or John Gura know. Thanks.*

*– Art Forster*

# Lord Guard & Guide

## Jack E. Bailey

Jack Bailey, who had a 24 year career in the Air Force, died September 23 from cancer in Hampton, Virginia. He was 78.

He was born in Mt. Joy, Pennsylvania and joined the Air Force in 1961. He served in administration but mostly in Public Affairs. During his career he had three tours in Germany, and assignments in France, Vietnam, California, Arizona, and Virginia. He retired as a Senior Master Sergeant in 1986.

Jack's post Air Force career included working for Monogram Retailer Credit Services and GE Capital.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Doris; children Melanie Thomason, Shawn Bailey, and Kevin Bailey, and six grandchildren.

Jack was interred with full military honors at Albert G. Horton Jr. Memorial Veteran's Cemetery, Suffolk, VA.



Jack Bailey was the consummate Public Affairs practitioner. I had the pleasure of working with him at HQ USAFE/PA in the late '70s. Thorough, hardworking, collaborative and imaginative, Jack was always a pleasure to work with. He also had a great sense of humor, which further cemented his role as an invaluable member of the public affairs team. He will be missed by me and by many others in our community.

– Valerie (Elbow) Johnston

## Dave Y. Burkett III

Dave Burkett, who had a 30-year active duty and Air Force Reserve career, died after a long illness on November 4. He was 84.

He was born in Vandergrift, Pennsylvania, and earned bachelor's and master's degrees in Journalism from Northwestern University.

After completing his active duty commitment he remained in San Antonio and joined the faculty of Trinity University where he became a professor in the Journalism department.

Much of Dave's Air Force Service was as a Mobilization Augmentee at Air Training Command Headquarters. He retired as a colonel.

As his teaching career came to a close, Dave capitalized on his oratory skills and keen sense of humor to begin another career as a public speaker and sought-after motivational trainer. Dave is survived by his wife of 39 years, Lynell.

When I was working at ATC/PA, I was asked to put a program together for an ATC/PA conference. It was suggested I try to get Dave Burkett as the motivational speaker. I called Dave and he was willing. I told him I was preparing a program for the conference and asked if he had a name for his speech. He said, "I sure do, 'No Drums, No Bugles.'" When he started speaking he related that I wanted a title for his speech. So he said, "Today, I

will not be talking about drums or bugles." He got me. Great sense of humor.

– Doran Hopkins

## Lynn M. Ligon

Lynn Ligon, a career Public Affairs Officer in the Air Force and the Immigration and Naturalization Service died after a lengthy illness September 5, 2017, in Carrollton, Texas. He was 74.



A graduate of Texas Christian University, he retired from active duty as a major in 1988. In retirement he was a public affairs director for the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Lynn then became a partner in the security consulting firm of Ligon, Fry, Booth, Donoho and Associates, LLP, Dallas, Texas.

He was interred at Greenwood Memorial Park, Fort Worth, Texas.

Lynn was one of the finest Public Affairs Officers I ever served with – bright, positive and committed. He took me under his wing in Saigon and was a great influence on my career. Lynn was a take-charge guy who could take on any challenge and succeed. He touched many lives and will be missed by many. Goodbye and God bless, old friend.

– Art Forster

## Harold L. 'Bud' Rothgeb

Bud Rothgeb, a Life Member of AFPAAA, who was an Air Force Public Affairs Officer for more than 25 years, passed away after a long battle with Parkinson's disease on September 22. He was 76.

He was born in Seattle, Washington, and was a graduate of Washington State University with a bachelor's degree in political science and a commission through Air Force ROTC. In addition, he earned a master's degree in communications from the University of Northern Colorado.

Bud's assignments included Political Warfare Advisor to the Vietnamese Air Force Logistics Command, English instructor at the Air Force Academy Prep School and in the Academy Public Affairs office. In SAF/PA he headed the Public Inquiries and Speakers branches, was the first head of the National Affairs Division, and was Public Affairs Special Assistant to Air Force Vice-Chief of Staff.

His last assignment was at Wright-Patterson AFB. He initially served as the Director of Public Affairs for Air Force Logistics Command. When Logistics and Air Force Systems Commands were combined to form Air Force Materiel Command (AFMC) Bud became its first Director of Public Affairs. He retired in 1993 as a colonel.

His post-Air Force career was as Director of Communications and College Relations of Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kansas, a post he took in 1993 and held until retiring in 2004.

With his wife, Cheryl, he was active in college and community activities in Lindsborg. His civic service involved many causes, including serving on the board of directors of the chamber of commerce and with the Lindsborg Kiwanis Club where he earned the "Kiwanian of the Year" for 2008-09.

Bud is survived by his wife of 46 years, Cheryl; sons Jeff and Matthew; daughter Lissa, and three grandchildren. He will be inurned at Arlington National Cemetery.

Bud was one of our ALL-STARS in public affairs. I was told he would never get promoted but I saw latent talent and selected Bud to be the “watcher” for the AF Vice Chief of Staff. He showed the wonderful professionalism we all expect from the public affairs community. Bud was a joy to have as a wingman. Miss Ann and I will carry our memories with us to glory.

– Dick Abel

Our Public Affairs family lost a true friend and professional with the passing of Bud Rothgeb. Bud was one of a kind – bright, compassionate and fun. He cared for people and they returned his friendship with love, respect and admiration. When we served together in SAF/PA, Bud was our cheerleader and court jester – he always had a smile and good word for everyone. He lived a good life and will be missed by many. Rest in peace, friend.

– Art Forster

Bud Rothgeb was a treasure and his friendship, professionalism, his wit - and oh what a wit it was - were unique to all who knew him. I cannot recall a time when I did not smile when Bud was around. His infectious grin preceded anything he said and it always lifted our fun loving spirits like no other. He was my friend, my co-sponsor of fun, my racquetball partner and made many, many days in the Pentagon very worthwhile. There was never a better MC for events, parties, promotions and any type of celebration scheduled. He consistently led the group through very enjoyable and laughter filled occasions with original, sharp, appropriate humor and always very memorable. Bless you Bud Rothgeb. We miss you but will never forget you.

– Mike McRaney

Bud was an outsized positive influence on a whole generation of young captains and majors, and, I’m sure, others, encouraging critical, independent and creative thinking without sacrificing excellence, collegiality or good humor. When I think of officers who, at the formative age when such decisions are made, convinced me the Air Force, and Public Affairs in particular, was a team worth dedicating my life to, Bud Rothgeb was a giant.

– Jay DeFrank

In 1988 at SAF/PA I was tasked to write the strategic communications plan when the Base Realignment and Closure Commission in BRAC 1 directed that Chanute, George, Mather, Norton and Pease AFBs be closed.

With contributions from a couple of others in the division, I worked the plan for about two weeks and gave it to Colonel Rothgeb. The next day he called me into his office, said it was pretty good but too long, “Cut it down some. No one will read this much.”

For two days, I sliced, diced, and combined – making it quite a bit shorter.

“It’s still too long,” Bud said. Once more I cut the draft and sat as Bud reviewed it. His conclusion “Good, but still a bit too long.”

I was exasperated and shot back at him that “There was no way for the plan to be cut anymore and still be effective.”

Bud replied, and I remember his exact words, “Bullshit, Captain. Volumes of advice books have been written about the stock market and I can boil them down to four words – buy low, sell high!” I went back to my desk and cut more out of the plan. Bud approved it the next day.

He was a great communicator, and I learned much from him during the two years I worked for him in the Pentagon.

– Sam Grizzle

I first met Bud when I was in the Speakers Branch of SAF/PA’s Community Relations Division in the Pentagon in 1981. Who knew that he would end up being my Best Man when I married Liz in 1983?

Every day was filled with excitement and laughter while we had to pay attention to detail and total professionalism to make sure our senior leaders, including the Secretary of the Air Force and the Chief of Staff, spoke at appropriate events and were properly taken care of.

Bud’s incredible sense of humor and outlandish ability to roast someone while simultaneously letting them know how much he cared, were some of his many strong points.

At our wedding he showed up in a van with the other ushers. When they jumped out they were dressed in various outfits – cowboy, infantrymen, surfers, etc. That didn’t help my considerable nervousness and anxiety, but I was soon overcome with laughter and accompanying tears. Everyone in the parking lot, including our priest, were still laughing at they entered the church.

Every day with Bud was one of life’s great adventures. He was my mentor and

hero. Bud will never be forgotten. I know that the entire Air Force Public Affairs Community mourns Bud’s passing.

He was one of those rare Public Affairs “stars” whose light will continue to shine in our hearts. I know God is asking him right now to MC his next event.

– Sam Martin

## Lauren R. Sobkoviak

Lauren Sobkoviak, who spent the majority of his Air Force career in Public Affairs, died of complications from esophageal cancer in Redmond, Oregon, August 25. He was 67.

He entered the Air Force after graduating from Reavis High School, Burbank, Illinois in 1969. Initially assigned to POL (Petroleum-Oils-Lubricants), when he reenlisted Lauren moved to Information and by 1975 he was editor of the Lackland AFB Talespinner.

Lauren, who retired as a technical sergeant, received numerous awards for his writing, editing, and photography. The most significant assignment of his career was at Clark Air Base, Philippines. Lauren was there for and reported on the 1991 eruption of the Mt. Pinatubo volcano, which led to Clark being closed. He was one of the last Air Force personnel to evacuate the base.

He pursued a retirement career as a free-lance writer and nature photographer in Redmond.

Lauren is survived by his mother, Lois Reese; sisters Kathy, Roseann and Chris; and brothers Ron and Mark. He was buried with full military honors at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, Illinois.





# *AFPAAA 26th Annual Membership Meeting*

**Thursday, April 25**

- 1200-1900**      **Registration Open, North Charleston Marriott Lobby**
- 1400**            **Board of Directors Meeting, Open to All Members, Explorer Boardroom**
- 1700**            **Welcome Reception, Compass Rooms A & B**
- 1900**            **Evening Free – No Activities Planned**

**Friday, April 26**

- 0630**            **Breakfast, North Charleston Marriott, Reflections Room**
- 0730**            **Board Buses**
- 0815**            **Boeing 787 Dreamliner Final Assembly, Boeing South Carolina**
- 0930**            **Board Buses to Joint Base Charleston**
- 1000**            **Tour 1st Combat Camera Squadron**
- 1100**            **Tour 437th/315th Airlift Wings and C-17 Operations**
- 1200**            **Board Buses to Patriots Point Naval and Maritime Museum**
- 1230**            **President’s Luncheon aboard the USS Yorktown**
- 1330**            **Tour USS Yorktown and Medal of Honor Museum**
- 1430**            **Board Buses to The Citadel**
- 1500**            **Briefing and Tour of The Citadel**
- 1600**            **Board Buses to North Charleston Marriott**
- 1700**            **Evening Free – No Activities Planned**

**Saturday, April 27**

- 0730**            **Breakfast, North Charleston Marriott, Reflections Room**
- 0745**            **Door Prizes**
- 0800-1200**      **Re-Bluing Briefings, Compass Rooms E & F**
- 1215**            **Director’s Luncheon, Brig. Gen. Edward W. Thomas, Jr., Reflections Room**
- 1400**            **Annual Membership Meeting, Compass Rooms E & F**
- 1800**            **Annual Meeting Reception & Silent Auction, Outdoor Courtyard**
- 1900**            **Annual Meeting Banquet and Awards Presentations, Reflections Room**

**– All Events & Times Subject To Change –**

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# Registration Form



26th Annual Membership Meeting  
Charleston, South Carolina  
April 25-27, 2019

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-Reg19.html>**

### Full Registration

**Includes all events, except golf, on Thursday.**

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, April 26, tour \_\_\_\_\_

Members Attending \_\_\_ x \$200 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Guests Attending \_\_\_ x \$200 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Non Members \_\_\_ x \$300 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Individual Event Registration

**Icebreaker Reception - North Charleston Marriott,  
Thursday, April 25, 5-7 p.m.**

Members Attending \_\_\_ x \$20 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Guests Attending \_\_\_ x \$20 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Non Members \_\_\_ x \$25 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Breakfast - North Charleston Marriott, Friday, April 26.**

Members Attending \_\_\_ x \$30 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Guests Attending \_\_\_ x \$30 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Non Members \_\_\_ x \$35 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**President's Luncheon - Friday, April 26.**

*(Includes bus transportation from North Charleston Marriott  
for Friday tour)*

Members Attending \_\_\_ x \$75 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Guests Attending \_\_\_ x \$75 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Non Members \_\_\_ x \$85 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**President's Luncheon Only – Friday, April 26.**

Members Attending \_\_\_ x \$55 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Guests Attending \_\_\_ x \$55 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Non Members \_\_\_ x \$65 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Breakfast - North Charleston Marriott, Saturday, April 27.**

Members Attending \_\_\_ x \$30 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Guests Attending \_\_\_ x \$30 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Non Members \_\_\_ x \$35 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**SAF/PA Director's Luncheon, North Charleston Marriott,  
Saturday, April 27.**

Members Attending \_\_\_ x \$55 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Guests Attending \_\_\_ x \$55 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Non Members \_\_\_ x \$65 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**AFPAAA Annual Reception and Banquet, North Charleston Marriott,  
Saturday, April 27, 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**

**Total Remitted \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Mail form and check/money order to:**

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

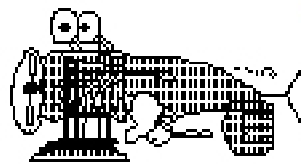
**Meeting Registrations  
Are Due NLT Midnight  
April 10, 2019  
Registrations Received  
After That Time Will Be  
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