

If You're Going To Be With Us In Charleston . . .



— *It's Time*
— *To Get*
— *Movin'*

The program is set for going to Boeing's Dreamliner plant, the aircraft carrier Yorktown and its Medal of Honor Museum are expecting us, as are Combat

Camera, the C-17 airlifters, and the folks at the Citadel. The full line-up of speakers is set for Saturday

morning along with our door-prizes. Our headquarters, the North Charleston Marriott, will have plenty of libations and munchies for our opening reception, Thursday, April 25, as well great breakfasts on Friday and Saturday. And, all the prep for our super reception, banquet, and awards presentation Saturday evening is done.

So, what's missing?

YOU

If you have been putting off registering for AFPAAA's 26th Annual Membership Meeting, making your hotel reservations, or deciding on your travel mode – now is the time to do all those things, here is why.

There are a limited number of rooms at AFPAAA's special rate - \$154 + tax per night, valid April 22-30 - at the North Charleston Marriott. That rate expires April 10 or if the rooms are taken before then. How to make your hotel reservations is on the registration form on page 11 as well as our website: <http://www.afpaaa.org> (just click the Next Meeting button on the left). Take a look at the regular hotel rates if

you miss this offer and you won't want to delay.

Registering for our meeting now is important too. While the form on page 11 and our website allows individual event registration, the \$200 per member/guest and the \$300 per non member packages are a real bargain – they provide two receptions, two breakfasts, two lunches, and the banquet. Registrations received after April 10 are subject to a \$25 per person late charge.

Take a look at the full program on page 10, Joining us in Charleston is a chance to get together with old friends, make new acquaintances from the Public Affairs family, and have a great time. Act now.



Senator Seats Bouchard At State Of The Union



Getting a seat for the President's State of the Union address is "a tough ticket", but AFPAAA Board member Bryan Bouchard was there. A resident of Scottsdale, Arizona, he heard the President's address as a guest of Arizona Senator Krysten Sinema.

Bryan is the Media Relations Director for the Judicial Branch of the Arizona court system in Maricopa county. He is a member of the senator's Veterans Advisory Council.

Carla Sylvester Appointed To AFPAAA Board As Dick Abel Steps Down

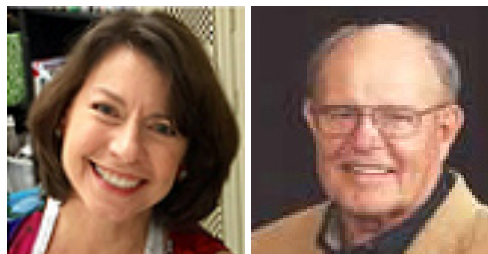
A change in AFPAAA's leadership occurred on April 1 when Life Member Carla Sylvester was named by the Board of Directors to replace Dick Abel who decided to resign his seat.

"After more than a decade, it's time for someone else to take my place," Abel, who has been on the board since 2006, said in communicating his decision.

Board Chairman Art Forster expressed the members' appreciation for Dick's dedication and contributions, "Your commitment to excellence and visionary leadership have been instrumental in the growth and success of AFPAAA."

Sylvester will complete Abel's term which has a year-and-a-quarter remaining before ending July 1, 2020.

Carla had more than 20 years in



Public Affairs before retiring in 2004 as a lieutenant colonel. Her assignments included special assistant to the Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces Inaugural Committee, Education With Industry at Hill and Knowlton, and AF Recruiting Service Chief of Marketing.

She has mass communications degrees, a BA (cum laude) and an MS, from Tulane University and Boston University.

In retirement, Carla worked for Martha Stewart Crafts and the Central Park Conservancy in New York City.

She is married to Life Member Jim McGuire and lives in Florida.



**Come Early For
AFPAAA's
Charleston
Golf Outing!**

Details On Page Two



Air Force Association's Public Affairs Outstanding Airmen Of The Year Plaque Added To SAF/PA Conference Room

The most prestigious honor for a member of the Air Force's enlisted community is to be selected one of the Air Force Association's Outstanding Airmen of the Year. Since it was established in 1956, literally millions have served in the enlisted ranks. Only a small number from all the career fields – 12 annually – are named as Outstanding Airmen of the Year for their superior leadership, job performance, community involvement, and personal achievements in the preceding year. Just six Public Affairs enlisted Airmen have ever been Outstanding Airmen of the Year, which is not surprising with the Air Force's focus on flight operations, maintenance, and other functions supporting combat readiness.



"When you think about it," Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association Board Chairman Art Forster said, "these six individuals deserve to be recognized in a special way. Hopefully, we'll have more like them in the future." AFPAAA's board agreed.

Art proposed to SAF/PA Director Brigadier General Ed Thomas that AFPAAA fund a plaque with their names for the Pentagon's Public Affairs Conference Room. General

Thomas agreed and the project was coordinated with the Air Force Association.

On March 4, former AFPAAA board member Dave Shea presented the Air Force Association Outstanding Airman of The Year Public Affairs Enlisted Personnel plaque to General Thomas. The plaque, with space for future selectees, honors:

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| SMSgt Merritt M. Green
<i>Chief, Instructional Graphics
AF Academy, CO (1962)</i> | SrA Gary J. Turner
<i>Public Affairs Specialist
Fairchild AFB, WA (1982)</i> |
| MSgt William A. Stokes
<i>Drum Major-Supervisor AF
Academy Band, CO (1968)</i> | SSgt Richard W. Rose, Jr.
<i>Aerial Combat Photographer
Charleston AFB, SC (2007)</i> |
| Sgt Donald E. Ryan, Jr.
<i>Audiovisual Specialist
Laughlin AFB, TX (1975)</i> | MSgt Shawn J. Jones
<i>Public Affairs Specialist Joint
Base McGuire-Dix, NJ (2013)</i> |

The addition to the conference room joins the "Brigadier General James W. Hart, Jr., Best of the Best Award" plaque and the plaque recognizing AFPAAA's contributions that helped make the room a reality.

How About An Early Round On The Links To Start Off Charleston?

It'll be tee time at 0800 hrs if you opt-in for the AFPAAA Golf Outing, Thursday, April 25, at Joint Base Charleston's Wrenwoods course.

Play is open to all attending our AFPAAA 26th Annual Membership Meeting.

Contact Perry Nouis to reserve your slot or if you have questions. His email is: perry.nouis@gmail.com or phone (320) 493-7325.

The cost of playing is not included in the Annual Meeting registration fee.

Here are Wrenwoods' fees for the event:

Greens Fees	Walk	Ride
E1-E5	\$13	\$28
E6+ & DoD	\$23	\$33
Guests	\$25	\$35

Cart Rental

9 - Holes	\$ 9
18 - Holes	\$ 16
Non-Golf Rider	\$ 9
Push Cart	\$ 4

Club Rental

Standard	\$ 10
Premium	\$ 15



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From The President's Pen ———



It's election time for our AFPAAA board of directors. Please take a moment to vote, either by the mail-in ballot on page 5 or online at: <http://www.afpaaa.org/vote.html> The volunteers who serve on your association's board of directors put a lot of effort into keeping our organization on track with the goal of providing service and support to you, our current members while aiding as appropriate our future members – the hard-working Air Force public affairs, multimedia, band, and broadcast pros now on duty around the globe.

If you haven't already registered for this year's AFPAAA Annual Membership Meeting in Charleston, S.C., please check your calendar and see if you can join us. This is our first meeting in beautiful Charleston, and we have a great schedule of events. Check out the details on pages 8 & 9 or go online at: <http://www.AFPAAA.org/annualmeet.html>

If you've already registered, take a peek at the website to see who is coming. Then, reach out to your friends who haven't registered yet. Remind them that if they don't get their registration in by Wednesday, April 10, there is a \$25 late fee.

Our local Charleston committee – Nomi Russi, Wayne Corbett, John Dorrian and Bob Tobias – have worked hard to make this a memorable gathering for all of us. If you have any questions about Charleston, don't hesitate to contact me by e-mail at: tomdolney@afpaaa.org or by my cell phone: (605) 651-2711.

See you in Charleston!

– Tom Dolney

Lord Guard & Guide

Jon S. L. Allen

Jon Sidney Lewis Allen, a Lifetime Founder of AFPAAA, who had a long career both on active duty and in the Air Force Reserve, died May 6, 2016, in Dallas, Texas. He was 85.

Jon was a native of New York City and for many years he was Director of Public Relations at CalTex Petroleum's headquarters there. He moved to Dallas when CalTex moved there in the 1970s.

His Air Force service spanned the Korean and Vietnam wars and continued until he retired as a colonel in 1984. Among his assignments were commander of the New York Air Force Reserve Public Affairs unit, mobilization augmentee to the Air Force Electronic Security Command Director of Public Affairs, and a similar position to the SAF/PA Chief of Community Relations.

Polished. Articulate. Erudite. Creative. Analytical. So many ways to remember Jon Allen, a truly classy gentleman and consummate professional with a rich sense of humor, an engaging personality, and impressive poise.

During a stint as my mobilization augmentee at Electronic Security Command I asked Jon to apply his expertise to reinvigorate the command's communications security campaign. We needed to make Air Force personnel aware that their efforts to "talk around" classified information were failing miserably.

His proposal was brilliant – contract with the creator of the cartoon "Spy vs. Spy" running in Mad Magazine and couch our messages in that format, then distribute it through Airman Magazine and Air Force News Service so it could appear in major command magazines, every base newspaper, and other outlets.

Sorry to say it never got off of the launch pad. The intelligence community was very close hold, recoiled at the word "spy" and aggressively spurned an association with the likes of Mad Magazine. They even recoiled at being connected with the word "Spy." Pity. Too bad, it could have been a break-through campaign from the pretty mundane, ineffective messages being used.

Later, when I was VP for Marketing at an Aetna subsidiary, I contracted with Jon several times to help solve strategic and organizational issues, which he did very effectively.

Jon thought outside the box, adapted the message to the demographic, and put a premium on using communications tools to make desired behavior changes. He was a trusted comrade and great personal friend.

Thanks, ol' comrade. It was a pleasure and an inspiration to work with you.

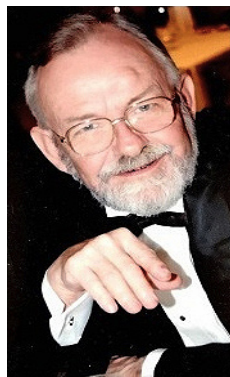
– Ral Aars

Robert P. Glymph

Bob Glymph, a Life Member of AFPAAA, passed away in his Columbia, South Carolina home on November 21. He was 78.

He was born and raised in Pomaria, South Carolina, attended Pomaria High School and graduated from the University of South Carolina in 1962 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism and a commission in from AFROTC.

Bob began his 20-year Air Force Public Affairs career that year



with Armed Forces Radio and Television Service, at Wheelus AB, Libya. Among his subsequent assignments were Perrin AFB, Texas; Nakhon Phanom RTAFB, Thailand, during the Vietnam War; and Military Airlift Command Headquarters, Scott AFB, Illinois.

He was Chairman of the Radio and Television Department at the Defense Information School. Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana. Bob's last assignment was Chief of Public Affairs at Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota. He retired as a major in 1982.

In retirement he moved into the classroom in South Dakota, teaching Mass Communications at Black Hills State University and Oglala Lakota College, a tribal community college serving the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

Bob is survived by his sister, Virginia "Ginny" Crouch; sons Eric and Christopher; daughter Deborah; adopted children Laura Leah Glymph-Burns and Rebekkah.

Remembrances in Bob's name may be made to: Pomaria Lutheran Church, 210 Folk Street, Pomaria, SC 29126; Town Theatre, 1012 Sumter Street, Columbia, SC 29201, or American Red Cross Central SC Chapter, 2751 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.

He was a good man. When Bob and I were together in the journalism school and the AFROTC program at the University of South Carolina he was always so well dressed. In fact one of things I remember most about Bob was that he was one of the very few students who always wore a coat and tie to class every day. Classy. When I was 15AF/PA, Bob was 44SMW PA at Elsworth AFB, and he was the solid old pro that we could always count on. Classy. RIP, Bob.

– Wayne Corbett

Brian T. Sheehan

Brian Sheehan, a Lifetime Founder of AFPAAA, after battling cancer, passed away in his Naples, Florida, home on January 8. He was 84.

Brian was born in Hawaii where his father was a Navy submariner. He grew up in San Diego, California, and graduated from Grossmont High School, earning a four-year scholarship to the University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida. He majored in journalism, edited the University's newspaper and monthly "Tempo" magazine, and earned a bachelor's degree and an Air Force commission through ROTC. He received master's degrees from American University, 1966, and Troy State University, 1972.

During his 20 years in Air Force Public Affairs he had a variety of assignments that included Kadena AB, Okinawa; the staff of Airman Magazine; Deputy Director of Public Affairs for 7th/13th Air Force at Udorn RTAFB, Thailand, and head of Internal Information for Pacific Air Forces, Hickam AFB, Hawaii. His last assignment was with the Department of Defense as the Deputy Chief of the American Forces Press Service. Brian retired in 1979 as a lieutenant colonel.

In his 40-year post-Air Force career Brian was a highly successful executive, writer, businessman, lobbyist, and consultant, often in partnership with his wife Donna. He was Public Affairs Director of the National Association of Counties (NACO) – to page 7

Correction

We regret that in the January 2019 *News & Notes* in his Remembrance/Tribute the last name of retired Technical Sergeant Lauren R. Sobkoviak was misspelled, this is the correct spelling. We apologize to his family and friends.

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, 2019 and end June 30, 2021. 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 Friday, April 12, 2019. 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>



Jay DeFrank's 30 year Air Force career began as an enlisted weather technician before Public Affairs. In 27 years in Public Affairs his assignments included SAF/PA director of media relations during the Kosovo air war; USAFE PA director, where he managed communications for the OEF humanitarian airlift; DoD director of press operations in the Iraq War, where he was a key architect of the media embed program, and SAF/PA deputy director. He retired as a colonel in 2005 to become the Space Foundations Washington operations Vice President. He became United Technologies Corporation director of corporate public relations in 2006 and VP Communications and Government Relations for UTC's Pratt & Whitney company in 2007. He retired from P&W in 2016. Jay has a bachelors degree in journalism from Southern CT State U, a master's degree in communication from USC, and a Ph.D. in communications from the University of Colorado.



Tom Dolney is the current President of AFPAAA. He served 21 years as an Air Force public affairs officer in MAC (later AMC), AFROTC, USAFE and US STRATCOM. He played a key public affairs role supporting C-17 development and initial operations at Charleston AFB. Tom deployed to Central America, the Balkans, and Africa in support of joint task force humanitarian relief operations. He holds a master's degree in teaching (specializing in mathematics) and after retiring in 2003 he taught math at South Dakota State University. He returned to the PR world in 2008 and served for two+ years as director of military communications at Bell Helicopter in Fort Worth, Texas. He resides with his wife in Rapid City, S.D.



Perry Nouis is AFPAAA's Secretary and chairs the Annual Membership Meeting Committee. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in January 2005. During his 22-year career, he served as the Director of Public Affairs at the U.S. Air Force Academy; as Chief, National Affairs at HQ NORAD/U.S. Space Command; and at HQ USAFE/PA and HQ Air Force Space Command. He was commander of American Forces Network-Iraq in 2003 and a DINFOS Public Affairs Instructor and chief of the school's broadcasting division. After retiring, Perry founded a state-licensed assisted living facility in his hometown of Little Falls, MN. Since December 2013, he has co-hosted the politically-oriented "Up Front" program on KLTF-AM radio (Little Falls). Perry and his wife Jean have four children and four grandchildren.



David Phillips was as an Air Force NCO in public affairs and broadcasting. He served on every continent, including Antarctica. He left the AF in 1968 to further his education, eventually earning a PhD in marketing communications. Dave taught journalism and was the News Bureau Chief at Northern Kentucky University. He was marketing director for the U. S. Sports Academy and worked for the Cincinnati Literacy Network for VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America). In 2003, Dave headed a contractor team at the Army's Training and Doctrine Command that wrote the No Soldier Left Behind document. He helped The Defense Information School to develop the first on-line Public Affairs course. Subsequently, Dave was a senior DINFOS instructor for 10 years in the Public Affairs Leadership Department. He has been an AFPAAA member since 2006.



Phil Ratliff is a past President and Chairman of the Board of AFPAAA and is currently Treasurer. His Air Force career began in 1969. He was in the administration career field for 10 years followed by a tour in Turkey as Aide-de-Camp to the Chief of Staff, CENTO. He began his PA career in 1979 and his assignments included Chief of Public Affairs, 63rd MAW, Norton AFB, California; Action Officer, Media Relations Branch, SAF/PA; Executive to the Director of Public Affairs, SAF/PA; and Director of Public Affairs, Air University. Phil retired in 1991. He then was the Regional Manager of Wisconsin Physicians Service CHAMPUS Select Program in Alabama and Mississippi and President and Chief Operating Officer of Henley Memorial Company. Phil is a Lifetime Founder Member of AFPAAA.



Greg Smith served more than 22 years in Public Affairs. His assignments included wing, numbered AF, MAJCOM, CINCPAC, and ended as SAF/PA Director of Public Affairs, Midwest Region. For 14 years he was Director Of Public Affairs and Marketing at Camden Clark Regional Medical Center in West Virginia. Greg is a VFW Lifetime Silver Legacy member, a NRA Lifetime Patriot, and has served on local and state civic and not-for-profit organizations' boards of directors. He owns and operates three businesses in West Virginia. He has a MBA from Central Michigan University, a MS in Integrated Marketing Communications from West Virginia University, and attended the state's select Leadership West Virginia program. He has numerous civilian and military decorations and awards, including the Airman's Medal. Greg is an AFPAAA Lifetime Member.

Ballot – AFPAAA Board of Directors Candidates – 2019

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.

Jay DeFrank **Tom Dolney** **Perry Nouis** **David Phillips** **Phil Ratliff** **Greg Smith**

Other _____

Print Your Name _____ Signature _____

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working with domestic policy teams of the Carter and Reagan administrations to successfully orchestrate the re-authorization of federal revenue sharing legislation. That was followed by Deputy Director of Congressional Relations for the Raytheon Company.

He was appointed Vice President of Washington Operations for BEI Defense Electronic Systems, a post he held almost two decades. At the same time he founded a number of publishing and legislative companies including Washington National News Reports, Washington Capitol News Reports, Washington Fire News Service, the Defense Document Service, and Americans for Fair Play, a 501(c)(3) corporation aimed at halting the illegal dumping of Japanese-made vehicles into the United States.



Brian published a number of internationally circulated periodicals including “Electronic Warfare Digest”, “C3I News”, “Fire Control Digest”, “EMS Digest”, “The Robotics Report”, “The Japan Report”, and “Energy Conversion Digest”.

He founded the lobbying firms “Washington Defense Marketing LLC” and “National Defense Marketing LLC” that represented defense and computer companies to the White House, State Department, House and Senate committees, and DARPA. Many of the firms were clients for more than 20 years.

In 2010, Brian was named Chairman of the Board of Lucid Dimensions, a Denver-based defense electronics firm, one of other firms he helped take public through his merger and acquisition practice.

Brian is survived by his wife of 58 years, Donna Olin Sheehan; three sons, David, Jeff, and Scott; nine grandchildren, and four great grandchildren. He was interred February 28 at Arlington National Cemetery.

Memorial donations in Brian’s name may be sent to the Wounded Warrior Project at <https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/donate> or Shriners Hospital for Children, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, at <https://www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org/philadelphia/ways-to-give>

A man who mentally made the speed of light look slow. Brian had a mind in perpetual motion . . . Ideas! Ideas! Ideas! Non-stop solutions to problems. And from the time, as a young lieutenant, when I first met him at headquarters PACAF until years later when we were both retired and saw each other at functions around Washington, he never changed. You just couldn’t keep up with him. His family’s loss is great, and so is the world’s. I doubt if I will ever meet another person with the unique talents and personality that Brian possessed. Pax vobiscum my friend.

– John Terino

David L. Thurston

Dave Thurston, a Life Member, who had a most unique and varied 41-year active duty Air Force career, died December 22 after a lengthy battle with blood cancers. He was 73.

He was born in Olean, New York, and enlisted in the Air Force in 1964. After basic and specialty training he was assigned to Loring AFB, Maine, followed by Khorat RTAFB, as an aircraft structural technician. Subsequent assignments were at Chanute AFB, Illinois; Langley AFB, Virginia; Kadena AB, Okinawa, and Mountain Home AFB, Idaho.

Dave returned to Chanute in 1976 as a master sergeant and superintendent of the Basic Airframe Repair course. He also

completed his bachelor’s degree at Eastern Illinois University and was commissioned in March 1980.

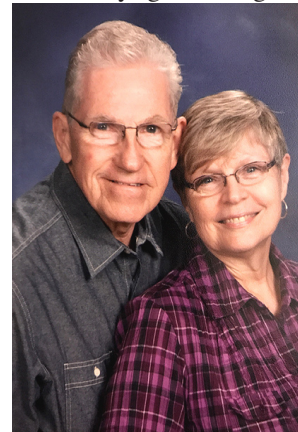
Assigned to the Titan II ICBM wing at Little Rock AFB, Arkansas, he was the first 2nd Lieutenant certified as an ICBM crew commander. His first taste of Public Affairs was there when a catastrophic missile silo explosion occurred and Dave became the spokesman for the wing commander.

He earned a master’s degree from Webster University and transitioned to Public Affairs at Strategic Air Command Headquarters. After duty at Patrick AFB, Florida, he moved to the Pentagon, serving first in SAF/PA and then the JCS. Dave received a master’s degree from National Defense University and became Director of Public Affairs, Tinker Air Logistics Center.

Dave’s final assignment was Director of Public Affairs, Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB, Ill. During it he was deployed to the Middle East as Director of Public Affairs, Air Operations Center, Qatar. He completed his more than 41 years of service in September 2005 as a colonel.

He then became a contractor, supporting development of a new Air Force financial system, until retiring in 2013.

Dave is survived by his wife of 51 years, Kathy; daughter, Kelley; granddaughters, Emily and Bekah; three brothers, John, Dale, and Larry; and two sisters, Linda and Debbie.



Dave may be remembered by memorial donations in his name to Operation Homefront at: <https://www.operationhomefront.org/donate>, Site-man Cancer Center at: <https://siteman.wustl.edu/contribute/giving/> or St. Jude Children’s Hospital at: https://www.stjude.org/donate/donate-to-st-jude.html?sc_icid=header-btn-donate-now

We have lost a true professional colleague and good friend.

Throughout his PA career, Dave clearly understood the importance of integrity and responsiveness in dealing with the public and the media, and his passion for the profession was reflected in his ability to convert difficult concepts from the operational world into meaningful explanations for the media and public.

Dave led by example. He was highly respected, not only by his co-workers and the media, but by the action officers and staff he interacted with. His other Air Force experiences - ICBM launch officer and AF technical school instructor - helped him perfect his hallmarks, a keen sense of attention to detail and a dynamic personality.

Dave’s commitment to his profession was remarkable, but it is his personal character that will be missed most by all who were privileged to work with and for him. Not afraid to laugh at himself, he taught us that a full life includes a giving spirit and an open heart. He freely offered his unfiltered advice and friendship to anyone that needed it and never expected anything in return. He was a ‘glass half-full’ person and a source of strength and inspiration for all of us that we will miss. Rest in peace.

– Mike Gannon.

Arlington Information

It is often difficult to find details about a burial at Arlington National Cemetery, even when it is known one is to take place, because the date or details have not been settled. To find that information once it is available and in the data base you can go to:

<https://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/Funerals/Funeral-Schedule/Search-by-Name?>



AFPAAA 26th Annual Membership Meeting

Thursday, April 25

0800-1300 **AFPAAA Golf Outing - Fees Separate From Annual Meeting**
 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**
 0800 **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 **President’s Luncheon at Joint Base Charleston**
 1300 **Board Buses to Patriots Point Naval and Maritime Museum**
 1330 **Tour USS Yorktown and Medal of Honor Museum**
 1500 **Board Buses to The Citadel**
 1530 **Briefing and Tour of The Citadel**
 1630 **Board Buses to North Charleston Marriott**
 1700 **Evening Free – No Activities Planned**

Saturday, April 27

0630 **Breakfast, North Charleston Marriott, Reflections Room**
 0745 **Door Prizes, Compass Rooms E & F**
 0800-1200 **Re-Bluing Briefings, Compass Rooms E & F**
 • **Brigadier General Dick Abel, *Operation Homecoming Revisited***
 • **Captain Kevin M. Byrne, USN, *Standing Up Joint Base Charleston***
 • **Chief Master Sergeant Tim Cook, *PA Enlisted Career Field Update***
 • **Stacy Pearsall, *The Vietnam Portrait Project***
 1215 **SAF/PA Director’s Luncheon, Brigadier General Edward W. Thomas, Jr.,**
 Reflections Room
 1400 **Annual Membership Meeting, Compass Rooms E & F**
 1800 **Annual Meeting Reception, Outdoor Courtyard**
 1900 **Annual Meeting Banquet and Awards Presentations, Reflections Room**

– All Events & Times Subject To Change –

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 = \$ _____

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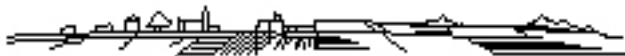


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The Challenge Of Small Drones . . . that can give inexpensive tactical offensive capabilities to impoverished nations, as well as how they can be used to put airpower in lower echelon units is explored in "Small Unmanned Aerial System and Tactical Air Control" in Air & Space Power Journal's spring issue at: www.airuniversity.af.edu/ASPJ At the other extreme among the articles is "Twenty-First Century Deterrence in the Space War-Fighting Domain" which tackles the need for a deterrent that goes beyond nuclear.