

# AFPAAA To Establish United States Air Force Public Affairs Hall Of Fame At DINFOS

The Defense Information School at Fort Meade, Maryland, will be the site of AFPAAA's proposed United States Air Force Public Affairs Hall of Fame (HOF).

Clem Gaines, who has been working with DINFOS, announced at the Annual Membership Meeting in Charleston that the school has agreed to put the HOF in a prominent place where it can be viewed by Air Force and other students, faculty members, and visitors.

Proposed designs, as well as construction and long-term maintenance cost estimates for the HOF are being solicited for

consideration by AFPAAA's board before the project moves forward. If everything goes smoothly, the initial pioneer Public Affairs inductees will be honored at DINFOS next year and subsequent inductees each year thereafter.

The U.S. Air Force Public Affairs Hall of Fame will provide prestigious recognition of those who made significant and lasting contributions to the history, and/or traditions of the Air Force's Public Affairs career field and its predecessors.

Each inductee or their family representative will receive a commemorative plaque with the inductees' likeness and a description

of their contributions to Air Force Public Affairs. They will also be featured on a special HOF page on our AFPAAA website.

Any enlisted, officer, or civilian who has served in the specialties encompassed by Air Force's Public Affairs – broadcasting, bands, multimedia, and public affairs – can be nominated by an AFPAAA member for induction.

Each year, a nomination form will be on our website for members to complete and forward to the HOF Committee headed by former Board Chairman Art Forster for screening. Final selection of those to be members of the HOF will be by the entire AFPAAA Board.



## Wright-Patt In 2020!

Mark your calendars for April 30-May 2 next year when we'll be in the Dayton, Ohio area for our 27th Annual Membership Meeting. We're still working on our headquarters hotel, and visiting Wright-Patterson AFB is on the agenda. Details in our next issue.

## Help! Correct Wrong Numbers & Email Addresses In Directory

Membership chair Christine Queen reports a growing number of our members say that when they use AFPAAA's Directory the listings have wrong or not working phone numbers, incorrect emails, or bad addresses that make letters undeliverable.

That means it's time for all of us AFPAAAers to do a self-check of our AFPAAA Directory listings in both the online and printed versions to make sure the information is current and correct.

When changing a telephone number, getting a new email address, or moving to a new residence it's easy to overlook letting all our contacts know of a change. Our directories are only as good as the information we provide.

If you have trouble updating via our website Directory page at [afpaaa.org](http://afpaaa.org) you can email corrections to Christine at: [cjqueen@comcast.net](mailto:cjqueen@comcast.net)

And, if you haven't received a notice or phone call but think it is time to renew, contact Christine to determine your status.

Be sure to provide your current email and/or telephone number so our membership data base is up to date. However, if you do not want either of those published in the online or printed directories, just let us know and they will be left out.

## Judy Bivens Gets McRaney Award

Life Member Judy Bivens was presented AFPAAA's Brigadier General Mike McRaney Distinguished Service Award by Board Chairman Art Forster on April 27th at the 26th Annual Membership Meeting banquet.

Judy's years of leadership and service to AFPAAA earned her the highest award a member can receive.

She was elected to the Board of Directors in 2012 and became secretary in 2014. After serving as vice president and president the following two years, she was board chairman for 2017-2018.

Judy spearheaded the 20/20 Initiative which is developing a road map for AFPAAA's continued success. She established committees focusing on finance, operations, membership, and our annual meeting that are now reviewing each area to improve their current policies and procedures.

She is an active promoter of our Facebook page as a means to gain AFPAAA members from the Air Force Public Affairs career fields. Her frequent posts of news and information about AFPAAA increase understanding of and support for the Association.



## Tom Dolney Chairs Board; David Phillips And Greg Smith New Members

April's Board of Directors Election saw two new members, David Phillips and Greg Smith, along with four incumbents, Jay DeFrank, Tom Dolney, Perry Nouis, and Phil Ratliff, join the board this month. They will serve two-year terms expiring in 2021.

The terms of the other board members, Brett Ashworth, Bryan Bouchard, John Dorrian, John Gura, Doug Kennett, and Carla Sylvester, expire next year.

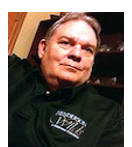
Following AFPAAA's leadership progression protocol, Tom Dolney replaces Art Forster as board chairman, and Jay DeFrank and Perry Nouis move up to president and vice president. Board member Brett Ashworth enters the progression by becoming secretary.



Dolney



Phillips



Smith

# 'Best Of The Best' MSgt. David Salanitri Selected Tops In Air Force Public Affairs

Overachiever extraordinaire describes Master Sergeant David Salanitri who received AFPAAA's Brigadier General James W. Hart, Jr. Best of the Best Award as the Air Force's top Public Affairs practitioner in 2018. He earned the honor as Air Force Space Command's NCOIC in charge of command information.

Among Sergeant Salanitri's accomplishments are being the lead architect of the AFSPC commander's presentation to Congress that resulted in a \$1.5 billion budget increase. He authored a photo training plan for three wings and taught 27 upgrade items to 19 Public Affairs airmen saving \$42 thousand in TDY costs.

He is the Assistant Senior Enlisted Advisor for AFSPC and its chief multimedia producer. The sergeant crafted the mission video which is the commander's key briefing tool for new wing commanders



and Congressional visitors. He mentored eight airmen from four major commands – one won a DoD award, two were given 'promote now' recommendations, and two were professional military education Distinguished Graduates.

Sergeant Salanitri has stood out since he enlisted in 2007. He was Air Education and Training Command Public Affairs Airman of the Year in 2008,

Air Force Special Operations Command Print Journalist of the Year in 2011 and Photographer of the Year in 2012, and a Noncommissioned Officer Academy Distinguished Graduate in 2016.

In 2017 he completed his Bachelor of Science degree and was Space Command NCO of the Year. He attended the Syracuse University Military Photojournalism Course in 2016 and was Air Force Public Affairs NCO of the Year in 2017 and Senior NCO of the Year in 2018.

SAF/PA selects the recipient of AFPAAA's Best of the Best Award which recognizes the top officer, civilian, or enlisted person in Air Force Public Affairs for professional excellence and significant contributions to the effectiveness of the Air Force mission. Funding for the award is provided by Lockheed Martin. In addition to the trophy, a \$1,000 check and a Life membership in AFPAAA are presented.

## President's Awards Go To Business Leader, AF Vet On A Mission

Mark Bell, a businessman who advocates for Joint Base Charleston, and Stacy Pearsall, a combat disabled retired Air Force veteran on a unique mission, received AFPAAA President's Awards April 26.

Bell owns Atlantic Heating and Air and is on the board of directors of the Palmetto Military Support Group which is people and companies who want to say thanks in tangible ways to those in uniform, veterans, and their families.

Mark works closely with Joint Base Charleston's community engagement team and is Honorary Commander of the 437th Aerial Port Squadron. His activities, including social and fund raising events, have enhanced community relations for the base and its Air Force units.

Stacy served three tours in Iraq as a combat photographer and was awarded the Bronze Star and the Air Force Commendation Medal



with combat 'V'. She began the Veterans Portrait Project in 2008 as part of her rehabilitation from wounds received in combat.

Medically retired, her new life mission is honoring military veterans and their service by sharing their unique stories with her photographs. Each vet receives a high-resolution portrait they can share with family and friends. Their portraits and stories are included in exhibitions, video productions, and shared on social media,

ensuring their contributions to American military history are never lost". She has taken more than 7,500 portraits.

The President's Award is a plaque with a small, red piece of the Cape Canaveral gantry used for the January 31, 1958 launch of Explorer One, America's first satellite, it is presented to those who have significantly impacted Air Force Public Affairs.

## 22 CENTURIONS BOOST ENDOWMENT FUND BY \$2,200

AFPAAA's Endowment Fund gained \$2,200 dollars as 21 members listed below made \$100 Centurion donations since the 2018 meeting.



Donors present at the Annual Membership Meeting participate in

a drawing for a free hotel room. Carla Sylvester won this year's drawing.

Established in 1997 to provide for future AFPAAA operations, the Fund's initial goal was \$300,000. Since 2003 Centurions have added over \$40,000 to the fund, which, coupled with investment growth, is now at more than \$400,000.

AFPAAA members can donate to the

Endowment Fund at any time in a variety of ways – money, stocks, real estate, collectibles, or other valuables. Donations are tax deductible, reducing a member's tax liability while helping provide for AFPAAA's future. Contact treasurer Phil Ratliff on how to make donations at [www.philratliff@afpaaa.org](http://www.philratliff@afpaaa.org)

**JUDY BIVENS**  
**DON BLACK**  
**WAYNE CORBETT**  
**ART DEDERICK**  
**JERRY DALTON**  
**ART FORSTER**  
**CLEM GAINES**

**SAM GIAMMO**  
**STEVE HARDEN**  
**HANK HUFNAGEL**

**PAT MALONEY**  
**JIM MCGUIRE**  
**HERB MEYER**

**JIM RAGAN**  
**DAVE SMITH**  
**GREG SMITH**

**DONNA STRATFORD**  
**CARLA SYLVESTER**  
**JOHN TERINO**

**MIKE TERRILL**  
**JANIS WITT**  
**ED WORLEY**

\* Winner of the free room drawing. Donors since the previous Annual Membership Meeting present at this year's meeting were eligible. The room prize was valued at \$412.

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# From The President's Pen ———



*Three years ago, McRaney Award recipient Judy Bivens formed a committee and launched the 2020 Initiative, a long term, comprehensive review of how AFPAAA operates and how we might best position our association for the future. It would address the areas of Finance; Operations, including our administrative structure, website and social media activities; Meetings; and Membership to determine what services and benefits can be provided to increase the value to you of your membership in AFPAAA.*

*Progress is being made in all four areas. In Membership, building on Connie Custer's preliminary work, an important step was taken by the completion of the recent membership survey. Almost fifty percent of you took part – a phenomenal response. You provided excellent and very helpful insights into what we are doing right and what we may be able to do to improve and do better.*

*Prepared by Life Member and expert public opinion researcher Dr. Steve Everett, the survey assessed how you view AFPAAA and what you want from our association.*

*The survey clearly showed that you value our newsletter, website, membership directory, and annual meeting. Those responses underscore the importance of those services and the urgent need, which is a top priority this year, to ensure replacements for the volunteers who currently fill those positions. Let us know if you are interested, or you can think of someone who has the interest and skills for any of these tasks.*

*Data on what attracts an individual to join AFPAAA was also gathered. Among other things those responses showed many members see value in a closer relationship with the uniformed and civilian active duty, Reserve, and Guard Public Affairs communities. As a result, we are working with SAF/PA to determine how we can become more involved with and attract members of those communities to join AFPAAA.*

*Because AFPAAA is of, for, and by its members, your inputs on enhancing the value of our association to you and all our members are vitally important. This survey was a key step. Whether you took the survey or missed it, if you have any ideas on how we can make AFPAAA more valuable for our membership, please let me know at: [jaydefrank@afpaaa.org](mailto:jaydefrank@afpaaa.org)*

*We'll keep you posted on this and other areas of the 2020 Initiative.*

**– Jay DeFrank**

# Lord Guard & Guide

## Harry M. Childress

Harry Childress, who had a twenty-year career in Air Force Public Affairs, died in the company of his family at home in Apple Valley November 22. He was 80.

He was born in Lexington, Kentucky. He was a seaman in the Naval Reserve and an AFROTC cadet while attending the University of Kentucky which he graduated from in 1961 and received his commission as an officer.

Harry's Public Affairs career included assignments at Walker AFB, New Mexico; Goose Bay AB, Labrador, Canada; Offutt AFB, Nebraska; Anderson AFB, Guam; SAF/OI, and George AFB, California. He retired in 1981 as a major.

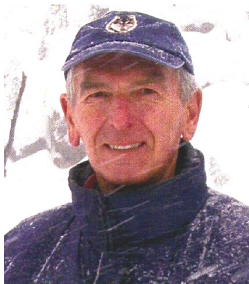
In his post-Air Force career, for 17 years he was Executive Director of the High Desert Center which provided a support and growth recovery environment for at-risk individuals and families to learn and maintain life management skills.

Harry is survived by his wife Carrie Patricia, whom he met and married at Goose AB; his son, Edward; daughter-in-law Rachel Ann Brumfield, and grandson Oliver Childress. Donations in his memory by be made to St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 15757 St. Timothy Rd., Apple Valley CA 92307 or Loma Linda University Medical Center, 11234 Anderson St, Loma Linda CA 92354.



## Eldon G. Francis

Eldon Francis, who concluded his Air Force career in Public Affairs, passed away March 20 at Madigan Army Medical Center, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, after a lengthy battle with Parkinson's Disease. He was 80.



Born in Hilt, California, he was a four-year letterman in three sports in high school in Medford, Oregon, setting the national javelin record in his senior year. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in education from Southern Oregon College and, while on active duty, a Master of Science degree in public administration from Auburn University, Alabama.

Eldon was commissioned in 1963. Among his assignments were as a C-130 navigator at Tuy Hoa AB, Vietnam; an exchange tour with the Royal Australian Air Force, a navigation instructor at the Air Force Academy, and as an operations office in Germany. He retired in 1987 as a lieutenant colonel.

In retirement he was a marketing director for the Middle East and Southwest Asia for Recon Optical, Barrington, Illinois, and as a paralegal at Connolly, Tacon and Meserve, Olympia, Washington.

Eldon is survived by his wife of 56 years, Linda; their daughter, Jennifer; son-in-law Ken Smith; his sister, Char-

lene Hanson, and sisters and brother-in-law Sherril Harsbarger, Janet Coats, and Dan Coats.

He loved hiking and backpacking in the outdoors and remembrances in his name may be sent to Wolf Haven International, 3111 Offutt Lake Rd., SE, Tenino, WA, 98589 or to Yellowstone Forever, P.O. Box 117, Yellowstone National Park, WY, 82190.

## Harry H. Gleeson

Harry Gleeson, whose multiple talents were an integral part of the United States Air Force Band for 20 years and who was the announcer for United States Figure Skating since 1998, died December 17 at Metro Health Medical Center, Cleveland, Ohio, from injuries from an unexpected fall the prior evening. He was 81.

He was born in Washington, D.C. and graduated from Western High School. Harry joined the Air Force in 1959 as a member of the Singing Sergeants. He soon proved to be more than a fine voice.

During his career he was in the band's chorus for nine years and was the announcer for the Band, the Air Force Orchestra, and the chorus for 18 years. He served as the master of ceremonies for numerous functions at the Pentagon, Bolling and Andrews Air Force Bases, and throughout official Washington. In addition, he was the Band's director of information for 16 years.

Harry wrote, produced and announced numerous radio programs. In 1961 the Christmas radio programs he wrote, produced, and announced were carried nationally by the ABC, CBS and NBC radio networks. He was instrumental in the arrangements for the Guest Artist Series of concerts that featured the likes of Walter Cronkite, Arthur Fiedler, and Shirley Temple Black.

Harry moved to the Pentagon in 1977 where he was the Director of Personnel Plans and Programs in SAF/OI's Bands Branch until his retirement in 1979 as a chief master sergeant.

He was a freelance announcer in the D.C. area for more than 15 years.

In 1990 he scripted and was master of ceremonies for the multi-media gala show to dedicate the Bob Hope Performing Arts Center in San Antonio, Texas.

In 1996 he wrote and produced a similar show for the 75th Anniversary of the U.S. Figure Skating Association in Colorado Springs, serving as co-host with Olympic Gold Medalist Scott Hamilton. Two years later he conceived, wrote, produced, and co-directed the Opening Celebration and Closing Shows for the U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Philadelphia, PA.

On active duty Harry was known as the "Voice of the Air Force," in retirement he was "The Voice of U.S. Figure Skating." He announced at every National Championships from 1992 through 2003, as well as 2005, and was the lead announcer for the World Figure Skating Championships in 1992, '98 and '03. He created the category of "USFSA Announcer" and wrote the USFSA Announcer Guidelines booklet.

In 2000 Harry was a founder and organizer of the United States Air Force Musicians Alumni Association. He was elected vice president in 2002 and was chosen president after it became the Air Force Musicians Association in 2004.



In retirement, Harry became the unofficial historian of the Air Force Band. In 2016 he was officially honored as “Historian Emeritus of The United States Air Force Band,” recognizing his herculean efforts in collecting, documenting and preserving the history of the premier band of the United States Air Force and its 1,700+ alumni from 1941 to 2016.

Harry’s research, along with that of another retired chief master sergeant from the band, Joe Tersero, resulted in their co-authorship of *The U.S. Air Force Band Diamond Anniversary Celebration History Book – 1941-2016*. Their book can be viewed and downloaded in three .pdf files at: <https://www.music.af.mil/Bands/The-United-States-Air-Force-Band/About-Us/The-United-States-Air-Force-Band-History/>

Harry is survived by his wife of 24 years, Elaine “Lainie” DeMore; son, Lloyd M. Gleeson; daughter, Vanessa Oetjens, and three grandchildren, Kaylie, Joseph, and Mae.

Memorial donations in Harry’s name can be made to the Cleveland Orchestra, 11001 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44106, or US Figure Skating Memorial Fund, 20 First St. Colorado Springs, CO 80906.

## Michael N. Greece

With his family around him, Mike Greece, who had a 21-year career in Air Force Public Affairs, died on May 24 from injuries sustained in a car accident two days earlier. He was 76.

Mike graduated from the Air Force Academy in 1964. Among his assignments were Ankara, Turkey, the AFIT master’s degree program at the University of Denver, the first F-16 SPO Information Officer, and the New York Office of Information. He retired as a major in 1985.

Accredited by PRSA, he embarked on a 30-year career as a senior marketing-PR counselor and practitioner with NY agencies.

Mike guided successful integrated marketing communications programs for numerous Fortune 1000 companies that included Coppertone, Ernst & Young, MetLife, Western Union, American Express Bank, Reed Elsevier, Starter Sportswear and The Gary Sinise Foundation.

His articles appeared in many public relations publication and he co-authored “Super Charge Your Brand...The Amazing Power of Books As Marketing Tools” published in 2017. He was an adjunct professor of public relations at New York University.

Mike is survived by his wife, Joyce; sister Nancy Cavallo; sons Marc and Nicholas; daughter Michelle, and three grandchildren, Zoe, Forest, and Dahlia,

Mike and I became acquainted at Wright-Patterson AFB in the mid-70s. He was the first SPO Information Officer assigned to the F-16 SPO and I was at the ASD Office of Information. He went on to a successful public relations career in New York City. He possessed a quick wit and an engaging personality. Mike was one of a kind and will be sorely missed. Rest in peace, my friend.

– Dave Shea

*Mike was a Friend for Life to people he treasured. He recently called, consoled and followed up on a mutual friend in her last days in the most unassuming way. Mike set me up for success in a position where I followed in his footsteps when others would have walked away without looking back. He had his ways and some were quirky but he never failed to put others first. Rest in peace, Mike.*

– Tom Shumaker

Mike was an original – bright, bombastic and funny. He was committed to his craft and had the unique ability to analyze issues and offer solutions that no one else even thought about. His sense of humor was legend – sarcastic but measured, irreverent but respectful. When a number of us were pursuing AFIT master’s degrees at the University of Denver, Mike was the informal Dean of Air Force students. No one could challenge or needle a professor like Mike! I’m thankful for knowing Mike and having him as a friend – he will be missed by many.

– Art Forster

*I remember Mike as a bright, energetic and sensitive character with a rare sense of humor, and a solid contributor to the success of projects worked by our rather unique SAF/OI Fifth Avenue family.*

*He had a passion for pulling off the unexpected, and my daughters vividly remember to this day his surprise visit to our Ft. Totten quarters on Easter Sunday morning with his daughter in full costume as the Easter Bunny . . . it was a “Signature Mike” undertaking!*

*I genuinely liked Mike, and am most sorry to learn of his passing.*

– Al Shoemaker

## Douglas P. Lay

Doug Lay, whose Air Force photographic career in uniform and as a civilian spanned more than four decades, died in the company of his family in Layton, Utah, on April 17. He was 69.

Born in Gastonia, North Carolina, he enlisted in the Air Force as a still photographer in 1969. Two years later he attended the combat camera school at Lowry AFB, Colorado, and became a motion picture cameraman.

From the Philippines he flew missions in F-4s and C-130s to Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia. He earned the Darryl G. Winters award for excellence in combat photography.

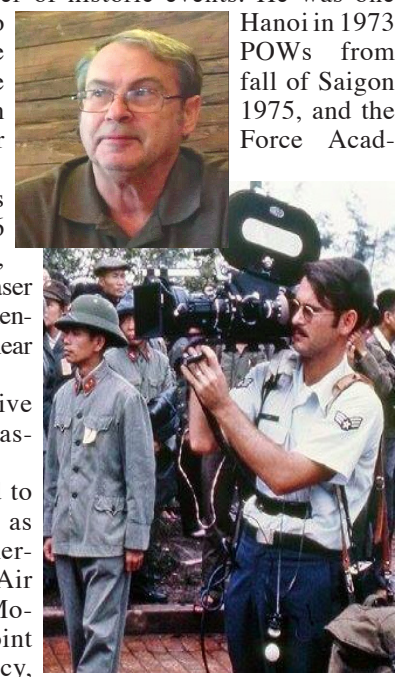
Doug covered a number of historic events. He was one of the first Americans into Hanoi in 1973 POWs from fall of Saigon 1975, and the first women to enter the Air Force Academy.

He documented weapons development with the 3246 Test Wing, Eglin AFB, Florida, helped design DoD’s first laser film facility, and was instrumental in the transition to non-linear digital editing.

Doug retired from active duty in 1992 as a senior master sergeant.

He eventually returned to the Audio Visual Service as producer/director of numerous training videos for Air Combat Command, Air Mobility Command and the Joint Personnel Recovery Agency, and numerous other projects. Prior to his civilian retirement in 2015, Doug worked with US NORTHERN COMMAND to develop Synthetic Media training for Joint and National Guard Regional Exercises.

Doug is survived by his wife of 42 years, Luanne; son Philip and daughter Elisabeth; four grandchildren, and five great grandchildren.

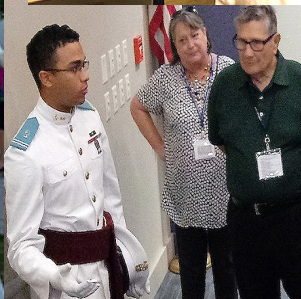





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# Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association 26th Annual Membership Meeting April 25-27, 2019 Charleston, South Carolina



<b>Attendees</b>	Sam & Barbara Cagle	Steve Everett	Betsy Johnston	Joe & Dee Purka	Becky Teasdale
Dick & Ann Abel	Robyn Chumley	Danny Ferguson	Jan Wood Lauer	Christine Queen	John & Barbara Terino
Rose Alexander	Tim Cook	Art Forster	Beverly Lee	Jim Ragan	Mike & Carolyn Terrill
Linda & Jack Arnold	Wayne Corbett	Mark & Janet Foutch	Pat & Cathy Maloney	Phil & Linda Ratliff	Ed Thomas
Brett Ashworth	JC & Ginny Corcoran	Clem & Jean Gaines	Jim McGuire	Naomi & John Russi	Bob Tobias
Bill & Cherie Austin	Cali Coulthard	Sam & Dawn Giammo	Joyce Meagher	David Salaniiri	Renee Tyron
Art Barnes	Mike Cox	John & Kathleen Gura	Chuck Merlo	Rick & Cheri Sanford	Todd Vician
Mark Bell	Jerry & Carolyn Dalton	Steve & Fran Harden	Herb & Nancy Meyer	Dave & Mary Shea	David Westover
Judy & Jerry Bivens	Cindy Dalton	Linda Haseloff	Mike Miley	David & Carolyn Smith	Johnny Whitaker
Don Black	Cathy Dawson	Don Hesselhoff	Perry & Jean Nouis	Greg & Bretta Smith	Tony Wickman
Patricia Blassie	John & Valerie Dorrian	Hank & Anita Hufnagel	Stacy Pearsall	Jim & Donna Stratford	Janis Witt
Neil & Connie Buttimer	Al Eakle	Judi Hughes	John & Carol Peters	Carla Sylvester	Ed & Betsy Worley



# Minutes of the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association 26th Annual Membership Meeting Saturday, April 27, 2019 North Charleston Marriott, North Charleston, SC

Chairman Art Forster called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. EDT. Secretary Perry Nouis declared a quorum was present.

Board of Directors Members Present:

Art Forster, Chairman of the Board	
Perry Nouis, Secretary	John Gura
Phil Ratliff, Treasurer	Doug Kennett
J.C. Corcoran	Carla Sylvester
John Dorrian	John Terino

Absent: Jay DeFrank, Tom Dolney, Bryan Bouchard

**Remembrance Of Deceased Members Of The Public Affairs Community** – The names of members of the Public Affairs community who have died since the last Annual Membership Meeting were read by the secretary and recognized by the membership with a moment of silence:

Jon S. Allen	Harry H. Gleeson	Brian T. Sheehan
Jack E. Bailey	Robert P. Glymph	Lauren R. Sobkoviak
Dave Y. Burkett III	James B. Hathaway	Larry Summers
Harry M. Childress	Lynn M. Ligon	David L. Thurston
Eldon G. Francis	Harold L. "Bud" Rothgeb	

**25th Annual Membership Meeting Minutes** – Secretary Nouis presented the minutes of the 25th Annual Membership Meeting held June 2, 2018 in San Diego. One correction: The spelling of Chuck Davis's name (pg 3). Motion by Mike Terrill to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by John Gura. Motion passed.

**Financial Report** – Treasurer Phil Ratliff said the checking account's balance exceeded \$18,000. As of April 26, 2019, the Endowment Fund had \$428,899.02. During its March 2019 meeting the board approved the earmarking a \$20,000 contingency fund to cover costs that the Annual Meeting might incur with any excess funds being returned to the Endowment Fund after bills are paid. Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report. The Motion passed. Chairman Forster expressed gratitude to Hank Hufnagel and Jim McGuire for managing the Endowment Fund.

**SAF/PA Liaison Report** – Liaison Clem Gaines provided an update on the status of the Hall of Fame (HOF) project at DINFOS. The next step: Writing a Statement of Work to establish a cost estimate. Discussion ensued regarding the criteria that should be used to recognize the initial inductees into the HOF. Chairman Forster anticipates the first call for nominations for induction into the HOF will be made this fall.

## Committee Reports

**Annual Membership Meeting** – Perry Nouis reviewed the annual meeting plans for 2020 and 2021. AFPAAA's 2020 meeting is planned for Wright-Patterson AFB and Dayton, OH, April 30-May 2, 2020. There was discussion about the location the membership would like the Annual Committee to consider for the 2021 meeting. Motion: John Gura motioned that Tucson be the location for 2021 Annual Meeting. Hank Hufnagel seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Membership** – Chair Christine Queen said that the association's membership is up slightly to 550 in all categories. That number will come down in June when members who have not paid dues in 2015-2017 will be dropped.

**Communications** – John Terino asked members to share significant life events that could be used in the newsletter. It costs between \$4k-\$5K per year for the four printed issues of the newsletter. A question was asked about limiting distribution to an online version. Chairman Forster answered not all members have internet access. There was a suggestion to offer an "Opt Out" option to those who don't need the printed version. Terino said he would add a statement to the newsletter giving instructions on how to stop receiving the printed newsletter.

**Web Site/Oral History** – John Gura provided an update on the Oral Histories project. The initial histories are online, password protected. John intends to post histories as he converts them.

**AFPAAA 2020 Initiative** – Jay DeFrank was unable to attend. Steve Everett briefed the results of the membership survey that was conducted in the fall. Steve explained the methodology used to construct, conduct, and promote the survey. The response rate was extraordinarily high approaching 50%. The newsletter and Membership Directory are viewed as the most important benefits to members. Since completion of the survey, efforts have been made to determine the receptivity of the information by active duty PAOs. Jay and Steve met with Brigadier General Ed Thomas (SAF/PA) and his deputy Jerry Renne. They were briefed on the survey and were very receptive. General Thomas preferred taking the official Air Force survey route to develop a survey approved by the Air Force Survey Office to determine what the value would be in the view of active PAOs of joining a professional association.

## New Business

**Election Results** – Chairman Forster welcomed the new board members that were elected as well as Carla Sylvester who was appointed to fill the Director's seat held by Dick Abel who resigned in February.

The 2019 Board of Directors election will seat the following six members for two-year terms starting July 1:

Jay DeFrank	Perry Nouis	David Phillips
Brett Ashworth	Phil Ratliff	Greg Smith

**New Officers** – Following the leadership protocol in AFPAAA's by-laws, the Board appointed the following officers whose one-year terms begin July 1, 2019:

Tom Dolney, Chairman of the Board		
Jay DeFrank, President	Brett Ashworth, Secretary	
Perry Nouis, Vice President	Phil Ratliff, Treasurer	

**Other New Business** – Judy Bivens proposed, and several members seconded, a recommendation that the Association make a donation to the Veterans Portrait Project following Stacy Pearsall's presentation. Phil Ratliff said the expenditures of funds are under the purview of the board and that Judy's suggestion would be taken up at the next board meeting.

**State Of The Association** – Chairman Forster reported:

- A letter is being sent to SAF/PA congratulating Lou Timmons on the occasion of his retirement in May after serving the Air Force for more than 42 years.

- AFPAAA's AFA Outstanding Airman of the Year plaque recognizing Public Affairs airmen selected for the honor now hangs in the SAF/PA Conference Room.

- The 2020 Initiatives Committee is working on succession planning for replacing key members who possess specialty skills (e.g., newsletter/website management).

- John Gura was complimented and thanked for preparing and producing the Oral Histories that members can now access.

- President Tom Dolney is leading a committee to determine the records of the Association that need to be archived.

- The naming of the SAF/PA Conference Room in honor of Brigadier General Jerry Dalton is in progress.

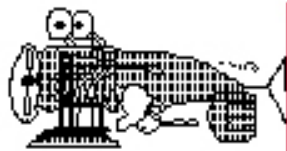
**Adjournment** – With no other business, Dave Smith moved for adjournment. The motion was seconded by many and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 3:47 p.m. EDT.

Respectfully submitted,  
Perry Nouis, Secretary  
June 2, 2019



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**Welcome Aboard To . . . new members**  
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and Joy Josephson.*

**New Lifers . . . congratulations to Randal  
Morger, Robert Palmer, Stacy Pearsall, David  
Salanitri, Rebecca Teasdale, and June Trizzino-  
Pecor who are now with us for the long haul.**

**Is Our Missile Defense Right? . . .** Thomas  
Karako's "The Missile Defense Review: Insufficient for  
Complex and Integrated Attack" in Summer Strategic  
Studies Quarterly at: [www.airuniversity.af.edu/SSQ](http://www.airuniversity.af.edu/SSQ)  
posits that proposed actions can't meet current and  
emerging threats.

**He Saved \$25 . . .** 94-year-old John Milton  
renewed his AFPAAA membership for three years  
– saving himself \$25 over reupping one year at a  
time – way to go John!

**Leadership Is The Focus . . .** of Air &  
Space Power Journal's summer issue at: [www.  
airuniversity.af.edu/ASPJ](http://www.airuniversity.af.edu/ASPJ) Three articles: "Great  
Leaders Follow First: Nine Rules For Dynamic  
Followership", "A Commander's First Challenge:  
Building Trust", and "Aligning Air Force Leadership  
Roles: The Limitations of Enlisted Empowerment"  
explore what is needed for effective leadership in  
today's Air Force.

**Lou, We'll Miss You . . .** since AFPAAA's  
founding, Lou Timmons was our  
go to guy at SAF/PA. At the end of  
May, with 40 years of dedicated,  
attention to detail with a 'Can Do'  
attitude of unparalleled service  
to the Air Force, Lou walked out  
of the Pentagon for the last time.  
Enjoy retirement Lou, you more than earned it.

