

\$1,000 Grants For Bands, Broadcasting, Visual Information/Combat Camera And Public Affairs

Military, Civilian, Enlisted, Officer, Active, Guard, Or Reserve: You Can Apply For Dalton Scholarship Funds For Career And Skill Enhancing Courses, Workshops, Seminars

Are you in any of the fields that comprise Air Force Public Affairs – Bands, Broadcasting, Visual Information/Combat Camera, and Public Affairs? Do you want to improve your skills and increase your value to the Air Force?

If your answers are “yes”, grants of up to \$1,000 from the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association’s Brigadier General H.J. Dalton, Jr. Scholarship Program are available to help you.

“We are now accepting applications for the \$5,000 in grants available for this year,” said Chuck Merlo who chairs the Dalton Scholarship Program. “Any enlisted, officer, or civilian member of Air Force Public Affairs, whether Active, Guard or Reserve may apply.”

Applicants must use the form on the General Dalton Scholarship page on AFPAAA’s website at afpaaa.org/scholarship.html or at page 5.

The applications must be submitted electronically by 1 June of this calendar year to the AFPAAA Dalton Scholarship Committee at scholarship@afpaaa.org

“With the \$5,000 available for grants this year we will award a maximum of five \$1,000 scholarships for courses, seminars and workshops from colleges, universities, professional institutes and organizations,” Merlo explained.

But there could be more than five awards.

“Depending upon the total cost for those selected by our Dalton Scholarship Committee there may be more recipients, For example, if there are four \$1,000 and two \$500 applicants selected, then there would be six grants,” Chuck continued.

The course work applied for must clearly enhance the individual’s performance of their Air Force Public Affairs specialty. Scholarship recipients will receive their funds when they have successfully completed the approved course work.

In addition to Chuck and others from AFPAAA, representatives from SAF/PA and the Bands, Broadcasting, and Visual Information/Combat Camera alumni communities have been invited to provide representatives to the Dalton Scholarship Committee.

Applications for the grants that will be awarded this year must be received by June 1. They will then be ranked according to: 1. The value and utility of the course of study to enhance the performance of the applicant in their Public Affairs duties, 2. The estimated length of time before the applicant retires or separates from the Air Force, 3. The endorsement of the applicant’s supervisor, and 4. If the applicant has received previous funding from the Dalton Scholarship Program.

The Scholarship Committee will recommend up to five or possibly more recipients depending upon the total cost of the scholarships to be awarded. The AFPAAA Board of Directors will review the recommendations and vote on each candidate by 1 July. Scholarship recipients will be selected and notified by 15 July.

Donations in memory of General Dalton may be made by check or online. To donate online go to the Donate page of the AFPAAA website at afpaaa.org/donate.html and follow the instructions to designate an “In Memoriam” donation. Donations by check payable to the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association and indicating they are in memory of General Dalton should be mailed to:

Phil Ratliff
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The Villages, FL 32159



Nominations Due Feb 1 For Board Of Directors Election

If you want to be on the AFPAAA Board of Directors Election ballot in April you must get your request in by February 1.

Any Full Member of AFPAAA in good standing can run for one of the six open seats in the election. Successful candidates will serve a two-year term on the Board beginning July 1.

A member who wants to be a candidate for the Board should make that known by February 1 to the nominating committee headed by Perry Nouis by submitting a nomination packet to him at: perry.nouis@gmail.com

The committee will screen the

packets received for suitable candidates to be placed on the ballot.

Packets should include a short resume/biography that would encourage members to vote for them. It should briefly sketch their qualifications; how they have supported AFPAAA, and why they want to be on the Board of Directors. A head and shoulders picture, either jpeg or TIFF format, or a print suitable for scanning, should be included.

Potential candidates should understand that being a member of the Board means they are willing to

enter the leadership progression to potentially become secretary, vice president, president, and ultimately chairman of the Board.

The ballot will be in April’s News & Notes and on-line voting via AFPAAA’s website will also be available. Election results will be posted on the website and in the July issue of News & Notes.

The terms of five Board members that are seeking reelection – Brett Ashworth, John Dorrian, Doug Kennett, Chuck Merlo, and Carla Sylvester – expire June 30. Incumbent John Gura is not running.

Hard To Believe, Air Force Marks 75th Anniversary



Once commonly referred to as the “junior service” with 2022 its 75th anniversary and the two-year-old Space Force, the United States Air Force is no longer the kid brother among the America’s military services.

From the Air Force’s inception in the Fall of 1947 through the 20 years of operations in Afghanistan that concluded last year it has been a very busy three quarters of a century that many of us have either witnessed or were involved in.

A total list of deployments, combat and humanitarian operations, records, and milestones is too long for here but you might want to review the randomly selected ones below and consider where you were and how you were involved in the first 75 years of the Air Force.

September 18, 1947 the National Security Act creates the Air Force as an independent service

••• *October 14, 1947 Captain Chuck Yeager breaks the sound barrier in the Bell X-1* ••• *1948 the Soviets close the city and the Berlin Airlift, Operation Vittles, begins* ••• *1950 the Korean War, first jet fighter air-to-air combat* ••• *April 1952 B-52 Stratofortress makes first flight* ••• *May 1, 1960 Captain Francis Gary Powers U-2 shot down* ••• *1975 Operation Babylift Vietnam* ••• *1980 Operation Eagle Claw failed Iranian hostage rescue* ••• *1989 Just Cause, Grenada invasion* ••• *1991 Desert Storm Iraq War* ••• *1995 Operation Deliberate Force Bosnia & Herzegovina* ••• *Operation Enduring Freedom Yugoslavia* ••• *2004 Operation Unified Assistance humanitarian response to Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami* ••• *2010 Haitian earthquake relief.*

DINFOS Hall Of Fame Induction Honors Mark Rosenker’s Lifetime In Public Affairs

AFPAAA Member Mark V. Rosenker, who passed away in September 2020, was inducted into the Defense Information School’s Hall of Fame at Fort Meade, Maryland, on December 8.

The DINFOS Hall of Fame honors distinguished alumni who have made extraordinary, lasting contributions for at least 20 years to Public Affairs at the highest levels in public service, industry, the military or academia.



Rosenker was one of four inductees for 2021. He was joined by retired Army Sergeant Major James L. Gilbert, who was the DINFOS Director of Training, Broadcast Journalism; retired Rear Admiral T. L. McCreary, former Navy Chief of Information, presi-

dent of Military.com, and vice president Monster Worldwide, Inc.; and retired Army Lieutenant Colonel G. A. Redding, Public Information Officer,

visual information pioneer, and combat photographer.

The first group of inductees into the DINFOS Hall of Fame was in 2013.

Mark spent almost 50 years mostly in public and government service and 37 years as an Air Force Reserve officer. He retired as a major general in 2006.

His government service included the Department of the Interior, the Federal Trade and the Commodity Futures Trading Commissions, as well as the Department of Transportation. He was the 11th Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board.

From January 20, 2001 to November 2002, Rosenker was deputy assistant to President George W. Bush and the Director of the White House’s Military Office.

Mark also was the Vice President, Public Affairs, for the Electronic Industries Alliance for 23 years. He held numerous other government and industry positions, including serving as a transportation safety analyst for CBS and NBC, during his career.

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From The President's Pen



I hope your holiday season was one of health and happiness and that continues throughout 2022. The end of last year was a busy time for AFPAAA as we prepared for an exciting 2022, highlighted by the 75th anniversary of the United States Air Force.

It's great to hear of the experiences of so many of our members who have been an important part of many of the highlights of our service's history and who answered our nation's call during some of its most difficult times. Many of those people and their amazing stories are featured in our AFPAAA oral histories which are well worth reading.

We are now getting ready for the AFPAAA Board of Directors election. There are six seats open and we will be adding at least one new face to the Board as only five incumbents are seeking reelection. That's because John Gura, who has been an AFPAAA stalwart and had a profound impact on our association from its founding, is not running. Thank you for your selfless service John!

I hope some of you consider running for the board. It is a great way to make a contribution and a difference for the benefit of AFPAAA as well as our efforts supporting those serving in the active force.

Last month deceased member Major General Mark Rosenker was inducted into the DINFOS Hall of Fame. Mark was a great friend and mentor to many. He was always impressive on the news discussing important transportation safety matters. It is great to see his memory live on at DINFOS, where the future of our career field is trained.

A wonderful means for all those on active duty in the diverse Public Affairs components to improve their skills and value to the Air Force is now available through the Dalton Scholarship Program (details in story on p.1), Help spread the word to those you know who can take advantage of this career enhancing opportunity.

There is a lot going on in AFPAAA, much more than fits in News & Notes. Check our website – afpaaa.org – it is constantly being updated and offers connections to many reference and information sources. Take advantage of this and the other benefits of your membership, and let me know – brettashworth@afpaaa.org – what more we can do to serve you.

-Brett

William Fitzhugh Frensley

Bill Frensley, an AFPAAA Life Member, died October 13 in Waipahu, Hawaii. He was 83.

Bill was born in Texas. He earned his Air Force commission through the AFROTC program when he graduated from the University of Oklahoma.

During his more than twenty-year Air Force career his assignments included the Pacific Air Forces command office of Information in the mid 1960s, the Air Force Academy, Okinawa, and as the Information Officer for 7th/13th Air Force at Udorn Royal Thai Air Force Base.

Bill retired in 1963 as a lieutenant colonel.

During retirement he had a career with ACI Communications in Hawaii.

He is survived by his wife Marti. They were married during his first assignment in Hawaii. Other members of the family include son Robert, daughter Ann Winslow and her twins, Drake and Taylor, and sister Linda Lee of Colorado.

Bill was interred at The National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl, Punchbowl Crater, Honolulu, on November 5

Bill was a great leader and example for the other Information officers at bases around Thailand when he served as the 7/13AF IO at Udorn RTAFB. A good travel companion, we got over to the 13 AF IO conference in the Philippines and back with many diversions and perseverance. Bill was always ready with advice for any circumstance and was there to console us when things went bad. His smile and demeanor went a long way with younger counterparts. He will be missed.

– Tom Shumaker

John Henry Price, Jr.

AFPAAA Life Member, John Price, passed away peacefully, October 18. He was 88.

John was a native of Tarboro North Carolina, and a graduate of East Carolina University.

He had a 27-year Air Force career with assignments that included the Air Force Academy and heading Tactical Air Command Public Affairs. John retired in 1982 as a colonel.

John's second career in retirement was as regional airport director in Lumberton, Manteo, and New Bern, North Carolina.

He is survived by his high school sweetheart and wife of 59 years, Jerry; sister, Elizabeth; daughters Jenifer, Jacque, and Jana; nine grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

John was interred with military honors at Edgecombe Memorial Park on October 23.

I worked with John at the Air Force Academy, and I remember him as a true PA professional and very caring leader who embraced cadets in his home and who broke the news and comforted a cadet when her brother was killed in an accident.

– Bob Hunter



Lord Guard & Guide

Vincent Rosario Tocci

AFPAAA Member, Vince Tocci, died at home in Falls Church, Virginia, November 29th. A member of the "Greatest Generation" his 30-year military career spanned WW II, Korea, and Vietnam. He was 95.

Vince was born in Carnegie, Pennsylvania and grew up in Pittsburgh's suburbs. During WW II, while attending Duquesne University, he turned 18 and was drafted into the Army. Trained as a medic, he served most of the war in the Pacific on the hospital ship Dogwood.

Prior to discharge he was assigned near Vancouver. In his off-duty time, he joined a band, honing his jazz proficiency and singing with another young G.I. trumpeter, Doc Severinson. The band's popularity led to a slot on KOMO radio.

With WW II over he returned to Duquesne, used the G.I. Bill to complete his degree in biology and earned a commission through ROTC. He later earned a master's degree in education.

Vince was recalled to active duty for the Korean war and remained in the Air Force with assignments including Japan; NATO in Naples, Italy; and during Vietnam was one of the briefers at the "Five O'clock Follies". His final assignment was at NORAD Headquarters. He retired as a lieutenant colonel in 1979.

During his post Air Force career Vince was director of public communications for The American Chemical Society. His staff produced radio, television, print and film programs that won two Silver Anvil awards from the Public Relations Society of America, three Thoth Awards, two International Mercury Awards, and dozens of other honors. His efforts were recognized with his induction into the PRSA Hall of Fame for the Washington DC chapter.

Vince was also a teacher for 14 years as an adjunct professor of communication at The American University in Washington DC. For 21 years he was an unpaid volunteer at the Alexandria Adult Learning Center teaching immigrants and high school drop-outs.

Throughout his life he gave freely of his time and talents to many charitable causes, including those of his Catholic faith. Those efforts were recognized by his alma mater which presented Vince Duquesne's Presidential Medal for Exemplary Service to His Country.

Vince is survived by his second wife, Margaret, (his first wife Anne died in 1969) and sons Vincent Jr., William, and David; daughters Lisa, Christina, and Alexandra; 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A private burial will be scheduled at Arlington National Cemetery at a future date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you either have a Mass said on Vince's behalf at any Catholic Church, or consider a memorial donation to Catholic Charities of Arlington at <https://secure.ccca.net/Give/Give/Donate/Giving.aspx>

I remember Vince very well, as part of PRSA, a fellow Silver Anvil and Toth recipient. And a wonderful singer, a very devoted Catholic. I recruited him as a teacher to help my staff at COMSAT grasp the intricacies of public relations as more than grip and grins and glad-handing. He was always willing to reach out to others. I enjoyed his company during monthly lunches with other SAFOI officers which were a body of the finest in our profession, mostly all gone now. Surely our God welcomed him into his next life for eternity where I'm sure he is praying for those of us left behind.

– Bob Hunter

Vince Tocci had the personality to light up a room without ever trying - you just liked him and learned from him immediately. The energy he had and created in others is clear testament to a life well lived.

– Doug Kennett





**Brigadier General H. J. Dalton, Jr.
Scholarship Grant Application**

NAME _____ DATE _____

DUTY LOCATION _____

AFSC _____ DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT DUTIES _____

TITLE OF COURSE/WORKSHOP/SEMINAR GRANT WILL BE USED FOR _____

INSTITUTION/ORGANIZATION CONDUCTING COURSE/WORKSHOP/SEMINAR _____

DATES AND LOCATION OF COURSE/WORKSHOP/SEMINAR _____

FEE FOR COURSE/WORKSHOP/SEMINAR _____

AMOUNT OF GRANT REQUESTED (MAXIMUM OF \$1,000) _____

THIS COURSE/WORKSHOP/SEMINAR WILL ENHANCE MY SKILLS AND ABILITY TO PERFORM MY AIR FORCE DUTIES BY

MY COMMANDER/SUPERVISOR/MANAGER IS AWARE OF AND APPROVES OF THIS REQUEST.

MY COMMANDER/SUPERVISOR/MANAGER IS _____

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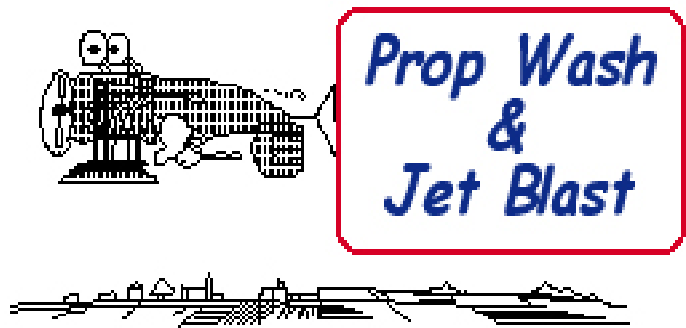
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Welcome Aboard To . . . new members *Marisa Alia-Novobilski, Sara Pastorello, and Christy Stravolo.*

New Lifers . . . congratulations to *Joy Josephson, Collen McGee, Morton Pasco, Eric Schnaible, Mike Sloop, and Tony Wickman* for their long term commitments.

Sabra Brown Of SAF/PAX Got \$250 . . . for completing her Public Relations Society of America Accreditation. She got the bucks in November in an AFPAAA grant that is part of

Alice Price Dood It! . . . The AFPAAA Lifetime Founder, who turns 96 years young next month, made a \$1,000 donation to AFPAAA that is going to the Dalton Scholarship program.

With Russia And China . . . making almost daily moves challenging the United States, NATO, and our allies in Europe, the Pacific, and the Arctic regions Air University's current publications have a raft or articles that are relevant to what is happening. Consider checking out these three: 1. The Journal of Indo-Pacific Affairs at www.airuniversity.af.edu/JIPA/ 2. Strategic Studies Quarterly at www.airuniversity.af.edu/SSQ/ and 3. Air And Space Power Journal at www.airuniversity.af.edu/ASPJ/