

Election: Leadership Change, Schnaible New Board Member

With the first of this month, following AFPAAA's annual election and the leadership progression plan to ensure continuity, Brett Ashworth has moved from president to chairman of the Board of Directors with Greg Smith replacing him as Association president. In addition to Brett, all the other incumbents who were seeking reelection – John Dorrian, Doug Kennett, Chuck Merlo and Carla Sylvester were successful in gaining two more years on the board.

Also, a new member was added to the board with Eric Schnaible elected to take the seat formerly held by John

Gura who declined to seek another term. Eric is the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System Public Affairs officer at Dover AFB. He had a 27 year active duty career that included joint and major command directorships.

Those elected this year join Board members Julie Briggs, Jim McGuire, Perry Nouis, Dave Phillips, Phil Ratliff, and Greg Smith who were elected in 2021. The Board has appointed Eric Schnaible to secretary in place of John Dorrian who has moved up to vice president. Phil Ratliff was reappointed to continue as treasurer,



Brett Ashworth
Board Chair



Greg Smith
President



Eric Schnaible
New To Board

MacDill Fall Of '23 Is Top Annual Membership Meeting Candidate

"After more than a year trying to find a site, MacDill in Florida is the front runner to host our 2023 Annual Membership Meeting," said meeting coordinator Perry Nouis.

"When we pulsed bases, their common response, which may reflect Covid concerns, was they are not hosting anyone now and for the foreseeable future. That has been the problem for us in getting this already thrice postponed event going."

Reluctance on the part of DoD to expose unit or base populations to a visiting group if the Covid threat continues is understandable.

"We were looking to get together next spring but time has become a factor with more than a year needed to organize a meeting," Perry said. "Preliminary talks with MacDill have been positive and we hope to confirm fall '23 dates shortly."

With the many attractions of the Tampa area, and MacDill the home of both Central and Special Operations Commands, as well as the 6th Air Refueling Wing, this could be one of our best meetings," Perry observed.

Both commands have unique missions. Central Command is responsible for defending and promoting U.S. interests in the 20 Middle Eastern nations, Central and South Asia, and strategic waterways surrounding them. Special Operations Command is DoD's only unified combat command created by an Act of Congress. It oversees the various special operations components of the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Air Force.

"We need the better part of a year to make a fall of 2023 meeting happen," Perry pointed out. "Once we have a site it takes time to get everything in place: negotiating and

contracting with a hotel, coordinating an agenda with the host base, placing notices in military and veterans publications, and getting the word to our members to allow them time to decide if they will attend and to make their travel arrangements. For us to get together at anytime next year a lot has to happen before the end of this year."

"If the bases remain closed to tours by groups such as ours we may have to consider other options – a shorter meeting, a reception and dinner, a remote event using Zoom or other teleconferencing technologies – even holding the meeting at a nonmilitary site, such as the National World War II Museum in New Orleans," Perry speculated.

Keep checking our AFPAAA website – www.afpaaa.org – and *News & Notes* for the latest Annual Membership Meeting status.

Jennifer Green-Lanchoney's 'Gutsy' Career Change Put Her Tops In Air Force Public Affairs For 2021

Almost a dozen years ago Jennifer Green-Lanchoney saw a job announcement to fill a student hire position in the Public Affairs office at Vandenberg Air Force Base. She applied and after being interviewed she was hired. Little did she know that this step would shape her new professional life.

Jennifer soon developed an appreciation for the career field and changed her college major to communications. Then, with the support of the PA chief and staff at Vandenberg, she was selected for the Air Force's Palace Acquire Program.

Palace Acquire is an internship program for recent college graduates that provides an opportunity to get a foot in the door that could lead to a career in Air Force Public Affairs. Those in the Palace Acquire internship program serve 1.5 years at a wing and 1.5 years at major command Public Affairs offices. After her time at Vandenberg at wing level Jennifer went to Air Force Space Command Headquarters at Peterson AFB.

Between the demands of the internship program, her husband's military career, opportunities to move to various learning experience assignments, and her family, Jennifer had a very busy and full life.

From 2014 through 2020, when she settled into her current position at Ramstein as the GS-11 Chief of the 86 Airlift Wing Public Affairs' Command Media Operations Section, Jennifer held multiple positions in and out of the military. They included: Community Engagement Section Chief, Hanscom AFB; Research Program Publicity, Apogee Engineering LLC, United States Air Force Academy: Public Affairs Specialist, USDA Rural Development, Santa Maria, California, and Community Engagement Section Chief, Vandenberg AFB.

Has her career decision impacted Jennifer and her family?

"Being married to someone in the military takes a significant toll on a military spouse's ability to stay on a stable career path. Because of both my husband's career and my wish to keep our family together, I had to jump around a bit. I am extremely grateful for the experiences and positions I have held as they shaped my view of the Air Force and the world," she observed.

"Military moves take a huge toll on a family. I like to think that moving and seeing the country and the world has made my five chil-

dren more understanding and resilient, but it would be naive of me to think it hasn't had an effect on them during their formative years. I am constantly impressed with how they have handled all the change and what great humans they have become."

Jennifer's assignment to Ramstein was fortuitous, "Once my husband retired from active duty (he now works for a tenant unit's Inspector General at Ramstein) and I saw an opportunity to move my family overseas and take on a challenging position in Germany I jumped on it."



Shortly after Jennifer arrived, Ramstein became one of the world's major media centers as the United States' withdrawal from Afghanistan began and rapidly and chaotically grew in intensity. Before they knew it, Jennifer and her team were handling a massive influx of national and international media covering what is now known as OPERATION ALLIES REFUGE.

"Our biggest challenge was the sheer number of requests, emails, calls and the media waiting at our gates. The transparency afforded to Ramstein by USAFE and OSD was amazing," she recalled.

"We were able to set the tone at the local level and respond authentically to media members from across the world. The information we shared shaped the public perception of thousands of people headed to the U.S., many for the first time. It was incredibly important that we got it right."

In a six week span Jennifer led her team in an effort that supported 22 press conferences and 222 reporters from 53 outlets who conducted 151 interviews during 36 media visits. They also answered 156 queries about ALLIES REFUGE.

"It was a massive undertaking. It could not have been accomplished without the work done by the amazing leadership and team we have here at Ramstein. They too deserve the credit for what we did" she said.

That effort was the key to Jennifer being selected by SAF/PA for the Brigadier General James W. Hart, Jr., Best of the Best Award as the top Air Force Public Affairs military or civilian practitioner for 2021.

Each year AFPAAA's Best of the Best Award 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 Corporation. In addition to the trophy, each recipient receives a \$1,000 check and a Life Membership in AFPAAA.



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From The President's Pen



It is an honor for me to become President of AFPAAA, an organization which stands as a tribute to our careers and service to our country.

With this year's election our Board grows younger and better reflects our membership. John Gura, who did an outstanding job since our founding, including running three Annual Membership Meetings, chairing the Board, and a variety of other roles, has stepped aside for Eric Schnaible who brings a new face to the Board. During my career I worked with Eric for several years. He is an excellent addition with current work experience and fresh ideas to help guide AFPAAA in the future.

You, our highly supportive members as well as Board members and Committee Chairs, are the reason we are a positive, forward moving association. However, we can't take our past for granted and assume it will automatically continue.

We have a big, immediate challenge we must face: our next Annual Membership Meeting.

Due to the Covid pandemic, it's been four years since we met in Charleston. We've scheduled and postponed our 27th Annual Membership Meeting three times. That's denied us the opportunity to see old friends and colleagues while getting up-to-date on the Air Force and Public Affairs in general as well as the unique missions of the base we visit. We have a lot of 'catchin' up to do. It is time for us to meet!

The questions are 'where' and 'when' will we meet?

Check the article on page 1. Perry Nousis is working on the answers and there is hope for MacDill to be the 'where' with the 'when' in the fall of 2023.

We are a generally an 'older' group and because of the Covid outbreak seniors in general and many members of our Association have been reluctant to travel or take part in group activities. But, as the outbreak has declined, gatherings – meetings, church services, conventions, baseball games, etc. – have returned to normal.

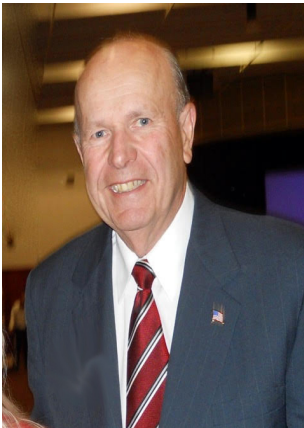
The bottom line is that we are going to do everything possible to have some sort of gathering soon. For now, let us all start planning to be at MacDill in 2023.

If you have any questions please call me – Greg Smith 304 482-1902 – if I don't know the answer, like a good PA, I'll find someone who does!

– Greg

Burch, Correll, McRaney, Pribyla, Rosenker Added To Public Affairs Hall Of Fame For '22

AFPAAA Board Chairman Brett Ashworth and SAF/PA Director Brigadier General Pat Ryder have announced the induction of five new members – Michael I. Burch, John T. Correll, Michael P. McRaney, Virginia N. Pribyla, and Mark V. Rosenker – into the Air Force Public Affairs Hall of fame for 2022. They were chosen for their lasting and significant contributions to Public Affairs. Selection was made by a committee of representatives from all the specialties included in Public Affairs. There were nine nominees submitted for considered this year. The four non-selectees will be reconsidered for the two years following their initial nomination. Nominations for consideration for 2023 must be received by December 1, 2022. They can be made using the format on our website at www.afpaaa.org and sending them to the Hall of Fame Committee at hof@afpaaa.org or by mail to the committee chair: Art Forster, 5045 Matthew Drive, Traverse City, MI 49684. Full background for this year's selectees and that for all previous selectees is available in the Hall of Fame section of our website.



Mike Burch

Mike had a distinguished career in uniform before becoming the second former military public affairs officer to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs (ASD/PA), a post he held from 1983-85. Among his prominent assignments were administrative assistant for SAF/PA directors Brigadier Generals Guy Hairston and Jerry Dalton. He was deputy chief of the Operations News Branch in the DoD newsroom when he was selected to be Military Assistant to ASD/PAs Tom Ross and Henry Catto. When Mr. Catto left the post Mike retired from active duty as a lieutenant colonel and was asked by SECDEF Caspar Weinberger to be ASD/PA. Mike accepted and was appointed by President Ronald Reagan (Air Force Lt. Colonel Bill Greener was the other ex-military ASD/PA). In 1985 he became McDonnell Douglas Corporate Vice President, Public Relations until retiring in 1992 to join Burson-Marsteller. He then started a management consulting firm. Mike currently heads Nature Works, Inc., a company specializing in wastewater treatment, recycling, and reuse in Burgess, Virginia, that he founded in 2000.



John Correll

It would be an understatement to say John was a career Air Force Public Affairs officer – he was so much more. It could be said he was the Air Force's and DoD's unofficial scribe in uniform, first as editor of Airman magazine then as chief of editorial services for the American Forces Information Service. He retired from active-duty as a lieutenant colonel in 1984 and joined Air Force Magazine, subsequently becoming editor-in-chief. He was also a key shaper of the positions and policies the Air Force Association took on critical issues until his retirement in 2002. Over 35 years, including after his retirement, he continued as a principal contributor to the magazine, writing and publishing almost 200 articles on military history. In 2016, he received the Air Force Association's Lifetime Achievement Award, in recognition of his many contributions to the advancement of aerospace power. John died in April 2021.



Mike McRaney

Mike had a unique ability to translate highly technical information into language that the general public could understand. As SAF/PA director he spearheaded the introductions of the stealth F-117 fighter and B-2 bomber with plans explaining the stealth technology in these weapon systems. Prior to SAF/PA Director his assignments included chief of the Armed Forces News Branch, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs; interim Public Affairs adviser to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff where he was DoD spokesman and Public Affairs representative during the 1978 airlift to Zaire, South Africa, and director of Public Affairs for Strategic Air Command. After retiring from active duty, his communications skills and leadership were keys that enabled the founding of the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association. Mike was its first chairman from 1994 to 2000. His vision, energy, and determination were instrumental in AFPAAA becoming the more than 500 member national veterans organization it is today.

Virginia Pribyla



Virginia Pribyla was a trailblazer, leader, and role model from the day in 1970 when she was in the first group of women allowed to enter ROTC at Texas Tech University and throughout her career as one of the first women Public Affairs colonels. She served at all levels: base, major command, unified command, and Air Staff. Virginia spent much of her career as a media relations officer, often serving as the Air Force spokesperson on controversial subjects that attracted national and international attention and headlines. Consistently cool under pressure, she was the epitome of an effective Air Force spokesperson. Reporters and military colleagues alike respected her knowledge and professionalism, and appreciated her insistence on always providing accurate, honest information. While stationed in Hawaii as Pacific Command's media relations chief, Virginia made six trips to North Vietnam with the team that searched for and recovered remains of aircrews that had been downed on missions during the conflict. After Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait, she deployed to Central Command's Joint Information Bureau in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, where she became an integral member of the staff that provided daily reports to the international media covering Operation Desert Storm. Military leaders who became household names, – Army General Norman Schwarzkopf, Marine General Richard "Butch" Neal,, and other senior commanders relied on her support and unvarnished PA advice. She continued to impact international media relations at USAFE headquarters, where she conducted training seminars in the Military-to-Military Exchange program with Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Romania, Estonia and other nations to help them understand the role of public affairs in a military service in a non-Communist government. After her retirement, Virginia worked on gubernatorial and legislative campaigns in Hawaii and served as president of the Hawaii Air Force Association for four years. While she has an enviable list of highly creditable accomplishments in Air Force Public Affairs that included chief of media relations and deputy director Secretary of the Air Force Office of Public Affairs, and director of public affairs Headquarters, Pacific Air Forces, Virginia believes her most important contribution to Air Force Public Affairs was her support and mentoring throughout her career of countless young officers, NCOs, and civilians, encouraging both their personal and professional development.

Mark Rosenker



Whatever he did in a 37 year Air Force active duty and Reserve career, eight presidential appointments - including as a member of the Battlefield Monuments Commission, Deputy Assistant to President George W. Bush, Director of the White House Military Office, and Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board – and 23 years as vice president for public affairs of the Electronic Industries Alliance Mark excelled. On active duty after he was commissioned through the ROTC program at the University of Maryland he was Director of Radio and Television, Air Force Systems Command, Andrews AFB, Maryland, and an advertising and publicity officer, 3305th Recruiting Detachment, Washington, D.C. He moved from active duty to reserve status in 1972 in increasingly important positions. As mobilization assistant to the Director of Public Affairs, Hq Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB, Illinois, he deployed to Saudi Arabia during Operation Desert Shield. From September 1995 - October 2001, he was mobilization assistant to the Director of Public Affairs, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force. Mark retired in 2006 as a major general from his final assignment as mobilization assistant to the commander, Air Force Reserve Command, Robins AFB, Georgia. His alma mater honored him in 2018 by naming Maryland University's Center for Political Communication and Civic Leadership after Mark and his wife. Mark died in September 2020.

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Arthur Dederick III

Art Dederick, an AFPAAA Lifetime Founder, died of intestinal cancer April 24 at home with his family in Bethesda, Maryland. He was 81.

Art was born and grew up in Honolulu, Hawaii. He was a graduate of the prestigious Punahou School and the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service where he was commissioned as a distinguished graduate of AFROTC in 1963.

His first assignment was at the NATO logistics base Châteauroux Air Station, France. Subsequently he served at Space and Missile Systems Organization, Los Angeles, and Headquarters Air Force Systems Command, Andrews AFB, before becoming an advisor to the Vietnamese Air Force at Nha Trang Air Base in 1971-72.

He completed an Air Force sponsored Master of Arts in Mass Communications at the University of Denver in 1973. He then spent four years at the Pentagon in SAF/PA's Internal Information Division. That was followed by four years on the press desk in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs.

Art then became Deputy Chief, Public Information and Chief, Plans and Policy, United States European Command, Stuttgart, West Germany.

His final assignment was as Chief of SAF/PA's Programs Division. Art retired as a colonel in 1989.

In retirement he held positions with the United Way of the National Capitol Area and COMSAT Corporation,

Art is survived by Bridget, his wife of 48 years; sons Thomas and Joseph and their wives, Stephanie and Carolann, and three grandchildren.

Interment will be at Arlington National Cemetery at a future date.

My father passed away this morning . . . he had been successfully fighting cancer for 5+ years until, well . . . it was no longer successful. He was at peace and without pain at home with our family at his side. While my mother, brother and I will miss him dearly, he is no longer suffering. This is a picture of him on 29 July 1963. He's not-quite-22 and less than a month past being commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Air Force following ROTC and graduation from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service. I had never seen this before last week when I began to pull material together for his obituary. I love it because he had already come so far – from being born and raised in Hawaii, the son of a police officer and a nurse, only 3 months old as the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. Yet at almost 22 he had years of adventure and life ahead of him. Years living in Paris as a young single Air Force officer, a tour in Vietnam, meeting my mom in Denver and raising two sons outside of DC and in Germany. So much life to be lived. So much of what I hold dear in this life is from him. An open and curious mind – a love of travel and experiencing new culture



– a never ending interest in international affairs – a love of strange and exotic food (a deep love of oysters, snails, pâté, frog legs and the various cuisines of Asia and Southeast Asia was ingrained by the age of 6). And, of course the civilizing and always pleasure provoking effect of an ice-cold gin martini with dear friends. But most importantly, the deep and abiding love he had for my mother, my brother and myself (and our own wives and children). It's only now later in life as a married

man with my own family that I've truly begun to understand and appreciate the time, energy and love he poured into all of us. His relentless positivity, a belief that better days were always ahead and his never-ending encouragement for all my brother and I endeavored



to accomplish. A thoroughly decent and selfless man who appreciated people and life. These are the things I will miss. But I also now see that the lessons he taught us growing up were always leading to this day. While the 47 year old man in me always knew this day would come, the forever little boy part of me naively thought maybe he'd live forever. That said, neither he nor I believed this would be goodbye forever and that we will one day have the opportunity to again share a martini together, debating the events of the day. While the English language translates the Hawaiian word "Aloha" as a simple greeting (or farewell) it has a deeper cultural and spiritual significance to native Hawaiians for whom the term is used to define a force that holds together existence. While my father was not a Native Hawaiian, it's this more complex term centered on love, compassion, sympathy and kindness that defined how he lived his life. So, until we meet again dad, I love you, and aloha. Aloha.

– Thomas Dederick

"Art Dederick was one of the best public affairs professionals I had the good fortune to serve with. We earned our masters' degrees together at the University of Denver under the AFIT program. Art took me under his wing -- I learned a lot about how to be a good communicator and officer. We later served together in SAF/PA where Janet and I enjoyed the company of Art and Bridget. His quick wit, sound counsel and "can-do" approach were much appreciated by both his seniors and subordinates. Farewell friend and Godspeed!"

– Art Forster

A quiet professional. He'll be missed

– Joe Purka

Indeed, Art Dederick was a kind mentor and thoughtful man. Many of us learned a lot about understated leadership from him. He always brought a smile to my face!

– Doug Kennett

What terrible and shocking news. Our professional association and friendship go back to the late 1960s when Art was at Systems Command, and I was at SAFOI's Public Information Division. We then were together briefly in 1972 as I was completing

my master's degree program at the University of Denver, and Art was starting on his. We reunited in Germany in 1982-1985 when Mary and I were at Ramstein and Art and Bridget were in Stuttgart. We exchanged visits several times during that period. Art was the consummate professional. What a profound loss to our public affairs community. Rest in peace, my friend.

– Dave Shea

Such a good guy.

– Mark Foutch

Sorry to hear of Art's passing. Prayers for his family.

– Chuck Merlo

So sorry for his suffering. He was a very gentlemanly man.

– Tom Shumaker

Art and I worked together in SAFOI. He ran the Air Force Now program. I don't remember details, but I took his place in the command center while he had his wedding. We met after SAFOI at several AFPAAA yearly gatherings. Then as fate would have it, we worked again at COMSAT, the international communications satellite company. Art was a terrific person to work with. He was thorough, willing, talented and a very good friend. Maybe above all his memorable traits, he was kind! He and Bridget were always in my thoughts and now he is in my prayers. Rest in God's glory

– Bob Hunter

James H. Heaberg, Jr.

AFPAAA Member Jim Heaberg passed away on March 30 at Medical City Heart Hospital, Dallas, Texas, after a three week struggle following an unexpected heart attack. He was 75.

Jim was born in Jackson, Tennessee. His father preceded him in the Air Force and the family traveled the world with assignments that included Germany, Hawaii, Colorado Springs, and Fort Worth, Texas. Jim earned his undergraduate degree from Texas Christian University in drama and a master's degree in communications.

Like his father, Jim joined the Air Force, becoming a member of the 601st Photo Flight Combat Photography Unit. He served in both Cambodia and Thailand during the Vietnam War,

Post-Vietnam, he used his skills as a director of training films and commercials for the Air Force. Subsequent assignments took his family to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, where their daughter, Rebecca, was born.

Later he transferred to Tyn dall Air Force Base, Florida, before finally relocating to his final assignment for the Army Air Force Exchange Service,

Carswell Air Force Base, Fort Worth, Texas. Jim retired in 2003 as a major.

Retirement did not put an end to his and the family's traveling. They had a three year stay in Tokyo, Japan, while his wife, Andrea, worked for Deloitte Consulting, and there were vacations in Italy, Puerto Rico, China, and Egypt.

Jim also loved to sing. He joined the celebrated Dallas Rotary Chorus, co-founding "The Spectacular Senior Fol-lies."

Daughter Rebecca characterized "the most incredible, loving, thoughtful, witty, goofy, big-hearted man". He was also a very charitable father and husband giving selflessly as caregiver to Andrea, who continues her 8 year battle with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS).

Jim is survived by his wife, Andrea; daughter, Rebecca, and son in law, Dan.

Jeanette Hope Minnich

Jeanette Minnich, an AFPAAA Life Member, passed away from cancer on April 20. She was 66.

She was born in North Hollywood, California, and went through high school in Thousand Oaks.

In 1978 she joined the Air Force. She met her husband, Don Ellis, while teaching at the Air Force Academy and became stepmother to Josh, Jared and Justin. A few years later they had Venetia and Jonathan to round out the family.

A multi-talented individual during and after her Air Force career, Jeanette was in many plays, several choirs, and TV commercials. She wrote articles for newspapers and sculpted three bronze por-traits. She loved to travel and over the course of her career she lived in the Netherlands, Ger-many, and Japan and visited 27 other countries.

Jeanette retired from the Air Force in 2003 as a colonel. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to First United Presbyterian Church, 400 E. 4th Street, Loveland, CO 80537-5637 or to Pathways Hospice Care, 305 Carpenter Road, Fort Collins, CO 80525



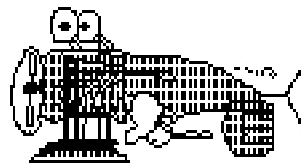
1979, Jeanette and I were assigned to the 63rd Military Airlift Wing at Norton AFB. I was a squadron commander and she was a squadron admin officer. Our wing commander separately called us to his office and told us he wanted us to take over what he called his 'ailing' Public Affairs office. I took over as chief and Jeanette had internal affairs. Within 6 months, she completely revamped our base newspaper, The Globetrotter, established a stringer network in our base organizations, and revitalized the Hometown News Release program. By the end of the year, The Globetrotter was named top newspaper in MAC. A year later the AF IG inspected our office. Because of Jeanette's efforts and leadership, there were no discrepancies and 10 commendable comments, making us the top PA shop in MAC. Jeanette had a unique ability to get the job done. She quietly went about rebuilding a branch that was only going through the motions and giving a minimum effort to get by. Without her working with me, I would have been totally lost as the PA office chief. Jeanette's career was filled with unique jobs and opportunities culminating with her assignment to the Air Force Academy. I'll miss you Jeanette!

– Phil Ratliff



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We Mourn The Passing . . . of former SAF/PA Director and AFPAAA Board Chairman Mike McRaney's eldest daughter, Melissa, after a lengthy battle with lung cancer.