

Register Now For Our Annual Meeting

It's time to get on the bus, the train, or the plane – or at least make your reservations for your preferred means of transportation so you don't miss AFPAAA's 14th Annual Membership Meeting, May 3-5, in Colorado Springs.

That also means it's time for you to reserve your room at our meeting headquarters, the Antlers Hilton Hotel, before you miss the April 20th close-out date for our special group rate.

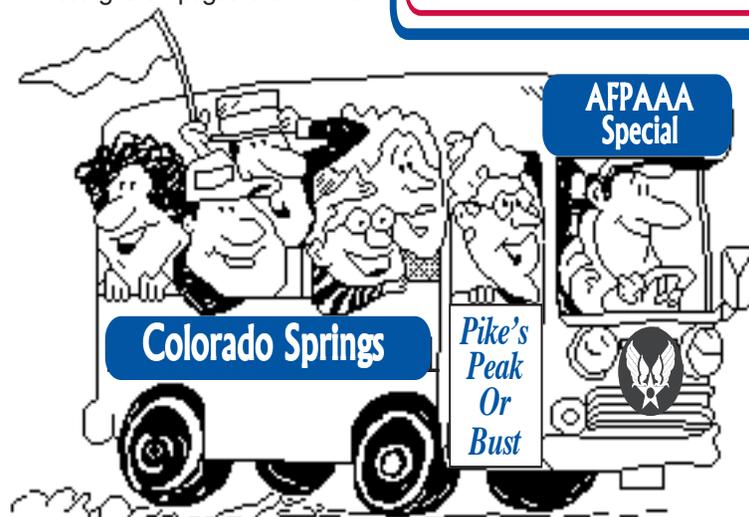
Most important of all, it's time to register for the meeting itself.

We've got two plus days planned of tours, informative briefings, great meals, and time to enjoy camaraderie with friends from our active duty days, as well as the opportunity to become acquainted with other active duty and retired members of the PA, Broadcasting, and Band communities.

This promises to be a great gathering. Your full registration is a real bargain. It includes transportation to the Air Force Academy and Schriever AFB; a variety of presentations; memento; breakfasts on Friday and Saturday; lunch at the Air Force Academy on Friday

and at the Antlers Hotel on Saturday; plus our dinner gala, featuring a jazz combo, Saturday evening. For those who can't attend all events there are partial registration options.

All you need to know about the meeting is on pages 6 & 7. The



former has the what, when, and where for the gathering; and the latter the event pricing information and how to make hotel reservations at

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April 2007

Board Election Ballot Inside

The ballot for the 2007 Board of Directors election, results of which will be announced at business session of the 14th Annual Membership Meeting, Saturday, May 5, in Colorado Springs, and full instructions for casting it, are on pages 4 & 5.

Five candidates for the five open seats – Neil Buttimer, Sam Giammo, C. B. Kelly, Larry McCrackern and Christine Queen – have been identified by the nominating committee. Write in candidates are permitted.

our special rate, as well as your registration form for the meeting. Don't delay, register today, May 3-5, is just a few weeks away.

AFPAAA Funds Grow; Treasurer Still Sought

At the January's AFPAAA's Board of Directors meeting, Treasurer Jim Hart reported the for the first time in our history our net worth exceeded one-quarter of a million dollars at the end of December, which closed the first quarter of the fiscal year. That total included the endowment fund, money market fund holdings, and our checking account, which is used to handle daily operating expenses.

The bulk of the figure rests in the endowment fund, which now has almost \$232,000, but

is still \$68,000 short of our \$300,000 goal. The purpose of the endowment fund when it reaches it goal is, if needed, to provide income to help defray the day-to-day operating expenses of AFPAAA.

Jim also pointed out membership chairman Neil Buttimer's efforts in securing renewal of memberships had brought in \$2,340 during the quarter.

AFPAAA has been designated a tax-exempt veteran's organization under

the Internal Revenue Service code and is incorporated in Virginia. An incorporation requirement is that a member of the board or officer of AFPAAA residing in Virginia be named as the association's registered agent for dealings with Virginia. John Terino has accepted that responsibility, replacing Charlie Powers who is no longer an officer or member of the board.

To date, a volunteer to replace Jim as treasurer has not come forward. Any member of AFPAAA who is

willing to consider filling that position when Jim steps down at the end of June is urged to contact him to find out what is involved by phone at (850) 592-4740 or by e-mail at jimwhart@digitalexp.com

"We need someone who can deposit the checks, pay our bills, and handle our books," said AFPAAA President Tom Halbert. "It's a big job, requiring a lot of attention; whoever takes it needs to be dedicated and willing to keep up with things."

Lord Guard & Guide

Coleman H. Barber

Coleman H. Barber, a former Deputy for Logistics and Engineering at Air Force Broadcasting Service, died February 24 in San Antonio. He was 85.

After retiring in January, 1996, Coleman was the first civilian to receive the Department of Defense's Tom Lewis Award for his contribution to military broadcasting professional excellence and the Air Force's Terrance Mayer Award. He was the only person to receive both awards in the same year.

During World War II, he was a Chief Radio Operator in the U.S. Merchant Marine serving in the Atlantic, Pacific, and Mediterranean-Indian Ocean regions. After the war, he had a 26 year career in commercial broadcasting which culminated as Chief Engineer for KTSA/KTFM in San Antonio. He entered government service in 1973 with the Army's Health Sciences Media Division at Fort Sam Houston. He joined Air Force Broadcasting Service in 1985 at Kelly AFB.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Adelle; and his three daughters, Pat Holmes, Cheryl, and Joyce Howison, six grandchildren, and twelve great grandchildren.

Stewart Diamond

It was impossible not to like Stew Diamond who passed away in late January. His was a gregarious, upbeat personality with a "nothing is too hard, when do you want it?" attitude.

I first met Stew in 1963 when as a first lieutenant I reported to Bolling AFB's 1100th Air Base Wing Information Office following an assignment as station manager for AFRTS at Iraklion Air Station, Crete. Stew at the time was a tech sergeant, I believe, who eventually retired as a senior master sergeant in 1980 after a 23-year career. He had this deep, resonant baritone of a voice that made me realize I had no future as a broadcaster. We did share (along with the late John Gulick whom I would meet in 1970 at SAF/OI) a passion for the premier jazz vocal group of the era, The Four Freshmen.

Upon retirement in Hawaii, Stew worked for a time at radio stations K-59, KKUA and KULA. He went on to spend 20 years as a public affairs spokesman for the U.S. Army Pacific Command and the last four years as the chief of public affairs for the U.S. Army Installation Management Command-Pacific at Fort Shafter.

Stew is survived by his wife, Kimeko; three daughters: Shana Diamond-Hoshino, Sheryl Diamond-Yamashita and Sharon Diamond Pascual; six grandchildren; and a sister.

While our brief association was limited to that Bolling assignment from 1963 to 1965, I remember well how dedicated Stew was, and how much he loved our Air Force and country. Stew had an unrivaled passion about his job, his family, his friends, and his life. We all should be more like him.

– Dave Shea

Stew and I used to give tours of Washington DC to visiting groups of military DVs, some US and many foreign officers. Stew was the expert, he had done it so many times, and was my "trainer." These visits often had quite a bit of visibility at the Pentagon, and a bad report in hosting would have been very bad news indeed for my base commander. Stew made sure it went right.

I know it was an intense time for me. Everything was new, everything was very important, and any project that turned out to be less than perfect, was just not an option. I could not have survived without Stew's careful guiding hand. A smart, professional military NCO, and also a person built by nature and inclination for the PR aspect of our business.

Stew in those days was what I would call an operator - "savvy," people smart, and knew where to go to get what was needed to do the PR job. He knew people, he knew how to get things done, and he enjoyed it.

One thing is for sure. In my first "introduction to the real Air Force" in that first 6 months, which is such an important period, Stew Diamond, and our office secretary, Eleanor Norway, stand out in my world as major personalities. The "good" people — even, I should say, the "excellent people" in this world, and as the two, along with Dave Shea and Bonnie O'Leary, who most shaped me, and prepared me in that first year, for my future in the Air Force.

– Jack Gregory

Frank Meek

Retired Colonel Frank Meek, who was commandant of the Defense Information School (DINFOS) from March 1971 until January 1972, died February 11. He was 87.

Frank was born in Caldwell, Idaho. His father was a retired cavalry officer. He became a sportswriter for The (Portland) Oregonian, but his editor said that when Frank wrote about baseball, he could never tell what sport he was writing about. He was assigned to DINFOS at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, in 1969, only to be recruited to public television station WFYI, Channel 20, in Indianapolis.

Frank is credited with obtaining an 800-foot transmitting tower that expanded the station's signal past Indianapolis; acquiring WIAN-FM from Indianapolis Public Schools and changing its call letters to WFYI-FM. He was at WFYI from 1972 to 1990, and was named a WFYI Life Director in 1995.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Margaret, and a son, Dr. Sanford G. Meek.

Craig Timberlake

Craig Timberlake, a veteran of World War II, who retired from the Air Force Reserve as a Lieutenant Colonel, died December 31. He was 86.

He was professor emeritus of Columbia University's Teachers College where he was chairman of the Department of Music Education. Craig was a member of the New York Public Affairs Reserve Squadron, serving during the periods Colonels Bob Keim, Gil Hodges, and Jon Allen headed the unit.

He graduated from Southern Methodist University and had MA and Ph.D degrees from Columbia University, and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

A multitalented performer, Craig appeared in more than 100 plays, operas, and musicals in the United States, Canada, and Mexico. He soloed with the New York City Opera Company, the National Opera of Mexico, and the San Antonio Symphony Grand Opera Festival, and on records with the Robert Shaw Chorale and Fred Waring. He was soloist, choral consultant, and director for ABC TV's Public Affairs Division; conducting the chorus and being a soloist in a series of programs on the history of church music.

Craig edited the American edition of *Granville's Theatre Dictionary* and was the author of *The Bishop of Broadway*, *David Belasco, His Life and Work*, the definitive biography of the theatrical producer-director.

From The President's Pen _____



Now that you have received this newsletter, there are two timely things you need to do . First, it is time to register and make reservations to attend our annual meeting in Colorado Springs. Second, make sure you complete and mail in your ballot for the election of AFPAAA board members.

Starting with our annual meeting and reunion in Colorado Springs, don't "almost" attend. Take action now. The deadline for the discount rate at the Antlers hotel is April 10. The deadline for discount registration for the annual meeting is April 20. Now is the time for those who want to fly to Colorado Springs or Denver to lock in lower fares.

Fred Morgan and his team have put together a great program with visits to the Air Force Academy and Schriever AFB on Friday, and re-bluing presentations on Saturday. And, there is plenty of time for visiting with old friends and meeting our new alumni members in a world-class community with breathtaking scenery, a variety of exciting attractions, and a diverse selection of restaurants and cuisine.

After you register and make your reservations, take one step more. Call your former PA team buddies and ask them to join you at the Antlers for this year's annual meeting.

Join us at 5:30 p.m. Thursday when the no-host welcome reception kicks everything off; Take the "civilized" tours on Friday that will have us back at the hotel by 4:30 p.m. so we can enjoy a free evening at the venue of our choice in Colorado Springs. Attend the outstanding group of presentations that will precede our business meeting on Saturday. Then top everything off with our dinner gala that evening.

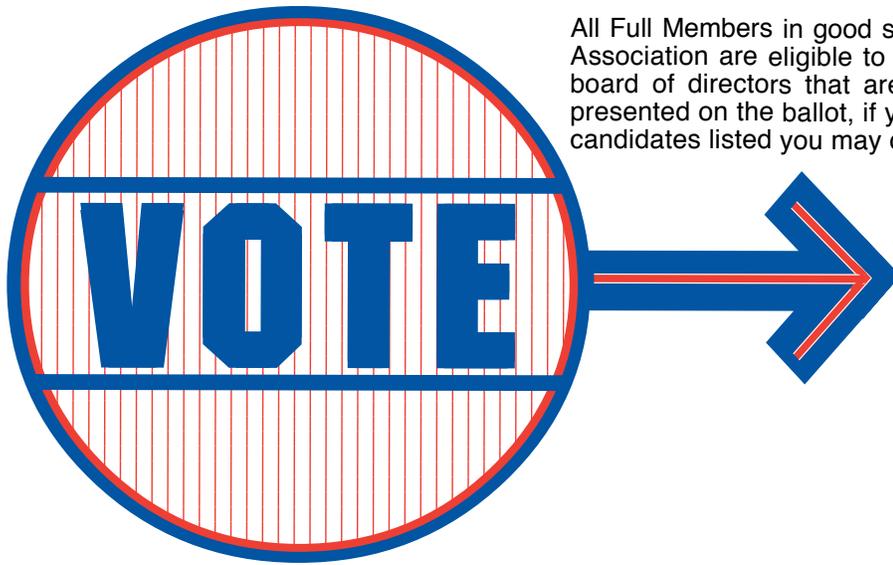
All of this coupled with picturesque Pikes Peak and the beautiful Rocky Mountains in the background – the vistas that inspired Katharine Lee Bates to pen the lines to her most famous poem, "America the Beautiful."

Now, take the additional action of voting. We have a great slate of candidates for the AFPAAA board. You can find out more about the candidates, as well as the ballot on page 5. You will note a cross section of board experience and those who can bring fresh ideas to our leadership group.

Looking forward to seeing you in Colorado Springs.

Tom Halbert

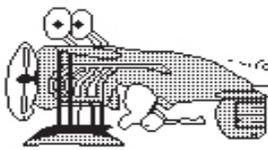
Board Election: Read, Choose, Cut, Mark, & Mail



All Full Members in good standing of the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association are eligible to vote in the election for the five seats on the board of directors that are open this year. While five candidates are presented on the ballot, if you desire to vote for someone other than the candidates listed you may do so in the "Other" space provided. You may vote for no more than a total of five persons, whether you select from the candidates on the ballot or write in a candidate(s) of your choice. If you receive *News & Notes* electronically, to cast a ballot you will need to print page 5.

When you have made your choices, mark your ballot; print and sign your name; cut the ballot from the page; place it in an envelope and mail it to arrive NLT April 20th at:

AFPAAA Ballot
c/o Kathleen McCollom
5009 Donovan Drive
Alexandria VA 22304-8620



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Welcome Aboard To . . . *Kristina Barrett, Mary Caitlin Brown, Richard Paul Fulton, Michael M. Nachshen, and DeJon M. Redd.*

Thanks to BAE Systems . . . *for printing our AFPAAA Membership Directory that was mailed in early March. If you haven't received yours yet or need to correct your entry, contact Neil Buttimer at: buttimer@afpaaa.org or by phone at 540 972-0083.*

Movin' Up . . . *to Major General and Director, Air, Space and Information Operations at Air Mobility Command Headquarters, Scott AFB, IL, former Director of Public Affairs, Frederick F. Roggero.*

Your Car Is Now Incognito . . . *March 15 the Air Force stopped issuing vehicle decals for two reasons: Security and Money. No decals on vehicles improves the safety of those on active duty, civilian employees, retirees, and their families. In the post-Sept. 11 world, decals are no longer a practical means of ensuring security; now we are required to show ID cards when entering a base. Cameras that photograph license plates of cars at base gates allow the tracking of vehicles entering and leaving. Off base the decals are*

a potential security threat because they identify the car or truck as belonging to someone in the military or who works on base; that singles out them and their families as easy terrorist targets. Eliminating the decals also produces big savings Air Force-wide. The AF currently has 1.66 million registered vehicles, each requires renewal at least every three years. In Fiscal Year 2005, approximately \$738,000 was spent to print DD Form 2220s – elimination of the decals will save the Air Force millions in the years ahead.

Want A Job? . . . *MPRI, an L-3 Communications Company, is looking for a strategic communications professional to work in the DC metropolitan area. They want someone with a demonstrated background in public affairs and strategic communications, preferably at the major command level or higher, with the ability to provide planning, research, and evaluation services to support the implementation of a public affairs program for a U.S. Government client. Activities could include conducting research analysis and trend studies of various mass communication channels, long and near term planning to support implementation of the client's public affairs programs, and writing of planning document, such as communication plans and public affairs guidance. An excellent package of compensation and benefits that includes a 401K plan, health and life insurance, and stock options is provided. Send resumes to Rick Kiernan at Rick.Kiernan@L-3com.com*

Clarkophilia . . . *If you didn't learn enough about Clark AB from Tom Utts book *GI Joe Doesn't Live Here Anymore*, delve into his Clark Air Base Scrapbook at <http://zcap.free yellow.com/pix3.htm>*

Board of Directors Candidates – 2007

Neil Buttimer

Neil Buttimer is a Lifetime Founder of AFPAAA and was one of the original organizers that met at the Fort Myers Officers' Club to form the Association.

As AFPAAA's membership director since 1994, he maintains the membership roster, handles annual renewals, and manages the directory's printing and distribution.

Neil had a 27-year Air Force career, primarily in Public Affairs, retiring as a colonel in 1991. He worked for almost ten years as a contractor in the missile defense organization's public and legislative affairs office at the Pentagon.

He received a BA degree in Broadcasting from Southern Illinois University and an MA in Mass Communications from the University of Denver.

Neil recently completed a three year term on the board of governors of his 4,200-lot homeowners association which included two years as president.



Sam Giammo

Sam Giammo is secretary of the AFPAAA Board of Directors. He is the director of Public Affairs for the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center in Albuquerque, a position he has held since August 1997.

He chairs the New Mexico Ronald McDonald House Charities Board of Directors, is treasurer of the New Mexico Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America, and a member of the New Mexico Mothers Against Drunk Drivers advisory board.

Sam has a BA in Journalism from Kent State University and an MA in Communication from the University of Northern Colorado. He is accredited in public relations by the Public Relations Society of America, and in 2001 was elected to the PRSA College of Fellows.

He completed his 27-year Air Force career as a public affairs officer in 1994 as SAF/PA deputy director, retiring as a colonel.



C. B. Kelly

C. B. Kelly is a member of the AFPAAA Board of Directors and a Life Member of the association.

He retired from active duty in 1977 as a Lieutenant Colonel and resides in Pasadena, California.

Larry McCracken

Larry McCracken is a Lifetime Founder of AFPAAA. He retired in 2005 as Vice President of Communications of The Boeing Company where he headed the

award-winning communications program for the move of corporate headquarters from Seattle to Chicago in 2001. He came to Boeing from McDonnell Douglas in 1997 after co-leading the communication team for the merger of the two companies. He joined McDonnell Douglas in 1992. In 1996 he became Vice President of Public Relations at the company's headquarters in St. Louis. He was Raytheon's Director of Media Relations in Lexington, Massachusetts, from 1986-1991.

Larry ended his 21-year Air Force PA career as Military Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs from 1983-1986. He is a 1965 USAF Academy graduate and has a MA degree in Journalism from the University of Oklahoma.



Christine Queen

Christine Queen, is a Lifetime Founder of AFPAAA and a member of its Board of Directors. She works for Northrop Grumman as the senior marketing strategist for the Headquarters, Army Continuing Education System. She has a BS degree in education from Illinois State University.

Christine was the third PAO in country for Desert Shield ('90) and the first PAO for the President's Countermarctics Operation in Puerto Rico. In the Pentagon she was Chief, Plans and Programs, Ballistic Missile Defense Organization (now Missile Defense Organization); 2nd Air Force Director of Public Affairs, Beale AFB; and Chief of Advertising and Publicity for the recruiting squadron at Lowry AFB. She retired as a major in 1968.

She is a life time member of the Air Force Association, the Reserve Officers Association; and the Military Officers Association of America. She was a board member of MOAA from 2004-2006.



Ballot – Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association – 2007

Mark Ballot For Up To Five Candidates

Neil Buttimer

Sam Giammo

C. B. Kelly

Larry McCracken

Christine Queen

Other _____

Member's Name (please print): _____

Signature: _____

Mail to arrive NLT April 20 to: AFPAAA Ballot, c/o Kathleen McCollom, 5009 Donovan Drive, Alexandria VA 22304-8620

Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association 14th Annual Membership Meeting

Thursday, May 3

Noon – 5:30 p.m. Registration adjacent to Antlers hotel reception desk.

5:00 – 8:00 p.m. No-host ice breaker in Fremont Room.

Evening free.

Friday, May 4

6:30 – 8:15 a.m. Breakfast in the Antlers Hotel Grill.

8:30 a.m. Buses depart Antlers Hotel for Air Force Academy.

9:00 a.m. Air Force Academy Visitors Center.

9:45 a.m. Briefing – Issues & Challenges facing the Academy.

10:30 a.m. View Cadet area & visit USAFA Cadet Chapel – Group Photo.

Noon AFPAAA President’s Luncheon – Officers’ Club.

1:00 p.m. Buses Depart for Schriever AFB.

1:50 p.m. Tour 50th Space Wing, Shriever AFB.

4:00 p.m. Depart for Antlers Hotel.

Evening free.

Saturday, May 5

6:30 – 8:45 a.m. Breakfast in the Antlers Hotel Grill.

9:00 a.m. Welcome, AFPAAA President Tom Halbert.

9:10 a.m. NORTHCOM’s response to Hurricane Katrina – Mike Perini, NORAD/NORTHCOM director of public affairs.

9:45 a.m. TRICARE update & changes in military medicine – Colonel Alan Berg, commander, 10th Medical Group.

11:00 a.m. Activities & accomplishments of the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, Hickam AFB, Hawaii.

11:45 a.m. SAF/PA Director’s Luncheon.

1:30 – 3:30 p.m. 14th AFPAAA Annual Membership Meeting.

Afternoon free.

6:00 p.m. Pre-Dinner Gala no-host reception – Antlers Hotel.

7:00 p.m. Dinner Gala – 14th Annual Membership Meeting concludes.

Registration Form



14th Annual Membership Meeting



May 3-5, 2007 - Colorado Springs

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Name(s) of guest(s): _____

Are you a new member of AFPAAA?: _____ Is this the first annual meeting you have attended?: _____

How do you want your name(s) to appear on your name badge(s): _____

Do you or your guests have special needs? Please specify: _____

How many in your party will take the tour of on Friday, May 4th? _____

Full Registration

Includes all events on Friday and Saturday, May 4 & 5. Must be registered by April 20, 2007.

Members Attending _____ X \$150 = _____
 Guests Attending _____ X \$140 = _____
 Non-Members Attending _____ X \$200 = _____

Partial Registrations

Trip to USAF Academy & Schriever AFB on Friday, including President's Luncheon and transportation.

Members Attending _____ X \$ 45 = _____
 Guests Attending _____ X \$ 45 = _____
 Non-Members Attending _____ X \$ 60 = _____

President's Luncheon Only - Friday

Members Attending _____ X \$ 30 = _____
 Guests Attending _____ X \$ 30 = _____
 Non-Members Attending _____ X \$ 40 = _____

Saturday Breakfast, Briefings, & Membership Meeting
 (Membership Meeting is free to all Members)

Members Attending _____ X \$ 25 = _____
 Guests Attending _____ X \$ 25 = _____
 Non-Members Attending _____ X \$ 30 = _____

SAF/PA Director's Luncheon - Saturday

Members Attending _____ X \$ 40 = _____
 Guests Attending _____ X \$ 40 = _____
 Non-Members Attending _____ X \$ 50 = _____

Reception & Banquet - Saturday Evening

Members Attending _____ X \$ 60 = _____
 Guests Attending _____ X \$ 60 = _____
 Non-Members Attending _____ X \$75 = _____

Full & Partial Registrants: Please specify your banquet dinner choice: # of Beef _____ # of Chicken _____

Total Remitted = \$ _____

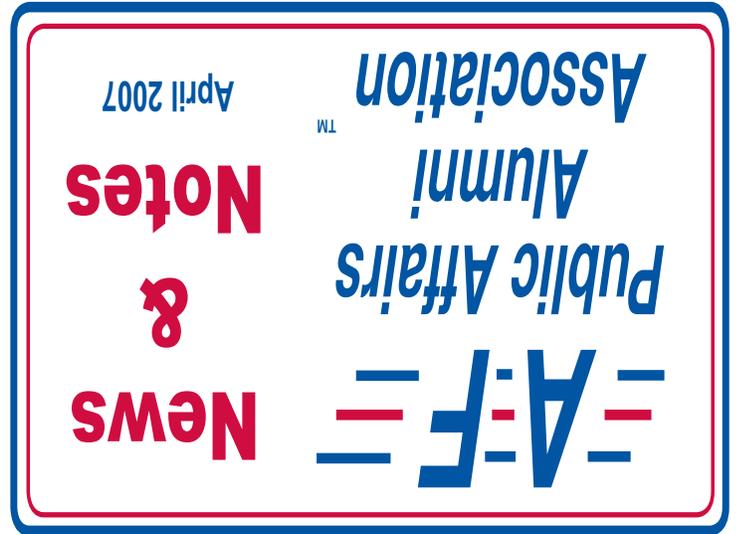
Please make your check or money order payable to AFPAAA and mail it with your completed registration form to:

Linda Arnold, Attn: AFPAAA, 1831 Parhaven Drive, San Antonio, TX 78232.

Registrations received after April 20, 2007 will be charged a \$25 (per attendee) late registration fee.

Hotel: *The Antlers Hilton Colorado Springs, 4 S. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903. Reservations: Phone (719) 955-5600. Our group rate is \$119 per night plus tax. Reservations must be made by April 20, 2007 to get the groups rate. Ask for Group Code: AFPAAA. Or, go to the AFPAAA website and click on the hotel link to make reservations online, find driving directions, or get more information. The group rate is available for up to 3 days prior to and three days after the meeting.*

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To . . .



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