Don't Miss The Friends, Fun & Festivities In Florida At Eglin, Hurlburt, & Destin, April 27-30

Can you smell the Pan Seared Red Snapper? How about the aroma of the New York Strip? Plus fine wine, a cocktail reception, entertainment, the Mike McRaney Distinguished Service to AFPAAA Award recipient, and the Air Force Public Affairs Best of the Best presentation – and that's just the program for the last Saturday night of this month!

From the start of our 24th Annual Membership Meeting Program Thursday evening, April 27th, until our departure Sunday, April 30th, there is a full slate of educational and social activities for us as we enjoy the luxury of our rooms and the facilities of our headquarters at the Sandestin Golf and

Beach Resort.



If our headquarters is at a golf resort there needs to be an outing for those of us who partake of "pasture pool" – and so there is on Thursday, the first day of our gathering. After our informal get reacquainted reception that evening, we really get into high-gear on Friday and Saturday.

It's the Special Operations Command, the CV-22 Osprey and other Special Ops aircraft at Hurlburt Field on Friday morning. We'll lunch at Eglin AFB and visit the 33rd Fighter Wing's multi-national F-35 Lightning II training, the 96th Test Wing, and an EOD

demonstration before returning to our hotel. Saturday we have briefings, the SAF/PA Director's luncheon, the general membership meeting, and our gala reception and dinner. See the schedule below and the registration form on page 7 for all the details. Get your form and payment in pronto (you can pay by credit card & register on line at: http://www.afpaaa.org/AnnMeet-Reg16.html) to avoid the late fee after April 20.

The Agenda - AFPAAA Florida 2017

Thursday, April 27

Golf Outing 8 am

Registration In Lobby Noon-7 pm

Board Of Directors Meeting 2 pm

Icebreaker Reception 5 pm-7 pm

Friday, April 28

Breakfast

7-7:30 am

Board Buses - Hurlburt 7:45 am

Board Buses - Eglin 11:30 am

President's Luncheon Noon

Board Buses - Hotel 4:30 pm

Saturday, April 29

Breakfast 7:30-8:30am

Briefing – Army Battalion Command Challenges 9 am Briefing - AFRES 919th Special Ops Wing 10 am

SAF/PA Director's Luncheon Brig. General Ed Thomas Noon

AFPAAA General Membership Meeting 2 pm

Pre Banquet Reception 6 pm

AFPAAA Banquet And McRaney and Air Force Best Of The Best Presentations 7 pm

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Sunday, April 30

Depart At Your Leisure



From The President's Pen

It's time to re-blue and renew at our highly anticipated Annual Membership Meeting in Destin, Florida, April 27-30.

Our visits to Eglin and Hurlburt on Friday, April 28 will give us a chance to see some of the latest weaponry and find out what is happening in the world of special operations. And, we're especially looking forward to hearing from Brigadier General Ed Thomas at the SAF/PA Director's Luncheon on Saturday, the 29th.

Haven't registered? You need to act quickly – the meeting is just around the corner. To avoid a late fee, get your registration and payment in by April 20; the form is on page 7, and additional information is on page 1.

AFPAAA's board of directors, with its officers and committee chairs, handle the day-to-day activities that enable it to serve the membership. We have an experienced group of candidates on our annual board of directors election ballot and it is time for us to vote. Results will be announced at the general membership meeting in Destin, April 29. Please review the credentials of the candidates and cast your vote to arrive by April 14, either by mail using the ballot on page 3 or electronically at www.afpaaa.org/vote.html

Each year's election simultaneously shows stability and transition.

The stability comes from the core of AFPAAA members who been with us for many years – paying their dues, coming to the Annual Membership Meetings, and supporting our newsletter and web site. Those members, several who have been with AFPAAA since the beginning, include officers and board and committee members that provide a "brain trust" and corporate memory for the association.

The transition comes from the new candidates who run for and are elected to the board. But to continue to flourish, AFPAAA needs a steady flow of "new blood" into our membership. We need the younger members of our career field to join us. Those in our career field's retired, separated, and active-duty force have talent that can sustain and move AFPAAA forward in the years ahead. Please look at our directory. If the names of those you served with are not listed, reach out. Contact them. Invite them to join. Your personal touch can make a difference.

That membership challenge has been recognized. At last year's Annual Membership Meeting, we launched the AFPAAA 2020 initiative to review how we operate and where we can improve. It seeks to keep us on track and relevant to our current members, but of greater import it aims at those now serving and who we need to be members in the years ahead. The AFPAAA 2020 committees have been brainstorming ideas, surveying potential audiences, and analyzing data. It's a long-term effort, if you have suggestions or want to help, the AFPAAA 2020 ad hoc committee chairs are Operations, Tom Dolney, tomdolney@afpaaa.org; Finance, Phil Ratliff, philratliff@afpaaa.org; Membership, Connie Custer, conniecuster@afpaaa.org; and Annual Meetings, John Gura, johngura@afpaaa.org.

It's been an honor to serve as president this year and the support from fellow board members has made the year fly by! As always, you may contact me at judybivens@afpaaa.org or (731) 610-0730.

I look forward to watching our association grow and improve in the coming years.

– Judy Bivens

Election: Vote Below For Six

AFPAAA's Board of Directors has 12 elected members who serve overlapping two-year terms. Six positions are open this year for terms beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2019. Only AFPAAA Full Members in good standing (dues paid) may vote. All ballots must reach the Election Committee by Friday, April 14, 2017. Provisions are made for write-Board Members in votes but ballots may only be cast for six names. Those wishing to vote online can go to: www.afpaaa.org/vote.html Please do not enclose any other correspondence with this ballot.

Jim "JC" Corcoran, after graduating from high school in 1968, joined the Air Force and served 26 year on active duty. His first eight years were as an administrative specialist. In 1976 he cross-trained into the Broadcast career field with assignments that included Chief of Mini-TV at Hqs AFEBS Ramstein AB; AFBS Hqs in San Antonio, and Station Manager, AFEBS Lajes Field, Azores. His last assignment was as Chief, Community Relations, Hanscom AFB. JC retired in 1995 as a Senior Master Sergeant. He returned to Hanscom's Office of Community Relations. where he served for 18 years prior to his retirement in 2013 as a GS-11. JC is a Lifetime Member of AFPAAA.



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



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



Art Forster was a career Air Force public affairs officer. During the first Gulf War, he was the SAF/PA media relations chief, As Public Affairs Director for NORAD and U.S. Space Command, he served as Defense Department spokesman following the loss of the space shuttle, Challenger. He was Director, Air Force Eastern Region Public Affairs Office in New York when he retired in 1996. He was senior vice president Corporate and Financial Group at Hill and Knowlton Public Relations in New York. He moved on as Director, Congressional and Public Affairs for the Defense Contract Management Agency and later Chief Communications Officer for the Federal Election Commission. In 2015 he retired as Director, Public and Congressional Affairs, U.S. Army Contracting Command, Redstone Arsenal, AL, and is now a senior communications consultant. Art is a Life member of AFPAAA.



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



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



Ballot – AFPAAA Board of Directors Election – 2017 Instructions

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JC Corcoran	Jay DeFrank	Tom Dolney	Art Forster	Perry Nouis	Phil Ratliff
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David G. Jones

Dave Jones, who had a 20-year Air Force career, died December 27 in Roseville, California. He was 65.

He was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He began his Air Force service in 1974. Dave had assignments

in Alabama, Texas, South Korea, Oklahoma, and Hawaii. He was proudest of his two years doing Public Affairs work for the USAF Thunderbirds from 1982-1984.

After his retirement in 1984 he worked in Public Affairs for the California Dental Association and the United States Government's Bureau of Reclamation.

He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Yvonne M. Jones; his sisters, Cindy and Tara, and brothers, Dennis and Randy.

I met Dave when we worked together coordinating USAF Thunderbirds base tour schedules at Nellis AFB NV in 1982. Being the military professional public affairs officer, he was always welcoming and accommodating to the mission's needs. Beyond the professional side, I got to know him and Yvonne and developed a friendship that has lasted decades. When I think of Dave, I think of his kind and gentle ways, his infectious smile, his teaching me how to make fluffy scrambled eggs, his peach kuchen and his eagerness to teach me photography and I will treasure the photography book he gave me on my last visit.

Always the gentleman. A fine man with the utmost values and morals. I will miss you, but know the heavens are brighter now with an added star – and you are at peace from your suffering.

– Lin Griffin

From day one of my tour with the Thunderbirds - it was the Boys who quickly got me up to speed - monitored me on history and traditions - helped me memorize the narration - kidded with me and made me feel part of the team in a

> broader sense than just being one of the jocks. It was the folks in public affairs that made my schedules - along with the great airshow coordinators - for the demo sites. Dave's smiling face

was always present with encouragement - information schedules - and friendship. He is a vital part of my memories and will be missed. I was saddened by his suffering yet greatly heartened by the knowledge that he knew where he was going - home to a loving Father. The support of his wife was incredible as she truly demonstrated the love demanded in the wedding vows to love, honor, and cherish until death do us part. Rest well faithful friend and servant, God grant you peace.

-A. R. Minkel

Dave, you were a fine man and Ron and I always enjoyed being with you and Yvonne especially at your beautiful wedding. We enjoyed our times together at the Thunderbirds functions as well as your home in California. You will certainly be missed but we know your are in the arms of our Father in Heaven. Yvonne, we love you both very much.

- Ellen Coble

Dave was a valued friend and Thunderbirds teammate who was key in executing the Public Affairs plan for the 1st F-16 Thunderbirds team. We worked hard but enjoyed great

Lord Guard & Guide

times on the road -- Yvonne our thoughts and prayers are with you and the whole family during this extremely tough time.

- Patrick Nugent

No words can express the love Yvonne has showered on Dave all these years. Dave was a great friend, writer and photographer – the US Air Force and AWACS were

so blessed with his talents. The bonus blessing was all the love and laughter Yvonne shared on their various assignments. RIP Dave, now you don't need a jet to fly!

- Paula Printup-Porter

Dave was a wonderful USAF Thunderbirds friend and teammate. Rest In Peace Brother Bird.

- Tim Cov

Raymond J. Santangelo

AFPAAA member Ray Santangelo passed away in Sacramento, California, on No-

vember 5. He was 83.

Ray was born in Brooklyn, New York. He began his 20-year Air Force career in 1952, retiring as a Technical Sergeant.

He enjoyed meeting with and working with people. Ray was a strong supporter of AFPAAA.

He is survived by his sister, Anne Donovan; a nephew, and a grand nephew. He was interred with full military honors on November 18 at St. Mary's Cemetery in Sacramento.

As a brand new second lieutenant in my first assignment with the Systems Command test wing at Vandenberg AFB, I met Ray in the summer of 1963. He was a staff sergeant in the host base information office of SAC's 1st Strategic Aerospace Division.

Ray was a professional who was a fine source of guidance for this young

officer, despite the sometimes-strained relationship between our two units and

their respective Information chiefs.

We spent too many cold, foggy, breezy nights at the press site on Kearney Mesa waiting with the media, staring at spotlighted Atlas ICBMs a mile

away, venting LOX, ready for test missions, with the count stuck at "T-Minus Fifteen and Holding."

Ray was a solid guy with a good sense of humor, he gave me background and perspective as I was just getting started on an Air Force career. Sorry he's gone.

- Mark Foutch

Ray was one of the first people to join the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association after it was founded in 1994. He was a fine man who I got to know at many of AFPAAA's Annual Membership Meetings. We will miss him.

- John Terino

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2017 Marks Air Force's 70th Anniversary, Do You Know What It Is All About Today?

By definition, the name of the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association means that most of our members are either retired or separated with a relative small component of Associate Members still serving. The Air Force is changing rapidly and is not the same service it was for those of us who left only a few years ago. If we departed a decade or more ago, well, it is an entirely different service.

So, how can we keep up? There is a lot of information readily available to keep us current. One place to tap that information is to use the Internet, including links on our web site: www.afpaaa.org Below are some examples of that information and where it is so we can be up-to-date and speak knowledgeably when we are engaged in conversations that discuss the Air Force and defense.

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"Waypoints" and "2017 Narrative Americas Air Force:
Always There" are documents directly from the Air Force that provide the most current public overview of what the service is about today and its plans for the future. They can be read and/or downloaded from the Internet by going to What's New on AFPAAA's home page — www.afpaaa.org — and clicking on each of their links.

"Waypoints" is a long, detailed overview of where the Air Force is today in terms of its equipment, personnel, funding, missions — both combat and humanitarian, and what is needed to enhance capabilities in all areas and address current shortfalls in order to achieve goals for the future. The "2017 Narrative" is substantially shorter but still provides and informative picture of where the Air Force is and what it needs to fulfill the missions and goals anticipated in the future.

"An Interview With David L. Goldfein. Twenty-First Chief of Staff Of The US Air Force" in Air University's spring issue of Strategic Studies Quarterly - www.au.af. mil/au/ssq - details from the top what the Air Force's priorities are and how they fit together with the other services to produce our national defense posture. "Defense Decisions for the Trump Administration", posits that there needs to be consensus on a grand strategy and a defense budget that supports it. Other interesting articles include "The Convergence of Information Warfare" that contends defeating a cyber war threat will have to become a focus on defeating a broader information warfare threat, and "Russia, NATO and the INF Treaty".

which covers the alternatives of a presidential decision on whether or not to remain committed to the INF treaty.

"Defeating The Threat Of Small Unmanned Aerial Systems" and "Air Mines: Countering The Drone Threat To Aircraft" are two pieces in the spring issue of Air

University's Air & Space Power Journal – www.airpower.au.af.

mil – that explore the new threat to both ground targets and aircraft posed by small UAVs. Little covered by the news media, design enhancements and miniaturization technology have produced low-cost small unmanned aerial vehicles that can employ weapons with precision and lethality and are available to large and small nations and terrorist groups. "Airpower and Irregular War: A Battle of Ideas" and "The Myth of Strategic and Tactical Airlift" tackle debated subjects relevant to asset employment in combat and logistics planning. Other articles put a historical perspective on The Doolittle Raid and joint operations in the Norwegian campaign of 1940.

DoD And Air Force Web Sites Provide Current Information On All Facets Of Operations, People, & Policies By frequently checking the two web sites — www.defense.gov and www.af.mil — we can keep up to date on DoD, the Air Force, and the other services' activities. In addition, photography, video clips, biographies of current and past military and civilian service leaders are available for research and download.

Name:	Registration Form
Address:	= AFPAAA
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Cell Phone: (Do you receive text messages at this number? Yes No)	24th Annual Membership Meeting
Guest(s) Name(s):	April 27-30, 2017 Destin-Fort Walton Beach, Florida
How do you want your name/guest name(s) to appear on name badges:	 :
Full Registration	
Includes all events, except golf, on Thursday, Friday, & Saturday. Please indicate the number of meal choice(s) for the Saturday banquet: NY Strip Steak Pan Seared Red Snapper Vegetarian How many in your party will go by bus to Hurlburt Field & Eglin AFB on Friday, April 28?	Members Attending x \$200 = \$ Guests Attending x \$200 = \$ Non Members x \$300 = \$
Individual Event Registration Icebreaker Reception - Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort, Thursday, April 27, 5-7 p.m.	Members Attending x \$20 = \$ Guests Attending x \$20 = \$ Non Members x \$25 = \$
Breakfast - Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort, Friday, April 28.	Members Attending x \$25 = \$ Guests Attending x \$25 = \$ Non Members x \$30 = \$
President's Luncheon - Eglin AFB, Friday, April 28. (Includes bus transportation from Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort to Hurlburt Field to Eglin AFB)	Members Attending x \$75 = \$ Guests Attending x \$75 = \$ Non Members x \$85 = \$
President's Luncheon Only – Eglin AFB, Friday, April 28.	Members Attending x \$35 = \$ Guests Attending x \$35 = \$ Non Members x \$45 = \$
Breakfast - Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort, Saturday, April 29.	Members Attending x \$25 = \$ Guests Attending x \$25 = \$ Non Members x \$30 = \$
SAF/PA Director's Luncheon, Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort, Saturday, April 29.	Members Attending x \$50 = \$ Guests Attending x \$50 = \$ Non Members x \$60 = \$
AFPAAA Annual Reception and Banquet, Saturday, April 29, 6-10 p.m. Please indicate number of meal choice(s) for the banquet: NY Strip Steak Pan Seared Red Snapper Vegetarian	Members Attending x \$85 = \$ Guests Attending x \$85 = \$ Non Members x \$95 = \$
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To pay by credit card & register on line go to: http://www.afpaaa.org/AnnMeet-Reg16.html

Golf Outing

Thursday, April 27, 8 a.m. How many in your party will golf on April 27? Make your golf reservation and get details, greens fees, and other costs from Joe Purka by April 24, via e-mail: jwpurka@cox.net or phone: (850) 897-5601.

Registrations Are Due By April 20, 2017 Registrations Received After This Date Will Be Charged A \$25 Per Person Late Fee

Hotel: AFPAAA has a block of rooms at the Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort at the rate of \$139.00+11% tax per night (single or double). This rate is valid from Monday, April 24 through Tuesday, May 2, 2017. Make reservations online at http://www.sandestin.com/23L3Q3 or by calling 1 800 320-8115 and ask for group code 23L3Q3. Reservations for this rate must be made by April 7, 2017. A one night room rate deposit is required to secure the reservation; the deposit is refundable if the reservation is cancelled at least 7 days prior to the scheduled arrival date.

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