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Almost 50 Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association members are now receiving their *News & Notes* via the internet.

Tom Halbert, who lives in Germany got his last issue from the net and said, “I now can get the newsletter about 3 weeks earlier - and the AFPAAA no longer is stuck for international mail rates.”

If you’ve access to the internet, you too can get *News & Notes* by aiming your browser to:

<http://www.afpaaa.org>

Once connected, follow the links – you’ll need your password.

The newsletter is available as a ‘text only’ file or a ‘PDF file’ (Portable Document Format) which can be downloaded and read on your computer or printed.

Free, enabling software that maintains graphics, photos and layout – Adobe Acrobat Reader – is available from the web site.

CyberSubscribers are notified by e-mail the day the newsletter is on-line. This

means they receive it quicker, get one less piece of mail, and, more importantly, save the AFPAAA postage and shipping costs.

AFPAAA members who have already received *News & Notes* via the internet are very pleased. Sam Giammo found it easy,

“I already downloaded Adobe Reader and tested it ... works fine for me!”

Ted Daniel wrote, “I hope AFPAAA will pursue the e-

mail connection, low cost print reproduction of the newsletter, AND raising funds with equal vigor.”

To add your name to our CyberSubscriber’s list go to the website at:

<http://www.afpaaa.org/newsletter.html>

and follow the links. Your subscription will begin with the next newsletter. A dedicated mailing list has been set up to handle notification..

“This is another way we can leverage available technology to increase our services and save money,” said John Gura, AFPAAA’s webmaster.



Five Board Seats To Be Decided In Election

The two-year terms of five current members of the Board of Directors of the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association – Pete Alexandrakos, John Gura, Mike McRaney, Alice Price, and John Terino - are about to end.

Alexandrakos, a Board member since AFPAAA was founded, and Price will not seek reelection. Gura, McRaney, and Terino are running for another term.

Additional candidates, including self-nominations, can be proposed by members for placement on the ballot.

Only Full Members – retired/separated military or civilian – in good standing can be nominated for the board.

The names of proposed nominees must be received by the nominating committee in writing with a postmark of not later than April 1.

Nominations should be submitted with a short biography that includes the person’s retirement date, career highlights, current occupation, etc. to:

Kathleen McCollom
AFPAAA Nominating
Chairman

1501 Crystal Drive #431
Arlington, VA 22202

Voting will be by mail. The ballots will be mailed to Full Members in May and must be returned by June 15.

Results of the election will be announced on Saturday, June 27th at the Annual Membership Meeting at Wright-Patterson AFB.

Endowment Fund With Wheat First Securities

A firm financial footing for the future of the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association advanced another step with the establishment of an investment account at Wheat First Butcher Singer, Vienna, VA.

“This account provides a way our members can easily donate stocks and bonds to the Association while avoiding capital gains liabilities and receiving the maximum tax deduction

for their donations,” explained development chairman Jim Hart.

John Paul Phaup is the investment officer at Wheat First handling the account. He can be reached by phone at 1-800-925-3308 or (703) 761-4752, or fax at (703) 448-0406.

Cash donations, by check payable to AFPAAA, should be sent directly to the Association at P. O. Box 540, Fairfax, VA 22030-0540.

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Mo Casey's Multifaceted Career Benefited Air Force In Many Ways

by Chuck Lucas

Mo Casey wanted to be a military pilot when he was eight; by 18 he had soloed in a Waco F-7. That gave him a leg up in attaining his boyhood goal when he joined the Army Air Corps the day after Pearl Harbor.

He flew 38 missions with the 8th Air Force's 44th Bomb Group in England and led the first B-24 raid on Berlin..

After World War II he was a commercial airline pilot and a flight examiner with the Civil Aeronautics Administration. At the same time,, he commanded an Air Force Reserve wing in Miami. His unit was recalled to active duty in 1950.

Colonel Casey was in another war; this time commanding a C-119 troop carrier wing at K-16 near Soul, Korea. At the end of his Korean tour he decided to stay in the Air Force.

"Later, we got involved with Eisenhower's deal in Indo-China. That was an experience. We had C-119s based in Hanoi and Haiphong – all with French markings."

They had one Vietnamese crew and the rest were Americans from China Air Transport, a CIA operation, Casey related.

"They decided to make an air head . . . at Dien Bien Phu . . . a place where you couldn't boil water and make it pure."

Casey surreptitiously ferried construction workers from Japan, to build a mess hall and a movie theater, and carried food and water in from Clark Field.

When supply drops into a besieged Dien Bien Phu began, Casey had an idea. He removed his C-119s cargo doors. "We put napalm on pallets with hand grenades." Over selected targets, the grenade pins were pulled, the aircraft pulled up and the napalm fell out.

He soon heard from the Far East Air Forces commander, General O. P. Weyland, and the 'B-119' missions ceased.

An assignment in operations at the Pentagon with Col. Robert L. Scott led him into Public Affairs - then

called Information. When Scott was named director of Information Services in 1955, Casey went along as his deputy.

"I wasn't a journalism major or anything . . . all of the wise guys . . . were making wagers on how long I was going to last." But, last he did.

Casey's efforts helped get Airman magazine on a solid footing; established the regional offices; and brought the Art Program, Bands and the Thunderbirds under SAFOI.

During Casey's second SAFOI tour, as deputy to Maj. General Bill Martin, his marching orders were simple: "You take care of the Secretary and I'll take care of General LeMay. That was to change."



Lt. General Maurice F. Casey is awarded the Distinguished Service Medal by JCS Chairman General George Brown for leading the team that assessed the Yom Kippur war.

During a staff meeting, LeMay said he didn't know the difference between the Boeing and General Dynamics TFX offerings. A general officer said his staff would handle technical questions.

Casey spoke up. He explained the political sensitivity and the need for LeMay to be knowledgeable. He showed the Chief two cards with details of each manufactures offering.

"General LeMay looked at them and said, 'I can understand that.' So from then on, when I was dealing with General LeMay . . . I'd have what they called 'Casey Cards.' I'd say, here's where we're going. Here's the most important guy there. If they ask you this, say this. If they ask you this, this is what Secretary McNamara said . I got along quite well with him."

Casey was not a big McNamara fan. At Ford, "he held back the Thunderbird . . . and the Lincoln Continental,

and he built the Edsel. Then he came to the Pentagon and built the flying Edsel, the F-111."

During the Cuban missile crisis, Casey recalls how Kodak solved a big problem for the U-2s. "We didn't feel we had a camera that could pinpoint the missiles. We had Kodak – over a weekend – build a camera that was amazing."

Later, he served as the Air Force's director of Transportation and on the JCS Staff.

After the Yom Kippur war, he led a multi-service team to assess Israeli losses and evaluate captured equipment. Lt. General Maurice F. Casey retired in 1977.

"I was very blessed in the Air Force . . . the Air Force is not a job, nor is it even a career . . . it's a way of life. I loved every minute of it."

Wanted: Volunteers For Oral History Project

Oral History Chairman, John Gura is looking for volunteers to work on the project. "I'm not looking to quit . . . yet" Gura said, "but, the press of business commitments is limiting the amount of time I can

devote to it. Besides, I've been doing it for four years. I'd like to find someone to eventually take over."

In addition to being interested in maintaining the history of the public affairs career field, volunteers

should be comfortable using word processing and desktop publishing programs. Anyone interested in helping John should call him at (909) 798-1155. His e-mail address is:

JohnG@afpaaa.org

From The Chairman's Pen



Dear Members,

Recently your Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association took a bold step to secure its financial future. The Board of Directors wanted to guarantee we do not suffer the fate of similar organizations who enjoy a fast start, ride along for a few years, then fail because the seed money runs out or the leadership gets stale causing members to lose interest.

At our last meeting, the Association's board established an AFPAAA Endowment Fund with Wheat First Butcher Singer of Vienna, Virginia. What does this mean to members of the association? It means there is now a legitimate, tax saving means for members to endow or give assets to secure the financial future of the AFPAAA. Members can now give stocks and bonds to the endowment fund and avoid the capital gains liabilities they would normally pay and, by doing so, receive the maximum tax deduction for their donations. Members can also donate cash to the endowment fund and enjoy the tax deduction for their donations.

The work was done by board member and Development Chairman Jim Hart assisted by Dave Schillerstrom and board member/treasurer Pete Alexandrakos. The endowment fund becomes the mechanism to sustain the future operations of the Association. It will secure our future without having to constantly increase dues to offset the effect of inflation on operating expenses. Our goal was to keep our dues at an attractive low level and seek other funding sources to meet our future needs.

All of the details are not in this column. You will receive a separate letter from Jim Hart explaining the purpose and mechanics of the Endowment Fund, the advantages of participating, and how you can participate.

Two years ago we were encouraged by the membership survey that showed a healthy 61 percent of our members willing to donate financial support to preserve our future. The survey results showed:

More than three in four - 77% - felt we should solicit tax deductible donations to meet future needs

Six in ten (61%) said they were willing to make a tax-deductible donation to AFPAAA

15 said they were willing to solicit tax-deductible donations on behalf of AFPAAA

10 % indicated they were willing to manage or help manage the solicitation of funds

Recalling those important survey findings, we seek the support of those members who said they were willing to give, as well as the rest of the membership.

In that survey you, the members of AFPAAA, recognized the need and expressed a the willingness to meet it. Now the economy is better than two years ago and the Endowment Fund is in place to make it happen. All that remains is for members to live up to their answers, open their portfolios and check books, and add a building block to our future with a donation to AFPAAA Endowment fund.

Even before our official solicitation campaign begins, we have received pledges of significant donations from a number of members. That is encouraging. But we need everyone's support. Jim's letter will make clear what is needed, when it is needed and how to make it all happen.

Establishing the Endowment Fund doesn't solve the problem; it only give us the means to solicit and invest stocks, bonds and cash on behalf of the organization. The endowment fund is the investment mechanism to leverage what is given to our best advantage. It is the first of many critical steps, but it is a big and an important step to take.

When you 'do the numbers' it would be easy to say each and every member gives a set amount, but we know it won't work that way because what is easy for some could be hard for others. However, it will work if each member gives what they can over the next few years.

Let me say the Board has acted with exceptional judgment and foresight. They have given their time, talent and considerable knowledge to planning our organization's future and guaranteeing there will be a viable, interesting, and helpful AFPAAA for the future. We ask for your support because we need your help in securing AFPAAA's future for us and the PAs, Broadcasters, and Band members who will follow us. Look for your letter and respond as generously as you can.

Warm regards to all,

Mike McRaney

Re-Bluing, Historic Hotel, A F Museum Dinner, Golf Featured At 5th Meeting

You'll have a chance to relive history, from the Wright brothers through Jimmy Doolittle and right up to the Bosnian peace talks, June 25-27, at Wright-Patterson AFB during our Fifth Annual Membership Meeting.

For starters, our meeting headquarters is on base at the Hope Hotel and Conference Center which is near Air Force Material Command headquarters. The Hope Hotel was where the peace negotiations between the presidents of Bosnia, Croatia, and Serbia were held in late 1995.

"The Hope Hotel is a marvelous site for our meeting," said Tom LaPolt, on-site Meeting Chairman. "We have lined up great rooms at great rates, plus the convenience of staying right on base."

We begin at 3 pm Thursday afternoon, June 25, with registration and a no-host icebreaker in the Hope Hotel's Packy Sports Bar.

Friday morning, June 26, a short walk from our hotel will take us to AFMC headquarters where we'll be greeted by the AFMC, Commander, General George Babbitt, Jr. Briefings and discussions will follow.

As we leave AFMC Hq, we'll pose on its steps for our infamous group photo.

We'll return to the Hope Hotel for an informal reception and lunch, followed by a look at Air Force Public Affairs today from SAF/PA Director Colonel Ron Rand.

The early afternoon will find us bussing to Wright-

Patterson's historic Area B. There we'll meet with the Aeronautical Systems Center Commander, Lt. General Kenneth E. Eickman, and be brought up to speed on the Air Force of tomorrow.

We'll regroup at 5:30 pm Friday for a trip to the Air Force Museum, the oldest and largest military aviation museum in the world, for an evening of camaraderie, good food, and entertainment.

The festivities begin with a reception, once again generously hosted by Jim Hart and Duke Energy. We'll then enjoy a buffet dinner catered by the Hope Hotel, followed by entertainment featuring the Air Force Band of Flight.

Both the reception and dinner will be held in the Museum's Modern Flight Hangar. We'll be surrounded by historic



aircraft including the F-117, B-52, C-124, F-16, F-15, YF-22, XB-70, A-10, F-101, F-4 and F-105. There is also a section on Special Operations which includes helicopters. While this area has aircraft from the Viet Nam era to date, it also contains some older transport aircraft.

The Modern Flight



Hangar is the newest display area having been built in the 1980's.

There will be ample opportunity to self-tour the area as well as the adjoining display hangar, which covers the beginning of flight, WW I, WW II, Korea, some of the Viet Nam era, and some space displays. And everybody is welcome to return on Saturday afternoon to catch areas they might miss.

Saturday morning at 8:30 the business portion of our Fifth Annual Membership Meeting convenes. "This is the time to learn first hand what your Association has been doing on your behalf and to voice your views and opinions," said Dave Shea, Annual Meeting Chairman and AFPAAA Vice President

The advance registration fee - including lunch and dinner on Friday, memento, and continental breakfast on Saturday morning before the business meeting - is \$85 for members and \$60 for spouses/guests. Advance registration must be made NLT June 12. On-site registration is \$110 for members and \$60 for spouses/guests.

Rooms at the Hope Hotel are not included in the registration fee. Call the hotel at (937) 879-2696, DSN 787-1285, or fax (937) 878-8731, to reserve your room. Be sure to say that you are registering for the annual AF/PAAA meeting. Rates are \$54.50 per night, single or double

With two great 18 hole golf courses, those devoted to 'pasture pool' should complete that portion of the registration form - green fees are extra.

Getting to Wright-Patterson AFB is easy. By air, three airports can be used: Dayton - the nearest at 15 miles from the base, Columbus, and Cincinnati - which is really in Kentucky. A rental car is a must from the latter two, which are more than an hour from Wright-Patt, but depending on the fares available they may be more economical.

Driving from I-70 take 675 to exit #24 to Fairborn on Route 444 to Gate 12 A on your right. From I-75 take Route 4 to Route 444 to Gate 12 A on your left. Gate 12 A is the AFMC Headquarters, Visitor Center, and Hope Hotel gate.

Last Chance To Update Your '98 Directory Listing

Who are you, where are you, how do your friends and business associates contact you? The answers to those questions can be found in the AFPAAA membership directory. But our directory is only as good as the information you provide.

The 1998 edition of the directory will go to press in March, and from the number of returned newsletters and other correspondence we are getting we know a good number of the listings we have now are incorrect.

So, take a minute, open your current copy of the directory and check your listing. Have you moved;

changed jobs; gotten a new area code or complete phone number; do you now have an e-mail address? Look over your listing carefully.

Use the form below to tell us of any changes. We need to know by February 28th. You can mail, fax, or e-mail your changes. By mail, send them to: Neil Buttimer, 5734 Edgewater Oak Court, Burke, VA 22015. Fax them to: (703) 978-2704.

The e-mail address is: **membership@afpaaa.org**

If you can't check because you have misplaced your directory and want to assure your listing is up-to-date, fill out the form and send it to us.



James J. Haggerty

Jim Haggerty, 77, best known for his work with the Aerospace Industries Association, died January 17 of coronary artery disease.

After flying 52 bombing missions as a navigator in World War II, Jim was a press officer in the Pentagon. He left the Air Force in 1948 and began a career in journalism.

He was the military editor of American Aviation Daily and American Aviation Magazine and aviation editor of Collier's magazine until its demise in 1956.

Jim was a contributing editor for Look, wrote for Time-Life's science library series, was an editorial consultant to the Aerospace Year Book, and edited Aircraft, Missiles and Spacecraft.

From 1977 to 1996, he was editor of NASA's Spinoff. Jim wrote more than a dozen books, including 'Hail to the Redskins,' the official history of the football team.

He was also was a past president of the Aviation/Space Writers Association.

AFPAAA Membership Directory Update

Name: _____ Date: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Business Name: _____ Business Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Phone: (____) _____

My fax number at home at work is: (____) _____ e-mail: _____

Send AF Public Affairs Alumni Association correspondence to: my home my business

I am currently retired part of the active duty, guard, or reserve force.

The last/current Public Affairs/Air Force Broadcasting Service/Band position I held/hold was/is: _____
At (base): _____

My grade/rank then/now was/is: _____ That was in (month & year): _____

I retired/separated/transferred from the Air Force in the grade/rank of _____ in _____

I want to receive my AFPAAA News & Notes newsletter from our web site; put me on the notification list

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Your Help Sought To Find Korean Mia Kin

The Chief of the Air Force Personnel Center's Missing Persons Branch, Tom Perry, has asked the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association and other veterans groups to help find family members of Korean War missing-in-action servicemen.

Perry said, "We have begun to open some doors in North Korea, and we need to re-establish contact with the families of our unaccounted-for servicemen."

In 1996 and 1997 the remains of seven soldiers were recovered. So far, one has been identified and returned to his family for burial with full military honors. As additional remains are recovered more families will need to be notified.

"Unfortunately, in some cases nearly 45 years have elapsed since the Air Force

has had contact with many of our families. We need to know who the primary next-of-kin is to aid in future identifications. We'd welcome any lead family members can give us."

The Air Force has more than 900 of the more than 8,100 unaccounted-for servicemen. Each service has partial lists of Korean War family contacts. Those lists need to be expanded.

"We believe the most effective way to find these families is by word-of-mouth through veterans, family, active duty and retired military organizations," Perry explained.

Air Force families can call toll-free 800 531-5501 or e-mail to:

POWMIA@HQ.AFPC.AF.MIL
The other services' toll-free numbers are: Army - 800 892-2490; Navy - 800 443-9298; and Marine Corps - 800 847-1597.

Waddell Donates Web Database For Directory

Through the generosity of Canadian Eric Waddell, AFPAAA has a workable directory database in its web site.

Waddell, of wzone.com, a division of Syzygy Systems Inc., is the developer of the WebDatabase (wDB) program he donated to AFPAAA. It eliminates the need for a web-savvy programmer, enabling the user to define and maintain their database using Netscape or Internet Explorer. Its price is \$500.

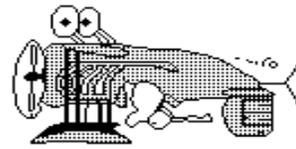
The earliest version of wDB was used in 1995 by American Motor Works to create a web-based motorcycle parts store. It has been used to build retail websites in the U.S.

and Canada, and is being used to manage the Year 2000 Project for BC TEL, Canada's 2nd largest telephone company and a subsidiary of GTE.

Eric heard of AFPAAA's need for internet database software from an on-line posting by John Gura. E-mails were exchanged, and Waddell, who understands the value of volunteer work as a ski patroller who is Vice President Communications with the Canadian Ski Patrol, offered his program to AFPAAA.

Eric continues to look for new adaptations of wDB's extensive, ever-improving list of features. He can be reached via e-mail at:

eric@wzone.com



**Prop Wash
&
Jet Blast**



Welcome Aboard To . . .

Jereon Brown Don Gilleland
Sam Cagle Bill Taylor
Bill Dowers Co Woods

An Upebeat On The Downbeat . . .

For Colonel Lowell Graham, Commander of the Air Force Band, who on February 1 became the first band officer since Arnold Gabriel to wear eagles

Movin' On Up . . .

Fred Morgan, President of PRSA's New Mexico Chapter and a member of its College of Fellows, to a two-year term as a national director of the Public Relations Society of America.

Feted . . .

Hans Ostertag, formerly with USAFE Public Affairs, honored by the Frankfurt art community on the 25th anniversary of his downtown gallery.

Author, Author . . .

What do you do if you're in a wheel chair with a couple of broken bones in your leg and foot? If you're Henry Lee Somerville, and have written more than 250 fictional stories and books you get an advance and start writing another . . . John Terino with a number of solid pieces in January on the future of the military from the AFCEA/U. S. Naval Institute's West '98 Conference for Aerospace Daily.

Browse Another Web Site . . .

If you're a DINFOS trained killer, you'll want to check out the DINFOS Alumni Web Site at: <http://www.dinfosalum.org>

Passing On . . .

Ren Wick, a long-time contributor to the Air Force Art Program as a member of the Los Angeles Society of Illustrators; best remembered for his dynamic, head-on painting of the SR-71



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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON, DC

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TO: The Board and Members of the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association

SUBJECT: Farewell and Thanks

I have watched with great pride over the past several years as our Alumni Association has grown from concept to a viable organization of communications professionals.

As one who soon will be a true "alum," I offer my grateful appreciation to the Association and its board. Your support to me personally -- and to the officers, enlisted and civilians on active duty, in the guard or reserve, in the band, or as broadcasters, journalists or public affairs practitioners -- has been above and beyond. You have supported our recognition programs, our PA coins, professional development and accreditation, and a host of behind-the-scenes efforts that have contributed mightily to the capability and motivation of our PA team.

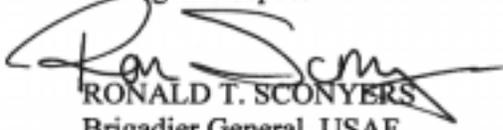
I have been incredibly proud to serve the 2400 men and women in the active career field, the nearly 200 IMAs, the hundreds of unit Reserve and Guard PAs, the leadership of the Air Force and the alumni association over these past four years.

This time has passed quickly for me. We have accomplished much. My leadership team composed of my deputy, the SAF/PA division chiefs, the regional directors, the AFNEWS commander, the MAJCOM directors, and many others is, in my opinion, the finest ever assembled. I have been so incredibly fortunate to have them at my side.

On February 20, 1998, I will hand off the reins of this group of professionals to Colonel Ron Rand. I could not be more pleased that the Secretary and the Chief have chosen Ron as my successor. He is a competent, talented, motivated leader who will continue the legacy of PA professionalism begun more than two decades ago by Brig Gen Jerry Dalton. Ron will serve the career field and the Association extremely well. I know you will give to him the same support you have given to me.

Thank you for your confidence, your friendship and your encouragement. I hope to see you in Dayton this summer!

With great respect


RONALD T. SCONYERS
Brigadier General, USAF
Director of Public Affairs

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