



High Tech, American History & More Abound In Charleston For Our 26th Annual Meeting

Something for everyone is in the works in Charleston, South Carolina, April 25-27, at AFPAAA 26th Annual Membership Meeting. And, it's not too early to make your hotel reservations, send in your meeting registration, and get your travel plans started.

Tom Dolney and his committee have a great agenda in the works that already includes a tour of Joint Base Charleston (formerly Charleston AFB) to see C-17 operations and maintenance and a visit to Air Force Public Affairs' 1st Combat Camera Squadron.

And there is an afternoon trip to Patriot's Point Naval and Maritime Museum, which has the aircraft carrier USS Yorktown, as well as a destroyer and submarine, along with the Vietnam Experience Exhibit.

Going to Boeing's South Carolina complex,

where the final assembly of its 787 Dreamliners prior to delivery is done, is being worked.

Following Thursday evening April 25th's icebreaker reception and our Friday tours, a yet to be determined slate of speakers, the SAF/PA Director's Luncheon, and our general

membership meeting fill the day before our Saturday evening April 27th awards banquet.

Nothing is scheduled after the icebreaker and for Friday evening which affords the opportunity for on-your-own sightseeing and sampling the culinary delights Charleston's restaurants are noted for.

Our headquarters is the North Charleston Marriott with an AFPAAA rate available April 22-30 of \$154 per night plus tax. Go to [page 7](#) for the registration form and hotel information, or visit our web site at: www.afpaaa.org/annualmeet.html

Our program will be good but it can't include all that Charleston offers, – Fort Sumter, historic Old South buildings and neighborhoods, superb restaurants (especially seafood), etc. You might consider using our great hotel rate to extend your visit and take in more of the city.

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Know Someone Who Has Done A Lot For AFPAAA? It's Time For McRaney Award Nominations

Nominations for the Brigadier General Mike McRaney Distinguished Service Award, AFPAAA's highest honor, are due by January 1. The award can be given to any member in recognition of contributions to AFPAAA far beyond the norm.

A list of past recipients is in our membership directory and on the AFPAAA website at www.afpaaa.org/awards.html

The McRaney Award, which does not have to be presented every year, is presented at the Annual Membership Meeting. Recipients of the McRaney Award are determined by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors. Nominations can be made at any time.

It is not a going out of office award. In considering a nominee, service on the Board of Directors, chairing a committee, or holding an office – such as president or chairman of the board of directors is not required, but such achievements do not exclude a member from the award.

A member's rank, accomplishments, positions while on active duty or working for a federal, state, local government, non-profit entity, religious group, or private corporation, will not be considered in determining an award recipient. Neither will monetary contributions to AFPAAA in and of themselves be the sole reason for making the award.

To be considered for presentation at the 2019 Annual Membership Meeting nominations need to be received by January 1. Submit nominations to AFPAAA's secretary: perry.nouis@gmail.com

Two Former SAF/PA Directors Complete Air Force Careers

General Darren W. McDew, the first Director of Public Affairs to achieve four-star rank since the Air Force became an independent service in 1947, retired the first day of this month.

He was SAF/PA director from November 2007 until February 2009. General McDew's last assignment was commander of U.S. Transportation Command, prior to that he headed Air Mobility Command.

Before 1947, three others that headed what was variously titled but most commonly know as Information achieved the rank

of general. They were Generals Henry 'Hap' Arnold (Feb. '25-Mar. '26), Ira C. Eaker (Jun. '37-Nov. '40), and Emmett 'Rosie' O'Donnell, Jr. (Aug. '46-Sep. '47).

Brigadier General Kathleen A. Cook will retire November first. She served as SAF/PA Director from February 2014 through June 2016. General Cook began her Air Force career in 1982 when she enlisted as a trumpet player in the Tactical Air Command Band at Langley AFB, Virginia, and was commissioned through OTS in 1987. Her current position is Director of Air Force Services, Headquarters U.S. Air Force.



AFPAAA Finances Solid Despite Changing Environment Because Of Endowment Fund Investments & Repeat Donors

Even with changes in recent years to the revenue sources AFPAAA has relied upon to fund its operations its financial base is strong. "Our Endowment Fund, with a value in July of more than \$430,000, is our financial base and performing very well," AFPAAA treasurer Phil Ratliff observed. Established in 1998 under the guidance of then treasurer Jim Hart, the Endowment fund had an initial goal of \$300,000 to provide an annual 5% return that was expected to cover our yearly operating and other expenses that were estimated to be about \$15,000 per year.

Tax deductible donations from AFPAAA members of \$20,000 got the fund off the ground. The establishment of the Centurion Program, an idea that came from C. B. Kelly in 2004, has substantially added to the fund. Centurion participants, many repeat donors, made almost \$40,000 in tax deductible contributions in the past 14 years.

"There is no doubt our Endowment Fund is the key to sustaining AFPAAA in the future. With more Life members the annual revenue stream from dues no longer covers our operating expenses," Ratliff explained.

"Similarly, corporate sponsorships have declined as the number of aerospace

and defense companies has shrunk from mergers. Many of those remaining understandably have chosen to give their support to larger organizations helping wounded and needy veterans while others have cutback their giving. This year that caused us to make up a deficit in Annual Membership Meeting funding."

The Endowment Fund's growth has accelerated since 2013 when Finance Committee member Hank Hufnagel suggested a shift to Newbridge Securities and the American Growth Funds. That was a very wise move. "Our Endowment Fund has grown almost 33% since then," Phil said.

"We're in good shape and have been able to do things outside of AFPAAA such as sponsoring PA badges for DINFOS grads and helping pay for the refurbishment of SAF/PA's Pentagon conference room. To ensure AFPAAA's future financial viability, and when it is right



AFPAAA Life member Alan Freitag with wife Robin in Slovenia when he attended the annual International PR Conference. For eight years he has made tax deductible donations to the Endowment Fund that total \$4,000. A full professor, he has taught public relations at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte for 20 years, has a Ph.D., and was a Fulbright Scholar. He began his Air Force career as a navigator before transitioning to Public Affairs. His last assignment, before retiring in 1995 as a lieutenant colonel, was PACAF deputy director of Public Affairs.

to help the active Air Force Public Affairs community, I encourage our members to make tax deductible donations to AFPAAA."

Queen Steps Up To, Buttimer Down From, Membership Chair; AFPAAA Mailbox Moves To Illinois

For the first time since we were formed in 1993, we have a new membership chairman. Former AFPAAA Board Chairman Christine Queen has assumed the membership duties from Neil Buttimer.

Neil has handled membership duties, which include processing applications from new members and ensuring they are entered into the data bases for AFPAAA's website on-line directory and the annual printed directory; handling changes



from Associate to Full membership and upgrades to Life membership, the currency of dues payments by members, and the sending of dues renewal notices.

He claims that during one of the early organizing committee meetings in the Fort Myer Club bar, he

was the only one who admitted to knowing how to use a spreadsheet. The job had been his ever since.

The biggest challenge for Christine, who chaired AFPAAA in 2010-2011, is "Keeping up with our members who move. Everyone needs to make sure the information in the directory is up-to-date and send any changes to their listings to us, either via the website or by mail."

For AFPAAA's mailbox to be accessible to Christine, it has moved from Locust Grove, Virginia, to East Peoria, Illinois. Send your dues payments and other correspondence to:



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From The President's Pen ———



Although it seems a long way off, now is a great time to begin your planning to attend our 2019 Annual Membership Meeting, April 25-27. It is AFPAAA's first visit to Charleston, South Carolina, one of America's top tourist destinations with an abundance of interesting things to see and do. Spring, when the weather is optimal is the best time to visit Charleston while avoiding the normal crowds of summer tourists. It's been 20 years since I was stationed at Charleston and I'm anxious to go back and see what's changed, and what hasn't changed.

The local committee members planning the meeting are busy building an enjoyable program for our visit but they're open to inputs from you. Please, if you have an idea or a special request for something you'd like to see or do in Charleston send it to me at: tomdolney@afpaaa.org so it can be considered by the committee. The same applies if you'd like to recommend an interesting speaker for our Saturday morning rebluing briefings.

Although nominations aren't due until January 1, it would be good to start thinking about a nominee for the Brigadier General Mike McRaney Distinguished Service Award. The award recognizes one of our members who has gone above and beyond in their service to the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association. Guidelines for the award, as well as a list of past award recipients are on our website. For more details check the story on page 1.

The latest edition of our AFPAAA Membership Directory should have reached you by now. One of the major intended uses of it is to stay connected with old friends. And if you discover that one of your good friends you served with in Public Affairs isn't in the directory, consider reaching out and inviting them to join AFPAAA. You could even suggest that they meet you in Charleston in April so they can join in the fun when our great group of PAs get together.

– Tom Dolney

Lord Guard & Guide

James B. Hathaway

Jim Hathaway, who had careers in Air Force Public Affairs, radio broadcasting, and banking, died April 30, in Redmond, Washington. He was 87.

Born in Lynn, Massachusetts, he was a 1952 graduate of Washington State College with a major in speech and broadcasting and a commission in the Air Force.



He served two active duty tours as an Information Officer – 1952-54 at Larson AFB, near Moses Lake, Washington, and at McChord AFB, Washington, when he was recalled to active duty during the Pueblo crisis from January 1968 until May 1969. During the latter tour, Jim twice served as Military Airlift Command's senior representative for major exercises; first at the Joint Information Bureau, Nuremberg, Germany, for Reforger II, then at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, for Focus Retina. Between the active duty tours he had Air Force Reserve assignments in the Seattle area and was promoted to major.

Jim had a number of reserve assignments until 1973 when he became the Individual Mobilization Augmentee in SAF/PA's Media Relations Division. He held that position until his retirement as a colonel in 1982 completing 30 years in the Air Force Reserve.

Keying off his college major, Jim tried radio broadcasting and radio sales for several years before embarking on a distinguished career in banking. He worked for Rainier National Bank/Security National Bank from 1956 until retiring in 1992 as a vice president.

Jim contributed his time to multiple community service organizations including being a loaned executive for the United Way in Seattle. He served as president of the University Rotary Club in 1990-1991 and as district governor in 1998-1999 of 55 Seattle area Rotary Club.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Carolyn; brother-in-law, Russ Leonard; sister-in-law Freddie Leonard; ten nephews, four nieces and numerous grand nephews and nieces. He

was interred at Tahoma National Cemetery, Kent, Washington. Memorial contributions in Jim's name may be made to:

Rotary First Harvest
PO Box 4098
Seattle, WA 98194

Late in the '70s I headed the Operational Forces Branch of SAF/PA's Media Relations Division. When our Division Chief was on leave we'd enjoy having Colonel Jim Hathaway come in for his two-week Reserve stint. Jim, a senior executive at a major Seattle bank, was always calm, competent, and good humored with a fine perspective on things. The Division was clearly in good hands. Some years later, after I retired and we moved to the Puget Sound country, we enjoyed visiting Jim and Carolyn at their home in Seattle's Magnolia neighborhood, overlooking Elliott Bay and Puget Sound, and more recently at their retirement community in suburban Redmond. Really nice people. Sorry Jim's gone.

– Mark Foutch

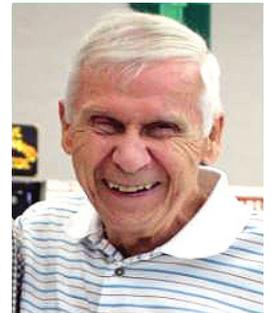
Larry Summers

Larry Summers, who had a 27-year Air Force career, died of a heart attack in Lutz, Florida, on July 30. He was 77.

Larry was born in Butler, PA, commissioned through AFROTC, and earned a Masters Degree from Duquesne University. His assignments included Public Affairs Plans at USCENTCOM, MacDill AFB, Florida; Headquarters Air Force Logistics Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, and Commander, Air Force European Broadcasting Squadron, Ramstein AB, Germany. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel.

After retiring from the Air Force, he was a substitute at Caminiti Exceptional Center School which serves children with disabilities and a volunteer with Hillsborough County Special Olympics. With his wife, Cathy, he was active in the parish life of St. Timothy Catholic Church. Larry was interred at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, Florida.

Remembrance donations in Larry's name may be made to St. Timothy Catholic Church, Lutz, Florida (www.saint-tims.org) or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (www.stjude.org/donate).



First Medals With 'R' Device Recognizing RPA Aircrew Combat Contributions Awarded

In July, at Creech AFB, Nevada, the first medals with the Air Force's 'R' device recognizing the accomplishments of crews of remotely piloted aircraft (RPA) in combat operations were awarded.

Meritorious Service and Air Force Commendation Medals with the 'R' were presented to five officers and enlisted personnel by Colonel Julian C. Cheater, commander of the 432nd Wing/432nd Air Expeditionary Wing. The device was authorized in 2016 for hands-on employment of a weapons system that had direct and immediate impact on a combat or other military operation. Qualifying actions can be performed in any domain, including cyber, but must not ex-

pose the individual to personal hostile action.

This award ceremony recognized extraordinary performance with direct impact on the battlefield. Their selection was based on stringent criteria, including strategic significance, protection of ground forces, leadership displayed, critical thinking, level of difficulty and innovation.

"Much of the world will never know details of their contributions due to operational security, but rest assured that they have made significant impacts while saving friendly lives," Colonel Cheater observed

The "R" is only authorized for the Legion of Merit, MSM, AFCEM and Air Force Achievement Medal.



A Tense Moment When Speed And Accuracy Counted For DoD Public Affairs And A Young Air Force Major, AFPAAA Member Dick Koch, Who Recalled . . .

“It happened on a Sunday, October 5, 1969, to be exact. I was the weekend public affairs duty officer for the Department of the Air Force. It was my job to handle Air Force-related questions from the news media, and to make certain that the assistant secretary of defense for public affairs had a pleasant, uneventful weekend.

“It didn’t turn out that way!

“I came out of the super market in Alexandria with a bag of groceries which I put in the back seat and started the car for home. When I turned on the engine the radio came on.

“I was startled to hear a FLASH message saying “... a Cuban MiG was attacking President Nixon’s airplane parked at Homestead AFB near Miami.” Homestead was the normal parking place for Air Force One while the president was at Biscayne Bay visiting his friend “Bebe” Rebozo.

“I had never heard a FLASH report before. That type of message preempted all radio broadcasts on all frequencies and indicated that the nation was on the verge of war!

“I did a quick U-turn and headed to the Pentagon as fast as I could get through the Alexandria traffic. After parking near the River entrance I ran through the building to the DoD press center.

“Every phone line was blinking. I clicked on each button and said simply “DoD public affairs. Please hold.”

“Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense/Public Affairs Jerry Friedheim arrived a few minutes later and gave me my marching orders: “Get in touch with Homestead and find out what the hell is going on down there while I talk to the White House and State.”

“He caveated his instructions to me: “Make sure that you verify whatever you tell me by at least three independent sources who do not know each other. I’ll take two. But I will be a lot happier with three or more! Keep a record of your contacts.”

“I spoke with the wing commander of the 31st Tactical Fighter Wing at Homestead, his Security Police, the people monitoring the radar covering the air traffic from Cuba and the dirigibles being used at that time as backup to the radar.

“We did not find any evidence that the president’s airplane was under attack as the FLASH report had indicated.

“Secretary Friedheim reported our findings to the White House press office. They gave instructions that all public responses to this incident come from them as the president’s airplane apparently was involved.

“That turned out not to be true.

“As the story unfolded, the pilot stole the unarmed MiG in an attempt to claim asylum in the U.S. He flew very low over the water between Cuba and the United States, occasionally popping up briefly to get his bearings. The radar operators and the dirigibles would catch his brief blip on their screens but because it was so quick, they assumed it was simply a flock of birds.

“When he landed his aircraft was immediately surrounded by the security people and ground control escorted him to the hazardous cargo area of the flight line – about as far from the President’s aircraft as possible.

“After shutting down, the MiG the pilot raised his hands in a surrender position and shouted “Asylum, asylum, asylum.” That made it State’s problem!

“This all happened within a matter of minutes. Certainly less than thirty.

“The initial news release about the president’s aircraft being “...under attack ...” was taken down and simply reported as an attempt to immigrate to the U.S.

“After negotiating the return of the aircraft to Cuba, the pilot, his grandmother, wife and children were given new identities and allowed to remain in the U.S.

“Can you imagine what may have happened had Secretary Friedheim not insisted on complete verification of each fact?

“In view of the tension that existed between the two countries at that time, the incident could have rapidly spun out of control and a shooting war may have started. Wars have historically started in this world for far less reasons.

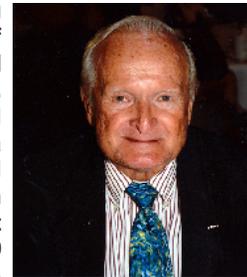
“I believe Secretary Friedheim may have saved hundreds, or perhaps even thousands, of American and Cuban lives because of his insistence for fact checking.

“All of this happened way before the current constant argument concerning immigration and “fake news.” The asylum request was handled by State in a dignified, humanitarian matter. And all the media reports were exact and based on what we knew at the time.

“I believe that every J-School would do a service to the public if they would post a large sign: “A true journalist needs at least two independent verifications of each fact. Three is even better.” Sign it: “The Honorable Jerry W. Friedheim, Dep. Asst. Secretary of Defense/Public Affairs, 1969.”

AN IRONIC FOOTNOTE: *Ten years from receiving asylum after his defection the MiG-17 pilot, Lieutenant Eduardo Guerra Jimenez, was wanted by the FBI for involvement in the June 11, 1979, hijacking of Delta Flight 1061 en route from New York’s John F. Kennedy Airport to Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Jimenez, armed with a knife, allegedly entered the cockpit, assaulted the flight engineer, and demanded the pilot fly the plane to Havana. Once in Cuba, Jimenez was taken into custody by Cuban authorities.*

Dick retired in 1979 as a Lieutenant Colonel. He has been a bank Trust Office, development director of an adolescent drug treatment program, a local county marketing director in a Florida State Department of Labor Service office and “various cats and dogs things to keep me off the streets”. In 2009, with an Army friend, he started the Honor Flight of West Central Florida which transports elderly and disabled veterans free of charge to Washington DC to visit the memorials on the Mall that honor their service. It costs about \$64,000 for each flight. Dick is in charge of public relations and marketing. There are 200 volunteers involved. More than 2,700 veterans have been transported on 35 flights since the program began. Honor Flight of West Central Florida is funded by local businesses and charitable donations with every dollar going to support the veterans on their flights.



After Ocean Crossing, 2017 Best Of The Best Trophy Presented To Staff Sergeant Nic Myers In Germany

In July, a month behind the normal schedule, the Brigadier General James W. Hart Jr. Best of the Best award was presented to Staff Sergeant Nicolas A. Myers by Army Lieutenant Colonel Stephen C. Short, Director of the American Forces Network (AFN) Europe in special ceremonies in Germany.

Sergeant Myers didn't receive the Best of the Best trophy June 2 at AFPAAA's Annual Membership Meeting in San Diego because he was at Airman Leadership School.

The delayed presentation had a plus side. His wife Sarah was able to see him receive the trophy as well as the AFPAAA Lifetime membership certificate and \$1,000 check that are part of the Best of the Best award.

At right, Master Sergeant Fernando X. Burgos-Ortiz, AFN Spangdahlem Station Manager and Station Operations Manager Staff Sergeant Myers with the Best of The Best Trophy. Both were promoted after this picture was taken.



Womens Veterans Group Grateful For AFPAAA's Assistance

Final Salute, Inc., a relatively new and little known veterans group, which is providing assistance to homeless women veterans and their children has expressed its gratitude for the check it received from AFPAAA (letter on right).

The \$1,255 was raised from the silent auction of donated items run by Kathleen Gura and other AFPAAA "Geezerettes" earlier this year at our 25th Annual Membership Meeting in San Diego.

Final Salute Inc. was founded in 2010 by disabled former Army Major, Jas Boothe. She is president of the national nonprofit organization which is headquartered in Alexandria, Virginia.

Estimates are that there are about 4,000 homeless women veterans in the United States. Some of those women are disabled, others suffering from PTSD, and many of them have children.

Final Salute does more than furnish safe and suitable housing to homeless women veterans and their children. It also offers other programs and services – emergency financial assistance, employment and education support, professional makeovers, child-care subsidy, financial education and counseling, etc. – so the women are able to leave the homeless ranks and go on to lead fulfilling and successful lives.

More than 4,000 women veterans and children have been helped since Final Salute Inc. was founded and it has provided stays of more than 12,600 transitional housing days.

Additional information about Final Salute can be found at its website:

www.finalsaluteinc.org



13 June 2018

Air Forces Public Affairs Alumni Assoc
868 Trevino Ter
Lake Lady, FL32159

Dear Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Assoc.,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff, volunteers and most importantly the women and children's lives that have been impacted, thank you for your support of Final Salute, Inc.

This letter is to confirm receipt of your contribution of \$1255.00. Our Tax ID is 80-0660380. Please use this letter for tax purposes.

Thanks to you, we are able to maintain our transitional housing facility for homeless women Veterans and their children. Since opening our first home in November 2011, we have assisted over 3800 women Veterans and children! This would not have been possible without your support.

We can continue our work only because of the ongoing support we receive from heroes like you. Offering a simple "Thank You" for your gift never quite feels like it's enough to me, because what you've done is help us save lives. We will continue to demonstrate to you that we value your support and that we use it wisely to provide safe and suitable housing for homeless women Veterans and their children in their time of need.

I hope you will remain involved with Final Salute Inc. and continue to be a partner in our life saving work. We also hope you will encourage others to get involved with our life changing mission. As a former homeless women Veteran, you have my deepest thanks for helping us bring help and hope to so many.

Once again, accept our heartfelt appreciation for your support.

Jas Boothe
Former Army Major
Disabled Army Veteran
Founder/President

Registration Form



26th Annual Membership Meeting
Charleston, South Carolina
April 25-27, 2019

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____
(Do you receive text messages at this number? Yes ___ No ___)

Email Address: _____

Guest(s) Name(s): _____

How do you want your name/guest name(s) to appear on name badges: _____

NOTE – To register and pay by credit card online go to: <http://www.afpaaa.org/AnnMeet-Reg19.html>

Full Registration

Includes all events, except golf, on Thursday.

Please indicate the number of meal choice(s) for the Saturday banquet:

Steak _____ Fish _____ Vegetarian _____

How many in your party will go on the Friday, April 26, tour _____

Members Attending ___ x \$200 = \$ _____

Guests Attending ___ x \$200 = \$ _____

Non Members ___ x \$300 = \$ _____

Individual Event Registration

**Icebreaker Reception - North Charleston Marriott,
Thursday, April 25, 5-7 p.m.**

Members Attending ___ x \$20 = \$ _____

Guests Attending ___ x \$20 = \$ _____

Non Members ___ x \$25 = \$ _____

Breakfast - North Charleston Marriott, Friday, April 26.

Members Attending ___ x \$30 = \$ _____

Guests Attending ___ x \$30 = \$ _____

Non Members ___ x \$35 = \$ _____

President's Luncheon - Friday, April 26.

*(Includes bus transportation from North Charleston Marriott
for Friday tour)*

Members Attending ___ x \$75 = \$ _____

Guests Attending ___ x \$75 = \$ _____

Non Members ___ x \$85 = \$ _____

President's Luncheon Only – Friday, April 26.

Members Attending ___ x \$55 = \$ _____

Guests Attending ___ x \$55 = \$ _____

Non Members ___ x \$65 = \$ _____

Breakfast - North Charleston Marriott, Saturday, April 27.

Members Attending ___ x \$30 = \$ _____

Guests Attending ___ x \$30 = \$ _____

Non Members ___ x \$35 = \$ _____

**SAF/PA Director's Luncheon, North Charleston Marriott,
Saturday, April 27.**

Members Attending ___ x \$55 = \$ _____

Guests Attending ___ x \$55 = \$ _____

Non Members ___ x \$65 = \$ _____

**AFPAAA Annual Reception and Banquet, North Charleston Marriott,
Saturday, April 27, 6-10 p.m.**

Please indicate number of meal choice(s) for the banquet:

Steak _____ Fish _____ Vegetarian _____

Members Attending ___ x \$95 = \$ _____

Guests Attending ___ x \$95 = \$ _____

Non Members ___ x \$105 = \$ _____

Please make your check or money order payable to: AFPAAA

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**Phil Ratliff, Treasurer
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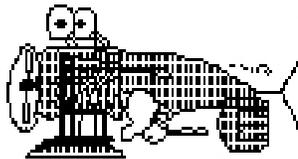
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April 10, 2019
Registrations Received
After That Time Will Be
Charged A \$25 Per
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Hotel: AFPAAA has a block of rooms at the North Charleston Marriott Hotel at the rate of **\$154.00+tax** per night (single or double). The rate is valid from April 22 through April 30 while rooms are available. Make reservations through the link at <http://www.AFPAAA.org/annualmeet.html> or call the hotel (843) 747-1900, ext 7113; ask for Debbie Brown, Group Rooms Coordinator, and say that you are with the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association. Hotel reservations **must be booked by Apr. 10, 2019.** For the latest meeting information check AFPAAA's website: <http://www.AFPAAA.org/annualmeet.html>



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Movn' On . . . former AFPAAA Board Chair Larry Clavette has retired after a 44-year Air Force career in uniform and as a civilian. He and wife Patty are beginning retirement by literally hitting the road in their motor home.



We Mourn . . . Amelia Williams, 84, wife for 63 years of AFPAAA Lifetime Founder John Williams, died May 3, in Ocilla, Georgia. She was a graduate of Sullins College and the University of Georgia. With her husband, she completed the State Department's Foreign Service Short Course in preparation for his assignment to Turkey. Amelia is survived by her husband, a former Air Mobility Command Director of Public Affairs; daughters Amelia and Caroline, and three grandchildren.



Welcome Aboard To . . . new members Cali Coulthard, Jason Edwards, Hudson Sean Fremon, Jonathan Padish, Rick Sanford and Tana Hamilton Stevenson.

New Lifers . . . congratulations to Tammy Cournoyer, David W. Honchul, Joseph LaMarca, Jr., Nicolas A. Myers, John H. Price, and Todd Vician who are with us for the long haul.

Timely Reading . . . "Russian Information Warfare: Implications For Deterrence Theory" in the fall issue of **Strategic Studies Quarterly** explores how anti-Western propaganda is directed through state-funded global social media networks, by