

## Friends, F-15 Demo, Destiny In Space, Lots More At 'Happening In Hampton'

Friends, fellowship, and a dynamite program highlight the 'Happening In Hampton,' AFPAAA's Third Annual Membership Meeting. July 11-14.

Festivities start Thursday afternoon, July 11, with registration and our no-host icebreaker in the beautiful Signals Waterfront lounge overlooking Hampton harbor at the Radisson Hotel. There we will renew old friendships and swap tales with the likes of Frank and Lita Jennings, John Gulick, Dick and Betty Rapp, Dave Smith, Chet and Mary Gardner, Dick Abel, Jerry and Marion Dalton, Gil and Jean Whiteman, George Larrieu, June Forte, Ricardo

Garza, Herb Wurth, Don and Jeanne Brownlee, Maston Jacks, Mark and Dorothy Gilman, Dottie Flanagan, Neil and Connie Buttimer, Kathy McCollom, Mike and Karen McRaney, John Peters, Dave and Mary Shea, Mynda McGuire, Roy Whitton, John and Barbara Terino, Pete and Judy Alexandrakos, Olive Felty, and Dave and Carol Schillerstrom who are among those who will be there.

Friday morning we leave the Radisson Hotel at 8:30 AM for Langley AFB where General Robert E. Hawley, Commander of Air Combat Command, will welcome us. Then, we'll view static displays and see a F-15 flight demonstration. At lunch at the Officer's Club, SAF/PA Director of Public Affairs, Brigadier General Ron Sconyers, will bring us upto-date on the career field.

Then, it's off to the Virginia Air & Space Center for guided tours - including the interactive display 'Super Heroes' tied to vintage and current comic book heroes - and the IMAX film 'Destiny in Space' at 4 PM.

Our festive evening activities are in the Radisson Hotel and begin at 6:30 PM with a reception hosted by Jim Hart and PanEnergy Corp. A sumptuous buffet dinner with something for everyone's palate follows. Throughout the evening we will have entertainment and

music for dancing from the Air Combat Command's Heritage Band of America Blue Horizon ensemble.

Some interesting and valuable door prizes will be awarded to attendees at times during the meeting.

Our business meeting begins Saturday at 8:30 AM.

Registration before July 1 is \$75; on-site registration is \$100. It includes lunch and dinner on Friday, a memento, group photo, and coffee at the business meeting. Spouse registration is \$50. If you want to golf on Saturday afternoon (fee not included in registration) check the spaces on the registration form. Rooms at the Radisson Hampton are <u>not</u> included in the registration fee. Call Radisson Reservations, 1-800-333-3333, or the hotel, (804) 727-9700, before June 15 for our special group rate - \$66 single, \$72 double plus tax - available from July 10-14. When making hotel reservations, request airport pickup as taxi or limousine service will cost you about \$20. Dress for all events is appropriate casual attire.

Don't wait; complete and mail the form on page 4, call the Radisson, make your reservation, and get ready to have fun with your friends and colleagues at the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association's 'Happening In Hampton.'

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#### Captain Brett Morris Wins 'Best of the Best'

Captain Brett E. Morris, Director of Public Affairs for the 552nd Air Control Wing, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma, was presented the Association sponsored 'Best of the Best' trophy as the Air Force's top Public Affairs Professional of 1995 by Brigadier General Ron Sconyers, SAF/PA Director, and AFPAAA Chairman, Mike McRaney at the Worldwide Public Affairs

Conference in March. Morris also received a one-year Association membership.

He was chosen for his leadership in major crises – Oklahoma City bombing, first AWACS crash, Captain Wang court martial; community and media relations initiatives; training of personnel; revitalizing the internal information program; and other outstanding efforts.

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Michael DeStephanis

Michael DeStephanis, a member of the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association died April 6 at Potomac Hospital. He lived in Dale City in Woodbridge, Virginia. He was 66.

During his 22-year Air Force career, Mike specialized in editing and supervising the staffs of base newspapers.

His last two assignments were at Aviano Air Base, Italy, and Andrews AFB. At Andrews he served as historian as well as supervising production of the base newspaper before his retirement in 1972 as a Master Sergeant.

He was an active member of the Disabled American Veterans and the American Legion.

He is survived by his wife Ruth; daughter, Julie Taylor; three sisters, a brother, two grandchildren, and one great grandson. He was interred at Quantico National Cemetery.

#### H. L. 'Lee' Hogan III

H. L. 'Lee' Hogan III, 76, a former Director of Information and a strong supporter of the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association's Oral History Program, died April 13 in a hospital near his Satellite Beach, Florida, home.

His military career began with enlisted service with the 11th Infantry and 123rd Cavalry of the Kentucky National Guard.

Lee graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1943 and flew 51 combat missions over Germany and Romania as a B-17 pilot in the 483rd Bombardment Group, 15th Air Force and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with

three Oak Leaf Clusters.

After World War II he was a member of the original staff of the Air Force Academy at Lowry AFB. In 1958, when the Academy's permanent site opened in Colorado Springs, Lee became deputy commandant of cadets for airmanship studies.

Before his retirement as a Major General, Lee held a variety of positions including aide to Secretary of the Air Force Harold E. Talbot and air division commander.

He was active in the Air Force Association, The Retired Officers Association, and the Order of Daedalians.

Lee is survived by his wife, Anne, a brother, five children, and ten grandchildren. He has been interred at West Point.

#### **Helen McCarthy**

'Mrs. Castle Air Force Base,' Helen McCarthy, died on April 6 after a short illness. She was 79.

Helen spent nearly 40 years as the Base-Community Coordinator at Castle. She was an adviser and friend to 25 wing commanders and countless public affairs officers, including myself.

Helen was the first and only person to hold that position, having retired when the base closed last year.

She profoundly touched

those who knew her. She was perfect in her job of maintaining positive basecommunity relations, but it went much beyond that.

Helen was a Southern lady; gracious, well mannered, and impeccably dressed. She treated everyone – all ranks and positions – with dignity and respect. She never had an unkind word to say about anyone.

She had a mind like a steel trap. Ask her anything about Castle or the surrounding communities and she'd know the answer. She was non-stop energy and involved in numerous church and community activities —

Soroptimists, St. Luke's Day School Board, American Red Cross, Merced County Historical Society – to name a few.

In 1986, a banquet was held in her honor. So many people wanted to pay tribute to Helen they had to use the county fairgrounds.

And, she was delightfully funny. A short visit to Helen's office was a sure cure for a case of the blues. She was a dear friend. I know the void I feel with her passing. I can only imagine the void she left behind in the communities surrounding Castle AFB.

- Linda Leong

## Cantelou Gives Randolph Air Force Assistance Fund \$100K

In death as in life, Lou Cantelou continues to serve the Air Force and its people who were his family for so many years.

Cantelou, who died July 17, 1994, left half of his estate – \$101,078.68 – to the Randolph AFB's Air Force Assistance Fund. The money was delivered in February as the retired Colonel's estate was settled.

Officials at the Air Force Personnel Center said that while there had been several large donations in the wills of other people –the largest bequest they could recall was about \$25,000 – Cantelou's was the largest ever.

Randolph's Air Force Assistance Fund Drive project officer, Captain Patrick May, said "There are a lot of people who will benefit from this generosity."

The funds will be used to support local base programs as well as service-wide efforts such as the Air Force Aid Society, Enlisted Widows' Home, and the Lemay Foundation for Indigent Widows Fund.

Gerald Fitz-Gerald, Vice President and Trust Officer of the Sunwest Bank of Albuquerque, New Mexico, handled the Cantelou estate. He said that Lou was single and had no heirs. He asked that his estate be left to charity. Cantelou, who resided in Corrales, New Mexico, left the other half of his estate to the Salvation Army of Albuquerque.

During his 28-years in the Air Force, which began with an AFROTC commission from the University of New Mexico, Lou was an aide to General Laurence S. Kuter in Japan and at Headquarters, Pacific Air Forces.

He served in SAC, at Seventh Air Force in Vietnam, headed the New York Office of Public Affairs, and had three tours in the Pentagon.

Before his retirement in 1977, as Assistant Director of Public Affairs for Administration, he was instrumental in establishing and refining the resource management system which Public Affairs uses today.

### From The Chairman's Pen

Some important milestones have been reached by the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association in the past three months. Our new 1996 directory was published with a colorful cover featuring the F-15 Eagle. We felt this appropriate because our Third Annual Membership Meeting is in Hampton, Virginia, next door to Air Combat Command Headquarters at Langley AFB. Please check your listing in the new directory, and let us know if we should hire a new proofreader or if you have some updates we should publish in the next newsletter.

Copies of our first member survey were mailed to each of you with the directory. I hope, if you haven't already read it, you will take the time to look it over. The survey validated many of the Association's current pursuits and we are examining those activities indicated as desirable by the survey. We will keep you posted, but a lot will depend on the willingness of volunteers to step forward and help.

Registrations are flowing in for the 'Happening in Hampton' in July. If you are planning to be at our Annual Membership Meeting, you should take advantage of early registration. Colonel Ron Rand, ACC/PA, and his staff, along with On-site Meeting Chairman Rob Elsass, have incorporated many of your suggestions from last year in putting together a very interesting agenda for the meeting. I think you will like the more relaxed schedule which is better suited to the warm and humid weather we are likely to have. More details and registration information are on the next page.

SAF/PA recently published a very impressive strategic public affairs plan. Look for a summary in the next issue. Brigadier General Ron Sconyers, SAF/PA Director, has taken the Public Affairs well into the 21st century in terms of technology, new initiatives, and focused directions. If you haven't surfed the USAF Home Page on the Internet, you are missing something; you reach it via the Air Force Link at: http://www.af.mil

The recent Worldwide Air Force Public Affairs Conference in Leesburg, Virginia, was a big success, especially when the new SAF/PA commemorative coin was unveiled. The Association helped fund the coins and their impressive acrylic encasements which were presented to outstanding officers, airman, and civilians at the conference. The coins are a big hit and a terrific moral booster. Unencased coins are available for a nominal fee as detailed in a separate story on page 5. Captain Greg Morris was honored as the outstanding PA of 1995 and received the 'Best of the Best' trophy donated by the Association. General Sconyers generously praised the Association for its support of Air Force Public Affairs, a sentiment that was echoed in individual letters to the members of the Association's Board of Directors.

John Gura continues his terrific job with the oral histories. Many have been delivered to requesting universities, others will be presented personally, in small ceremonies to selected recipients. Not surprisingly, many have been purchased by members for reference and leisure reading. Having read a lot of them myself, I can assure you there are some colorful chapters worth reviewing; why not purchase a few and see for yourself?

Such milestones continue to add to our brief history and help us firmly establish the Association for the future. But, let's not forget that the lifeblood of the Association is in the membership. We all need to continue to search out and recruit new members and ensure current members renew on time.

On a sad note, we mourn the passing of Mike DeStephanis, H.L. 'Lee' Hogan, and Helen McCarthy; three people who made significant contributions to Air Force Public Affairs both during and after their lengthy careers. You will be missed.

In closing, the board members, the officers of the Association and myself, look forward to seeing you, your spouse, and guests in Hampton. The seafood will be great, and the stories we'll swap will be far better than any fish story I ever told.

- Mike McRaney



#### Registration Form Third Annual Membership Meeting Hampton, Virginia, July 11-14, 1996

The meeting headquarters will be at the Radisson Hotel Hampton, 700 Settlers Landing Road, Hampton, Virginia. A group rate of \$66 single, \$72 double per night plus tax is available for reservations made by June 15, 1996. Reservations at the Radisson can be made by calling 1-800-333-3333 or (804) 727-9700. Lodging reservations and expenses are the responsibility of attendees. Appropriate casual attire is the dress for all activities. Call Radisson today to ensure you have a room at our group rate.

The agenda for the meeting is:

Thursday, July 11

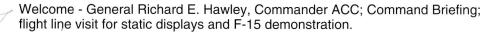
Registration desk opens at the Radisson - 3 PM

No-host icebreaker in the Radisson's Signals Waterfront lounge - 4 PM to ?

Evening free

Friday, July 12

Buses Depart Radisson Hotel for Langley AFB - 8:30 AM.



Lunch - Public Affairs Update, Brigadier General Ron Sconyers, SAF/PA Director.

Tour of Virginia Air & Space Center & I-MAX film 'Destiny in Space' 2-4:30 PM.

Remainder of afternoon free.

Radisson Hotel – reception, 6:30 - 7:30 PM; dinner, 7:30 PM, and entertainment

and dancing until?

Saturday, July 13 8:30 AM – 11 AM - Second Annual Membership Meeting - Radisson Hotel.

Remainder of the day/evening - members choice: golf, sight-seeing, visit friends.

Sunday, July 14

Depart Hampton.

Advance registration fee for members is \$75 (includes lunch at Langley AFB, dinner, Air & Space Center tour, memento, and registration package); advance registration for nonmembers is \$100 (includes a one-year Full membership or three-year Associate membership, as appropriate). On-site registration is \$100 for members and nonmembers. Spouse registration either in advance or on-site is \$50. <u>Advance registration for the meeting must be received NLT July 1. Please call Radisson directly for room reservations.</u>



### Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association Third Annual Membership Meeting Registration

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Please make member reservation(s Please make spouse reservation		Please make your check payable to: Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association and mail to:	
Total number of reservations Total enclosed \$		Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association P.O. Box 540 Fairfax, VA 22030-0540	
For Golfers: If you wish to play at Langley AFB on Saturday afternoon - please indicate so below - payment will be collected on-site.			
	If	Number in party	

# Lack Of Military Experience In Current And Future Generations Calls Veterans To Educate America

During the debate over sending forces to Bosnia, a number of network reporters made comments to the effect 'why should there be concern about our forces being in danger in Bosnia; they are professionals and that is what they are paid for.'

Wrong!

Those comments seem to say we have, in the minds of some pretty influential people, traded in the 'citizensoldier' for the paid mercenary.

True, we now have an allvolunteer force that, as was demonstrated in Desert Storm, is quite capable and deserving of the label 'professional.' It is not, however, a mercenary force. That was never the intent of the founding fathers of this nation and it is not the philosophy that our military operates under today. One of the amazing paradoxes of this nation is that in the latter half of this century our military, unquestionably the most powerful in the world, has

never sought to overthrow our government.

The words of those reporters have impact, as do the string of anti-military, anti-government, conspiracy filled movies and television shows in the past decade that have become reality to many young Americans.

With an all volunteer force - with its inherent smaller turnover of personnel - that is being drastically reduced in size, there are not that many people in the general population who are being exposed to the military experience. Say what you may about the draft, it gave a lot of Americans an appreciation for what the military was all about. As our population ages the number of people who had that experience diminishes. Look at the current 104th Congress. Just over 39% of the members have had military service, down from 44% in the 103rd Congress. More disturbing is that just one-fifth of the freshmen

have been in the military.

What does this mean for us in the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association who have served and know

#### Circulate Airman

Jon Allen offers a great idea for spreading the Air Force story: Leave that Airman magazine where a lot of people are likely to read it – a barbershop or hairdressers, doctor or dentist office or auto repair place.

how to communicate? It means the Air Force and the other services need help. It is a call to serve again; a call to be grass roots eductors.

We need to talk to friends and neighbors, to school groups, church groups, service clubs, our children's and grandchildren's school classes. We need to get the word out about what the military is about, why it needs to develop and fund advanced weapons. The American lives

saved by technology in Desert Storm are a good example; or why it is not fair to expect someone to serve their country for 20 or 30 years and cut them loose without a decent pension when their family obligations are greatest, as some lawmakers are advocating.

When an issue arises, we should write our government officials and the news media. We need to impress on people we meet that the military is America's insurance policy that pays dividends with every day of freedom we enjoy; and that those who wear uniforms are human beings, not hired guns who are willing to risk their lives for a buck, as some reporters imply.

If Americans fail to understand the role of the military in our society, the need to fund it properly, and the people who serve, the day will come when we will face a challenge we cannot respond to effectively.

John Terino

### Association Sponsored Morale Building PA Coin Sells Out

Some were awarded, others sold, but in only 30 minutes all 300 of the initial minting of the new Air Force Public Affair's 'coin' were gone.

"They were a real hit," said Board Chairman Mike McRaney of the coins the Association sponsored for SAF/PA. The one-and-one half inch diameter, brasshued discs were unveiled at the Worldwide Public Affairs Conference in March.

Some of the coins, encased in acrylic and with appropriate recognition plates, were presented to the winners in the various categories of the SAF/PA competitions. The remainder,

without acrylic casing, were offered for sale to attendees.

"We were asked to fund the first minting of the coins. General Sconyers and his people wanted to offer something tangible to them together and boost moral,"McRaney explained. "The way they disappeared, we did the right thing."

The coins are to be carried by PA people and can be called for viewing by their

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everyone in Public Affairs and the Broadcasting and Band fields that work closely with Public Affairs, to bind contemporaries. If the person challenged fails to show a coin, that person is obligated to 'host a round' for all present. But, having a coin when challenged shifts the hosting obligation to the challenger, or so the story goes.

More of the PA coins have been produced and they are available to all present and past members of the Public Affairs, Broadcasting, and Band fields. If you don't want to be 'caught without your coin' send your name, address, and telephone number, with a check for \$5, payable to SAF/PA Fund to:

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### **Vote Now For Board Members; Eight Candidates For Five Seats**

The second most important election of '96 is now, and we need you to cast your ballots pronto!

If you are a Full Member of the Association with your dues current, you are eligible to vote. This newsletter contains your ballot for the election of five people to the Board of Directors of the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association along with a return envelope. Please complete the ballot, place it in the envelope, affix a stamp and mail it by June 25.

Those who are elected will serve two-year terms on the Board. The incumbents – Pete Alexandrakos, Chuck Davis, Mike McRaney, Alice Price, and John Terino are running. The challenging candidates are Don Brownlee, Al Eakle, and John Gura.

Results will be tabulated by a committee of non-Board members of the Association. The results will be announced at the Annual Membership Meeting in Hampton, Virginia, on July 13.

## Keep Your Listing Current: We Don't Know If You Don't Tell Us

We want the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association Directory to be as useful as possible to members.

In fact, we would like the directory to be perfect.

That's why there are additions and corrections to our 1996 directory on pages 6 & 7 of this issue of *News and Notes*. They reflect new members and correct some mistakes we made in production.

But, we know there are many of you who have changed jobs, phone numbers, or moved - the returned, unforwardable mail tells us that.

So if you have any changes to report, send them to us. If you know a member who has moved or changed jobs, give them a gentle reminder to include the Association among those they notify.

Send your directory updates to:

Directory Changes AFPAAA Box 540 Fairfax, VA 22030-0540

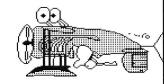
## Time Payment Plan Approved For Lifetime Member Status

Acting on a suggestion by Al Eakle, the Association Board of Directors has instituted a time payment plan for those wishing to become Lifetime Members.

Four payments of \$75, paid on a quarterly basis, can be made. The distinctive Lifetime Member Certificate and acknowledgement will be sent after the final payment. The current dues of the member will be applied toward the Lifetime fee. For

example: A member who has a current \$25 one-year membership would make one \$50 payment and three \$75 payments.

"Al's suggestion makes sense," Pete Alexandrakos, Association Treasurer, said. "Three-hundred dollars at one time can strain a budget. By spreading out the payments, more current members can upgrade and more new members can join in the Lifetime category."



### Prop Wash & .Iet Blast



#### Welcome Aboard To . . .

Tommie Baker
Tom Boyd
Clem Gaines
Steve Headle
Brett Morris
Jamie Roach
Beverly Sargent
Janet Tucker
Greg Bottemiller
Everet K. Foster
Robin Grantham
Tom LaRock
Pat Paulson
Rick Sanford
Dave Shepherd
Janet Tucker

#### On The Move . . .

Pete Alexandrakos joined the corporate communications staff of MITRE Corp. in McLean, Virginia . . . Art Forster a crises communications senior managing director at Hill and Knowlton in New York . . . Marv Harris PR Officer for The Retired Officers Association . . . Terry Hemeyer exec VP and general manager Edelman Public Relations Worldwide in Houston . . . Larry McCracken in VP seat for Corporate Communications at McDonnell Douglas.

#### Annual Meeting Surprise #1 - Hampton

What many of us remember as a sleepy Tidewater town has really changed – the downtown waterfront area has bountiful shopping in chic shops and boutiques, there are great restaurants featuring the area's famous seafood, and there are lots of sights to see.

Annual Meeting Surprise #2 – Langley If you are an old TAC type and you haven't been back to Langley for a number of years, be prepared for a shock. Except for the beautiful brick buildings and quarters, the base has undergone a total facelift.

#### Annual Meeting Surprise #3 – Recreation

Colonial Williamsburg, golf, Jamestown,the Williamsburg Pottery Shop, Busch Gardens, fishing, Virginia Beach, fine dining, boating museums . . . a great summer fun area for singles, couples, or families . . . if you're already coming, take advantage of it all by adding a few days to your itinerary; if you haven't made plans yet, why not build your summer vacation around the Annual Membership Meeting? We'd love to see you!