

All Roads Lead To Ohio For Our 5th Annual Meeting, June 25-27, At Historic Wright-Patterson AFB



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Six Candidates Contest Five Director Seats

The leadership of AFPAAA will change significantly when the ballots for the Board of Director's election are tabulated. Pete Alexandrakos and Alice Price, two stalwarts of the Association's formation have declined to seek reelection.

Three incumbents and three others are running for the five two-year seats open on the nine-member Board in this election. The four other seats will be contested in next year's election.

Al Eakle, Joe Purka, and Ron Sconyers are the candidates who have not previously served on the Board.

John Gura, Mike McRaney, and John Terino are the incumbents seeking reelection.

Members of the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association who are eligible to vote in the Board of Director's election – Full Members in good standing – have received ballots and return envelopes with this issue of the newsletter. Biographical sketches of the candidates accompany the ballot.

Ballots should be returned promptly; they have to be postmarked not later than June 12 and received by June 15 to be counted in the election.

Election results will be announced at the Annual Membership Meeting and in the next issue of *News & Notes*.

New Benefit: Members Can Get Book Discounts From AFPAAA Web Site

Amazon.com, the self proclaimed 'Earth's Biggest Bookstore', is now offering substantial discounts to AFPAAA members through the Association's web site.

"Thanks to the folks at Amazon.com, we've found a way to save our members up to 30% off the list price of books and at the same time, earn the Association a small commission for each book ordered through our web site," John Gura said.

Take a look at the list of books and prices already posted on the AFPAAA web site. That list can be expanded as the desires of the members are made known. We can list as many books as we want on our site. If you want a book that is not listed, just follow the simple instructions to request a title.

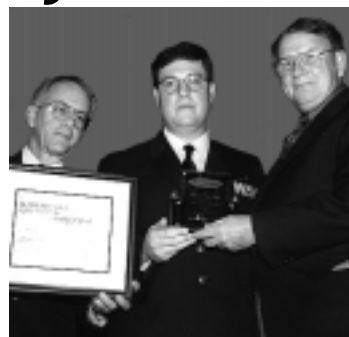
"The neat part is we have no inventory and no requirements to take credit cards or checks. All shipping is done by Amazon.com," John explained. "They send AFPAAA a commission check every three months."

Best Of Best – Reserve's SSgt. Anthony Jacob

One thing Lockheed's Skunk Work's can't keep shrouded in secrecy is media relations employee Tony Jacob, an Air Force Reserve Staff Sergeant who received AFPAAA's 'Best of the Best' trophy as the outstanding performer in Public Affairs for 1997.

The award was presented March 25 by SAF/PA Director Colonel Ron Rand and AFPAAA's Board Chairman Mike McRaney at the World-Wide Public Affairs Banquet.

Tony was chosen for the work he did for the 14th Flying Training Wing, Columbus AFB, Mississippi, and a variety of special assignments, including being hand-picked to support the 50th Anniversary of the Air Force Media Office in New York City. He will be transferring his reserve hat to the Air Force Office of Public Affairs – Western Region in June.



At Columbus, he was instrumental in arranging media coverage of the presentation of the Air Force Pioneer Award to retired U.S. Representative G. V. 'Sonny' Montgomery.

In New York, when a unit canceled, he arranged on one-day's notice AFROTC and Recruiter support for a prime Today Show appearance. He also worked with NBC and the New York Giants to ensure media coverage of the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force and the Twelve Outstanding Airmen of the Year.

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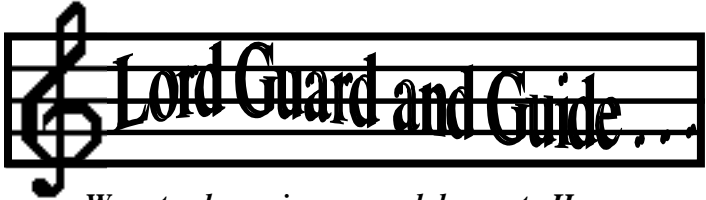
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PR Pioneer John Dillin Served Air Force & Industry

by Chuck Lucas

John W. Dillin, one of the founding fathers of the Florida Public Relations Association in 1938, has ties with Air Force public affairs that are almost as long. A self-described hotel flak, who was also a Miami newspaperman and Chamber of Commerce guru during the Depression, Dillin was boosting tourism in St. Augustine when Pearl Harbor was attacked. The next day he wrote to the Marine Corps, but his services were declined because he was married and had two children.

Some weeks later, in Jacksonville, he attempted to join the Navy, but his eyesight was not up to par. During this period he had been working

with the Coast Guard for some months on establishing a base of operations in St. Augustine, but before it saw the value of his talents Dillin's efforts to join the Army Air Corps paid off.

He was enrolled in the Miami Beach Officers' Training School. Training, administration, supply and security assignments led to an Intelligence assignment in Italy with the 57th Bomb Wing and 12th Air Force. He soon found that "the TO

(Table of Organization) read 'Intelligence – parenthesis – also public relations – closed parenthesis.'

His newspaper and advertising background quickly came into play and he built a network of 'reporters' in each unit. A surge of hometown releases, photo opportunities, aircrew interviews and wire recordings earned him a commendation from Lt. Gen. Ira Eaker "for exceptional public relations work." Along



the way he was awarded a Bronze Star for his role in neutralizing ammunition areas and booby traps.

When he returned to Florida for separation, he decided to continue to serve in the

Army National Guard and later the Air National Guard as a public relations officer.

He authored a piece called, "They Didn't Print It." It detailed reasons why submissions to the media don't see the light of day. "That thing was picked up and I think it appeared all over the world, John said."

Dillin continued his Chamber of Commerce work in St. Augustine and helped strengthen the Florida Public Relations Association, which

We extend our sincere condolences to Henry Hufnagel and his family on the death of his wife Jean from lung cancer, February 6th.

Russell W. Tarvin

Russ Tarvin, who retired from the Air Force in 1966 as a colonel, died February 15 of congestive heart failure. He was 78.

He was part of the WW II generation who began their careers as pilots and then moved into Public Affairs. He received his pilot wings three days after Pearl Harbor and flew bombers in the Aleutian Islands. After the war he had assignments that included Berlin and Frankfurt, Germany; Lowry AFB; and the Pentagon in the then SAF/OI.

He was active in Denver

is now the oldest and largest public relations organization in the nation. That association's highest award, which John Dillin was the first recipient of, is named in his honor. Among other Air Force PAs who have received the Dillin Award is AFPAAA member Bill Coleman.

After 10 years in the ANG, "I got promoted out of a job," John recalled. Still wanting to serve the Air Force, he joined the Reserve.

Always seeking a challenge, he contacted the Air Force Academy and offered his services as a liaison officer. He held the assignment, covering central Florida for 33 years.

"It was the most wonderful job I ever had. You go to a school and talk to a thousand kids, looking for maybe one. You get that kid to come forward and say, 'I'm interested.' You check his

area affairs. As a key member of the Board of Directors of the Regional Transportation District, prior to his death he had been instrumental in sponsoring a light rail transportation system that will open in July 2000.

Russ' total commitment to aviation led in 1994 to the establishment of the Wings Over the Rockies Museum at what was Lowry AFB. Contributions in his memory can be sent to: The Russell W. Tarvin Memorial Fund, Wings Over the Rockies Museum, 7711 E. Academy Parkway, Denver, CO 80220.

academics, his athletic abilities and then you counsel him."

He counseled a nine-year-old. The years past and the child went on to the academy and graduated. "It's very rewarding."

Dillin was named the Air Force Academy's 'Most Outstanding Liaison Officer in the Nation' in 1970. A quarter century later he was cited as 'The Most Outstanding Retired Liaison Officer in the World.'

That's when John decided to step down. "I figured with 50 years' service to the military, this was a good time to retire."

He will be 89 in December, and has been a Rotarian for six decades, with a perfect attendance record for more than 35 years. John operated a public relations agency in Lake Wales, Fla., until retirement.

From The Chairman's Pen



A lot of members ask: What do those Board Members Do? What goes on in a board meeting? What is discussed? Are there arguments or split votes on motions? Good questions. "C'mon down," and see for yourself. Board meetings are open and members can always sit-in, Just check our web site at afpaaa.org for the date, time and place of the next board meeting. You'll be welcome and we'll probably put you to work.

Our current board, officers and committee chairs are top notch in every respect. They work very hard on your behalf. All are un-paid volunteers. We meet about five times a year in Washington, in a corporate conference room generously provided by Vice President Dave Shea. Members who don't live in the area, either drive or fly to the meeting or participate via conference call. Several current Board members have not missed a single meeting. Typically, meetings last 2 to 3 hours. Your board members are very active, very involved and very generous with their time, effort and ideas. It is a primary reason our Association has been so successful.

We have routine, but very important reports covering finances, membership, communications, publications, fund raising (investments and the newly announced endowment fund), annual meetings, special events, and projects such as the Oral History program and our very popular web site. Board members regularly submit agenda items and we take up and act on ideas and suggestions from you, the members.

Most recently we addressed the details of the Annual Meeting, June 25-27, in Dayton, Ohio. We spent a lot of time, as we do at virtually every meeting, on membership renewal rates, currently about 73%, but down from last year's 85%, and concluded that, while 73% is far above average for organizations like ours, we need to be more aggressive in renewing existing and recruiting new members. The 'value' we offer our members and how that value is perceived by members and potential members, a constant issue, was addressed. We concluded the board needs to constantly strive to improve the value of AFPAAA to members or risk losing the current level of member interest and participation. That 'value' factor must be conveyed in every possible way to younger potential members who represent our Association's future.

Frequently meetings become a bit 'spirited' when very differing and deeply held opinions are debated and eventually voted upon. Rarely does the board kick an issue far into the future. Many of the suggestions we get from members would require significant hours, even weeks and months of work to accomplish and the volunteers needed to accomplish such projects just don't exist. The board does a tremendous amount of work just running AFPAAA; we often feel frustrated at not being able to do all we are asked to do because we don't have the manpower to see a project through. Sometimes even the suggestor is unavailable to help.

We are very stingy, but have provided funding for projects deemed worthwhile. Each board member personally absorbed a lot of expenses just to keep from passing them on to the Association, and every year our expenses have fallen far below what we budgeted, a testament to the board's frugality.

Your board works hard on your behalf and takes its responsibilities seriously. At the Dayton meeting talk to any board member and you will get a sense of their dedication and hard work. They want your views and comments. We can always use help – yes, many of you have pitched in – but if we are to continue to grow and strengthen our future we need more of you to help in working projects, providing financial backing, and in recruiting new members while retaining the old. In short, we want and need your help to continue to be successful.

See you in Dayton,

– Mike McRaney

Don't Delay, Register Today, Save \$\$

While 'he who hesitates may not be lost' to paraphrase an old saying, you could be out money by delaying to register for the June 25-27 Annual Membership Meeting at Wright-Patterson AFB. Advanced registrations for the event, which features a gala dinner at the Air Force Museum, must be received by June 12 – that's not far away – after that the fee goes up \$25 for members - spouse/guest registration remains at \$60.

Don't put the form on the opposite page aside, complete it, make out your check, and mail them today to ensure you avoid the late

I'm In Dayton, Why Can't I Find Wright-Patt?

Because it's not there. Yup, Wright-Patterson AFB is not in Dayton, Ohio; actually it's six miles out of town next to Fairborn. But don't expect the Chamber of Commerce to change what has become a 'fact' for the Air Force and the rest of America.

So, now that you know why you can't find the base in Dayton, how do you get to it if you are driving? The key is to remember '70,' as in Interstate 70 if you are



What Is It ?
Who Owned It?

Why Is It In The Air Force Museum ?

The answers to these questions, as well as other information about this aircraft will be revealed at the Association's Fifth Annual Membership Meeting and in the next *News & Notes*.

registration fee. While you're doing that, don't forget to

call the Hope Hotel and reserve your room.

coming from the East or West, and '75,' as in Interstate 75, if you are coming from the North or South.

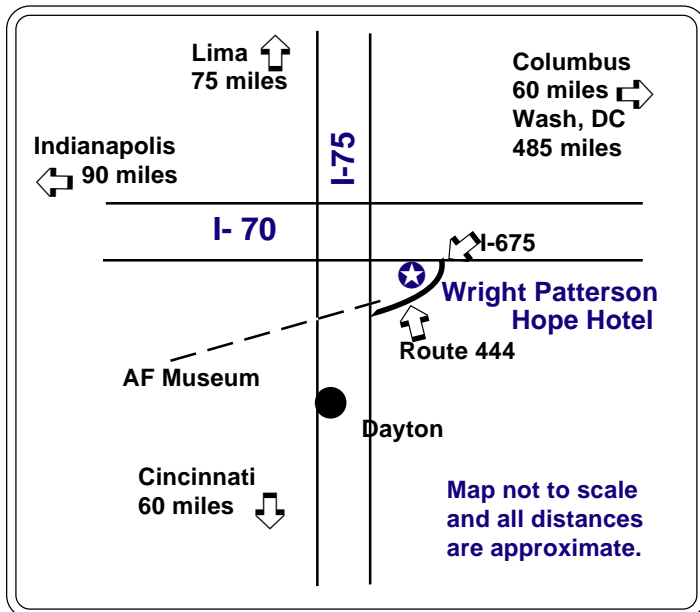
There are plenty of signs on the Interstates as you near Wright-Patt, but watch them carefully. If you are heading for the Hope Hotel, don't be misled by signs for the Air Force Museum - it is a considerable distance and in an entirely separate area from the hotel. Unless you want to

stop at the museum first, your goal is the Air Force Material Command Headquarter's gate off of Route 444.

Coming from the East on I-70 that means you get off at I-675 South toward Cincinnati and take first exit – Fairborn/SR444. Coming from the West - unless you are familiar with the area - I'd go the same way. That means crossing I-75 and going about 10 miles to I-675 South exit.

From the North on I-75, take I-70 East, as above, to the Fairborn exit. From the South on I-75, take Exit 54 - you will pass the Air Force Museum - and get onto Route 444 to the AFMC gate and the Hope Hotel.

From the Washington, DC area – where there is a large concentration of members – it's a 9-12 hour drive, depending on your rest and dining stops. On the plus side, for those who haven't made the trip in many years, it is virtually all interstates and you no longer have to snake around the mountains of Wheeling, WV; there are now tunnels.



Three Airports Serve WPAFB

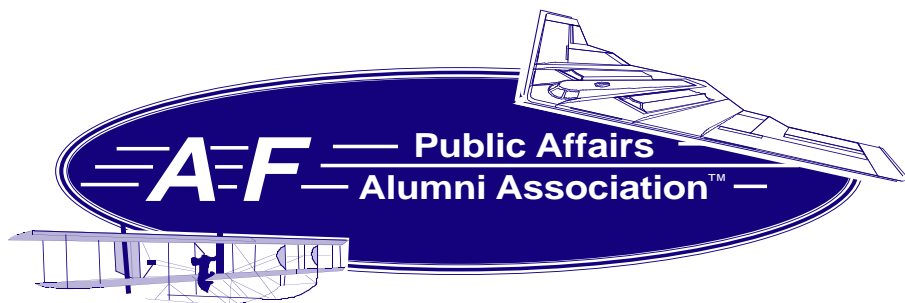
For those flying to the meeting there are three airports. The closest is Dayton International Airport off of I-75 in Vandalia. It's a good 30-45 minute drive to WPAFB. Van service is available from Charter Vans, Inc. in the baggage area - (937) 898-4043. Cost is \$22 one-way, \$40 round trip. Traveling with your spouse it's both for \$23 one-way, \$42 round trip.

Depending on your choice of airline and the fares available, flying into either Columbus or Cincinnati and renting a car may be cheaper.

America West Airlines is just one carrier that offers some great fares into Columbus International Airport which is a little more than an hour from Wright-Patterson. The Greater Cincinnati Airport, across the river in Kentucky, is a Delta hub and about an hour and a half from the base.

On the day that this is written here are some of the round trip fares for June 25-28 that were available:

Washington, DC to Dayton – US Airways \$188, Continental \$190; *Houston to Cincinnati* – Continental \$301; *Houston to Dayton* – Continental \$261; *Houston to Columbus* – US Airways \$205; *Los Angeles to Dayton* – Northwest/Continental \$266, TWA \$252; *Los Angeles to Cincinnati* – American \$262; *Los Angeles to Columbus* – America West \$204.



**Fifth Annual
Membership Meeting
Wright-Patterson AFB
June 25-27, 1998**

The meeting headquarters will be the Hope Hotel, Building 823, Area A, on Wright-Patterson AFB – enter from Route 444 at the AFMC Headquarters and Visitor Center, Gate 12 A. A group rate of \$54.50 single or double per night is available. Reservations can be made by calling the Hope Hotel commercial (937) 879-2696 or DSN 787-1285; or by fax to (937) 878-8731; ask for the AF/PAAA rate. Lodging reservations and expenses are the responsibility of attendees. Appropriate casual attire – no shorts, t-shirts, or tank tops, please - is the dress for all daytime activities; coat and tie please for the dinner at the Air Force Museum. Call the Hope Hotel today to ensure you have a room at our group rate.

The agenda for the meeting is:

- Thursday, June 25 Registration desk opens at the Hope Hotel - 3 PM
 No-host icebreaker in Packy's Sports Bar - 4 PM to ?
 Evening free
- Friday, June 26 Gather in front of Hope Hotel for short walk to AFMC Hq - 8:45 AM
 Welcome & Briefings - General George Babbitt, Jr., Commander, AFMC - 9:00 AM
 Lunch at Hope Hotel - SAF/PA Director Public Affairs Update - 11:30 AM
 Busses to Area B from Hope Hotel - 1 PM
 Welcome - Commander, ASC - 1:30 PM
 Return to Hope Hotel - 3:30 PM
 Busses to Air Force Museum - 5:30 PM
 Reception, dinner, and entertainment - 6 PM
 Return to Hope Hotel - 10 PM
- Saturday, June 27 Continental Breakfast in Hope Hotel Meeting Room - 8 AM
 Fifth Annual Membership Meeting - 8:30 AM – 11 AM
 Remainder of the day/evening - members choice: golf, sight-seeing, visit friends
- Sunday, June 28 Depart Wright-Patt

Advance registration fee for members is \$85 (includes lunch at WPAFB, reception & dinner at Air Force Museum, continental breakfast, memento, and registration package); advance registration for nonmembers is \$110 (includes a one-year Full membership or three-year Associate membership, as appropriate). On-site registration is \$110 for members and nonmembers. Spouse registration either in advance or on-site is \$60. **Advance registration for the meeting must be received NLT June 12. Please call the Hope Hotel directly for room reservations.**



Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association Fifth Annual Membership Meeting Registration

Name: _____ Phone - Home: _____ Office: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Spouse's Name: _____ Fax: _____

I am retired: _____ I am on active duty: _____

Please make _____ member reservation(s) @ \$ 85 _____

Please make _____ spouse/guest reservation @ \$ 60 _____

Total number of reservations _____ Total enclosed \$ _____

Please make your check payable to:
 Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association
and mail to:
 Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association
 P.O. Box 540
 Fairfax, VA 22030-0540

For Golfers: If you wish to play at WPAFB on Saturday afternoon complete below -payment will be collected on-site.

I want to golf _____ Number in party _____ I'll bring my own sticks _____ I need to rent clubs _____

The Writing Life: Anderson Hits The RV Road . . .

For AFPAAA member Bill Anderson the genesis of *Please . . . Don't Tailgate The Real Estate* was more than four decades ago when his son broke his toilet seat. The search for a replacement seat led to the purchase of Bill's first recreational vehicle.

That story alone makes this book worth buying and you can get it for \$13.56, a 20% discount, from our web site bookstore.

But there is a lot more in the 214 pages of Bill's 19th book. It is chock full of side-splitting, humorous vignettes of the experiences of Bill and his family as they have roamed the North American continent from Alaska to Mexico. Tales such as when Bill was on the road alone

Please . . .
Don't Tailgate
the Real Estate!

SCOUTING THE BACK ROADS
AND OFF RAMPS TO FIND
TRUE LOVE AND HAPPINESS

William C. Anderson



A TRAILER LIFE BOOK

and pulled over for the night in a fog

shrouded area only to find when he awoke that he was in the middle of a herd of cows next to a cattle loading pen. He will also tell you how to cook meat on the go – using the RV's engine compartment. You'll hear how he laughed off his wife's claims of lions roaring around them and then found they had parked their RV near a truck full of the big cats.

Encounters with ice worms on a glacier, a myopic moose, and a

the least, rather unusual experiences are detailed.

But among the good natured recollections are a number of stories of good samaritanism. One recounts how the Andersons saved a family from freezing to death in a blizzard. Another tells how Bill repaired the wiring on a fellow RVer's generator and got it started after a storm had knocked out the electricity in their roadside park. It was a potential life-or-death situation. No one knew how long the power would be out. In the other RV was a man who required a respirator and, until Bill got the generator going, he was relying on batteries for his life support.

variety of other, to say

. . . Jennings Tells San Antonio's Story

History can be very boring but not when the writer is Frank Jennings. In *San Antonio: The Story of an Enchanted City* Frank has spanned the centuries of the city with snapshots of people, places, and events that turned a sleepy mission town into the million-plus population city it is today.

Best known in the Public Affairs community as the pen behind the Policy Letter for Commanders, Frank has lived in Texas more than 20 years. He has become a true local history maven, publishing numerous articles in newspapers, magazines,

and historical journals.

While you can read Frank's book in the traditional cover-to-cover manner, it is equally entertaining when read as you approach a buffet - darting in and out, sampling whatever subhead strikes your fancy.

The Spanish influence on San Antonio is well known; from Frank you'll learn how in the 1800s German immigrants impacted many aspects of the city, including its architecture. You'll also find out how President Teddy Roosevelt's Rough Riders got their name, the history of the military in San Antonio,

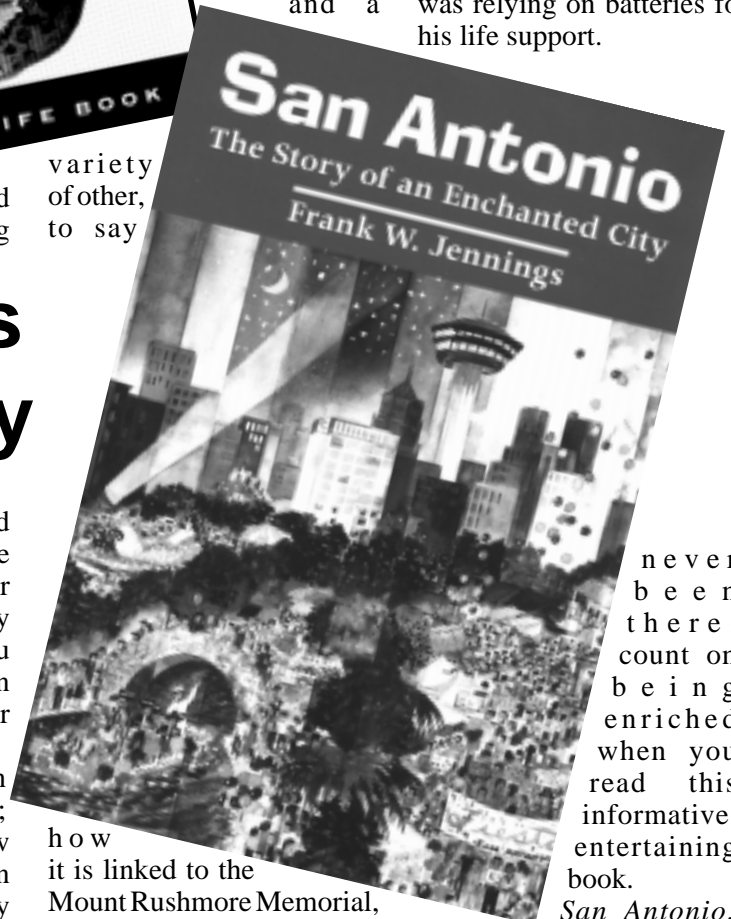
how it is linked to the Mount Rushmore Memorial, and many other fascinating and entertaining facts and stories.

Whether you've trained or been stationed in San Antonio, passed through, or

never been there, count on being enriched when you read this informative, entertaining book.

San Antonio:

The Story of an Enchanted City is available from Eakin Press (800) 880-8643. Hardcoverd copies are \$24.95; softcoverd copies are \$16.95, plus shipping.



AFPAAA Endowment Fund Gets Off The Ground; Stock, Cash, And Pledges Are Received

More than \$7,000 in General Electric stock, and two \$1,000 checks accompanied by pledges that \$4,000 more will come from each of the donors have gotten the Association's endowment fund off the ground.

"It's a start, and a good start," said AFPAAA development chair Jim Hart. "I trust that other members who have the means will be equally or even more generous, and those who can't contribute as substantially, will give what they can."

The Endowment Fund has been established to give the

Association financial stability for the future. The initial goal is \$300,000.

"With the first donations and pledges we are around the \$20,000 mark - that leaves us quite a way to go. When you consider we have about 600 members, that donations are tax deductible, and pledges can be paid over a period of years, if everyone gives what they can we'll make our goal," Hart observed.

Donors will be named and recognized during the Annual Membership Meeting at Wright-Patterson AFB, June 25-27.

"We'd like to have ten, twenty, or more people to call forward and recognize in June. We'd also like to be able to recognize people and companies that provide 'in-kind' services and contributions - things like printing and mailing for the Association.

When it comes to operating expenses, in-kind contributions can be a real help in keeping us out of red ink. Printing and mailing cost the Association in the neighborhood of \$15,000 per year.

For more information on the types of contributions that

can be made, tax advantages that may be available to you, or to make a donation, use the form below.

Get The Scoop First!

If you have access to the internet you could've had this *News & Notes* delivered to you three weeks ago. Why not get ahead of the power curve, get off the snail-mail list, get on the e-mail list and download *News & Notes* directly from AFPAAA's web site.

AFPAAA Endowment Fund Pledge/Donation Transmittal Form

I want to make a pledge/donation to help ensure the future of the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association. All gifts to AFPAAA should qualify for a tax deduction; other tax benefits may accrue on gifts that have appreciated in value - consult your tax advisor for specifics. My gift is:

Pledge. I am pledging \$ _____ to the AFPAAA Endowment Fund over the next ____ years. Enclosed is a check for my 1998 gift in the amount of \$ _____ (please make the check payable to AFPAAA and write 'Endowment Fund in the 'For' or 'Memo' space; mail with this form to AFPAAA, P.O. Box 540, Fairfax, VA 22030-0540 - if your first pledge payment is a transfer of securities please complete the next section also).

Transfer of Securities (stocks, bonds, mutual fund shares). Please call J. P. Phaup, Wheat First Union, (800) 925-3308 or (703) 761-4752, to discuss the transfer to AFPAAA Account # 1046-9386 using Depository Transfer Company (DTC) # 141. The estimated value of my gift dependent on price on the date of transfer is \$ _____. After talking with Mr. Phaup, please mail this form to AFPAAA, P.O. Box 540, Fairfax, VA 22030-0540.

One-Time Cash Gift. Enclosed is a check for \$ _____ (please make the check payable to AFPAAA and write 'Endowment Fund in the 'For' or 'Memo' space; mail with this form to AFPAAA, P.O. Box 540, Fairfax, VA 22030-0540).

Donation of Real Estate, Antiques, Collectibles. Please call Pete Alexandrakos, (703) 352-4113, to discuss your proposed gift.

Corporate In-kind Gift of Goods/Services. Please call Jim Hart, (281) 242-8402, to discuss your offer.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Charlie Brown's Job Transition Help On Web

At some point all of us—whether we have a DD214 in hand, are just beginning to think about what happens after the Air Force, or are looking to move on from our present employer – are job hunting. The challenge is to figure out how to do it.

Charlie Brown has put together ways to approach that challenge in *So You're Looking For Another Job...* which is available on AFPAAA's website at: afpaaa.org/aamemonly/jobsearch.html (password required).

Charlie, who retired from the Air Force in 1979 after a career in Public Affairs, has a unique perspective on the advice he offers. After a few years doing public relations for General Dynamics in San Diego, he changed careers and got into employment counseling.

When he retired from his second career this year, he was Director of Research for Chessmen Career Movers of San Diego. He was responsible for keeping track of who was hiring, who was laying off, and where the jobs were likely to be in Southern California companies.

During his years with Chessmen, he collected a lot of information about the job search process from thousands of clients.

When your Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association responded to the members request for career transition assistance, a two-pronged effort was launched. First was the *Tips for Transition* booklet compiled by Kathy McCollom that featured advice and counsel from members who had successfully moved into the

civilian world.

The second prong was the more extensive handbook Charlie volunteered to provide. Why did he violate the 'never volunteer' rule.

"Frankly, when I retired, I didn't have a clue about how to find another job," Charlie said. "The resume I created was four pages long. I called a few people in the defense industry that I knew; sent out maybe 15 resumes; answered some ads in the *LA Times*, sat back and waited for the world to recognize what an asset was available."

"Nothing happened."

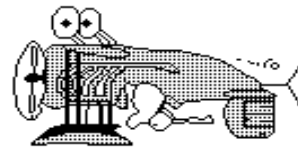
When he moved to Chessman, Charlie wanted to help clients avoid going through similar job search agony. He wrote a series of handouts that addressed specific aspects of career transitioning and job searches. He has tied the handouts, as well as other advice, into a single text for AFPAAA members.

Charlie covers the total job search effort, from resume preparation through the compensation negotiation process; and he specifically addresses what PAs bring to the table.

Association members can use this valuable resource directly from the web or they can get their own copy on disk.

Requests for disks should be accompanied by a donation check for \$25 made out to AFPAAA. Please specify which format, PC or Macintosh, and what application, i.e. Microsoft Word, WordPerfect, etc., you desire. Send your request to:

AFPAAA-JobsDisk
P.O. Box 540
Fairfax, VA 22030-0540



**Prop Wash
&
Jet Blast**

Welcome Aboard To . . .

Gary Carruthers
John Haynes
David Honchul
Anthony Jacob
Jay Kelly
Tom Mahr

John Martin
Robert Selzer
Jennifer Spears
Andrew Szucs
Edwina Walton
Ken Warren

Ooops, We Blew A Sour Note . . .

C. D. Rackley writes re our last issue "Au contraire! Colonel Lowell Graham was NOT the first band officer to wear eagles since Arnold Gabriel. Prior to Graham were Benny Knudsen and Ron Carl . . ."

Movin' On Up . . .

Mark Rosenker to Brigadier General in AFRES as mobilization assistant to the Director, SAF/PA . . . Gene Sands now Executive Director of University Relations for Louisiana State University . . . Pete Hefler back in the bus business as Deputy Administrator, Corridor Transportation Corporation.

Artistic Juxtaposition . . .

Carlin Kelcheski, a retired Lt. Col and former Air Force Academy prof, who was a combat artist with 7th AF Public Affairs in 1968, had a unique exhibit 'Vietnam: A Second Sketch' at the Academy April 5-24. The exhibit showed two experiences - his combat art of '68 and his landscapes of Vietnam's natural beauty 30 years later.

Kudos To . . .

Terry Hemeyer, named Texas Public Relations Society's Practitioner of the Year.

Last Flight . . .

Tony LeVier, 84, test pilot. Joined Lockheed's 'Skunk Works' in 1941 and retired as director of flying operations in 1974, died February 6. First flights in 21 aircraft that included the F-104 Starfighter & U-2.