

# Jim Hart Heads New Association Leadership Team

The selection at the Board of Directors meeting, July 8, of Jim Hart to replace Mike McRaney as president; John Gura to take over from Dave Shea as vice president; and Joe Purka to assume secretary duties from John

Terino marks the most dramatic change in these leadership positions since the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association was founded almost seven years ago.

"We've put the bylaw changes into effect that ensure a stream of new leaders," Hart observed. "The responsibility for the day-to-day Association operations, instead of resting with the Board of Directors, now falls to the officers and committee chairs." (See the bylaws in the '99 Membership Directory that came with this newsletter for the complete changes.) The changes provide for the president, vice president, and secretary to serve one-year terms, then move up to the next position. Thus Hart will become chairman of the board, Gura president, and Purka vice president in July 2000.



Jim Hart

"Now is the time for our membership to start thinking about working for the Association. We will need a candidate for secretary by January and there will be committee chairs to fill," Hart said.

"It's time for new people to get involved. About one-third of our membership is in the active force. As they retire we need people who can relate to them as officers, board members, and committee chairs."

Mike McRaney, who has been the chairman of the board will hold that position for one more year. Pete Alexandrakos will continue to serve as treasurer.

The committee chairs selected for this year are: Membership, Neil Buttimer; Endowment, Dave Schillerstrom; Elections, Kathy McCollom; and Special Events, Jim McGuire.

## AFA Alumni Luncheon Sept. 13, Reserve Now

The annual SAF/PA—Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association luncheon at the Air Force Association Convention will be Monday, September 13, at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel.

The event will begin with a reception at 11:30 a.m. in the Virginia Room. Lunch will follow at 12:15 p.m.

The tab for lunch is \$29 per person. Reservations may be made by mail with a check payable to: SAF/PA Morale Fund. A note with the name, rank, and address of those attending — including guests — should be sent with the check to:

**SAF/PAN**

**Attn: PA Alumni Luncheon  
 Coordinator**

**1690 Air Force Pentagon**

**Washington, DC 20330-1690**

Reservations and payment must be received by September 3.

There will be no refunds. Reservations without payment, phone reservations, and payment at the door will not be accepted.

If you have questions, call Major Carla Sylvester at (703) 695-9404 or you may e-mail her at: carla.sylvester@pentagon.af.mil.

The hotel is off Connecticut Avenue with parking entrances on both Calvert Street and Woodley Road. It can be reached by Metrorail via the Red Line to the Woodley Park-Zoo station.

## Cole's Plate Shows PA Pride, Supports Air & Space Museum



Eat your heart out 007, you have a 'licence to kill,' but Dick Cole, chief of media for Naval Sea Systems Command, has a license plate proudly proclaiming to all his career as an AF PAer.

Dick got the plate to show his pride in the work he did in Air Force Public Affairs and to help contribute to the National Air and Space Museum's Dulles Center — \$15 of the fee for the plate goes to the Center. He could have up to six characters on the plate, which is resplendent with clouds and an SR-71 Blackbird. He selected 'XAF PA'. If you are in the Northern Virginia area, it's not hard to spot the plate. Aside from being an eye catcher in itself, Dick has it hung on his bright red pickup truck.

If you want to get a similar plate that supports the Dulles Center check with the Virginia DMV or tap into the National Air and Space Museum's web site at: [www.nasm.edu](http://www.nasm.edu) — then go to the site index and open the Dulles Center page. If you're a Virginia resident you can get a plate to put on your car. If you're from anyplace else, or just want a collector's item, you can get a non-license plate. Either way, you'll help get the Dulles Center built.

## SAF/PAAsk Association To 'Hawk' ONLINENEWS

SAF/PA Director Colonel Ron Rand wants AFPAAA members to help up the circulation of the Air Force's new online newspaper.

"In February of this year our senior leaders enthusiastically gave us the green light to develop a weekly online newspaper — U.S. Air Force *ONLINENEWS*... They gave us a charter to report real news in real time, and to give our people a chance to voice their

concerns through letters-to-the-editor and commentary pages," Ron told us.

Now, he wants to make sure the general public and media know it's there, too. "We want everyone to know they can get the news about their U.S. Air Force every week, even a daily update with the breaking news page, just by clicking on: <http://www.af.mil/newspaper>"

The object is to reach as many people as possible — with or without a Blue Suit connection — including news media, and get them to log on and subscribe.

Ron also wants to hear from us on how to make *ONLINE NEWS* better. "Give us constructive feedback — on content, on style, on ways to increase awareness and use of the newspaper, and other ideas you have," he said.



# LINKS

Stories From The AFPAAA  
Oral History Project



## Aubrey Cookman: Base To Pentagon WW II Insights

by Chuck Lucas

Every AFPAAA member can look back on an assignment and wish they had been able to set up the program. Things would have been different — and far more effective — if it had been done their way.

As a second lieutenant, with little choice in the matter, Aubrey O. Cookman had that opportunity, when he was ordered to a year's active duty in 1941 at Lowry Field in Denver. At the time he was a reporter with the Chicago Daily News, a job he taken fresh from the University of Illinois in 1936. His reserve commission in the Quartermaster Corps soon went by the boards; his work as a "newsmen" tagged him for public information, a field he remained in for his 25-year Air Force career.

After America's entry into World War II, Cookman converted his Lowry staff of one officer and a secretary — with no mission statement — into a professional news center. At its peak, the staff numbered 35. According to Aubrey it seemed the Denver media believed that all Army Air Corps decisions were derived from the place they had previously known only as a tuberculosis sanitarium.

Maston Jacks was among Cookman's early staffers along with Hal Kanter, a comedy writer from Hollywood, and Lou Harris of the Augusta Journal. Others included Dewey Harrison of the Daily Oklahoman and George Sweeney, a talented writer from Minnesota.

The burgeoning base population was served by The Rev-Meter, probably one of the military's first commercial-enterprise newspapers.

In 1942, Lowry hosted a top-level, secret meeting. President Roosevelt, General George Marshall, and Secretary of War Henry Stimson were among the

conferees. "They wanted a meeting site private and far from Washington... They came directly on the base by rail," said Cookman, who stood beside the base commander to greet the group. Only after the dignitaries left was secrecy broken and the media informed.

Captain Cookman moved on to the Pentagon in 1943 where he was "sort of the communications person with the various air bases around the country." One of his co-workers was Rex Smith, who later headed Air Force PR before he returned to American Airlines as a vice president.

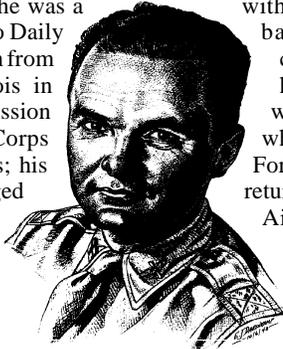
Cookman escorted the first former POWs returned from Europe for a White House visit. Mrs. Roosevelt greeted the visitors and apologized for the absence of her husband, explaining that he had been delayed in his return from Warm Springs, Georgia, where he died a few days later.

Cookman recalled the POWs were ill at ease, but they soon warmed up because Mrs. Roosevelt was such a gracious, interesting woman.

"She'd go one by one, asking where they were from, and wherever it was she'd say, 'Oh, I was there... How about that library or memorial you have there.' . . . personal things that she'd drag out of her memory, that she had seen and remembered . . . I was so impressed."

Aubrey was released from active duty in 1946 and resumed his journalism career.

As an editor at Popular Mechanics for seven years, he sought ways to tie in his Air Force interests in numerous articles. On one project, he flew missions with



**"An October 1943 charcoal drawing of Lt. Aubrey O. Cookman by Sgt. E. J. Darenkamp, while both were staff members of the Lowry Field Information Office."**

## AFPAAA Membership: "What's In It For Me?"

Why do many Public Affairs professionals join AFPAAA while others do not? It's the same question that all membership organizations ask and the reasons are as varied as the members are.

Statistics show that membership in associations in the United States is down across the board. Today, in general, people, are less likely to join organizations unless those organizations perform a function that is a of high priority interest to the prospective member.

The question often asked is "What's in it for me?"

Most of us are old enough to remember the days when membership in the Air Force Association and Officers'/NCO Clubs were included in the OER or APR.

Often, the on-base volunteer activities of wives — before they became spouses — were also worth a line or two on the annual evaluation. Those days are gone forever, and commanders, supervisors and the Air Force Director of Public Affairs need to walk a very thin line when it comes to endorsing or encouraging membership in organizations.

For many prospective members of AFPAAA, the question is "what's in it for me?" Many younger, active duty people view us as an organization of retirees, those who have served and find AFPAAA as an organization a source of camaraderie. And, to a large extent, that's true.

"Maybe I'll join when I'm closer to retirement or when I want to do some job search networking," is another reason given for not joining AFPAAA. While many of us thought 'Gathering of Geezers' was a humorous description for our annual meetings, the reality is that many active duty, reserve and guard officers, NCOs, and civilians see

AFPAAA precisely in just those terms.

Fortunately, through the efforts of some AFPAAA members and those of the current Director of Public Affairs, we've had an increase in active duty members, including a young lieutenant who sent in a check for life membership. Another new life member, Lieutenant Colonel Alvina Mitchell, wrote:

"The annual PA luncheon at the AFA Convention was a yearly reminder of what a rich fraternity we PAs belong to. Ours is a special group filled with talented people connected by a common experience of passion and panic. I want to stay involved with this group and the Alumni Association offers a way to do that."

Only the individual can answer the question "What's in it for me?" But, when people are asked to join there are key points to be emphasized. These include that AFPAAA is a fraternity of talented people connected by common experience. It's also an association of professionals supporting other professionals through scholarships, PRSA and IABC certifications, award of the initial PA badge to graduates of DINFOS and the annual SAF/PA 'Best of the Best' Award, and an oral history program that ensures the lessons of a rich public affairs heritage will not be forgotten.

A successful organization like AFPAAA needs both new blood and old heads. Both groups have much to offer and because of that, when a person is approached to join, the information outlined above must be emphasized so the individual can answer the question "What's in it for me?" positively and will opt to become a member.

— Joe Purka

## Toler Recovering From Little Rock Crash

Former band commander Ray Toler, now Director of Texas A&M's band, was injured when American Airlines Flight 1420 crashed at Little Rock, Arkansas,

Berlin Airlift crews. "We tried to emphasize the scheduling and packing of the stores... It was kind of like a conveyor-belt operation."

Later he worked with a Chicago public relations firm, before starting his own office. In 1964 his largest

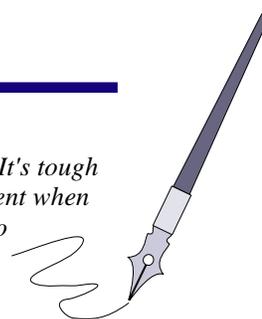
June 1. He was hospitalized with cracked ribs, a broken thumb, abrasions, and possible internal injuries. He is now completing his recovery in College Station, Texas.

client, Universal Oil Products, asked him to join their staff. When he retired to Albuquerque in 1974, he was the company's director of public affairs. He remained in the Air Force Reserve until 1973 when he retired in the grade of Colonel.

# From The President's Pen

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*I appreciate the opportunity to serve AFPAAA during the coming year as your president. It's tough to follow someone with an outstanding record like Mike McRaney who became our president when AFPAAA was founded almost seven years ago and has accomplished so much. I commit to you that with your support, we will build on the foundation established by Mike and the other officers and board members who have also done so much for the Association.*



*We all owe Mike our thanks for his past years of leadership and dedication, but you, the members, also deserve credit for the success of the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association. Through your support we have accomplished many things; among them a quality newsletter; a unique oral history program; job finding and career transition publications tailored to Public Affairs practitioners; a financial aid program for members seeking PRSA and IABC accreditation; financial support to SAF/PA's Annual Worldwide Conference; recognition of distinguished graduates at DINFOS; badges for new members entering the PA career field; an annual membership directory; underwriting of the PA coin; a first class web site with job referrals, current news and pictures, links to Air Force PA sites, and other features; and our Annual Membership Meeting.*

*Despite being almost seven years old, AFPAAA is still in its infancy, still struggling to reach maturity and its full potential. It is important for every member to recognize this. Our focus, mine, the rest of the officers, the board of directors, and most importantly you, the members, must be on the future.*

*Under our revised bylaws we have established an officer succession plan whereby, AFPAAA's president, vice president and secretary will normally serve for one year, and at most two years in any of those offices as they move through the up and out system to ensure healthy leadership progression. That means we need more of you to become involved in the operations of AFPAAA. We need you to serve on and chair committees and to run for the board of directors. Yes, it involves work. But the time and effort you put in can be personally very gratifying.*

*We need more members too! Yes, having 650 members sounds like a lot, but we have the potential to have twice as many. Thumb through our directory. I'll bet for every name you recognize there are ten or more you served with who are not members. Personal contact is the best recruiting tool. Read Joe Purka's article on page two and you will gain some insight into the challenge our Association faces, a challenge each member can help us meet. Heck, if each of us recruits just one new member, let alone ten, we could double our membership in a year. And I can tell you that we have a very low drop-out rate once someone joins. That means we do have a lot to offer. We can't just look back or be satisfied with the status quo!*

*We also need operating capital. Organizations will fail if they can't sustain their operations financially. AFPAAA is no different. Our goal is to have enough money in the bank to provide sufficient income to meet those expenses that are not covered by dues – and that amounts to thousands of dollars annually. We need those of you who have made pledges to 'Endowment \$300,000' to fulfill those pledges and we need those of you haven't made a pledge to do so. By reaching our goal of \$300,000 in the endowment fund, we will be able to sustain AFPAAA's programs and membership services indefinitely.*

*The Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association's future is bright! We've grown our membership by more than 100 in the past year; we've got a great Annual Membership Meeting coming up next June in Long Beach; our web site – [www.afpaaa.org](http://www.afpaaa.org) – keeps evolving, offering more information, and getting better and better; and we are challenged to do more for the active force to support Colonel Ron Rand in his continuing efforts to promote improvements in professionalism and to recognize Air Force Public Affairs accomplishments.*

*Volunteer! Give us your ideas! Let us know what you like and what you dislike! I pledge that the officers and board of directors of AFPAAA will continue to exercise prudent judgment in administering the resources you provide us and we will give careful consideration to what you tell us. After all, we are here to serve you. Let's have a great year!*

**– Jim Hart**

# Lord Guard and Guide...

*We extend our condolences to Reed Switzer on the death of his wife, Goldie, on May 31 of complications from osteoporosis. They met in Paris in 1944 when both were Army information specialists and were married in Omaha after the war. They were married for 53 years.*

## Norman W. Caisse

From the bloody assault on Guadalcanal as a young mud-Marine through the early days of America's space program as an Air Force Information Specialist, Norm Caisse, 78, who died of a heart attack February 26, was always in the hot spots.

After high school in Springfield, Massachusetts, he set out to be a draftsman. With the outbreak of WW II he enlisted in the Marines and his life was changed for ever. The Marines recalled him for the Korean War. After that Norm joined the Air Force.

He served in the IO at Westover AFB, Massachusetts. Assigned to Patrick AFB in 1959, he helped establish the press center and was a fixture in it for the Mercury, Gemini, and Apollo programs until he retired as a Technical Sergeant

in 1966. His love of the space program returned him to Patrick's Public Affairs Office as a volunteer for many more years.

AF space public affairs pioneer Ken Grine described Norm as "quite an interesting character . . . like many of the really sharp enlisted men I have been lucky enough to have work for me in the service, he became a close friend. I will miss him."

He was a founding member of the Astronaut Trail Association, an honorary lifetime member of the Canaveral Press Club, and a member of the Missile, Space and Range Pioneers.

Norm is survived by three children; two grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter. He was buried in Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell.

## William M. Hodson

Bill Hodson, 78, died November 15, in Sacramento, California. A SSgt in 8th Air Force during WW II, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the AF Reserve in 1948. Called to active duty during the Korean War, he attended the Armed Forces Information School at Fort Slocum and became the IO for Bryan AFB, Texas. He edited

the in-house publication of Perfect Circle Corporation's, then became a regional director for the American Cancer Society, first in Las Vegas, then in Sacramento, where he retired. Bill is survived by his wife, Barbara; two sons; a brother and sister; and four grandchildren. Donations in his name can be made to Habitat for Humanity.

## Stanley Frederick Jensen

Stan Jensen, 65, who, after his Air Force career, operated his own home repair and welding business, died of cardiac arrhythmia April 28 at Arlington Hospital in Virginia.

Stan was born in Bishop, California. He graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in 1957 and was commissioned in the Air Force. He was an instructor pilot before entering the information career field in which his assignments included Vietnam, Andrews Air Force Base, the Pentagon, Germany, and DoD.

"He was one of the original members of the USAF Combat News team that we put together in Vietnam," Gerry Hickman said. "Stan was our Nha Trang IO and news correspondent. He did a

splendid job.

"Stan later served as the senior Air Force officer on the EUCOM PA staff -- while I was director at USAFE," Hickman recalled. "He was a lot of help to us Blue Suiters."

After he returned from Europe, during his last assignment at the American Forces Information Service, Stan was instrumental in retaining Stars & Stripes and other publications when they were threatened in the publications budget cutting of the early 1980s.

He loved to travel to air shows and restore automobiles. Survivors include his wife of 38 years, Rebecca; three daughters; a brother; and six grandchildren.

Stan retired in 1987 as a Colonel, he was buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

## William Murray Mack

Bill Mack, 79, a Lifetime Founder of the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association, died May 30, 1999, in Puyallup, Washington.

Born in Boston and educated at Boston Latin School, Boston College, and the University of Maryland, his military career began when he joined Civilian Pilot Training in December 1941.

On D-Day, Flight Officer Mack flew a glider loaded with a jeep and a 37mm gun and its crew behind enemy lines. The landing was a crash; Bill's injuries included a broken arm, wrist, and collar bone; he was evacuated to England.

"They say that war is hell, but there I was with three hot meals a day, clean sheets every night, and pretty nurses. It's too bad others weren't as lucky," he said.

After the war, his career included four years as Far East Air Forces press chief in Tokyo, duty at the Pentagon, and Director of Information at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Bill went to Elmendorf Air Force Base in 1967. Four years later he retired as a Lieutenant Colonel. He would live and work there for the next 26 years.

## Robert J. Markley

Former principal trumpet of the Air Force Band, Robert J. Markley, died July 9 at Charlotte Hall Nursing Home. He was 83 and had Parkinson's disease and congestive heart failure.

He was born in LaPorte, Indiana, graduated from the University of Cincinnati, and attended and taught at the Cincinnati Conservatory of

Music until entering the Army in 1942.

After his retirement as a Master Sergeant in 1970, Markley played with a number of groups, including the U. S. Concert Band. He also taught trumpet and tuned pianos.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Jean; sons Jay and James; and five grandchildren.

He was named public information officer for the city of Anchorage and for the Alaskan Air National Guard in 1972. Later he worked as a public relations consultant for Japan Airlines.

In the '70s, he was active in and headed many organizations at one time or another -- president of the Anchorage chapter of the Air Force Association; chairman of the board for Alaska Public Television; director of the Armed Forces YMCA, president of the Anchorage chapter of the Alaska Press Club; and director of Valley Radio and Landak Inc.

Bill is survived by his children, Dr. Bill Mack Jr., James, Beth L, and Terre; six grandchildren; and his brother, Stephen.

Memorial services were held at Elmendorf Air Force Base's Catholic Chapel June 18. On June 30 he was buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

Remembrances of Bill may be made in donations by check to the Kidney Transplant Fund for William Mack Jr. They should be mailed to Organ Transplant Fund Inc., 1102 Brookfield, Suite 202, Memphis, Tennessee 38119.

## Leon 'Tex' Taylor

Tex Taylor, 82, who died in San Antonio, June 25, did a lot of good for people and institutions ranging from the United States Air Force to Trinity University.

Tex was a skilled public affairs practitioner who served the Army and the Air Force well during and after World War II. As a reserve officer, he worked at Air Training Command Headquarters. Later, Tex was assigned to the Pentagon as the MA chief of the Internal Information Division in SAF/OI.

For 41 years, from 1947 until he retired in 1988 as Vice President for University Relations, he was instrumental in the growth and development of Trinity University in San Antonio. He worked closely with five university presidents to build a great institution, almost

from scratch, as he directed Trinity's programs for fund-raising, publicity and special events.

"He was an accredited member of PRSA and president of its San Antonio Chapter several times," Jerry Dalton recalled. "Tex took particular pleasure in teaching refresher courses for AF Public Affairs people who were preparing to take the PRSA Accreditation exam."

His extensive reading, keen memory for details, experience as a radio broadcaster, and interest in dramatics made him a master storyteller and after-dinner speaker.

Tex retired as a Colonel in 1967. He was buried with full military honors at Fort Sam Houston on 30 June.

– Frank Jennings



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# Who Was PA's First Chief

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It's my fault, but I'll blame it on Jerry Dalton - after all, it's not often you get a chance to put it to a retired BG.

In the last issue of *News & Notes*, Jerry wrote in his fine tribute to Chuck Burlingame, "He was in the first group to be Chief Master Sergeants and the first E-9 in the Information career field."

I should have known better, but the old 'you better not print that' sensor just didn't go off. Probably a malfunction attributable to my advancing years, expanding waistline, or thinning hair - maybe all three.

Before you could blink an eye, Barney Oldfield politely lobbed a shell into our editorial suite saying "John:

*Is Jerry Dalton right about Chuck being the first CMSgt in PA? My recollection is that it was Tom Rhone, who caused quite a stir when his recommendation was signed by 4-star General Earle E. Partridge, who as leadership spotters go, had a right fine record.*

*Best wishes,*

*Barney"*

How should I know? I passed Barney's round on to Jerry, who replied

"John:

*I have too much respect and admiration for Barney Oldfield to pick an argument with him. He's been right*

*far more times than he has been wrong!*

*Likewise, I have great respect for Tom Rhone who I remember was a giant in the PIO/IO/PA career field, and I certainly meant him no disrespect. My claim on behalf of Chuck was my memory of a party in his honor in which he was described as the first CMSgt in our career field. I have no records to back up my statement, but merely a keen memory of what happened — whether it was right or wrong, others will have to judge.*

*Please convey this to both Barney Oldfield and Tom Rhone."*

This little essay will convey Jerry's graceful deferral to Barney. Unfortunately, Tom, who I knew at Luke AFB in the 1970s, has a severe case of Alzheimer's Disease.

Having been raised in what many would say is the now defunct school of accurate reporting, I was faced with a dilemma: 'Who was right, or were they both?'

To find the answer, I sent an e-mail to Colonel Hal Smarkola who commands AFNEWS at Kelly AFB. Hal sent me to the source of all personnel wisdom, the Air Force Personnel Center.

Captain Tim O'Grady and

CMSgt Judy Blevins did some sniffing around and informed me that according to some information in their files

*"... both could have been first since they could have had the same promotion dates.*

*"An early December edition of the 'Air Force Times' contained an article entitled '1700 Due Highest EM Rank.' The article reported that command selection boards had selected the first 1,700 Senior Master Sergeants for promotion to Chief Master Sergeant. About 620 were promoted on 1 December 1959 and the remainder on 1 June 1960."*

That was nice to know, but it still left the 'who was first?' question unanswered. O'Grady also relayed that the Chief's Group had no records that would help.

Next, I fired off an e-mail to Frank Jennings who is said to have every scrap of paper that ever crossed his desk as well as copies of all his yellow letters, etc. carefully preserved in old Serutan boxes in his garage in San Antonio.

Almost simultaneously, AFPAAA Board member and retired CMSgt Dave Smith weighed in with an e-mail that said:

*"I talked to Reed Switzer (another retired Chief) and he passed along a couple of things.*

*Paul Kackley - who Reed says was assigned at SAC headquarters at the time - was the other PA person, besides Tom Rhone, he knew was on the first chiefs list. He said the way it worked then was there was no incremental list. Once the selections were made everyone put their stripes on the next month. So it would be very difficult to say anyone was actually the first.*

*Reed also said, saying someone is first, last, youngest or oldest is always a challenge. He said the last time he said he was the oldest public affairs person at a function Barney Oldfield said, "no you're not."*

This helped a little, Burlingame and Rhone could have been promoted at the same time from the same list - if they were on the same list!

But were they on same list, and which list - December '59 or June '60 - was it? Or, was one on the first list and the other on second? And, if the latter was the case, who was on which list?

If you know the answer to the question 'Who Was PA's First Chief?' that was triggered by Jerry Dalton's sentence in the last issue, please don't hesitate to let me know.

- John Terino

## Limited Fourth Category Of Association Membership Established

Affiliate Member - a new, limited membership category that allows people who have not served in USAF public affairs assignments but want to join the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association - has been established in a change to the bylaws approved by the Board of Directors.

"The new category gives people who have expressed an interest in us and who are willing to pay the same dues as Full Members but they would not have the right to

vote - the opportunity to join," said John Gura who proposed the addition.

To conform with Internal Revenue Code requirements that govern veteran's organizations the number of Affiliate Members can not exceed two and one half percent (2.5%) of the an organization's total membership. Currently, with about 650 members, that would limit AFPAAA's Affiliate Members to 16.

The four (4) classes of AFPAAA

membership are now: *Full Member* - former Air Force Public Affairs, Air Force Broadcasting Service or Air Force Band personnel, military or civilian, retired or separated.

*Associate Members* - current or former Air Force Public Affairs, Air Force Broadcasting Service or Air Force Band personnel still in active service.

*Adjunct Member* - spouses, widows or widowers of those eligible to be Full or Associate Members.

Affiliate Member - those not eligible for the above membership categories may become a member upon favorable recommendation by the Membership Committee and approval by the Board of Directors.

Only Full Members may vote or hold Association offices. All members may serve on any special or standing committee but they can not chair a committee.

Dues for all categories may be paid on a yearly, three-year, or lifetime basis.

# Long Beach Annual Meeting June 15-17, 2000 Shaping Up

No one who attends our Seventh Annual Membership Meeting in Long Beach, California, June 15-17, 2000, will be able to say there were not enough activities planned.

While everything is not set in concrete, chairman John Gura has already pulled a lot together for members, spouses, and friends to do from Thursday until the conclusion of the meeting with the gala reception and dinner on the Queen Mary Saturday evening.

There will be optional tours and the traditional no-host ice-breaker reception on Thursday.

Among the activities scheduled for Friday and Saturday are briefings and a tour of Boeing's C-17 production line, a "USAF in the Movies" presentation, the popular "Hot Spots" briefing, and the SAF/PA update, as well as the business meeting – and there will be more, including some surprises, to come.

For those who arrive early or stay late, John and his committee are putting together a selection of optional VIP tours that will include TV shows.

Our meeting headquarters is at the luxury waterfront WestCoast Long Beach Hotel resort, 700 Queensway Drive, Long Beach, CA 90802.

It is on 10 acres of lush landscaped grounds within 30 minutes of most Southern California attractions.

Make your room reservation now by calling (562) 435-7676 – sorry, no 800# available. Be sure say tell

the person you are speaking to that you are with the "Air Force Public Affairs" meeting in June of 2000 and request our special AFPAAA room rate – \$92.00 + tax. That rate is good for up to three days before and three days after our meeting dates of June 15-17.

The AFPAAA Seventh Annual Membership Meeting Registration form will be in the next *News & Notes* or you can get it now from our web site: [www.afpaaa.org](http://www.afpaaa.org)

The registration fee covers one breakfast, two lunches, the gala reception and banquet, and coffee breaks. It also includes an Annual Membership Meeting souvenir, C-17 tour transportation, attendance at briefings and panels, participation in drawings for door prizes, special attraction offers, and registration packet. The registration fees are:

- Advance registration is \$100 for members.
- Advance registration is \$125 for nonmembers – including a 1-year Full membership or 3-year Associate membership, as appropriate.
- On-site registration is \$125 for members and \$150 for nonmembers.

• Spouse/guest registration, either in advance or on-site, is \$85. The registration fee does not include hotel room fees.

It's not too early to mark your calendars, make your room reservation – there are already eight rooms reserved, and register.

## For Sure, You're Welcome To Second SoCal Social Aug. 20

If you are in Southern California on Friday, August 20, you're invited. "To what?" you say. To the Second AFPAAA Southern California Social, of course.

The gathering is in Pasadena at the Peppermill Inn, 795 E. Walnut.

No-host cocktails at 6 p.m. will kick off the event. "We'll have a short Annual Meeting 2000 update and a meeting of its Steering Committee," said John Gura.

## Directors For Next Twelve Months Set

With the ballots from the recent election counted, the Board of Directors that will serve from July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000 is set.

All four candidates, Sally Davidson, Jim Hart, Kathy McCollom, and Dave Smith were

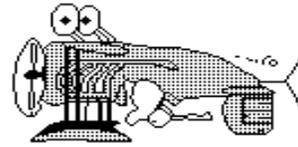
"Those who stay can gather for a Dutch treat dinner starting at about 7:30 p.m."

Based on the success of the last get together he expects between 15-25 people, but 'the more the merrier.'

If you want to attend, RSVP to John at (909) 792-5188 (Answering Machine), by FAX to the same number, or by E-Mail to [johnhg@afpaaa.org](mailto:johnhg@afpaaa.org)

reelected to two-year terms that expire June 30, 2001.

They join already sitting members Mike McRaney, who chairs the Board; John Gura; Joe Purka; Ron Sconyers; and John Terino. Their terms expire June 30, 2000.



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### New Lifers . . .

*A special welcome to Alvina Mitchell and John Redfield, our newest Lifetime Members.*

### Welcome Aboard To . . .

<i>Marcella Adams</i>	<i>Michael Murk</i>
<i>Elizabeth Alber</i>	<i>Michele Murray</i>
<i>Debra Lynn Ayers</i>	<i>Don Planalp</i>
<i>Judy Bivens</i>	<i>Martine Ramos</i>
<i>Sabra Brown-Rittgers</i>	<i>Jerry Renne</i>
<i>Bert Byars</i>	<i>Bette Sparks</i>
<i>Laurise Carroll</i>	<i>Susan Strednansky</i>
<i>George Hooper</i>	<i>Anna Sullivan</i>
<i>Guy Hunneyman</i>	<i>Jodi Unsinger</i>
<i>John Hutcheson</i>	<i>Tracy Velino</i>
<i>Daneta Johnson</i>	<i>Jim Weslowski</i>
<i>E. Carlton Jones</i>	<i>Tim White</i>
<i>Joe Kubistek</i>	<i>Jill Whitesell</i>
<i>James Law</i>	<i>Ed Worley</i>
<i>Errol Loving</i>	<i>Nancy Wright</i>

### Red Sails In The Sunset . . .

*Susan 'Fred' Hankey and hubby Jack Webb tied up in retirement to the dock in Islamoreda, Florida, on their sailboat Denali Rose.*

### And Would He Spell It 'Dictionary'? . . .

*The Washington Times recently reported Space Command's DO, Major General William Looney told his staff to spell aerospace 'AeroSpace' "to further the integration of air and space, and ensure everyone appreciates that space is an equal partner with air in this business." According to the Times, the general also pledged "I realize the grammar nazis (sic) will go nuts over this, but I will deal with them."*

### Movin' Up, Movin' On . . .

*Jim Pasierb into the Chief of Public Affairs job at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum . . . Brian Sheehan, CEO of Washington Defense Marketing on the board of 4-Ward-Tech after his firm took a major financial position in it . . . Joe Purka in New Brunswick, New Jersey, as Director of Campaign Communications for The Rutgers University Foundation . . . P. J. Crowley retiring and to work for Ken Bacon in the Principal Deputy to ASD for Public Affairs slot . . . Wright-Patts' Aeronautical Systems Centers' Helen Cavanaugh, one of the really nice and truly professional people in Public Affairs, retired.*

### Hap Was One Of Us . . .

*Jack Olsen reminds us General Hap Arnold was Army Air Service Director of Information in 1924.*