



Summer 2002

Members gather in San Antonio for annual meeting

More than 150 members, their families and friends traveled to San Antonio for the 9th annual membership meeting of the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association May 30 through June 1.

Events began with a Thursday evening reception where old acquaintances were renewed.

The following morning members visited Lackland AFB, highlighted by the basic training graduation parade.

Friday afternoon included visits to the Air Intelligence Agency and Air Force News Agency.

Saturday morning's presentations included briefings by Dick McGraw, principal deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Public Affairs and Brig. Gen. Mark Rosenker, director of the White House Military Office.

The annual business meeting

followed the SAF/PA Director's Luncheon.

A Saturday evening reception and banquet concluded the festivities.



Retired Chief Master Sgt. Reed Switzer, Elizabeth Cole, and retired Chief Master Sgt. Paul Cole, watch events on the Lackland AFB Texas parade ground during the weekly graduation parade. A visit to Lackland was one of the activities scheduled during the Association's annual meeting in San Antonio.



Airmen march with the colors during pass-in-review at a basic military training graduation parade June 1. Attendees of the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association witnessed "flag day" when they attended the weekly graduation parade and ceremony at Lackland AFB, Texas, during the Association's annual meeting. (Photo by Bob Hunter)

Investment pays dividends for everyone

by **Chuck Lucas**

EDITOR'S NOTE: This column is a feature on stories from the Association's Oral History program.

Carroll V. "CV" Glines

invested \$40 for a 10th interest in a Piper J-2 aircraft in 1939. The dividends have been a thousand fold — for him, the Air Force and the American public.

Two decades of his 27-year Air Force career were in operational assignments. He flew P-40s and P-47s in Panama and Europe during World War II before moving into B-25s and B-26s. He even managed some time in the jet-powered P-80.

His love of flying deterred him from a journalism career, except on a freelance basis.

His first check followed an article he wrote on a speech he had given at Air Command and Staff School. He asked the Air Inspector if he could accept it.

"He asked if I had written it on my own time," said **Glines**, "and did I use my own typewriter and paper. When I assured him I had, he said sign the check and keep on writing. I've been writing on a free-lance basis ever since."

In 1961, **Glines** met with SAF/OI's **Col. Pug Evans** and **Maj. Gen. Arno Luehman**.

"I told them I was in Ops, but that I was interested in getting into Information. And with my background in writing articles and books, I thought I might be useful." The switch was made.

His first "project" proved to be a lulu. **Secretary Eugene Zuckert** wanted a Command Services Unit and a Communications Studies Group and he wanted it to be at Bolling AFB.

"As I recall," said **Glines**, "we had authority for 75 people." The search was on for a building to house them.

Fixed-wing flying had been terminated at Bolling and it didn't take long for an old Ops man to zero in on the old Base Ops building. He met

resistance from every quarter on base. He found a quick solution.

"I would ask the individual giving me a hard time for his name, rank and serial number because I want to be able to tell the Secretary exactly what you just told me," he said. "Invariably they would back off."

SAF/OI Director Maj. Gen. William K. Martin offered him the CO's job of the new unit.

"I told him I would rather stay in the Pentagon and since **Jim Sunderman** is leaving, I'd like to be in Mags and Books." **Martin** concurred and **Col. John Caufield** became CSU's first commander.

Mags and Books was a perfect fit for **Glines**. In 1964, DoD's **Art Sylvester**, assistant secretary for Public Affairs, convinced **Secretary Robert McNamara** that magazines and books, motion pictures and photography from all services should be in DoD.

Glines left the Pentagon in 1966 and after two years as chief of Public Affairs at Alaskan Command, he retired as a colonel.

His value to the Air Force increased after retirement, as he edited several national flying publications, and authored more than 30 books and nearly 800 articles for national magazines.

He assisted **Generals Ben Foulois** and **Jimmy Doolittle** writing their autobiographies.

His association with **Doolittle** can be measured by his honorary

membership in the Doolittle Raiders, for which he is the group's historian.

While still on active duty he became aware of 80 silver goblets on display at the Air Force Academy.

"Each goblet is engraved so you can read them when they are upside down," he said "Each year when somebody dies, they have a ceremony and turn it over and drink a toast. There's a bottle of brandy, dated 1896, which was the boss's birthday. The last two were to drink the bottle of brandy."

Glines was surprised to learn that "Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo" was the only book written about the Tokyo raid. It was **Ted Lawson's** personal

account and it came out in 1943.

He was caught up in this idea of doing a book and presented his case at the annual meeting. "**Doolittle** put his arm around my shoulder and said, 'You all know I only have one vote in this room, but I vote for this young fellow.' The vote was unanimous.

"**Doolittle's** Tokyo Raiders" was followed by "Four Came Home," detailing those held prisoners by the Japanese after the raid.

"I did a biography of **Jimmy** called 'Jimmy Doolittle, Master of the Calculated Risk' and then I did another book called 'The Doolittle Raid' in '88," he said.

"It seems like almost everything he (**Doolittle**) said was an honest statement. I think his honesty and integrity were the two principal things that came across in every interview I ever had with him."

Glines continues his writing in Dallas where he also serves as curator for the Doolittle Military Aviation Library at the University of Texas.



Col. Carroll V. "CV" Glines and Gen. Jimmy Doolittle

The President's Pen

Dear Friends

As each year passes, our Association grows with new members and shrinks with the passing of old friends.

It was a great pleasure to see so many old friends in San Antonio for the Ninth Annual Meeting. We really had a good time and look forward to seeing many more of you in Las Vegas in 2003. Plan now for May 1-3.

Al Eakle needs your help! **Al** is the editor of our newsletter and he is constantly badgering everyone in our Association for information to include.

In the past, a few of you were known for your skills at putting words on paper. If you can still do that, and have interesting tales to tell or news about Association members; please send it to him.

He also accepts photographs or high-quality digital images (300 dpi). If we want our newsletter to be about our Association and our members, we have to tell the story. **Al** can only make up so much up there in the wilds of Minnesota.

Different subject, but one requiring support from many of you—update your information in the member's directory.

People tell me one of the main reasons they join AFPAAA is to stay in touch with old friends. Staying in touch is easy if your personal information is up-to-date.

If you are daunted by the process of navigating the website, send your updates to **John Gura**,

Neil Buttimer or me and we'll get it done.

Following the last annual meeting, the board of directors established a committee to review the documents that established our Association, the original strategic plan and the 1995 membership survey.

The committee is to make recommendations regarding another survey, revision to the strategic plan or other actions to ensure the board is focused on the desires of the membership.

The issue of a name change again surfaced at the annual meeting. This issue will likely remain dormant until the committee completes its work and the follow-up actions are complete.

One of the best things that's happened to me in recent years was the opportunity to be the lead planner for the 2002 AFPAAA Annual Meeting because it gave me an opportunity to spend time with a very dedicated group of Association members in the San Antonio area.

Many of you told me the meeting was a good one and none of it would have happened except for the hard work of **Linda Arnold, David Cole, Carey Deckard, Mike Gallagher, Don Hilkemeier, Lee Hincer, Frank Jennings, Art Jungwirth, George Larrieu, Mynda McGuire, Joe Panvini, Bob Rayfield, Tom Shumaker, Hal Smarkola, Reed Switzer** and **John Worthington**.

You'll read more about it else where in this issue, but my congratulations to **Alice Price** for the Michael P. McRaney Distin-

guished Service Award and for her wonderful, continuing support of our Association.

Congratulations also go to **Jerry Dalton, Terry Hemeyer** and **Chuck Lucas** for their AFPAAA President's Pioneer Awards.

Welcome new board members **John Gulick, Charlie Powers**, returning board members **Larry Greer, Jim McGuire, Joe Purka** and new and returning board member **Jim Hart**. Thanks to retiring board members **John Gura, Joe Wojtecki** and **David Shea**.

Special thanks to our sponsors who underwrote events associated with the Annual Meeting: the Boeing Company for the SAF/PA Director's Luncheon, Raytheon Company for transportation, Bell Helicopter TEXTRON for the Lackland Luncheon; and Lockheed Martin Corporation for audio-visual.

We also received generous support from **Frank Jennings, Bob Jensen**, HEB Food Stores, Rutgers University Foundation; San Antonio IMAX Theater, San Antonio Visitor and Convention Center, Sea World San Antonio, San Antonio Alamo Bowl, Security Service Federal Credit Union, Sino-Swearingen Aircraft Corp., Star Shuttle, USAA and the Service Division, Air Education and Training Command.

All this support enables us to either do things we couldn't or to reduce the cost to attend and we truly appreciate their support.



David Smith

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION:

Individuals who have ever served, or are currently serving, in Air Force Public Affairs, an Air Force Band, or as an Air Force Broadcaster, military or civilian, on active duty, or in the Guard or Reserve.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES: Full members- former Air Force Public Affairs, Broadcasters, or Bandsmen, military or civilian, retired or separated. Associate members- current or former Air Force Public Affairs, Broadcasters, or Bandsmen, military or civilian, still in service. Adjunct members- spouses, widows or widowers of those eligible to be Full or Associate members. Affiliate members- a limited number of persons not eligible for membership under any of the above categories may become a member upon favorable recommendation by the Membership Committee and approval by the Board of Directors (U.S. Citizens only).

CHANGING CATEGORIES: Members may change categories at any time as circumstances permit. They must notify the Membership Committee of their new status.

MEMBERSHIP RATES:
\$300 for life membership (payable in four monthly \$75 installments). \$25 for one-year membership (full, adjunct and affiliate). \$50 for three-year membership (full, adjunct and affiliate). \$10 for one-year membership (associate). \$20 for three-year membership (associate).

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:

Available at www.afpaaa.org
Completed forms and check or money order should be sent to: **Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association, P.O. Box 540, Fairfax, VA 22030-0540.**

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While Mike McRaney looks on, Martha Scholz accepts the Mike McRaney Distinguished Service Award for her mother, Alice Price, who suffered a mild stroke and was hospitalized just prior to the start of Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association's annual meeting. Price, pictured below with the award in her hospital room, is doing exceptionally well back home in Fairfax, Va.



Price receives McRaney Award

Alice Price was named this year's recipient of the Mike McRaney Distinguished Service Award.

Price, a Lifetime Founder, has served the association since it was formed in 1994.

She has been on the board of directors, handles the preparation and mailing of all membership certificates and readdressing and rerouting of association directories and newsletters that are returned as a result of moves or changes in addresses.

Additionally, she ensures all correspondence addressed to the Association is accurately routed to the appropriate member of the board or officer of the association.

Because of her efforts, membership payments, donations and other financial materials are quickly and

accurately routed to the treasurer, and other correspondence is forwarded to the appropriate association officer for action.

In June 2001, the Society of Illustrators of New York recognized her service and work.

Price was presented with the Arthur William Brown Achievement Award to honor her years of support for the Air Force Art program and the artists who contribute to it.

Presented at the President's Dinner, this award is a tribute to her distinctive service to both the organization and the United States Air Force.

It clearly demonstrates her dedication to duty, her professionalism, and her service to the association and the nation.



Eight public affairs general officers attended the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association meeting in San Antonio. Pictured are (left to right) Brig. Gens. Dick Abel (retired) H.J. Dalton Jr., (retired) Mark Rosenker, Ron Rand, Carey Deckard (retired), Mike McRaney (retired), and Tim White. Retired Brig. Gen. Jim Hart was also in attendance but was forced to leave the annual meeting early due to a death in the family.

Membership elects new board members

Recently elected board members and a new slate of Association officers began their terms of office on July 1, 2002.

Elected to two-year terms on the 11-person Board of Directors were incumbents **Larry Greer, Jim McGuire and Joe Purka** plus new board members **John Gulick, Jim Hart and Charley Powers**.

The six newly elected members

join **Linda Arnold, Al Eakle, Rick Fuller, Mike Gannon and Dave Smith** on the Association's Board.

Members of AFPAAA's 11-person board serve staggered two year terms.

Six positions are up for election on even numbered years and five positions on odd-numbered years.

Each year the members of the board elect a new Secretary who

becomes part of the Association's leadership succession program.

Each year the previous year's officers move up to the next position with the departing Chairman moving to Emeritus status as an ex-officio board member.

Leading the Association in the coming year will be **Purka**, Chairman of the Board; **Smith**, President; **Fuller**, Vice President and **Gannon**, Secretary.

Memorial honors professionals killed in the line of duty

The Public Affairs Memorial Selection Committee is now accepting nominations for recognizing Public Affairs, Broadcast and Band personnel who were killed in the line of duty.

The USAF Public Affairs Memorial is sponsored by the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association as a tribute to those men and women who have died on an official public affairs assignment whether by hostile fire or in a duty related accident/incident.

AFPAAA's PA Memorial project chair, **Ed Johnson**, advises

that nominations, at a minimum, should include the nominee's name, rank and service number, a detailed description of the circumstances and explanation of why the individual is being nominated. *The Selection Committee will also seek corroborating information from official records.*

Nominations should be sent to AFPAAA, P.O. Box 540, Fairfax, VA 22030-0540 and marked "PA Memorial" on the envelope. A full text of the PA Memorial document will be posted on the AFPAAA web site.

Members of the PA Memorial selection committee are **Ed Johnson**,

chair; **Reed Switzer; Carey Deckard; Hugh Burns;** and **William H. Campbell**.

Questions about the nomination process should be addressed to **Johnson** at (210) 653-2839 or e-mail evj321@prodigy.net.

The location of the memorial is not established at this time and final design will have to fit in the space available.

However, a PA Memorial page will be posted on the AFPAAA web site as names are confirmed by the Selection Committee and the AFPAAA Board of Directors.

Minutes of the annual membership meeting

President Joe Purka called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. on June 1, 2002, in the Rose Garden room of the Adams' Mark Hotel in San Antonio, Texas. A quorum was declared to be present.

Secretary Rick Fuller read the names of the members of the Air Force Public Affairs community who had died since the last annual meeting.

These included: **Col. Reade F. Tilly, Ben G. Wright, Col. Frank M. Maxwell, Joseph F. Murphy, Constance Hardwick Luehman, Traudl Karolyi-Halbert, Chief Master Sgt. Alton C. "Al" Stromwall, Col. Paul M. Covell, Dottie Flanagan, and John Corcoran**.

Members were asked to add names of others who had died.

Additional names from the floor were: **Nancy Maypole, Dennis McLenden, Chan Chandler, Dennis Cruikshank, and Jay Chiat**.

A moment of silence was observed to remember the deceased and in their memory.

The financial report was presented by **President Purka** on behalf of **Treasurer Jim Hart**, who had to leave the conference due to the death of a close family member.

The report as of the May 31, 2002 follows:



Joe Purka presents the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni



Joe Purka presents the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association President's Award to Chuck Lucas.

Treasurer's Report

AFPAAA is in very good financial condition.

As of May 31, 2002, the association had \$154,223.90 in total assets. This includes \$32,244.67 in the Bank of America checking account, \$15,191.19 in bonds and \$106,788.04 in a money market fund at Morgan Stanley.

At the time of the report bills for the annual meeting had not been paid. These were expected to be approximately \$17,200.

Association President's Award to Terry Hemeyer. His citation read: "Whereas, he was the first Air Force public affairs officer to also serve as an Air Force band conductor, and Whereas, he initiated the Air Force media training program which is today required attendance by all Air Force general officers, and Whereas, he distinguished himself as a superior public affairs professional in the Air Force and in industry, Therefore, in recognition of his many accomplishments, we declare Terry Hemeyer to be a Public Affairs Pioneer."

His citation read "Whereas, he was solely responsible for producing Air Force News Service serving 400 Air Force newspapers from 1966 to 1972, and Whereas, he initiated the position of public affairs advisor to the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, and Whereas, with his wife, Mary, has hosted the Outstanding Airmen and their spouses during the annual Air Force Association Convention for more than three decades, Therefore, in recognition of his many accomplishments, we declare Charles E. "Chuck" Lucas to be a Public Affairs Pioneer.

Income from registration was approximately \$17,900. Additionally, corporate sponsors donated a total of \$5,000.

A full accounting, including corporate donations will be given in the June 30, 2002 quarterly financial statement.

Vice President Dave Smith gave the membership report on behalf of the **Membership Committee Chairman Neil Buttimer**.

Current membership is 661: of that number, 468 are full members; and 193 are associate members.

Of the full members, 104 are lifetime founders, 59 are lifetime members, and 10 are in the lifetime payment plan.

Last year, 211 members were up for renewal. About 75 percent renewed their membership. A total of 54 did not renew (16 full members and 38 associate.) We also added 52 new members since September, 48 of whom joined after December.

There are 261 memberships up for renewal this year: 153 full memberships; and 108 associate. We hope to continue to recapture 75-80 percent of these members.

We plan to publish an update to the directory this summer. Members

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who have moved are asked to provide their new addresses to the membership committee or may provide the information via the web page or by e-mailing : dirupdate@afpaaa.org.

There were a number of recommendations on how to improve recruiting efforts.

Roy Witton recommended that members with the resources provide free memberships to active duty and reserve members as one way of introducing them to the Association.

Communications Committee Chairman Al Eakle reported the production schedule for the newsletter has been placed on the web site.

Mike Gannon reported that the new recruiting brochure was nearing completion and would be reviewed by the board in the next several weeks. A volunteer who is on the graphics staff at DINFOS designed it. The goal is to have a professional brochure to entice those eligible to join.

The president noted that

Then-President Joe Purka presents the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association President's Award to H. J. "Jerry" Dalton. His citation read: "Whereas, he was the first career public affairs officer to become Director, Secretary of the Air Force Office of Public Affairs, and Whereas, he was the first career public affairs officer to attain the rank of general officer, and Whereas, he distinguished himself as a superior public affairs professional within both Air Force and civilian practice, Therefore, in recognition of his many accomplishments,



we declare H. J. "Jerry" Dalton to be a Public Affairs Pioneer."

brochures are available to all members to assist in their personal recruiting efforts. Brochures can be ordered on the web (at www.afpaaa.org) or requested from **Joe Purka** at jpurka@afpaaa.com.

directory on the web page. He also reminded people about the member's only web site.

Gura then discussed that the annual meeting for 2003 would be held in Las Vegas on May 1, 2, and 3. The meeting will be at the Embassy Suites. The contracted cost per room will be \$131, a little higher than normal, but this includes a daily cooked to order breakfast and afternoon "happy hour."

In addition, parking is free, and there is a free shuttle to and from the airport and the "strip" so that cost to the individual may actually be less than for most annual meetings.

President Purka announced that an East Coast site would be sought for the 2004 annual meeting. Potential locations range from Langley and Pope AFBs to a location in the Florida Panhandle.

Purka gave a report on the endowment fund. To date, 62 members have donated \$128,571. Because of the market downturn, the value of the endowment has decreased to \$106,788.

The president noted that the association was not unique, pointing



Dave Shea and John Gura hold certificates of appreciation presented to out-going Board members . The pair were recognized for their contributions to the Association, along with Joe Wojtecki., who also left the Board July 1 and was not able to attend this year's annual meeting.

Chairman of the Board John Gura

reported that now that he was completing his term as chairman of the board he would be revitalizing the oral history program. Info on the program is on the web site.

He also reported that he hoped to continue to work with **Chuck Lucas** and others to summarize the histories and have them appear in the newsletter.

Chairman Gura also reported that there would be new web site services available soon. There was also a discussion on the directory and the availability of the

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out that endowments for major universities have similarly been affected, with Harvard University losing almost \$1 billion. The president noted that the board of directors had appointed an investment committee to provide better management of our investment.

He also noted that because of the market fluctuations, the investment committee recommended, and the board approved placing the endowment fund into a lower-risk Money Market account until there was greater stability and predictability in the market.

Treasurer Hart had provided an endowment fund update for new participants in the endowment fund as follows: **Bob "Nick" Nicholson, Jr.**, Gold Level; **Brig. Gen. Ron Rand**, Gold Level; **Richard L. "Rick" Fuller**, Silver Level and **Betty Jane Williams**, Silver Level.

Three levels were established by the board in 1998 as follows: Bronze for gifts of \$1000 to \$3000, Silver for gifts over \$3000 and Gold for gifts of \$5000 or more. The goal for the fund is \$300,000 which, when reached, will provide a perpetual source of income to help finance member services.

Ed Johnson reported on the PA Memorial. The Memorial Committee is taking nominations. The nomination procedures are posted on the web page.

A discussion was held about the location of the memorial. Recommendations were made for a memorial at DINFOS, the Pentagon, the Air Force Museum and the Air Force Academy Chapel.

It was noted that the primary goal is to get a memorial established at one location, initially in a memorial hall at DINFOS, and that other locations would be considered for duplicate memorials in the future. Location and size will determine what form the memorial will take.

Chairman Gura advised that there is a noted artist who might be willing to help with this effort when details are finalized on the location of the memorial.

Chairman Gura reported that the following members were elected to the board of directors effective July 1, 2002:

Larry Greer (incumbent), **John Gulick**, **Jim Hart**, **Jim McGuire** (incumbent), **Charlie Powers** and **Joe Purka** (incumbent).

Earlier this year, the Board voted to increase the number of board members from nine to 11 members. This was done in order to increase the number of board members available to support the succession plan.

A plea was made for members, other than the board members, to volunteer and get involved.

The chairman announced that under the succession plan, **Joe Purka** would replace **John Gura** as Chairman of the Board, **Dave Smith** would move up to replace **Purka** as President, and **Rick Fuller** would replace **Smith** as Vice President.

A new Secretary would be voted on during the board meeting which immediately followed the annual meeting (NOTE: **Mike Gannon** was elected and accepted the position of Secretary.)

In his 'State of the Association'

report, **Chairman Gura** reported that the association was in good financial health and that our membership was steady. He said a renewed emphasis on recruiting and the

addition of a Financial Advisory Committee will improve our near term prospects.

He also said their was "great need" for more people to become involved in Association activities.

"We cannot continue to rely on the same people year after year no matter how willing they are," he said.

In closing, he issued a warning about the Association's long term prospects in light of a dwindling population of potential members. He called for the new board to begin to study how to recruit members in the future and to evaluate what

other steps may be needed to ensure the Association remains a viable organization.

He urged that all options be kept on the table including: taking "alumni" out of the name; offering full memberships to active duty persons; combining membership and resources with other small associations, etc.

"It's time for a top-to-bottom review of our Association, its mission and its activities and how they relate to the future," he said.

Finally, **Chairman Gura** thanked the members of the board during his tenure for their commitment to

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Frank Jennings and his wife, Lita dance a two-step at the Hanging Tree, a Texas honky tonk during one of the optional activities planned at this year's annual meeting in San Antonio.



Dave Schillerstom presents clocks to Betty Jane Williams, Silver level; Richard L. "Rick" Fuller, Silver Level; Bob "Nick" Nicholson, Jr., Gold Level; and Brig. Gen. Ron T. Rand, Gold Level. They were recognized for their generous contributions to the Association's Endowment Fund. The tradition of presenting engraved walnut clocks was started at the 1998 annual meeting to recognize those members contributing from \$1000 to \$5000 or more in support of the Endowment Fund. Three levels were established by the board as follows: Bronze for gifts of \$1000 to \$3000, Silver for gifts over \$3000 and Gold for gifts of \$5000 or more.

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AFPAAA. He also said he was honored to serve the Association and thanked the membership for the opportunity."

Under new business, **Brig. Gen. Rand** was commended for holding his Air Force Public Affairs Council meeting in conjunction with the AFPAAA annual meeting. He also reported that USAFE/PA has offered to support the annual meeting at Ramstein.

There were several recommendations from the floor to aid recruiting efforts. The board agreed to take the recommendations under advisement.

The president noted that, as the chairman had mentioned, the board was planning a complete review of association activities to determine whether the board was appropriately serving the members' needs. Part of this review would also include a reassessment of our recruiting efforts, in particular considering which groups should be targeted.

After a brief discussion concerning the name of the Association, **C.B. Kelly** asked if we could vote on changing the name. It was agreed that we would need to put such a proposal to the entire membership for a vote.

After lengthy discussion, **Don Brownlee** moved that the board of directors be instructed to begin the process to reopen a review of changing the name of the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association. **C. B. Kelly** seconded the motion. During the ensuing discussion there was a review of the last effort to change the name.

There was a discussion of the benefit of conducting a survey of members and of those members who have not renewed to evaluate why they joined or declined to join the Association. The purpose of the evaluation would be to determine if there was a reason to change the name.

More than 60 percent of those voting had opposed a name change during the last vote. Among the issues

raised was a discussion on the goals and objectives of the association, the shortage of active duty members who have joined the Association, and the need to thoroughly evaluate any effort to change the name.

A motion to call the question was unanimously passed. The motion instructed the board to begin the evaluation process passed. **President Purka** assured the membership that the board would keep the membership advised of activities undertaken to follow the will of the members at the meeting.

The members recognized the San Antonio organizing committee and all the volunteers who made this meeting one of the best ever. The members agreed that the volunteers had done an outstanding job.

There being no further business, **Rick Fuller** moved that the annual meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by **Al Eakle** and unanimously approved. The annual meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

News notes

AFPAAA welcomes newest members

New life members of the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association include **Judy Bivens, Claudia Foss, Rick Fuller, Michael R. Gannon, Alan C. Gregory, Rhoderick M. Holliday, Maryellen 'MJ' Jadick, Phillip E. Lacombe, Jim McGuire, and Bob 'Nick' Nicholson.**

New members of the AFPAAA include: **Brian Alvarez, Alana Austin, Rob Bardua, Lewonnie E. Belcher, Jeffery Bishop, Edward Braese, Julie A. Briggs, Dominick A. Cardonita, Krista Carlos, Tina M. Carlsen, Willette P. Carter, Debra Clayton, Thomas 'Tom' Clements, Melvyn D. Cummings, James H. Dilda, Rick DuCharme, Augustine O. Ekpoudom, Allison Farabaugh, Wendy E. Frable, James E. Frost, Jay A. Fury, Lynnette Gonzales, Michael C. Gose, Robert V. Haley, Alysia Harvey, Kenneth L. Hoffman, Robert R. Jensen, Elliot L. Johnson, Marcella L. Keiter, Suzy Kohout, Marvin M. Kusumoto, Phillip E. Lacombe, Roger Lawson, Robert Leese, Denise Lemay, Jedonna 'J.D.' Marckmann, Jennifer McDonald, Kris Meyle, Christine D. Millette, Todd Nadeau, Warren Neary, Earl S. Richardson, Robert E. Schuldt, Esmeralda Silvestre, David Small, Brad A. Swezey, Ronnie E. Tittle, Edward Tonini, Matt Weir, and Mark Widener.**

Members donate trophy

After years of hosting a very competitive and fun golf tournament, SAF/PA now has a permanent winners wall trophy thanks to the generosity of two avid AFPAAA golfers.

On their own initiative, **Hugh Burns** and **John Gulick** purchased the handsome wall plaque which **Gulick** presented to **Brig. Gen. Ron Rand** during the association's annual meeting in San Antonio.

"Hugh and I just thought it would be appropriate to have a lasting memento recognizing the annual



The latest class of the Public Affairs Officers Course (PAOC) graduated from the Defense Information School on March 27th. The class of 11 USAF officers and two civilians were presented their Public Affairs career badges by Mike Gannon, AFPAAA Board Member (top row far left) and Lt Col Mark Peterson, Chief of the AF Band Branch in SAF/PA (top row far right). All PAOC graduates are given one-year memberships upon completion of the course. Photo courtesy of Capt. Dave Small, 1st FW/PA.

winners of the tournament," **Gulick** said. "Hopefully, the award just might provide some incentive to all the golfers throughout the public affairs career field."

The plaque is entitled "SAF/PA Annual Golf Tournament Best Team" and includes individual plates which will be engraved with the annual winners.

According to **Rand**, the plaque will be on display in the SAF/PA area of the Pentagon.

Let's Roll T-Shirts available

Black T-Shirts emblazoned with the "Let's Roll" nose art graphic currently on at least one aircraft in every USAF squadron are now available. The shirts also sport the USAF logo on one sleeve. A portion of the proceeds supports the "Let's Roll" foundation.

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To order contact CMSgt Dale Warman by [email](mailto:email@Dale.Warman@pentagon.af.mil) at Dale.Warman@pentagon.af.mil or by phone at (703)

697-6725.

AFN celebrates 60th birthday next year

AFN Europe will celebrate our 60th anniversary July 4, 2003.

They are also reaching out to past and present AFN'ers, Europeans, and American military leaders for audio, video, and even soundbites about the network and historical events that have happened in their 60 years."

They are looking for footage, film, still photographs, brochures, station promotions, and audio tapes from AFN past.

They'll pay for the postage and duplication of the materials and ensure safe return to contributors. Anyone an interesting AFN story they are willing to share, let them know and they'll do an interview.

Anyone with an interesting contributing should contact: Roger Williams, HQ's AFN Europe, Unit 29405 Box #2, APO AE 09175.

His e-mail is: roger.williams@afn.frankfurt.army.mil

Lord guide, protect.....

Lt. Col. (Ret.) Gordon W. Cruickshanks

Lt. Col. (Ret.) Gordon W. Cruickshanks, 82, died Oct. 27, 2001, after suffering a massive heart attack.

He was a graduate of the University of Maryland.

Cruickshanks was a veteran of World War II, having served in the Air Force as a fighter pilot. He flew 72 combat missions.

He retired while serving at the Pentagon as a public affairs staff officer in the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force.

He was a member of the Order of Daedalians and had been elected to the Aviation Hall of Fame in New Jersey.

He is survived by his wife Gwenllyn.

Interment was at Arlington National Cemetery.

Lt. Col. (Ret.) Gaylord A. Knapp

Lt. Col. (Ret.) Gaylord A. Knapp, 79, died Dec. 27, 2001 in San Antonio, Tex.

He enlisted in Army Air Corps in 1940, and received his wings at Kelly Field, September 6, 1942.

Knapp married the former Shirley E. Sengele September 7, 1942.

He saw action in World War II in North Africa and Italy, flying his A-20, the beloved 'Shirley E'.

After World War II, his assignments took him and his family to Georgia, Alabama, Texas, Illinois, Newfoundland, Tennessee, Madrid, Spain and the Pentagon.

Knapp was a member of the team assigned to 'Project Deep Freeze' in 1955 in Antarctica, as well as many temporary assignments throughout the world.

After his retirement he became very active with Lions International and was Past District Governor 11-E-1 District in Michigan.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Parkinson 2/3s Association, Leader Dogs for the

Blind, Rochester, Mich., or Hospice/Home Care.

Knapp is survived by his wife of 59 years, four children, seven grandchildren, six stepgrandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and nine stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was buried with Full Military Honors at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery.

CMSgt. (Ret.) John Bradley

Retired Chief Master Sgt. **John Bradley**, passed from this life on June 19, at his retirement home in Zacatecas, Mexico.

His daughter **Debbie**, asks that we honor **John's** request that "we celebrate his life and not mourn his death." And, she requests that those who knew **John** to raise a glass and reflect on a fond memory of a man who will be greatly missed.

Mike Kinchen, director of the Air Force Broadcasting Service, writes, "**John**, in deed, will be greatly missed. He was a pioneer in military broadcasting and in Air Force Public Affairs.

"In 1953, it was **John** that put the first military television station on the air. He put a low-power television prototype station on the air at Limestone AFB, Maine.

"He was the Station Manager at the Armed Forces Radio and Television station, Lajes AB, Azores three different times in his career. The last time, he put color television on the air at Lajes, another first for AFRTS.

"The Armed Forces Broadcasters Association's top award was the "Brad Award", named after **Chief Bradley**. **John** amassed an impressive record of achievement in Armed Forces Radio and Television managerial activities over a period of three decades.

Joe Wilson

Joe Wilson, 68, a longtime public affairs officer at Scott AFB, Ill., died July 11 in Belleville, Ill. after a

long battle with cancer.

Wilson was born in Calloway County, Ky., on Feb. 18, 1934.

He was a long time newspaperman, beginning his journalism career while still in high school, working for the Murray (Ky.) Democrat.

In 1952, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and was stationed at Scott AFB. While at Scott, **Wilson** met and married the former **Audrey Schwartz**. He was discharged in 1956.

After leaving the Air Force, **Wilson** went to work for the Belleville News-Democrat and later for the East St. Louis Journal.

He received a bachelor's degree in 1962 from Southern Illinois University and later did graduate work at the University of Oklahoma.

He subsequently worked in public affairs at Scott AFB and became an authority on the Berlin Airlift. **Wilson** worked at Scott AFB for 35 years, retiring in 1994.

After retirement, **Wilson** fulfilled a lifetime goal and entered politics.

He served as a committeeman for Precinct 19 for six years and served on the Belleville Township board of trustees.

Wilson was a member of the American Legion, St. Mary's Men's Club, American Association of Retired Federal Employees, Meals on Wheels in Belleville, as well as the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association.

Karen K. Cordevant

Karen K. Cordevant, 47, of Belleville, Ill., born April 6, 1955, in East St. Louis, Ill., died Monday, July 22, 2002, at her residence.

Cordevant worked for the 375th Airlift Wing as the deputy chief of public affairs-community relations at Scott Air Force Base, Ill. She was a member of Belle-Scott Committee and the Belleville Chamber of Commerce. She was a U.S. Army veteran.

Memorials may be made to Belleville Humane Society.



SAF/PA, AFPAAA recognize award recipients

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Air Force Public Affairs held its annual awards ceremony at the Pentagon June 6, to present the 2001 Dalton Award for major command PA operation of the year and AFPAAA's 2001 Best of the Best Award. Pictured, from left, are Air Force Secretary Dr. James G. Roche; MSgt Kenneth Fidler, AFPAAA Best of the Best recipient; Col Jay DeFrank, USAFE Director of PA; and Col (ret) Joe Purka, AFPAAA President. Sergeant Fidler is assigned to HQ USAFE/PA at Ramstein AB, Germany, and was chosen from among 2,400 PAs, Broadcasters and Bandsmen worldwide. (Photo by SSgt Brian Boisvert)

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