

# Joe Purka Gets Seventh McRaney Service Award

The 14th Annual Membership Meeting's gala dinner featured the presentation of the highest honor the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association bestows, the Brigadier General



Joe Purka is presented the Mike McRaney Distinguished Service Award by Board of Directors Chairman Linda Arnold at AFPAAA's 14th Annual Membership Meeting's dinner in Colorado Springs, Saturday, May 5. Looking on is our first president and board chairman Mike McRaney for whom the award is named.

Mike McRaney Distinguished Service Award for exceptional service to Joe Purka, a Lifetime Founding Member of AFPAAA.

The presentation to Joe was made by outgoing AFPAAA Board of Directors Chairman Linda Arnold at the dinner which concluded the meeting, Saturday, May 5.

He received the award for his multiple contributions to AFPAAA, including chairing the 2004 meeting in Sandestin, Florida; serving as AFPAAA secretary, vice president, president, and chairman of the board; carrying out two successful mail membership campaigns; and sponsoring the walnut clocks presented to those

making major donations to the endowment fund.

Prior to Purka, the recipients of the McRaney award have been: Pete Alexandrakos – 2001; Alice Price – 2002; Neil Buttimer – 2003; David Shea – 2004; John Gura – 2005; and Dave Schillerstrom – 2006.

Two other members, Linda Arnold and Larry McCracken, were honored with President's Awards were presented to at that luncheon on May 4,

Linda was recognized for her leadership and teaching during her career in military broadcasting. Larry was cited for his counsel to junior officers, and Air Force and DoD leaders during his military and civilian careers.

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## 'Best Of The Best' Award Just Got Better; AFPAAA Adds \$1,000 To Trophy

Things just got better for the winner of the 'Best of the Best' award, which signifies the top Public Affairs practitioner in the Air Force. Beginning with 2005 winner Senior Master Sergeant Stefan Alford, \$1,000 will accompany the unique etched glass trophy the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association provides.

"While the trophy we give is distinctive, we believe it is

important to provide something more tangible, substantive, and useful to the person who is selected by the Air Force for the honor that recognizes the pinnacle of achievement in Public Affairs," said AFPAAA Chairman Linda Arnold.

"When the \$1,000 award was proposed to the board, we all realized it was a good thing to do and the decision to make the money available was unanimous."

## Buttimer, McCracken Take Vacated Board Seats; Halbert Chairman, Peterson President, Queen Secretary

July 1 marked important changes in the leadership of AFPAAA. Newly elected Board of Directors members Neil Buttimer and Larry McCracken, and reelected members C. B. Kelly, Sam Giammo, and Christine Queen began their two year terms. Neither Linda Arnold nor Miles Wiley ran for reelection to the board.

Following the AFPAAA succession plan, which grooms its leaders to handle

increased responsibility and ensures continuity as they move to positions of increased responsibility, Tom Halbert stepped up from president to chairman of the board, replacing Arnold; Pete Peterson moved from vice president to president, and Sam Giammo from secretary to vice president and annual meeting chairman. The Board elected Christine Queen to replace Giammo as secretary.

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# Lord Guard & Guide

## C. Gordon Furbish

Gordon Furbish, a consummate Public Affairs practitioner who enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1943 and flew 35 missions over Germany as a B-17 Command Pilot and piloted C-47s in Korea and Vietnam, died at home, June 8, in Springfield, Virginia. He was 84.

Born in Natick, Massachusetts, he grew up in Framingham and majored in journalism at Northeastern University.

Gordon had many assignments in Public Affairs culminating as DoD's Chief of the Armed Services News Branch in the Pentagon. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1971 to embark on a career with New York Life Insurance.

He was involved in many volunteer organizations, including the Annandale Christian Community in Action, where he served as president, and as a tutor at Belvedere Elementary School. With his wife of 62 years, Mary, he sponsored the resettlement of a Vietnamese family. Gordon loved flying and was the president of the flying club at Godfrey Field, Leesburg, Virginia.

In addition to Mary, he is survived by a son Bruce Furbish and his wife Connie of San Antonio, Texas.; a son, Glenn Furbish and his wife Donna of Severna Park, Maryland.; daughter, Barbara Fitch and her husband Gary of Reston, Virginia.; and a brother, Gerald Furbish of Deltona, Florida. Contributions in Gordon's name may be made to Capital Hospice, 6565 Arlington Blvd. Suite 500, Falls Church, Virginia., or the Alzheimer's Association, 11240 Waples Mill Rd., #402, Fairfax, Virginia. 22030.

*I worked with Gordon Furbish for two of the three years he was in Wiesbaden, West Germany, at USAFE Headquarters.*

*A veteran of World War II flying B-17s over Germany, Gordon was a down-to-earth, no-frills type of man. He judged you fairly and warmly. His work at USAFE earned him quick respect resulting in his transfer from public affairs to the command section.*

*In the time we were together, under stress or strain, on TDY or in the office, I don't remember Gordon raising his voice or allowing himself the luxury of profanity. He was a man confident in his own strength and ability. His like will always be welcomed.*

– Tim Rowan

I never worked with Gordon during my 29 years in the Pentagon with AFPA. But I saw him there from time to time and recall a jovial, laid-back person who liked to exchange witticisms. A very pleasant officer that one remembers happily.

– Frank Jennings

*I knew Gordon when I was assigned to the 65th Air Division in Spain. I was at an initial briefing at EUCOM where I met Gordon. He was giving a command briefing to some visiting Congressman. I was amazed at his cool demeanor, knowledge of the command, and his ability to charm the Congressmen.*

*We met again when he was on the Pentagon Press Desk where*

*I was assigned also. There again he was a good "information provider" to the Pentagon Press Corp. He was very highly thought of there also.*

*We met once again after that when he was the IO at Wright Patterson AFB, when I landed there as escort to one of the returned Vietnam era POWs. There, again, I marvelled at his abilities in handling the numerous press people gathered for the occasion. As I recall, he told them all: "Now, Herb Wurth will be coming in soon with the POW, and I'm certain he will give you all a very good briefing." It took a while, but I finally forgave him for that!*

*Sometime after that, I know he retired and went into the insurance business – no matter what he did, I knew he would be very good at it.*

*To end this, Gordon was a master at his trade, and I know the entire Public Information community will miss him. As for me "I'll miss his smile and ready wit." May he go with the Lord.*

– Herb Wurth

Gordon was one of the "good ones" in the Public Affairs family . . . he did much with little or no fanfare. He's always been in my top 5.

– Chuck Lucas

I knew Gordon from my days in USAFE. He was a sharp, clever, manager of the information shop. We had a very large area of responsibility at that time, stretching from Spain to Turkey. I was a captain responsible for writing information annexes to contingency plans. Gordon taught me a lot about the Air Force and life in general.

I recall a fun trip we took to Rome. Gordon piloted the C-47. Dick King and McGinty (who was 17th AF IO at the time) were along. We had a ball. At a refueling stop the cap to a wing tank came loose and we had to turn back and land. I remember our strolling down a Rome street one night singing Arrivederci Roma.

I ran into Gordon again in SAFOI just before his retirement I believe. Later he sold me an insurance policy.

He was always ready to help and do what had to be done. He was a good man to try to emulate.

– Bob Hermann

*When Mary and I lived in the Air Force ghetto in Wiesbaden – Heinerberg – we had Ginny and Gordon over for dinner. Mary had made a salad and shrimp creole and I was starting broiling some chicken breasts. Well, I had just gotten a bottle of Pernod and thought Gordon and I should have one or two before dinner; the chicken was overcooked and the wives were not too happy – but, Gordon & I were!*

– Chet Gardner

*Gordon drove me to the airport the day my father died, a kindness I'll never forget.*

– Mary Gardner



## From The President's Pen ---

*By any measure the 2007 AFPAAA annual conference in Colorado Springs ranks among the finest in our history. Thanks to the dedication and organizational skills of on-site chairman Fred Morgan and his team, a magnificent program was developed and executed drawing rave reviews from attending members and guests. Recognition also goes to Tom Halbert, our distinguished president, who performed admirably in coordinating the intense schedule and serving as master of ceremonies for events.*



*Highlights included an Air Force Academy visit featuring a spectacular tour of the world-renowned chapel, followed by advanced technology briefings at Air Force Space Command. Conference presentations included U.S. Northcom's response to Hurricane Katrina, TRICARE and changes in military medicine, activities of the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, and a briefing by the SAF/PA deputy director.*

*Two new members have been elected to the board of Directors: Neil Buttimer and Larry McCracken. They come with impressive public affairs credentials and the board looks forward to their presence.*

*It's no secret that organizations across the nation are experiencing difficulty in sustaining existing membership and recruiting new candidates. AFPAAA is no exception. We are confronted with a loyal but aging core membership who will be slowly receding from the scene.*

*Adding to this concern is the presence of senior members in key administrative positions – most notably Jim Hart whose dedicated and ethical service as treasurer over the years is largely responsible for the stellar financial condition of the Association. Other key positions currently filled by senior members – communications chairman/newsletter editor, membership chairman, and web site manager – are also seeking a new generation of leaders to eventually assume these essential tasks.*

*For too long many of us have been complacent in soliciting new members. It appears membership has not resonated with younger public affairs professionals and we have missed much of an entire generation. I urge you to contact present and former colleagues and attempt to enroll one new member by next year's conference in San Antonio – an enrollment form is on page 15. Your commitment to attracting new members and reversing this ominous trend is critical to the viability of the Association.*

*– Pete Peterson*



## Aviation Nation Spectacular In Las Vegas Caps Air Force 60th Anniversary Celebration

The Air Force's year long 60th Anniversary celebration is drawing to a close and if you have not had a chance to attend any of the festivities there is one big event that will at Nellis AFB and in Las Vegas in November that you should not miss.

Aviation Nation 2007 is the capstone event of the U.S. Air Force's 60th Anniversary and will be the largest event of the yearlong celebration. It will include the Nellis AFB open house on November 10 and 11, and a two-day Air & Space Leaders Symposium, co-hosted by the Aviation Nation Foundation and Aviation Week, at the Wynne Las Vegas November 7 and 8.

The theme of the Las Vegas Air Show, one of the largest aviation events in North America, is Heritage to Horizons to commemorate the 60 years of the Air Force's air and space power.

In addition to the USAF Thunderbirds, the Air Force will showcase its current inventory of frontline fighters, bombers and transports, including the F-22A, America's 21st century fighter in a spectacular aerial event. Warbirds spanning the history of the Air Force, will be featured and more than 100 military and civilian aircraft are expected to be on display along with other exhibits.

The Air & Space Leaders Symposium, now in its third

Heritage to Horizons...  
Commemorating 60 years of  
Air and Space Power

year, includes addresses on key aerospace issues, forums, and exhibits. It brings senior military and industry leaders together in an environment where they to discuss various subjects of mutual issues

The Nellis open house is free to the public. Free parking will be available at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway for those who drive.

Round-trip bus service from the Las Vegas Motor Speedway to Nellis Air Force Base will be available – a nominal \$3 donation per person ages 10 years old and above, and \$1 per child under 10 is requested. Babies/toddlers not requiring a bus seat are free.

Public Transportation via a special Citizens Area Transit (CAT) bus route run from the Downtown Transportation Center to the Las Vegas Motor Speedway is available for those who do not drive.

Aviation Nation is one of the largest air shows in the world with over 142,000 attendees reported in 2006 and more than 150,000 expected in this year.

Full details on the events at Nellis AFB and the symposium are available at: <http://aviationnation.org/>

## Giammo, Centurions Give Endowment \$2,800 Boost

Sam Giammo's \$1,000 donation and \$100 Centurion contributions from 18 other members at the 14th Annual Membership Meeting helped push the AFPAAA Endowment Fund to \$245,000. At last year's meeting, the fund was just shy of \$235,000. Donations since then and investment growth account for the increase.

An engraved clock in a wooden case was present in recognition of his generosity to Giammo by AFPAAA Treasurer Jim Hart at the banquet that highlighted the Colorado Springs meeting.

This year's Centurions – individuals who make \$100 tax deductible donations to the fund at the meeting – were Linda Arnold, Paul Cole,



Jerry Dalton, Sally Davidson, Rick Fuller, Sam Giammo, Robert Glymph, John Gura, Tom Halbert, Hank Hufnagel, Larry McCracken, Neil Norum,



Pete Peterson, Charlie Powers, Bud Ross, Dave Schillerstrom, Hal Smarkola, Dave Smith, Roy Whitton, and Betty Jayne Williams.

They each received a metal Centurion statute made by C. B. Kelly, who created the program at the 2004 Sandestin, Florida, meeting.

The name of each Centurion donor was also placed in a special drawing for free rooms for the meeting at the Hilton Antlers Hotel; Jerry Dalton and Mike McRaney were the winners.

## San Antonio PRSA Chapter Honors John Worthington

The Public Relations Society of America (PRSA), San Antonio Chapter, has awarded AFPAAA Life Member John Worthington, the Del Oro 2007 Tex Taylor Lifetime Achievement Award."

John was presented the award in recognition of his leadership and many accomplishments in the field of public relations for more than 20 years, and for his helping develop public relations as a credible profession.

This is his second award from the San Antonio PRSA



Chapter. In 2003, John was presented its Del Oro Community Service Award.

# \$300K Endowment Goal Possible This Year; Multiple Options, Tax Advantages For Donors

"We have never touched a penny of it," said treasurer Jim Hart. "Through the combination of the generosity of our members and some good investments, the AFPAAA Endowment Fund now has \$245,000 and we are within striking distance of our of \$300,000."

Some people might think the \$55,000 we now need to reach the goal is a huge amount of money, but it isn't according to Hart. "With the

variety of tax deductible options available for our members use in making contributions, we could be there by the end of this year."

The fund was established in 1997 to ensure AFPAAA would always have funds to provide services to our members and support the mission of the association.

Since then, contributions (see form below) have been made via stock that had

appreciated substantially in value – simultaneously avoiding payment of capital gains tax and getting a deduction; property; cash; and pledges (which provide a charitable deduction over a number of years).

"While December seems a long way off, now is the time to consider how you plan to donate," Hart observed. "It is one thing to write a check; but arranging the transfer of stocks, bonds, or property

requires a bit more time and effort. Our members who are going to make a transfer should contact me as soon as possible."

Jim Hart can be reached by phone at: 850-592-4740, or he can be e-mailed at: jimwhart@digitalexp.com

To ensure you get the maximum tax benefit from a contribution, it would be a good idea to run it by your tax professional before you act.

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## *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 2006 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 447, Locust Grove, VA 22508-0447 – if your first pledge payment is a transfer of securities please complete the next section also).

Transfer of Securities (stocks, bonds, mutual fund shares). For information on how to donate Stocks, Bonds or Mutual Funds Shares that have appreciated in value, contact Jim Hart, AFPAAA Treasurer, at 850-592-4740 or E-mail him at: jimwhart@digitalexp.com.

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 447, Locust Grove, VA 22508-0447).

Donation of Real Estate, Antiques or Collectables, as well as Corporate In-Kind Gifts of Goods/ Services, contact Jim Hart, AFPAAA Treasurer, at 850-592-4740 or E-mail him at: jimwhart@digitalexp.com.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone:(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

# From The Pentagon

**Brigadier General Michelle Johnson**  
**Director**

**Secretary of the Air Force Office of Public Affairs**



*Thank you for the warm welcome that you gave my deputy, Colonel Mike Caldwell, at the AFPAAA Annual Membership Meeting*

*in Colorado. I sincerely regret that I was unable to attend, but I know that Mike represented SAF PA splendidly; and he relayed his thorough delight in spending time with so many of you who were his mentors over the years.*

*I'm sure Mike discussed how at SAF PA we're working to improve our skills to meet the new communications challenges we face almost every day. At the Pentagon we have monthly brown bag PA professional development seminars that tap the expertise of our SAF PA Media Advisor, Dave Moniz – from USA Today – as a regular tutor.*

*We are reaching out to industry, with field trips to the likes of Proctor & Gamble and USAA. Recently we enjoyed a tremendous presentation from the Communications Executive Council (CEC). We will follow up on their insights in our regular professional development sessions..*

*AF PA training courses that will be conducted at Maxwell AFB are being built under the auspices of the PA Center of Excellence (PACE). Bob Potter and his team are creating a "Fundamentals" and an "Intermediate" course to bridge the gap between DINFOS and mid-level AF PA responsibilities. The courses will also address the increasing responsibilities of PA leadership in the AF and in Joint environments. Especially with our merger with Multimedia – formerly known as VI – PAOs will have greater opportunities to lead and achieve effective communications.*

*Brigadier General Bill Chambers has taken the helm*

*of the SAF Directorate of Communication (CM) after a year as the Deputy Commanding General, Combined Forces Command-Afghanistan. Prior to his arrival, based on feedback from our staff and the challenges in creating the thematic consistency and communication effects chartered by our senior leadership, we saw the need to clarify roles and missions. We updated the organizational charts for CM and PA, making them distinct entities that work very closely together.*

*PA's emphasis is on Media Ops, Outreach, and Airmen Information. CM is focused on long-term communication issues by partnering with the other Air Force functions in synchronizing and integrating communication efforts Air Force-wide. It employs a general officer/SES level Strategic Communication Integration Group and an action officer level Strategic Communication Working Group to achieve that integration.*

*But, there is more that can be done through an untapped resource that can help Air Force Public Affairs and the Air Force as a whole – you. Please consider this an invitation to the members of AFPAAA, and especially those of you who were formerly part of the SAF PA leadership, to help us with your expertise. Connect with your former commanders and others to stay engaged with the Air Force.*

*Current AF leaders would be most gratified to see retired general officers and other senior leaders responding to the occasional gratuitous hits the Air Force and airpower take in the media with Letters to the Editor or OpEds. In addition, you can help us immensely by explaining the complex nature and role of airpower and the Air Force in air, space, and cyberspace to civic groups, academics and others.*

*We look forward to working with you!*

**Minutes of the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association  
14th Annual Membership Meeting  
Saturday, May 5, 2007  
Antlers Hilton Hotel  
Colorado Springs, Colorado**

President Tom Halbert called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. MDT and Secretary Sam Giammo declared that a quorum of members was present.

He introduced members of the Board, announced which Board officers would be moving up in the line of succession and announced that Board Member Christine Queen would become the secretary.

Secretary Giammo read the names of members of the Air Force Public Affairs community who had died since the last Annual Meeting:

Coleman H. Barber	Frank Meek
Stewart Diamond	H. Ross Miller
Donald C. Foster	Ben H. Scarpero
Charles R. Linderman	Craig Timberlake

A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of our deceased colleagues.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Hart presented the financial report. As of March 31, 2007, the Association checking account showed a balance of \$18,335.11, the money market fund contained \$16,093.40, and the AFPAAA endowment fund was worth \$234,036.51, for a total net worth of \$268,465.02.

Treasurer Hart also noted that as of the end of the April 2007, the value of the endowment fund has risen to \$239,612. He added that the return on investment and growth rate continue to be something Association can be proud of. The Investment committee recommendation is that "we stay the course."

Treasurer Hart moved for approval of the treasurer's report, and Rick Fuller seconded the motion from the floor. The motion passed and the treasurer's report was entered into the record.

The next order of business was a drawing for the reimbursement of hotel expenses for the 2007 AFPAAA Annual Meeting using the free room nights given to the Association by the hotel management. The people eligible for the drawing were those members – Centurions – who contributed \$100 or more at the current meeting. The winners of the drawing were Mike McRaney and Jerry Dalton.

Treasurer Hart then recognized the sponsors of the 2007 Annual Meeting:

Embry-Riddle University (Pat Mullaney) Ice Breaker Reception	Raytheon (Dave Shea) SAF/PA Director's Luncheon
Security Services Federal Credit Union (John Worthington) May 4 Breakfast	Lockheed-Martin (Joe Wagovich) Pre-Banquet Reception

Rockwell Collins  
(Woody Hogle & Tom Hobson)  
President's Luncheon

Pratt & Whitney  
(Ron Rand)  
Banquet

Wells Fargo Bank  
(Linda Arnold)  
May 5 Breakfast

Mike and Susan McRaney  
Banquet Flowers

State of the Association

Chairman Linda Arnold delivered her State of the Association address. The highlights were:

- The organization is in good shape and financially sound.
- The Endowment Fund is growing and is currently only \$61,000 short of the Association's goal.
- The Investment Committee (Jim Hart, Hank Hufnagel and Jim McGuire) has charted a good, solid financial future.
- In the past year, the Board has focused on membership growth:

- Membership Committee chair Neil Buttimer did some research and developed the following information:

The oldest member of the Association is 92.  
Average age of our members is 63.5.  
56 percent of the members are over 65.  
77 percent of the members retired more than 10 years ago.

- While the membership is aging, there is some good news. There have been years when we have higher membership numbers, but the Association seems to be holding steady:

In 1995, the Association had 504 members.  
Today, there are 571 members.

- Membership and ways to improve it will continue to be an item of interest for the Board.

Other points:

- Attendance at the Annual Meeting remains stable.
- There are 84 people scheduled to attend the May 5 banquet, which is an average attendance.
- Sponsorship (as reported by Treasurer Hart) is strong thanks largely to the efforts of Jim Hart and Ron Rand.
- The Association has a newsletter that is popular with the membership, goes out on time and is well-produced because of the hard work of Board Member John Terino.
- The Association website is something we can all be proud of due the efforts of John Gura.

- Move the \$1,000 in our budget rarely used for PRSA membership to our Best-of-the-Best award. Along with the plaque we present, the winner will also now receive a \$1,000 check.
- At the request of Brig. Gen. Johnson, SAF/PA, switch our monetary support away from the SAF/PA Golf Tournament to the SAF/PA Holiday Ball to help keep costs down for junior enlisted and junior officers.
- Continue to provide badges to all new Air Force DINFOS grads.

Finally, Chairman Arnold thanked everyone in attendance for their support, e-mails and telephone calls over the past four years. She noted that the information, advice, and guidance she received had been invaluable. She said that a lot of groups talk about being “family,” but AFPAAA truly is one. She closed by saying that she is leaving the Association in the very capable hands of President Halbert.

### Committee Reports

#### Membership

Secretary Giammo read the membership report from Membership Chairman Buttimer, who could not attend. He reported that since the last Annual Meeting, the Association membership has declined by 23, 19 of whom were associates, to the current 571 members. The Association remains generally stable for full (retired) membership, but we’ve seen a steady decrease in associate members. AFPAAA maintains a core group of about 465 full (annual, Lifetime Founder, and Lifetime) members. For the past five years, this number has varied less than one percent. Essentially, the number of full members who fail to renew just about matches the number of new full members who sign up or transition from Associate to Full Membership.

#### Communications/Newsletter

Board Member Terino reported that the Association newsletter is alive and well. He thanked everyone who contributed to the newsletter and asked for the following assistance:

- Inputs for the Prop Blast & Jet Wash column.
- Photos from the 2007 Annual Meeting.

#### Website/Oral History Program

John Gura showed a live image of the AFPAAA web site and encouraged members to update their personal files as follows:

- For the online directory, notify John Gura.
- For the printed directory, notify Neil Buttimer.

There was nothing new to report on the Oral History Program.

#### 2008 Annual Meeting (San Antonio)

Chairman Arnold reported on the 2008 Annual Meeting in San Antonio:

- The meeting dates are May 15-17, 2008.
- The hotel will be the new La Quinta flagship hotel in

downtown San Antonio, across from the Rivercenter Mall on the Riverwalk.

- The hotel will charge whatever the federal per diem rate is for May 2008.
- The web page is now live for the next meeting and she encouraged members to review it (projected up a live image).
- The local committee is soliciting ideas from the membership and would like to schedule a program different from what has been done at San Antonio meeting in the past.

### New Business

Treasurer Hart presented Centurion figures, created by Board Member C.B. Kelly, to the following in recognition of their \$100 Centurion donations at the 2006 AFPAAA Annual Meeting:

Linda Arnold	Hank Hufnagel
Paul Cole	Larry McCracken
Jerry Dalton	Neil Norum
Sally Davidson	Pete Peterson
Hal Smarkola	Charlie Powers
Rick Fuller	Bud Ross
Sam Giammo	Dave Schillerstrom
Robert Glymph	Dave Smith
John Gura	Roy Whitton
Tom Halbert	Betty Jayne Williams

### Comments from the members

Pete Alexandrakos commented that the active duty force is stretched thin, but the Association needs to find a way to approach those who are about to retire to recruit them to join AFPAAA. The members discussed multiple ways of doing that.

Chairman Arnold noted that because of the Privacy Act, the Board is not able to obtain any mailing lists from official sources.

Jerry Dalton suggested that members print out the section of the next newsletter that reports on the meeting and send it to colleagues who are not members accompanied by a note that says “you were missed.”

Mike McRaney suggested members coordinate their efforts to avoid duplication.

President Halbert solicited written suggestions from the membership on how to recruit new members.

Jerry Dalton reported that one member who usually attends, Frank Jennings, was not able to make the meeting because of the potential physical complications cause by the altitude of Colorado Spring. Another member commented that Don Burgrabbe could not attend for the same reason. Jerry wanted it noted that the Association recognized their absence.

President Halbert introduced Tom Utts who recently rejoined the Association. He gave a brief presentation about a new book that he authored and donated a copy for the door prize drawing at the evening banquet.

### Adjournment

Dave Smith moved to adjourn the meeting, multiple members seconded the motion and it was approved by a voice vote of the membership.



## Prop Wash & Jet Blast

**Welcome Aboard To . . .** *Mary Caitlin Brown, Michael G. Caldwell, Richard Paul Fulton, Joseph H. 'Doc' Mills, Michael M. Nachshen, DeJon M. Redd.*

**Father Of "Aerospace" . . .** *Celebrating his 90th birthday last month, Frank Jennings, the man who many credit with coining the term "Aerospace" and was mentor to generations of Air Force Public Affairs people in the Pentagon and Texas – go for 90 more Frank!*

**Movin' Up . . .** *Walter S. "Woody" Hogle to Vice President of Government Operations in Washington D.C. for Rockwell-Collins . . . Eric Schnaible to full colonel and heading for Japan in August as Director of Public Affairs for U. S. Forces.*

**We Mourn . . .** *the passing at 84 of one of the most outspoken and colorful men in Air Force history, Robin Olds. Son of a World War I flier, Olds life was better than any movie script ever written. After his father denied him permission to join the RCAF, he went to West Point and made some 1942 All-American teams as a tackle. He then flew P-38 Lightnings and P-51s Mustangs; achieving ace status by downing 12 German aircraft in 107 missions. He married movie star Ella Raines in 1947. He missed combat in Korea, but distinguished himself during Vietnam as the mustachioed commander of the 8th Tactical Fighter Wing. He flew 152 missions in Wolf Pack F-4C Phantoms and pushed his kills to 16 by downing four MiGs. After Vietnam he served as Commandant of Cadets at the Air Force Academy and was promoted to brigadier general. Prior to retirement in 1973 he was Director of Aerospace Safety.*

**Movin' In . . .** *Brigadier General William A. Chambers to Director of Communication, Office of the Secretary, replacing Major General Erwin F. Lessel III who has moved to the Director of Plans, Requirements and Programs slot at Headquarters Air Education and Training Command.*

## Time To Hit The Internet: Printed Afterburner Dying As Mail, Print Costs Soar

Remember *The Afterburner*, the Air Force retiree newsletter that was in our mailbox every couple of months?

The last *Afterburner* printed and mailed was in August of last year. There may be one more published later this year. Mailing and printing costs, as well as the ability to use other technologies to deliver information quickly to vast numbers of people has changed the way the Air Force – most people would say the whole world – communicates.

Base newspapers are becoming web sites; the Air Force, MAJCOMs, and installations have their own web pages.

The Air Force Sergeants Association, VFW, NCOA, Air Force Association, MOAA, and the American Legion, are just a few of the military affiliated organizations that have sites and are using the internet with increasing frequency to communicate with their members.

Need a general officer's bio or a F-22 photo – go to [www.af.mil/](http://www.af.mil/) Want to listen to great music from The Airmen of Note – go to [www.usafband.com/Bandstand.cfm](http://www.usafband.com/Bandstand.cfm)

The answer to the question "How do we get news from the Air Force that is important to us as retirees?" is clear: Use the Internet and subscribe to the *Air Force Retiree News Service (AFRNS)*.

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