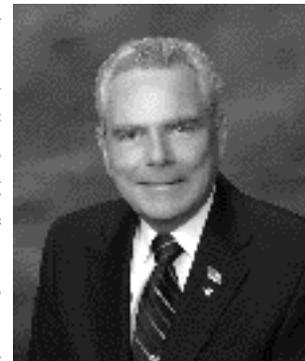




Ross Named AFPAAA Board Secretary For Mullaney's Term

Cecil F. 'Bud' Ross is the new secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association. Bud was named to the post in January by the board of directors when Pat Mullaney had to step down because of the workload of his job. Bud is no stranger to AFPAAA. He is a Life Member and has been our public relations chairman for three years. Bud will serve as a member of the board for the 18 months remaining in Pat's term.



"I'm honored to have been chosen for this position and given the opportunity to serve our retired public affairs community," he said. "Equally important, this is a critical time of rebuilding the career field following dramatic personnel cuts and I think AFPAAA can be of help in that quest."

A 1968 graduate of Officer Training School, his career included public affairs duty at Hamilton, Griffiss, Andrews, Randolph, Sheppard, and Scott Air Force Bases, and at Lajes Field and Clark Air Base. Bud last served as dual director of public affairs for the U. S. Transportation and Air Mobility Commands during the first Gulf War and the Somalia and Bosnian relief efforts. He retired as a colonel in 1993.

After his Air Force career he became the publisher of the O'Fallon Progress Newspaper in O'Fallon, IL. Bud returned to his home state of California to accept the position of president of the Fairfield-Suisun Chamber of Commerce in 1999, a post he held until retiring in 2002.

Bud brings extensive experience in volunteer organizations to AFPAAA, serving as president of Friends of Scott AFB; a past chairman and current board member of the Travis Regional Armed Forces Committee; is vice chairman of the Travis Community Consortium and a board member of the Northern California Retired Officers Community, the governing body for Paradise Valley Estates Retirement Community in Fairfield, CA.

It's Sign Up Time For Wright-Patterson!

Register now! AFPAAA's 16th Annual Membership Meeting at Wright-Patterson AFB begins on the last day of this month. The full agenda is on page 6, the registration form is on page 7. Act now and don't miss what will be a terrific get together.

Great briefings, a behind the scenes tour of the National Museum of the United States Air Force, a great reception and dinner amidst the historic aircraft in the modern flight hangar - and oh so much more. And best of all, time to get together with old friends.



Whose uniform is this? It belonged to a Public Affairs legend who flew in the RAF Eagle Squadrons. Get the answer when we visit the National Museum of the United States Air Force at Wright-Patterson AFB.

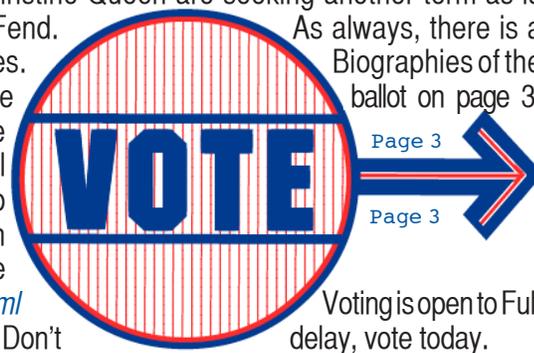
The rooms are blocked at the on-base Hope Hotel and all is set - even an optional round of golf for the duffers among us. From the opening icebreaker on Thursday through the festivities of Saturday evening at the museum, Pete Peterson, with the help of AFPAAA members Nick Apple, Al Cummings and Chuck Manker; AFMC/PA Ron Fry, and 88th ABW's Mary Allen, Libby Van Hook, and Steve Wolfe have pulled out all the stops to make this a most memorable event.

Note: To avoid a late registration fee you must get your form and payment in by April 14.

Five Seats Open This Year In Board Of Directors Election

It's time to choose the people who will represent you on the AFPAAA Board of Directors. Five of the eleven elected board seats are open this year. Membership chairman Neil Buttimer, President Sam Giammo, C. B. Kelly, and Vice President Christine Queen are seeking another term as is a new candidate, Alan DeFend.

As always, there is a place for write-in candidates. candidates accompany the Mailed ballots need to be received by Friday, April 10. For those who prefer to vote electronically, that option is available via our web site <http://www.afpaaa.org/vote.html> Members in good standing. Don't



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From The President's Pen ———

If it's spring, you know we are getting close to our Annual Membership Meeting. This year, we are looking forward to a great return trip to Dayton, Ohio, and Wright-Patterson AFB. AFPAAA Chairman of the Board Pete Peterson has been diligently working with his local committee members to plan an interesting agenda for the meeting that will have something to offer to members and guests alike.

Check out the agenda on page six of this newsletter to find out what is planned.



For those of you who haven't visited the National Museum of the United States Air Force recently, you are in for a real treat when you see the expansion and the changes that have been made in recent years. One of things I want to point out is that we will be given a behind-the-scenes look at the B-17 "Memphis Bell" in its current state of renovation, an aircraft with a memorable history that was immortalized by Hollywood in the film of the same name. Pete has also arranged for our banquet on Saturday night to be held in the Modern Flight Hangar at the museum.

If you haven't already done so, please register to attend the meeting so you can help make it one of the best ever. The registration form is printed on page seven of this newsletter and can also be found on the AFPAAA web site at <http://www.afpaaa.org/annualmeet.html#registration>

It's also time to vote on the slate of officers put forward by the AFPAAA nominating committee to elect members to fill the four soon-to-be-vacant positions on the board. You can either use the ballot printed on page three or vote through the website at <http://www.afpaaa.org/vote.html> No matter which method you use, please vote. Make sure you get your ballot in by April 10 so we can announce the results at the annual meeting.

This is my last column as president. I will be moving up to chairman on July 1 and passing the pen to Vice President Christine Queen who will succeed me. I want to thank Pete Peterson for his guidance and mentorship; Christine for helping to keep things running smoothly; Treasurer Jim Hart for his continuing excellence in keeping the association's finances in order and for serving as our corporate memory and conscience; Secretary Bud Ross for volunteering to take on the duties of that office on short notice; all the other board members and committee chairs for their outstanding support; the past presidents for leading the way; and all the association members who have made this a great organization.

— Sam Giammo

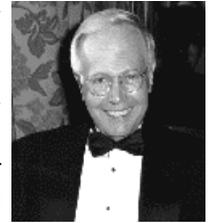
Elections - Vote Below For Five Board Members

The AFPAAA Board of Directors has 11 elected members who serve overlapping two-year terms. Five positions are open this year for terms beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2011. Only Full Members in good standing may vote. To be counted, all ballots must reach the Election Committee by Friday, April 10, 2009. The candidates are below; provisions are made for a write-in vote but ballots may only be cast for four persons. Those wishing to vote electronically may do so by going to <http://www.afpaaa.org/vote.html>



Neil Buttimer has been AFPAAA's membership director since 1994. He maintains the membership roster, handles new members and renewals, publishes the annual membership directory and monitors the Association's mail box in Locust Grove, VA. Neil is seeking his second term on the AFPAAA Board. He retired from the Air Force as a colonel in 1991 after holding a variety of Public Affairs jobs. He worked for almost ten years as a contractor in the missile defense organization's public and legislative office at the Pentagon. Neil received a BA in Broadcasting from Southern Illinois University and an MA in Mass Communications from the University of Denver. He currently is on the board of directors of his 4,200-lot homeowners association. Neil is a Lifetime Founder and was one of the original organizers of AFPAAA.

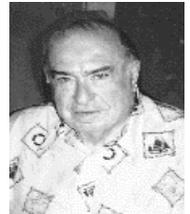
Alan DeFend capped a 28-year Air Force career in 1998 as Public Affairs Deputy Director. He began as the Deputy Chief of Information at Barksdale's 2nd Bomb Wing in 1969. Subsequent assignments took him to Incirlik, McConnell, Chanute, Hickam, and Washington. He served in various public affairs and recruiting positions including base and center PA chief, AMC and USTRANSCOM PA Director, and OASD(PA) Director for Community Relations. After completing military service, Alan served briefly as a FEMA Public Affairs Reservist and USA Today consultant, and later as the Director of Administration and Research for the Advisory Commission on Electronic Commerce. He served for more than five years as Vice President for Public Affairs for the American Health Care Association and has lectured on military-media relations at the Inter-American Defense College in Washington. He holds a Bachelor of Journalism from the University of Missouri and a Masters in management from Webster College and is a graduate of the Air War College.



Sam Giammo is the president of AFPAAA and, if elected, will become chairman of its board of directors July 1. He completed his 27-year Air Force career in Public Affairs as SAF/PA deputy director. Sam is now the director of Public Affairs for the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center in Albuquerque. He is the immediate past chair of the New Mexico Ronald McDonald House Charities Board of Directors and is a member of the advisory board for the New Mexico Mothers Against Drunk Drivers. He has a BA in Journalism from Kent State University and an MA in communication from the University of Northern Colorado. He is accredited in public relations by the Public Relations Society of America and a member of the PRSA College of Fellows.



C. B. Kelly, after graduation from Providence College with a BA in Education, entered the Air Force Aviation Cadet Program and became a navigator on MATS transports. He flew from Kelly and Charleston AFBs until assigned to Lajes AB, Azores, where General E. B. LeBailey got him interested in the Information field. Before becoming an IO, he had AFROTC assignments at Georgetown University and Maxwell AFB, where as a captain, he was the AFROTC Director of Information. He then went to Vietnam as a Wing Information Officer. He was assigned to the Pentagon, working for Bill Greener and Bill Coleman. His final tour before retiring in 1977 was three plus years heading SAFOI-LA. C.B. then worked in public affairs for ARCO for fifteen years. He was a woodcarver for forty years. Now he enjoys scuba diving and travel as a passenger on freight ships (but pirates have curtailed freighter travel).



Christine Queen is vice president and a Lifetime Founder of AFPAAA and, if re-elected, will become president on July 1. She has a BS degree in education from Illinois State University. Christine was the third PAO in country for Desert Shield ('90) and the first PAO for the President's Counternarcotics Operation in Puerto Rico. In the Pentagon, she was Chief, Plans and Programs, Ballistic Missile Defense Organization (now Missile Defense Organization). She was 2nd Air Force Director of Public Affairs, Beale AFB, and Chief of Advertising and Publicity for the recruiting squadron at Lowry AFB. She retired in 1998. Christine is a lifetime member of AFA, ROA, and the MOAA. She was a board member of the MOAA Peoria, IL, chapter from 2004-2006. Bored with retirement, Christine is looking for part-time convention and marketing opportunities.

Ballot – AFPAAA Board of Directors Candidates – 2009

Instructions

Only Full Members in good standing (dues paid) of AFPAAA are eligible to vote, if you do not meet this criteria do not submit a ballot. Select or write in only five names.

Neil Buttimer **Alan DeFend** **Sam Giammo** **C. B. Kelly** **Christine Queen**

Other _____

Print Your Name _____ Signature _____

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Mark H. Gilman

Mark Gilman, whose career in and out of uniform with the Army Air Corps and the United States Air Force spanned four decades, died of a heart attack February 19. He was 92. Born in Bridgeton, New Jersey, he attended Stanford University which he left to join the Army Air Corps. After getting his wings in late 1942, he flew B-17s from Basingbourn, England. Later in the war he and his crew returned to the United States for a War Bond drive.

After the war he flew in the Berlin Airlift and with Strategic Air Command. He moved into the Information career field with assignments that included recruiting service, USAFE Director of Information, SAF/OIs Public Information Division Chief, and as Assistant Director of Information, a post he held until retiring from active duty as a colonel in 1969. He returned immediately to SAF/OI in the same job which had been converted to a civilian position; he retired once again in 1975.

Mark is survived by his wife of 53 years, Dottie, with whom he traveled extensively in retirement until the onset of Alzheimer's disease. He is also survived by their son Robin and his wife Lynn; grandchildren, Robert and Lauren; and great grandchild Reef.

Donations in Mark's memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association - National Capital Area at: www.alz.org/nca or by mail to:

**Alzheimer's Association
National Capital Area Chapter
11240 Waples Mill Road Suite 402
Fairfax, VA 22030**

Mark Gilman will be remembered by those of us who were privileged to know and work with him as one the true gentlemen of the Information/Public Affairs family. His good humor and smiling face masked an extremely knowledgeable, tough, professional, positive-thinking officer who always tried to say "yes," but who could just as easily say "no" or "no comment" when the situation demanded. During his time as Director at USAFE, Chief of the Public Information Division in the Pentagon, and as the civilian Assistant Director of Information, he was directly responsible for training a whole corps of professional officers, NCO's and airmen.

Most of all, he will be remembered by his friends and associates as a guy we enjoyed working and being with, especially when he was with his beautiful Dottie. God-speed, Mark. Rest in peace. We look forward to being with you again.

– Jerry Dalton

Mark Gilman was one of those giant, public affairs heroes we all looked up to with admiration and awe. His patience with young, green PAs coming into the Pentagon was legendary as he willingly shared his knowledge, experience and wisdom with us all, and he did it with a gentle smile and an easy laugh as he guided us through the mine fields. He made the hard look easy, the unthinkable doable and the nasty, biased reporter a puppy dog in his hands.

He was a hero to me for his guidance and genuine love for the profession and his concern for us all. Those who worked with him learned hard earned lessons and principles not printed in books and became better public affairs professionals along the way. Our profession could use another Mark Gilman. Rest in peace Mark.

– Mike McRaney

Lord Guard & Guide

Arthur H. Jungwirth

Art Jungwirth whose warm smile brightened any room and 'can do' attitude was infectious, passed away in December after battling lung cancer. He was 68. Born in Dubuque, Iowa, he served in the Army as a Spec 4. He graduated from Colorado State University with a commission from Air Force ROTC in 1966. His Public Affairs assignments included Lowry, Seymour Johnson, and Peterson AFBs; RAF Upper Heyford and Ruislip; and Yongson AB, Korea. He also served a tour as a missile launch officer at Ellsworth AFB. Art retired in 1986 as a Lieutenant Colonel at Randolph AFB where he was Deputy Director of Public Affairs for Air Training Command. He then became marketing director of the IMAX Theaters in San Antonio. His wife, Chuck, requests that donations in his memory be made to the Lance Armstrong Foundation at: www.livestrong.org



It was my honor to serve as Lt. Colonel Art Jungwirth's Individual Mobilization Augmentee while he was Director of Public Affairs at Lowry Air Force Base. I also worked with him after he retired, as a member of the Texas Public Relations Association. Art was a devoted and highly qualified public affairs professional in every sense of the word. He will be missed.

– Jim Hart

During our numerous times together I noticed that there was something very special about Art. He was able to learn one of the true secrets of successful living – the incredible power of a warm smile and the encouragement that can be gained from someone with a consistent optimistic spirit. All of us who have known Art have been blessed by his extraordinary ability to share these qualities with others.

Art made every effort to do the very best he could in every endeavor that he undertook. That determination was demonstrated by the way he and Chuck dealt with those months of illness and the battle they fought to overcome it – determined to give it all they had and to do it with the best possible spirit. Even though it turned out that it was time for Art to lay down his earthly burdens and to go be with The Lord, both Art and Chuck set an example of courage and dedication that we will long remember.

Art enriched all of our lives! For that we say "thanks to you Art" and may that smile of yours continue to "shine throughout eternity!"

– Carey Deckard

Art was a real pro – the PA who could get the job done with savvy, innovation, and good humor. He wasn't afraid to speak his mind or challenge someone's ideas – all in a highly professional manner. He was easy to listen to because he made good sense and had the people and the mission always in mind. Seems like we are losing a lot of the 'great PAs' recently and it saddens me to see to know Art is no longer among us. Get things ready Art as a lot of us will join you soon my friend.

– Mike McRaney

Lord Guard & Guide

Allan 'Red' Viguerie

Allan Clay 'Red' Viguerie, who was born in Woodbury, New Jersey, died in Lebanon, Illinois, October 12. He was 70. Red served in the Air Force for 20 years, and received a Master's degree from Boston University in 1967. He retired as a major in 1980 to continue his career as a civilian employee at Scott AFB.



He and his late wife, Mary, were active in the Lebanon Historical Society, serving multiple terms as its president. Red is survived by his daughter, Laura, two sons, Lesslie and James, and seven grandchildren.

Mark Gilman & Betty Jane Williams

Arlington Cemetery Services Set



Interment for deceased AFPAAA members Mark Gilman and Betty Jane Williams will be at Arlington National Cemetery in June.

For those who wish to attend, Mark's funeral service will be held at the Fort Meyer Chapel on Friday, June 12 at 11 a.m. followed by burial with Full Military Honors.

For Betty Jane, a grave side service, also with full military honors will be held on Friday, June 26, at 3 pm.

Those who plan to attend can obtain information regarding the grave site, parking, and where and when to gather by calling Arlington directly at 703 607-8000.

AFPAAA 16th Annual Membership Meeting Agenda

Thursday, April 30

Noon-7:00 pm Registration - Hope Hotel Lobby

2:00-5:00 pm Board Of Directors Meeting
Work Study 3 Room

5 pm - 8 pm Ice Breaker Reception - Sabre-Phantom
Room - Remarks: General Donald J.
Hoffman, Commander, AFMC

Evening Open

Friday, May 1

6:30 - 8:15 am Buffet Breakfast - Packy's At Hope Hotel

8:45 - 10 am Hope Hotel Sabre-Phantom Room - AFMC
Briefing, Lt. General Terry L. Gabreski,
Vice Commander, AFMC

10:15 am Buses Depart For National Museum Of
The United States Air Force

10:30 am Restoration Hanger & Presidential
Aircraft Gallery

Noon-1:30 pm AFPAAA President's Luncheon -
Wright-Patterson Club & Banquet Center

1:45 pm National Museum Of The United States
Air Force - Group Photograph

2 - 3 pm National Museum Of The United States
Air Force - Briefing - Carney Auditorium,
Charles D. Metcalf, Maj. General USAF-
Ret, Director

3 - 5 pm Guided tour - National Museum Of The
United States Air Force

Friday, May 1 continued

5:15 pm Arrive Hope Hotel

6 pm Bus Departs - Optional Dining/Shopping
Trip At The Greene

9 p.m. Return to Hope Hotel

Saturday, May 2, 2009

6:30-8:15 am Buffet Breakfast - Packy's At Hope Hotel

8:30 am Administrative Announcements - Super
Fortress Room

8:45-10 am Human Performance Wing Presentation
- Super Fortress Room - Mr. Thomas S.
Wells, Director

10-10:20 am Break

10:20-11:55 am Warfighter Presentation And Exhibit -
Super Fortress Room - Colonel Bradley
D. Spacy, 88th ABW Commander

Noon-1:30 pm SAF/PA Luncheon, Colonel Michael G.
Caldwell, Acting Director, Public Affairs

1:30-3 pm Annual Membership Meeting With Board
of Directors - Sabre-Phantom Room

5 pm Buses Depart For National Museum Of
The United States Air Force

6 - 7 pm Reception - Modern Flight Hanger

7 - 9 pm AFPAAA Annual Banquet - Modern
Flight Hanger

9:00 pm Return To Hope Hotel



16th Annual Membership Meeting

AFCAA Public Affairs Alumni Association™



Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio - April 30-May 2, 2009

Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Guest(s) Name(s): _____

Are you a new member of AFPAAA? No Yes Is this your first AFPAAA Annual Meeting? No Yes

How do you want your name/guest name(s) to appear on your name badges: _____

Full Registration

Includes all events and on Thursday, Friday & Saturday except optional dinner & golf.

Members Attending ____ x \$150 = \$ ____

Guests Attending ____ x \$140 = \$ ____

Non Members ____ x \$200 = \$ ____

How many in your party will take the base tour on Friday, May 1, 2009? _____

Individual Event Registration

Icebreaker Reception - Thursday, April 30, 5-8 p.m.

Members Attending ____ x \$10 = \$ ____

Guests Attending ____ x \$10 = \$ ____

Non Members ____ x \$20 = \$ ____

Tour Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, Friday, May 1.

Includes breakfast, bus transportation & President's Luncheon.

Members Attending ____ x \$60 = \$ ____

Guests Attending ____ x \$60 = \$ ____

Non Members ____ x \$70 = \$ ____

President's Luncheon Only, Friday, May 1.

Members Attending ____ x \$25 = \$ ____

Guests Attending ____ x \$25 = \$ ____

Non Members ____ x \$35 = \$ ____

Breakfast, Re-Bluing Briefings, SAF/PA Luncheon, Membership Meeting, Saturday, May 2.

Members Attending ____ x \$40 = \$ ____

Guests Attending ____ x \$40 = \$ ____

Non Members ____ x \$50 = \$ ____

AFPAAA Annual Reception and Banquet Buffet, Saturday, May 2.

Members Attending ____ x \$60 = \$ ____

Guests Attending ____ x \$60 = \$ ____

Non Members ____ x \$70 = \$ ____

Optional Events

1. Dinner/Shopping Trip at The Greene, Friday, May 1, Transportation Free . . . Space is limited – Dinner Not Included.

Members/ Guests Attending _____

2. AFPAAA Golf Tournament, Thursday, April 30, Includes transportation, green fees, cart, prizes.

Members Attending ____ x \$50 = \$ ____

Guests/Non Members ____ x \$50 = \$ ____

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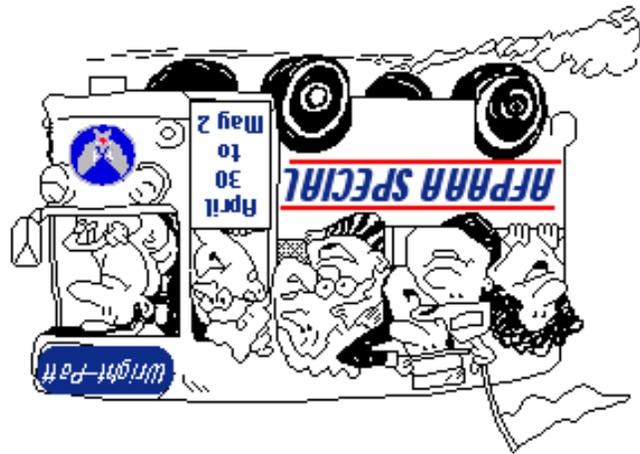
Registrations are due by April 14, 2009.

Registrations received after April 14 will be charged a \$25 per person attending late fee.

Hotel: AFPAAA has negotiated a block of rooms at Hope Hotel & Conference Center, WPAFB, OH, at a rate of \$70 per night. Make your reservations by calling (937) 879-2696 and asking for discount code **Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association**. The rate is available for 3 days prior to and 3 days after our meeting.

Additional information - activities, hotel, and directions - is at www.AFPAAA.org/annualmeet.html

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