

# Family Establishes Foundation Following Death Of Outstanding New Broadcaster Of The Year, A1C Lauren Lagudi

Broadcaster Airman First Class Lauren Lagudi, 20, who died October 20th in an accident at the Pordenone, Italy, railroad station ten miles from Aviano AB, will not be forgotten.

Her family has established the Lauren Lagudi Foundation to perpetuate her passion for broadcasting by helping "support aspiring radio and television broadcasters around the nation" through scholarships and other means. Full details on the foundation and how

contributions can be made are at its web site at: <http://www.laurenlagudischolarship.org/>

Part of an Air Force family, Lauren followed in her mother Susan's footsteps as a broadcaster. Her father, retired Chief Master Sergeant Sal Lagudi, spent 20 of his 26 year career in Air Force Recruiting.

Lauren, who was born in Niagara, New York, was a natural broadcaster. She was the Outstanding New Broadcaster in the 2008 Air Force media contest. Broadcasting from Aviano AB on American

Forces Network she had her own radio show with a regular following, "Your Morning Fix with Airman Lagudi."

In addition to her parents who live in Cibolo, Texas, she is survived by brothers Sal and Robert.

Lauren was buried October 30 at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery with full military honors.




## Nominees Sought For Six Open Board Seats

AFPAAA's Board of Directors election is in three months. Full members of AFPAAA can run for the six open seats, which carry a two-year term, by making their proposed candidacy known by February 1 to Chairman of the Board, Sam Giammo, who heads the nominating committee.

Requests to be on the ballot should include a short, three or four paragraph resume/biography outlining qualifications; how they have

supported AFPAAA; and why they want to be on the Board of Directors – which includes the possibility of becoming an officer – that would encourage members to vote for them if accepted by the committee. A head and shoulders picture should be provided. Election ballots will be in the April issue of AFPAAA News & Notes. Results of the election will be announced at the business session of the Annual Membership Meeting, April 24, in Orlando.



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## Look To Orlando For A Great Annual Get Together, April 22-24

Our 17th Annual Membership Meeting, April 22-24, in Orlando, Florida, is shaping up to be a good one.

First, we have the Caribe Royale All-Suites Hotel with its spacious accommodations and fabulous pool as our headquarters. It will provide a grand setting for our informal ice breaker, Thursday evening, April 22, when we will have the chance to renew acquaintances.

Friday morning, April 23, has two possibilities that are being worked: a presentation on terrorism by the University of Central Florida, and a look at the work of the Air Force Agency For Simulation and Modeling, the Air Force's lead organization for integrating live, virtual and constructive capabilities to support the war fighter in full-spectrum operations.

Following the President's Luncheon, we will be touring the nearby Lockheed Martin Simulation, Training & Support site which provides modeling, simulation, and mission rehearsal tools for military and civilian applications. Saturday morning, April 24, there will be guest speakers, possibly from CENTCOM and Special Operations Command. Those presentations will be followed by the SAF/PA Director's Luncheon where Colonel Les Kodlick will speak. The business portion of the Annual Membership Meeting will be in the afternoon.

Our traditional gala dinner concludes the meeting Saturday evening. As the final program is locked into place, details and the registration form will be on our web site: [www.afpaaa.org](http://www.afpaaa.org) and in the next issue of News & Notes.

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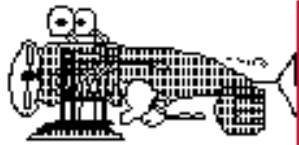




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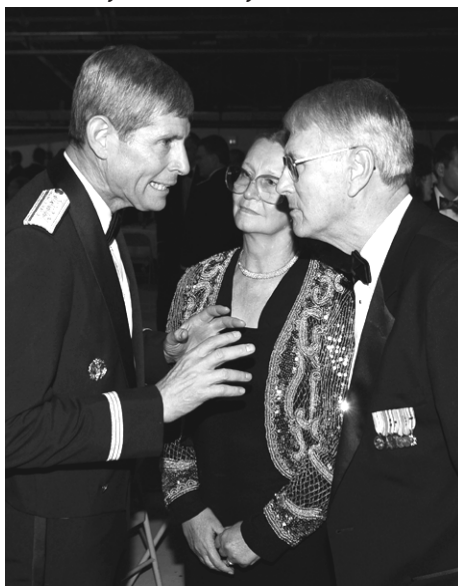
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Welcome Aboard To . . . *David K. Cannon, Guy Hayes, Jared Marquis, Judy McSpadden, James G. Monhan, Lou Timmons, Vic Warzinski, Fred Watkins, Julie Weckerlein, Denny Weddle.*

**New Lifers . . .** Congratulations to *Douglas D. McCoy, Jr.* (Also A New Member) and *Johnny Whitaker.*

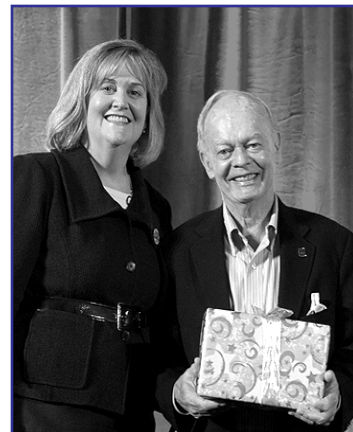
**Jawin' With The Chief . . .** really, despite the way it looks, it was a friendly exchange between Lifetime founder, **Mark Foutch**, and Air Force Chief of Staff General Norton A. Schwartz. Mark said he and the Chief had a brief, substantive, and productive talk about the future of the Air Force and AFPAAA's support as the service is going through a difficult period of transition.



The former mayor of Olympia, Washington, and wife Janet were attending the Air Force Anniversary Ball at McChord AFB in September.

General Schwartz, who commanded the 36th Tactical Airlift Squadron at McChord from May 1986 until June 1988, was the guest of honor.

**What's In The Box Dave . . .** Raytheon Company's 2009 Communications Leadership Award was presented to AFPAAA member Dave Shea by Vice President of Corporate Affairs and



Communications Pam Wickham. In presenting the award to Dave, she said it recognized a leader who "achieves at the highest level . . . by living our values" and raises the standards of the products coming out of our function."

He is director of media relations training and development in Raytheon's Washington, DC, office . . . Showing his Italian heritage, Dave said the box had the award—a cobalt globe the size of a Bocce ball on top of an inscribed, square cobalt base.

**We Mourn . . .** the passing of General Paul K. Carlton, on Nov. 23 in San Antonio at the age of 88. He commanded Military Airlift Command from Sept. 26, 1972, to March 31, 1977.

## Andrews AFB Gone, Now Joint Base Andrews-Naval Air Facility

Implementing the BRAC concept that most bases have similar management functions, on October 1 Andrews AFB became one of 26 bases merging those functions under one service's management and was renamed Joint Base Andrews-Naval Air Facility.

The Air Force will be the lead service at Andrews with ownership of the land and support funds. It will have a similar role at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst and Joint Base Charleston.

The Navy will have that role at four locations: Joint Base Little Creek-Ft. Story; Joint Region Marianas; Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, and Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling.

Putting basic day-to-day operations, such as family housing, public works, legal, chaplain, child care, procurement, supply, storage and distribution, postal, and security under the control of one service is expected to be more efficient and save money.

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## From The President's Pen



*I decided not to spend my time talking about membership or the other challenges facing AFPAAA, but to reflect on celebrating and remembering.*

*We are just completing the most festive time of the year in America, a time of joy and, as we grow older, memories. For me, remembrances began a bit earlier.*

*In November, I attended the Veteran's Day ceremony at the Peoria Illinois County Court House. The speaker made me think about not only those who have served our country in the past, but the men and women who serve now, and those who will serve in the future.*

*His theme, "Homage to the living as well as the dead," was eloquent in how he weaved those words to honor those who have gone into battle in the past and those yet to meet the challenge. He told us of the history of the phrase, and how Peoria's old World War II memorials, like a phoenix once arose from neglected ruins in 2007 when the city adopted the phrase again by adding it to their new World War I and II memorials. He emphasized that it is appropriate and proper to remember not only those who served and gave the ultimate sacrifice, but to thank the veterans among us.*

*During the past year we have lost many of our AFPAAA veterans as well as some on active duty. We owe a lot to them for they helped shape the Air Force. We should remember and celebrate their lives, taking our memories of them forward with us because our lives are richer for having known them – and we should celebrate those who serve now and those who will serve in the years to come, for they are shaping the Air Force of today and the future as they defend our nation.*

*As we begin 2010, on behalf of your board of directors, I wish all of you and your families a happy and healthy new year.*

*– Christine Queen*

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