

Jerry Renne Selected SAF/PA Deputy Director

Jerry Renne, who has extensive operational and Public Affairs experience, is the new SAF/PA Deputy Director. He comes from the Director of Public Affairs and Communication, Headquarters, U. S. Air Forces In Europe–Air Forces Africa position to fill the SAF/PA post which has been vacant for more than a year.

His Air Force career began as a Titan II ICBM launch officer after he earned a BA degree in public administration and received his commission via the AFROTC program at the University of Pittsburgh in 1981. Subsequently he commanded Ground Launched Cruise Missile and Airborne Launch Control System crews.

In 1986 he completed a MA degree in business and management from Webster University, St. Louis, Missouri.

Jerry entered Public Affairs at Headquarters Air Material Command, Wright-Patterson AFB in 1992. Assignments at the Air Force Development Test Center, Eglin AFB, Florida; SAF/PA; as Public Affairs Advisor



to the Air Force Chief of Staff, and USAFE Deputy

Director of Public Affairs, Ramstein AB, Germany followed.

In 2003 he became PACAF Director of Public Affairs and was promoted to colonel in March 2004. In August 2005 he began two years as the Director of Public Affairs at U. S. Central Command, MacDill AFB, Florida. He retired from active duty in August 2007.

Jerry began his civilian government career that October at MacDill where, with the title of Senior Advisor, he established a new office, the Strategic Engagement Group, which focused on building “non-traditional” approaches to problem solving for the U. S. Special Operations Command. In November 2011 he took the U. S. Air Forces In Europe–Air Forces Africa post.



Nominations Due Feb. 1 For Six Board Seats

AFPAAA's annual Board of Directors election will have six of the 13-member board seats to be filled in the election that will be held in April.

The two-year terms of office of Tom Dolney, Jay DeFrank, Art Forster, Clem Gaines, Perry Nouis, and Phil Ratliff expire July 1. Dolney, DeFrank, Forster, Nouis, and Ratliff are seeking reelection, Gaines is not a candidate.

Full members of AFPAAA can run for any of the six seats. Potential

candidates should make their desire to run known by February 1 to the nominating committee chairman, Larry Clavette. To be considered for placement on the ballot, potential candidates need to send a head and shoulders picture (jpg format if possible) and a short, three or four paragraph biography outlining their qualifications, how they have supported AFPAAA, and why they want to be on the Board of Directors.

That information and picture should be sent via e-mail by February 1 to Larry Clavette at: lpclav@gmail.com

Candidates should understand that election to the board entails the possibility of being an officer of AFPAAA.

The ballot will be in April's News & Notes, and on AFPAAA's web site. Election results will be announced at the 24th Annual Membership Meeting, Saturday, April 29, in Destin, Florida.



Former AFPAAA Board chairman Mark Fouch and his wife, Janet, greeted guest speaker General Paul Selva, Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, at the Air Force Association's McChord Chapter Air Force Ball in Tacoma, Washington. As a colonel, General Selva commanded the 62nd Airlift Wing at McChord AFB; when Mark was mayor pro tem of Olympia. AFA's Mt. Rainier chapter put on the event at the spectacular LeMay Car Museum. McChord leaders have served as Air Force Chief of Staff and Vice Chief, headed U.S. Transportation Command, and now, VCJCS. Mark observed: "Pictures don't lie: Neither the general nor Janet has aged a bit. As for me, 'no comment!'" – *David Lobban, Lobban Photography Inc.*

LOADED Program Highlights Destin

The CV-22 Osprey and other Special Ops aircraft at Hurlburt Field; an escorted tour of the Doolittle Raiders exhibit at the Armament Museum; briefing and exhibit at the multi-national training F-35 Lightning II 33rd Fighter Wing at Eglin AFB; an IED and EOD robotics demonstration by the 9th Civil Engineering Group; presentations by the Army's 7th Special Forces Group and the 919th Special Operations Wing - the only Air Force Reserve Special Ops Wing, and much more – what a program!

You won't want to miss our 24th Annual Membership Meeting, April 27-30, in Destin, Florida.

Our headquarters is the luxurious

Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort. From our ice-breaker on Thursday evening, through our sit-down served breakfasts to our gala reception and banquet Saturday evening - featuring your choice of New York Strip Steak, Pan Seared Red Snapper, or a Vegetarian plate - we'll be going first-class.

There will be ample opportunity to renew old acquaintances, make new friends, and just have fun. There will be door prizes, and even the golfers will be able to hit the links.

It's not too early to make hotel and travel reservations. For all the details go to the registration form on page 7 or our web site at: www.afpaaa.org



Membership Application

Full Members – former members of the Air Force Public Affairs, Broadcasting, Bands, or Multimedia career fields, military or civilian, retired or separated. *Associate Members* – current or former members of the Air Force Public Affairs, Broadcasting, Bands, or Multimedia career fields, military or civilian, still in service.

I am applying for: Full Membership Associate Membership
 Active Duty Introductory 2 yr. Complimentary First Time Membership (No payment required)

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Home Phone _____ Home Fax _____

Home e-mail address _____

Business Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Business Phone _____ Business Fax _____

Business e-mail address _____

I am Currently Retired Part of the active duty, guard, or reserve force

My last/current Air Force Public Affairs/Broadcasting/Band position was/is

It was/is at (base) _____

My grade/rank/GS/GM was/is _____

That was in (month & year) _____

I retired/separated from the USAF in the grade/rank/GS/GM of _____

in (month & year) _____

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AF Public Affairs Alumni Association

- \$300 Lifetime Membership - can be paid in four quarterly \$75 installments
- \$ 25 One-year Full Membership
- \$ 50 Three-year Full Membership
- \$ 10 One-year Active Duty, Guard, Reserve Associate Membership
- \$ 20 Three-year Active Duty, Guard, Reserve Associate Membership

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Locust Grove, VA 22508-0447

From The President's Pen ———



It's our Air Force's 70th anniversary year! Our career field has been telling the Air Force story from the beginning, whether we were known as public relations, office of information, or public affairs. We've seen many changes that have brought Public Affairs to the powerful communications force that keeps Airmen and America informed today.

While some things change, others remain the same; AFPAAA continues the mission established by our founders – linking PA professionals of the past, present and future. But, association membership continues to be a challenge, there are a lot of people we served with who don't belong to AFPAAA.

While membership dues are the primary source of income that finances our day-to-day activities, membership is not just about money – it's about brainpower! PAs, broadcasters, photojournalists, and band members are bright and creative and we need their energy in AFPAAA to ensure its future success and viability.

Please help to recruit new members. Look through the membership directory – on our web site or in the copy you got in the mail – see if the friends and colleagues you served with are listed; if not, give them a call, shoot them an e-mail or a text message, contact them on Facebook, or write them a note. Invite them to join, our membership application is opposite this page.

Suggest they come with you to our Annual Membership Meeting in Destin, Florida, April 27-30, so they can experience first-hand the camaraderie of AFPAAA and see all we have to offer. If you know non-members who live in or can easily get to the Florida panhandle, make an extra effort to get them to join us, even if for only one event – the registration form is on page 7

While the bulk of AFPAAA's membership is retirees, we also want to encourage service members and civilians from the active force, Guard, and Reserve to become Associate Members – should you recruit someone from those groups, be sure to mention we offer a free, two-year, first-time complimentary membership. We did that just six weeks ago to the more than 300 PAs at the Air Force Public Affairs Professional Development Seminar in Virginia, just as we do at DINFOS when we present each new Air Force graduate their PA badge.

Even though a long-time member of AFPAAA, I wasn't truly aware of the all of AFPAAA's activities until I was elected to the Board of Directors. Every member can offer ideas and opinions, then the board takes them into consideration and makes those that are appropriate a reality. Serving on the board is a great way to bring fresh ideas to AFPAAA. Nominations for the board are open now (see page 1) and I urge you to consider being a candidate. As always, if you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at: jjbivens@charter.net or 731 610-0730.

Here's wishing you a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!

— Judy Bivens

Lord Guard & Guide

Richard S. George

Dick George, a Lifetime Founder of the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association, died March 8. He was 83.

He was born in Atlanta, Georgia, and was a graduate of Northwestern University where he earned a degree in communications in 1955.

Dick had a 28-year career in Public Affairs as a civilian and reservist. At Headquarters Air Force Reserve, Robins AFB, Georgia, from 1961 until his retirement in 1989, he held a number of positions including chief of internal information and chief of media relations.

In uniform, he had assignments at Strategic Air Command Headquarters, Offutt AFB, Nebraska, and in SAF/PA. Dick was an Air Force Academy Silver Falcon Liaison Officer. He retired in 1985 as a colonel.

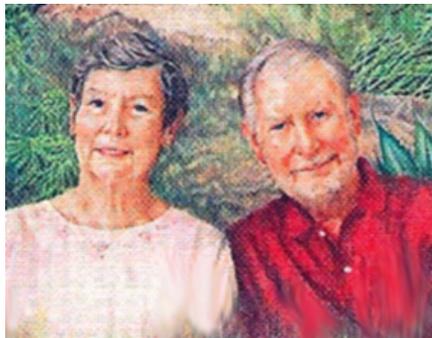
Dick had a 'green thumb' and was an avid outdoorsman. He was Bibb County's first Lifetime Master Gardener Emeritus and was past president of the Master Gardeners of Central Georgia. In 2001 George received the first annual award for horticultural achievement from the Waddell Barnes Botanical Garden at Macon State College.

He backpacked more than two thirds of the Appalachian Trail. He and his sons built and donated a geodesic dome – Dick's Dome – an official trail shelter, on their Virginia property which is now in the Appalachian National Scenic Trail.

He was a national director of the U.S. branch of Servas, a global, person-to-person network which fosters understanding of cultural diversity. He and his wife Mary hosted exchange students for 11 consecutive years. A lifetime ardent traveler, George visited more than 50 countries, many during a three-year global trip with Mary, following his retirement.

Dick served on the board of directors of the Museum of Arts & Science and Friends of the Ocmulgee Heritage Trail in Macon. In 2014 he donated 13 acres of the George family estate, including the acclaimed Quinta del Sol Gardens, to the Ocmulgee Land Trust.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; twin sons, Richard



and Josiah; his brother, John; three grandchildren, and one great grandchild. Remembrances in Dick's name may be made to the High Street Unitarian Universalist Church, P.O. Box 4566, Macon, 31201, or Junior Master Gardener Program, Bibb Co. Extension Office, 145 First Street, Macon, 31201.

Dick was a great boss and a great mentor. I started working for him in 1980 as a staff sergeant and retired as a master sergeant in 1992. Three weeks after retirement, I went back to the same office as a civil servant and eventually held the same job as Dick at HQ AFRC.

– Jim Miller

Michael J. Holsinger

Mike Holsinger, who served in Public Affairs in Vietnam during his 20-year career as an Air Force officer, died October 17. He was 79.

Born in Dayton, Ohio, he was a graduate of the University of Missouri. He had three careers in his lifetime. After the Air Force he returned to his alma mater and earned a Master's degree in Ornamental Horticulture.

Mike's second career was also 20 years with Sarasota County and the University of Florida as Director of the County Extension Department. He had a major role in the conception, design, and successful establishment of "The Florida House" in Sarasota as a model for sustainable and environmentally responsible construction.

In 2010 he began his third career, by establishing Holsinger Horticultural Services LLC in Sarasota. In addition, he published articles on horticulture and ornamental/non toxic landscaping and beautification in the Sarasota Herald Tribune. He was an avid fisherman and gardener, interests which he shared with his wife and children.

Mike is survived by his wife of 56 years, Sharon; two sons, Jeffrey and Joseph; a daughter, Jamie, and four grandchildren. He was interred at Sarasota National Cemetery. Remembrances in Mike's name may be made to Tidewell Hospice, Philanthropy Department, 5955 Rand Boulevard, Sarasota, FL 34238, or to the Lustgarten Foundation for pancreatic cancer research, 1111 Stewart Avenue, Bethpage, NY 11714.

A good Air Force Officer, with whom I served in the Pentagon. A good friend, with whom Mary and I shared wonderful times. A good advocate for issues in his second career in horticulture where he built a county-wide reputation as its top expert. A good man of God, dedicated to his Church. A good husband, father, and grandfather. What else can a man hope for in life--Mike kept the faith, finished the race and has now seen God face to face.

– Bob Hunter



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Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____
 Cell Phone: _____
 (Do you receive text messages at this number? Yes ___ No ___)
 Guest(s) Name(s): _____

Registration Form



24th Annual Membership Meeting
 April 27-30, 2017
 Destin-Fort Walton Beach, Florida

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

Full Registration

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

Please indicate the number of meal choice(s) for the Saturday banquet:

NY Strip Steak _____ Pan Seared Red Snapper _____ Vegetarian _____

How many in your party will go by bus to Hurlburt Field & Eglin AFB on Friday, April 28? _____

Members Attending ___ x \$200 = \$ _____
 Guests Attending ___ x \$200 = \$ _____
 Non Members ___ x \$300 = \$ _____

Individual Event Registration

Icebreaker Reception - Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort, Thursday, April 27, 5-7 p.m.

Members Attending ___ x \$20 = \$ _____
 Guests Attending ___ x \$20 = \$ _____
 Non Members ___ x \$25 = \$ _____

Breakfast - Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort, Friday, April 28.

Members Attending ___ x \$25 = \$ _____
 Guests Attending ___ x \$25 = \$ _____
 Non Members ___ x \$30 = \$ _____

President's Luncheon - Eglin AFB, Friday, April 28.

(Includes bus transportation from Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort to Hurlburt Field to Eglin AFB)

Members Attending ___ x \$75 = \$ _____
 Guests Attending ___ x \$75 = \$ _____
 Non Members ___ x \$85 = \$ _____

President's Luncheon Only - Eglin AFB, Friday, April 28.

Members Attending ___ x \$35 = \$ _____
 Guests Attending ___ x \$35 = \$ _____
 Non Members ___ x \$45 = \$ _____

Breakfast - Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort, Saturday, April 29.

Members Attending ___ x \$25 = \$ _____
 Guests Attending ___ x \$25 = \$ _____
 Non Members ___ x \$30 = \$ _____

SAF/PA Director's Luncheon, Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort, Saturday, April 29.

Members Attending ___ x \$50 = \$ _____
 Guests Attending ___ x \$50 = \$ _____
 Non Members ___ x \$60 = \$ _____

AFPAAA Annual Reception and Banquet, Saturday, April 29, 6-10 p.m.

Please indicate number of meal choice(s) for the banquet:

NY Strip Steak _____ Pan Seared Red Snapper _____ Vegetarian _____

Members Attending ___ x \$85 = \$ _____
 Guests Attending ___ x \$85 = \$ _____
 Non Members ___ x \$95 = \$ _____

Please make your check or money order payable to: **AFPAAA**

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Mail form and check/money order to: **Phil Ratliff, Treasurer**
 868 Trevino Terrace
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To pay by credit card & register on line go to: <http://www.afpaaa.org/AnnMeet-Reg16.html>

Golf Outing

Thursday, April 27, 8 a.m. How many in your party will golf on April 27? _____

Make your golf reservation and get details, greens fees, and other costs from Joe Purka by April 24, via e-mail: jwpurka@cox.net or phone: (850) 897-5601.

Hotel: AFPAAA has a block of rooms at the Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort at the rate of **\$139.00+11% tax** per night (single or double). This rate is valid from Monday, April 24 through Tuesday, May 2, 2017. Make reservations online at <http://www.sandestin.com/23L3Q3> or by calling **1 800 320-8115** and ask for group code **23L3Q3**. Reservations for this rate must be made by **April 7, 2017**. A one night room rate deposit is required to secure the reservation; the deposit is refundable if the reservation is cancelled at least 7 days prior to the scheduled arrival date.

For the latest meeting information check AFPAAA's web site: <http://www.AFPAAA.org/annualmeet.html>

**Registrations Are Due By
 April 20, 2017
 Registrations Received
 After This Date Will Be
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 Person Late Fee**



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Welcome Aboard To . . . *new members Allen W. Ackerson, Rana Franklin, Carla Gleason, Andrew Janitschek, Raymond Padgett, and Thomas Wenz.*

Thought Provoking . . . *reading abounds in the winter issue of Strategic Studies Quarterly (<http://www.au.af.mil/au/ssq/>). NASA in the Second Space Age presents the issues the United States, once dominant in space, must address for the future where more than 20 countries now have military satellites in orbit "making space a critical domain in modern warfare." Why Washington*

Doesn't Debate Grand Strategy posits that our leaders have been focused on using means – such as our military forces, training foreign forces, and alliances – rather than evolving a grand strategy that focuses on strategic ends. **Does China Have a Monroe Doctrine? Evidence for Regional Exclusion** considers China's recent actions in the East and South China Seas in terms of neighboring nations, its relations with the United States, and internationally as the century moves forward.

Our Condolences . . . *to AFPAAA Lifetime Founder Alice Price on the passing of her husband, Harry Price, 88, on November 17. Harry, an avid golfer, was a regular at our Annual Membership Meetings until illness curtailed his activity. A Navy veteran, he was interred at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.*

