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Election Of Younger Generation Members Ashworth, Bouchard & Dorrian Reshapes AFPAAA Board

Effective the first of this month a new board of directors with a younger look assumed AFPAAA's leadership. Three recent retirees, Brett Ashworth (2014), Bryan Bouchard (2017), and John Dorrian (2017), along with Doug Kennett (1996), are new faces on the board. Past members Dick Abel and John Gura were reelected.

In accordance with the association's leadership progression plan, Art Forster

is now Chairman of the Board replacing Judy Bivens; Tom Dolney moves to President; Jay DeFrank is Vice President, and Perry Nouis is Secretary. Phil Ratliff and John Terino were reappointed as Treasurer and Communications Chairman. J.C. Corcoran completes the board.

"This board has a great blend of Air Force and AFPAAA experience stretching from our founding to the present," Forster said. He sees it being able to strengthen

services to the current members while enhancing AFPAAA's appeal to those about to retire and recently retired.

"Brett, Bryan, and Dorrian give the board members with current understanding of the people on active duty who we need to consider becoming Associate Members of AFPAAA while on active duty and then Full Members as they separate or retire from the Air Force," Forster observed.

Colonel Rob Palmer, AFPAAA Member, New SAF/PA IMA

Air Force Reserve Colonel Robert P. Palmer is the new Individual Mobilization Augmentee (IMA) to SAF/PA Director Brigadier General Ed Thomas. He comes to the position from the Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff where he was the IMA Special Assistant for Public Affairs.

An AFPAAA Associate Member, Palmer brings a unique blend of 28 years of multiservice active duty, reserve, and civilian experience to the IMA position. Since 2015, he has been Vice President of Government Relations for WPS Health Solutions, a Wisconsin-based health insurance company. He is its liaison to the state legislature, the U.S. Congress, state and federal agencies, and military beneficiary associations.

Rob's military service began in 1990 when he graduated from The Citadel with a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Army National Guard. From then until 2003 he served in a variety of artillery and Public Affairs positions, and as aide to the Indiana Army National Guard Adjutant General. He was deployed to Bosnia-Herzegovina for six months as a media operations officer.

In December 2003 he transferred to the Air Force Reserve as an IMA at Air Mobility Command. A year later he began the first of a series of Active Guard Reserve tours as the Chief of Strategic Communications for Employer Support of the Guard during which he was deployed to Southwest Asia as chief of media operations for USCENAF-FWD.

Other assignments would follow at Northern Command and the Air Staff, including Deputy Director, Legislative Affairs Directorate, North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Northern Command, Washington, D.C.. He left active duty in 2015 after three years as Director of Public Affairs, Air Force Reserve Command and became IMA to the Chief of Public Affairs at USTRANSCOM.



Phil Ratliff Presented McRaney Service Award

Lifetime Founder Phil Ratliff was presented AFPAAA's Brigadier General Mike McRaney Distinguished Service Award by President Art Forster on June 2 at the 25th Annual Membership Meeting banquet.

Phil's many years of work on the board of directors and behind the scenes, as well as his current service as treasurer, has been instrumental in the success of the association. He has served in all the association's leadership positions, from secretary to board chairman. In 2016, he took on the task of treasurer that includes heading the investment committee that directs the AFPAAA Endowment Fund.

The McRaney Award is named after the first board chairman who held that post for six years (1994-2000). It can be presented to any AFPAAA member. Neither service on the board of directors, chairmanship of a committee, or holding an office



such as president or chairman of the board of directors is a prerequisite for presentation of the award, nor do those things preclude a person from receiving the award.

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Senior Airman Nicolas Myers Enhances Family's Service History, Receives Hart 'Best Of The Best' Award As Tops In Air Force Public Affairs

Although only on his first assignment with the 633rd Air Base Wing at Langley AFB, Senior Airman Nicolas Myers' accomplishments as a broadcast journalist earned him the Brigadier General James W. Hart, Jr. Best Of The Best Award as the top Air Force Public Affairs practitioner for 2017.

Nicolas was born at Travis AFB into an Air Force family that included his mother, who had a 20-year career and retired as a Master Sergeant, and his father and older sister who each served four years, but when he graduated from St. Pius X high school in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, the Air Force wasn't in his plans.

Instead, he took some classes at the local community college, held a variety of jobs that included Dairy Queen and Walmart, and following his family to Oregon, worked in a restaurant.

Eight years after graduating from high school all that changed for the then 26-year-old.

"After years of floundering financially and searching for a purpose I woke up and said, 'enough,' I knew it was time to join the Air Force and further myself while serving my country. I'm only about three and a half years into my career but there hasn't been a day where I've questioned my decision to enlist," he said.

From being promoted below the zone to Senior Airman to winning three awards in the annual Air Combat Command media contest for his work at Langley he has stood out. Among the accomplishments that led to the Best Of The Best Award were :

- Production of 70 videos that were distributed to 1,516 media outlets which conveyed the Air Force mission at Langley to over 15,500,000 viewers.

- Providing the video documentation of Vice President Pence's visit to Joint Base Langley-Eustis to numerous news outlets which could not cover the event.

- Becoming the first broadcaster in three years with aeronautical orders at Joint Base Langley-Eustis which made it possible to more completely document the 1st Fighter Wing operations and exercise.

- Devising a video strategy for the large Atlantic Trident 17 multi-national exercise to maximize coverage that was used by networks including ESPN, Discovery Channel, French Air Force, Royal Air Force, and Airman Magazine to reach more than 2.5 million viewers.

- Operating in the joint Base Langley-Eustis environment, his work to connect and highlight the missions of both the Army and Air Force was featured on Good Morning America, PBS Newshour, and CNN.

SrA Myers is stationed at Armed Forces Network, Spangdahlem, Germany. He lives with his wife, Sarah, and young son, Thom. He was unable to accept the award in person at this year's Annual Membership Meeting because of attendance at Airman Leadership School.

SAF/PA selects the recipient of AFPAAA's Brigadier General James W. Hart, Jr. Best of the Best Award which is sponsored by Lockheed Martin. It recognizes the top officer, civilian, or enlisted person in Air Force Public Affairs for professional excellence and significant contributions to the effectiveness of the Air Force mission. In addition to the trophy, a \$1,000 check and a life membership in AFPAAA are presented.



CENTURIONS BOOST ENDOWMENT FUND BY \$2,300

AFPAAA's Endowment Fund gained \$2,300 dollars as 18 members became 2018 Centurions with \$100 or larger donations.

Each year Centurion Fund donors present at the Annual Membership Meeting participate in a drawing for a free hotel room. Clem Gaines won the room drawing this year.

Established in 1997 to provide for future AFPAAA operations the Fund's initial goal was \$300,000. Since 2003 the Centurion program has added more than \$37,800 to the fund, which, coupled with investment growth, is now valued at more than \$400,000.

AFPAAA members can donate to the Endowment Fund at any time in a variety of

ways—money, stocks, real estate, collectibles, or other valuables. Donations are tax deductible, reducing a member's tax liability while helping provide for AFPAAA's future. Contact treasurer Phil Ratliff on how to make donations, at PhilRatliff@afpaaa.org



2018 AFPAAA CENTURIONS

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| JUDY BIVENS | JERRY DALTON | MARK FOUTCH | STEVE HARDEN | JIM MCGUIRE | HAL SMARKOLA |
| DON BLACK | JAY DEFRAK | CLEM GAINES* | HANK HUFNAGEL | RON RAND | CARLA SYLVESTER |
| SAM CAGLE | ART FORSTER | JOHN GURA | DOUG KENNETT | PHIL RATLIFF | JOHN TERINO |
| | | | | | MIKE TERRILL |

*Indicates winner of the free room drawing. All Centurion donors since the previous Annual Membership Meeting present at this year's meeting were eligible for the drawing. The room prize this year was valued at \$525.

From The President's Pen ———



It's an honor for me to serve as president and help lead our Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association through the next year.

Retaining and attracting members have always been two top priorities for the association, and both goals have always been a challenge in our rapidly changing world. AFPAAA has the ability to fulfill a unique need by connecting its members socially through friendship and fellowship, and also professionally through mentorship and support of our successors serving the Air Force around the world.

There's a lot of work to be done as we continue our effort to keep AFPAAA fully connected to our members who have served in Public Affairs in the past, our currently serving associate members, and those we look forward to becoming members.

Our annual meetings are one tool to help us stay connected. This year's reunion in San Diego was once again a great opportunity to renew old friendships and simultaneously undergo a re-Bluing as we received a variety of updates on the status of our career field and the many challenges it faces.

Two other tools that we have are this quarterly newsletter and our directory. And there is our website - afpaaa.org - that has a ton of information on our activities, oral history program, and other facets of AFPAAA. Among many things, it offers information and links to job search sites and many current Air Force information, photographic and other resources.

Years ago I joined AFPAAA when a good friend reached out to me and suggested that I give it a try. It seems many of our new members find their way into the organization that same way. If you have a friend who isn't already a member of AFPAAA but should be, please let them know about AFPAAA and invite them to join.

If you have any ideas, about membership or anything else to make AFPAAA better I'd love to hear from you. Just send your ideas and comments to me at tomdolney@afpaaa.org

– Tom Dolney

Gilleland's Lifetime And Olsen's World War II POW Experiences Are Worthwhile Reading

AFPAAA members Don Gilleland and Jack Olsen had unique but very different experiences. Gilleland wore two uniforms during 30 years of military service before his second career in corporate public relations and communications and a third career as an author. Olsen piloted a B-17 in WW II, returned to civilian life, then returned to active military service when the Korean War started. Gilleland's book tells of the events that shaped him, Olsen's is more focused, zeroing in on his experience as a prisoner of war.

Stars, Stripes and Corporate Logos, is a broad, fast reading narrative of how an aspiring actor became a career military officer, a corporate public relations and marketing executive for a major defense contractor, and the author of five books and more than 500 articles that have appeared in newspapers and magazines.

But before he accomplished those things Don Gilleland had to overcome an impoverished childhood in Alton, Illinois. Burdened with a mean-spirited father who spent most of his earnings as a painter on drink, his mother, who imbued Don with strong moral values, struggled to provide for her five children.

After he graduated from high school in 1953, Don joined the Navy, and that is where his story really begins.

When his enlistment was up he enrolled at Southern Illinois University where he earned a degree in communications. It was there that he started a career as a thespian . . . and got married. He had many roles in various productions during his school years and summers, and appeared with actors who went on to careers in TV and the movies.

Now with a family, Don realized he needed a better financial base and gave up the theater to embark on a career in insurance. But insurance was not for Don, too many depressing investigations.

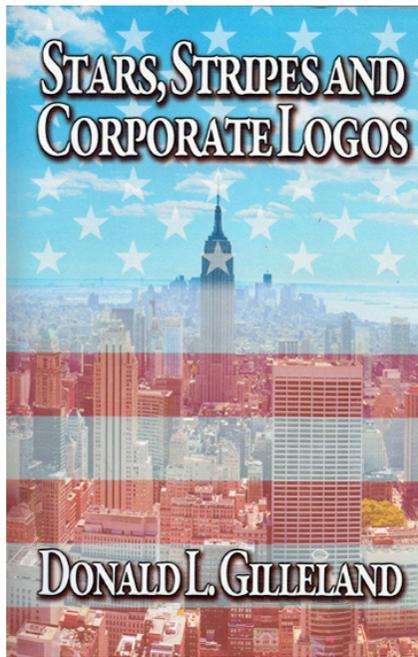
A return to the military appealed to Don. He had enjoyed eight years enlisted service in the Navy but now he was married and long sea duty family separations were not what he wanted. As a favor to help out a friend who was an Air Force recruiter he had taken and passed the AFOQT; now he opted for the Air Force, completed OTS, and began 22 years of active duty as an officer.

His biography takes you through his many challenging and unique assignments, including the Joint Casualty Resolution Center, National Defense University, and the Air Force's West Coast Public Affairs Office where his responsibilities included liaison with and support of movie and television productions.

The next chapter in Don's lifelong odyssey began with his Air Force retirement as a lieutenant colonel in 1984 when he became director of public relations and advertising for LTV Aerospace and Defense Company's AM General Division.

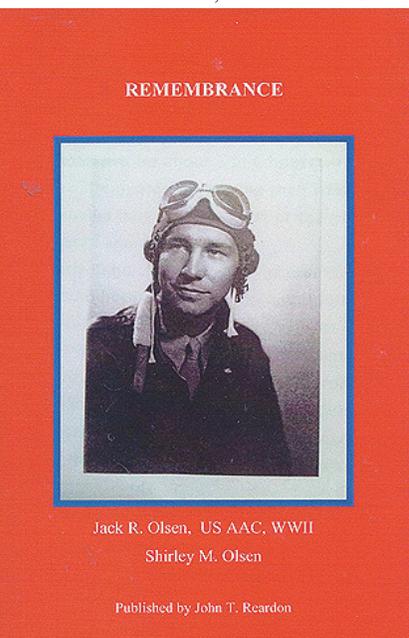
In 1987 he joined General Dynamics as director of communications for its Land Systems Division, manufacturer of the Abrams tank. While there he became known as "the guy who put Dukakis in the tank" during the 1988 presidential campaign. He retired from GD as corporate director of public affairs in 1994. Don's freelance writing has been his passion since then.

Stars, Stripes and Corporate Logos is a great read for anyone but especially for public relations and communications professionals. Copies of it, as well as Don's four other books that analyze and comment on contemporary America, are available at amazon.com



The story of the enormous scope and horror of World War II – more than 60 million people killed – has been fully told by many, including Churchill, Eisenhower, and Montgomery. The historic events and heroic people, such as the Doolittle Raid and Audie Murphy, are well documented. But what of the rest of the participants who fought all over the world?

Jack Olsen was one those who did the fighting. While it has other biographical information, most of his **REMEMBRANCE**, which his wife, Shirley, completed after his death in 2015, focuses on Jack's World War II service.



Jack left college as an 18-year-old before completing his freshman year in 1943 to become an Aviation Cadet. A year later he was piloting a B-17 Flying Fortress from Foggia, Italy, on missions against Germany.

The heart of the book centers on what happened on and after his 17th mission which attacked an oil refinery and storage area at Vienna, Austria.

Like so many others who flew bombing missions, Jack's aircraft was shot down, in his case on July 8, 1944. He was wounded and bailed out over enemy territory in Yugoslavia. (The Army Air Forces units in Europe had

more than 50,000 aircrew casualties with more than three-fifths killed.)

Jack was captured and interned in a POW camp in Germany. Conditions worsened for the POW as the war moved to a close. In January 1945 they were relocated by a forced march of 77 days in the dead of winter as the Russian army advanced. It was a case of enduring and surviving. He survived the march and escaped, reuniting with Allied forces.

Discharged in 1945, Jack returned to college, got two degrees, was a distinguished graduate of Air Force ROTC, and became a reservist.

When the Korean War started he volunteered to return to active duty with the Air Force and had a variety of assignments, including Public Affairs, during the next 23 years. Jack's last assignment was in OSD/PA. He retired as a colonel in 1993 and had successful follow-on careers with Sun Banks and the Florida Department of Commerce.

Most of **REMEMBRANCE** was dictated by Jack to Shirley in easy to read stream of consciousness prose. It offers, through the experience of one who lived it, what life at war was like for one of the Greatest Generation.

To obtain a copy contact Shirley Olsen at Maxwho70@yahoo.com – be sure to put "Remembrance Book" in the subject line.

Ken Hackman & Garrett Harencak Receive AFPAAA President's Awards For Dynamic Impacts On Photojournalism, Recruiting

Legend and legacy were honored when photographer Ken Hackman, who covered the world for the Air Force and the Department of Defense, was presented an AFPAAA President's Award.

The award which recognizes the multiple decades Ken has spent and continues to spend shaping the professionalism of Air Force and military photojournalism, was presented by Art Forster at our Annual Membership Meeting in San Diego.

Some people might say Ken was "married" to the camera at age 11, and still is today. He began his Air Force photo career when he enlisted at 17. When his enlistment was up in 1960 he continued with the Air Force in civil service.

His impact on military photojournalism has been tremendous since then through his unique ability to mentor young photographers and give them the training and expertise to succeed.

In 1971 he founded the Air Force photojournalism program which shaped the career field into the highly effective entity it is today. During his Air Force career and after leaving civil service he conducted numerous seminars for military photographers. Ken was the founder and director of the DoD Worldwide Photography Workshop for more than 20 years.

His lifetime in photography has produced a varied and enviable portfolio of images that include the final atmospheric atomic bomb testing in the Pacific in 1962, eight summer and winter Olympic games, and the Vietnam War. For a quarter of a century he took the official photographs of Air Force One and for 35 years most of the aircraft in the Air Force inventory.

He has photographed the making of the IMAX film "Fighter Pilot" at the Red Flag exercises and provided his own photos and collected those of other Air Force photographers for a World Photo Press book commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the USAF.

Ken's photographic and management achievements have been recognized many times, including the "President's Award, the "Kenneth McLaughlin Award" and the Joseph A. Sprague Award from the National Press Photographers Association. The Sprague Award is the highest honor in the field of photojournalism.



Air Force Recruiting Service could be termed a partner with Public Affairs in the task of telling the Air Force's story and getting it before the American people.

Major General Garrett Harencak received an AFPAAA President's Award for revitalizing Air Force Recruiting Service by emphasizing telling the Air Force story. He was in the process of retiring and could not receive the award in person.

When General Harencak took command of Recruiting Service in September 2015 he saw there was a need to increase outreach efforts to reach the young people the Air Force wanted.

Under his leadership recruiting communications message expanded, turning to new and more personal television commercials, new sponsorships, and adding aggressive stepped up social media outreach efforts. NASCAR, Snow Cross, FIRST Robotics, Formula Drift, Drone Racing League, and an Indy 500 car were showcasing the Air Force brand.

Live Facebook chats and an online 'Ask an Airman' campaign were initiated. Countless distinguished educator, health professionals, and similar tours showcasing various aspects of the Air Force to those who could influence young people took place.

The goal was to recruit and retain the right Airmen to ensure the Air Force's current and future ability to meet any challenge or threat and General Harencak took to the road and the "rubber chicken" circuit.

During his three years as Recruiting Service commander he had nearly 300 speaking engagements each year.

He spoke to veteran service organizations, colleges and universities, professional military education classes, Hollywood producers, magazine editors, and appeared on numerous television and radio programs to tell of the opportunities available and to encourage the youth of America to join the Air Force.

The President's Award is a plaque with a small, red piece of the Cape Canaveral gantry used for the January 31, 1958 launch of Explorer One, America's first satellite, it is presented to those who have significantly impacted Air Force Public Affairs.



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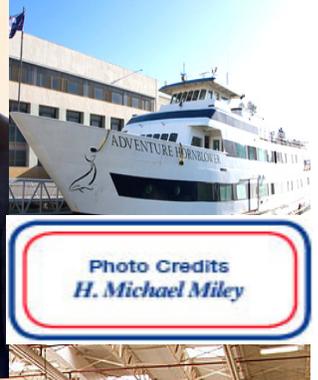


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Attendees

Judy & Jerry Bivens	Chuck & Kathleen Davis	Joan Fudala	Dave & Tamra Honchul	Joyce Meagher	Joyce Meagher
Don Black	Dan Decook	Rick & Ann Fuller	Doran & Fran Hopkins	Mike Miley	Mike Miley
Nathan Broshear	Jay & Elise DeFrank	Clem & Jean Gaines	Henry & Anita Hufnagel	Ralph Nollenberger	Ralph Nollenberger
Sam & Barbara Cagle	Beth Denard	John & Kathleen Gura	Connie Jackson	Perry & Jean Nouis	Perry & Jean Nouis
Robyn Chumley	Tom Dolney	JT Gura	Larry & Karen Johnson	Christine Queen	Christine Queen
Kay & Ernest Couch- Lopez	Neal & Carol Emper	Ken & Manola Hackman	Doug & Eileen Kennett	Joe & Dee Purka	Joe & Dee Purka
Jerry & Carolyn Dalton	Steve Everett	Steve & Fran Harden	Nancee Langley	Ron & Berni Rand	Ron & Berni Rand
	Art & Janet Forster	Pete & Janet Hefler	Larry & Karen McCracken	Phill & Linda Ratliff	Phill & Linda Ratliff
	Mark & Janet Foutch	Terry & Gloria Hemeyer	Jim McGuire	Mitchell Rose	Mitchell Rose

**Minutes of the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association
25th Annual Membership Meeting
Saturday, June 2, 2018
Sheraton Bay Tower, San Diego, California**

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Judy Bivens at 2 p.m. A quorum was declared by Secretary Jay DeFrank.

Board of Directors Members Present:

Judy Bivens, Chairman of the Board	
Art Forster, President	Clem Gaines
Tom Dolney, Vice President	John Gura
Jay DeFrank, Secretary	Perry Nousis
Phil Ratliff, Treasurer	

Absent: Dick Abel, Johnny Whitaker, Connie Custer, John Terino, Larry Clavette

Remembrance Of Deceased Members Of The Public Affairs Community – The names of members of the Public Affairs community who have died since the last Annual Membership Meeting were read by the secretary and recognized by the membership with a moment of silence:

Arturo Aviles	Wayne G. Grohn	George C. Larrieu
Earl D. Flick	Phillip M. Haines	Thomas M. Scanlan
Andrew T. "Tom" Gilroy	Gerald J. Hickman	David L. Sheets
Carroll "C.V" Glines	Todd R. Lane	Bernell A. Whitaker

Also remembered were Carol Schillerstrom and Peggy Smarkola, wives of founding members Dave Schillerstrom and Hal Smarkola.

24th Annual Membership Meeting Minutes – President Art Forster presented the minutes of the 24th Annual Membership Meeting, April 29, 2017, at the Sandestin Golf & Beach Resort, Miramar Beach, Florida, for approval. Mike Terrill moved for approval, Doug Kennett seconded; they were approved unanimously.

Financial Report – Treasurer Phil Ratliff presented the financial status of the Association. The Association is in good financial condition. As of March 21, 2018, the Association had a net worth of \$439,604.35 in checking and endowment funds. Treasurer Ratliff noted that in March the association was running positive to budget and was expected to remain so this year. Treasurer Ratliff made a motion to approve the report as presented; it was seconded by Doug Kennett and approved unanimously.

SAF/PA Liaison Report – Liaison Clem Gaines updated the members on the Hall of Fame initiative. Currently looking at the OCPA model and exploring possibly incorporating the Hall of Fame into a Heritage Wall at a high visibility hallway at DINFOS.

Committee Reports

2019 Annual Membership Meeting – Chairman Perry Nousis reported the Board approved the Charleston, South Carolina area for the 26th Annual Membership Meeting, April 25-27 2019. Tom Dolney is the local committee chair for this meeting. The North Charleston Marriott be will our headquarters. The 2020 Annual Membership Meeting will be in the central United States with Dayton, Ohio; Omaha Nebraska, and San Antonio, Texas under consideration.

Membership – Committee Chair Neil Buttimer was absent, Christine Queen delivered his report. We have 544 members compared to 554 members in May 2018. We have a continuing problem in recruiting and maintaining our associate members. Christine encouraged all members to recruit new members; the membership application is on the web site. Members should also ensure their contact information on the web site is current.

Communications – Committee Chair John Terino was absent, Chairwoman Bivens gave his report. She asked the membership about how many looked at the newsletter online versus print. A significant number view it primarily online. A discussion ensued about devising a system for members who normally read it online to opt out of the print edition saving production and postage costs.

Web Site/Oral History – Committee Chairman John Gura said great effort is required keeping the website up to date and encouraged members to go online and update their directory entries. He is exploring possibility of putting more than 30 oral histories online so they will be downloadable in the future.

AFPAAA 2020 Initiative – Chairwoman Bivens provided an overview of the 2018 board meeting where it was determined to consolidate and summarize the 2020 Initiative committee reports

and recommendations. The highlights of the meeting were:

- Need to decide who we want to be. We know why we were originally formed and can continue with that purpose or expand or revise.
- When called on to assist SAF/PA we must first determine where we fit in and what makes sense for future directions. Jay DeFrank will head a committee to coordinate with SAF/PA. President Forster noted that our organization is at a crossroads and we need to examine how best to be organized and how to better coordinate with SAF/PA.

Old Business – Chairwoman Bivens noted that our robust endowment fund and its earnings raises the question of what we can do with the endowment fund per our by-laws and making sure our spending is true to the intent of our by-laws. Chairwoman Bivens also read the board approved amendment to our by-laws on use of endowment funds. That amendment is as follows:

Article IV. Directors and Officers

Section 12. Duties of Officers

E. Treasurer. The treasurer shall:

(11) Ensure the proper administration of the AFPAAA Endowment Fund which was established in 1996 to create a source of financial support for the Association to provide services that benefit the membership. It is the policy of the board that funds deposited into or generated by the Endowment Fund shall be expended only for goods and services approved by a majority of the board for the direct or indirect benefit of the members. Any exceptions to this policy to provide expenditures to support the Air Force Public Affairs mission or any other purpose that does not directly or indirectly benefit AFPAAA members will require the approval of two-thirds of the entire board.

There was also discussion from the floor about ways to reduce the cost to members of attending the annual meeting. Suggestions included using earnings from the endowment fund, promoting the meeting more aggressively and holding the annual meeting every other year. Incoming board member Doug Kennett also noted that the name of the organization precludes some corporate sponsorships and we might consider a modification of our name.

President Art Forster discussed a shared initiative with SAF/PA to recognize PA members selected as Outstanding Airmen of the Year. SAF/PA supports this initiative and we will work with them on how best to move forward. Updates will be provided in our newsletter.

Hank Hufnagel suggested recruiting members of our extended PA family (band, visual information), for our board and made a motion that we do so, Chuck Davis seconded, and the motion was approved.

New Business

Election Results – Chairman Bivens announced the results of the 2018 Board of Directors election. Elected for two-year terms were:

Dick Abel	Bryan Bouchard	John Gura
Brett Ashworth	John Dorrian	Doug Kennett

New Officers – Chairwoman Bivens announced that as specified in the by-laws, the Board of Directors appointed the following officers whose terms begin July 1, 2018:

Art Forster, Chairman of the Board	
Tom Dolney President	Jay DeFrank, Vice President
Phil Ratliff, Treasurer	Perry Nousis, Secretary

President Bivens said the Board of Directors reappointed John Terino Communications Chairman serving as a member of the Board.

Other New Business – President Art Forster recognized the many contributions of outgoing Chairwoman Judy Bivens. He also offered his priorities on assuming the chairmanship:

- Pursuing completing the Hall of Fame to recognize the pioneers who built our field and promote understanding of what they did.
- Develop a succession and adequate training plan for key AFPAAA positions including treasurer, membership, newsletter, and website.
- Preserve our boxes of paper archives by digitizing them.
- Make our oral history more accessible.

He asked members to offer recommendations on the best ways to accomplish these objectives and anything else to help AFPAAA.

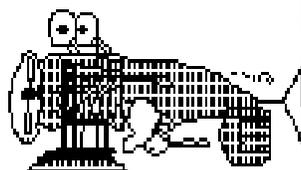
Adjournment – With no other business, Doug Kennett moved for adjournment, seconded by Jim McGuire The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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Final Salute, Inc. . . . which provides homeless women veterans with safe, suitable housing, received \$1,255 from AFPAAA's Geezerettes silent auction at the San Diego Annual Meeting. The group of wives and significant others headed by Kathleen Gura had 34 donated items ranging from a toy drone to designer purses.

We Mourn . . . the passing on March 24 of Peggy Smarkola, 67, wife for 47 years of AFPAAA Lifetime Founder and former SAF/PA Deputy Director Hal Smarkola. During 29 years she battled and survived seven separate forms of cancer, including breast, lung, melanoma, and liver, until succumbing to the disease. Peggy was a registered nurse. In San Antonio, where they lived, she served as night charge supervisor at Hill County Hospital. Donations in her name may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

