

Membership Tops 100 In Less Than A Month !

"We expected a good response, but to have 100 members in less than a month of announcing the Association was outstanding," said Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association Board Chairman Mike McRaney. "And there have been more every day since then."

To date 156 former and current members of the Public Affairs and Air Force Broadcasting communities from across the nation and as far away as Germany have joined (list on reverse).

"There is a solid mix of retired enlisted, civilians, and officers, as well as

a growing number of associate members from the active force (regular Air Force, National Guard, Air Force Reserve). That bodes well for the future success of our association," McRaney observed.

There are 143 Full Members and 13 Associate Members, with 59 taking three-year, 73 opting for one-year, and 24 becoming lifetime members.

"What's really great are the 24 prestigious Lifetime Founders Memberships we have. They cover everyone, from the old-timers to the

recently retired," McRaney continued.

To join, send your membership application to :

AF Public Affairs Alumni Association

P.O. Box 540

Fairfax, VA 22030-0540

Full Memberships for retired or separated PAs or Broadcasters are \$25 for one year or \$50 for three years. Associate memberships for the active duty Air Force, Guard, and Reserves are \$10 for one year or \$20 for three years. Lifetime Founders Memberships, available until December 31, are \$250.

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Spring '94

San Antonio Here We Come! Medical, Personnel, PA Issues, Other Updates; News & Broadcast Center Tour . . . And Lots of FUN !!!

Y'all come. We've got something for everyone at the first annual meeting of our Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association in San Antonio, June 9-12.

For starters, those who get to the meeting headquarters (registration desk opens at 3 p.m.) at the Ramada Airport Motel early on Thursday, June 9, there will be an unofficial, no-host icebreaker in the cocktail lounge.

Friday, June 10, we'll bus over to Air Education and Training Command (AETC) Headquarters at Randolph AFB where our hosts, Colonel Johnny Whitaker, AETC Director of Public Affairs, and Colonel Ted Tilma, Commander of the Air Force News Center, have a full program for us.

In the morning, there will be briefings on AETC, issues facing the Air Force, personnel—including a retiree update, and what's happening in military medical care, including that for retirees.

Following lunch, we'll go to East Kelly AFB for tours and briefings at the state-of-the-art publication and broadcasting facilities of the Air Force News Center.

Friday evening, we'll have a casual dinner together, Texas-style, at the Flying 'W' Ranch.

Saturday morning will be our business meeting for members only. There, the new board will be announced, and members will have an opportunity to bring ideas before the group.

The formal portion of the annual meeting will conclude at the end of the business meeting with the remainder of Saturday, June 11, and Sunday, June 12, open for golf, sight-seeing, or just plain schmoozing with old or new friends before heading for home.

Advance registration before May 9 (please use the enclosed registration form) for the meeting is \$75. On-site registration is \$100. Spouse registration, either in advance or on-site, is \$50.

The registration fee includes lunch at Randolph and the Flying 'W' Ranch dinner as well as the registration packets that will be provided each attendee.

The registration fee does not include accommodations at the Ramada Airport Motel. But, thanks to the good work of

Doran Hopkins, who is heading the Association's meeting committee in San Antonio, the Ramada is offering a group rate of \$59 per night per room, single or double occupancy, with breakfast included, for those who call (210) 829-9031 by May 9. After that date, the price increases considerably. The Ramada has a shuttle to and from the airport.

So, there it is. All you ever wanted to know about our annual meeting. Now all that has to be done is: Complete and mail the registration form and fee; make airline reservations or get maps from your auto club; reserve the hotel room; and contact those you would like to see and make sure they are on board.

Questions? Call: Doran Hopkins (210) 736-1000; John Terino (703) 978-2704; or Mike McRaney (804) 323-7526.

See You in San Antonio, Amigos!

Who Is On Board? Check Below For Those You Know

Dick Abel
Pete Alexandrakos
Terry Arnold
Don Atwater
Don Aune
Geoff Baker
Larry Baker
Gil Billings
Ken Blackshaw
Monty Bodington
Ed Borden
Marv Braman
Guy Brown
William M. Brown
Neil Buttimer
Jim Caldwell
Bill Campbell
Joe Caraway
Harry Cepura
Arthur Clinchy
Al Cochrane
Dave Cole
Tom Coleman
Lou Combs
J. M. (Mike) Connolly
Kris (Baker) Corbett
Wayne Corbett
John Corcoran
Wayne Crumley
Jerry Dalton
Ted Daniel
Art Dederick
Bill Dempsey
John W. Dillin
Dinny Dinsmore
A. L. Douthitt
Wess duBrisk
Allen Eakle
Bob Eby
Ralph Evans
Olive Felty
Tom Fitzpatrick
Bill Flower
Art Forster
Mark Foutch
C. Gordon Furbish
Mike Gallagher
Chet Gardner
Judith Gentile
Andrew Gilroy

C. V. Glines
Al Goldsmith
Gary Gosdin
Bill Greener
Bob Groom
John Gulick
John Gura
Tom Halbert
John Hancock

C. B. Kelly
Glenn Knight
Dick Koch
Phil Lacombe
Y. J. LaPorte
R. Monroe League
Samuel K. Lessey
Paul Leveen
Clay Leyser

Jack Olsen
George Peck
John Peters
Charles Powers
Alice Price
Dick Rapp
Bob Rayfield
Jim Reinhard
John Renneker
Steve Richards
Ken Rogge
John Rose
Al Sabsevitz
Gene Sands
Francis Satterlee
Chuck Saucier
Ben Scarpero
Dave Schillerstrom
Denny Schulstad
Ron Sconyers
Dave Shea
Ron Sherman
Tom Sherman
Joe Shosid
George Sillia
Pete Sloan
Hal Smarkola
Henry Somerville
Gifford Stack
Cam Stewart
Domenico Strangio
Bob Sule
Harry Sunderland
Harold Suskind
Reed Switzer
John Terino
Kelly Ann Thompson
Vince Tocci
Sandra Troeber
Kris Vasilo
Smitty Von Fosson
George Weiss
Emil Wengel
Gil Whiteman
Roy Whitten
Roy Williamson
Herb Wurth
Alice Young
Bob Zehring
Harry Zubkoff
(As of March 21, 1994)

Chief Switzer Claims Oldest PA Title

We should have known. As soon as you set up an organization, somebody is bound to stake a claim to something related to it.

Reed M. Switzer, who retired in August of '73 as a Chief Master Sergeant at the then Air Force Military Personnel Center at Randolph AFB, says "I may have seniority among PA members."

The Chief's claim is based on being assigned to the U. S. Army's European Theater of Operations' Headquarters Public Relations function in October '43.

Let us know if you predate the Chief's October '43 entry into Public Affairs.

And since it has started, are there any other claims? How about the senior broadcaster?

Bill Hansen
Marv Harris
Jim Hart
Darrell Hayes
R. J. Hayes
Pete Hefler
Dick Heil
Mike Heining
Bill Helmantoler
Terry Hemeyer
Bob Hermann
George Howard
Maston Jacks
Doug Jacobsen
Jim Jannette
George Jeck
Frank Jennings
Ed Johnson
Dave Karten

Lynn Ligon
Ron Lindeke
Matt Lipartiti
Errol Loving
Chuck Lucas
Bill Madsen
Sam Martin
Larry McCracken
Bruce McFadden
Philip McGeoghan
Mike McRaney
Fred Meurer
Ross Miller
Wally Miller
John Milton
Jim Moore
Fred Morgan
George Ogles
Barney Oldfield