

Four Board Seats Open; New Nominees Sought

"We need some new people to run for the Board this year," said Kathy McCollom, who is handling AFPAAA's upcoming elections.

This election will be for four two-year terms on the Board of Directors. Incumbent members Sally Davidson, Kathy McCollom, Dave Smith and Jim Hart are running again.

"We need people who are willing to work hard at doing the daily tasks that keep AFPAAA going and who have the potential to eventually move into leadership positions - secretary, vice president, president, and board chairman," Kathy observed.

"While being a member of the Board is very rewarding, it is more

than just something nice to put on your resume. There is a lot more to our operation than is readily visible to the general membership."

"Ideally, we would like candidates who are recent retirees as well as those who have been out a while; the enlisted, civilian, and officer communities; the Guard and Reserve; and broadcasters and band members. Realistically, that may be hard to do, but we need people from those groups to step forward and run if we are to have diversity on the Board," she said.

Candidates, including self-nominations, can be proposed by members for placement on the ballot.

Only Full Members - retired/

separated military or civilian - in good standing can be nominated for the Board. The names of proposed nominees must be received by the nominating committee in writing with a postmark of not later than April 1.

Nominations should include a short biography that includes the person's retirement date, career highlights, current occupation, etc., and a simple photo. They should be sent to:

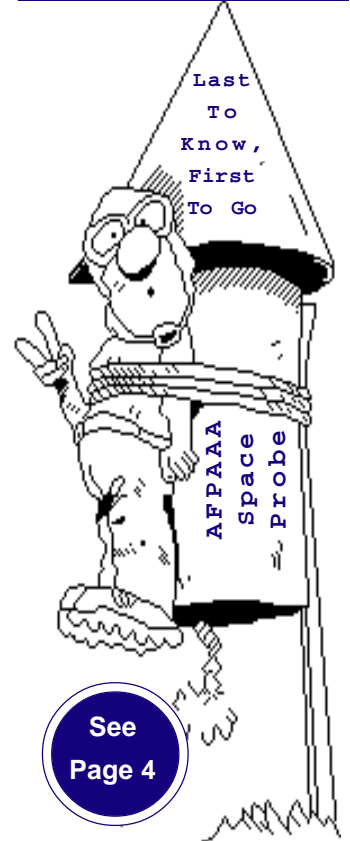
Kathleen McCollom
AFPAAA Nominating
Chairman

1501 Crystal Drive #431
Arlington, VA 22202

Voting will be by mail. The ballots will be mailed to Full Members in May and must be returned by June 15.

Results of the election will be posted on the AFPAAA web site - afpaaa.org - by July first and they will be carried in the August issue of *News & Notes*.

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Navigator, Doctor, PAO; Variety Spiced AFRES' Vin Hallock's Life

What would you rather be: an Administrative Officer, a doctor, a Personnel Officer, or a PAO? Gilbert Vinton 'Vin' Hallock was all of those and more.

For the better part of his 37 years of military service, most of it in the Air Force Reserve, Vin, a doctor specializing in pharmacology, was by choice a Public Affairs Officer. But it wasn't always that way.

In 1943, fresh out of high school, Vin enlisted in the Army Air Corps as a buck private, went through the Aviation Cadet program at the University of Tennessee and by the end of 1944 was a navigator criss-crossing the

country in AT-7s.

Discharged in 1945, like so many others, Vin took advantage of the G.I. Bill. A native of Worcester, Massachusetts, he went to Clark,



Aviation
Cadet
Hallock
in 1945.

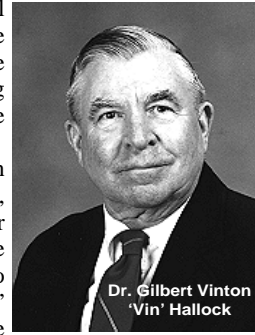
Harvard, and Tufts Universities, earning his MD from the latter's school of medicine. From there he embarked on a corporate medicine career at Astra Pharmaceutical Products, Miles Laboratories, and the Lederle Laboratories Division of American

Cyanamid.

He joined the Air Force Reserve in August 1950. Unlike most reservists who, given the

opportunity, try to align their civilian jobs with a military career field, Vin Hallock chose a different tack. After he became a doctor he decided to be a line officer rather than join the medical corps. "I wanted to have a broader view of the world when I was doing my Air Force reserve duty," he explained.

At first he was an Administrative Officer, then a Personnel Officer at Westover AFB before he "metamorphosed into an information officer," Hallock said. His reserve duty moved to the Pentagon in 1966 when he 'sold' himself into the M-Day PA assistant to the Air Force Surgeon General assignment, a post



Dr. Gilbert Vinton
'Vin' Hallock

he held for six years.

From the Surgeon General's office Vin moved to SAF/OI where he eventually held the M-Day post of Chief of the Community

Relations Division until his retirement in 1985 as a Colonel. Vin's interest in the military continued after his retirement. He was commander of the Worcester Veterans' Council and president of the Armed Forces Committee. In 1990 his service was recognized by the Armed Forces Committee of Worcester County when it presented him its Award of Merit.

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George Weiss: From Aviation Cadet To Public Affairs Master

by Chuck Lucas

George Weiss' Air Force career began as an aviation cadet in 1944, but it was not until the 1950s, after he returned to active duty and was commissioned from the ranks, that he became involved in some of the Air Force's most significant missions.

In 1951 he was the only public relations officer in 9th Air Force. In 1955 he was sent from TAC Headquarters with a Composite Air Strike Force (CASF) to support U.S. forces in Lebanon. There he joined Colonel Bill McGinty, 17th AF

IO. They moved the CASF Information Office from Incirlik AB, Turkey, to the American Embassy in Beirut. That ended the Navy's monopoly on daily news briefings. A press tour to Incirlik, designed to get the Air Force story out, was complicated by classified U-2 missions being flown from the base. When a U-2 arrived during the visit George and McGinty focused the media's attention on a display away from the runways until it was stowed out of sight in a hangar.

Colonel Ben LeBailly left TAC in 1960 to be SAFOI chief and took Weiss along to work on acquisition of the new TFX tactical fighter which eventually became the F-111.

Among Weiss' responsibilities at the Pentagon was to monitor the command post. Privy to early missile radar sightings in Cuba, he was detailed to the command post. As the information was gathered and the gravity of the situation escalated, the deployment of 1,500 tactical fighters to Florida's McCoy, MacDill and Homestead AFBs was reported as routine TAC exercises. Designated as a press escort for a tour to the Navy and Marine base at

Guantanamo, before departure for Cuba, Weiss was ordered off the plane by a Navy commander. When Arthur Sylvester, DoD Public Affairs chief, heard of the bumping he put George on another plane the next day. "It was the old Independence and I sat in the seat that Truman had sat in with a great big window." On arrival in Cuba he informed the Navy commander that "the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs would like to talk to you . . . and, you are to get your bag and get on this airplane.

That's what happened."

As part of a Pentagon study group planning the Air Force's role in Vietnam, Weiss suggested "First Air Commandos" as the name for the first unit deployed. The leadership bought it. Well, not all of them.

Lt. General Ben Davis, Manpower chief, later "instructed" Weiss on how Air Force units are named. General Davis said that "he would stay out of Public Affairs if I would get out of his business. I saluted smartly and said, 'yes sir!' The name stuck until after I left the Air Force and they became the 1st Special Operations Wing."

Weiss was at Andrews AFB when President Kennedy's body was returned from Dallas. "All press passes had been canceled . . . My job was to identify Department of Defense newsmen." One memory lingers. Mrs. Kennedy went "to the back of the ambulance where the casket was inside . . . the doors were closed . . . she was beating on the ambulance (doors) with both hands and yelling. Two guys came running up . . . I suppose they were Secret Service . . . They had a little talk with her and one of them went around,



Then Major George Weiss (r) with Colonel Bill McGinty at 2nd Air Division, Tan Son Nhut AB, Vietnam, in 1965.

Lord Guard and Guide...

William T. Capers III

William T. Capers III, 70, who had a 23-year career in the Air Force died following a heart attack November 20.

He spent most of his career as a pilot and international affairs specialist, including duty in the latter area in the Pentagon, before entering the Public Affairs career

field. He had been an adviser to the Panamanian Air Force.

He was at NORAD when he retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1978.

Using his experience in international affairs, after leaving the Air Force he spent 15 years with the State Department.

Thomas Francis Corrigan

Thomas Francis Corrigan, whose military career began in the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1941 and ended when he retired from the United States Air Force in 1962, died June 19 at 80 in Colorado Springs.

In the latter part of his career he served as an Information Officer at the Air Force Academy; director of information at Northern NORAD Region, Goose Bay, Labrador; and at Air Defense Command.

He transferred to the U.S. Army Air Forces in 1942. Among his assignments after that were C-47 instructor pilot, operations officer and commander of the 92nd Troop Carrier Squadron, and commander of the 94th Troop Carrier Squadron. He also served in the Secretary of Defense's office in London.

He retired in 1962 as a Lt. Colonel and is survived by his wife Margie, sons Charles and Buck, and four grandchildren.

Bernard Peters

Bernard Peters, who spent most of his 28-year Air Force career as an information officer, died at 86 of congestive heart failure January 3 in Los Gatos, California.

His career began in World War II during which he was a logistics officer in India and North Africa.

opened the door and reached in . . . there was a sailor inside . . . and he threw the guy out, sprawled onto the concrete apron . . . and the other guy had gone to the other side and I was told by somebody that he threw another sailor out and there was a Navy nurse in there and she was thrown out . . . I mean, it was very rough. They put Mrs. Kennedy in the front seat and they got in with her . . . and drove off with the body. I have no idea where they went and have always wondered."

As America's effort in Vietnam grew in 1963, the Air Force's story was not getting out because the Army-dominated Military Assistance Command Vietnam (MACV) took a long time to approve Air Force news releases and photos.

When Weiss and McGinty were reunited in Vietnam in 1965 that changed. "The Air Force was dealing in history, not news. We were in a competition and we were losing . . . (Brig. General) LeBailly asked us to put the Air Force into the war because

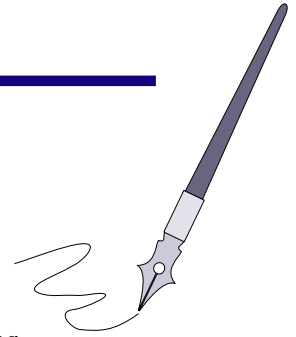
After retiring from the Air Force as a Lt. Colonel in 1965 he held positions as director of information for the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the Federal Bureau of Prisons. He lived in Oxon Hill for 34 years prior to moving to San Francisco in 1995.

MACV had literally cut us out of it. . . We had to have somebody over there with a little rank and Colonel Bill McGinty was the guy," George recalled. "MACV did not want a strong Air Force colonel running the operation . . . They wanted him out of there."

McGinty and Weiss took the media to the Air Force – putting reporters on missions in the air and with units and people on the ground. Ultimately, DoD bowed to MACV pressure and McGinty was recalled. "He was fired for not lying to the press," Weiss said. "That may be a first. You have to have integrity with your job. When you tell a newsmen (something), they have to believe you, they have to know you are honest."

George retired as a Lt. Colonel in 1970. After serving as an editor for *Armed Forces Journal*, he joined McGinty as a public relations representative for Boeing in Washington, D. C. in 1972. Today he continues to fly his own airplane, writes, and serves as a consultant.

From The Chairman's Pen



Move over Mickey Mouse, the AFPAAA is coming to Florida!

This promises to be one of the more enjoyable annual meeting sites as it is near some of the most interesting, enjoyable, and fun locations in America.

Florida is beautiful beaches, warm weather, oceanfront resorts and of course Disney World, Epcot Center, Cape Canaveral and the space program, water gardens, wildlife (not to be confused with the annual meeting attendees) and many more famous tourist attractions. Our annual meeting will be near all those sites at Satellite Beach, very near Patrick AFB and the Cape; and the dates are April 29th – May 2nd.

Nearly fifty AFPAAA members reside in Florida and we are encouraging all of them to drive up, down or across the state to join the fun. Uplanders will be escaping the last of winter in exchange for a few days in the sun and sand of Florida's east coast.

Of course we are planning an interesting meeting with tours of the historic military sites and facilities near Satellite Beach along with an update from SAFPA Director Ron Rand and a discussion of how AF public affairs played an important part in the early days of space exploration.

And, as usual, there's golf, great food and drink, lots of old friends exchanging stories, lies, addresses and jokes – with the current White House troubles there should be some good Bubba stories floating around – as well as the many nearby attractions that can make for a very good trip to Florida in the Spring.

Dave Shea, Mr. Annual Meeting, and his loyal on-site staff, led by Roy Williamson, have been busy planning the activities and we are once again proud to say our annual registration costs are still very affordable (\$85 for members, \$60 for spouse and/or guests). However, Dave says to sign up early as only so many rooms are available at the Ramada Oceanfront Resort. Be nice if it were completely full of members. Call them at (800) 345-1782.

So, get those registrations and checks mailed in, reservations and travel arrangements confirmed, and suntan lotion purchased as this year's annual meeting is gonna be a fun and memorable time.

This is a great opportunity for Florida members to find new member candidates and get them to join, attend, and find out what the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association is all about. If I know Roy Whitton, he is already beating the bushes to bring some new members to the meeting. Way to go Roy!

Check out the next two pages, they have the details of the meeting and make your plans now to join us in Florida!! See ya there!

– Mike McRaney

Space Update, 'Hot Spot' PAOs, Historic Panel & Camaraderie Highlight Gathering

"We should have a blast," enthused Annual Membership Meeting Chairman Dave Shea. "Roy Williamson has done a terrific job putting the program together and ensuring the Ramada Oceanfront Resort is ready to cater to our members. This is a wonderful opportunity to get together with friends you haven't seen in years and get caught up on what is happening in today's Air Force." We'll start with the traditional no-host icebreaker at the Ramada. Friday morning, in addition to getting an update on the Air Force space program we'll tour the Air Force Space & Missile Museum.

Friday's lunch at the Officers' Club will provide a chance to meet PAs serving at Patrick. Afterwards we'll learn what is happening in Public Affairs from PA Director Colonel Ron Rand. Then we'll hear from PAs recently back from hot spots such as Bosnia and the Middle East. That will be followed by a historical retrospective on how Air Force public affairs for the space program evolved in the 1960s – when failure was as likely as success – by people who were there.

That evening the gala reception and dinner at the Ramada will cap the social side of our gathering.

Saturday morning, following a continental breakfast, we'll have our business meeting where the activities and accomplishments of the year will be reviewed and members can express their views and present new business.

Friday's lunch, reception and dinner; and Saturday's continental breakfast, as well as a memento, are included in the registration fee. To register complete the form on the opposite page and mail it with your check to the Association. Hotel reservations should be made directly by calling 1-800-345-1782.

Bring Your Suntan Lotion – Annual Meeting Puts Sun, Surf, Golf, Sites, Cruises At Your Fingertips

There are a lot of good reasons to expand your trip to the Annual Membership Meeting by days or even a week or two. First, it's one of the best times of the year in Florida – before it's too hot or too humid. That means the golfing and tennis are great, the beaches perfect, and opportunities for comfortable sight-seeing bountiful.

Satellite Beach is a great jumping off point for well known tourist stops like Disneyland, Universal Studios, and Cypress Gardens – Roy Williamson works at the latter and can provide the inside scoop to make the most of your visit there.

And there are plenty of lesser know places like the John and

Mable Ringling Art Museum in Sarasota; the Salvador Dali Museum in St. Petersburg, or the Henry Flagler Museum in West Palm Beach – where you can get a look at how the mega-rich of the turn of the century lived.

Also, there may not be a better chance for a Caribbean cruise. Remember, nearby Melbourne is a busy port for many cruise ships and you can get substantial price reductions on unsold cabins as sailing dates near. Just keep a bag packed and be ready to go.

Of course you can always do nothing, just spend a few extra days walking the beaches and dipping your tootsies in the surf.

Your Choice: Plane, Train, Or Automobile To Satellite Beach

Contrary to conventional thinking, Satellite Beach, Florida, is not off the beaten path and hard to get to. Depending on your departure point, how far you are travelling, budget, and your personal preferences you can get there by air or car, even by train if that is your choice. Unless you live in the immediate vicinity, air is probably the fastest way to get to Satellite Beach. If that is your choice, keep in mind that the nearest airport is at Melbourne with Orlando next.

No matter which airport you choose, you will need to get to the Ramada Oceanfront Resort. That means taking a shuttle or renting a car.

Airfares can vary widely depending on the airline and airport you choose. If you are going to rent a car, check out other airports such as Daytona Beach, Tampa, and Jacksonville and airlines such as Metrojet and Air Trans as well as the bigger name carriers. If the savings are enough it may be worthwhile to drive a little longer, especially if you have unlimited mileage. At the same time, when you put your travel package together keep in mind that car rental rates also vary from airport to airport.

For those driving the main routes are I-10 to I-95 from the West; I-75 to I-10 to I-95 from the mid-West; and I-95 for those on the East Coast. When get to the vicinity of Satellite Beach follow the local directions and maps you'll receive from prior to the meeting.

If you are from the Washington D.C. area you can have the best of two worlds by choosing Amtrak's Auto Train. It is a non-stop, all reserved Superliner train from Lorton, Virginia, to Sanford, Florida, that enables passengers to take their car with them.

The train departs at 4:30 in the afternoon for its 18-hour trip. Cars need to be at the station by 3:30, vans and motorcycles by 2:30. They are placed in enclosed car carriers and are unaccessible until you reach Florida.

You'll have complimentary meals in the dining car, a movie in the lounge car, and have the choice of purchasing either coach or sleeper service. All passengers enjoy complimentary meals in the dining car. For more information call Amtrak at 1-800-872-7245 or check it's website at: www.amtrak.com



AFPAAA's Hq, the Ramada Oceanfront Resort, offers a variety of amenities and activities for all. We'll visit the Air Force Space & Missile Museum; below a Delta launch viewed from its Rocket Garden.

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Melbourne Airport – Ramada

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Cocoa Beach Shuttle

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Patrick Taxi

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Orlando Airport – Ramada

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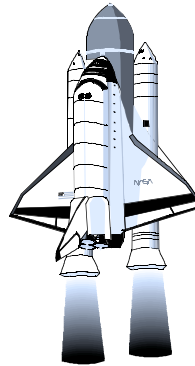
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Cocoa Beach Shuttle

(407) 784-3831

The headquarters for AFPAAA's Sixth Annual Membership Meeting is the Ramada Oceanfront Resort, Satellite Beach, Florida. A group rate of \$74 oceanview and \$64 cityview, plus tax is available. Call (800) 345-1782. Lodging reservations and expenses are the responsibility of attendees. Appropriate casual attire - no shorts, t-shirts, or tank tops, please - is the dress for all daytime activities; coat and tie please for the Friday reception and dinner. The schedule for the meeting is:



**Sixth Annual
Membership Meeting
April 29 - May 2, 1999
Satellite Beach, Florida**

Thursday, April 29

3:00 PM - Registration opens at Ramada Oceanfront Resort
4:00 PM to ? - No-host icebreaker Ramada Oceanfront Resort

Friday, April 30

8:30 AM - Buses to Patrick AFB
9:00 AM - Welcome & Briefings - Commander, 45th Space Wing
10:00 AM - Panel - Creating the AF Public Affairs Space Program
11:00 AM - Report from the Hot Spots - Bosnia & Middle East
Noon - Lunch at Patrick AFB Officers' Club
1:00 PM - The State of Air Force Public Affairs: Colonel Ron Rand, SAF/PA Director
1:30 PM - Tour Air Force Space & Missile Museum
3:00 PM - Buses return to Ramada Oceanfront Hotel

6:00 PM - Reception, dinner, entertainment Ramada Oceanfront Hotel

Saturday, May 1

8:00 AM - Continental breakfast Ramada Oceanfront Meeting Room
8:30 AM - Sixth Annual Membership Meeting
11:00 AM - Remainder of the day/evening members choice: golf, sight-seeing, visit friends

Sunday, May 2

Depart Satellite Beach

Advance registration fee for members is \$85 (includes lunch at Patrick AFB, reception & dinner, continental breakfast, memento, and registration package); advance registration for nonmembers is \$110 (includes a one-year Full membership or three-year Associate membership, as appropriate). On-site registration is \$110 for members and nonmembers. Spouse/guest registration either in advance or on-site is \$60. **Advance registration for the meeting must be received NLT April 9.**

Note: The Ramada Oceanfront Resort is a small hotel. We should almost fill the hotel. Reserve your room early to avoid losing it to people going to Cape Canaveral for other events. Please call the Ramada Oceanfront Resort directly for room reservations (800) 345-1782.

Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association Sixth Annual Membership Meeting Registration

Name: _____ Phone - Home: _____ Office: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Spouse's Name: _____ Fax: _____

I am retired: _____ I am on active duty: _____

Please make _____ member reservation(s) @ \$ 85 _____

Please make _____ spouse/guest reservation @ \$ 60 _____

Total number of reservations _____ Total enclosed \$ _____

Please make your check payable to:
Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association
and mail to:
Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association
P.O. Box 540
Fairfax, VA 22030-0540

For Golfers: If you wish to play at Patrick AFB on Saturday afternoon complete below - payment will be collected on-site.

I want to golf _____ Number in party _____ I'll bring my own sticks _____ I need to rent clubs _____

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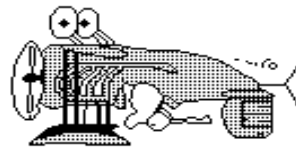
Congrats to Tom Boyd, Allen Eakle, Terry Hemeyer, and Donna Pastor who have upgraded to Lifetime Member status

Welcome Aboard To . . .

April Blumer	Alan Gregory	Noel Nolta
Lisa Bogdanski	Jess Harvey	James Pepper
Jeffrey Bohn	Jerry Herbel	Bob Perry
Dennis Brewer	Jane Hess	John Price
Dale Brinkman	Rhoderick Holliday	Matt Proietti
Ann Marie Bryk	Terrance Holliday	Shayne Sewell
Norm Chase	Scott Hyland	Andree
Teresa Connor	M. J. Jadick	Swanson
Robert Grove Fisher	Chuck Jones	Ted Theopolos
James Garrett	Ann Knabe	Tim Turner
Mike Greece	Ruth Latham	Claudia Ziebis

Sic Transit 'Yellow Bird' . . .

DoD's Yellow Bird daily news clips that caused Pentagon and MAJCOM PAs to reach for aspirin for decades is no more – at least in print. Since January 4, it has only been available electronically; and just on millitary computers.



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Movin' Up, Movin' On . . .

Terry Hemeyer teaching crisis strategies as an adjunct professor at Rice University and communications management at the University of Texas at Austin . . . Pat Mullaney into the Director of Communications for Integrated Systems and Aerostructures Sector of Northrop Grumman based in Dallas . . . Joe Wagovich named Director of Communications and Public Affairs at DOE's Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

Standing Out . . .

DINFOS Honor Graduates A1C April Blumer and MSgt Jeffrey Bohn . . . David MacNamee named Disaster Volunteer of the Year for the Clearwater Florida Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Jake Schuffert Inks Last Toon

by Chuck Lucas

It would be difficult to find an AFPAAA member who has not heard of Jake Schuffert. You may not have known him personally – he wasn't one to create a stir in a crowd – but we all are familiar with the cartoons Jake's artistic talent produced for Blue-suiters for a more than half-a century.

A mention of Airlift Laffs, It All Counts for 30, or Here's Jake quickly turns a "Jake who?" to an "Oh, that Jake!"



A few days after his death from bone cancer, November 2, at his home in Alexandria, Va., his wife, Dottie, was clearing his desk and found an unpublished cartoon.

Thanksgiving Day was three weeks away. On the surface the art was about the holiday, but those closest to him think Jake may have foreseen his passing and put his own humorous spin to it. Two turkeys in the drawing are heard to say "...mashed potatoes, gravy, yams, stuffing, cranberry sauce, pudding, pumpkin pie --- man, if you gotta go, that's the way to go!!!"

Jake was born John Henning Schuffert in New Castle, Pa., in 1919.

His artistic ability was noted at age 10 when he touched up favorite comic strip characters. Correspondence courses in cartooning followed.

One step ahead of the draft, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1940. Trained as an radio operator-gunner, Jake flew 50 missions with 15th Air Force in Africa and Italy. When his B-24 was disabled during a 1944 raid on the Rumanian oil fields near Ploesti, he and his crewmates bailed out.

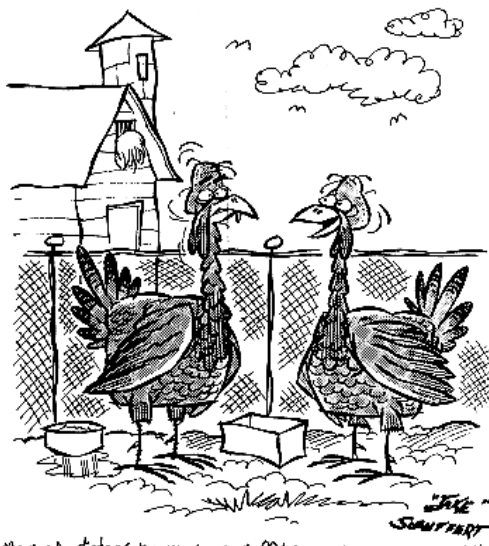
They spent several months in Yugoslavia before finding their way back to Italy.

Jake's signature art adorned many aircraft and base newspapers during the war years, but it was not until the Berlin Airlift that he received Air Force-wide recognition.

Officially the radio operator for Lt. General William Tunner, airlift commander, Jake's cartoons in *Task Force Times* were compared to Bill Mauldin's Willie and Joe from World

War II. Fifteen months later, Tunner – and Jake – went to the Pacific. There *Stars and Stripes* and *Air Force Times* became new outlets and Jake's fan club mushroomed.

After 13 years on flying status, Jake moved into the graphics career field and brightened the pages of SAC's *Combat Crew* magazine before retiring in 1963 as a Master.



"...mashed potatoes, gravy, yams, stuffing, cranberry sauce, pudding, pumpkin pie --- man, if you gotta go, that's the way to go!!!"

He spent three years as an illustrator for the Army Signal Corps until joining SAFOI's Command Services Unit at Bolling AFB.

It All Counts for 30 debuted in Airman magazine in 1971, followed by Here's Jake. When CSU was moved to Kelly AFB in 1978, Jake declined to move and went to the Pentagon and Air Force Graphics. He finished his 23-year civil service career in 1986.

His unbroken string of appearances in *Airman* continues to lead all readership polls. Jerry Stringer, Airman editor, said "The cartoons have withstood the test of time and will continue to brighten the lives of Air Force people worldwide."

Jake published four books of his cartoons that sold briskly in base exchanges. One of his last public appearances was as guest of honor at the Berlin Airlift Veterans Association. He told some 200 members that he was awarding legal rights to his book, "Airlift Laffs," to the organization.

For many AFPAAA members, a valued memento of a SAFOI tour was one of Jake's 17x21-inch color caricatures, usually presented at the completion of a Pentagon tour. They have always been prized keepsakes.

Like fine wines and old masters, the intrinsic value of those caricatures skyrocketed on November 2, 1998, but they will never equal the priceless value of the morale boost Jake Schuffert gave to the Air Force.