

Gathering

George Larrieu, Tom Shumaker, Geronimo Trevino and Frank Jennings gather at the Hanging Tree doing advance work for the option tour at the honky tonk during this year's annual meeting in San Antonio. A number of activities are planned for those who attend this year's annual meeting. An itinerary of day-to-day activities as well as a registration form can be found on Pages 4 and 5.



Tourney donation goes to AFAS fund

Many disruptions were faced after the Sept. 11 bombings, among them the 25th Annual SAF/PA Golf Tournament.

Leading up to the tournament, SAF/PA received a \$500 prize-money donation from the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association and retired PA general officers for the fourth year in a row.

After the event was canceled, the generals who donated the prize money asked **Brig Gen. Ron Rand**, current director of SAF/PA, to find a way to put it to good use.

In the name of the U.S. Air Force Public Affairs Triad and the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association, the money was donated to the Air Force

Aid Society's "September 11th Attack on America Fund."

All of the proceeds of this fund, 100 percent of it, went to helping Air Force people and their families who were affected by the terrorist attacks. It also went to those who may need help as the Air Force is engaged in combat, humanitarian, and homeland

defense missions.

Examples of where people may need help include those people affected by flight cancellations, support to called-up members of the Guard and Reserve, loss of family income, family/child care issues, and increased need for emergency assistance

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Six Board seats available for election in 2002

Six seats on the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association Board of Directors will be open during elections to be held in the spring, and any full member can run for a position.

Joe Purka, Larry Greer and Jim McGuire will seek reelection.

John Gura, Joe Wojtecki and Dave Shea will not seek reelection.

Dave Smith, Rick Fuller, Linda Arnold, Al

Eakle and Mike Gannon are not up for reelection this year.

Under the succession plan in the bylaws, **Purka** will move up as board chairman, if reelected.

Smith will become President and **Fuller** will become Vice President.

The new board will vote on a new secretary following the elections.

Terms for the new board will run from July 1 through June 30, 2003.

"People who are willing to work hard at doing the daily tasks that keep AFPAAA going and who can move into leadership positions are needed," said **Gura**.

"Being a Board member sounds nice, but there is a lot more to running AFPAAA than the general membership sees."

"We need candidates who have recently retired, as well as the older retirees.

"We'd like to have a

mix from the enlisted, civilian and officer communities, including broadcasters and band members."

Any full member in good standing can be nominated for the Board.

Nominations from the membership should include a one-page biography of the nominee, plus a paragraph of 25 words less describing the nominee's reason(s) for running and his/her goals if elected.

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McRaney starts, ends career at Pentagon

Links

by Chuck Lucas

EDITOR'S NOTE:

This column is a feature on stories from the Association's Oral History program.

The first president and chairman of the board of the Air Force Public Affairs Association started his active duty Air Force career at the Pentagon, and ended it there 30 years, six promotions later.

In the intervening years Mike McRaney managed hundreds of public affairs crises ranging from aircraft crashes, a Titan II explosion involving a nuclear warhead, espionage cases, cost overruns and personnel scandals.

An ROTC graduate of Mississippi State University, he planned to go on active duty for six months, serve seven years in the reserves and then get along with his life.

Fortunately for the Air Force, the executive officer handling the 1959 special program for 30 materiel administrative officers in the Pentagon saw a brighter future for one eager second lieutenant.

"Six months in the Pentagon is not the Air Force," he counseled McRaney. "Why don't you at least take three years."

He arranged an assignment at Hill AFB, Utah, and as assistant base Information Officer, McRaney was off and running. He never stopped until he reached the top.

A remote tour followed, managing eight Armed Forces Radio Stations in Korea. "It was a broadening experience. It also gave me a great appreciation for the broadcasting in AFRTS."

Maxwell AFB, Ala., was the next rung on the ladder to success, again as assistant base Information Officer.

"It was a bit of a culture shock," McRaney recalls. "Kimchee and grits have nothing in common."

The Alabama assignment also resulted in another cultural change for

the native Mississippian.

Maxwell was the support base for 12,000 members of the 101st Airborne Division, requested by the Justice Department to back federal marshals during the Selma to Montgomery Freedom March.

"I felt tugs inside, about my feelings as a southerner having to serve as a spokesman for the government under those conditions."

Public affairs goals for the marshals and the Air Force differed greatly.

The wing commander cautioned, "Remember the oath you took, this is not a personal activity that you can let your personal views or your biases affect your thinking."

Friends teased him about "switching over to the other side."

"I always had the option of resigning," said McRaney, "but I never felt that strongly."

He also gained experience he would later find helpful.

"It was an early taste of how politics and the bureaucracy work under crisis conditions. Not a fun time."

McRaney went on to serve as director of Public Affairs at SAC, Air Force Academy Community Relations chief, in Vietnam and in Germany with the U.S. European Command.

He gained his star and served as director of Public Affairs, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force from 1985-89, his third Pentagon tour.

Gen. Charles A. Gabriel was the Air Force Chief of Staff when McRaney took office, followed within a year by Gen. Larry D. Welch.

"General Welch was a brilliant guy, very quiet," said McRaney. "He did not like the press, in fact, he kind of resented and hated the press, but he also was smart enough to know that he had to work with them."

Upset over Air Force Times coverage, General Welch visited the editor.

"If you got a question you can't



get the Air Force to answer, call me," Welch told the editor.

Then he told the Air Staff., "If the (Air Force) Times can't get some-

thing out of you guys, he can call me, then I'm going to get it out of you."

"That's the way Welch worked," McRaney said.

"We had to earn credibility and respect. Being the junior guy on the Chief's and Secretary's staffs puts us at the bottom of that totem pole. We had to know what we were talking about.

"One of the best things we did that helped us was when Terry Hemeyer and I and some other people decided that we needed to train senior officers how to deal with the press."

It became so successful that every new general officer had to go through the course.

"It was an honor and privilege to be the director," said McRaney.

"It was also a huge responsibility and a lot of work. But what made it fun and what made it so enjoyable with so many good memories were the people. The people are what made it work."

Leaving active duty, McRaney worked with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Virginia before establishing his own communications and public affairs consulting company.

He was also a driving force in forming the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association in 1993 and served as the organization's first president and chairman of the board.

McRaney and his wife, Karen, live in Midlothian, Va.

From the President's Pen

In the last issue, I detailed the efforts of many of our members who helped to get this organization started and the efforts of those who are working to keep the AFPAAA organization successful today.

In this column, I would like to discuss the organization's future.

As many of you know, we have established an endowment fund with a goal of \$300,000.

The purpose of this endowment fund is to assure that we will continue to have an adequate source of funding well into the future.

While costs continue to rise, we have tried to keep the current dues structure, although I'm sure no one can guarantee that we will be able to avoid a dues increase sometime in the future.

We develop a very modest budget each year and try to find other sources of funding to keep our expenses to a minimum.

For example, the annual directory was printed by **BAE Systems** at minimal cost to the Association through the good graces of **Randy Morger**.

Conference room and conference call capabilities are provided at no cost for Board meetings courtesy of **Dave Shea**

and the **Raytheon Corp.**

Your Board of Directors reviews each new or unanticipated requirement and, if warranted, funds may be squeezed from other accounts to support what may be a more important service or requirement.

While Board and committee members pay travel and lodging expenses out-of-pocket to attend Board meetings, many Board or committee members have also paid for postage, engraving, certificates and endowment fund clocks out-of-pocket to avoid charging the costs to the AFPAAA budget.

This system has been working well in the past, but we cannot assume that corporate support will continue indefinitely or that future officers and committee members will continue to be as generous.

Thus, the need for an endowment fund.

An endowment fund maintains, at a minimum, the designated amount, drawing only on the interest, dividends or appreciation to meet expenses.

If the total amount of these profits is not needed to meet Association costs, the excess is reinvested and becomes part of the principal.

In this way, an endowment provides a source of funding in perpetuity.

To date, 60 members, a little less



than 10 percent of our membership, have pledged or contributed a total of \$123,000.

Twenty of those have contributed \$1,000 or more, and ten have committed at least \$5,000.

Donated or pledged amounts range from \$30 to \$10,000, in cash, stock, mutual funds and real estate.

Those making gifts or pledges at or above the \$5,000 "Gold" level include **Jerry Dalton, Jim Hart, Sam Lessey, Chuck Lucas, Bonnie O'Leary, Bob Nicholson, Ron Rand, Dave Schillerstrom, John Terino and Gil Whiteman.**

If you haven't considered a donation or multi-year pledge to the AFPAAA endowment fund, maybe now is the time.

With the market currently down, you might consider the fact that your contribution today will be worth more when the market rebounds.

In short, the cost of shares is "on sale."

As a 501 (c) (19) organization, most contributions to the AFPAAA endowment fund are fully tax deductible.

It's your organization and with your gift to the endowment fund, you will be helping to ensure that AFPAAA will continue to provide the fraternal benefits to its members and support for SAF/PA well into the future.

Joe Purka

All gifts to AFPAAA should qualify for a tax deduction. Other tax benefits may accrue on gifts that have appreciated in value. Consult your tax advisor for specifics.

I pledge \$_____ to the AFPAAA Endowment Fund over the next _____ years.

Enclosed is a check for my 2002 gift \$_____

One-Time Cash Gift. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$_____.

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The Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association newsletter is published quarterly for members of the Association. Online subscriptions are available at www.afpaaa.org

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION: Individuals who have ever served, or are currently serving, in Air Force Public Affairs, an Air Force Band, or as an Air Force Broadcaster, military or civilian, on active duty, or in the Guard or Reserve.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS: Available at

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Completed forms and check or money order should be sent to: **Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association, P.O. Box 540, Fairfax, VA 22030-0540.**

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Thursday, May 30

Noon-5 p.m.: Registration at Adam's Mark Hotel

5 p.m.-7 p.m.: Ice Breaker (No Host) at Hotel

Friday, May 31

8 a.m.: Depart for Lackland AFB

8:30-9:45 a.m.: Basic Training Graduation Parade and Swearing-in Ceremony

9:45-10:15 a.m.: View airpark and board buses

10:15-10:30 a.m.: Brief windshield tour and arrive at 37th Training Group Logistical Training Center for mission briefing and tour.

11:45 a.m.: Board buses and depart for lunch (either dining facility or club)

Noon-12:45 p.m.: Lunch

12:45 p.m.: Board buses and Depart for AIA

1-2:45 p.m.: AIA Briefings and tour

2:45 p.m.: Board Buses and Depart for AFNEWS

3-4:15 p.m.: AFNEWS Briefings and tour

4:15 p.m.: Depart for Adam's Mark Hotel

Evening Free (Optional tours, planned to begin at 7 p.m., include Dinner and a dessert cruise on the San Antonio River or Dinner at the Red Barn Steak House and musical entertainment at the Hangin' Tree—an old-style Texas Honky-Tonk)

Saturday, June 1

8:30-9:30 a.m.: SAF/PA Update

9:45-10:45 a.m.: AETC Update

11-Noon: 37 TRW/CC and PA discussing media challenges

Noon-1:30 p.m.: Lunch

1:30-2:30 p.m.: Annual Membership Meeting (afternoon free following meeting)

3-4 p.m.: Board of Directors Executive meeting

6:30 p.m.: Reception and Dinner—Adam's Mark Hotel

Sunday, June 2

All Day - Depart

NOTE: Listed activities and times subject to change. Keep checking back. We'll update this schedule as things develop.

Accommodations

The headquarters for AFPAAA's Ninth Annual Membership Meeting is the Adam's Mark Hotel at 111 Pecan Street East, San Antonio, Texas 78205. A group rate of \$117 plus tax is available. For reservations call 1-800-444-ADAM; direct dial 210-354-2800. Be sure to say you are with the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association group. Lodging reservations and expenses are the responsibility of the attendees. Appropriate casual attire—no t-shirts or tank tops please—is the dress for all daytime activities and the optional activities; coat and tie for the Saturday reception and dinner.

Plan on flying into San Antonio International Airport. The Adam's Mark Hotel is located in the center of town, just off I-35. Taxi and airport shuttle service is available, as are rental cars. Parking at the hotel is available and reasonable.

2002 AFPAAA Annual Meeting

May 30 - June 1, 2002

San Antonio, Texas

Advance registration fee for members is \$100 (includes one lunch, reception and dinner, memento, transportation, and registration package). Advance registration fee for non-members is \$125 (includes one-year full membership or three-year associate membership, as appropriate). On-site registration is \$140 for members and \$165 for non-members. Spouse/guest registration in advance or on-site is \$90. Advanced registration for the meeting must be received not later than Friday, May 10, 2002

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Name(s) of guest(s) accompanying you: _____

Do you or your guest(s) have any special needs or handicaps we need to plan for? If yes, please specify: _____

In order for us to plan transportation and facilities, please provide us with the following information. (Space is limited for the Barn Door and River Cruise—first come basis).

Event	Cost Per Person	Number Attending	Total Cost
Annual Meeting Registration (includes all activities)	\$100.00	_____	_____
Guest Registration (includes all activities)	\$90.00	_____	_____
Partial Registration (includes Banquet and membership meeting only)	\$50.00	_____	_____
No Host Ice-breaker at Hotel (Thurs, May 30)	Included	_____	Included
•Visit to Lackland/AIA/AFNEWS (Fri, May 31)	Included	_____	Included
••Dinner at Barn Door Steak House/Hangin' Tree (Fri, May 31)	\$30.00	_____	_____
•••San Antonio River Cruise (Fri, May 31)	\$50.00	_____	_____
Membership Meeting (Sat, Jun 1)	Included	_____	Included
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•••Banquet at Adam's Mark Hotel (Sat, Jun 1)	Included	_____	Included
Number attending desiring chicken	Included	_____	Included
Number attending desiring beef	Included	_____	Included
Total Cost (Enclosed)		_____	_____

Please mail completed registration form and payment (make checks or money orders payable to: AFPAAA) no later than May 10, 2002, to:

Linda Arnold, Attn: AFPAAA
1831 Parhaven Dr, San Antonio, TX 78232.

•(8:00am) Bus transportation provided to Lackland AFB for days events. Events include: Basic Training Graduation Parade and Swearing-In Ceremony; Viewing of Air Park; Windshield Tour; AIA briefing and tour; AFNEWS briefing and tour; Lunch will be provided

••(7:00pm) **Optional Activity:** Bus transportation provided to Barn Door Steak House, Hangin' Tree and return to hotel; Price includes dinner and beverage at Barn Door.

•••(7:00pm) **Optional Activity:** San Antonio River Cruise (Fri, May 31) departs from hotel and includes: includes dinner at local Riverwalk restaurant and a guided river barge tour with dessert

••••(6:30pm) Reception and (7:00pm) dinner at the Adam's Mark Hotel; Guest Speaker: TBD; AF Band of the West Ceremonial Opening

Membership directories mailed; pen, ink changes

Membership directories were recently mailed, and the following are pen and ink changes which should be made:

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Prop Wash and Jet Blasts

Online subscribers to the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association newsletter will need to resubscribe because of a change in system providers.

“We’re back in the mailing business,” said **John Gura**, webmaster for the Association’s website.

“Our previous system provider went belly-up in the dot.com dive and the people who took over started charging an arm and a leg for what we used to get free.”

Due to technical details too boring to mention, all of the past subscribers will have to re-signup to get online delivery.

It’s a simple process that is fully explained on the site.

“The best part is we will have full control over it (no third parties) so I think it will work well,” said **Gura**.

“To make it easier I’ll put a button on the home page that says “Subscribe” that will take members to the actual subscription page.”

The new service is also a “double opt in list.” That means each person has full control over their subscription.

The “double opt in” part comes in because it takes two overt actions to subscribe or unsubscribe.

When a person subscribes (or unsubscribes) they must first type in their email address and hit the button (first action).

Then they get a confirmation email (sent to the address entered) and must click on the link (second action) in that email to complete the subscription process.

Online subscribing helps save the association money on printing and postage. For every 70 subscriptions AFPAAA saves around 10 percent of printing and postage costs.

Seven Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association members upgraded to life memberships. They

included **James L. Katzaman, Kris Corbett, Billy E. Birdwell, Wess Dubrisk, Alan C. Gregory, Bob “Nick” Nicholson and Fred A. Meurer**.

Five Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association members were among the eight PA professionals named on the Intermediate Service School/Senior Service School list released in November.

Among those selected were:

Maj. Lindsey Borg, SAF/PA, Air Command and Staff College selectee;

Maj. Claudia Foss, 35th Fighter Wing, Misawa AB, Japan, ISS selectee;

Lt. Col. Anne Morris, SAF/PAX, SSS alternate;

Lt. Col. Susan Strednansky, SAF/PAM, revalidated for Naval War College;

Lt. Col. Charles Wynne, AFP AZ, National War College selectee.

One AFPAAA member was among the public affairs, broadcasting and band career fields selected for promotion to chief master sergeant.

Selected for promotion to the highest enlisted grade was **Catherine Segal**, Headquarters, Air Force Space Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.

Four members of the AFPAAA were among the 10 officers selected to participate in the 2001 Air Force Public Affairs Company Grade Excellence (PACE) program.

Captains selected included:

Brett Ashworth, 509th Bomb Wing, Whiteman AFB, Mo.; **David Honchul**, 7th Bomb Wing, Dyess AFB, Tex.; **Dani Johnson**, Hq USAFE, Ramstein AB, Ge.; and **Tim White**, Arnold Engineering Development Center, Tenn.

“PACE is a career development initiative designed to inform and motivate captains not yet selected for major whose superb job performance reflects career potential,” said **Brig. Gen. Ron Rand**, SAF/PA.

“They can benefit from exposure to national-level Air Staff and public affairs operations.”

AFPAAA lifetime founder, **Brig. Gen. Tim White**, is the featured guest narrator of the latest release of the U.S. Air Force Band’s “I Am An American,” a musical collection that celebrates our nation’s foundation of liberty and democracy.

White currently serves in the Air Force Reserve. He is the co-anchor of the weekday newscasts on WKYC-TV in Cleveland, OH. He has worked as a reporter, writer, producer, anchor and host for television stations and networks across the country.

Last year he won the regional Emmy award for his anchor work at WKYC.

He joins luminaries such as Edward G. Robinson, Walter Cronkite, E.G. Marshall, William Conrad, Peter Graves and Morgan Fairchild as guest narrators of Air Force Band performances.

Two members of the AFPAAA were among the 22 first lieutenants within the Public Affairs Triad selected for promotion to captain. Those selected were: **Miki K. Krejcarek**, 8th Fighter Wing, Kunsan AB, Korea; and **Johnny L. Rea**, 3rd Wing, Elmendorf AFB, AK

Lord Guide and Protect

Navy Captain Dale K. Patterson, a former PAO, died Nov. 29.

He served as: assistant PAO for the U.S. Military Assistance Command in Thailand in 1966; opened the Dallas Office of CHINFO in 1973; had a tour as head of the Navy CHINFO office in Los Angeles; and was then Editor in Chief of European Stripes in Darmstadt.

He retired in 1986. He was interred at Arlington National Cemetery.

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and loans.

The retired generals who contributed included **Lt. Gen. Jay Kelley, Lt. Gen. Woody Hogle, Brig. Gen. Dick Abel, Brig. Gen. Jerry Dalton, Brig. Gen. Jim Hart, Brig. Gen. Samuel Lessey, Brig. Gen. Mike McRaney, Brig. Gen. Ed Robertson, and Brig. Gen. Denny Schulstad.**

To those general officers, **Rand** said, "Sirs, you are living proof that you may retire, but you're always a part of our great Air Force and career field!"

"Thanks for your unmatched generosity and unparalleled support in these difficult times, and always!"

Nominations due Mar 1

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The deadline for submission of nominations is March 1. They should be marked "Nomination" on the front of the envelope and sent to:

John Gura
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Rand also credited **Chief Dale Warman**, PA enlisted career manager, with doing the research and gave him lots of options, with a strong recommendation for the AFAS Sept. 11 Fund.

"Thanks to him (**Chief Warman**), my decision was easy," **Rand** added

Any AFPAAA members who wish to make a donation to the fund can do so by cash, check, or credit card.

Credit card or allotment donations may be made by calling 703-607-3073 or 800-769-8951.

Mail contributions to: The Air Force Aid Society, Inc., Suite 202, 1745 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202.

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Voting will be by mail. The ballots will be mailed to full members by May 1 and must be returned by May 25.

Results of the election will be posted on the Association's website and announced in the summer issue of the newsletter.

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