



Fall 2002

PA luncheon: *Nearly 80 attend annual event, honor Luehman award winner*

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Nearly 80 people gathered at the Pentagon Sept. 18 for the annual SAF/PA alumni luncheon.

The event, which coincided with the 2002 Air Force Association convention, drew attendees from the ranks of active-duty PAs in the DC area, as well as many long-time Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association members.

This was the first luncheon in two years as the events of Sept. 11, 2001, forced cancellation last year.

Brig. Gen. Ron Rand, SAF/PA Director, played host and presented the 2002 Maj. Gen. Arno Luehman Scholarship to 1st Lt. Lee Ann Mohajerin of the 137th Airlift Wing Public Affairs Office, Will Rogers Air National Guard Base, Okla.

The \$1,000 grant, sponsored by the AFA, goes to one of the top Air Force graduates in the Joint Course in Communication at the University of Oklahoma.

The award is named for General Luehman, SAF/PA Director from 1957 to 1962 and benefactor of the scholarship.



Brig. Gen. Ron Rand, Director of Air Force Public Affairs, presents the Maj. Gen. Arno Luehman Scholarship to 1st Lt Lee Ann Mohajerin, 137th Airlift Wing Public Affairs, Will Rogers Air National Guard Base, Okla.



Jim Stratford introduces himself during the luncheon as other attendees look on. AFPAAA members Billy Birdwell, Pete Hefler and John Gura look on. Photos by 1st Lt Rob Leese

Members attend luncheon

Some 38 members of the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association attended the annual SAF/PA luncheon Sept 18. They included:

- Dick Abel
- Pete Alexandrakos
- Sandra-Carol Allen
- Billy Birdwell
- Ken Blackshaw
- Don Brownlee
- Lewonnie Belcher
- Tom Boyd
- Neil Buttimer
- Cecily Christian
- Teresa Conner
- Chuck Cooper
- Wayne Corbett
- Tim Dougherty
- Dennis Gauci
- Tom Gilroy
- John Gura
- Marty Hauser
- Pete Hefler
- Jim Katzaman
- Rob Leese
- Rick Lehner
- Linda Leong
- Mary Macleod
- Dick McGraw
- Sherry Medders
- Jeanette Minnick
- Wayne Perry
- Alice Price
- Joe Purka
- Ron Rand
- Dave Shea
- Alan Shoemaker
- Donna Stratford
- Jim Stratford
- Ed Tonini
- Dale Warman
- Herb Wurth

Musician drums way through six decade public relations career

by Chuck Lucas

As a student in New Orleans, **Ben Scarpero's** passion was to learn to play the drums.

After honing his skills in high school, he was accepted at Louisiana State University. While earning a bachelor's degree in journalism, he also played with the LSU and National Guard bands until graduation in 1940.

Scarpero continued drumming for six decades as a newspaper reporter, wire service bureau manager, CAP pilot, corporate public relations executive and Air Force public affairs officer.

Legions of friends and associates consistently include "professional" in recalling his endeavors.

Months after graduation from LSU his Guard unit was called to active duty and his journalism degree carried more weight than his drumsticks.

He completed OCS and eventually found himself in Washington as "the PR guy" for the Provost Marshal General.

A unique assignment was explaining responsibility for POW camps in the United States.

"We operated a program teaching German and Italian POWs American principles of democracy and constitutional government, said **Scarpero.**"

Program results dictated expansion to include Japanese POWs.

"There were only a couple of thousand Japanese POWs in the United States," **Scarpero** said, "most at a camp at Huntsville, Tex."

Scarpero was to establish a PR program, including "publishing a newspaper in Japanese with its 5,000 kanji characters." The type was to come from a cache on Governor's Island, N.Y., that "had been seized by the Alien Property Custodian from a local Japanese newspaper."

He and the type arrived in Huntsville after VJ Day.

"The type sat in a warehouse and whatever happened to it, to this day I don't know."

POWs were returned to their homelands and Lieutenant Scarpero was separated. He was hired by the New Orleans Item, while retaining his National Guard status.

War broke out in Korea and he was recalled to active duty again in 1951, this time with the Air Force. He joined a B-26 squadron at Langley AFB, Va., before being assigned to Japan.

"I met **General (Bill) Nuckols**, FEAF PR director, and his deputy, **Bill McGinty**. They sent me to Tachikawa AB to be the public affairs guy."

Later, **Ben** joined FEAF as chief of the Press, Magazines and Books Branch.

In 1954 **Scarpero** joined **Col. Mark Meranda** and the SAF/OI office in Los Angeles.

A memorable project was to support a B-

52 Around-the-World-Flight. This brought him in contact again with **McGinty**, now working books and magazines in the Pentagon.

"**McGinty** told us that a special deal had been worked out and Life magazine had promised almost the entire (issue) to this project if they could have it on an exclusive basis.

"**Mark** and I got the film from March AFB as soon as (the B-52s) had landed, and personally handed **Clay Blair** (Life representative) all the film.

"When Life came out with its big exclusive, all the news media were up in arms. People like **Marvin Miles** of the LA Times and various others raised hell about the exclusive coverage."

Scarpero returned to Tokyo in 1958 as chief of the Press Liaison Office.

"We had a U-2 make an emergency landing in the Tokyo area that got lots of press coverage because the U-2 was a so-called "spy plane" and wasn't supposed to be in Japan."

Two "civilian" visitors also took up a lot of the staff's time, though neither met the press.

"We had the proposed visit of **President Eisenhower** to Japan, on his way to Korea."

The visit was canceled over concern of potential rioting by Japanese Leftist students and non-students over Japan's alliance with America. "(**Eisenhower**) just went straight to Korea and back (to the U.S.)."

MacArthur also returned.

"This was after he had retired and there was some sensitivity to (his) returning. It was never publicized and he did not come back to Japan, officially.

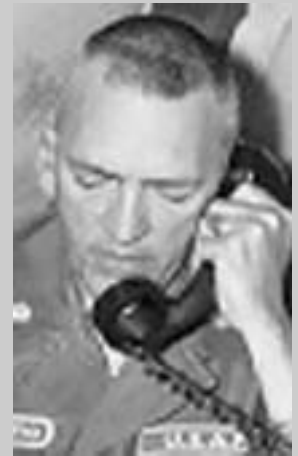
"We went out and met him. I had this vision of this big handsome guy with the corncob pipe. I didn't recognize the man. He had aged so much."

"On my first tour (in Japan), everything was aimed at the U.S. press or the world press. Now we were in a totally different situation.

"We were there as guests of the Japanese.

Lt.Col. Ben Scarpero

- Graduated with a Bachelor of Arts, Louisiana State University.
- Played drums with the LSU and National Guard bands until graduation in 1940.
- Commissioned in the National Guard through Officer Candidate School.
- "PR guy" for the Provost Marshal General in Washington, D.C. Taught German and Italian POWs American principles of democracy and constitutional government.
- Joined FEAF as chief of the Press, Magazines and Books Branch.
- Supported a B-52 Around-the-World-Flight.
- Final active-duty assignment was with TAC's 19th Air Force at Seymour-Johnson AFB, N.C.
- Retired as a lieutenant colonel in 1965 and resides in Las Vegas.



Now we had to tread very carefully. Everything we did was designed to make a better impression on the Japanese."

Scarpero's final active-duty assignment was with TAC's 19th Air Force at Seymour-Johnson AFB, N.C.

"We were the Suitcase Air Force," **Scarpero** said. "Our mission was contingency planning for worldwide crises."

During the Cuban Crisis he was at Homestead AFB, Fla., before mobilization of forces started for an anticipated invasion of Cuba. Other exercises took him to Saudi Arabia and South America.

Looking back over 28 years in uniform, **Scarpero** cites the value of networking and Air Force knowledge as keys to success.

The "great fraternity" of fellow PAs and media representatives lasts a lifetime. Learning not only your job, but by being able to put yourself in the place of aircrews and the enlisted force that sustains them enhances your credibility.

"Then you can talk intelligently to your associates and the news media."

Scarpero retired as a lieutenant colonel in 1965 and resides in Las Vegas.

This column is a feature on stories from the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association's Oral History program. The author can be reached at: clucas5@juno.com

STILL SERVING-Retired Chief Master Sgt. Chuck Lucas is the driving force behind the Air Force newspaper "Still Serving." When the Air Force could no longer fund the publication, Lucas was able to get a commercial contract at no cost to the government. A member of the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association, he also writes a column for the quarterly Association newsletter which is a feature on stories from the AFPAAA Oral History Program.



Still serving

Lucas just not happy when sitting around; continues writing and editing for over 50 years

by Retired Chief Master Sgt. John Neves
11th Wing Retiree Activities Office

"I am moving to Florida and I would like to have our newspaper mailed to my new address."

This is the most common request that Charles (Chuck) Lucas receives.

As proud as he is of "his" newspaper, he always tells them that the 11th Wing Retiree Activities Office at Bolling does not have the manpower or the capability to mail *Still Serving* to retirees outside of our area.

"Still Serving" is the motto of the Air Force Retiree Activities Program and its former director, retired Col. Floyd Robinson named the newspaper with that motto.

When the Air Force could no longer fund the publishing of *Still Serving*, Lucas came up with a unique idea: Why not have a commercial publisher print and mail the newspaper at no cost to the government?

The publisher would make money off the advertisements and the program would still be able to get its information to retirees.

And that is just the way that Lucas took care of the details and made it happen.

Lucas is a retired chief master sergeant who still wants to serve the Air Force in any way he can.

With over 50 years in public affairs and vast experience in publishing newspapers, he is just not happy when he's sitting around.

In addition to being the editor of *Still Serving*, which is distributed quarterly to 35,000 retirees and surviving spouses in the Bolling and Andrews AFB area, he is a volunteer in the retiree activities office.

Area retirees with issues or concerns often contact the RAO and are assisted in resolving their problems.

Not being satisfied with being an RAO volunteer and editor of *Still Serving*, Lucas volunteered to be a representative to the Air Force Retiree council, representing Andrews, Bolling and Dover AFBs.

Once a year he goes TDY to Randolph AFB and represents area retirees at the council.

For most people this would be enough volunteering, but not for Chuck Lucas.

For 30 years Lucas and his wife of 51 years, Mary, hosted the Air Force Association's Outstanding Airmen and their spouses at the AFA's annual convention.

He is also a member of AFA's Veterans/Retiree Council and he is on the board of trustees at the Armed Forces Retirement Home-Washington.

How many volunteer hours does Lucas have in a typical year? No one knows because no one can keep up with him. Mary loves volunteering as well and can often be found at DeWitt Army Community Hospital at Fort Belvoir in a Red Cross uniform.

The Lucas's have earned a great big "Thank you!" from the wing and the entire Air Force family for all they have accomplished and their many years of dedication service.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Reprinted from the Aug. 23 "The Beam," the base newspaper at Bolling AFB, D.C..



NEW MEMBERS- During the Public Affairs NCO Leadership Work-shop July 15-19 at Peterson AFB, Colo., 45 staff, technical and master sergeants took advantage of complimentary one-year AFPAAA memberships, courtesy of a donation by Mike Beeman. This was the fifth annual workshop, where NCOs from across the PA, band, and broadcast career fields learn about management and supervision. The complimentary memberships were made possible by a donation from member Mike Beeman. Those who joined the Association included Lindsey Bartlett, Bertha Belton, Ann Bennett, Carrie Bernard, Bryan Bouchard, Lloyd C. Conley, David Dell, John Dendy, Orville Desjarlais, Mike Edwards, Daniel Elkins, Scott Farrow, Mona Ferrell, Mark Getsy, Ronald L. Golden, William Granger, Tanya Gregory, Jon Hanson, Anthony B. Hill, Joy A. Josephson, Shiela H. Kowalewski, Renee B. Kirkland, Renee Lillis, Jeff Loftin, Markus M. Maier, Allen Marshall, Theresa A. McCullough, Scott McNabb, Vannie Miller, Tom Mullican, Andre Nicholson, Francesca Popp, Jill Propst, Randy Roughton, James Rush, Kate Rust, Rosemary Castillo Sartin, Kelley J. Stewart, Renni Thornton, John Tomassi, Chris Vadnais, Frances Wright, and Amy C. Ziegler.

Members earn promotions

Several members of the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association received special recognition recently. Congratulations to:

- **Brig. Gen. Mark Rosenker**, individual mobilization augmentee to the Secretary of the Air Force, has been nominated for promotion to major general.
- **Maj James Finkle**, 89th AW, Andrews AFB, MD, who was selected for promotion to lieutenant colonel.
- **Maj Noel Nolta**, SAF/PANM, New York, NY, who was selected for promotion to lieutenant colonel.
- **Maj Clarice Preston**, 302 Airlift Wing, Peterson AFB, CO, who was selected for promotion to lieutenant colonel.
- **Maj Andree Swanson**, CADRE/PA, Maxwell AFB, AL., who was selected for promotion to lieutenant colonel.
- **1st. Lt. Autumn M. Flack**, 831st Munitions Support Squadron, Ghedi AB, Italy, who was selected for promotion to captain.
- **1st. Lt. Keith Leistekow**, 440 AW, Gen Mitchell IAP, WI., who was selected for promotion to captain.

Officers set the PACE

Three members of the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association were among the 10 public affairs officers selected to participate in the calendar year 2002 Public Affairs Company Grade Excellence Program.

“PACE is a career development initiative designed to inform and motivate captains not yet selected for major whose superb job performance reflects career potential and would benefit from exposure to national level Air Staff and public affairs operations,” said **Brig. Gen. Ron Rand**, director of Public Affairs, SAF/PA.

Congratulations to :

- **Capt Samuel B. Highley**, AFNEWS Det. 16/CC, Washington, D.C.
- **Capt. Kenneth L. Hoffman**, 6th Air Mobility Wing/PA, MacDill AFB, Fla.
- **Capt. Susan E. Idziak**, DINFOS staff, Ft. Meade, M.D.

PR project wins recognition

A former Air Force public affairs officer directed a national mailing campaign that was recently recognized in a national public relations campaign.

Yolan LaPorte, a retired major and Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association member, is now a Senior Vice President at Ogilvy/Washington where he has been since leaving the Air Force 15 years ago. He is the director of government public education programs.

Ogilvy developed the mailing, “Understanding AIDS” for the Centers For Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

“PR WEEK” recently recognized Ogilvy’s effort as “arguably the most successful health-education campaign ever,” and designated it as one of the 20 greatest public re-

lations campaigns of all time (others included the Boston Tea Party, Tylenol recall, NASA launches, and Windows 95 launch).

LaPorte credits much of his agency success to the 20-years of solid Air Force public affairs and advertising experience.

Two vie for commander slots

Two AFPAAA members were among the 83 majors and lieutenant colonels selected as candidates to fill one of 43 commander billets of mission support and manpower squadrons.

Congratulations to:

- **Lt. Col. Michael T. Halbig**, OASD/PA, Pentagon
- **Lt. Col. (s) Andrew W. White**, AU/PA, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

AFPAAA welcomes new members

Welcome to new members **Mae-Li Amick, Dorothy S. Baker, Harry E. Baker, Jr., Mathew Bates, Ricardo D. Castrodad, Ann Easterling, Megan Frail, Theresa M. Furr, Rebecca Garcia, Gerardo D. Gonzalez, Kristin Haley, Sarah Hood, Vincent King, Jr., Nancy Kuck, Douglas Lefforge, Judith S. Lewis, Anni Mu Loeb, Michelle Mayo, Susan Murphy, Heather D. Newcomb, Steven Painter, Crystal Reed, Kenneth R. Sutton, Mary Swan, and Tony M. Wickman.**

Capt. Dani Johnson upgraded her association status to lifetime member.

Online subscription: *Members save money and get newsletter faster*

One way members can help reduce printing and mailing costs of the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association quarterly newsletter is to subscribe for on-line delivery.

About 75 members currently subscribe on-line.

For every 60 electronic subscriptions, the Association saves about 10 percent on printing and postage costs.

To start a subscription, go to the Associations website at www.afpaaa.org. Once on the site, click on the newsletter but-

ton, then the news button, and finally the subscribe button.

Fill in the information blanks and click send. Within minutes, an email will arrive which needs to be send to the webmaster and the online subscription begins.

Here's how it works.

When it comes time for the next newsletter online subscribers are sent a publication alert at the email address they provided. They can then choose to read the newsletter online in a text-only version or download a PDF file and read it on their computer. They can even print it out, photos, graphics and all!

And, if they change their mind, it is easy to re-establish "snail mail" delivery.

Besides getting the publication several weeks early, they have the satisfaction of helping the Association save money!



Broadcasters reach out

AFN celebrates 60th birthday and needs help to tell their story

AFN Europe will celebrate their 60th anniversary July 4, 2003.

They are also reaching out to past and present AFN'ers, Europeans, and American military leaders for audio, video, and even soundbites about the network and historical events that have happened in their 60 years."

They are looking for footage,

film, still photographs, brochures, station promotions, and audio tapes from AFN past.

They'll pay for the postage and duplication of the materials and ensure safe return to contributors. Anyone an interesting AFN story they are willing to share, let them know and they'll do an interview.

Anyone with an interesting contributing should contact:

**Roger Williams,
HQ's AFN Europe,
Unit 29405 Box #2,
APO AE 09175.**

His e-mail is: [roger.williams @afn.frankfurt.army.mil](mailto:roger.williams@afn.frankfurt.army.mil).

Memorial Committee accepting nominations

Special tribute planned for those men and women who died on an official assignment

The Public Affairs Memorial Selection Committee is now accepting nominations for recognizing public affairs, broadcast and band professionals who were killed in the line of duty.

The memorial is sponsored by the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association as a tribute to those men and women who have died on an official public affairs assignment whether by hostile fire or in a duty related accident or incident.

AFPAAA's project chair, Ed Johnson, advises that nominations, at a minimum, should include the nominee's

name, rank and service number, a detailed description of the circumstances and explanation of why the individual is being nominated.

A full text of the PA Memorial document is posted on the Associations web site at www.afpaaa.org.

Members of the PA Memorial selection committee included Johnson, Reed Switzer, Carey Deckard, Hugh Burns, and William H. Campbell,

Anyone with questions about the nomination process should contact Johnson at (210) 653-2839 or e-mail pamemorial@afpaaa.org.

The location of the memorial is not established at this time and final design will have to fit in the space available.

**Mail to:
AFPAAA,
P.O. Box 540,
Fairfax, VA 22030-0540
ATTN: "PA Memorial"**

What members say

"The PDF newsletter version is great. The PDF download prints out beautifully on my aged black and white printer. Knowing how much a newsletter costs an association to print and mail, makes me a fervent supporter of an AFPAAA email version."

Ted Daniel

"I support decreasing printing and mailing costs ... add me to the list."

Dick Wiegand

"I'm delighted to save the group a buck or two and get the newsletter and directory faster on-line."

Charlie Brown

"I already downloaded Adobe Reader and tested it out. It works fine for me! This is a good idea, considering the cost of mailing it to everyone."

Sam Giammo

Reunion 2002

What did you like **MOST** about attending our meeting

- Lackland AFB visit and briefings
- Seeing old friends (9 responses)
- It was in San Antonio. The Lackland BMT graduation parade was a thrill for me.
 - Renewing old friendships and general rebluing
 - The excellent membership meeting. The speakers were informative and topical.
- Catching up on what's happening in the Air Force.
- AF Update and networking with members
- Renewing our active duty AF ties. Private room for the Icebreaker was a nice touch. Hotel choice was a decided plus.

What did you like **LEAST** about attending our meeting?

- Late start and subsequent slippage of Saturday schedule; Hotel failed at cash bar events
- Saying goodbye to old friends
- The IAAFA trip and briefing. No one there had a clue who we were or they would have given a big picture overview. I kept wondering "Why are we here?"
 - Arguing about the name change
 - Not enough free time
 - The time change for the reception.
- The web site did not change and those of us who were local had no way of knowing the time changed from 5-7pm to 6-10pm
 - Briefings on Friday
 - Air Intelligence Agency
- Briefing on Latin American's Professional Military Education, etc
- Too much crammed into the visit to Lackland. Probably could have cut AIA and spent more time at AFNEWS.
- Friday was almost too much – a mid-afternoon break would have helped. Also, the Barn Door was good, but the Hangin' Tree was too far out and too "specialized" for me.
- I think the School Briefing and Security Service briefings were far too long and detailed. I would have preferred to spend more time at AFNEWS or even at Randolph at AETC/PA.

How can we improve future meetings?

- Could the Embassy Suites concept have worked in San Antonio?
 - Make sure old friends come back
 - This will be hard to top, if not impossible.
 - Put city of residence on name tags.
 - Back off on mission briefings and focus more on issues.
 - More briefings like the ones offered on Saturday morning.
 - A more convenient hotel.
 - End the day by 4 p.m. (Lackland day). More breaks. I missed having a continental breakfast before the membership meeting on Saturday. What happened to the traditional group photo?
 - Provide more information on "road ahead" for membership meeting.
 - The Saturday lunch was a terrible waste of food. The individual plates had too much food on them and there was no way any one of us would eat all that was there. I think a buffet would have been better.
 - Be careful of the speakers background. Brig.Gen. Rand stood in front of a mirror during the Saturday lunch that also had light fixtures which made it difficult to really focus on him.

Other comments

- Kudos to planning committee for putting together all the pieces to make the logistics work; I missed receiving handouts on membership and finance information. No group photograph?
- It was great!



LOCATION PICKED- Embassy Suites in Las Vegas will be the site of the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association's 10th annual reunion May 1-3, 2003. .

Planning starts for 2003 event

Planning is underway for the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association's 10th annual reunion May 1-3 in Las Vegas.

The 2003 event will be held at the Embassy Suites, located 1.5 miles from the Las Vegas "Strip", and across the street from the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino.

Embassy Suites offers a living area and separate bedroom.

The room rate is \$132.00 per night plus tax. The rate includes a free cooked-to-order breakfast, and complimentary cocktails later in the day.

The regular rate for that time of the year is \$179.00 per night.

The special rate offered to AFPAAA members applies three days before and three days after the May 1 to May 4, 2003 meeting. Room and rate availability can't be guaranteed after April 9, 2003.

Check in time is 3 p.m.

Free parking and free airport shuttle service is also available.

To make reservations call the hotel directly at (702) 795-2800 or Embassy Suites central reservations at 1 (800) 362-2779. Individuals should identify themselves as being with the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni group.

The President's Pen

by David Smith

Your entire newsletter proof-reading staff is wearing sack cloth and ashes for allowing Roy Whitton's name to be misspelled in the last issue. Roy's comment, though, bears repeating because he recommended that members with the resources provide free memberships to active duty and reserve members (and that can be extended to include Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve and Air Force Public Affairs civilians) as a way to introduce them to our Association. I know Roy and several others do this on a very regular basis and they are very much appreciated.

A stroke of genius occurred as I sat down to write this note because this seems the best time to discuss contributing to the AFPAAA Endowment Fund.

The same thing happened this time last year to Joe Purka.

We have this recurring theme, because as we approach the end of the calendar year it seems appropriate to remind everyone that we are a 501 (c) (19) tax-exempt organization and a donation to the Endowment Fund supports the future of our Association and provides you a tax break!

Our goal remains \$300,000 because with prudent management the income from that investment would be sufficient to sustain the operation of the Association, publish the newsletter and membership directory, print brochures and membership certificates, and pay the postage to get all those things to the members.

We still have a distance to go, but

with everyone's help, we'll get there. Visit the Web site (www.afpaaa.org) for more detail on the Endowment Fund or call a member of the board and we'll send it to you.

The last 12 months have seen things happen in our country and our world that in our wildest dreams we would not have predicted. We are at war with terrorism and finding the "Peace Dividend" was pretty expensive when it comes to the availability of trained and experienced troops.

This has proven especially true in Public Affairs.

Everywhere we turn, we find new names of people coming into the career field from initial accessions and retraining.

When you call PA offices, you find the total Air Force (active duty, Guard and Reserve) working hand-in-hand putting in longer and longer tours of duty.

When you try to schedule an Air Force Band, you find they have become even more popular and are spread thin all over the country trying to fulfill the requests of a country that suddenly can't seem to get enough patriotic music.

Air Force Broadcasters are unceasing in their efforts to get information and entertainment to those troops in places that are pretty primitive—and there are never enough of them to get everything done.

If you have some time, every PA, Band and Broadcast operation in the Air Force can use some volunteer hands.

Perhaps just to answer the phone, help with the filing, proof the pages or hold their hand in a crisis.

Don't be shy in picking up the phone, giving them a call and offering to help.

We are a valuable asset to them and the more we share our time and experience, the more successful the "new kids" will be—some of them might just be leading our Association one day.

Warmest regards!



Association President David Smith can be reached at: dsmith@afpaaa.org



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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 www.afpaaa.org
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Record crowd shows for golf tourney

ANDREWS AFB, Md. — SAF/PA enjoyed a record turnout for its golf tournament here Sept. 19, with 17 foursomes competing in the 25th annual event.

Organizers cancelled the tournament in 2001 after the events of Sept. 11, which made this year's event even more popular.

The day began with a shotgun start under blue skies, and continued that evening with a Mexican buffet and door prizes.

A \$550 donation from **Dick Abel, Jerry Dalton, Jim Hart, Mark Rosenker, Denny Schulstad, Ron Sconyers,** and **Tim White** helped pay for prizes and subsidize participation by active-duty enlisted PAs.



SAF/PA Director Brig. Gen. Ron Rand, center, presents the winning trophies to the first-place foursome, from left, Art Forster, Hugh Burns, Rand, Rick Oborn, and John Gulick. Forster, Oborn and Burns captured first place at the last SAF/PA tourney in September 2000.



Col Alvina Mitchell of SAF/PA enjoyed the day despite her team's 15th-place finish. Photos by TSgt Jim Varhegyi



“Let’s Roll” t-shirts, PA polo shirts and PA coins available

Black T-Shirts emblazoned with the “Let’s Roll” nose art graphic currently on at least one aircraft in every USAF squadron are now available.

The shirts also sport the USAF logo on one sleeve.

A portion of the proceeds supports the “Let’s Roll” foundation.

The T-Shirts are \$15.00 each and come in S, M, L, XL, XXL and XXXL sizes.

Blue Air Force Public Affairs polo shirts as well as public affairs coins are also available.

Shirts cost \$20 each and coins are \$5 each.

To order, contact **Chief Master Sgt. Dale Warman** by email at Dale.Warman@pentagon.af.mil or by phone at (703) 697-6725.

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