

1st Special Operations Wing's Captain Belena Marquez PA "Best Of The Best"

Captain Belena S. Marquez, flanked by AFPAAA President Mark Foutch and her husband, Captain Alexander Marquez, displays the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association's *Best of the Best Award*.

The award, which recognizes the outstanding officer, civilian or enlisted person who best demonstrated professional excellence and contributed significantly to the effectiveness of the Air Force Public Affairs mission, was present to Captain Marquez at the banquet closing AFPAAA's 19th Annual Membership Meeting, May 5. She is assigned to the 1st Special Operations Wing, Hurlburt Field, Florida,

She was chosen for the award by the Air Force for demonstrating outstanding leadership and management in a variety of communication missions, including a one year deployment to Provincial Reconstruction Team Zabul, an Afghan province in Regional Command-South Afghanistan, and serving as the Deputy Chief of Public Affairs for the 1st SOW.

While deployed, she was mentor to four Zabuli leaders, completed 140 outside the

wire missions and secured coverage in more than 80 news outlets. She took and processed more than 1,500 forensic and battle damage assessment images used by analysts to identify enemy tactics, techniques, and procedures while controlling \$3.2 million in funds supporting 19 projects in five Afghan districts.

During an insurgent attack on a forward operating base she took part in treating the injured until medics arrived and clearing and securing the base's gate.

At Hurlburt, Captain Marquez increased office effectiveness 75 percent by streamlining operations and securing \$400,000 to fix a critical equipment shortfall.

She was a lieutenant during the period of these accomplishments.

In addition to the trophy, Captain Marquez received a check for \$1,000 and a Lifetime Membership in AFPAAA. Lockheed Martin sponsors AFPAAA's Best of the Best program.

Both of the Marquez' were promoted to captain on May 28.



McRaney Award To Sam Giammo

A quiet leader and doer, Sam Giammo, who has served AFPAAA as a member and as an officer was the recipient of the Brigadier General Mike McRaney Distinguished Service Award at the Annual Membership Meeting in St. Louis.

The McRaney award was established in 2000 to recognize individuals whose contributions to AFPAAA go far beyond what normally would be expected of a member. To receive the award requires the unanimous approval



Sam Giammo (center) received the Brigadier General Mike McRaney Distinguished Service Award from AFPAAA President Mark Foutch (right), Dave Smith, the 2011 recipient is on Sam's right.

of AFPAAA's Board of Directors.

Sam was chosen because of his dedicated support and service to the Association.

He is a Lifetime Founder of AFPAAA, and served as a member of its board of directors for six years. During that time he held the positions of secretary, vice president, president, and chairman. He is a strong supporter of the AFPAAA Endowment

Fund. Even after completing his service as a member of the AFPAAA board and as an officer, Sam continues to be often called upon for advice and counsel by board members and committee chairmen. Sam's most recent service to AFPAAA was his work in researching, creating, and putting into operation AFPAAA's Facebook page. The page is available at: <http://www.facebook.com/AFPAAA>

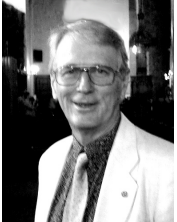
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"We really are beholden to BAE for what they do every year," said membership chairman Neil Buttimer who coordinates production of the directory with the company. "It helps keep our operating costs down while giving our members a high quality and very useful directory." In recognition of BAE's long support of AFPAAA, a plaque expressing our appreciation was displayed to members at the Annual Membership Meeting in St. Louis and then forwarded to BAE in Nashua.



Three New Faces Join Board Of Directors As Foutch Takes Chair With Cox President



Mark Foutch



Mike Cox



Phil Ratliff



Clem Gaines



Jim Hart



Judy Bivens



Larry Clavette



Johnny Whitaker

With three members of AFPAAA's Board of Directors stepping down, the Association's governing body takes on a new look with the election of Judy Bivens, Larry Clavette, and Johnny Whitaker to fill the vacated seats. Their two-year terms began on July 1.

They replace Hank Hufnagel, who was on the board since 2005; Hal Smarkola, a member of the board since 2006, and Bud Ross, who joined the board in 2009

and has completed his term as chairman. Each of the departing board members received plaques in recognition of their service from president Mark Foutch at May's Annual Membership Meeting in St. Louis.

Three other members of the board, Dick Abel, John Gura, and Jim Hart, were reelected. Gura is responsible for the oral history program and AFPAAA's website.

In addition to his reelection, the

board reappointed Hart as treasurer, a post he has held for ten years.

Following AFPAAA's leadership succession plan as of July 1 Mark Foutch is chairman of the board, Mike Cox president of the association. Phil Rathliff vice president, Clem Gaines secretary, and Jim Hart treasurer. The other members of the board are Jay DeFrank, Art Forster, and John Terino, who was reappointed communications chairman.

President's Awards Honor Barksdale & Burch

William Barksdale, Senior Manager, Collaborative Communications, Internal & CEO Communications, Boeing Defense, Space & Security, and Michael Burch, owner and operator of Nature Works, Inc., an on site residential and commercial wastewater treatment and recycling firm, were presented President's Awards at the Annual Membership Meeting in St. Louis.

Barksdale was a Public Affairs officer with the 62nd Airlift Wing at McChord. He left active duty returning to his home area of Southern Illinois.

He joined Boeing in 2003 and has done corporate communications for the Joint Unmanned Combat Air System (X-45) and the F-15 fighter, as well as the efforts that resulted in Boeing's selection to provide the KC-46 tanker to the Air Force.

He has also served as a Reserve augmentee in the Air Mobility Command public affairs office (AMC/PA) at Scott AFB. His

efforts in educating the military and contractors about each others' communications capabilities, needs, and legal limitations are among the reasons he was nominated for the award by AMC's office of Public Affairs. The nomination was strongly endorsed AMC Commander General Raymond Johns.

Mike Burch's current business shouldn't mislead anyone, he is one of the most successful communicators and planners who ever served in Air Force Public Affairs.

During a 20-year career as an Air Force Public Affairs Officer he served in a variety of assignments that ultimately led him to SAF/PA

where he was part of the planning for Operation Homecoming, the return of the POWs from Vietnam,

Mike then moved to DoD in the Directorate for Defense Information. His performance there led to his being selected by Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs Henry Catto as his military assistant.

He became a trusted advisor to Mr. Catto and the DoD leadership. He participated in strategy sessions and travelled with Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger and ASD/PA Catto.

In 1983, Catto was asked to take another job. He recommended, and Secretary Weinberger concurred, that President Ronald Reagan consider Burch as ASD/PA. The president approved their choice, and after Senate confirmation, Michael Burch, became ASD/PA. He was only the third career military Public Affairs officer to hold that position. He is a retired lieutenant colonel.



From The President's Pen



Four years ago my wife and I decided to go to the 2009 AFPAAA Annual Membership Meeting at Wright Patterson AFB. Many friends from the Air Force Public Affairs community had encouraged us to attend. They all promised we'd really enjoy it – that promise was understated. After Dayton, we were hooked! Now, after serving as secretary and vice president, I'm writing my first message as AFPAAA President.

First, a few words about our recent meeting in St. Louis and at Scott AFB. Everything was great – the briefings, the tour, the meals – thanks to Pat Maloney and his committee. Our awards banquet Saturday night was one of the best ever! We honored Captain Belena Marquez, the SAF/PA Best of The Best Award winner; Sam Giammo, who received the Brigadier General Mike McRaney Distinguished Service Award; and BAE Systems, with a special Award of Appreciation for publishing our membership directory since 1999. And, the music and entertainment of the United States Air Force Band of Mid-America Shades of Blue Jazz Ensemble was spectacular.

Second, much has happened in AFPAAA in the last four years, and I look forward to many more positive trends in the next year. True, we face challenges, but we always will. Membership growth, as it should, is always an important area of discussion, and a regular topic at the annual meeting. But, we must not lose sight of the strengths of AFPAAA – a dedicated Board, a strong financial footing, a steady membership base that is “always there,” and some phenomenal leaders both formal and informal. This month, as Board Chairman Bud Ross, Hank Hufnagel, and Hal Smarkola step down, we welcome new Board members, Larry Clavette, Judy Bivens, and Johnny Whittaker, who bring their enthusiasm and new thoughts to us. Their brief biographies in the last News & Notes tell us they are eminently qualified to head any organization. We are lucky to have them in leadership roles in ours.

Looking into the year ahead, I like what I see. AFPAAA is beginning a transition period with its new board members and officers. I know there are many new members out there that will join us in the future. The signs are already there. Sam Giammo, who set up our Facebook page, reports that since St Louis 415 unique individuals visited our page, and there is a lot of interest in next year's Las Vegas meeting from people that have never attended a meeting. That's great, but we can always do better, and I expect we will.

I look forward to serving as your President. Assisting me is a very talented group of officers. With the support of Vice President Phil Ratliff, Treasurer Jim Hart, and Secretary Clem Gaines; the rest of the board, and that of the membership, I believe we are in for an exciting year culminating with our 20th anniversary celebration in Las Vegas. Mark your calendar now for April 25-27, 2012 at the Monte Carlo. It's going to be great.

– Mike Cox

Attendees

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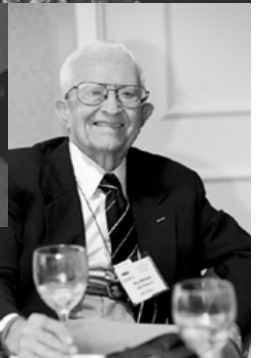


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31 CENTURION DONATIONS BOOST ENDOWMENT FUND BY \$3,100

“The \$3,100 we received in Centurion donations this year will help offset the way the stock market has been yo-yoing during the past year,” AFPAAA Treasurer Jim Hart noted. “Our goal was a \$300,000 endowment fund to provide for future operations of the association; we’ve hit that and even more a couple of times in the past couple of years, but with the fluctuations in the market, it has been tough to stay at or above that mark. Right now we are close with \$290,000-plus.” The goal was set in 1997.

In the past year, 31 Centurion \$100 donations were received, all but one from individuals at the May Annual Membership Meeting. Since it began in 2003, the Centurion program has added almost \$22,000 to the fund.

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Management (NWQ) handle AFPAAA’s funds. Our investment committee of Jim, Jim McGuire, and Hank Hufnagel work closely with them to ensure our goals and objectives are being met. The account has had an annualized return of just under 6% since 2001.

The account has a 60% equities –40% fixed income ratio. Equities emphasize blue chip, consistent high performance companies and corporate bonds, government securities, and cash are the rest of the portfolio.

Donations to the endowment fund – money, stocks, real estate, collectibles, and other valuables – are tax deductible, giving the person making the donation a reduced tax liability while they help provide for the future of AFPAAA.

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Terino Family Affair: 3rd Generation Dons Air Force Blue



With AFPAAA board member and grandfather, Lieutenant Colonel John G. Terino, USAF (Ret), and father, Lieutenant Colonel John G. Terino, Jr., USAF (Ret), present, the third generation of the family to become an Air Force officer, John Robert Terino, was sworn in as a second lieutenant May 5.

The oath was administered by his father, John Jr., during the commissioning ceremonies for Air Force ROTC Detachment 010 at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa.

Lieutenant Terino attended Alabama on an AFROTC scholarship. He was a cadet colonel in the detachment and commander of the cadet wing during his senior year. He has been assigned to Hurlburt Field for training in Special Tactics. He graduated with a B.A. degree in Arabic/Middle Eastern Studies.

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Kenneth D. Blackshaw

Ken Blackshaw, who told a lie that led him to fly B-17s in World War II, become an Information Officer, and head DoD's Combined Federal Campaign, died April 14, in Arlington, Virginia. He was 94.

Born in Waterbury, Connecticut, his family moved to Massachusetts, where he graduated from Malden High School in 1936. A year later, Ken began working for the weekly Nantucket Inquirer and Mirror.

The lie came in 1942. In July, Ken, despite being married with a young son, volunteered to become a pilot. When asked if he had any allergies, he said he had hay fever and was rejected. He tried again in November, replied "None" to the allergies question and entered the Aviation Cadet Program.

He earned his wings, became an instructor pilot, then volunteered to fly B-17s. Ken was accepted, formed a crew and was assigned to England where he flew 35 missions to targets that included Berlin, oil fields, the Peenemunde missile sites, and support of forces in the Battle of the Bulge.

After the war he went to the Pentagon for six years, holding several assignments, including working in the Joint Public Affairs Office in the then new Department of Defense. That was followed by several assignments in the United Kingdom.

In early 1956 he was assigned to Strategic Air Command as an aircraft commander and executive officer of the 301st Air Refueling Squadron, Barksdale AFB, LA. As a KC-97 pilot, he helped teach aerial refueling to actor Jimmie Stewart, who was doing his reserve duty piloting B-47s at Barksdale. Three years later he returned to the Pentagon where he completed his Air Force career, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel in May 1963.

Ken managed the NASA-Air Force Space Exhibit at the 1964 New York World's Fair then returned to Washington to work in Army Public Affairs.

From 1979 until 1997, Ken managed the Secretary of Defense's Combined Federal Campaign which encompassed 125,000 military and civilian personnel in 18 agencies.

Ken is survived by his second wife of over 40 years, Elizabeth (Betty) McNally Blackshaw, his son Kenneth Turner Blackshaw of Nantucket Island, grandchildren Crystal Grace Clingensmith, Kenneth Scott Blackshaw, and Gordon Dean Blackshaw; eight great grandchildren; and four great-great grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Ft. Myer Old Post Chapel on Friday, August 3, at 10:45 a.m. followed by interment at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors. Memorial contributions may be made to the Aviators' Scholarship Fund, Daedalians National Capital Flight #4, C/O Jon Martinson, 6502 James Court, Springfield, Virginia 22152.

I knew Ken as the CFC guy but he had a treasure trove of stories about flying in WW II. He was quite a character and everyone liked him and looked forward to seeing him (even if he was going to ask for some money!).

– Gene Sands

Those of us who served with Major Ken Blackshaw in the Office of Info, Hq SAC, in the 1960s, will remember him as "Blackie." He was a consummate PR professional with a ready smile, an energetic worker/leader with a cheerful and friendly disposition who didn't let the little things bother him. But woe to those entrusted with big things who screwed up!

Lord Guard & Guide

He took an already well-developed SAC Civilian DV Tour and Briefing Program to new heights. He had a little help from a couple of CINC's who were really sold on and fully supported the program, but wanted it to be an even better, more effective, lasting program to support SAC and the Air Force. He did it!!!!!!!

His later long service with the CFC in the Pentagon was superior in every respect, but he could never top what he did for our Nation while in charge of the weekly SAC DV Program that is still paying dividends to the Air Force and our Country! Rest in peace, Blackie, and our sincere condolences to Betty and his children.

– Jerry Dalton



Betty and Ken

Ken was the guy with the bow tie and big smile who lit up the Community Relations Office on the E-Ring of the Pentagon when he entered. We became friends and he sponsored me for American Legion Post 20, which he had commanded; the Touchdown Club, and the National Press Club. Some of the best memories are of Ken and Herb Wurth holding court and mesmerizing everyone at AFPAAA's Annual Membership Meeting. Those who knew him are all the richer.

– John Terino



Ken (lower left) with his B-17 crew before one of the 35 missions he flew to bomb German targets in WW II.

An amiable raconteur, Ken Blackshaw was always a pleasure to be around. I first met him in SAF/OI in the late 1960s where he was working in the audio-visual branch and I in support forces of the public information division. I could always count on him for sage advice.

Much later when I went to work for Hughes, I would often see Ken holding forth at the National Press Club's Reliable Source Bar. The last time I saw Ken was at our annual meeting at Satellite Beach, FL, in 1999. He regaled my wife, Mary, and me with his exploits during World War II. Quite the guy and a legend in our field. We'll miss him.

– Dave Shea

John M. "Mike" Connolly

Mike Connolly, whose military career began as a Dogface private in WW II and rose to be an Air Force colonel, died May 31 in Austin, Texas. He was 90.

He was born in Rusk, Texas. In December 1942, after two years at the University of Texas at Austin he enlisted in the Army. He was a high-speed radio operator in the 999th Signal Service Company that was part of the D-Day invasion of Normandy and the ensuing four campaigns across Europe until the war ended,

After the war he completed his college degree in journalism and joined the staff of the San Antonio Express in 1948. His career at the newspaper was cut short when he was recalled to active duty during the Korean War as an Air Force lieutenant, and remained on active duty. His subsequent assignments included Lackland AFB, Japan; the newly-established Air Force Academy, SAF/OI, and Boston University for a master's degree in public relations.

During the Vietnam War, Mike was on the staff of 7th/13th Air Force, at Udorn Royal Thai Air Base.

He was deputy director and then director of Public Affairs at Hq PACAF from 1969 to 1974. From February to April 1973 he was assigned as deputy director of the Joint Information Bureau for Operation Homecoming at Clark Air Base in the Philippines,

an experience he called “by far the most rewarding of my career.” His last assignment, prior to retirement in 1977, was as director of information for Air Training Command at Randolph AFB.

Mike is survived by his wife, Marie Hauger Connolly; daughter, Mary Anne Connolly; brother, J. Douglas Connolly; and a sister, Joan Wilson. He was buried with full military honors at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.



Mike Connolly was one of the very best “old school” members of our Info/PA clan. Throughout his career, he had more varied experience in different MAJCOMS than anyone else that comes to memory – and he performed each assignment in an exceptionally outstanding manner. That is why so many different commanders, including MAJCOMS, fought for his assignment to their organizations.

I don’t think we will see any one else with his ability, experience, “know how” and value to the AF and our country come along. As a professional, fellow officer, and long-time friend, he will definitely be missed.

– *Jerry Dalton*



I remember Mike Connolly as a kind, gentle man -- a professional through and through who had an outstanding military career. We served together briefly in the Pentagon in the late 60s, then our paths crossed once again during Operation Homecoming at Clark AB. Although he retired before I got to ATC, I would see him from time to time at various civic functions in San Antonio. We will miss him.

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– *Dave Shea*

Colonel Mike Connolly was a professional. He was dedicated, serious, and focused on furthering the Air Force mission. I was fortunate to spend the school year of 1963-64 with Mike while we earned our Master’s Degrees at Boston University. Mike’s work at Boston University was highly regarded.

While we never served together again, I followed his career with interest. That he went on to head two major command public affairs programs was not surprising. He not only knew his profession, but was a natural leader. In Boston, Ann and I became close friends of Mike and Marie. When we both retired and settled in Texas, our friendship continued. Among his contemporaries, Mike Connolly stood tall. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Marie and Mary Ann.

– *Gerry Hickman*

Paul F. Heye

Paul Heye who excelled in a variety of assignments during a 29-year career in Public Affairs, died May 4 of complications from cancer in San Antonio, Texas. He was 71.

Born in San Antonio, he was a Texan and a Texas A&M Aggie through and through. He graduated from A&M in 1962 with a degree in journalism and a commission and began his Air Force career.

Paul’s assignments included Patrick AFB during the Mercury and Gemini missions, Ramstein Air Base, Germany, and Nellis AFB. His last assignment was as commander of AFNEWS at Kelly AFB. He retired in 1991.

In addition to be committed to serving his country and family, Paul’s other passion was his involvement in the Catholic Church. With many moves while on active duty, Paul volunteered in many

parishes in many positions. He was ordained a Deacon in the Archdiocese of San Antonio in 1999, and served St. Brigid Catholic Church until his death.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Mary Catherine Dunn Heye; sons Paul F., Jr., a Delta Airlines pilot and Colonel and vice wing commander of the Air National Guard’s 189th Airlift Wing, Little Rock AFB, John, and Jeff, and daughter Amy Heye Dunlap; 13 grandchildren; a brother Bill and two sisters, Judy and Joan.

Interment was at Holy Cross Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made in Paul’s name to the St. Brigid building fund, 6907 Kitchener Street, San Antonio, TX 78240.

Colonel Paul Heye was a BIG man! Physically, professionally and spiritually. A man totally committed to his God, his family and his country.

Paul was a leader. Though I never served with this public affairs profession, my most memorable time with him was at the Air Force News Center change of command ceremony in August, 1985. There we were, all five foot, six inches of me passing the unit colors to six foot -plus Paul; a solemn occasion, certainly, but it did create some chuckles.



Paul came to the News Center from the Air Force Demonstration Team at Wright Patterson where he completed an outstanding tour as the commander. It was his demonstrated leadership there that prompted me to recommend him as the News Center commander. I knew that the unit, its people, and the Air Force were in the good hands.

A quiet, caring person, Paul was well known in San Antonio and after retirement. He was highly effective and recognized as a deacon in the Catholic Church. Surely, “well done, good, and faithful servant” is an appropriate eulogy for this BIG man.

– *Don Hilkemeier*

It was a real privilege to have known Paul and have the opportunity to serve and associate with him while he was the Commander of AFSINC at Kelly Air Force Base. He was a remarkable person in many ways all of which added up to the fact that he was an outstanding Air Force Officer and individual.

Colonel Paul Heye brought a high level of professionalism to his position as the leader of AFSINC and its impact on communicating the Air Force story to the American public and to those service members as well. This was demonstrated consistently by the exceptional accomplishment of its Public Affairs mission and the highly efficient operation conducted by its assigned personnel.

In addition to his dedicated service, Paul Heye was a patriot, a devoted family man, a caring Christian, and always totally loyal to his Alma Mater – Texas A&M University. He combined all of those interests and responsibilities with his cheerful and warm hearted personality into the character that made him a truly “good man!” I can honestly say that I have never met an individual who knew him that was not impressed by his capabilities and his friendly nature.

During his years of retirement, Paul devoted himself to his family and to his Christian faith by serving as a Deacon of a Catholic church in San Antonio. For many months prior to his passing, Paul and his wife Mary Catherine fought a courageous and faith-filled battle against his cancer. Those of us who were fortunate enough to know Colonel Paul Heye, can be grateful for his dedication to the Air Force and his exemplary display of the values that make America strong. He will always have a special place in our memory!

– *Carey Deckard*

Paul was a huge guy, full of compassion and good humor. The only thing larger was his heart. It was always a professional and a personal pleasure to be with him as his no nonsense style of conversation and his measured judgment of the issues at hand revealed his exceptional knowledge, professionalism and especially his loyalty to those who were honored to work "with" him. There was never any concern with Paul at the helm. His family, friends and colleagues miss him terribly and he left a huge gap in the Air Force Public Affairs family.

– *Mike McRaney*

The big man was trying to scrape a heavy frost off the windshield of his staff car with a credit card when I first met him at Wright-Patterson AFB. So typical, I thought to myself. A Texan, and Texas Aggie at that, not knowing about windshield ice scrapers. During a later assignment at Kelly AFB, Paul and his wife, Mary Catherine, became our close friends.

Paul was a natural leader who brought out the best in people. A very able administrator, he was able to bring together a strange combination of various public affairs disciplines, such as Army and Air Force Hometown News, Air Force Broadcasting, and Air Force Internal Information into an effective command.

He was an insufferable Texas Aggie who kept his senior boots in a glass cabinet in his office. Paul and Mary Catherine once took us to a Texas Aggie football game in College Station. We felt that we had entered a time warp. Each time when Fran would ask why things were done so strangely at the game, Paul would answer, "tradition." Those things which seemed strange to the outside world seemed so logical to an Aggie. Paul was one of a kind.

He passed through his final days with dignity and honor. He was at peace. He will be greatly missed by all who were privileged to serve with him.

– *Doran Hopkins*

John Marion Lewis, Jr.

John Lewis, whose military career began in the U.S. Navy and ended in the Air Force, died June 5 in his hometown of San Antonio, Texas. He was 84.



He served in the Navy for two years, from October 1945 through October 1947. In 1952 he earned a BA degree from St. Mary's University and the next year he joined the Air Force Reserve.

John was called to active duty during the Cuban Missile Crisis. He commanded a Combat Control Team of the 60th Aerial Port Squadron. Several years later he became an Information Officer. His assignments included Travis and Kelly AFBs. At Travis he coordinated media coverage of the return of the POWs from Vietnam in 1973. In 1974 and 1975 he supervised the

American Forces Radio and Television network in Thailand. He retired as a major in 1979.

John was the manager of the San Antonio Visitors Information Bureau for 10 years until 1990.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Mary; daughters Christina, Diana, and Rachel; a son, John Marion Lewis III; seven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Interment with Military Honors was in Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to The Wounded Warrior Project at: <http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/>

Walter F. Werner

Walt Werner, who was born in Yonkers, New York, and had a 34-year Air Force career as an active duty officer and civilian employee, died May 1. He was 66 years old and a resident of Fort Walton Beach, Florida. He earned a BA degree from Manhattan College and an MBA from Western New England University.

Walt's first assignment was in 1967 at Hanscom AFB, Massachusetts working on the Airborne Warning And Control System (AWACS) program at Electronic Systems Division. In 1971, he was assigned to the Armament Development and Test Center, Eglin AFB, Florida as a Public Affairs Officer. Subsequent assignments included Thule, Greenland, Hanscom AFB, and Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

He left active duty in 1979 and joined the Air Force Reserve while continuing his career as a civilian. He was Director of Security Review at Air Force Systems Command, Andrews AFB, Maryland, before becoming AFSC's Deputy Director of Public Affairs. When he retired in 2001 he was SAF/OI Director of Security Review. He also retired from the Air Force Reserve as a lieutenant colonel.

Walt had another career in addition to the Air Force. He studied for a Doctor of Ministry degree at Evangel Theological Seminary, and a Doctor of Theology degree from Biblical Life College and Seminary. For more than 30 years he was a minister, a calling he shared with his wife, Sue. He ministered in the United States, as well as Israel, Ghana, India, Bosnia, Panama, Outer Mongolia, the United Arab Emirates, South Africa, Russia, and China.

He was senior pastor of Living Word Ministries in Fort Walton Beach, Florida, and Springfield, Virginia. His many years of ministerial service were recognized when he received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree.

In addition to his wife, Walt is survived by a son, Jeff, daughters Lauren and Stefanie, his sister Janet Kempner, and grandchildren Bethany, Liam, Jacob, Elise, and Caleb. Memorial donations in Walt's name can be made to Living Word Ministries P.O. Box 1000, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32549.

Walt Werner was one of the unsung heroes of Air Force public affairs. He wasn't flashy. He was just extremely competent at what he did.

Walt was my deputy (and deputy to many others) at Air Force Systems Command when I was the director of public affairs there in 1985-87. I first met him in the mid-70s when he was a captain at Wright-Patterson AFB. Little did I know then how valuable he was to become to the Air Force and the public affairs community throughout the years.

Walt touched the lives of so many of us. We will miss him. Rest in peace, dear friend.

– *Dave Shea*

I first met Walt when we both served in uniform back in the 70s and we hit it off from the start. But it wasn't until we worked together at Hq AFSC in the late 80s that I truly got to appreciate him as the ultimate civilian deputy (Hq AFSC/PA) and a fantastic human being totally devoted to his family and his faith. If you knew Walt, you realized from the get go that he always checked his ego at the door. He always did what had to be done to complete the mission - no job was too mundane or too challenging - no approach to the problem too carefree or too careful. It always got done and always got done right. So when I was selected to return to the Pentagon in 1991 and AFSC needed a Director of Public Affairs for its final year prior to merging with AFLC to create AFMC, it was without hesitation that I recommended Walt to move into that job and our four star, General Ron Yates, agreed. Rest well, dear Walt. Yours was a life of honor and grace.

– *Doug Kennett*



**Minutes of the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association
19th Annual Membership Meeting
Saturday May 5, 2012
Hilton Frontenac Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri**

The meeting was called to order by President Mark Foutch at 2:08 p.m. CDT. A quorum was declared by Secretary Phil Ratliff. President Foutch announced he had appointed Sam Giammo as Parliamentarian.

Board of Directors Members Present:

Bud Ross, Chairman of the Board	Art Forster
Mark Foutch, President	Clem Gaines
Mike Cox, Vice President	John Gura
Phil Ratliff, Secretary	Hank Hufnagel
Dick Abel	Hal Smarkola

Absent: Treasurer Jim Hart, Jay DeFrank, and John Terino

The following members of the Public Affairs community who died since the last Annual Membership Meeting were recognized by the membership with a moment of silence:

Kenneth D. Blackshaw	Charles E. Saucier
Garry Lee Bowers	Anita L. Bailey Schmidt
Marvin J. Harris	James Hammond Taylor
Paul Frederick Heye	Russell Alan Turner II
Robert W. Marshall	Walter F. Werner

AFPAAA 18th Annual Membership Meeting Minutes – President Mark Foutch presented the minutes of the 18th Annual Membership Meeting for approval. Phil Ratliff moved for approval, Dave Smith seconded and they were approved unanimously.

Association Finances – In the absence of Treasurer Jim Hart, President Foutch reported on the financial status of the Association. As of December 31, 2011, the total balance of the Sun Trust checking account and the Endowment Fund was \$290,183.48. President Foutch called attention to the March 31, 2012 balance of the two accounts of \$326,942.80. He advised the larger balance contains funds from registration for the 19th Annual meeting as well as corporate donations in support of the meeting. Those funds will be reduced as bills for the conference are paid.

Motion was made by Hank Hufnagel to approve the Financial Report as presented, seconded by Jerry Dalton. Motion was approved unanimously.

Committee Reports

Membership – Committee Chairman Neil Buttmer reported current membership stands at a total of 521. AFPAAA continues to maintain a core group of about 450 full (Annual, Lifetime Founder and Lifetime) members. Essentially, the number of full members that fail to renew just about matches the number of new full members that sign up or transition from Associate to Full Membership. We continue to have a challenge obtaining renewals of Associate members, especially those that were given free memberships.

Web Site/Oral History – Committee Chairman John Gura presented a demonstration of the website (how to log on, make changes, change personal information, etc.). John pointed out whenever someone makes a change of their personal information; Neil Buttmer receives an e-mail notifying him of the changes. John also pointed out the link to Facebook on the website and encouraged members to check it out. Chairman Gura reported the oral history program has been relatively dormant for the past couple years, but he hopes to revitalize it in the near future.

Communications – President Mark Foutch reported in the absence of John Terino who was unable to attend because of family commitments.

Mark reported the newsletter was getting published on time. He also relayed Chairman John Terino's request for article ideas, and pictures from the annual meeting.

President Foutch asked from a motion to approve the committee reports. Motion was made by Chairman of the Board Bud Ross to accepted the reports, seconded by Rick Fuller, and approved unanimously.

Board of Directors

Election Results – Chairman Bud Ross announced the results of the Board of Directors election. The six new or reelected members are:

Dick Abel	Judy Bivens	Larry Clavette
John Gura	Jim Hart	Johnny Whitaker

Chairman Ross thanked the members of the nominating committee for their fine work in bringing forth the names of the new and returning Board members. The committee consisted of Bud Ross, Jim Hart, Mike Cox and John Gura.

President Foutch announced the new officers beginning July 1, will be:

Mark Foutch, Chairman of the Board
Mike Cox, President
Phil Ratliff, Vice President
Clem Gaines, Secretary
Jim Hart, Treasurer

President Foutch announced the reappointments of Jim Hart as Treasurer, and John Terino as Communications Chairman.

2013 Annual Membership Meeting – John Gura pointed out that the 2013 meeting would be the 20th Annual Membership Meeting. The dates will be 25, 26, 27 April at the Monte Carlo Hotel. Room charges should be about \$114.00 a night and asked if there was anything special someone wanted to do to let him know and he would work on it.

2014 Annual Membership Meeting – Linda Arnold will continue to Chair the Annual Meeting Committee through at least 2014 in San Antonio.

2015 Annual Membership Meeting – Frank McNally briefly spoke concerning a proposal for the 2015 meeting in Northern Virginia. It's in the planning stages at this time; it will be presented to the Board for approval.

New Business – The membership voted to donate \$500 to the Scott Field Heritage Park. Subsequent to the meeting, Treasurer Jim Hart obtained the necessary documentation from the Heritage Park and mailed an Association check to it.

State of the Association – President Foutch reported on the current state of the association. He noted AFPAAA was strong and vibrant and financially strong because of Treasurer Jim Hart's untiring work. He believes the association's line of succession is young and capable, and good things will come from this for years to come. He is still concerned with declining membership and future continuity in the staff positions. He hopes to revitalize the oral history program. He thanked those who have helped him throughout the year.

President-elect Mike Cox thanked President Mark Foutch for his guidance and leadership during the past year and expressed his optimism for the coming year.

Adjournment – With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m. CDT.

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