



2020 Meeting Planners Have Many Program Choices; Holiday Inn Accepting Reservations Now

The Holiday Inn Dayton/Fairborn I-675, the headquarters for our 27th Annual Membership Meeting, April 30-May 2, is accepting room reservations now at our low AFPAAA rate of \$109+tax per night.

A limited number of rooms are available from April 27-May 5 at that rate; now is not too early to take advantage of this special rate.

Our ice-breaker reception on Thursday evening, April 30, and the optional golf outing that morning at Wright-Patterson's Prairie Trace Course are already on the agenda.

The President's luncheon, Friday May 1, at the base club, and the SAF/PA Director's luncheon on Saturday May 2, as well as our awards reception and dinner that close the meeting Saturday evening, are also locked in.

But, putting together the program for our tours on Friday, and the 'Rebluing' briefings Saturday morning, even without factoring in the National Museum of the United States Air Force, is another matter.

Wright-Patterson AFB is a cornucopia of Air Force organizations and activities.

With the Air Force Material Command Headquarters, the Air Force Institute of Technology, the National Air and Space Intelligence Center foreign space analysis, Headquarters of the Air Force Life Cycle Management Center, and a host of Program Executive Offices, including Fighters and Bombers, ISR and



Why Is This Sign By A Door In The Pentagon?



Hint: Turn Page For The Answer

SOF, Tanker acquisition, and mobility, as well many other units, there are a lot of potential tour stops at Wright-Patt.

Our on-site committee for the Annual Membership Meeting, headed by Al Cummings, is working hard with Wright-Patterson's Public Affairs Offices to put together a great program from the myriad of possibilities that are available.

Full hotel and meeting reservation/registration information is available on the form on page 5 or from the AFPAAA website at <http://www.AFPAAA.org/annualmeet.html>

Time To Nominate A Top AFPAAA Member For McRaney Distinguished Service Award

Now is the time to consider who you feel should receive AFPAAA's highest honor, the Brigadier General Mike McRaney Distinguished Service Award.

The McRaney Award recognizes a member of the Association for contributions far beyond the norm. It is presented at the Annual Membership

Meeting but does not have to be given every year. A unanimous vote by the Board of Directors for a nominee is required for it to be presented. Nominations can be made by any AFPAAA member at any time.

In proposing a nominee, serving on the Board of Directors, chairing a committee, or holding an office – such as president or chairman of the board of directors – is not required, but such achievements do not exclude a member from McRaney Award consideration.

To be a nominee rank, accomplishments, and positions while on active duty or working for a federal, state, local government, non-profit entity,

religious group, or private corporation, will not be considered in determining an award recipient.

Monetary contributions to AFPAAA in and of themselves will not be the sole or major reason for making the award. Service to the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association is the prime criteria.

A list of past recipients is available in our membership directory as well as on the AFPAAA website at www.AFPAAA.org/awards.html

To be considered for presentation at the 2020 Annual Membership Meeting nominations need to be received by January 1. Submit nominations to AFPAAA's secretary at Brett.Ashworth@afpaaa.org



Brigadier General H.J. 'Jerry' Dalton Jr. Honored At Pentagon For Singular AF Public Affairs Career

Jerry Dalton, an AFPAAA Lifetime Founder, is unique to Air Force Public Affairs.

There have been 27 Directors of Public Affairs, Information, or Public Relations since Mr. Stephen F. Leo headed the function when the Air Force became an independent service on September 18, 1947, but Jerry Dalton is the only career Public Affairs Officer to rise through the ranks and become the SAF/PA Director.

That singular accomplishment and his outstanding

plaque has his photo and the tribute:

"The first career public affairs officer to attain the rank of brigadier general and become Air Force Director of Public Affairs, Brig. Gen. H.J. 'Jerry' Dalton Jr. was a legend in public affairs. He served in that position from December 17, 1975, until he retired on August 1, 1980.

"General Dalton was a true professional, inspirational leader, visionary and role model to countless public affairs



career were recognized on July 11 when the Secretary of the Air Force Office of Public Affairs conference room was named the Brigadier General H. J. Dalton Jr. Conference Room in a ceremony presided over by current SAF/PA Director Brigadier General Ed Thomas.

Dalton, who was SAF/PA Director from December 1975 until August 1980 and is now 92, viewed the ceremony from Allen, Texas, with family members and friends via a video teleconference.

Three plaques, provided by the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association, commemorate the room.

One plaque reads "Brigadier General H.J. Dalton Jr. Conference Room", and is adjacent to the E-Ring entrance door to the room. Two other plaques are inside the conference room, one has his biography. The second



men and women, including officers, enlisted and civilians.

"The Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association and the entire Air Force public affairs community are proud to salute this great American by having this conference room named in his honor."

A San Antonio, Texas, native, he had a 30-year Air Force career that began as a distinguished military graduate of the AFROTC program at the University of Texas in Austin.

In retirement he continued to excel, holding senior aerospace industry public relations positions. He was president of the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) in 1990, the founding PRSA Foundation president in 1991, and received PRSA's Gold Anvil Award in 2007.

The idea to name the SAF/PA conference room in Dalton's honor was proposed by the AFPAAA Board of Directors and embraced by SAF/PA

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From The President's Pen ———



A majority of members who responded to our survey earlier this year singled out the importance of what AFPAAA offers that keeps us informed and connected – the newsletter, the annual membership meeting, our website's information and links, our Facebook page, and the membership directory.

You'll be getting the latest directory, prepared by Membership Chair Christine Queen, shortly if it is not already in your hands. It is one AFPAAA's most popular and useful benefits. Look it over to ensure your listing is correct and send your updates to Christine at: cjqueen@comcast.net or (309) 699-6449.

One of the primary values of the directory is seeing where colleagues and friends you served with are. As you note those names, you might want to consider the "missing" – colleagues and friends that are not in the membership directory and ask yourself "Why"?

A constant, even growing, membership is the lifeblood of any organization, and that certainly applies to AFPAAA. An important element in maintaining and growing membership is the active engagement and outreach from current members to those who could and should be members.

I began a new, very demanding career with time a most precious commodity when I left the Air Force. Yet, because former colleagues, who I respected and whose company I enjoyed, contacted me I became involved in AFPAAA after retiring from active duty. Without that outreach I might not have carved out the time to participate in AFPAAA. Like many members, I have found my involvement very rewarding and I'm grateful for the outreach that brought me into AFPAAA.

As you glance through the new directory, I encourage you to think of the names of those you feel are missing – the friends and colleagues you served with who you'd like to see listed; and then consider reaching out to them. They, like me, just might be grateful that you did, and you will be keeping the lifeblood of AFPAAA flowing.

– Jay DeFrank

Lord Guard & Guide

Leland H. 'Lee' MacDonald

Lee MacDonald, an AFPAAA Lifetime Founder, who had a 30-year Public Affairs career on active duty and in the Air Force Reserve, passed away December 19 at Littleton Adventist Hospital, Littleton, Colorado. He was 88.



He was born in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, attended St. Johnsbury Academy and earned bachelor and master degrees from the University of Vermont.

Lee's active duty assignments from 1954-1962 included Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio; Yokota AB and Itami AB, Japan; Malmstrom AFB, Montana; and Headquarters Air Defense Command, Ent AFB, Colorado.

During his assignment in Japan, Lee was the Air Force's technical advisor during the filming of the 1957 hit movie *Sayonara*, which had a cast that included Marlon Brando, Red Buttons, Ricardo Montalban, and James Garner.

He left active duty in 1962 but continued his Public Affairs career in the Air Force Reserve. Lee retired in 1982 as a colonel.

In retirement he worked for Martin Marietta in Littleton, Colorado, then started his own public relations firm.

He was instrumental in founding the *Skiers Gazette* newspaper and the American Skibob Association to promote skibobbing, a winter sport using a bicycle-type frame attached to skis for recreation and competition. In 1970 the association merged with another group to form the United States Skibob Federation, the official national body for skibobbing in the U.S.

Lee also created Science Circus, Inc., his one-man show that from 1984-2007 which presented educational programs in schools across the country.

He is survived by his wife, Gloria; daughter Debbie, granddaughter Melissa Cameron Sattler, and 4 great grandchildren.

Lee was interred with military honors at Fort Logan National Cemetery, Denver, Colorado. Donations in Lee's memory may be made to Shriners Children's Hospital, c/o El Jebel Shrine, 3443 So. Galena Street, Suite 250, Denver, CO 80231.

Rothgeb Arlington Inurnment November 22

Services at Arlington National Cemetery for AFPAAA Life Member Harold L. 'Bud' Rothgeb, who passed away last September, are scheduled for 3 p.m., Friday, November 22.

Friends and colleagues of Bud who plan on attending to pay their last respects should assemble at the Administration building 45 minutes prior to the service. They can confirm the date and time that week with the most current information available by going to the Arlington Cemetery website at:

<https://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/Funerals/Funeral-Schedule/Daily-Funeral-Schedule>

In Or Near Virginia, How About A B-17 Flight?

It's a great chance for yourself, your kids, or your grandkids to see up close, tour, or even take a flight in one of the most historic aircraft ever.

If you can get to Virginia's Manassas Regional Airport, Friday through Sunday, October 25-27, or the Lynchburg Regional Airport, Tuesday, October 29, the Experimental Aircraft Association of America's (EAA) WWII B-17 *Aluminum Overcast* will be on display and in the air. From Virginia the aircraft has a number of stops planned in Tennessee and Georgia through late November.

Weather permitting, the vintage B-17G's first take-off will be at 10 AM with ground tours following the end of each day's flights.

The *Aluminum Overcast* can carry ten passengers on each flight. A typical flight schedule, including briefing and familiarization of the aircraft, is about an hour with about 24 minutes in the air. During the flight passengers can move about the B-17 and check out the views from the .50 caliber machine gun emplacements as well as the other crew positions.

Ground tours of the aircraft are \$10 per person, families including children up to 17 are \$20, kids under 8 with a paying adult are free as are veterans and active duty military.

A variety of memorabilia such as hats, shirts, books, pins, etc. of the *Aluminum Overcast* will be available.

There are number of rates, ranging from \$409 to \$475



depending on affiliation or whether or not pre-booked, for individuals taking a flight. Advanced booking is recommended because of the limited passenger seating on the B-17. Seats can be purchased on the day of flight if any are available.

The money raised from the flights, ground tours, merchandise, and food sold at each tour stop helps cover maintenance and operations cost of the *Aluminum Overcast* and the non-profit EAA's goal to "keep 'em flying" for many years to come.

Full details, prices, and contact information for the B-17 *Aluminum Overcast* tour are available at: <https://www.eaa.org/shop/Flights/B17.aspx>

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone/Cell Phone: _____
(Do you receive text messages at this number? Yes ___ No ___)

Email Address: _____

Guest(s) Name(s): _____

How do you want your name/guest name(s) to appear on name badges: _____



NOTE - To register and pay by credit card online go to: <http://www.afpaaa.org/Annualmeet.html>

How many in your party will go on the bus tour, Friday, May 1? _____

Full Registration

Includes all events, except golf, on Thursday, April 30.

Please indicate the number of meal choice(s) for the Saturday banquet:

*Steak _____ *Fish _____ *Chicken _____ *Vegetarian _____

** After the number insert M for member or G for Guest choice.*

Members Attending ___ x \$200 = \$ _____
Guests Attending ___ x \$200 = \$ _____
Non Members ___ x \$300 = \$ _____

Individual Event Registration

**Icebreaker Reception - Holiday Inn,
Thursday, April 30, 5-7 p.m.**

Members Attending ___ x \$20 = \$ _____
Guests Attending ___ x \$20 = \$ _____
Non Members ___ x \$25 = \$ _____

Breakfast - Holiday Inn, Friday, May 1.

Members Attending ___ x \$30 = \$ _____
Guests Attending ___ x \$30 = \$ _____
Non Members ___ x \$35 = \$ _____

President's Luncheon - Friday, May 1.

*(Includes bus transportation from Holiday Inn
for Friday tour)*

Members Attending ___ x \$75 = \$ _____
Guests Attending ___ x \$75 = \$ _____
Non Members ___ x \$85 = \$ _____

President's Luncheon Only - Friday, May 1.

Members Attending ___ x \$55 = \$ _____
Guests Attending ___ x \$55 = \$ _____
Non Members ___ x \$65 = \$ _____

Breakfast - Holiday Inn, Saturday, May 2.

Members Attending ___ x \$30 = \$ _____
Guests Attending ___ x \$30 = \$ _____
Non Members ___ x \$35 = \$ _____

**SAF/PA Director's Luncheon, Holiday Inn,
Saturday, May 2.**

Members Attending ___ x \$55 = \$ _____
Guests Attending ___ x \$55 = \$ _____
Non Members ___ x \$65 = \$ _____

**AFPAAA Annual Reception & Banquet, Holiday Inn,
Saturday, May 2, 6-10 p.m.**

Please indicate number of meal choice(s) for the banquet:

*Steak _____ *Fish _____ *Chicken _____ *Vegetarian _____

** After the number insert M for member or G for Guest choice.*

Members Attending ___ x \$95 = \$ _____
Guests Attending ___ x \$95 = \$ _____
Non Members ___ x \$105 = \$ _____

Total Remitted \$ _____

Please make your check or money order payable to:

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Mail form and check/money order to:

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Lady Lake, FL 32159**

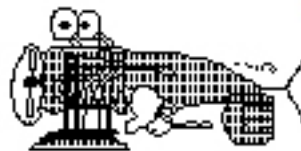
**Meeting Registrations Are Due NLT
Midnight, April 15, 2020. Registrations
Received After That Date Will Be
Charged A \$25 Per Person Late Fee.**

Hotel: AFPAAA has a block of rooms at the Holiday Inn Dayton/Fairborn I-675 at the rate of **\$109.00+tax** per night (single or double). The rate is valid from April 27 through May 5 while rooms are available. Make reservations through the link at <http://www.AFPAAA.org/annualmeet.html> or call the hotel (866) 628-6503. Say that you are with the Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association. Hotel reservations **must be booked by April 15, 2020**. For the latest meeting information check AFPAAA's website: <http://www.AFPAAA.org/annualmeet.html>



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Welcome Aboard To . . . Juan Femath and Herman Bell.

New Lifers . . . Gary Kunich, Lindsey Borg, Jerry Renne, Cynthia Scott-Johnson, Oscar Seara, and Lou Timmons, who are now with us for the long haul.

Miley Wins CAP Award . . . Affiliate Member **Mike Miley**, a captain in the Civil Air Patrol's Illinois Wing Chicago Senior Squadron has received a Major Howell Balsem Civil Air Patrol Public Affairs Exceptional Achievement Award (Balsem was CAP's first PAO, serving from 1949 until 1956). Mike's work on the podcast "The Finer Points"

generated a measurable spike in inquiries from pilots, earning the award in CAP's national Public Affairs competition – to view go to: <https://youtu.be/wSfBP2R246A> You've seen Mike's exceptional photography of recent Annual Membership Meetings in this publication and on our website.

Contracted Support's Importance . . . Hurricane Michael's devastation of Tyndall AFB is cited in "Our War-fighting Capabilities through the Lens of Operational Contract Support" in Air & Space Power Journal's fall issue at: www.airuniversity.af.edu/ASPJ It posits how the process of planning for and obtaining supplies, services, and construction from commercial sources is a must in supporting joint operations in peacetime and war. Additional worthwhile articles include "Space Pirates, Geosynchronous Guerrillas, and Nonterrestrial Terrorists: Nonstate Threats in Space," "Thinking Differently about Air Bases: Evolving with the Evolving Strategic Environment," and "A Plan for a US Space Force: The What, Why, How, and When".