

TSgt Laura Beckley's Multiple Accomplishments & Skills Recognized As "Best of the Best"

Technical Sergeant Laura J. Beckley's winning the Brigadier General James W. Hart, Jr. Best of the Best Award as the top performer in Air Force Public Affairs for 2019 should have not been a surprise; she has excelled throughout her 11 year career.

As the NOIC of Command Information, 436th Airlift Wing, Dover AFB, Delaware, she coordinates Air Force and command strategic communication and information for two wings and four tenant units. Sergeant Beckley also is liaison for Air Force Mortuary Affairs Operations Public Affairs, ensuring continuous training, management and availability of personnel for the Dignified Transfer mission that operates at Dover.

TSgt. Beckley received the award for numerous accomplishments including video featured on ABC, NBC, FOX, and CNN. She filled

a senior master sergeant slot for five months managing 90 projects with a \$40,000 budget; authored the wing agreement with the Air Force Mortuary Affairs Operations to support the Dignified Transfers mission; received the Commandant's Award and was a distinguished graduate of the Airey Noncommissioned Officer Academy.

Enlisting in 2009, she completed DINFOS' Basic Broadcast Journalism Course, then had assignments with the 319th Air Refueling Wing, Grand Forks AFB, North Dakota; American Forces Network, Incirlik Air Base, Turkey; the 6th Air Mobility Wing, MacDill AFB, Florida, and Operations Manager, American Forces Network, Lajes Field, Portugal.

Prior to her current assignment, Sergeant Beckley was an Aerial Combat Broadcaster with the 1st Combat Camera Squadron, JB Charleston, South Carolina, deploying from April 2017 – October 2017 with the Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa Information Operations, Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti.

Air Force awards and honors she has received include the 2011 Broadcast Journalist of the Year and the Defense Media Activity Noncommissioned Officer Communication Excellence Award and the John L. Levitow Award in 2014. The Levitow Award, the highest honor at Airman Leadership School, is presented to the student demonstrating the most outstanding leadership and scholastic qualities based on academic performance. In 2017 she was Air Force Public Affairs Agency Military Videographer of the Year.

The sergeant has an Associate of Applied Science degree in Public Affairs from the Community College of the Air Force and earned a Bachelors of Liberal Arts in mass communication from the University of Maryland's University College.

SAF/PA selects AFPAAA's Best of the Best Award and trophy winner to recognize the top officer, civilian, or enlisted person in Air Force Public Affairs for professional excellence and significant contributions to the effectiveness of the Air Force mission. Funding for the award is provided by Lockheed Martin. A \$1,000 check and a Life membership in AFPAAA accompany the trophy.



Rescheduled Annual Meeting Set For 2021!



"Working closely with Air Force Materiel Command Director of Public Affairs Wendy Varhegyi and her staff, we've rescheduled AFPAAA's 27th Annual Membership Meeting for next April 22-24 at Wright-Patterson AFB and Fairborn, Ohio," board president and meeting coordinator, Perry Nouis said.

"A new contract has been signed by treasurer Phil Ratliff for our rooms and meals at the Holiday Inn we were to stay at before Covid-19 forced cancelling this year, and Al Cummings, our on-site coordinator, is working the Wright-Patt and AF Museum programs."

More information and the registration form will be in our next issue of *News & Notes*.

Every Member Sponsor A New Member Challenge

"We need every member of AFPAAA to act now and sponsor a new member," challenged former Board of Directors Chairman Art Forster. "New members are the key to supporting AFPAAA in the present and the years ahead."

"In the past we've encouraged members to seek new members. This is a more active and direct effort to bring new folks from the military and civilians now serving and retirees into our fold. If each of us go through our membership directory and look for friends who are not listed and then reach out to them, we can really add to AFPAAA's rolls."

Using the application on page 7 or going to www.afpaaa.org there are two ways to expand AFPAAA's membership Art said.

Associate Members on active duty or in Civil Service in Air Force bands,

broadcasting, multi-media, and public affairs can tell their contemporaries about our free, no obligation, two-year, first time AFPAAA Associate Membership offer and urge them to join. That offer includes eight issues of the *News & Notes* newsletter, the printed and online membership directories, email BLASTs, and many other benefits.

Those of us who are retired Full Members can increase membership by gifting a friend who we feel should be in AFPAAA. "A modest, Full Member \$25 one-year or \$50 three-years gift to a retired friends can really help ensure AFPAAA's future," Art observed.

"The important thing is to add Associate and Full Members, and that can only happen if we – current active duty and retired AFPAAA members – get behind this initiative."



Jay DeFrank New Chairman, Chuck Merlo New Board Member, Incumbents Reelected

The April Board of Directors election saw five incumbents – Brett Ashworth, John Dorrian, John Gura, Doug Kennett, and Carla Sylvester – and one new member, Chuck Merlo who takes the seat vacated by Bryan Bochar, begin two-year terms this month. Following our leadership progression plan, which moves AFPAAA officers consecutively from secretary through chairman of the board, new officers were seated July 1. Jay DeFrank has succeeded Tom Dolney as chairman, Perry Nouis and Brett Ashworth move up to president and vice president, and Greg Smith has been appointed secretary. Phil Ratliff continues as treasurer. Other members of the board are Dave Phillips, John Terino, and SAF/PA appointed non-voting member Jerry Renne.



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Former SAF/PA Director Heads Recruiting Service

Major General Edward W. Thomas, Jr. became commander of Air Force Recruiting Service (AFRS) at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas, on June 11 following his promotion confirmation by the Senate in late May.

General Thomas had been the Secretary of the Air Force's Director of Public Affairs since June 2016. He was succeeded at SAF/PA in May by Brigadier General Patrick S. Ryder.

As head of AFRS General Thomas is responsible for more than 2,800 Airmen and civilians and approximately 1,040 recruiting offices across the United States and abroad, all enlisted accessions and a variety of officer accession programs, as well as managing all of the Air

Force's strategic marketing.

In addition to his many Public Affairs assignments, including as Special Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, he was the commander of Air University's Thomas N. Barnes Center for Enlisted Education at Maxwell AFB, Alabama.

His other command assignments were the 341st Mission Support Squadron, Malmstrom AFB, Montana, and the 673rd Mission Support Group, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska.



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From The President's Pen



To say everybody's personal as well as AFPAAA's schedules for this year have been upended is clearly a major understatement. All the plans we had to attend weddings and graduations, go on vacations, and be at our Annual Membership Meeting at the end of April were wiped out by Covid-19.

Then, as we were coordinating new dates to meet next year, tragedy struck our primary contact when Scott Ash, Air Force Materiel Command Public Affairs Chief of Operations passed away suddenly. It was a devastating situation for his family and everyone at Wright-Patterson AFB. Al Cummings, our on site coordinator, and I then worked with AFPAAA member Wendy Verhegyi, AFMC's Director of Public Affairs, and she was able to help reschedule our meeting for April 22-24, 2021.

The postponement of our Annual Meeting this year prevented us from honoring Technical Sergeant Laura J. Beckley, the Brigadier General James W. Hart, Jr. Best of the Best Award winner for 2019 as well as a recipient for the Mike McRaney Distinguished Service Award at our banquet, and the presentation of AFPAAA President's Awards at the appropriately named luncheon.

But there is more recent good news. Congratulations are in order for two Air Force Public Affairs professionals. First, to Ed Thomas on his promotion, and subsequent Senate Confirmation, to Major General. General Thomas leaves SAF/PA to become the Commander of Air Force Recruiting Service. Great job, Ed!

And kudos go to Brigadier General Pat Ryder, SAF/PA's new director, who pinned on his first star May 15. We are very much looking forward to you joining us for an update on what is happening in Air Force Public Affairs at the Annual Membership Meeting next year.

We also congratulate new AFPAAA Board member Chuck Merlo; Greg Smith, our new secretary, and reelected members Brett Ashworth, John Dorrian, John Gura, Doug Kennett, and Carla Sylvester.

It has been a tumultuous first six months of 2020 for the country and to a lesser extent AFPAAA. If you, like me, are wishing for a return to some sense of normalcy as we head into the second half of the year let's bring into AFPAAA new Associate and Full Members, as outlined in the story on page one.

And we can mark our calendars now and start making plans to get together for our rescheduled 27th Annual Membership Meeting in April 2021. Meanwhile, I and the entire AFPAAA Board of Directors wish you good health in the months to come.

– Perry

Lord Guard & Guide

Scott M. Ash

Scott Ash, Air Force Materiel Command Public Affairs Chief of Operations, died suddenly on April 24 at his home in Sugarcreek Township, Ohio. He was 55.

Born in Omaha, Nebraska, he graduated from Sevastopol High School, Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, in 1983, as his family moved with his step-dad, an aircraft mechanic and KC-135 crew chief, who retired as a master sergeant.

After two years at the University of Nebraska studying journalism Scott enlisted in the Air Force and became a photojournalist. In his uniformed career he had assignments at Vandenberg AFB, California; Aviano AB, Italy; Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona, and the Pentagon's Joint Combat Camera Center.

Scott graduated from the Military Photojournalism Program at Syracuse University in 2003 and became the Base Multimedia Manager for the 11th Wing at Bolling AFB, DC, where he retired from active duty in 2007 as a master sergeant. After a brief stint managing corporate conference center support for government agencies for Analytic Service, Inc., he rejoined the Air Force as a civilian in 2008.

As SAF/PA Branch Chief, Photojournalism and Editorial Content, he traveled around the world with dignitaries and top Air Force brass, including the Secretary of the AF, Chief of Staff, Vice Chief, and Chief Master Sergeant of the AF to many official functions, and amassed quite a collection of outstanding photographs and memorabilia.

He moved to Ohio and his post at Air Force Materiel Command Public Affairs in 2018.

Scott loved photography, annually volunteering for the prestigious Eddie Adams Workshop, an intense four day gathering of college students, professionals with less than five years experience, and military photographers. Scott mentored the students and managed the culminating presentations at the workshop's conclusion.

He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Lisa; his mother, Mary Conlon; sister, Lynette, and many extended family members. Memorial donations in Scott's name can be made to the Air Force Aid Society at: www.afas.org/ways-to-give or to the National Press Photographers Foundation at www.nppf.org/remembering-the-memory-of-people-who-have-been-important-in-your-life

I lured Scott from the Pentagon so he could be my Operations Chief. He was an excellent jack of all trades, but he was so much more. He was amazing and would give you the shirt off his back; he was certainly the glue that held our organization together. We were friends for over 20 years and became family. He was a talented photographer, but his real strength was how he dealt with people. No matter how long you knew Scott he made an impression on you. He could interact with the most senior people in our Air Force and the most junior, and he would treat everyone with the same kindness, generosity and respect. He was truly one-of-a-kind. I'm going to miss him so much.

– Wendy Varhegyi

It makes my heart heavy to hear that Mr. Scott Ash has passed away. I worked with him while I was General Welsh's junior exec circa 2015. Scott always had a positive attitude no matter the situation! He did outstanding work and always made us smile. It makes me very sad to know his positive spirit is no longer with us...but I know, no matter where he is now, he is making people smile and filling hearts with warmth and laughter.

– Heather Blackwell



I'm so very sorry to hear about Scott Ash's passing. Just terrible news . . . there was nothing average about Scott, was there? He was amazingly talented, so personable, warm, and, perhaps most important of all, a good friend . . . Scott truly is and will remain in my prayers – prayers for comfort, strength, healing, and hope.

– Mark Graff

He captured the world with his photographs and the hearts of his family, friends and colleagues with his sense of humor and compassion. USA: Uncle Scott Ash. Master Sergeant U.S Air Force.

– Susan Juechter

I was shocked and sorry to hear this news. I've known Scott since 2004 at 11Wing/PA, Bolling AFB. We had many discussions about photography and the Air Force public affairs career field . . . He was such a kind person and always a consummate professional. I know he will be missed by everyone who ever knew him. I am very proud to know that my path crossed his if only for a little while. My thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time.

– Linda Card

You stood behind the camera, while we all looked at you. The Michael Jordan of your craft, with the humility of someone far less seasoned. You made everyone around you better humans. Those who worked with you will never have another Scott Ash on their team. You were absolutely one of a kind, and the Air Force public affairs community has lost a legend. We were all blessed to know you. Love you, buddy.

– Chris Moore

He was just The Best.

– Sherry Medders

Prayers for you, Scott, his family and all those who knew him, loved him and will be touched by his loss. I'm so very sad he was taken from you but I'm sure God has a place for him in heaven.

– Chuck Merlo

I'm a photographer at Maxwell AFB. I was deeply saddened to learn of Scott Ash's passing. He was a fabulous photographer and PA and I admired him very much . . . My condolences to his family and those of you who knew him well.

– Melanie Rodgers Cox

If the measure of a man is in the lives he's touched, then my brother-in-law Scott was one of the greatest! He blessed our family with his immense generosity, compassion, humor, and creativity and I'm quite certain, enriched the lives of anyone who was lucky enough to have known him. His selflessness was beyond compare... a true unsung hero! Scott, you've left a hole in our hearts that can never be filled... but we're eternally grateful for the countless family memories we hold tight. Our beloved "Uncle Scott Ash - USA"... you were simply the best!

– Christine Juechter

As a little sister, it is heartwarming to read through all the love my brother has been given. We have always been far apart geographically and in age. I was the obnoxious, immature, annoying kid but still looked up to my big brother and continue to do so. We have lived separated lives. Everyone from my world who has met him has always had nothing but great things to say about him. It has been 40 days since we last talked, far too long. There is now a hole in my life as I as I am sure there is for all of you. I wish we could have another beer together. He had good taste in beer. He also taught me how to cut the tape on Christmas presents so that you could peak at them without detection.

– Lynette Dunn

Brent B. Boller

Brent Boller, a member of AFPAAA, who served as an Air Force enlisted, officer, and civilian, and was a prominent radio personality in San Antonio, Texas, died May 4 after a lengthy battle with cancer. He was 63.



He was born in San Diego, California, and enlisted in the Air Force after graduating from Grossmont High School in La Mesa in 1975. Endowed with a rich baritone voice, he rose to technical sergeant with assignments that included broadcasting for Armed Forces Radio and Television Service in Greenland and Iceland.



Brent then entered college to complete his undergraduate degree and become an officer. In 1986 he earned a BA in Mass Communications/Media Studies and, as Corp Commander and a Distinguished Graduate of Air Force ROTC, his commission at Southwest Texas State University.

As a Public Affairs Officer in Air Education and Training Command he was deployed in Operation Desert Shield/Storm. In 1990, he received his MA in Communications from the University of Oklahoma.

Brent retired in 1996 as a captain from the first of his Air Force careers as Chief of Public Affairs for the 12th Flying Training Wing, Randolph AFB, Texas.

He was "on the air" the next day beginning a 13 year career as a news anchor and morning show co-host at San Antonio's KTSA. He did that until returning to the Air Force in the Civil Service ranks at the newly established Joint Base San Antonio.

With the diagnosis of cancer he retired in 2014 from his full work schedule at JBSA. Subsequently he returned to broadcasting on Texas Public Radio in 2015, as a backup host on news shows and interviewing candidates on election nights for Texas Public Radio KSTX.

A highly respected emcee and much in demand master of ceremonies, Brent volunteer his time and voice to host events for many local charities and organizations including the American Red Cross, the annual Fiesta's opening ceremony, the San Antonio Symphony and the Air Force Band of the West.

Brent is survived by his wife of 31 years, Jean; daughter, McKenna; stepmother, Christina Boller; and his brother and sister, Tim Boller and Margo Easter. Contributions in his memory may be made to Texas Public Radio at: <https://secure.tpr.org/pledge/> or to the Alamo Chapter of the Air Force Association, P.O. Box 34261, San Antonio TX 78265-4261, which has honored Brent with a memorial scholarship.

Brent was one of the good guys. We worked together when he was the wing PA at Randolph, and I was at Lackland. He was always smart and down-to-earth. Years later, by the time I retired from the Air Force, he had already done so, and he was generous with his time and advice during my transition. To say he will be missed just doesn't seem like enough.

- Carla Sylvester

Brent was a great volunteer in his San Antonio community. He was a valuable member of the Media Advisory Committee for the first three Alamo Bowl football games. He took leave from his 12FTW/PA duties to be a key part of the bowl game's Media Center. As a newsmen on KTSA Radio, he was an active participant in the station's Chat Room, helping listeners understand the news

and becoming a friend to many of them. His love for his daughter showed through his taking her on assignment to follow an eclipse of the sun, on trips to see family and spending time with her at a golf driving range, or with her and her friends as a driver/escort. Brent found time to speak to our AFPAAA Annual Meeting in San Antonio about the TI sex cases at Lackland AFB while he was the JBSA Media Affairs Officer. He was so liked by the San Antonio Express-News' military writer that he wrote a special column memorializing Brent. No better compliment could be given to his professionalism.

- Tom Shumaker

Charles E Davis

Chuck Davis, one of the first members of AFPAAA and who had a 41 year Air Force career in uniform and Civil Service, passed away from complications from Alzheimer's disease April 25th at the Silverado Beach Cities Memory Care Facility, Redondo Beach, California. He was 77.

After graduating in 1960 from Ralph L. Fike High School in Wilson, North Carolina, where he was born, he worked for local radio station WGTM. He enlisted in the Air Force in 1962 and began his career in uniform at Lowry AFB, Colorado, and Wurtsmith AFB, Michigan.

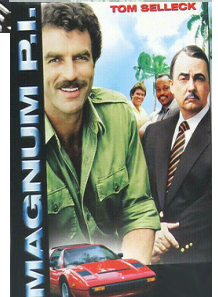
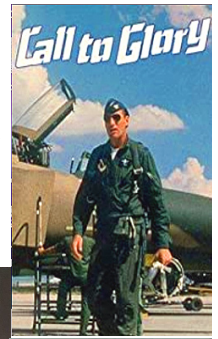
Chuck left active duty in late 1966 and entered the Inactive Reserve. From 1966 through the fall of 1971 he worked as an announcer, reporter, copywriter, and programmer at a number of radio stations in Colorado and Florida before returning to active duty at Lowry AFB. Subsequent assignments included Spangdahlem AB, Germany, where he received the Best Military Newspaper in Europe and the 3rd place award in the Air Force newspaper competition for 1976.

While with the 20th Air Division, Fort Lee, Virginia, in 1978 he won the Best News and Feature Writer of the Year Award in NORAD.

At the Pentagon from 1980-1984, he was the NCOIC of SAF/PA's Pictorial/Broadcast Branch. In that position he was one of the principal leaders of the highly intensive media training seminars the Air Force provided. In those seminars military and government officials that included the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and other senior military, White House, department, and agency personnel were exposed to and taught how to handle interviews and encounters with the news media.

Chuck's expertise and outstanding performance at SAF/PA resulted in his being named the Headquarters United States Air Force NCO of the Year in 1982. In 1984 he began his last active duty assignment as the NCOIC of the Air Force Office of Public Affairs-Western Region, Los Angeles, California. He retired from the LA office as a master sergeant in October 1987.

Chuck's background in audio-visual operations and production, media, extensive knowledge of the Air Force, and unique ability to develop rapport with pro-



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ducers, writers, and directors of movies and television programs that ensured accurate portrayals of the Air Force was an invaluable asset that the Air Force did not want to lose.

In January 1988, when Chuck was back in his Los Angeles office, the things he did in uniform had been made a civilian position, a post he held until he retired as a GS-13 in 2009. Among the many productions he worked on were *Call to Glory*, *McGyver*, *The Hanoi Hilton*, *Magnum P.I.*, *Spencer For Hire*, *Mac and Me*, and *Speed*.

He earned a BS degree from the University of San Francisco, attended the Air Force communications course at the University of Oklahoma, completed American Film Institute and University of Southern California courses that included motion picture production and screen writing, and obtained his Electronic Engineer License from the Radio Electronics Institute.

Chuck is survived by his wife of 49 years, Kathleen; his brother, Billy; his sons, Paul and Mark, and two grandchildren, Lenna and Chase. He was interred at Los Angeles National Cemetery.

Chuck Davis was the consummate professional – bright, dedicated and witty – who served as a role model for both his seniors and subordinates. An avid spokesperson and promoter, Chuck worked his magic on reporters, directors and screen writers to tell the Air Force story while assigned to the Pentagon and the SAF/PA office in LA. After he hung up his uniform he put on his business suit and continued to advocate for the Air Force among the Hollywood elite. He served as technical advisor on numerous movies, TV shows, and documentaries involving Air Force stories and themes. Chuck had a big smile and kind word for everyone. Many of us learned a lot from Chuck and valued his friendship and he will be missed by many. Farewell old friend – rest in peace.

– Art Forster

Then SSgt. Charles E. Davis, joined our staff at the 52nd Tactical Fighter Wing Office of Information, Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, with Kathleen and their son Paul in 1974, a few months before Carolyn and I rotated back to the States. Chuck was a great addition to the office, because he had admin experience before retraining into the then Information career field and we really needed his expertise. He moved quickly to editor of our base newspaper, the “Spangled Banner.” We were able to stay in touch over the years through the annual Staff Directory updates and frequently because our jobs intersected at events. When Chuck went to the Los Angeles Entertainment Liaison Office, I knew the Air Force had picked a winner. Chuck had movie star good looks and the out going personality to make things happen for our Air Force—and he did! In recent years we connected through the AFPAAA annual meetings and he was always a joy to be around. Godspeed Chuck.

– David Smith

Chuck Davis, was a quiet, soft-spoken gentleman, always smiling and respectful with an amazing ‘get it done’ attitude. I always trusted Chuck’s experienced advice and he always shot very straight, answering my often off-the-wall questions. Around the actors, producers, directors and on-set workers I met while accompanying Chuck it was very apparent he enjoyed strong respect, effective relationships and workable cooperation in his task of bridging

the gap between movie fantasy and reality. He found many effective ways to keep the Air Force image and reputation untarnished and credibly real even when the story line seemed heading in a negative direction. In my mind Chuck was a one of a kind, a very talented NCO and a damn good friend. God Speed Chuck.

– Mike McRaney

Chuck was the bedrock in the LA office for many years. I first met him at a USAFE Editors Workshop in 1976. I was the editor of the Ramjet at Ramstein and he was the editor of Spangdehlem’s Spangled Banner. I worked several projects with him years later when I was at the USAF Academy and he was in LA. Whenever I was in the LA area we’d get together for lunch. Last saw him at one the AFPAAA reunions a few years back. Sad to hear of his passing.

– Al Eakle

I first met Chuck Davis in 1986 when I took over SAF/PA’s Western Region Office. Chuck had been NCOIC, Television and Motion Picture Liaison for several years prior and had already established an outstanding reputation with SAF/PA, OASD/PA, and entertainment industry leaders in Hollywood. It became immediately clear to me that Chuck had been doing an exceptional job supporting the entertainment industry and could be trusted to continue in this important role with little to no supervision. His detailed knowledge of the Air Force and the motion picture/television industry, coupled with his pleasing personality and his helpful, can-do attitude made him the top military technical advisor in Hollywood. When it became time for Chuck to retire from the Air Force in 1987, I converted his position into a civil service billet and brought him back to resume his important duties. He continued in this job until retirement in 2009 as a GS-13. Chuck was a friend and I maintained contact with him and his wife Kathleen after leaving the LA office in 1989. While serving at Air Force Space Command here in Colorado, Chuck and Kathleen visited us and he provided a well-received presentation to the Pikes Peak Chapter, PRSA, professional development workshop. Chuck Davis was a truly outstanding member of our Air Force Public Affairs team, making lasting contributions to public support for our people, history, and mission. He was a legend in our business, and I will miss him.

– Fred Morgan

Albert Logan (AL) Douthitt

AL Douthitt, an AFPAAA member, died September 4 at Timberwood Assisted Living, Midwest City, Oklahoma. He was 90.

An outstanding athlete at Miami High School, he received a track scholarship from Oklahoma University in 1947 and earned a bachelor’s degree in journalism in 1951.

AL served two years in the Air Force before joining the staff of the Nowata Star newspaper.

Recalled during the 1962 Cuban missile crisis, he remained on active duty as an information officer serving in a variety of assignments, including at Headquarters Pacific Air Forces in the mid-1960s. He retired from his final assignment at Tinker AFB, Oklahoma, in 1977 as a major.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Virginia; his sister Mary Ann Heck, and brother Jon Douthitt. AL was interred at Fort Gibson National Cemetery, Muskogee County, Oklahoma. Memorial donations in his name may be made to the Paralyzed Veterans of America.



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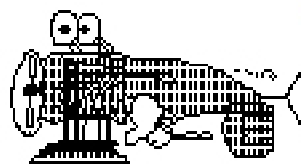
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Our Apology . . . to new Life Member *Bonnie Heater*, we misspelled her name in our April issue.

Time For Your Self Check . . . Membership Chairman *Christine Queen* is getting ready to

send the next edition of the AFPAAA Membership Directory to the printer. She needs your help. Send her any additions, changes, or corrections that you may have to your listing right now so the Directory can go to the printer by August 1.

Ask yourself:

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