



Newsbriefs

Calendar of events

Fisher House Work Project

June 15

For information, e-mail edgarland@memberafa.org

Texas AFA Convention

July 26-28

Menger Hotel

Air Force Birthday Ball

Sept. 21

Mitchell Hall, Lackland AFB

Charlotte and Carlton Loos Civilian Awards Banquet

Oct. 17

Gateway Club, Lackland AFB

Combat breakfast

Nov. 8

VFW Post, Austin Hwy.

Membership form available online

The Air Force Association makes joining its ranks just a point and click away.

The association has made its secure membership form available online at: www.afa.org/joinapp.asp.

Alamo chapter garners national AFA awards

The National Air Force Association announced the Alamo AFA Chapter as the winner of the Exceptional Service Award for Community Relations. The presentation will be made at the AFA national convention in Washington DC in September.

Medal of Merit awards were announced for Annie Howell, Carlos Massiatte, Mark Montague and Daniel O' Neal. Exceptional service awards for BJ Bjorge and Karen Rankin.

Texas AFA awards

Beverly Hallmark, a teacher at Mac Arthur High School, has been awarded the Christa McAuliffe Memorial Award. The award is named after Christa McAuliffe, the first teacher in space who was killed in the Space Shuttle Challenger January 28, 1986.

Capt. David Stanfield of the Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph Air Force Base, has been selected as officer of the year.

Andy Nodine of X-Technologies has been recognized as civilian of the year.

The 433rd Airlift Wing at Lackland AFB has been



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Other award winners include: Company Grade Officer of the Year Capt. Glen M. Glenove, AIA; Airman of the Year Tech. Sgt. Peter A. Speen, AIA; Scientist of the Year James H. Merrit, Brooks AFB; Clinician of the Year Col. James K Wright,

Brooks AFB; and Air Force JROTC Cadet of the Year Cadet Major David W. Mangold of Castroville, Texas.

The Alamo Chapter hosts the Texas AFA Convention at the Menger Hotel, July 26-28. For a registration form, call Charlotte Loos, (210)222-1153.

President's Page

Many events, much work on horizon

We are fast approaching summer, the hottest part of the San Antonio year and the busiest time of the year for the Alamo Chapter.

So many of the chapter's major activities come right on the heels of summer. Now is the time we work these events and, as usual, we need all the help we can get.

On Sept. 21, the chapter will rise again to remember our Air Force and sponsor the San Antonio Air Force Birthday Ball. This year the Air Force Personnel Center at Randolph Air Force Base will be our organizational sponsor. The theme is, "HEROES...Air Force People."

The ball will be held at Mitchell Hall on Lackland Air Force Base. We ask all local organizations to provide a standing collage of people photos to highlight their missions, outstanding performers and all those who are Air Force heroes. We can use help with decorations, finances and



Rankin

protocol duties.

The second major activity will be the chapter's participation in the Celebration of America's Military week, which occurs this year Nov. 2-11.

The "week" will begin with a Thunderbirds Air Show at Kelly/Lackland and will culminate with the traditional laying of the wreaths at Ft. Sam Houston on Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

Nov. 2, the chapter will have a booth at the "Open House" to highlight chapter activities and people.

People are needed to

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work the booth during the day.

Nov. 8, the Alamo Chapter will host a combat breakfast in honor of the outstanding enlisted members across the city.

Nov. 9, the chapter will participate in the Veterans Day Parade. We need riders and viewers for the downtown parade.

Activities such as these are the means the Alamo Chapter uses to emphasize to San Antonio the role of the Air Force and the Air Force Association in our community.

Some of you may have read a May 27 Express News article about the number of veterans in the

San Antonio area - 118,951 - a significant percentage of that number are Air Force.

Air Force people have changed the face of San Antonio and continue to do so.

Our commitment to this country and now to the San Antonio community cannot be measured just in dollars. Every day, Air Force people, active duty and veterans, contribute in many ways to our city. The Alamo Chapter is one way to get active in your community... to continue the tradition of Air Force people building San Antonio.

Join us! Be active! Be a part of your Air Force and San Antonio community.

Alamo AFA Web site has new 'master'

By Kaye Biggar

The Alamo AFA's new webmaster, James Garrett, is updating the Web page and has included a news page that is updated periodically.

On the facts page, he has included three briefings,

www.alamoafa.org

each viewable via a web browser or Microsoft PowerPoint.

The first presentation, AFA 101, is mandatory for all chapter leaders.

The second, Area Commanders Briefings, is specifically for organization vice presidents.

Finally, The Force behind the Force is for all

AFA members

Issues of the Defender Newsletter are included, as is the 2002-2005 Strategic Plan .

For more information on the the Alamo AFA's Web site, point your browser to www.alamoafa.org.

AFA anything but an 'officers club'

It's possible that many enlisted members believe the Air Force Association is an officers association.

In 1947, the AFA's first president Jimmy Doolittle said, "Generals, colonels, second looies, top kicks, buck privates are all just plain mister in AFA. While I have been elected to head up AFA, Merrill Frost, ex Sgt, is a vice president, and John Biehn, a former private, is one of the directors."

Doolittle could say about the same today if he were to look at the world's largest chapter, the Alamo AFA.

Here are some statistics to back that up:

Ten of the executive committee members are enlisted and 22 are civilian, some retired, some Air Force civilians. Only six are officers.

Six of our organization vice presidents are enlisted, three are officers and two are Air Force civilians.

Nine of our leadership development



members are enlisted, nine are civilians and four are officers.

At the Ft. Worth, Texas, chapter, the president is a former staff sergeant, and he has a number of former wing commanders and a general on his executive committee.

James McCoy, an enlisted member, is past president and chairman of the board of AFA National. Jack Steed, a retired noncommissioned officer, is a nominee for AFA National president.

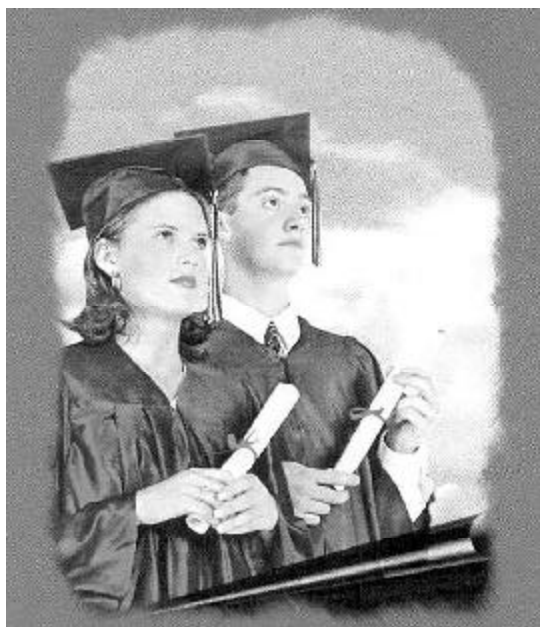
Additionally, a major AFA program is the Twelve Outstanding Airmen of the Year.

And to top it all off, AFA has just announced five security force noncommissioned officers have been named the Air Force Association Team of the Year for 2002.

The AFA works for you, is made up of people like you, and needs you to keep it strong.

Check us out at www.alamoafa.org.

3 scholarships to be awarded in September



The Alamo Air Force Association Member/Immediate Family Member Scholarship Program will award three, \$500 scholarships in early September.

This program is for Alamo AFA members, spouses and dependent children.

The deadline for submission has been extended to Aug. 15.

Applications may be obtained from the Alamo AFA Aerospace Education Vice President, Capt. Mark Montague at 210-321-4223, or from the January-March 2002 Alamo AFA Defender

Newsletter.

In addition to the completed application, applicants must submit proof of acceptance into an accredited program, proof of a minimum 3.0 grade-point average, two letters of recommendation — one from an Air Force supervisor and one from an AFA official — and a two-page, double-spaced personal statement indicating your academic goals, your community or AFA involvement, your past academic accomplishments and other information to warrant your selection.

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As a community partner you will receive a copy of the *Air Force Magazine* each month, have your company name included here and on programs at our events throughout the year and on our web page.

You will be invited to quarterly breakfasts conducted by Air Force organizations and to all of our events. All for just \$75.00 per year or \$150.00 for two memberships.

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