



## Events

### Air Force

#### Birthdays Ball

Sept. 18, Mitchell Hall,  
Lackland AFB

### AFA Texas State Con- vention

July 23-25, Green Oaks  
Hotel, Ft. Worth, Texas

### Loos Civilian Awards Banquet

Oct. 28, Gateway Club,  
Lackland AFB

### Executive Council Meetings

4 p.m. every second  
Tuesday, Downtown  
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## Alamo AFA goes public

Alamo AFA Iraq style humvee in downtown San Antonio during Fiesta Flambeau, the world's largest night time illuminated parade. This is the third year the Alamo Chapter #234 have organized an element that appears in the vanguard of the parade. In addition to Alamo AFA members in humvees, a Civil Air Patrol color guard precedes the multi-service contingent that includes AFROTC cadets from UTSA and a U.S. Coast Guard group. A 10-foot "Alamo AFA" banner is displayed on a humvee which gives the ultimate exposure to the half million spectators and television viewers. It is the high point of the "Alamo AFA Goes Public" campaign.



## UTSA Scholarships

Pictured above is Lt. Col. John Blumentritt, AETC Vice President, presenting Cadet Carla Tayes with the Colonel George Weinbrenner Scholarship. Other scholarship presentations included: General William V McBride - Cadet Bret Spence; Charlotte Loos - Cadet Lilah Allen; Brig. Gen. Robinson Risner - Cadet Bernie Boggs; Brig. Gen. "Tex" Hill - Cadet Daniel Gruben; and Col T. J. Fehrenbach - Cadet Scott Sparks.

## Miss Teen Alamo City USA presents medals, scholarships to cadets at south Texas schools

Miss Teen Alamo City USA, Maggie Robinson, presented Alamo AFA gold medals and scholarships to outstanding Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets at formal ceremonies at a number of south Texas schools recently.

Maggie was selected as Miss Alamo AFA Teen in March and was sponsored by the Alamo chapter. She will compete later this year in the Miss Texas Teen competition hosted by Donald Trump.

Robinson has participated in a number of Alamo Chapter events reinforcing our emphasis on "youth — our future leaders."



Miss Teen Alamo City USA poses with a Reserve Officer Training Corps cadet at the Alamo AFA Blue Suit Awards Banquet, March 25 at the Airport Hilton.

## President's Page

# Chapter president's thoughts about military force, recruiting, AF support

### Dan O'Neal

Alamo AFA President

These are important times as we work to make difficult decisions as a military force. Presently, there are those overseas and here at home probably even more aware of the important work of our armed forces. The contributions of our military and civilians should be recognized especially when times are difficult. Positive support is always appreciated.

Last quarter went by fast. We held our annual Joe Kellogg Blue Suit Awards Banquet and honored many great men and women in blue. We also participated in the Fiesta Parade where the Alamo Chapter, along with others, rode in the vanguard of the parade



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and had a great time.

This next quarter, we plan to continue recruiting new members and community partners. This is something we do year-round in order to keep the chapter and AFA going.

We have also started working on the annual Air Force Birthday Ball and Loos Awards Ban-

quet. These are great events that often take a lot of work but are well worth it. Look for them in September and October.

I often worry about the way things are going in the chapter.

Are we doing the right things to support the Air Force? Do we have the necessary people engaged? Will we have the support to do the things we need to do? I often ask myself these questions, because those whom I come to rely upon get deployed or move on. I worry about meeting deadlines, attendance at the banquets, and many other more trivial things.

Then, I remember that many of our troops endure so much. They have impacted their families, some have lost

friends, and even others have lost their lives. It helps me to put things into perspective.

Actually, the Alamo Chapter has been blessed with many industrious and dedicated people standing in or replacing those who are away. These are the same folks who are working hard to fill in the spaces left by those deployed.

I would like to thank all you who are serving our country, working hard back here in the States, and those who have stepped forward to help the Alamo Chapter. Without you, we would not be here. I sincerely hope that we can all continue supporting the Air Force and all armed services in their endeavors to protect and keep this nation free.

## Annual ball slated for September

The annual Air Force Birthday Ball is Sept. 18 at Mitchell Hall on Lackland Air Force Base. The ball is co-hosted by the Alamo AFA Chapter #234 and the 433rd Airlift Wing.

The theme is "Total Force - Projecting Air and Space Power."

Former chief master sergeant of the Air Force, retired Chief Master Sgt. Bob Gaylor, will be the guest speaker and past Alamo AFA and Texas AFA president, Buster Horlen, will serve as the ball chairman.

Tickets will be \$30 per person, with E-5/GS-8 and junior \$20 each. Sales will begin August 2004 through your organization ticket monitors or at the AFA office. The event is projected to be a sellout, with only approximately 400 tickets being available.

The ball has become a major San Antonio social event for both military and civilians, so put it on your calendar now.

Additional details will be on the Web page at [www.alamoafa.org](http://www.alamoafa.org).

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# Awards banquet lauded a success

The annual "Joe Kellogg" Blue Suit Awards Banquet was held in a civilian venue, the airport Hilton hotel, for the first time on 25 March 2004 to rave reviews by the 245 attendees.

Air Education and Training Command commander, Gen. Donald G. Cook, assisted Alamo Chapter Presi-

dent Dan O'Neal in presenting awards to 60 outstanding performers from San Antonio's 12 major organizations.

Air Force National Secretary Tom Kemp assisted in the presentation of Alamo chapter awards to the United Services Automobile Association as outstanding civilian organization of the year, to the 12th Flying Training

Wing as outstanding military organization, to the Air Force Federal Credit Union as community partner; to Capt. Wade Dillard as officer of the year, to Staff Sgt. James Garrett as airman of the year and to David Stoltz as civilian of the year. Beverly Hallmark of Mac Arthur High School was named teacher of the year.

## AFA Texas convention slated for July

The Texas Air Force Association is slated for July 23-25 at the Green Oaks Inn in Ft. Worth, Texas.

Hotel rates are \$72 per room, per day.

For more information, go to [www.texasafa.org](http://www.texasafa.org). For more information on accommodations, go to [www.greenoakshotel.com](http://www.greenoakshotel.com).

## Alamo AFA sponsors trip to memorial dedication

The Alamo Air Force Association recently sponsored a trip to the World War II memorial dedication.

Led by Ed and Marilyn Garland, 70 World War II veterans and their families attended the dedication at the National Mall in Washington D.C. May 27-31.

Another highlight of the trip was the four-day reunion events, replete with "war stories" and remembrances.

## AFA license plates now available

AFA-Texas automobile license plates are ready to be ordered from the Texas Department of Transportation.

These special plates cost \$30 over the cost of the regular plates; \$8 of this goes to the State and the remaining \$22 goes into escrow for AFA to draw on. It is intended that there will be enough income from this each year so that the chapters will no longer be assessed and money will be rebated to the chapters.

The plates can be ordered any-

time. You do not need to wait until your current plate expires.

The process is:

**Fill out** a TxDOT form VTR-999 available from TxDOT web site:

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**Send the form** with your check for \$30 to TxDOT

**TxDOT will send** the license plates to your County Tax Office for you to pick up.

Please support this program that will benefit AFA scholarships in Texas.

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## Alamo AFA Aerospace Education Foundation

This non-profit, tax exempt affiliate of the Alamo AFA Chapter #234 has been organized to raise funds to support chapter educational outreach and scholarship programs.

A three member board will direct activities.

Past Alamo AFA president, Kaye Biggar, serves as president, National Aerospace Education Foundation Director, Bill Croom, serves as secretary and B.J. Bjorge is treasurer.

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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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