

# The Alamo AFA DEFENDER

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## Awards banquet takes center stage



### Officers to be elected during civilian honors

The Alamo AFA will elect officers at the Charlotte and Carlton Loos Civilian Awards Banquet on October 12.

The nominating committee will make the following report:

- President – Karen Rankin
- Executive VP – Daniel O’ Neal
- Secretary – Kaye Biggar
- Treasurer – Joyce Hons

Nominations from the floor will be entertained.

“Obviously, this is a very important meeting for our organization,” said Kaye Biggar, Alamo chapter president. “We encourage all of our members to attend to be part of this event.

### Event set for Oct. 12 at LAFB Gateway Club

The 22nd Annual Civilian Awards Banquet has been renamed in honor of Charlotte and Carlton Loos. Charlotte has been the administrative assistant for both AFA Texas and the Alamo Chapter for over a quarter of a century.

The banquet will be held on Thursday October 12 at the Lackland Gateway Club beginning with a social hour at 6:30 p.m. Dinner of Chicken Cordon Bleu, Mixed Salad, California Vegetable Medley, Rolls and Butter etc., will be served at 7:15 p.m. Awards presentation will follow. AFA Texas President Buster Horlen will be the Master of Ceremonies.

#### Plan it!

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Place:** Gateway Club, Lackland Air Force Base  
**Event:** Civilian Award Banquet  
**Who’s Invited:** All Members  
**What else?** AFA officers will be elected.

Dress will be Service Dress and Coat and Tie/After 5 for civilians. Tickets are \$20.00 per person and are available through your organization Ticket Monitor or at the AFA Office — 210-222-1153.

“We’re obviously very excited about naming the banquet in honor of someone so dedicated to the organization and its members,” said Karen Rankin, Alamo chapter executive vice president.

Charlotte is the recipient of an AFA National Presidential Citation and is known throughout the organization as “Ms. AFA”. Her late husband, Carlton, was a retired Air Force Civilian Employee and an active AFA volunteer at local, state and national levels.

### AF Ball: tribute to evolving missions

An enthusiastic committee of officers and NCOs, headed by Executive Vice President Karen Rankin is working hard to bring together this year’s Air Force Birthday Ball, 2000 - Evolving Missions.

The event, set for 6:30 p.m., Sept. 16, is sponsored by the Air Intelligence Agency and is open to all Air Force Association members and supporters. A gourmet meal featuring Rivet Joint Tenderloin Slices, Birdstrike Quail and other delicacies will be one of several Ball features used to highlight the mission and accomplishments of AIA and its people around the world.

In addition to marking the 53rd Birthday of the US Air Force, the Ball is the primary fundraiser for the Alamo Chapter AFA. It supports the Chapter’s community outreach and scholarship programs. Last year, community corporate sponsors provided for over \$17,000 worth of scholarships to area students. General Rankin has set an aggressive goal to raise an additional \$5,000 this year. That money will also be used in support of the scholarship programs.

# PRESIDENT'S PAGE

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## *Mark your calendars! Plenty to come*

This will be my last opportunity to communicate with you in this forum. It has been my pleasure to have served Alamo AFA and Texas AFA for over 25 years, the last two as President. It has been a most rewarding and humbling experience to have led the largest Chapter in the World and to have worked with the 35 member Executive Committee and dozens of volunteers who have made the substantial increase and improvement in our programs and activities possible. I hope to continue to serve President nominee, Karen Rankin, as Secretary, if elected.

This has been a highly visible and successful year for the Alamo Chapter. We were selected by AFA Texas as Outstanding Chapter of the Year and for the extra large chapter Community Partner Award. Exec VP Karen Rankin was selected as Person of the Year and Exex VP Nominee, Dan O' Neal was selected as Civilian of the Year.

Karen has helped to revitalize the Community Partner Program, established and developed our Strategic Plan, saw the Armed Forces Week Breakfast go from 80 attendees in the first year to over 300 this year, and most importantly, in Alamo Chapter history, established the first Air Force Birthday Ball, which raised over \$17,000 for our Scholarship, Educational and Outreach programs. She also has been instru-



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**ALAMO CHAPTER PRESIDENT  
KAYE BIGGAR**

mental in the day-to-day activities of the chapter and is extremely well qualified to assume leadership.

I also want to comment on the rest of our management team. Secretary BJ Bjorge significantly expanded the role of Secretary and served as a member of our day-to-day management team. BJ will continue to serve as our Historian. And of course, our "career" Treasurer,

Joyce Hons. What will we do without her? And then the "lifeblood of our organization, Administrative Assistant, Charlotte Loos. One of the high points of my year, was the decision to rename the Civilian Awards Program in honor of Charlotte and her late husband Carlton, who it was my privilege to serve with over the years.

I am also thankful for the guidance and continuing involvement of Past President's Jim Shutt, Bob Cantu, Buster Horlen, Ed Garland and Ed Kirkham, and former Exec VPs, Gerry Cooke and Jim Youngson, as well as perhaps most importantly, the Organizational VPs and Committee Chairs who are the one's "where the rubber hits the road" and are those who really make things happen.

It's been a "great ride." Thanks!

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Say "Goodbye" to Kaye Biggar, e-mail him at [kbiggar@aol.com](mailto:kbiggar@aol.com)

# ALAMO CHAPTER STRATEGIC PLAN

## 2001 Goals and Tactics Memorandum

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### REVIEW AND STRENGTHEN CHAPTER INFRASTRUCTURE

- Complete position descriptions
- Build a Chapter budget to address current and future needs
- Create Continuity Books/Folders for all major events
- Build and Maintain a chapter calendar hosted on the website

### POSITIVE PROFESSIONAL ADVOCACY

#### Rework scope of VP for Governmental Relations

- Obtain regular legislative updates
- Provide Legislative updates in Defender and on Website
- Investigate establishment of San Antonio Military Coalition

### FOCUSED AWARENESS PROGRAMS

- Reenergize the Chapter Vice President for Communications
- Insure Web Page is updated monthly
- Provide regular news items to base and local papers
- Institute an Alamo Chapter Speaker's Bureau
- Retain and Increase Community Partners by 25% yearly

### COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

- Continue to increase the Visions of Exploration program
- Investigate and establish dedicated member (or immediate family member) scholarships
- Enhance Alamo Chapter's Earle North Parker Essay Program

### DIVERSE PEOPLE PROGRAMS

- Continue to support and enhance the Air Force Birthday Ball
- Enhance Armed Forces Week Breakfast
- Conduct a member survey
- Expand Chapter Recognition programs
- Include Recruiters and First Sergeants in the Kellogg Blue Suit Awards
- Build a solid Vice President for Membership
- Construct a membership database based on AFA national listing
- Investigate member service resource contacts.
- Expand outreach to other groups, Civil Air Patrol, Boy Scouts, Reunion Groups, etc.

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## Chapter recognized with national communication award

The Alamo chapter newsletter and Web site recently received national acclaim.

The Air Force Association presented the Alamo Chapter an Exceptional Service Award for Communications during the National Air Force Association Convention in Washington D.C. The newsletter was resurrected in

1998 shortly after Kaye Biggar assumed the role of president of the chapter. Staff Sgt. Jason Tudor, who works at the Air Force News Agency in San Antonio, volunteers his time to build the quarterly print publication.

Tudor also made revisions to the chapter's Web site, including adding a up-to-the-minute news feature, member-

ship page and more.

"It's been a fantastic journey I have had with the AFA and I'm proud to have the opportunity to serve in this capacity," Tudor said.

The Web site is located at <http://www.jasontudor.com/alamoafa>.

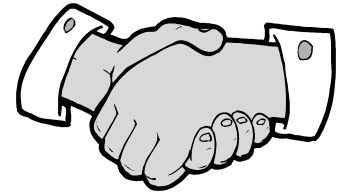
Tudor's e-mail is [webmaster@jasontudor.com](mailto:webmaster@jasontudor.com).

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Community Partners assist the Alamo Chapter in a number of valuable areas.

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## Care to Join Us?

Would you like to join the list of outstanding businesses listed here? 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 \$60.00 per year or \$120.00 for two memberships. Call our Community Partner VP, Tom Peterson at 379-3711, for more information.

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