



### ALAMO AFA EDUCATION IN ACTION



Air Force Personnel Center Vice President, Ralph Chalfant, presents Cadet Randi Perez of the Canyon Lake High School AFJrROTC Detachment with a National AFA Bronze Medal, an Alamo AFA Aerospace Education Foundation Scholarship check in the amount of \$150.00 and a complimentary one-year membership in the Air Force Association.



Amber Zuniga receives an Alamo AFA Aerospace Education Foundation Scholarship check for \$150 and a complimentary AFA membership. Making the presentation is the President of the Alice ISD School Board, Mr. Tony Bill. The certificate was signed by Maj Gen (Ret) John Burris. (April 2005) This was one of 18 similar Scholarships given to Outstanding AFJrROTC Cadets in South Texas High Schools, noted Dr. Kaye Biggar, Foundation President.



Colonel Clarence "Buster" Horlen, Individual Mobilization Assistant to the 37<sup>th</sup> Training Wing Vice Commander and President of the Air Force Association Texas Oklahoma Region, presented a \$250 Aerospace Education Grant check to Cadet Veronica Garner, TX-20009<sup>th</sup> AFJROTC Cadet Operations Group Commander at Corps Formation on Thursday, 31 March 2005. This grant will help fund flying lessons for cadets, which compliments the AFJROTC Science of Flight curriculum. Colonel Horlen also addressed and challenged the cadets at Corps Formation. He was especially complimentary of the cadets accomplishments this year and their active community service.



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★ *Today's Airmen*  
★ *for Tomorrow"* ★  
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### EVENTS

- Texas AFA Convention**  
29-31 July 2005  
San Angelo, TX
- AF Birthday Ball**  
17 September 2005
- Loos Civilian Awards Banquet**  
20 October 2005
- Celebrate America's Military Week**  
3-11 November 2005

## PRESIDENTS PAGE—

Dear Members of the Alamo Chapter,

Elsewhere in this issue, you will see an announcement concerning one of the most important events of our Chapter's annual calendar, our annual Air Force Birthday Ball. I want to take a moment to explain why this event is so important, and to ask you to make your plans now to attend.

Why is the Air Force Birthday Ball so important? There are four reasons I can think of.

First, how often do we refer to the Air Force as a family? The term "Air Force Family" is even mentioned in the AFA's national strategic plan! I suspect it is the family-like nature of our Air Force that initially captured many of us and motivated us to serve. OK, so what is a family? I would suggest that a family is defined largely in terms of the traditions it observes. If you are married, can you imagine not observing your anniversary? Try it some time. Or maybe you'd better not. But getting back to the point, the Birthday Ball is an important tradition that helps to make the Air Force family what it is. If we feel any sense of allegiance to our Air Force and to those with who we have served, we should support such traditions.

Second, what benefits come to us as a result of the Birthday Ball? As you know, our Alamo Chapter runs ROTC and JROTC scholarship programs and other educational outreach programs that distribute over \$10,000.00 each year to deserving students in middle schools, high schools and colleges all over the San Antonio area. Where does that money come from?

Perhaps this is a good time to explain how this money comes to us, and that the Alamo Chapter # 234 is not the only AFA organization in San Antonio. A few months ago, your leadership team realized that the organizational structure at the national level, where the Air Force Association exists in parallel with the Aerospace Education Foundation, provides a model that could be very beneficial to us. So we have established our own "Alamo AFA Aerospace Education Foundation". This organization has been approved by the IRS in such a way that donations made to it are tax deductible. How does this affect the Birthday Ball? Simply stated, it provides an added incentive for our Community Partners to donate to our scholarship programs. The Alamo Chapter sets up and funds the Birthday Ball, but it's through the Alamo AFA AEF that we solicit donations. We will soon be calling upon our Community Partners for that corporate support, and it is our hope that we will see unprecedented income as a result of this new arrangement.

Third, what will you get out of the Birthday Ball? As you know, General Bill Looney recently took over the reins at Air Education and Training Command. He is an avid supporter of the AFA, and has consented to be our guest speaker. So if you'd like to hear one of the Air Force's newest four stars articulate his reasons for supporting the AFA and how he plans to do so, the Birthday Ball is the place to be.

Finally, since 9/11, our annual Birthday Balls have been very well attended. Today, as a result of continued heinous assaults on our freedoms and way of life, we are at war. Attendance at the Birthday Ball provides a great opportunity for each of us to demonstrate our solidarity with our service as it is called upon to deal with what may become the most challenging conflict in our nation's history.

OK, I'm done. All that's left is for you to put this hallmark event on your calendar and buy your tickets now as **TICKETS WILL BE LIMITED**. See you there.

## Awards banquet takes center stage

The 24th Annual Civilian Awards Banquet is 6:30 p.m. Oct. 20 at the Airport Hilton Hotel.

Awards will be given to more than 60 Air Force civilian employees from 15 San Antonio organizations.

Award presentations follow dinner. Dress is service dress for military and coat and tie/after 5 for civilians.

Cost per person for pay grades E-1 through E-5 and GS-9 and below is \$20 and above is \$25. Tickets are

available through your organization ticket monitor or at the AFA Office 210-928-1153.

The banquet is named in honor of Charlotte and Carlton Loos. The late Charlotte was the administrative assistant for both AFA Texas and the Alamo Chapter for more than a quarter of a century and her late husband Carlton, was a retired Air Force Civilian employee and an active AFA volunteer at local, state and national levels.

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

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## AFA HOST AIR FORCE BIRTHDAY BALL SEPT. 17

The Alamo Chapter of the Air Force Association hosts this year's Air Force Birthday Ball, Sept. 17, 2005 at The Gateway Club on Lackland Air Force Base. This year's theme is, "Developing Today's Airmen for Tomorrow".

The event, set to begin at 6:30 p.m. with a social hour, celebrates the 58th birthday of the Air Force.

The ball's guest speaker is AETC Commander, General Looney.

The ball is sponsored by the Alamo AFA and the 37th Training Wing.

Attendance is open to all Air Force Association members and supporters. Cost for pay grade E-1 through E-5 and GS-9 and below is \$20.00, E-6 through E-9 and GS-10 and above is \$30.00.

In addition to marking the 58th birthday of the Air Force, the ball is the primary fundraiser of the Alamo Chapter AFA. It supports the chapter's community outreach and scholarship programs. All attendees receive a commemorative coin of the event. Professional portraits will be made for an additional charge. All tickets must be purchased by Sept. 10. To purchase tickets, please see your unit ticket monitor, call 210-928-1153.

**"Tickets will be limited, get yours NOW!"**

### Air Force Ball Reservation Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Photo: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cost per person for pay grades E-1 through E-5 and GS-9 and below is \$20., E-6 through E-9 and GS-10 and above is \$30.

All tickets must be purchased by Sept. 10th. To purchase tickets, please see your unit ticket monitor, OR send check to Alamo AFA, 8406 Cadmus, SAT 78214-3001 Attn: AF Birthday Ball,

Make checks payable to:  
Air Force Birthday Ball.

## ALAMO CHAPTER COMMUNITY PARTNERS

The Alamo Chapter wishes to thank all of those businesses who continue to support the AFA and make our programs possible.

**We couldn't do it without you!**

If you would care to join this elite group, please contact

Alamo AFA Community Partner V.P. John DiPiero, [jdipiero@satx.rr.com](mailto:jdipiero@satx.rr.com) or (210)945-7874

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### EVERY MEMBER GET A MEMBER

As of 30 June Alamo AFA has recruited 46 new members, but with deaths, transfers and non-renewals etc., we had a net loss of 64 for a total of 3736 members and the Largest Chapter in the World.

But we need your help. Please go to <http://www.afa.org/forms/joinapp.asp> and download an application form, write Alamo Chapter # 234 on it and give to a friend, co-worker, neighbor, relative or whoever and have them fill it out and give you a check and you mail it for them.

PLEASE DO THIS TODAY,  
TOMORROW YOU WILL FORGET !

### ? SHORT-TIMER ?

Considering a Career Transition

Well AFA Can Help

AFA has two programs to help you find that  
Dream Job

For Resume Assistance

Go To

<http://afa.org/AboutUs/member/resume.asp>

Job Seeker Registration

Go To

[http://afa.destinygrp.com/destiny/registration\\_step1.jsp](http://afa.destinygrp.com/destiny/registration_step1.jsp)

Alamo AFA is also investigating  
starting/coordinating

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