



Newsbriefs

Calendar of events

Blue Suit Banquet

March 20, 2003

AFA Texas Convention

July 25-28, 2003 in Austin

Air Force

Birthday Ball

Sept. 20, 2003

Civilian Awards Banquet

Oct. 25, 2003

Celebrate America's

Military Events

Nov. 1-11, 2003

Executive Council

Meetings

Every second Tuesday

Community Partner

Quarterly Breakfasts

To be announced



Alamo leaders receive national recognition

Former Alamo AFA president Karen Rankin (left) poses with Medal of Merit recipients (left to right) Dan O'Neal, Mark Montague, Carlos Massiatte, Annie Howell and John DiPiero. AFA National Director Tom Kemp (far right) presented the medals. The Alamo chapter also received the AFA National Exceptional Service Award for Community Relations. Additionally, BJ Bjorge and Rankin received individual exceptional service awards.

Aerospace education gets new leader

Capt. Jay Schatz, Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, has been selected as Vice President for Aerospace Education for the Alamo Chapter of the Air Force Association.

He will head up the Alamo chapter's most ambitious program, overseeing 80

Visions of Exploration programs in area elementary schools, the Earle North Parker High School Essay Contest, the Teacher of the Year and Christa McAuliffe Memorial Award Programs, AFROTC and AFJrROTC scholarships and the Alamo AFA Member/Immediate Family Member

Scholarships program, which is outlined on page three of this newsletter.

Capt. Schatz was a member of the Air Force Birthday Ball committee, which was sponsored by AFPC with a record turnout of 450 people raising more than \$8,700 to support these educational programs.

Next year's ball will be sponsored by Randolph AFB's 12th Fighter Training Wing and will be held in Hangar 4 to accommodate an even larger crowd.

The total budget for these and other community outreach programs is in excess of \$15,000 annually and your contribution can help.

Joe W. Kellogg Blue Suit Awards Banquet slated

The annual Joe W. Kellogg Blue Suit Awards Banquet is slated for 6:30 p.m. March 20, 2003 at the Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, Gateway Club.

Dress is service dress for military and coat and tie/after 5 for civilians.

Price is \$20 per person and \$10 per person for staff sergeant/GS-9 and below.

More than 60 military members will be honored as well as Alamo AFA outstanding officer, enlisted and civilian members; military

organization of the year, community partner of the year, civilian organization of the year and teacher of the year.

Tickets will be available early next year from your unit VP, and from Charlotte Loos at 210-222-1153.

President's Page

New AFA president issues challenge

Dan O'Neal

Alamo AFA President

It is a great honor to be your president for this coming year. The Alamo Chapter is the largest in the world and one of the most active. It is the fine work of many of our members that keeps the Alamo chapter going.

Before I go into all our activities and plans, I would like to first issue a challenge to **you!**

If you're not a member, I challenge you to join the AFA. We support and sponsor much of the key legislation that effects you. By joining the AFA, you not only make a difference, you also get vital information through the Air Force Magazine and your affiliation with the local chapter.

If you are a current member, I challenge you to enlist someone who is not currently a member. Please take a moment and tell your coworker about the AFA.

Again, increasing our numbers will only make us stronger. You can join the AFA by going to www.afa.org and selecting the 'Join AFA' tab.

If you are a community partner, I thank you for your continued support and I challenge you to help us enlist the support of other businesses in community.

Our community part-



Dan O'Neal

ners program provides the revenue necessary to conduct the Visions of Exploration (VoE) program that brings USA Today into classrooms giving students and teachers a varied venue to reinforce the importance of math and technology in America.

Getting other businesses involved makes us stronger and creates more ways of getting information about you to our public.

Have potential community partners get in contact with the point of contact listed on our Web site, www.alamoafa.org.

We have been involved in several events recently. These events were all associated with San Antonio's Celebration of America's Military Week. The events in which we participated and held included our own combat breakfast, the Veteran's

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Day Parade and the Veteran's Day Ceremony held at Fort Sam Houston here.

One of our more recent events was our quarterly Community Partners Breakfasts. These events are our way of getting the business community and the military organizations together.

This last breakfast was sponsored by the Defense Language Institute and was a great treat for those businesses that attended. They got to see an organization that does wonders in the way of foreign relations and has a worldwide presence. It is easy to see why they say future leaders that pass through their halls stay allies.

An event coming up in the February/March timeframe is the Joint Service Commemoration Ceremony honoring members of all services who fought in the Korean

Conflict.

The Alamo Chapter will work with the national DOD Korean War Office and other local veteran's groups to search for veterans to honor and to prepare a suitable ceremony.

Please let us hear from you if you have prospective candidates or if you are willing to help.

The next Alamo Chapter sponsored event will be the Joe W. Kellogg Blue Suit Awards Banquet scheduled for March, and will honor our local military. This is a fun event to attend and a great way to show our support for the many great Air Force members.

This promises to be a great year and a good opportunity for you to join us. If you would like to get involved or have comments or ideas you would like to share, please contact me.

Alamo AFA Member/Immediate Family Member Scholarship Application

Three \$500 scholarships to be awarded in early September

Application postmark deadline: July 31, 2003

Please type or print clearly the following information. This application and supporting documents must be postmarked to the Alamo Chapter AFA, 118 Broadway Suite 234, San Antonio, TX 78205 by July 31, 2003. Please read through the entire document before beginning.

Name:

Last: _____ First: _____ M.I. _____

Relationship to sponsor: _____

Mailing address:

Street: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime phone: _____ E-mail address: _____

I certify that I or my sponsor is an Air Force active-duty, full-time Air Force Guard or Reserve member, and an Air Force Associate member and if awarded this scholarship, I or my sponsor will continue to be on active duty and continue membership in the Air Force Association for at least the duration of the scholarship.

AFA Membership/Sponsor Membership Number: _____

When submitting this application, please attach the following documents in the order listed:

- Completed application.
- Proof of acceptance into an accredited program.
- Two letters of recommendation: One from Air Force supervisor, one from an AFA official.
- Proof of a minimum 3.0 overall grade point average.
- A two-page, double-spaced personal statement including your academic goals, your community or AFA involvement, your past academic accomplishments and other information to warrant your selection.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

SPONSOR'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

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

- Air Force Credit Union
- Air Force Village
- Airport Hilton
- Apollo Gate Operators, Inc.
- ARINC
- Army-Air Force Exchange Service
- Bank of America - Fort Sam Houston Branch
- Beldon Roofing Company
- The Biggar Advantage
- Bill Miller Barbecue
- Boeing Autometric
- The Boeing Company
- Booz, Allen and Hamilton
- Brite Blinds of Texas
- City Public Service
- Clear Channel Communications, Inc.
- Desktop Consultants
- EG&G Management Services of San Antonio
- Eisenhower National Bank
- Fisher House, Inc.
- Frost Bank
- Goodyear # 4762
- Goodyear Auto Service Center
- GPM Life
- Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce

- GSA/Federal Technology Service
- Guardsmark, Inc.
- H.B. Zachry Company
- The Holt Companies
- Institute for Job and Occupational Analysis
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- Pentagon Federal Credit Union
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- Red McCombs Enterprises
- The Republic of Texas Restaurant
- Robinson Financial Concepts
- San Antonio Credit Union
- San Antonio Lighthouse
- SAIC (Science Applications International Corporation)
- SATYA Tech
- Security Service Federal Credit Union
- Sell Your Home in 9 Days.com
- Southwest Business Corporation
- Straus-Frank Company

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 \$75.00 per year or \$150.00 for two memberships.

Call our Community Partner VP, Tom Peterson at 379-3711, for more information.

- Texace Corporation
- Texas Computer Help
- Texcorp Mortgage Bankers
- USAA
- X Technologies Inc.

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