

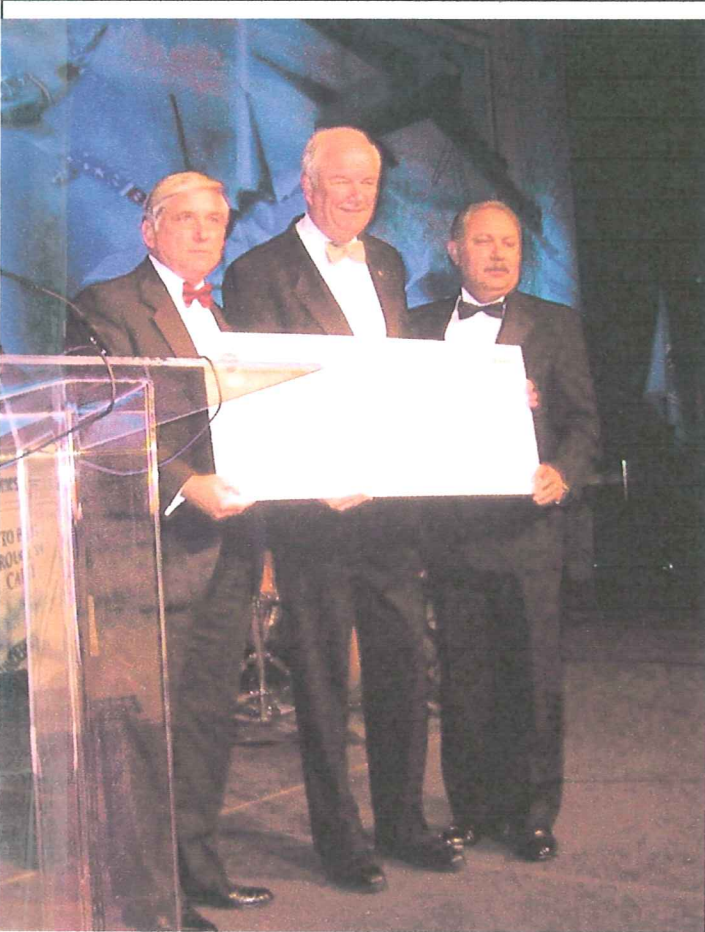


The Alamo AFA

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Pictured to your right are Secretary of the Air Force, Honorable Michael W. Wynne (center) flanked by, AFA National Board Chairman, Bob Largent, (left) and Alamo AFA President, Carlos Massiattte, (right) at the Air Force 60th Birthday Ball at the Convention Center.

They are holding a mock check which represents Alamo AFA Aerospace Education Foundation contributions to the Center for the Intrepid at Ft Sam Houston, the Air Force Enlisted Widows Village in Florida and the AF Force Village Fellowship Fund in San Antonio.

These are just some of the recipients of the proceeds of the Air Education and Training Command/Alamo AFA Symposium, a 3 day event that preceded the Ball at the Convention Center attended by **over 2500** people, according to Dr. Kaye Biggar, Foundation Chairman. Other recipients will include the Morale, Welfare and Recreation functions at AETC bases, nationwide, and Alamo AFA Scholarship and Educational Outreach programs.

Sponsors of the Symposium included **L3 Vertex Aerospace, Hawkerbeeceh, Accenture, Northrop Grumman, Lockheed Martin, General Electric, BearingPoint/TEAM Enginerring, Alenia North America, USAA, Booz/Allen/Hamilton, Boeing, Quinetiq, AT&T, Randolph Brooks Federal Credit Union.**

In addition to literally hundreds of volunteers from AETC and the Alamo Chapter, members of the Massachusetts based, Paul Revere AFA Chapter, took vacation and paid their own way to assist in the massive logistical effort for the event. Our thanks to all!

The world-class event is unique in Air Force Association circles, according to Ed Garland, National AFA Director and will be scheduled for years in the future beginning in January 2009.

PRESIDENTS PAGE

Our AFA Alamo Chapter has been very busy and as you will note further in this Defender edition, many events are on our calendar. My hope is that as many members as possible can participate in the upcoming events and certainly we welcome you to attend our monthly meetings. As always, although listed in this edition, go to <http://www.alamoafa.org> for the latest information.

Your chapter's most recent undertaking was our first ever collaboration with HQ AETC as co-sponsors for the combined 2007 AETC Symposium and AF 60th Anniversary Ball. There is no doubt that the 2007 AETC Symposium and AF 60th Ball was this chapter's most significant event collaboration ever undertaken. I have heard nothing but overwhelming praise from many people with regard to the symposium. The symposium offered attendees the chance to ask a panel of commanding general officers contemporary questions and to hear some of the Air Force's top speakers and professors deliver speeches and briefings on current and future operations. The AF 60th Anniversary Ball was likewise, a resounding success. The proceeds from this event was made possible due in large part to our outstanding sponsors and we truly thank them for being a part of this endeavor. Proceeds will be distributed by our Alamo AFA Aerospace Education Foundation to HQ AETC bases and likewise, will be used to execute AFA chapter education and recognition programs. Our Chapter looks forward to continuing this special partnership with AETC. My thanks to all who made this event possible, no doubt a reflection of great team dedication, commitment, and professionalism.

In closing, the Alamo Chapter welcomes all to participate in our monthly meetings scheduled for every second Tuesday of the month. Our next major effort, in addition to numerous events scheduled, will be to develop a Chapter Strategic Plan to further enhance and lay the groundwork for an exciting future. Join us if you want to be a part of the world's largest chapter in the Air Force Association, the Force behind the Force.

AFA OPPORTUNITIES

Alamo Chapter is growing rapidly in both our capabilities and responsibilities. We need volunteers who want to make a difference for our US Air Force by taking on a lead or support role in planning and executing one of our many annual events. Contact Exec. VP Gary Cosey at 210.638.1424 for more information.

ALAMO AFA ACTIVITIES

AFROTC AND AFJROTC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

Over 20 scholarships have been awarded totaling more than \$ 4900.00 to students at Southwest Texas High Schools and Universities. This program is in its seventh year and is expected to be expanded in 2008.

FAMILY MEMBER SCHOLARSHIPS

A \$500.00 Scholarship was awarded to a dependent wife of an active duty airman, a son of a Retired Officer is awarded an \$500.00 scholarship to attend college locally an active duty officer's daughter is awarded a \$500.00 scholarship to attend Southwest Texas University.

EARLE NORTH PARKER HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR ESSAY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Is about to get underway. Check with your local Senior Class English Teacher for details. This year's Alamo Award will be \$500.00 and competition continues at the Texas AFA level.

VISIONS OF EXPLORATION PROGRAM GETS UNDER WAY 30

Elementary schools and two area high schools will be participating in this program for 18 week. Each week classrooms will receive 30 copies of the USA TODAY newspaper, a teacher's guide and an individual student hand book. Alamo AFA's share of this program is \$3620.00.

ANNUAL COMBAT BREAKFAST 2007 6 NOVEMBER

Our traditional Combat Breakfast will again honor wounded veterans of the War on Terror. Indeed, this year our guest speaker will be an Air Force wounded Veteran, Senior Airman Daniel E. Acosta II. We also plan to have a number of wounded veterans as our honored guests and each of them will be offered a complimentary membership in the Air Force Association. The breakfast will begin at 0700 hours on Tuesday, 6 November at the Randolph AFB Enlisted Club. An excellent Buffet Breakfast has been arranged for \$10.00 per person, \$8.00 for E-5 and lower.

U.S. MILITARY VETERANS PARADE SATURDAY 10 NOVEMBER

Alamo AFA will have a HUMVEE, a Color Guard and a Military formation in the parade. Reviewing Stand - Alamo Plaza Opening Ceremony -- 11:00 a.m. Parade kicks-off at 12:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed. Contact Tom Peterson at tpeterson@satx.rr.com.

AIR SHOW RANDOLPH AFB NOVEMBER 3 AND 4

Alamo AFA will have our new booth on display with lots of handouts. Volunteers are needed from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Contact Sean Habina at jseanhabina@yahoo.com.

VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONIES SUNDAY 11 NOVEMBER FT SAM HOUSTON 9:30 a.m.

Musical Prelude 10:00 a.m. - Ceremony Volunteers are needed to assist in Alamo AFA Wreath Laying Ceremony Contact Sean Habina at jseanhabina@yahoo.com.

DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY AND INTELLIGENCE CAREER DAY LACKLAND AFB/SECURITY HILL

NOVEMBER 14, 2007 10 A.M. - 2 P.M.

This event is for government and industry employers/recruiters seeking job seekers with any security clearance or who have a background within intelligence areas. Our webpage at www.alamoafa.org has more details.

ALAMO CHAPTER COMMUNITY PARTNERS

The Alamo Chapter wishes to thank all of those businesses and others 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

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This site has great detail of information about your Chapter and you should make every attempt to review it frequently. If you don't have a computer, have your grandkids send you a copy.

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