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President's Column



The Alamo Chapter had a very busy year in 2010, and we're preparing to kick off another exciting year in 2011. Our capstone event, AETC/AFA Symposium and Alamo AFA Exposition, will be held January 20-21 at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio. Alamo members are already planning for our annual awards banquet to be held on March 10 at the Lackland Gateway Club and we're in our second year of participating in the fundraising event Birdies for Charity (more on all of these in this newsletter).

I want to personally thank all the dedicated members of the Alamo Chapter for their outstanding support throughout the year. AFA continues to be a beacon for our United States Air Force and we could not be successful without you.

During this festive time of the year, we have much to be thankful for...family, friends, health and our freedom. We are truly fortunate to live in the greatest country in the world and protected by the world's greatest Air Force and military.

While we celebrate this season, let's not forget the brave men and women in all our military branches serving around the globe, many in harm's way. Remember to thank them for their service and sacrifices. We also thank the families of those deployed as well as our veterans who have also proudly defended our nation.

Best wishes for a healthy and prosperous New Year in 2011!

AETC/AFA Symposium, Exposition and Ball

The Alamo Chapter is on target for a successful Exposition to support the AETC Symposium planned for January 20-21, 2011 at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center. Alamo Chapter Executive Vice President Mike Nishimuta says approximately 100 booths have been registered and we continue to receive inquiries for the event which is weeks away. John Politi, coordinator of sponsors, states that L-3 Communications has returned as the Exposition title sponsor. Other sponsors include Lockheed Martin, Alenia North America, General Electric, BAE Systems, Pratt and Whitney, USAA, Northrop Grumman, Hawker Beechcraft and the Jones Knowledge Group.

The 2011 Exposition is in its third year supporting the AETC Symposium, which will feature

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Symposium

106 presentation topics in five tracks, ranging from leadership, communications and recruiting to training innovations. AETC Project Officer James Sturch projects that more than 3,400 people will attend these combined events, culminating with the AETC Gala Dinner on Friday, January 21. The emcee for the two days will be retired Lt. Gen. John D. Hopper Jr., former AETC vice commander.

During the symposium and exposition, keynote speakers for the luncheons are Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James D. Roy on Thursday, and Commander, U.S. Southern Command, General Douglas M. Fraser on Friday.

The Friday night gala will feature Secretary of the Air Force Michael B. Donley as the keynote speaker. Anyone may attend the dinner separately from the exposition and symposium, and tickets are available online for \$75.

To purchase tickets for the dinner, visit the AETC Symposium site:

https://www.aetcsymposium.com/symposium_2011/index.html and enter the registration area. A separate checkbox enables individuals to purchase dinner tickets. Booth space is still available and the AFA Exposition remains one of the best values for commercial vendors to reach the AETC audience. Individual symposium tickets are \$95, which includes two breakfasts, two lunches, and a reception on Thursday afternoon.



The Alamo Chapter will have a booth, with volunteers from UTSA and Texas State University ROTC units. Anyone interested in participating as a volunteer, please contact Mike Nishimuta (mike@alamoafa.org). Alamo Chapter is proud to welcome Sandy Schlitt, AFA Chairman of the Board, who will participate in this year's events.

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Kellogg-Loos Awards Banquet

Mark your calendar for the annual Kellogg-Loos Awards Banquet which will be held at the Lackland Gateway Club on Thursday, March 10, 2011. This banquet, held in honor of Joe Kellogg and Charlotte and Carlton Loos, will be the venue to recognize more than 100 military and civilians from every organization in the San Antonio Air Force community. In addition to the unit awards, AFA will present awards to the Community Partner, recruiter, civilian and teacher of the year.

Retired Col. Joe Kellogg was the Alamo Chapter vice president for Randolph AFB from 1976 until his death in 1994. After retiring from the Air Force, Joe was employed by Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union for many years. He served in many capacities, including chief executive officer.

For more than 27 years, Charlotte Loos served as the administrative assistant for both the Alamo Chapter and AFA-Texas. She was known throughout the Air Force Association as "Ms. AFA." Her husband, Carlton, a retired Air Force civilian employee, was an active Air Force Association volunteer in San Antonio, Texas and Washington, D.C.

This year, the Randolph AFB Company Grade Officers Council (CGOC) has agreed to organize the event. AFA is excited to have this partnership with the CGOC and the chance to expand membership and volunteer opportunities to these energetic officers.

Additionally, AFA is soliciting Community Partners for sponsorship to offset the costs. Community Partner sponsors will be recognized at the event, and may make donations online at the AFA website www.alamoafa.org/award_app_2011/form_sponsor.php. Unit vice presidents and points of contact are encouraged to follow up on unit award nominations. Each winner will be given a complimentary membership to the Air Force Association.

San Antonio Mayor hosts first Cyber Cup luncheon

San Antonio Mayor Julian Castro presented the Mayor's Cyber Cup trophy to the San Antonio Information Technology and Security Academy at the first annual luncheon and awards ceremony on Dec. 18, 2010. Keynote speakers included the mayor; General Richard Webber, 24th Air Force Commander, who heads Air Force Cyber Defense Command; and Carrie Baker Wells, Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce Chairman of the Board. Key sponsors included SAIC, NCI, Boeing, Our Lady of the Lake University, Alamo AFA, the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association, Deloitte and the Billy Mitchell Chapter of the Association of Old Crows.

This inaugural Mayor's Cyber Cup competition recognizes the high school team that performed the best among the 21 area teams in the national Cyber Patriot competition. Cyber Patriot, conducted by the Air Force Association and UTSA's Center for Infrastructure Assurance and Security, is entering its third year and for the first time has an "open division" as well as a "service division" where high school teams compete against one another through several cyber security defense events.

Teams compete electronically at the regional level and those performing best in the regional competition travel to the national championship at the Gaylord National Resort in Washington, D.C. on April 1-2, 2011.

This year San Antonio had more teams competing in this event than any other city in the country.

This recognition luncheon underscored how the Chamber is partnering with San Antonio academic, business and government entities to create a highly-skilled and training cyber security workforce.

The Alamo Chapter of the AFA presented \$1,000 scholarship awards to each of the members of the five-person winning San Antonio team. NCI presented each winning team member with a customized Air Force-style bomber jacket.

Aerospace Education Foundation President David Pope said, "this is an exciting event that falls right in the sweet spot for San Antonio. With 24th Air Force and the several college-level programs in cyber security in town, this is a definite winning program." Mr. Chris Cook is the organizer of the Mayor's Cyber Cup,

and successfully integrated the AFA Cyber Patriot III competition with the Cyber Cup competition. Tom Rogers conducted two clinics for coaches and mentors in the San Antonio area.

Alamo Chapter President Randy Coggins recognized Dr. Kaye Biggar (President Emeritus of the Aerospace Education Foundation) and Dr. Greg White for their visionary contributions as the original founders of the AFA Cyber Patriot concept here in San Antonio. Mayor Castro was presented an AFA membership by Randy Coggins for his support of AFA's Cyber Patriot III competition.



AEF President David Pope (left), presented \$1,000 education grants to each of the five winning members of the San Antonio Information Technology Security Academy team. Also pictured is AFA Alamo Chapter President Randy Coggins with Richard Perez, President and CEO, Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce.

Combat Breakfast hits the spot



Alamo Chapter AFA President Randy Coggins presents a token of appreciation to Maj. Gen. A.J. Stewart, commander of the Air Force Personnel Center, during the annual Combat Breakfast Nov. 8. Gen. Stewart gave a rousing and enjoyable presentation to a crowd of 200 military and civilians at the Randolph AFB Kendrick Club. Event organizer, MSgt. Ernest Castillo, from Air Force Recruiting Service, said "he was a hit; everyone enjoys listening to General Stewart!" The San Marcos High School JROTC presented the colors and gave a stirring tribute to prisoners of war. Col. Michael Tillema emceed the event and recognized the wounded airmen, chamber of commerce and Community Partner members present. President Coggins thanked the team from AFRS who organized the event for doing a first-class professional job.

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We wish to thank our community partners who continue to support the AFA and make our programs possible.

We could not do it without you!

For information on our community partner program and how to join, see our Web site, www.alamo.afa.org. Our VP for Community Partners is John Dipiero.

Earle North Parker essay contest

Once again the Air Force Association of Texas will sponsor an essay contest with monetary awards given in memory of Earle North Parker, a noted industrialist of Fort Worth. In addition to your chapter monetary award, AFA Texas awards the first place selection \$2,000 and second place \$1,000.

The Air Force Association is an independent, non-profit civilian organization promoting understanding of aerospace power and the pivotal role it plays in the security of the nation.

The essay topic for this year's contest is part of the Air Force mission statement: "Excellence in all we do." What does this mean to you?

All Texas high school seniors are eligible to participate in this essay contest. Each essay should be limited to a minimum of 500 words and a maximum of 600 words. Deadline for the essay submission, accompanied by a completed essay contest entry form, is Feb. 15, 2011.

For an entry form or additional information, please contact Annie Howell at annie.howell@us.af.mil.

2010 Aerospace Education Foundation year in review

The Alamo Chapter's Aerospace Education Foundation had a very busy year in 2010 as we continued to do more in terms of support for our Airmen and their families. As of this writing, it is anticipated that we would be even more aggressive in adding support programs in 2011. We are excited about that and want to thank our membership for helping us in those efforts.

The AEF is extremely proud of setting another record in 2010 for the number of Alamo Chapter #234 Education Awards. The board evaluated each package by category of participation: high school graduate/no college, current college student, and spousal. After evaluating the packages, the board awarded 32 Education Awards in the amount of \$1,000 to each winner. The financial boost to these deserving folks will go far in assisting them with their studies. We look forward to sponsoring this again in 2011 at about the same level as we continue to stress education for both the country and our Air Force.

AEF President and Daedalian National Director David Pope made one steely-eyed future aviator happy with the presentation of a Cadet Flight Introduction Program solo certificate. Mike Milligan, a Samuel Clemens High School senior was the lucky recipient in August. Mike hopes to one day become a fighter pilot. Each year a Daedalian board meets to select "a few" good people for this highly competitive program and the AFA support one of the selected candidates.

The Foundation got involved with Birdies for Charity in 2010. The Birdies for Charity program is explained in more detail in another section of this Defender. However, we started the program slowly with a mass mailing to each of our members. That proved to be costly and provided a less than desired return. In the end, we raised a little more than \$700, all of which will be used by the UTSA ROTC detachment for Arnold Air Society leadership programs.



We do plan to continue with this in 2011, but we've added the detachment to our team to help them help themselves. When you see that opportunity, please consider a donation to help our ROTC unit.

The Foundation now provides 100 percent sponsorship of the Gaylor NCO Academy Distinguished Graduate program at Lackland AFB/Joint Base San Antonio. The Aerospace Education Foundation pays for the actual Distinguished Graduate award and pays for a one year for a one year AFA membership for these outstanding NCOs.

AEF also sponsors two Community College of the Air Force graduation receptions at Randolph AFB and Lackland AFB each calendar year. Additionally, a Chapter representative presents the Pitsenbarger Awards which includes money to continue their education beyond the associates degree.

A robust 2011 agenda begins with the chapter's big effort of the year — the AETC/AFA Symposium/Ball on January 20 and 21. The foundation plans the Executive Dinner on January 19th, which kicks off the Symposium's many educational events sponsored by AETC.

As you can tell, there is a lot going on within your chapter and the foundation. This is just the AEF's piece of the action. The chapter has even more great things going on. Obviously, we can't do this without your help. If this type of work excites you, we can always use your help and can always find a spot for you. Today's Air Force is busier than ever and needs our help and support. During 2011, we plan to see how we might be able to get involved with our younger airmen at the Airmen Leadership School and with our Company Grade Officers Councils.

Here's to a happy and safe holiday season for all AFA members and Community Partners.

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Birdies for Charity

In 2011, the Alamo Chapter #234 is working with the ROTC unit at UTSA to raise funds for their Arnold Air Society leadership program and for scholarships for upperclassmen who will be among our next group of second lieutenants. Of the money you donate, 100 percent will go to this worthy cause. May I suggest a \$25, \$50 or \$100 donation? Or, you may make multiple donations and have multiple chances of getting the guess on total birdies correct and closest to the actual number at the Valero Texas Open.



In writing a check, make it out to the San Antonio Children's Foundation using the form below. Remember to put in a guess for how many birdies will be made. The winner gets a new car. So, what is this program all about? Non-profit organizations such as ours sign up to participate. Go to <http://valerotexasopen.org/charities/overview> for the full read. Click on "Donate" and when it comes to selecting a charity, there will be a drop down box. Select the fourth choice, Alamo Chapter #234 AFA. By the way, the PGA Tour has honored the Valero Texas Open with the "Best Charity Integration" award for 2010, for integrating its charity message into the event's marketing efforts. As a reminder to golf fans, they have moved this event forward in the schedule again this year to April 14-17, 2011.

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