

# The Alamo AFA DEFENDER

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Texas AFA awards Alamo

The Alamo Chapter will receive the following awards at the Texas AFA state convention in July:

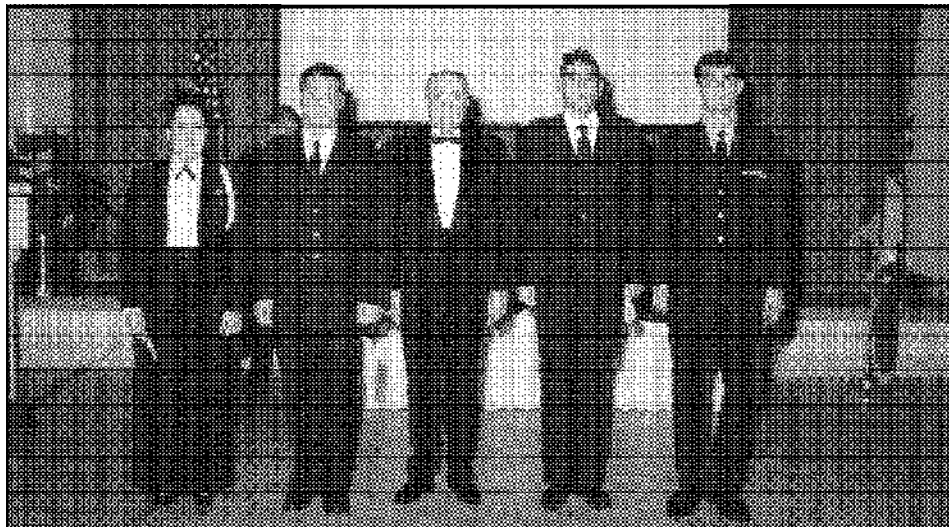
1999 Chapter of the Year, Alamo Chapter 234; Community Partner Membership Award (Large Chapter): Alamo Chapter 234; Member of the Year, Karen S Rankin; Civilian of the Year, Daniel J. O'Neal; Scientist of the Year, Dr. Jill Parker, Brooks AFB; AFJROTC Cadet of the Year, Michael L. Turner, William Howard Taft High School; Christa McAuliffe Memorial Award, Dee Dee Larson; Air Intelligence Agency Officer of the Year, Capt. Angela D. Biggs; Air Intelligence Agency Airman of the Year, SrA Christian J. Kuhlmeier; Military Organization of the Year, 37th Training Wing; Civilian Organization of the Year, USAA.

### National AFA level honors

The Air Force Association awarded the Alamo Chapter with five awards recently, all at a national level.

The chapter was the recipient of the Exceptional Service Award for Communications while our own Cassie McMillan received the Exceptional Service Award.

Meanwhile, the AFA awarded Medals of Merit to B.J. Bjorge, Lt. Col. John DiPiero, Seth McKee and retired Brig. Gen. Karen Rankin.



From left to right: Cadets Linda L. Slusarski, Johnathan E. Esparza, Daniel M. Hervas, chapter president Kaye Biggar, and Cadet Joseph L. Arnold. (Courtesy Photo)

## Chapter presents ROTC scholarships

The Alamo Chapter of the Air Force Association awarded more than \$12,000 for educational use recently, including scholarships and sponsorships with local schools.

Most notably, the chapter sponsored the USA Today "Visions in Exploration Program" at 30 San Antonio elementary schools in conjunction with the AFA's National Aerospace Education Foundation for \$5,340.

Chapter president Kaye Biggar presented scholarships to Air Force ROTC cadets at Det. 842, University of Texas at San Antonio during an awards banquet at the Lackland Gateway Club.

Cadet Michael D. Lynn was the recipient the Gen. William P. McBride \$1,000 scholarship. Cadet Melody Stovall earned the Col. George W. Weinbrenner \$1,000 scholarship.

Military Excellence Award scholarships for \$500 each were presented to Cadets Linda L. Slusarski, Johnathan E. Esparza and Daniel M. Hervas. The chapter awarded Air Force Junior ROTC scholarships for \$500 to Cadets Patricia Ramirez of Holmes High School; Bridgett Fagg of Taft High School; Demond Drummer of Judson High School; Jeremiah Wilson of Clark High School; Katrina Hoag of Clements High School; Juan Chavez of Jay High School and Lluvia Sanchez of Southwest High School.

"The scholarships and programs are made possible by support of the annual Air Force Birthday Ball," said Biggar.

See 3 for more about the Ball, taking place Sept. 16. The list of our community partners can be found on the back page.

# PRESIDENT'S PAGE

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## *Mark your calendars! Plenty to come*

It has been a busy year -- and we're only halfway through.

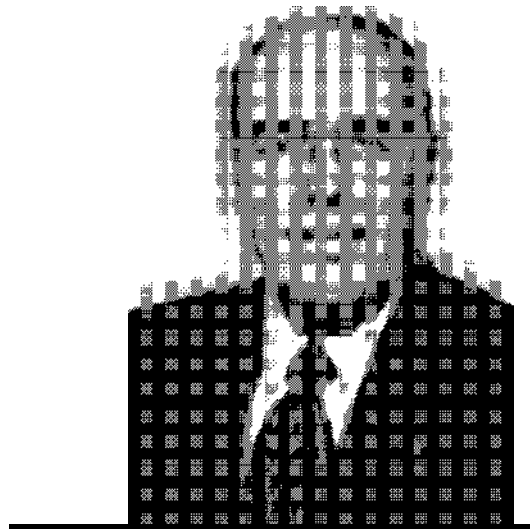
We've seen a demonstration of the F-22 Raptor at the Lockheed Martin-sponsored monthly meeting in February. We gathered for the March 6 Community Partners Breakfast, sponsored by our own Air Intelligence Agency. We gathered again for the annual Joe Kellogg Blue Suit Awards Banquet; and most recently met for the May 22 Armed Forces Week breakfast May 22 sponsored by Boeing. Community Partners met June 27 for a breakfast sponsored by the 311th Human Systems Wing at Brooks Air Force Base, and heard how they could become involved in the Brooks City Base Project.

We haven't stopped yet -- there's plenty more to come.

The 433rd Airlift Wing at Kelly sponsors the next Community Partners breakfast, and will include a tour of the giant C-5 Galaxy. That's slated for Nov. 7. The 433rd is one of the busiest airlift wings in the Air Force and is also a lynchpin to ensuring the Air Force's vision -- America's Air Force: Global Vigilance, Reach and Power -- is achieved.

A little closer on our heads-up display is the Texas AFA State Convention at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Grapevine. Alamo chapters from across the Lone Star state will meet and greet July 21-23. We're looking forward to making the trip to Grapevine and hope our chapter will return with its share of honors.

In September, we'll try to get as many people as we can to the national AFA convention in Washington D.C. You can, of course, keep up to date on all the national-level AFA activity by clicking over to the Web



**ALAMO CHAPTER PRESIDENT  
KAYE BIGGAR**

site at <http://www.afa.org/calendar/index.html>.

Perhaps the focal point of 2000 will be the Air Force Birthday Ball Sept. 16. If you've never attended a formal event like this, I promise a good time, with good people. Our guest speaker this year is Gen Hal M. Hornburg ([http://www.af.mil/news/biographies/hornburg\\_hm.html](http://www.af.mil/news/biographies/hornburg_hm.html)), commander of Air Education and Training Command. You can take a peek at Page 3 for more details and an easy-to-complete registration form. Be sure to include

your payment when you return the form.

On another note, we have renamed the civilian awards banquet to honor our very own Charlotte Loos and her late husband, Carlton, who was a retired Air Force civilian and an active AFA volunteer at local, state and national levels. The banquet is slated for Oct. 12 at the Gateway Club. The state also has a number of things going on and you can catch up with its Web site at <http://www.slwdesign.com/afatexas/index.asp>

Finally, if you've never attended one of our monthly meetings, get out here! I'd like to meet you and there are plenty of others who would value your input at one of these meetings. We gather on the second Tuesday of every month at the downtown USO, with a meeting time of 4 p.m. We'd like you to attend and see first-hand what the AFA is all about.

That's all until the next newsletter. Don't forget about our Web site at <http://www.jasontudor.com/alamoafa>. We provide up-to-the-minute updates as we get them on our news page and keep a complete list of our community partners. Stop by and take a look!

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## Meetings open to all members

The Alamo Chapter meets monthly on the second Tuesday of each month to discuss business and map out plans. All members are invited.

"There may be this perception that meetings are only open to a select few. Nonsense. These meetings are for anyone who can attend and wants to get involved," said Kaye Biggar, chapter president.

The downtown United Service Organization serves as the meeting place. Meetings start at 4 p.m.

# AEF means 'education'

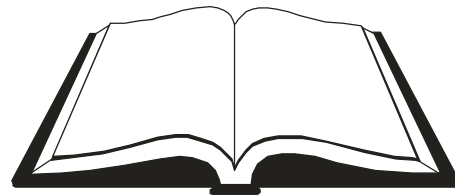
The Aerospace Education Foundation helps educate America about science, technology and our national defense. The Alamo Chapter is actively engaged in this program through San Antonio's school system.

AEF is dedicated to ensuring America's aerospace excellence through education.

Through scholarships, grants, awards and public awareness, AEF provides America with the tools needed to educate the public and our youth on the importance of science and technology to our national defense.

AEF works closely with the Air Force family to support their educational opportunities.

AEF informs the American people about the importance of a strong aerospace base by sponsoring symposia, roundtables, workshops, and other programs to promote aerospace education and foster the ex-



change of scientific, technical and national security information.

AEF is a nonprofit organization affiliated with the Air Force Association. The Air Force Association is a nonprofit grassroots organization with 328 chapters nationwide and 23 chapters around the world.

Created in 1956, AEF is headquartered in Arlington, VA. Elected officers and a board of trustees govern AEF.

Tax-deductible donations fund AEF education programs, scholarships and grants.

# Air Force Ball set for Sept. 16

The commander of Air Education and Training Command and the Alamo Chapter are inviting you to the Air Force Ball Sept. 16 at the Lackland Air Force Base Gateway Club.

With a theme called "2000: Evolving Missions," the Ball will be sponsored by Maj. Gen. Bruce "Orville" Wright and the Air Intelligence Agency. Tickets are \$35 per person or \$70 per couple.

A photographer will shoot portraits for those interested with prices estimated between \$15 and \$35 (subject to change).

Mess dress, semi-formal or, for enlisted member without either, service dress, and appropriate civilian attire are the dress for the evening event. Gen. Hal Hornburg, AETC commander, is the guest speaker.

Space at the club is limited. AFA members will have a chance at some of the first tickets available.

"This is really going to be a fun and exciting event," said retired Brig. Gen. Karen Rankin, vice president of the Alamo Chapter. "We're looking forward to a tremendous turnout this year.

"We'd like to see as many AFA members attend as possible," she added.

To buy tickets, return the slip below along with a check or money order to:

*Alamo Chapter AFA  
PO Box 120191  
San Antonio TX 78212*

Make checks or money orders payable to "Air Force Birthday Ball" For more information, call the AFA office at 555-1212.

## Air Force Ball Reservation Form

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Photo?  Yes  No

Is your ticket payment (check, money order, NO cash) enclosed?  1/\$35  2/\$70

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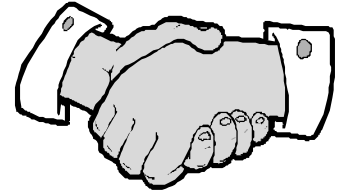
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Would you like to join the list of outstanding businesses listed here? As a community partner you will receive a copy of the *Air Force Magazine* each month, have your company name included here and on programs at our events throughout the year and 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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