



The Alamo AFA

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Chapter 234

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## ANNUAL COMBINED AWARDS BANQUET THURSDAY 13 March 2008 6:30 p.m.

**Lackland Gateway Club**

**Military: Service Dress      Civilian: Business Suit/Semi-Formal**

**\$20 PERSON**

**(\$15.00 E-6/O-3/GS-8 and below)**

Double Entree Menu:

Beef Tenderloin/Grilled Chicken

Green Salad with Chefs Dressing

Broccoli and Potatoes

Rolls and Butter

Dessert

See your Organizational VP or contact

[david.jenkins@randolph.af.mil](mailto:david.jenkins@randolph.af.mil)

652-5176 x 3058 for tickets

### **Calendar of Events**



- \* Banquet 13 March 2008
- \* AFA Texas Spring Meeting - Abilene  
28-30 March 2008
- \* AFA Texas Convention  
Oklahoma City, 11-13 July 2008
- \* National AFA Convention  
Washington DC 13 -14 Sep 2008
- \* Air & Space Symposium 14 - 17 Sep
- \* Celebrate America's Military Week  
November 2008
- \* AETC/Alamo AFA Symposium  
January 2009

### **Alamo Chapter Award Winners...Congratulations!**

Civilian Organization of the Year: Accenture  
Military Organization of the Year: AETC  
Person of the Year: Gen William R. Looney III  
Officer of the Year: Col Richard P. Mihalik  
Airman of the Year: SMSgt Debra Westmoreland  
Civilian of the Year: Ms. Dawn Bannwolf (Bank of America)  
Community Partner of the Year: Ancira Winton

These individuals and organizations will receive special awards for their contributions that have made our programs such a great success this past year.

This year, we are able to underwrite the Combined Awards Banquet because of the significant efforts of the Chapter, our Community Partners and the Aerospace Education Foundation.

Tickets will be limited to the first 400...we will be physically unable to accommodate additional guests beyond that.

## **EDUCATE, ADVOCATE, SUPPORT**

How does Alamo Chapter stack up in these areas?

**EDUCATE:** Last year, the Alamo Chapter, through the Aerospace Education Foundation, reached out to two high schools and 30 elementary schools in the San Antonio area through the Visions Program to provide special opportunities designed to spark an interest in areas critical to the future of air and space power. The Alamo Chapter provided scholarships to AFJROTC cadets at 16 area high schools. We also provide nearly 30 scholarships for AFROTC cadets in the San Antonio area as well as for the families of our members. An application is available in this edition of the Defender...take advantage of the funds we have available for education! The Chapter's Aerospace Education Foundation established a trust fund this year to provide a continuing source of funding for our scholarship programs.

**ADVOCATE:** We do this through providing visibility for the Air Force within the community. We are involved in Celebrate America's Military week where we have a booth at the air show, and sponsor a "Combat Breakfast" where our community partners have an opportunity to experience what it's like to be in the Air Force today through selected guest speakers. We also provide visibility through our involvement in the Veterans Day Parade in San Antonio. We have also hosted various symposia where local military and civilian leaders have been able to share thoughts and ideas.

**SUPPORT:** In the past year, Alamo Chapter has earmarked over \$100,000 to support the Air Force community. Our annual fund raising activities continue to grow and provide us with resources to provide world-class support to our men and women who serve. The flagship event of the year for Alamo Chapter has been the Combined Kellogg/Loos Awards Banquet held in March each year where we recognize over 90 of our finest military and civilian Air Force people. To encourage attendance, we pay for all awardees and "buy down" the cost of the meal for others.

These are just some of the accomplishments we've had. Be proud to be a part of this amazing organization and all it does for the Air Force family...

## **OPPORTUNITIES WITH ALAMO CHAPTER**

Want to be a part of the action? Note the number of activities that are on the cover page... and this is not all of them. WE NEED YOUR HELP! The Alamo Chapter boasts the largest membership in the world, and we are also becoming one of the busiest chapters. We currently have some very talented and dedicated folks working behind the scenes to get things done, but we often ask too much from each individual. The goal is to get our membership involved by serving on a committee for one event per year. If you believe you have some available time to make a difference for our Air Force to educate, advocate or support air power, please make a commitment to be involved.

Go to our website: [www.alamoafa.org](http://www.alamoafa.org) for contact information.

## **THE 2008 ALAMO CHAPTER OFFICER NOMINATIONS**

A nominating committee was formed to nominate the Alamo Chapter officers for the coming year. The committee has nominated the following slate of officers to serve in the positions indicated:

President: Gary Copsey  
 Executive Vice President: John Politi  
 Secretary: Tom Peterson  
 Treasurer: Dave Stoltz

Voting will take place at the Combined Kellogg/Loos Awards Banquet.

## **JoS. A. Bank Clothiers Shows Appreciation to Alamo Chapter AFA Members**

The JoS. A. Bank Clothiers in the Alamo Quarry Market is having an AFA appreciate day on February 27, 2008. For AFA members and their families, they are offering 70% off wool/cashmere dress pants and cashmere sweaters; 60% off top-coats, raincoats, leather jackets and casual outerwear and all camel hair and cashmere blazers; 50% off all sport coats, suits and blazers, executive dress pants, tuxes, luggage, Merino Wool, cotton and silk sweaters, and entire stock of executive pinpoint dress shirts; 40% off signature dress pants and basic wrinkle resistant cotton khaki pants; and 25% off all other items, including shoes (except gift cards). Just go by the JoS. A. Bank store in the Alamo Quarry Market and tell them your with the Air Force Association...no ID required. This is their way of saying "Thank You" to the Air Force Association for what we do in the community. Their hours on February 27th are from 10:00 am to 9:00 pm. They will also honor us with another date in March, so please check the website ([www.alamoafa.org](http://www.alamoafa.org)) for the upcoming date.

## **How is Alamo Chapter Organized?**

Because of our size (over 3700 members!) we are not able to have regular membership meetings. To get things done, we have an EXCOM meeting made up of the officers and organizational vice presidents and committee chairs each month. The meetings are normally held the second Tuesday of each month at 4:00 pm at the USO downtown San Antonio. All are welcome who would like to attend.

We rely on the Organizational Vice President structure to get things done in the chapter. These individuals represent their organizations at our EXCOM meetings, and are the link between the EXCOM and our active duty members. We have the following VP positions for the chapter:

### **Organizational VPs:**

AETC  
 AFPC  
 12 FTW  
 AFRS  
 19 AF  
 LBJ Sq AAS  
 149 FW  
 433 AW  
 37 TRW  
 AFISR  
 CPSG  
 67 NWW  
 59 MDW  
 Brooks CB  
 AFSVA  
 USO

### **Other VPs:**

Aerospace Education  
 Communications  
 Public Relations  
 Membership  
 Community Partners  
 Veterans Affairs  
 Government Relations  
 Protocol  
 Awards

ALAMO AFA  
AEROSPACE EDUCATION FOUNDATION  
1234 99<sup>TH</sup> Street  
San Antonio, Tx 78214-3112

FAMILY MEMBER / IMMEDIATE  
FAMILY MEMBER

**\$1000.00**

COLLEGE  
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSOR'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSOR'S AFA MEMBER NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF SCHOOL TO ATTEND \_\_\_\_\_

(Note: Check will be made out to school IN your name)

PLEASE ATTACH:

RESUME

HIGH SCHOOL GRADE POINT AVERAGE

A ONE PAGE PERSONAL STATEMENT INCLUDING YOUR  
ACADEMIC GOALS, YOUR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND  
OTHER INFORMATION TO WARRANT YOUR SELECTION.

APPLICANTS SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSOR SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

**SEND TO ABOVE ADDRESS NLT 30 JUNE 08**

# 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

Accenture	Crown Trophy	L-3 Communications	Secureinfo Corporation
Air Force FCU	Denim Group	Ligalistek, Inc.	SGIS
Air Force Village	Diligent Consulting	Lockheed Martin Corp	Southwest Business Corp
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City Public Service			

### EVERY MEMBER GET A MEMBER

As of 07 Dec Alamo AFA has recruited 31 new members, but with deaths, transfers and non-renewals etc., we had a net loss of 64 for a total of 3691 members and the Largest Chapter in the World.

But we need your help. Please go to <http://www.afa.org/forms/joinapp.asp> and down load 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 !**

### Alamo AFA Chapter #234 Officers

President: Carlos Massiatte  
Exec Vice President: Gary Copsey  
Secretary: Kaye Biggar  
Treasurer: Dave Stoltz

### Alamo AFA Aerospace Education Foundation

President: Kaye Biggar  
Vice President: Dave Pope  
Secretary: Bill Croom  
Treasurer: Ericka Farmer-Hill

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