



## Medal of honor recipient to keynote annual combat breakfast Nov. 4

SAN ANTONIO — Army Col. Robert L. Howard, retired, will be the keynote speaker at the Alamo Chapter of the Air Force Association's annual Combat Breakfast Nov. 4.

As a part of San Antonio's traditional Celebrate America's Military Week festivities, the breakfast will be 7:30 a.m. at the American Legion Post #2 at 3518 Fredericksburg Rd.

Top 3 noncommissioned officers from all branches of the service have been traditionally recognized at this ceremony. This year, 10 wounded NCO's recuperating at Brooke Army Medical Center from wounds incurred in the Iraqi War, will also be honored.

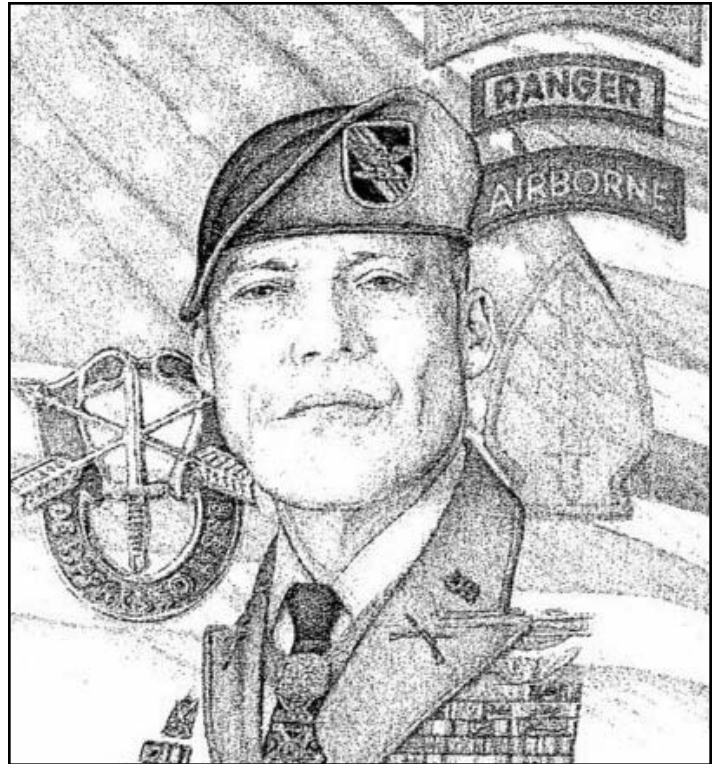
Colonel Howard, then a sergeant first class, distinguished himself while serving as a platoon sergeant of an American-Vietnamese platoon which was on a mission to rescue a missing American soldier in enemy controlled territory in the Republic of Vietnam. For conspicuous

### Celebrate America's Military Week schedule

- Opening ceremonies, Nov. 3, HEB Headquarters
- AFA Combat Breakfast, Nov. 4, American Legion Alamo Post 2
- AUSA Luncheon, Nov. 5, Fort Sam Houston NCO Club
- Veteran's Parade, Nov. 6, Downtown San Antonio
- Airfest 2004, Nov. 6-7, Lackland AFB
- Wreath Laying ceremony, Nov. 11, Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

gallantry and intrepidity in action and at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty, he was awarded the Medal of Honor.

His thirty six years of military service included more than 33 years on airborne status. He participated in two movies concern-



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ing airborne operations, both featuring John Wayne, and he also made a parachute jump in the filming of The Longest Day.

To hear him speak and to participate in this mem-

orable Combat Breakfast send a check in the amount of \$10.00 per person to Alamo Chapter, AFA at 8406 Cadmus, San Antonio, TX, 78214-3001. Registration must be received by Oct. 25.

## Loos Banquet slated for Oct. 28 at Airport Hilton

SAN ANTONIO — The annual Charlotte and Carlton Loos Awards Banquet is Oct. 28 at the Airport Hilton Hotel here.

Social hour begins at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7:15 p.m.

Dress is service uniform for mili-

tary and business dress for civilians.

Price is \$22.50 per person. E-5 and GS-9 and junior pay \$15.

Outstanding civilian employees from 14 major organizations will be honored, as well as recipients of

Air Force Association Texas and National awards.

Get tickets from your unit ticket monitor or mail your check to: Alamo AFA, 8406 Cadmus, San Antonio, TX, 78214-3001. Registration must be received by Oct. 18.

## President's Page

# What does the AFA mean to me?

**Andy Nodine**

Alamo AFA President

As many of our readers know, the annual changeover of the Alamo Chapter's officers will take place soon. On that date, it will be my privilege to take the reins of the largest and arguably the best chapter in the Air Force Association.

I would like to open this message by thanking you, the chapter's membership, for placing your confidence and trust in me to lead this chapter in these challenging times.

Here, in five simple statements, are the key roles I believe we are called upon to fulfill:

**Advocacy of Air Power:** I believe the mission of the AFA includes the primary responsibility to advocate the vital importance of the Air Force as the air and space-borne arm of our national military forces. We need to proclaim clearly the vital role of the Air Force in maintaining our national security.

**Education of our Constituency:** Simply put, the constituency of our Air Force includes every single taxpayer across our nation. It is our job to make sure each and every one of these citizens understands the role of air and space power in our national security.



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**Nurture of Tomorrow's Force:** The Air Force Association, and its companion organization, the Aerospace Education Foundation, enjoy unique standing in that they are positioned to support these young men and women as they consider joining our Air Force. Through our robust array of scholarships and recognition programs, we are equipped and postured to inform these young people about the high privilege and benefits of serving our nation through membership in our Air Force, and to support our newest members professionally once they are on board.

**Preservation of Tradition:** As I write this, the Air Force has just celebrated its 57th Birthday. I know of several members of the Alamo Chapter whose careers in the Air Force span 30 years or even more. Those of us who served

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so long and well have seen more than half of our Air Force's brief history.

We may not be the generation that gave birth to our nation's independent military air component, but we are the ones who encourage you, today's generation, to continue to mature as an active member of the Air Force Association and the Alamo Chapter.

**Maintenance of a Service Network:** I'm sure I don't need to tell any of you that we are stronger as a team than as individuals. The Air Force Association gives us a nationally recognized title and access to tremendous resources that enable us to fulfill all of our tasks far more effectively than we could acting in isolation. And in addition, our local network gives us the means to support each other,

enabling us to maintain and exemplify the fine and unique tradition of the Air Force family.

So there, in a nutshell, are the roles and values that I believe are ours as the Alamo Chapter. As my tenure unfolds, you can expect to see the activities in which we engage to be focused on these important aspects of the Chapter's reason for being.

I look forward to working with the new Alamo Chapter senior staff, including Lt. Col. John Blumentritt as Executive Vice President, Kaye Biggar as Secretary, and Dave Stoltz as Treasurer. I could not ask for a finer, more dedicated team of professionals to help in the leadership of this Chapter, as well as our executive council members.

# Alamo AFA Member/Immediate Family Member Scholarship Application

Three \$500 scholarships to be awarded in early January 2005

Application postmark deadline: Nov. 30, 2004

Please type or print clearly the following information. This application and supporting documents must be post-marked to the Alamo Chapter AFA, 8406 Cadmus, San Antonio, TX 78214-3001 by Nov. 30. Please read through the entire document before beginning.

## Name:

Last: \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_  
 First: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Relationship to sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

## Mailing address:

Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
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*When submitting this application, please attach the following documents in the order listed:*

- Completed application.
- Proof of acceptance into an accredited program.
- Proof of a minimum 3.0 overall grade point average.
- A one-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.

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.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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For more information, contact John Di Piero, [jdi Piero@satx.rr.com](mailto:jdi Piero@satx.rr.com), 210-945-7874.

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