



Announcement:

The downtown USO will be closed for renovation through April 2010. Send ideas for alternate meeting locations to President Gary Copsey at copseyg@hotmail.com



Updating your information with AFA national

Updating your contact information is easy and necessary to make sure you don't miss our Alamo Chapter online newsletter.

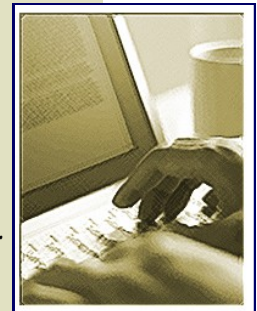
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Keeping your information accurate will ensure you don't miss an issue of "Air Force Magazine" or one of our Alamo Chapter online newsletters.

Staying involved and informed only takes a few clicks of your mouse.

Here are the steps:

1. Locate your AFA Member Number (usually on the address block of your *Air Force Magazine* just above the name, or on your AFA membership card).
2. Go to the AFA Web site, www.afa.org and select "Members Area" from the left side bar.
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4. Enter your updated information in the appropriate boxes then hit "submit."



So, don't miss an online newsletter again. Keep your information updated with AFA National.

2009 Aerospace Education Foundation Year in Review

The Alamo Chapter Aerospace Education Foundation has had a busy and successful year in 2009.

In the "what have you done for Airmen lately" category, there is quite an extensive list of people the AEF feels most fortunate to have been able to help.

Since the founder, Dr. Kaye Biggar, created this foundation, the emphasis has been fo-

cused heavily on "Supporting Airmen." Happily, some things don't change.

In 2009, the AEF was fortunate to have fundraising successes. As a direct result, the AEF was able to kick it up a couple notches and do more for our Air Education and Training Command Airmen, junior ROTC units, college ROTC units and other organizations.

In 2009, the AEF was able to provide over

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Alamo Chapter #234 Officers

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Alamo Chapter Aerospace Education Foundation Officers

- President: Dave Pope
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AEF in '09

\$30,000 of support for scholarships to members of the following organizations, just to name a few:

- Air Force Junior ROTC Units
- Alamo Chapter family scholarships
- Arnold Air Society
- Randolph AFB and Lackland AFB Community Colleges of the Air Force programs
- Robert D. Gaylor NCO Academy
- Texas A & M University
- Texas State University
- University of Texas at Austin
- University of Texas at San Antonio



particularly in scholarship donations and direct support for Airmen and family scholarships.

The AEF values the Air Force family for all of the support it gives to the mission. In turn, the AEF will continue to support the mission of the Air Force Association: Educate, Advocate, Support.

Best wishes to all Air Force Association members and our community partners as we prepare to enjoy the holiday season. We are blessed with the freedom to enjoy this time of year thanks to those who serve on guard 24/7. Some of these men and women have paid the ultimate price for our freedom. Never ever forget 'em!

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The way ahead for 2010 looks even better. The AEF looks to increase our support,

Chapter announces subject for \$2,000 High School scholarship



The Alamo AFA Chapter recently announced the Earle North Parker essay contest topic for 2009.

This year’s topic is, “Part of the Air Force Mission Statement is ‘Service before self;’ what does this mean to you?”

The first place winner will receive a \$2,000 scholarship and the second place winner will

receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

All Texas high school seniors are eligible to compete. Entries are due via mail or email to Ms. Annie Howell by Dec. 15.

Additionally, the chapter-level winner will go on to compete at the state level competition.

Mail entries and completed entry forms to

Ms. Annie Howell
7319 Eagle Hills
San Antonio, Tx 78249

Or e-mail forms and entries to annie.howell@lackland.af.mil.

For more information and to download the entry form visit the Alamo AFA Web site, www.alamoafa.com.

Year in Awards

The Alamo Chapter would like to acknowledge the hard work and commitment of its members.

Their dedication led to some amazing chapter-level and individual recognition.

Chapter Award:

AFA Exceptional Service Award

for Best Single Program

Member Awards:

2009 AFA Exceptional Service Award: Dr. J. Sean Habina

AFA Texas Medal of Freedom: Lts Laura Newberg and Dave Jenkins

AFA Medal of Merit: Randy Coggins, Joan Lopez, Mike Nishimuta, Dave Pope, Debra Westmoreland.

This is just a sampling of what this chapter is capable of.



Chapter Event Highlights

The Alamo Chapter has been busy in the Greater San Antonio community. Here are some of the highlights:

Joe Kellog Blue Suit and Loos Civilian annual awards banquet—The chapter honored over 100 Airmen at the annual awards banquet March 19, at the Lackland Air Force Base Gateway Club.

Chapter supports award presentation for WASPs—The chapter supported a Congressional ceremony in Dallas-Fort

Worth in November where Women Air Service Pilots were presented with the Congressional Gold Medal, America's highest civilian award.

AFA Combat Breakfast —Over 400 Airmen and community members from the San Antonio area attended the Alamo Chapter's 39th Annual Combat Breakfast at the Kendrick Club ballroom at Randolph AFB, Nov. 3. This year's event was held to honor AF wounded warriors and was part of the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Com-

merce's "Celebrate America's Military Week."

AFA Humvee "floats on SA Riverwalk at annual Fiesta—The Alamo Chapter and the Civil Air Patrol squadrons from Lackland and Randolph shared a Humvee "float" at the annual Fiesta Flambeau Parade, Saturday, April 25 as part of San Antonio's Fiesta Celebration.

2009 Pitsenbarger Award presentations



Ralph Chalfant, VP for Aerospace Education, presents a scholarship to one of Randolph AFB's 2009 Pitsenbarger award winners, Master Sgt Scotty J. Johns.

Ralph Chalfant represented the Alamo Chapter by presenting Randolph AFB's 2009 Pitsenbarger Award winners with scholarships to the Community College of the Air Force in November.



Ralph Chalfant, VP for Aerospace Education, presents a scholarship to one of Randolph AFB's 2009 Pitsenbarger award winners, Technical Sgt Tiffany N. Harnack.

Chapter hosts military career fair at Lackland, Randolph

Hundreds of military members participated in the San Antonio Military Defense Technology & Intelligence Career Fairs at Randolph and Lackland Air Force Bases Nov. 11 and 12.

The Alamo Chapter hosted the event, which featured employers, recruiters, and academic organizations who were avail-

able to discuss future career opportunities.

The career fairs introduced attendees to TransitionCareers.com, a career portal for military personnel looking find jobs within the defense, intelligence and federal contracting communities.

The site offers career fairs such as these to provide resources and networking opportunities for highly-skilled job-seekers.

The chapter would like to thank Mr. Carlos Massiatte, VP for Professional Development, for organizing this event.



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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.