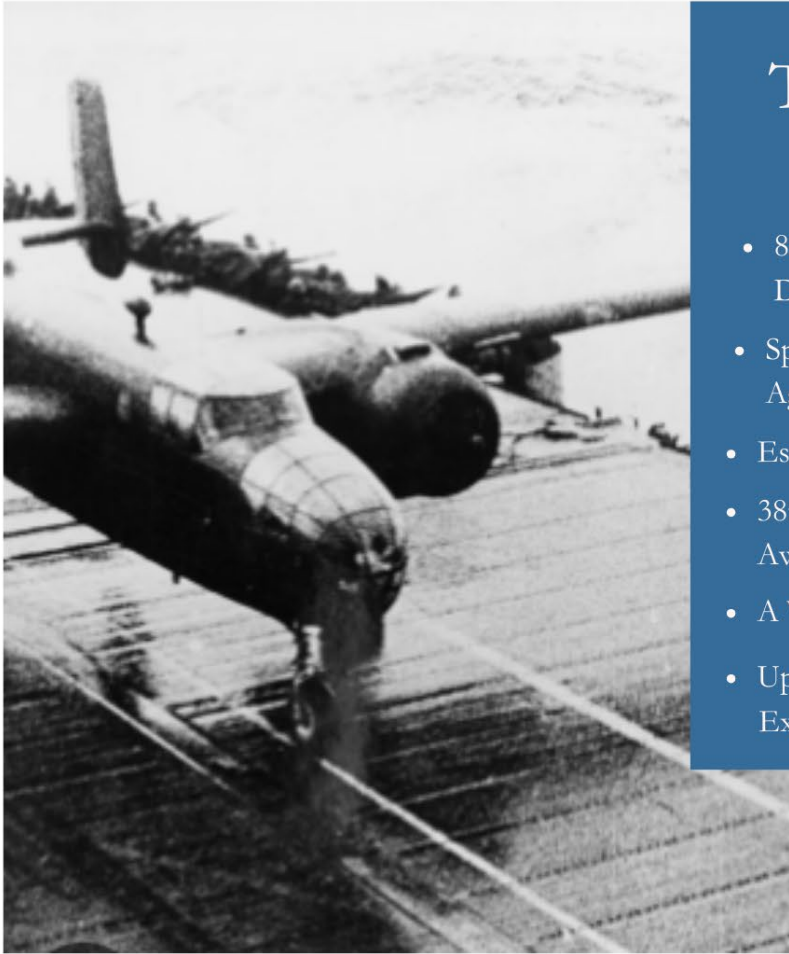


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WELCOME TO AFA TEXAS

The state organization acts as the focal point and unifying element for all of the AFA chapters located throughout the great state of Texas. AFA-TX presently has 12 chapters and over 10,000 members and extends from Abilene on the North to McAllen on the South and Houston on the East to San Angelo on the West. We are also on FaceBook! Look for “Air Force Association - Texas.



82nd Anniversary of the launch of the Doolittle Raid - Ft Worth Chapter



A group from the Fort Worth Chapter gathered on April 18th to participate via Zoom in the annual Toast Ceremony commemorating the 82nd anniversary of the launch of the Doolittle Raid on Tokyo from the deck of the aircraft carrier Hornet. Former Chapter Presidents Dave Dietsch & Tom Kemp organized the event, and were joined by current President Bill Lawson, and former President Rich Walker along with representatives from the 136th Airlift Wing and the 301st Fighter Wing from the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base, Fort Worth. We were also joined by a representative from the local office of First Command Financial Planning, and members of several other local Military support organizations including the Daedalians, and the Air Force Sergeants Association. Preceding and after the ceremony, there was a discussion concerning reenergizing the Fort Worth Chapter. Dave Dietsch volunteered to assume the presidency from Bill Lawson, and Rich Walker volunteered to be interim Treasurer. We trust this will be the beginning of a revitalization of what was once one of the 3 largest and most active Chapters in the AFA. - *Dave Dietsch contributing author*



Remember 18 April 2025 for the 83rd Annual Toast Ceremony for Next year

State Spring Conference in College Station - Aggieland AFA



For as long as I can remember, Henry Hill has been the lifeblood of the Aggieland Chapter. He and his wife, Jimmye, have been at every state meeting and Henry is very enthusiastic about carrying on the AFA mission. In late 2023, Henry approached me about being his second and I jumped at the opportunity. I felt out of touch with AFA during my short time living in Missouri and this was my chance to become active again. We also had the spring 2024 state meeting to plan so we had to get moving!

At the state meeting, Henry stepped down as chapter president to focus on his health and I moved up. I want to thank Henry and Jimmye for everything they have done for Aggieland 292 over the years. I look forward to their guidance as we reinvigorate the chapter in the Bryan/College Station area. - *Debbie Landry, Contributing Author*



NorthEast AFA Chapter - Essay Contest Scholarships



Asia Chen, \$2,000 scholarship recipient (center). L-R, Ms. Adriana Stevens, Dr. Rebekah Russler, Asia Chen, Mrs. Althea Dixon, and Vance Clarke.



Aiden Ellis, \$500 scholarship recipient (center). L-R, Ms. Adriana Stevens, Dr. Rebekah Russler, Cadet Aiden Ellis, Mrs. Althea Dixon, and Vance Clarke.

Northeast Texas Chapter 416 presented \$8,000 in scholarships to ten students from four different schools in their area. Scholarships were presented to the ten-finalist; seven for \$500, and one each for \$1,000, \$1,500, and \$2,000. The scholarships will be paid directly to colleges and universities based on student enrollment.

This year there were a total of thirty-seven essays submitted from ten different schools. English teacher Gail Herman of Sulphur Springs, Texas, High School, said she has her class do the contest to challenge them to write and learn about something they may never come across.

“Hypersonic weapons are not something most of us in Sulphur Springs think about,” said Herman at the chapters March 22, 2024, ‘Inspire & Impact’ event held to with community partners, donors, business leaders, and college professors, to inform people about chapter programs.

-Vance Clark, Contributing Author

38th Annual Kellogg-Loos Awards Night

For the past 38+ years, the Alamo Chapter has held this ceremony to recognize Airmen across San Antonio for the outstanding work they do every day for our United States Air Force. To all the leadership in this room right now, we would like to let you know that this year the caliber nominations were of the highest quality. It speaks to the continued stress of our Air Force Code of Integrity, Service before self, and Excellence in all we do.

This year had a great turn out of leadership from across JBSA! There were opening remarks from Col Freds from Ft. Sam. we had 66 nominees from 22 organizations from across JBSA and we had 11 winners this year as one category didn't get filled.

It was a family friendly event with a lot of participation. We look forward to next year!

-Holly Olson, Contributing Author



A Word from Our State President...



I would like to thank you for selecting me as your Texas State President. I look forward to leading Texas in staying the largest AFA state organization in the USA. Our almost 10,000 members help keep our Air Force strong and vibrant. My basic leadership philosophy coincides with what I managed and taught in many years in NCO Professional Leadership Courses. I always emphasized the two major functions of a leader. One, Accomplish the Mission. We do that in the chapters daily. Second, Take of the Troops.

It is vital we recognize the hard work our volunteer members do for this organization.

Recognition doesn't always need to be a big State or National Award. Something as small as a public thank you works wonders. I will add a third function and that is communication. I am a firm believer in strong communication. ALL members of AFA Texas are going to hear from me on an ongoing basis. Again thank you for this opportunity to serve you and AFA Texas.

Upcoming Important Dates

Event	Date
2024 Texoma Regional Meeting - Oklahoma City, OK	26-27 July
AFA National Convention - National Harbor, MD	13 - 15 September
State Spring Conference - Donnelly - Wichita Falls,TX	TBA

Texas AFA Executive Board

Norm King	President
Frank Eldridge	Vice President
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