



NEWSLETTER

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SUPPORTING THE INTERESTS OF AAFES, ITS RETIREES AND THE PEOPLE IT SERVES

You'll need a yellow badge to enter Exchange headquarters

Effective 1 March 2012, Exchange headquarters has instituted a new visitors policy to better protect associates, equipment, property and proprietary information, Col. Tom Ockenfels, Chief of Staff, announced.

Any permanent badges that were issued to anyone who is not currently an associate (retirees and family members) were turned off on 1 March 2012. That means when a retiree (or other visitor) visits Hq. AAFES they will be issued a temporary visitors badge. To accommodate visitors, an additional computer station was installed at the South entrance to process temporary visitors and minimize delays on the entry point.

Within a short time, frequent visitors will be on file and should receive badges rapidly after arriving.

The greatest changes are in way visitor badges are issued. Exchange retirees and their family members, active duty military members not assigned to the Exchange and military family members will be issued a temporary yellow adhesive paper visitor's badge when entering the Headquarters and Stoneridge Buildings (used for the Exchange Catalog staff) that must be worn for the duration of the visit.

Visitors will present a valid identification card and sign in at the south security station. They will be issued a yellow visitor's decal on each visit. This change is not a move to ban anyone or be exclusionary, but rather to safeguard the people who work there and ongoing business, Colonel Ockenfels said.

On the inside...

The Benefits Branch has provided us three full pages of information, including the latest data about where the Exchange ranks compared to nine other companies in the annual Benefits Comparison Study. We're No. 1 sounds pretty good. Read about this and other Benefits news on pages 4-6.



The Spring AREA Community Service Awards appear on pages 11-12. There's a special story about one of the recipients, Gisela de Marco, shown at left displaying the medal she received from the German government for her 22 years of work with the German Language Saturday School in Dallas. Read

her first-person story on page 13.

The U.S. based former exchange employees of the AAFES-PHAX (Philippines Area Exchange) brought a touch of home to their second reunion on Dec 10, 2011 in California as 80 giggling senior—and not so senior—individuals gathered to celebrate and reminisce with their 37 guests. See pages 14-15.

Late March changes at Exchange leave us saying, 'stop the presses'

Your AREA Newsletter will come a little later this month, if you still receive it in your postal box. With the newsletter at the printers on March 30, we had to utter those famous words, "stop the presses." Here's why: we had a full-page story about the historic "Change of Responsibility" ceremony in which COO Mike Howard would become Acting Director and CEO of the Exchange. That didn't happen because the Exchange announced during the day on March 30 that "not all of the required documentation to bring that about is complete." A change of command ceremony occurred, and the Army and Air Force Exchange Service welcomed a new Commander.



BG Francis L. Hendricks

On April 2, we received this statement from Exchange headquarters: "The documentation necessary to transition

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CHUCK POFFENBARGER, PRESIDENT

AREA & Chapter Goings On

Bit O' This
Bit O' That

Welcome to the April, 2012 edition of AREA's Newsletter, and the first month of Spring

"The first of April is the day we remember
what we are the other 364 days of the year."
- Mark Twain

In January, I wrote about the water restrictions being imposed upon us due to the drought caused by La Nina. We have had a recent event that illustrates just how bad the drought really is.

In San Antonio, the Medina Lake is 52 feet down. It hasn't been this low in two decades, and the lake is expected to lose a few inches every day as the 15-month draught continues. To conserve and protect the 20,000 acre-feet of irrigation water dedicated to San Antonio, the board of Bexar-Medina-Atascosa Counties Water Control and Improvement District No. 1, which allocates the water behind the Medina Lake Dam, decided it would release only 10,000 acre-feet this year for irrigation. The water will be available from March 1 until mid-April. After that, there will be no more water for irrigation this year from the lake unless it rains.

The office manager of the BMA district said it will be up to the individual farmers if they want to take the chance of starting a crop without the assurance that there will be water for the rest of the growing season. Wow! Those are tough economic conditions. I wouldn't want to be in their shoes.

We had a board meeting on February 24th at the Credit Union conference room. HQ has changed the visitors admittance policy (see page 1) so we decided to hold the meeting at the Credit Union instead. At the meeting, we stated that we raised \$45,140 for the Scholarship fund last year through corporate and membership donations, scholarship booklet income and individual donations. (2011 scholarship income supports the 2012 program.) Our basic program will remain the same this year as it has for several years: 12 scholarships for a program total of \$40,000. Additional scholarship are optional, at the discretion of the committee, and subject to further board approval.

The North Texas chapter has started a program to generate income for the scholarship program that could easily be used by other chapters. It's called the "Tag-a-Long AREA Scholarship Program" Their board of directors voted to include an additional charge to major events in support of the AREA Scholarship Program. The "Tag-a-Long" was recently added to the "NTC Annual Holiday Dinner and Stroll" and netted \$225 for the Scholarship Program. The "Annual Valentine's Dinner" was the last event to include the "Tag-a-Long AREA Scholarship Program." Local chapters are encouraged to incorporate this simple idea to benefit the AAFES Community. This action makes it simple for Chapter members to contribute on a recurring basis to this important program. For more information, contact Richard Sheff at sheffrl@aol.com

Finally, there is a new proposal by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) to consolidate the commissary and exchange systems. To learn more about it, go to www.saveourbenefit.org.

I hope your spring is nice. I'll see you in July, the first month of Summer.

Chuck

AREA ...JUST FOR YOU

Exchange leadership changes

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the Exchange from a joint military command led by a Commander/CEO to a DoD joint instrumentality led by a senior non-appropriated Fund (NAF) executive civilian, including a Commander/CEO to a DoD joint instrumentality led by a senior non-appropriated Fund (NAF) executive civilian, including a General Order coordinated between the Departments of the Army and the Air Force, was not completed prior to the retirement of the Exchange's 32nd Commander/CEO, Maj. Gen. Bruce Casella. As a result, command of the Exchange was assumed by the next senior military officer assigned to the Exchange, which is Brigadier General Francis Hendricks. Brig. Gen. Hendricks will lead the Exchange through the next steps of this historical transition from a joint command to a joint instrumentality of the De-

partments of the Army and the Air Force. The Exchange is working closely with the Departments of the Army and the Air Force to complete the necessary documentation to effect a proper transition. This transition originated with the March 2011, Department of Defense initiative for General and Flag Officer efficiencies, which impact 140 General and Flag Officer positions throughout DoD, including the Commanding General billet at the Exchange. For further information, see "Track Four Efficiency Initiatives Decisions" (at http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/pdi/pc/docs/3-14-2011_Track_Four_Efficiency_Initiatives_Decisions.pdf)."

We've revised a couple of pages, restarted the presses and on this page present some photos that Rich Sheff took during the afternoon to bring you a few memories from the day's activities.



Brig. Gen. Hendricks provides an update briefing before the change of command ceremony.



Lt. Gen. Raymond V. Mason officiated at Maj. Gen. Casella's retirement ceremony.

Some Familiar Faces...



Former Commanders Maj. Gen. Jeffrey D. Kahla and Maj. Gen. Richard D. Murray



Rosalee LaFluer and Aubrey Rembold



Maj. Gen. Casella addresses attendees at his retirement ceremony.



Rich Sheff, Mary and Mike Howard and Bob Winston



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YOUR AAFES BENEFITS...

2011 Benefits Comparison Study shows the Exchange is Still #1

Have you been wondering how the benefits the Exchange offers compares to other companies in our industry? We have received the results of our latest benefits comparison study from our consultant Towers Watson. The 2011 comparison study compared the Exchange with nine other companies: one convenience store, two fast food, and six retailers. The following employers were included in the study:

- 7 Eleven
- Best Buy
- Burger King
- Dick's Sporting Goods
- Family Dollar
- JC Penney
- Saks
- Starbucks
- Wal-Mart

The study focuses on the major benefit categories:

- **Retirement** - evaluation of employer pension plans, 401(k) plan, post-retirement medical and post-retirement life benefits
- **Health** - evaluation of medical and dental benefits plans
- **Paid Time Off** - evaluation of vacation, holiday and sick leave benefits
- **Security** - evaluation of life insurance and short and long term disability income benefits.

As shown by the chart below, the Exchange is ranked highest in total benefits as we offer a full range of benefits to our employees and reward our long serving associates. Our programs tend to be very competitive or richer than private sector organizations.

2011 Comparison Study Results	Exchange Ranking
Total	1st
Medical/Dental	1st
Paid Time Off	1st
Retirement	1st
Disability Plans	1st
Death Benefits	2nd

Since the first comparison study in 1993, The Exchange has always ranked 1st for our total benefits package. During a time when many employers are terminating pension plans and cutting back on health care coverage, we have continued providing a rich benefit package for our associates and retirees.

Don't forget to earn your Health Incentive Credit

Earn a total of \$100 in Health Incentive Credits when you:

- (a) take an online *Health Risk Assessment = \$50
plus
- (b) get your annual routine physical exam = \$50

Total: \$100

- ✓ Applied to your medical deductible and/or coinsurance as claims are processed.
- ✓ Credits will roll over every year until you use it, up to 3 years.
- ✓ Credits are displayed on your Explanation of Benefits and in Aetna Navigator

(*Health Risk Assessments can be taken online at aetna.com)

YOUR AAFES BENEFITS

The Benefits Branch starts the new year off running

The Exchange Benefits Branch has been busy launching new services and wellness initiatives.

Mypenpay.com is a new website for our retirees who are receiving a pension. This web site from our pension administrator, State Street, is for Exchange Retirees and provides access to pension payment history, payment detail, payment status, address of payment and tax elections. The website also gives retirees the ability to process changes to their payments including payment method changes, address changes and tax withholding changes. Using this website allows retirees to access their payment information at their convenience, anytime, day or night. Other things

they can access include the last 18 months of payment history, tax forms, and they may stop or reissue lost checks. To access the site go to <https://aafesretirement.mypenpay.com>. If you have any questions, call the AAFES Retiree Service Center Information Line at 1-877-247-2769 or 1-904-791-2246 (International).

We also created a new site called **Retiree Self Service** for retirees to view some of the information they had access to as an employee under Employee Self Service. This portal allows retirees access to their Official Personnel Folder (OPF), W-2 Forms, Employment History, Training Records, Final Paycheck Stub, Awards

and Final eCOMPensation Statement. To access this site, go to the AREA homepage at <http://www.shopmyexchange.com/Community/AREA/> and find Retiree Self Service.

In an effort to help control medical claims costs, the benefits department has partnered with Aetna to create and mail out wellness **postcards** throughout the year. These postcards will be on various preventive care themes including a health incentive credit reminder, a preventive care exam reminder, and cancer screening reminders. The benefits branch is also developing other wellness related communications that will be sent out throughout the year.

Benefits Q & A

Often when our AAFES employees enter the world of retirement, there are questions concerning their benefits and how other items may affect those benefits. Listed below are the answers to recent questions received from AAFES retirees:

Q. Regarding the new Retiree Self Service Portal.....how will this system work for a widow who might need to access their deceased spouse's records?

A. Due to security/privacy issues when dealing with personal information, the spouse of a deceased Exchange employee would need to make a request for information through our office at either benefits@aafes.com or 1-800-519-3381. This information would not be available on the Retiree Self Service Portal.

Q. In the last newsletter it was mentioned that the hearing aid has a "maximum benefit" and "lifetime benefit" change to \$3,000 "every 3 years". Does this mean that the "maximum benefit" or "lifetime benefit" reverts to zero every 3 years? What does the "every 3 years" mean?"

A. Beginning in 2012, the hearing aid maximum benefit for Open Choice, Traditional Choice and Aetna International Plans will now cover \$3000 toward the purchase of a hearing aid (after deductible and coinsurance) every three years.

Don't Forget Everest Funeral Planning and Concierge Services

Through this program, associates and their families who are in the Aetna life insurance plan have access to both funeral pre-planning and services when needed with Everest Advisors, which include:

- Around-the-clock advisory assistance to discuss funeral planning issues and help make funeral arrangements
- Local funeral home pricing reports for comparison purposes
- At-need family support and assistance with special requests and price negotiations
- Online planning tools

Getting Started

- Visit www.everestfuneral.com/aetna
- Enter your e-mail address and the Enrollment Identification Code: AETNA0055
- If you do not have access to a computer, advisors are available by phone 24/7
In the United States call: 1-800-913-8318; Overseas: 011-1-905-754-1922

YOUR AAFES BENEFITS

Enjoy the benefits of your mail-order pharmacy

Do you have a chronic condition like arthritis, asthma, diabetes, high blood pressure or high cholesterol? Do you take medications every month to treat these kinds of conditions or diseases?

Aetna Rx Home Delivery can fill and refill these maintenance medication prescriptions for you.

Greater supplies, lower copayments

- Get up to a 90-day supply sent to your home or any location you choose.
- Depending on your plan, you may pay less by using this service.

Quality service

- Pharmacists check all prescriptions for accuracy and can answer questions anytime, day or night.
- Shipping is quick and confidential. Standard shipping is always free. It will take 10 to 14 days to process and ship your order.



How Do You Get Started?

Step 1

Ask your doctor to write TWO prescriptions.

- Prescription #1: Is for a one-month supply. Fill it at a local retail pharmacy so you will have enough medication on hand to see you through until your first Aetna Rx Home Delivery order arrives.
- Prescription #2: Is typically for a 90-day supply (with three refills). Send this one to Aetna Rx Home Delivery.



Step 2

Fill out the Order Form found at aetnavigators.com.

- Mail it with your prescriptions and payment to the Aetna Rx Home Delivery address on the Order Form.

OR

- Have your doctor fax your prescriptions and completed Order Form. The fax number is on the Order Form.

Note: Write your date of birth and Aetna member ID on all documents, including your prescriptions.

- Make sure that you complete the method of payment section on the order form with what credit or debit card to charge or deduct from.

You can order refills:

1. Online

Log in to www.aetnavigators.com to order refills, track your order and more.

2. By phone

Call Aetna Rx Home Delivery toll-free at the number on the Order Form. Have your Aetna member ID number, your prescription number, and your credit card number ready.

3. By mail

Send in the reorder form that you received with your last order. Mail it back with your payment. The reorder form will also tell you when you can place your next refill order.



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Rhoda Freitas and Jacqueline Robinson greet, from front to back, Ella and Tony Trevino, Berta Medina, Linda and Rod Constant.



Len and Rhoda Freitas, Jacqueline Robinson and Marilyn Cerna.



Rick Forsyth talks to Virginia and Bob Askew.



Mike and Bette Rohrer talk to Javier Cerna before the luncheon.

Alamo Chapter— The annual Christmas party for the Alamo Chapter in San Antonio was held once again at the beautiful Menger Hotel in downtown San Antonio. The 60 attendees (many shown in the photo to the right) were treated to a beautiful buffet and complimentary champagne.



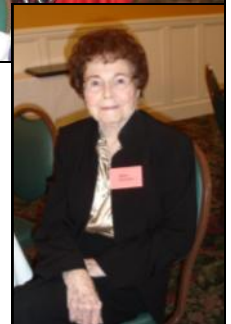
Rhoda Freitas stands by the Christmas tree with some of the toys given to the chapter's "Toys for Tots" drive.

Len Freitas, chapter president, and his wife, **Rhoda**, made the arrangements. The Menger Hotel supplied two gift cards for dinners which were given away in a drawing. Also, raffle tickets were sold for other gift cards with the money going to the Fisher House at Ft. Sam. Nearly \$500 was raised from the raffle. As they do every year, the members of the Chapter each brought a toy for the Marines' Toys for Tots. **Lee Rux** took nearly 60 toys to the Marines for their campaign.

—**Brenda Borland**

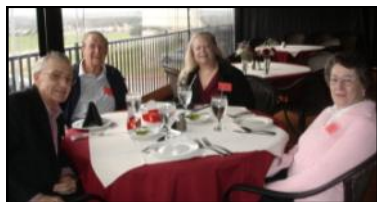


Lee Rux, Kit Mathews, Dan Forsch and the Forsch grandchildren.



At 95 years young, Hilmar "Wallie" Bechtold was the oldest attendee.

Alamo Valentine's Dinner—32 people attended the Alamo Chapter's Valentine dinner held at Scuzzi's Italian Grill on February 9. Besides the wonderful food and the chance to visit with other AREA retirees, the ladies were given a floral arrangement in a Valentine vase and the men were each given a small box of chocolates.



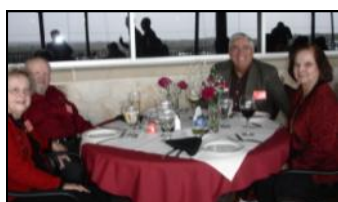
Bob Ottinger, Dan Forsch, Kit Mathews, Elayne Ottinger.



Ann and Alex Pauleuc, Len and Rhoda Freitas, Doris



Bill Dobbs, Bob Askew, The Askew's granddaughter, Ashley, Virginia Askew and Janice Dobbs.



Claire and Armand Guillemette, Tony and Ella Trevino.



Lee Rux, Judy Rux, Ann and Thomas "Tim" Brogan.



Wallie Bechtold, Bette Rohrer, Mike Rohrer, Javier and Marilyn Cerna.



Song Choe, Brenda Borland, Violet Stricker, Kathy Stovall.

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Central TX Chapter—The Central TX chapter had their quarterly meeting December 5, 2011, at the Texas Land and Cattle Restaurant. A luncheon was desired over a nightly meeting due to the nearness of the holidays. Attending were: **Cheryl Archer Schulthies, Cynthia Archer, Pat Callaghan, Martha & Paul Wood, Tina Ogletton, Bertha Rhodes, Jennifer McCormick, June Gayheart, Ellis & Bonnie Austin, Natie Cox, Virgie Snook, Alice Sewell, Jenny Downey, Sandra Morgan, Karen Morgan, Harold Phillips and Mozell Stephen.** Absent from the meeting were **Marie Stark and John Callaghan.**

In keeping with the tradition of gift giving, it was decided that instead of exchanging gifts, toys would be collected for the "Blue Santa" program. Only one gift was requested, but in true AAFES spirit, we filled 5 black trash bags full! We also had numbered drawings for poinsettia plants and gift cards from the Texas Land and Cattle. As we enjoyed each other's company, the coming of the holidays, we also celebrated **Sandy Morgan's** birthday with cake and a "happy birthday" sing-a-long. We won't say how young she is, but she was quite surprised!!

Our next meeting will be March 3, 2012 at the Baker Street Grill, a popular Austin Restaurant.

—**Cheryl Archer Schulthies**

Puget Sound Chapter—Although we in the Pacific Northwest do not presently have an active formal chapter we are alive and well keeping up with each other by phone, e-mail or snail-mail and are always willing to help and support anyone from our AAFES family in need. We console the ill and visit the shut-ins, but most of all we have a casual, come-one, come-all no-host breakfast get-together, on the third Thursday of each month 9:00 AM at "Chips Casino," 8200 Tacoma Mall Blvd. So please all of you AAFES Retirees living in and around Tacoma join us for good food and fellowship you will enjoy it I guarantee it. (Note, **Elizabeth L. Hussey** wrote separately about the 3rd Thursday get togethers, which offer free coffee and donuts. She added, "Come visit when you are in the area!" Elizabeth also passed along a newspaper ad from November which noted the 77th wedding anniversary (Aug 29, 1934) of **Cyril and Amy Kitchen.** Elizabeth said Cyril was a horseshoe player until about a year ago and that he and Amy traveled across the country in a motorhome to participate in the sport. "We wish both of them many more years of good health," she added.)

—**Edie Oda, POC Puget Sound Chapter**
edieoda@aol.com

South Carolina Chapter—The chapter has elected Theresa Morgan as president to replace outgoing president Frank Miller. Contact Theresa at 803-358-0977 or by email, especially for membership contacts, at tjmorgan_us@yahoo.com.

Northern California Chapter—The year is off to a rousing start, as the chapter had three luncheon outings, the latest at Thunder Valley Casino in March. Plus, they're gearing up for future luncheons and the April 7 bake and book sale at McClellan Exchange. The chapter newsletter carried that sad news that long time AREA member **June Lamming** passed away on February 9, 2012, adding, "June was a joy to know and work with, a lady of grace and charm, someone so special she will never be forgotten. We will miss her dearly. To Bill and John and the rest of her family we extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayers."

Aloha Chapter Christmas Party—Sixty members and guests enjoyed the 2011 AREA, Aloha Chapter Christmas Party held on Sunday, Dec. 4, at the Pearl Country Club. The party was MC'd by **Lester Tokuhisa.** A Sunday brunch of prime rib, mahi mahi and roast pork with all the traditional Hawaiian accompaniments was offered to members and guests followed by an afternoon of fun, games, and prizes. "Reindeer" table favors were prepared by committee members **Judy Bargfrede, Linda Shimizu, Lauri Santos, Charlotte Roach** along with Linda and Lauri's daughters **Sheri And Allyson.** The Jun Ken Po game was won by **Wilton Santos.** A new "candy game" was played with the "winning table" the one who remembered the LEAST NUMBER of items!! A little twist on determining winners. Have to keep these retiree minds active, you know! Our traditional Box Game, a favorite of all, was also played with a winner from each of the seven tables. See the photos online on the Aloha Bonus Page!!!

The Chapter's charity for 2011 was again the Hawaii Food Bank. This year attendees contributed a total of 179 pounds of food. A big thanks goes out to **Gary Hamada** who again generously offered to deliver our donations. Door Prizes were again eagerly anticipated by everyone while "MEMBERS ONLY" patiently waited for the Grand Prize drawings of three \$100 bills. The Grand Prize winners this year were **Jane Fukunaga, Jan Santana and Pat Watson.** The afternoons events were closed out with a heartfelt thanks offered by **President Phil Roach** to everyone who helped put the event together and to all members and guests for coming out and enjoying an afternoon of fun, camaraderie, and friendship.

Aloha Chapter new mailing address —The Aloha Chapter has a new mailing address. It is now: Aloha Chapter, P.O. Box 235069, Honolulu, HI 96823-3501. Also for AAFES emails, please use this new email address: allgirew001@hotmail.com

—**Bill Allgire**

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Aloha Bonus Page

60 members, guests enjoy brunch and lots of fun



Margaret Hasegawa, Pearl Wong, Alice Suma



Linda and Milton Shimizu



Doris Roskiewicz, Mary Ann Asato and George Turqueza



Trevor Yamamoto and Jeanne Fujise



Julia Davis and Lani Aki



Gary Hamada, Lester Tokuhisa, Phil Roach with the many food donations



Gwen Goo and Buda Ishihara



IBea Shiroma, Ethel Miguel, Edith Torres



Frances Saito and Sueko Paraga



Aiko and Frank Guerin



Darlene Ikegami and Priscilla Ayama



Bruce and Judy Bargfrede



Bill Allgire and Pauline Ung



Pat Watson and Wendell Wong

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North Texans enjoy a day 'out west'

For as long as anyone can remember, Don Streeter has been leading a group out to the annual Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo in Fort Worth. This year, he deputized the buckaroos from the North Texas Chapter to be his sidekicks for the fun-filled day "where the West begins." These pioneers kicked around the stock show grounds, watched the roping, ridin' and bull dogging in the rodeo arena and then topped off the day with Tex-Mex food. Then when March rolled around, NTC members were on the move again—this time to the North Texas Irish Festival, where Rich Sheff (below) met some of the native Irish lasses. As always, Rich took a lot of photos that you can see on the North Texas Chapter Facebook page!



A group from the North Texas Chapter went sailing together on the Mariner of the Seas Cruise in March. At left is a photo from Formal Night. Below our cruisers relax at the ship's Café Promenade.



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Outside, from left, Mary Griffin, Kathy Lobing, Lee Boyd, Kathy Gailey, Kathi Lucas, Mel Taylor, Dave Painter, Mike Bova, Marilyn and Bill Darmody, Mary Taylor and Liz Green. Inside seat at the table, from left, Barbara Graves, Kim Barton, Luan Fields, Oscar and Georgie Heyman, Dom and Nan Prudente, Gary and Mary Beth Eckhardt and Shirley Johnson.

On the left, outside—Joe and Pat Madding, Lee Stanchfield, James Mahoney, Kathi Lucas, Mel Taylor, Carole and Dave Painter, Mike Bova, Marilyn and Bill Darmody. Inside from left, Kim Barton, Luan Fields, Dom and Nan Prudente, Gary and Mary Beth Eckhardt and Shirley Johnson.

Southeastern Chapter—We celebrated our Christmas party at Frank’s at the Old Mill in Fayetteville, GA, with 32 members and guests attending. We sold raffle tickets for the two cash prizes and several other wrapped gifts, with Bill and Marilyn Darmody winning the \$30 grand prize. Everyone brought in a beautifully wrapped gift which we auctioned off. Our raffle tickets and gift auction generated \$410 for our Scholarship Fund donation.

Our annual business meeting was at Logan’s Roadhouse Restaurant in McDonough, GA, on January 19, 2012. We voted to keep

our yearly chapter dues the same for 2012 at \$7.50 per person, with \$2.50 of it going as an automatic donation as part of our Scholarship Fund donation. Our get-togethers will remain on the third Thursday of the month at 1 p.m., and we’ll have nine meetings again during the year. We voted to make our annual Scholarship Fund donation \$880 for this year, which is anew record for our small chapter.



Our photographer “General” Lee Kleckley and Mary Taylor.

Our new record Scholarship Fund donation was possible by our automatic donation from each member’s yearly dues, our members’ generous support of the Christmas Party raffle ticket purchase and auction of their own brought-in gifts. In addition several members, Kim Barton, Hetty Cox, Joe and Pat Madding, Luan Fields, Dave and Carole Painter and Wade and Fredda Raczynski, made mail-in or direct extra donations during the year or around the time for the Christmas party.

We lost long-time Chapter members and friends Pat Colquitt and Shelton Beck in 2011.

Our oldest Chapter member at 96 years young, Oscar Heyman, is still going strong and attending all our get-togethers.

--James Mahoney



Sitting Outside, from left, Joe and Pat Madding, Lee Stanchfield, Lee Boyd, Kathy Gailey, Kathi Lucas, Mel Taylor, server, Mary Taylor, Carole and Dave Painter; Sitting inside, from left, Oscar and Georgie Heyman, Dom and Nan Prudente and Gary Eckhardt.



Mary Griffin, Kathy Lobing, Hazel and Joe Holmond, Joe Madding, Ruby White, Pat Madding, Lee Stanchfield, James Mahoney and Lee Boyd



Lee Boyd, Kathy Gailey, Kathi Lucas and Mel and Mary Taylor.



Carole & Dave Painter and Mike Bova.



Dom Prudente (who has since passed away) Gary Eckhardt, Luan Fields, Oscar and Georgie Heyman and Ruby White.



AREA Community Service Awards – Spring, 2012

The Retired Employees Association recognizes Exchange Retirees and Associates who volunteer their time and devote other resources, such as personal knowledge and expertise, to help improve the economic, civic and social health of the communities where they live and work. The Community Service Review Committee, Richard Fregoe, Chairman, and members Chuck Poffenbarger, Jerry Cloud and Don Streeter reviewed the nominations and, along with the entire AREA membership, are pleased to recognize these Exchange Retirees and Associates for their commitment to their communities' well-being.

All recipients were provided with a Certificate of Appreciation and a recognition letter signed by the program director and president, AREA. We wish to thank Watt/Spohn Universal, a leading worldwide Exchange Broker, for supporting the Retired Employees Association through their active involvement in the Dallas/Fort Worth and Hampton Roads ALA chapters. Watt/Spohn Universal specializes in representing brand name manufacturers in the Power Zone, Automotive, Hardware, Housewares, Sporting Goods, Stationary and Consumables categories. They have a long history of supporting retiree programs. We invite you to visit them at www.wattspohn.com



COMMUNITY AWARD RECIPIENTS, April, 2011

➤ **Elizabeth R. Baum, Retired Exchange Associate & AREA Member:** Elizabeth has spent the last six years donating one weekend a month of her time to the Ronald McDonald House in Columbus, Georgia. The Ronald McDonald House provides food and shelter for family members who have children that are undergoing treatment for cancer in the local hospitals. She is a house mother and helps family members get accustomed to a home away from home and sees that they are provided with food, shelter and assistance with transportation to and from the hospital to visit their children.

➤ **Gisela DeMarco, Spouse of Deceased Exchange Associate & Chapter Member:** The President of the Bundesrepublik Germany awarded Gisela the Verdienstorden of the Bundesrepublik Deutschland. In the US, this would be the order of merit for services on behalf of the country (not the military); in France it is the Legion of Honor; in Great Britain it is knighthood. The award was instituted in 1951 by then President Heuss and Chancellor Adenauer. Details on the award are at Wikipedia: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Order_of_Merit_of_the_Federal_Republic_of_Germany

Gisela was involved in the founding of a German Language Saturday School as part of the Dallas Goethe Center in 1990. There were a handful of small children then. Gisela directed the school, which was successful and, in the course of the following years, classes were developed for adults (even some exchange associates). The school now has 120 students, at two locations, one downtown and one in Richardson. Gisela was nominated for the award by the Consul General Roland Herrmann. Read more about the award and Gisela on page 13.

➤ **Lesley D. Glenn, Exchange Associate:** Lesley is active participant in her community by helping others as volunteer with Big Brothers and Big Sister. She also mentors a child and raises money for activities and personal investment in the child's life.

➤ **Manoj Parikh, Exchange Associate:** Following the death of his son in 2010, Manoj Parikh donated tens of thousands of dollars to the University of Michigan and the Sujal Parikh Foundation; an organization that was started to honor his son and the work he was doing as a researcher in the fight against HIV/AIDS in Uganda as a part of the Center for Global Health. Well into retirement eligibility, Manoj continues to work tirelessly for the Exchange so that he can continue financial support of the foundation named for his son. Funds raised by the foundation are used to provide scholarships to medical students as well as fund global educational initiatives. Manoj hopes to continue working for the Exchange until his contributions to the foundation are in excess of \$100,000.

- **George and Hui Cha Ashley, Exchange Associates:** George and Hui Cha are sponsoring two Hispanic churches, one in Raeford, NC. and the other on Vass, NC, and have donated care packages to HAITI during their time of need due to the tragedy that struck the country. At the present time they are running a nonprofit organization out of Raeford, NC called Hands of Love Outreach. The mission is to feed anyone that may be physically or spiritually in need and to show love the way that Jesus did. For more details visit <http://www.facebook.com/handsloveoutreach09at>
- **Lori Drummond, Exchange Associate:** Since 2010, Lori has been volunteering for the American Cancer Society in Fort Worth. She has participated in various efforts to raise money for the annual Cowtown Ball that is held not only to raise additional monies but to spread awareness for the ACS.
- **Ola Bello, Exchange Associate:** Ola has actively participated in Habitat for Humanity building homes across the DFW area, providing Thanksgiving meals to the homeless, and feeding low income families through Angel Food Ministry
- **Cynthia Franco, Exchange Associate:** Cynthia has devoted much of her spare time organizing food drives for the North Texas Food Bank. Despite several illnesses over the past few years, she's still found time and strength to support this noble effort.
- **Peggie Sellers, Exchange Associate:** Peggie serves her church on a regular basis and now donates her time to Hospice.
- **Kimberly Swinson, Exchange Associate:** Kimberly is very active in the Charleston Community and is known throughout the Exchange for her Charity Work. She became involved with a non-profit organization dedicated to bring Mardi gras into the Charleston area along with donating, time, money and services to charities throughout the year. The organization is the Krewe of Charleston and Kim sits on the board of directors as a lieutenant. The Krewe, among other things, hosts an extravagant gala masked ball once a year where the proceeds go to different local charity. Some of these charities include; The MUSC Children's Hospital, in particular the cancer ward. Through the Krewe Kim also works with Brian Brennan, a Citadel graduate and Army Captain who lost his legs in Afghanistan. His foundation "Brennan Stands Alone" helps wounded veterans receive much needed prosthetics and after care upon returning home from war. Kim also organized and executed art and fun at the Lowcountry Orphan Relief's "Make a Child Happy Day" where she painted with 100 children from foster care at the daylong event, giving them a piece of their own art to take with them, and donated bags of art supplies to each child so that they could continue to enjoy and express themselves no matter where they were. This is just a small part of Kim's commitment to the Charleston community. She has touched so many lives and continues making things better for those that are a little less fortunate.
- **Allene West, Exchange Associate:** Allene along with her husband, have been foster parents with the state of Virginia starting in 2007 until present. Allene was a foster child herself which gave her the desire to want to give something back to other children and her community. She has fostered eight children and currently has two children she is carrying for. She provides a loving and caring family environment that the children need and deserve to have. She empowers in them strength and confidence so that when the time comes for them to leave they have learned to know that they can succeed despite their current situation.
- **Patricia Wilkins, Exchange Associate:** Patricia is a 20 year volunteer in her community - Chamber of Commerce, Educational Foundation at Ready Springs, Lions Club and The Penn Valley Community Rodeo Association. She is a board member of the Penn Valley Community Rodeo Association, which was established in 2004 to provide a safe environment for folks to enjoy equestrian events and riding. The association provides two scholarships annually to High School Seniors who will be pursuing agriculture or animal science majors in college.
- **Jose and Peggy Bonilla, Exchange Associates:** Jose and Peggy, associates of the Waco Distribution Center, are currently engaged with the Child Protection Services in Waco, Texas and have been since August, 2011. They have taken several displaced children into their home and provided them with a safe and conducive environment until a determination can be reached for a permanent home. Even though financial assistance is provided by Child Protection Services, sometimes expenses are absorbed by themselves. Jose and Peggy are currently seeking adoption for one child.
- **Colbie Lake, Exchange Associate:** Colbie Lake is a two year member of Search One Rescue Team which is a nonprofit organization that uses specially trained Search and Rescue (SAR) K9s to assist governmental agencies in locating lost and missing persons. The team is in their 28th year serving all of North Central Texas (and beyond). The team consists of 42 members and 27 dogs providing four specific K9 disciplines to include Trailing, Area Search (or Air Scent), Human Remains Detection (HRD) and Disaster. Colbie trains with the team one day every weekend and can be called out on searches at any time, day or night.



Surrounded by her children, Gisela de Marco poses with the award at the German Consulate in Houston. From left to right are Christina Elder, San Antonio, Kathleen Stephens, Houston, David Victor de Marco, Houston, Gisela, Emma Stephens, granddaughter from Houston, Adele Adams, Houston. Karen Kremers, Beeville, TX, Kimberlee de Marco, daughter-in law (wife of David). Gisela said “my oldest son Douglas, Dallas, missed being able to attend the ceremony.”

Gisela de Marco has been honored twice since receiving Germany’s highest civilian award, the Verdienstorden of the Bundesrepublik Deutschland—once, of course, at the German Consulate General in Houston, and now with an AREA Community Service Award (see page 11). The German award is given out on rare occasions. The Consul General told Gisela he had the opportunity to present it 10 times in 10 years of service as a Consul. “All in all, it is considered a high honor,” she said of the award. “There is none higher in Germany. I am proud of it and know that my husband would also have been proud. My six children and one granddaughter were present.” We asked Gisela to share some of her life story, and she came through beautifully with this heartfelt story about husband, Vic de Marco, and her life since she met Vic just after the war ended. Gisela, thank you. Congratulations!

By Gisela de Marco

Victor F. de Marco was my husband and father of our six children, Douglas, David, Adele, Karen, Kathleen and Chrissie. The Exchange Service brought us to Texas, and we are all still here; three in Houston, one in Dallas, one in San Antonio, and one in Beeville.

Vic, born and raised in Philadelphia, was a typical ‘South Philly’ first generation son of Italian immigrants. Vic was the youngest. After graduating from ‘South Philadelphia High’ in 1943, like most members of his class, he enlisted with the military before he was drafted. Once on the European continent, Vic had the distinction of fighting in the Battle of the Bulge. It must have been tough and scary. He never spoke about the situations which earned him the nick name ‘Lucky’.

At the end of WWII, Vic wound up guarding prisoners of war for two months in (then) Czechoslovakia.

His career with the exchange began while he was still on duty with the army. He was transferred to Munich in August 1945 when the European Exchange System (EES) opened the first Munich Post Exchange, THE PX, on Briennerstrasse.

Meanwhile I had graduated from high school in Munich, but could not attend a university because ‘study seats’ were held open for young men coming back from the war, unless a female student had already

completed a few semesters at the university. Food supply was short, all Germans lived with food coupons, and in order to receive food coupons, all Germans over 18 had to either have a job or be at the university in order to receive food coupons.

Well, you guessed it, I applied for work at the new PX, and PFC de Marco hired me to be the ‘information lady’ at the front desk of the PX. We were married four years later in Philadelphia. Vic left the army in 1946, and began a two-year stint as a civilian, working as an accountant with EES in Munich.

Vic returned to Philadelphia and enrolled at LaSalle University, a Christian Brothers School. Six months later, I followed him, and we were married between his first and second semester. Vic received a BA, maxima cum laude, in 1952. Since his dream was to become a CPA, he had to work for two years for a public accounting firm. He passed the CPA exam in 1953.

We both wanted to see Europe again; Vic applied with Exchange Headquarters in NY, and by December 1954 we were on our way to London with our first baby in tow. After a temporary assignment in Casablanca, in May 1955 Vic was trans-



ferred to Germany where he held several positions, not all in accounting, at the new European exchange headquarters in Wiesbaden. Wiesbaden was a great location for us as a family, and for me to give birth to three more children.

In 1962 we were transferred to NY to worldwide headquarters of AAFES. I believe he was Assistant Controller to Rudy Matthews at that time. Working in NY, he took also attended NYU, and in 1964 he received an MA. Our fifth child was born in Middlesex County, N.J. during that time.

In 1966, Vic became the controller in Hawaii. Our sixth child was born in Honolulu. Raising so many children was expensive; to make ends meet, Vic taught accounting night courses at many universities. In 1968, he was transferred to Dallas after headquarters moved from NY to Oak Cliff. During that time he had the opportunity to attend ‘Post Management’ summer courses at Harvard University.

In 1974 Vic was transferred, again, to Wiesbaden. General Arthur Gregg, Vic’s boss, lived across the street from us. In 1976, the general was transferred to Washington; Vic was transferred back to Dallas. He was able to get early retirement in 1980, and stepped immediately into a finance teaching position at UTD.

To my great sorrow, Vic passed away March 18, 1982.

Philippines employees enjoy camaraderie in California reunion



80 PHAX employees posed for the official group photo



The announcement that brought everyone together in Union City, CA.

Following their first successful reunion on Aug 7, 2010, the U.S. based former exchange employees of the AAFES-PHAX (Philippines Area Exchange) had their second reunion on Dec 10, 2011 in Union City, CA. It was attended by 80 giggling senior—and not so senior—individuals ready to celebrate with their 37 guests.

People as far as Nevada and the Philippines came to enjoy the event. Mr. Pepito Galang and wife from the Philippines, gave us a glimpse of what to expect to see and enjoy while visiting the former U.S. Military Base in Clark Field, Pampanga.

Pepito, or Pip as he fondly called, was a former HR employee at PHAX (20 years of service) and currently is Vice President for Services of the Clark Development Authority, a government entity under the Office of the President of the Philippines.

He mentioned his experiences and that what he learned as an exchange employee helped him to be in his present executive position.

Highlights of the event were the singing rendition of the Star Spangled Banner and the National Anthem of the Philippines., welcome address by Cecilio Navarro, Jr. (Budget Officer, PHAX F&A Branch), folk dance number by Lucy Muli-Pineda (Secretary, PHAX Concession and Svcs Branch) and the presentation of documents and letters pertaining to the special immigrant status granted for most of the attendees to come to the U.S.

These documents included written petition initiated by Rufina Navarro (PHAX Supervisory Training Specialist) and signed by 61 other employees from different sections/branches of PHAX who had 15 or more years of exchange service along with the endorsements from the office of the Hon. Daniel Akaka of the U.S. Congress and from the U.S. Dept of Justice were immaculately kept and maintained by Rufina.

Vida Toting (PHAX Main Store Manager) read and explained how these came about 33 years ago.

After the presentation, one could hear the awe of gratitude and appreciation from the attendees. Like in any other occasions, who will forget the sumptuous meals of Western and Filipino servings? After all these years we still share the strong bonds we developed as the AAFES family.

The event emcee'd by the ever-energetic and talented Grace Bondoc-Hanover (PHAX Training Specialist), also adapted the objectives and goals of the association., which include "To continue to reunite with our former co-employees and their families as we grow in faith and love and foster a lasting closer friendship and to support the goals and vision of AREA."

A future reunion is already in the planning stage and this year the tentative date is set on Sept. 1, 2012. For more information, please contact Vida Toting (408)736-7339, Loella Dizon(650)796-7711, Grace Bondoc-Hanover(909)217-2357 or Regalado (Dong)Dizon(510)863-2460.

--Regalado(Dong)Dizon



Pepito Galang came from the Philippines to talk about Clark Field.



Zeny Zamora led the singing of the National Anthem



Committee chairpersons led by Vida Toting

Eddie Dayrit, Rennie Briones (son of Mr. Briones from Engineering), Pedrito Quizon, Regalado Dizon, Romy Quiwa, Gil Crisologo, Vida Toting, Loella Dizon, Grace Bondoc-Hanover, Ruth San Pedro and Sonia Argao.



Sally del Rosario, Loella Dizon, May Alviar, Ruth San Pedro, Herminia Zamora Camerino



Jun Navarro and Grace Bondoc-Hanover, our energetic emcee.



Lucy Muli Pineda performing a Filipino folk dance.



Fely Castro, an unidentified guest and Lucy Cuyson.



Benny Nebres, Elma Dizon, Pip Galang, Mett Perdegolidad, Sally del Rosario, Dang Valenzuela, Vida Toting, Grace Bondoc-Hanover.



Fiesta Filipiniana in America

This is the second reunion of former AAFES-PHAX employees held December 10, 2011 at Ruggieri Community Center in Union City, CA. The call for reunion was made by Vida Toting, former PHAX Main Store manager and assisted by Reglado Dizon, Loella Dizon, and Grace Bondoc-Hanover. The 80 attendees shared the camaraderie that depicted the strong bonds they developed as AAFES family in the Philippines.

A future reunion is already in the planning stage. Those interested may call Vida Toting at (408) 736-7339, or Regalado Dizon at (515) 863-2460.

Inside the Exchange

Eastern Region: *Committed to providing a lifelong shopping relationship*

I'm Bob White, Senior Vice President Eastern Region for the Army & Air Force Exchange Service located in Dallas, Texas. I'm very proud to have worked with the Exchange for more than 35 years. Our Exchange mission remains to "provide quality merchandise and services of necessity and convenience to authorized customers at uniformly low prices; and generate reasonable earnings to supplement appropriated funds for the support of Army and Air Force morale, welfare and recreation programs." This mandate inspires me to give my best each and every day. It's my duty, just as those we serve sacrifice to safeguard our freedoms.



As the Senior Vice President Eastern Region, it is my goal to ensure the Exchange provides a shopping experience worthy of our desire to maintain a relationship with our customers from boot camp well into retirement.

Demographic/Geographic area

Eastern Region consists of 86 installations in 18 states as well as Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Honduras and Thule, Greenland. This includes 53 major Army and 33 major Air Force installations.

Here's Eastern Region by the numbers:

- 42 Main Stores
- 222 Specialty Stores
- 224 Food Operations
- 40 Military Clothing facilities
- 24 Movie Theaters
- 1,223 Concession operations, including Food, Vending and Services

New Construction/ Branding Initiatives

Just last November, Shaw Air Force Base was the site for the grand opening of Eastern Region's newest main store. Representing a \$20 million investment and more

than 81,000 sq. ft., the Shaw Exchange is 30% larger than the previous facility. Additional space provides shoppers with more merchandise and expanded services. New product lines include a small store assortment of Apple products such as the iPad2, and an assortment of firearms (see photo on page 17). Shaw also opened three new name-brand fast food restaurants in addition to an existing Burger King.

The line-up now consists of Taco Bell, Subway and the Exchange's first direct-operated Dunkin Donuts. During 2011, Eastern Region completed 20 retail projects and two ongoing new branding projects are at Fort Bragg and West Point; I expect these to open later this year.

Emotional Connection

Beyond new and renovated stores, it's our associates who make the difference. Building a emotional lifelong connection is what differentiates us from our competitors, and we strive to provide superior service to our communities each and every day.

Pride, loyalty and commitment are just a few words that describe our workforce, and it's through our associates that we continue to support the Exchange mission of going where the troops go, wherever duty calls. To that end, 44 Eastern Region associates currently are deployed in support of contingency operations in Iraq and Afghanistan in support of the military mission. No matter where our customers are located, a phrase I often tell our associates is "always act with a sense of urgency." The business world is constantly changing and to be competitive, we must act with urgency.

Inside the Exchange
 This is the final installment of Inside the Exchange, which has evolved in the past 4 years when the series began as "Inside AAFES Today"



Fort Jackson's Main Exchange includes an example of a "Large Firearm Control counter" and features three "rifle towers." As of press time, the Exchange operated 51 firearms sales facilities, opening up three more in March.

The Fort Buchanan Fire department conducts safety events teaching fire and bicycle safety to installation schoolchildren twice a year in the Exchange administrative offices parking lot. Exchange Loss Prevention coordinates these and other safety outreach events throughout the year.





Fort Benning College Fair

The Fort Benning Exchange hosted the Fort Benning College Fair, a community outreach event. These photos show some of the activities and Exchange associates' interaction with troops attending the event.



Bob White

Senior VP - Eastern Region

EXCHANGE

Robert White is the Senior Vice President of the Eastern Region for the Army and Air Force Exchange Service in Dallas, Texas. White began his career with the Exchange in 1972 as a Sales Associate at the Fort Myer Post Exchange in Arlington, Virginia. He held various assignments at Ft. Myer, Va. until his promotional transfer into a management position in 1978 at Andrews AFB, Md.

White remained in the Retail career cone with a promotional assignment as Assistant Branch Manager, Thule, Greenland and later transferred to Langley AFB, Va. where he served as both the Operations and Sales & Merchandise Manager. In 1984, he was promotionally reassigned to the Aviano, AB Main Store. White continued his upward progression as Exchange Manager/Main Store Manager at Comiso, Sicily and then as Exchange Manager at Royal Air Force Base Alconbury/Chicksands, United Kingdom.

Mr. White next returned to Fort Myer as the General Manager and then served two years as the Executive Assistant at the Exchange's Washington Office in the Pentagon. In 1998, White was transferred to Bitburg/Spangdahlem, Germany and eventually moved to the General Manager position for the Ramstein/Kaiserslautern Military Community.

In 2003, he was promoted to Area Manager, Omaha Area, Exchange Central Region after serving a short tour as General Manager, Fort Campbell, Kentucky. In September 2005, White assumed the position of Vice President, Western Region; in October 2007 he became Senior Vice President, Eastern Region.

White received his Bachelor of Arts degree from George Mason University, Fairfax, Va. He has participated in Executive Developmental Courses at the Texas A&M University, Southern Methodist University and Santa Clara University.

The Exchange partnered with the Army Education office to host a semi-annual college fair at Fort Benning, GA for the troops. We strive to keep the community informed of Exchange business initiatives and work with the community to support safety awareness. See photos on page 18.

Guards and Reserves

Reaching out to the Guard and Reserve units has been a top focus for Eastern Region. In 2011, our team conducted 145 Guard & Reserve outreach sessions to reach 24,280 military shoppers and their families.



Reaching to Guard and Reserve members

Eastern Region conducted 145 Guard and Reserve outreach sessions such as this one in 2011.



This illustration shows how the Ft. Eustis Express will look when it opens later this year. Here you can see the new Exchange branding. The Eustis Express will include a level 3 Shoppette facility, ten multi-product dispenser gas pumps, a car wash and a Subway. The Grand Opening date is tentatively set for Aug 30 2012.

Our Commitment

The Eastern Region team is committed to developing new initiatives and enhancing customer service efforts.

On the behalf of Eastern Region's 7,154 associates, I'd like to say "thank you" for giving us the opportunity to serve you. Not just today, but for many years to come, our commitment is to provide all shoppers with the life-long emotional connection that only the Exchange can provide.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE FORM

Type of Change (Check All Boxes Below That Apply)

Address <input type="checkbox"/>	Telephone <input type="checkbox"/>	FAX <input type="checkbox"/>
E-mail <input type="checkbox"/>	Marital Status <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>

Enter New Address in "Current Address" block BELOW and List Other Changes Here--

(Printed Name)	(Signature)	(Date)
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Check here if you would like to be put on the mailing list for future membership directories, which are published in even-numbered years and provide you a listing of names and addresses of AREA members.

TO: AREA (ATTN: Membership Director)
P.O. Box 380614
Duncanville, TX 75138-0614

CURRENT ADDRESS:

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

The following telephone numbers are provided as a convenience to members wishing to contact certain HQ AAFES offices and the AAFES Federal Credit Union.

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(214) 312-2011

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For other information, check out the AAFES website at: <http://www.shopmyexchange.com> and the AREA website <http://www.shopmyexchange.com/community/area>

AREA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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IN REMEMBRANCE

EVA M. BLACKWELL, 81, died Dec. 9, 2011 in Springs, CO. The Okinawa Exchange Associate retired Colorado Springs, Colorado. The Fort Carson Food in 1985. Activity Manager retired in 1989.

AGNES B. SCHMITZ, 83, died Nov. 30, 2011 in Metairie, LA. The HQ Quality Assurance Specialist retired in 1995.

ROGER A. BALDIN, 86, died Nov. 19, in Colorado

JAMES R. MATTHEWS, 60, died Dec. 27, 2011 in Cedar Hill, TX. The long-time HR executive, retired in 2003 Ramstein AB/Baumholder HR Manager. He is survived by his wife, Edna Matthews of Cedar Hill and stepdaughters Kaylynn Villerral and Julie Greer and two grandchildren.

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North Texas Chapter initiates 'Tag-a-Long AREA Scholarship Program'

The Board of Directors of the North Texas Chapter of AREA (NTC AREA) voted to include an additional charge to major events in support of the AREA Scholarship Program. This action makes it simple for North Texas Chapter members to contribute on a recurring basis to this important program. The "Tag-a-Long" was recently added to the "NTC AREA Annual Holiday Dinner and Stroll" and netted \$225 for the AREA Scholarship Program. The "Annual Valentine's Dinner" was the next NTC AREA event to include the "Tag-a-Long AREA Scholarship Program." Local chapters are encouraged to incorporate this simple idea to benefit the AAFES Community.



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