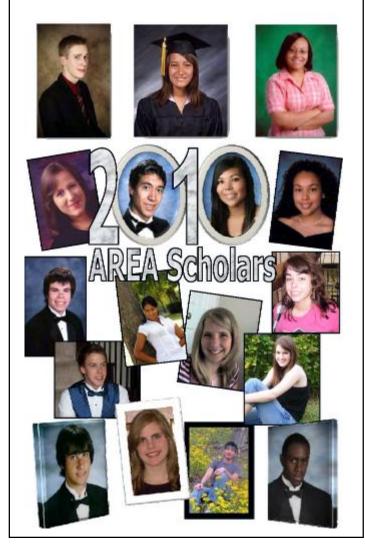


SUPPORTING THE INTERESTS OF AAFES, ITS RETIREES AND THE PEOPLE IT SERVES

AREA Scholarship Program 2010

The AAFES family of scholars continues to grow, and this year's high school graduates presented such great achievements and scholarship that five additional awards were made. A total of 17 scholarships were awarded totaling \$47,000. As Tom Gallagher, Scholarship Program Director, explains on page 11, AREA received 56 applications, of which 26 met the criteria for scholarships, making 2010 one of the highest participation rates since the program began. See pages 12-17 for the full scholarship story.



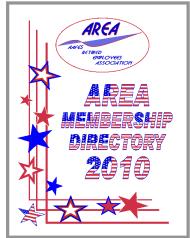
Your Membership Directory comes with July AREA Newsletter

AREA Board approves new fee for mailing individual directories

Once every three years your newsletter arrives in an envelope along with your updated AREA Membership Directory. In keeping with the delivery of the newsletter in July and July Fourth, we've selected a patriotic theme all decked out in red,

white and blue for this year's directory cover.

Inside the directory you'll find updated listings of all current AREA members, including addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses. Remember to use the Membership Update Form printed in each AREA Newsletter to keep Pat Weaver, Membership Director, informed about any changes. The form is printed on page 23 of this newsletter.



This is the twentieth edition of the Directory. It contains information on record as of May 2010. There are 1,500 members listed in this Directory, as compared to the 422 Charter Members listed in the first Directory in 1976. The AREA Directory is published every three years. Only members who are current with their dues will receive a directory.

The AREA Board has instituted a new policy regarding mailing costs of AREA directories requested beyond the initial bulk mailing with the newsletter. Due to the increased mailing costs, the Board unanimously agreed on the need for charging for any directories that are requested after the regular mailing. Those fees are \$2.50 for address in the United States and \$8 for non US mailings. This will in no way pay the full amount of the mailing, but the AREA Board feels it will help offset costs of mailing individual directories. Remember, you must be a member to request a directory.



Welcome to the July, 2010 edition of AREA's Newsletter, and the first month of Summer.

"A summer's sun is worth the having." - French Proverb

"Summer afternoon - summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language." - Henry James

This is one of most active periods we have had in some time. This Newsletter coupled with the 2010 AREA Membership Directory are mailed to all members this quarter. We hope you like them both, as well as the bright colored Membership Directory cover. This is also the period when Tom Gallagher and his Scholarship Committee complete their review of the 2010/2011 academic year scholarships. We read quite often of the need for school systems to do a better job of preparing young people for the future. You can't help but come to the conclusion reading the bios of this year's recipients that there are still very many good high schools in this country and in the DoDDS System. These young people are remarkable for their academic, social and community achievements. Read all about them and their achievements on pages 12-17.

As part of the annual scholarship process, we have been publishing an annual 60-page booklet listing all of the scholarship recipients and their accomplishments for several years now. We sell advertisement for the booklet to AAFES vendors who wish to support this worthwhile community effort. This year, we have 18 vendors who support this effort. In late June/early July, I'll be mailing copies of the 2010 booklet to each scholarship winner, AREA Board Members & Chapter Presidents for sharing with their members, AAFES Senior Management and Booklet Sponsors.

We have 21 additional members this quarter who have asked that their copy of the Newsletter be sent via an email attachment. Altogether, we have 105 members receiving their Newsletter in this manner. The savings to us is quite substantial as it costs \$1.42 a copy to print the Newsletter and \$0.57 to sort and mail it. For a year, that's a savings of \$835.80. Thanks to all of you who receive the Newsletter as a electronic copy. If you're thinking about it, see the back page of this Newsletter on how to sign up for this spiffy way of getting your AREA mail.

Our next board meeting will be in October. At the October meeting, we'll review financials, our various programs and updates that may be needed to keep them current. At the January meeting, we vote on the amount for the 2011/2012 academic year Scholarship Program, which will be based on donations and gifts that we'll receive this year.

Have a nice Summer and I'll see you in October, the first month of Autumn.

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Dependent Eligibility Verification helps control benefits costs

TWO-PART ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION PROCESS

AAFES Vendor Chapman Kelly will contact you twice:

- Amnesty Phase
- Verification Phase

It's important that you reply!



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AREA Web address: http://www.aafes.com/area Attention: All employees/retirees enrolled in the DoD Nonappropriated Fund (NAF) Health Benefits Program (HBP) with family coverage.

AAFES must keep the DoD NAF HBP medical plan affordable. We must also ensure that everyone enrolled is truly eligible, including dependents. Ineligible dependents increase claims, out-of-pocket costs and premiums for everyone. For this reason, we have se-

lected a vendor, Chapman Kelly, Inc., to verify dependent eligibility.

Chapman Kelly sent letters in early May to those with family coverage in the DoD NAF medical plan. The letters were part of the initial Amnesty Phase to allow you to cancel coverage for any ineligible dependent.



Keep love going, respond to verification process.

The next part, the Verifica-

tion Phase, is currently ongoing. Chapman Kelly has sent a letter with a list of the required documents to prove eligibility for all dependents. The requested documentation must be provided to Chapman Kelly to prevent the possible removal of dependents from the plan.

Chapman Kelly will use these documents solely to verify dependent eligibility.

If you have not received a letter from Chapman Kelly, have questions or need additional information, contact them toll free at 1-877 -318-7531, fax 1-888-898-0305 or <u>http://mydependentcheck.com/</u> <u>aafes</u>.

Thank you for helping to keep the Plan affordable.

AREA Newsletter 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. Who should the family contact to report the death of an AAFES retiree?

A. Steps for reporting the death of an AAFES retiree or the death of a retiree's spouse:

When a death occurs, the Benefits Department should be contacted. A Benefits Technician will provide guidance on the required actions to be taken. Contact Information for the Benefits Branch:

Benefits Branch Telephone Number: 1-800-519-3381 Mailing Address: AAFES Attn: FA-T/B P. O. Box 650428 Dallas TX 75265

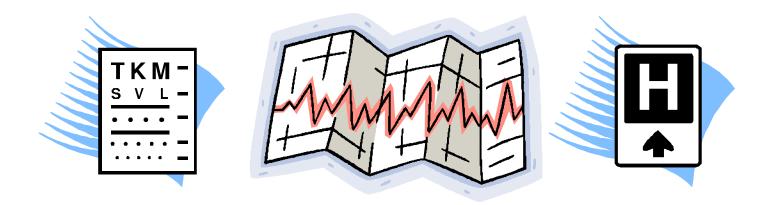
Q. How does Medicare coordinate benefits with the DoD NAF Plan?

A. When you have Medicare, it is your primary coverage; therefore, when you go to the doctor, show your Medicare card **first**. Medicare will pay first and your plan (Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) or Traditional Choice) will pay second. Traditional Choice pays 80% (*after the deductible*) on the balance remaining for a **physician visit for an illness** and 100% (*no co-pay or deductible*) if an In- Network doctor is utilized for **Preventive Care**. If the physician does not accept Medicare, the DoD Health Plan will pay primary.

Examples of how Medicare coordinates with the PPO Plan / Traditional Choice Plan to pay your claims:

In Network Doctor Charges	\$150	
Medicare Pays	\$120	
Balance after Medicare payment		\$30
Apply towards Co-pay	\$ 20	
Payment by PPO Plan		\$10
What member pays		\$20

Doctor Charges	\$150	
Medicare Pays	\$120	
Balance after Medicare payment		\$30
Assuming Deductible is satisfied		
Payment by Traditional Choice Plan		
(\$30 x 80%)		\$24
What member pays		\$6



Two more examples of how Medicare coordinates with the PPO Plan / Traditional Choice Plan to pay your claims:

In Network Doctor Charges	\$150	
Medicare Pays	\$120	
Balance after Medicare payment		\$30
Apply towards Co-pay		
(no co-pay)	\$ 0	
Payment by PPO Plan		\$ 30
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Preventive Care – PPO Plan

Preventive Care – Traditional Choice Plan

Doctor Charge	\$150	
Medicare Pays	\$120	
Balance after Medicare payment		\$30
Payment by Traditional Choice Plan (no		
deductible)		\$30
What member pays		\$ 0

Remember:

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Sign up for Medicare BEFORE your 65th birthday and check on the monthly premiums.

Aetna will not reimburse on amounts that are reimbursable by Medicare, regardless if you choose to enroll or not to enroll in Medicare.

Show your Medicare card first when you visit the doctor, since it's your primary coverage now.

Ask Aetna about **Medicare Direct**, to reduce your medical claims paperwork. The doctor's office will file the medical claim with Medicare for you. Once Medicare processes the claim it will be sent to Aetna electronically (under **Medicare Direct**). This eliminates having to file claims with Aetna once Medicare has processed the claim...it is handled automatically for you! Reasonable & Customary charges apply

(*Traditional Choice or PPO Out-of-Network expenses*) If you have questions concerning your Explanation of Benefits contact Aetna at 1-800-367-6276

The 2009 health benefits program claim results are in...

Costs increase 4.2 per cent over 2008

The total AAFES claims cost for the DoD NonAppropriated Fund Health Benefits Program (DoD NAF HBP) which includes the Aetna PPO & Traditional Choice plans for the 2009 plan year was **\$151.6m** compared to **\$145.5m** in 2008, an increase of 4.2%.

AAFES 2009 Total Claim Cost				
Medical	\$ 103.9m			
Pharmacy	\$ 37.9m			
Dental	\$ 9.8m			
Total	\$ 151.6m			

Key drivers of the claim costs were the treatment of chronic illnesses and related medications. In 2009 the top 5 chronic diseases and drugs were:

2009 Top 5		
Chronic Diseases	Drugs	
Hypertension	Nexium (heartburn and ulcer)	
Hyperlipidemia (cholesterol)	Plavix (cardiovascular)	
Diabetes	Prevacid (heartburn and ulcer)	
Nonspecific Gastritis/Dyspepsia	Lipitor (high cholesterol)	
Allergy	Actos (diabetes)	

Hypertension and high cholesterol are both precursors to more serious heart disease.

Ways we all can help control cost:

- Use the preventive services that are offered in the plan
 - Covered at 100% no copay/no deductible.
- When you need care Know your options:
 - O Hospital Emergency Room (ER) for life threatening problems
 - Urgent Care centers for serious problems, such as sprained ankles, fevers, and minor cuts and burns.
 - Walk-in clinics for minor medical problems, such as ear infections, colds, allergies, strep throat and bronchitis.
- Use generic prescriptions if available
- Use mail order drug benefit
- Participate in the disease management program, if applicable
- Participate in Simple Steps for suggestions to a healthier lifestyle

Note: The DoD NAF HBP is a self-insured program. Self-insured means the employers assume the risk for paying the claims and administrative fees to a company that administers the program. Aetna is the third-party administrator that processes/pays the claims for the DoD NAF HBP.

The Cast of *The Patty Duke Show* Reunites to tell Americans about new online Medicare Application

Cast reprises original roles in new TV spots

Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner of Social Security, award-winning actress Patty Duke and the cast of her hit 1960s sitcom, *The Patty Duke Show*, have unveiled Social Security's newest online service – an application for Medicare benefits.

This new online application, which takes less than 10 minutes to complete, *is for people reaching the Medicare eligibility age of 65 who want to delay filing for Social Security retirement benefits.* Currently about a half million Americans enroll in Medicare each year without applying for monthly benefits.



"Social Security's online services are the best in all of government and exceed the top private sector companies in customer satisfaction," Commissioner Astrue said. "The new Medicare application is a welcome

We can now apply for Medicare online! Addition to our suite of online services and will make it easier than ever to sign up for Medicare. I am thrilled that Patty Duke has once again volunteered to help us get the word out. The fact that this time her TV family has joined her makes this even more special and I

thank William Schallert, Eddie Applegate, and Paul O'Keefe for their service to America. I also want to thank Dr. David Kessler, former FDA Commissioner, who appeared with Patty as a befuddled family physician in some of our spots."

To apply online for Medicare, go to <u>www.socialsecurity.gov</u> and choose Retirement/Medicare under the header, "Click Below To Apply For." You will be asked a brief series of questions. If you have a question or need additional information, there are convenient "more info" links. When you're done, just click the "Sign Now" button to submit the application. There are no paper forms to sign, and usually no additional documents are required. If more information is needed, Social Security will contact you by phone or letter.

For a variety of reasons, more and more Americans are choosing to delay receiving Social Security retirement benefits past the Medicare eligibility age of 65. Although the age to collect full retirement benefits used to be age 65, it is now age 66 for individuals just becoming eligible for retirement benefits and will eventually become age 67. Benefits can be increased by up to 32 percent if someone delays receiving them until age 70. To learn more, see our *When To Start Receiving Retirement Benefits* fact sheet at <u>www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10147.html</u>.

"We are continuing to look for ways to improve our existing online services and to add new services that make it easy for people to do business with Social Security," said Commissioner Astrue. "Later this year, we will make our online Retirement Estimator at <u>www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator</u> available in Spanish, a first for the federal government. Providing the public with the best online services in the government and private sectors is one of our top priorities."

To see all of Social Security's online services, go to www.socialsecurity.gov/onlineservices.

To view the new public service announcements featuring the cast of *The Patty Duke Show*, go to www.socialsecurity.gov/medicareonly.

CHAPTER HAPPENINGS



Alamo Chapter—The Alamo Chapter was very busy this quarter. On March 25, **Adele and Joe Lima** hosted a dinner at Los Cucos Mexican Restaurant (*pictured above*) which about 50 people attended. We enjoyed dinner and conversation and celebrated several birthdays and anniversaries.

On April 3, **Bob Askew** hosted 12 AREA members and family attending a musical, Listen to the Music, at the Harlequin Theater at Fort Sam Houston. We enjoyed great music from the 1970's plus buffet dinner.



On May 1, 24 people gathered for our annual picnic at the Sonoma Recreation Center in the Stone Oak area (*pictured left and below*). Hosts were **Javier and Marilyn Cerna**, with **Mike Villyard** arranging for our use of the center. The chapter provided fried chicken and everyone brought side dishes and desserts to share. Five large bags of canned and boxed goods were brought to donate to the San Antonio Food Bank.

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One of the tables at the May AREA Picnic included (from left): Phyllis Scheets, Ann Brogan, Jack Cagan, Julia Ibsen, Ella Trevino, Tony Trevino and Tim Brogan.

Center photo: Rick Forsyth & Bill Dobbs

Photo at right: Janice and Bill Dobbs



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Steve Haffner, Jerry Hokkaner, Bill Dobbs, Janice Dobbs in photo above. In center photo, Tony Trevino poses with a practice swing.





Val Gomez, Bob Askew and John Tokar

On May 12, **Tony Trevino** hosted the Annual Alamo Chapter Golf Tournament at Canyon Springs Golf Course. 24 men and women participated in this event. Our generous AREA members allowed guest foursomes that did not include any AAFES retirees to win first and second places. First place winners were **Jim Russell, Richard Grona, Abdul Majid and Dennis Nordley** with a score of 67 and second place winners were **Bob Canyon, Pete Gonzalez, Lous Dracoulis and Pat Connolly** with a score of 68. The third place team included **Bill and Janice Dobbs** (AREA members) playing with **Jerry Hokkaner and Steve Haffner** - also scoring 68 (tie breaker used). Closest to the pin winners were **Abdul Majid** for hole #3, **Judy Leinius** for hole #7, **Jim Russell** for hole #13 and **Tony Trevino** (AREA Vice President) for hole #17. Everyone said they had a great golf day and are ready to do this again soon.

On May 20, **Ann and Tim Brogan** hosted a chapter dinner at the China Harbor Restaurant. Thirty AREA members and guests met and enjoyed a huge and tasty Chinese buffet plus steak and American food. See Photo on page 24. We welcomed a special guest for this occasion. **Dianne Gross**, wife of **Tom Gross** (current AAFES manager in Germany) was visiting the Rohrers. We always enjoy getting together to eat and visit!

-Marilyn Cerna

Golden Gate Chapter — The Golden Gate Chapter of AREA is alive and well. Formerly we held our monthly meetings a the Ft. Mason Officers' Club and shopped before or afterward at the San Francisco Presidio PX. The closing of both these facilities several years ago has forced us to become a "moveable feast". We meet on the first Thursday of the month at various restaurants around the Bay Area from the Napa Valley, to the East Bay, to the San Francisco Peninsula. We also hold annual July and Christmas Luncheons. Give us a call if you will be in this area; we welcome you.

-Mary Lou Geimer, Recording Secretary

Columbia River Chapter—Spring has arrived in the Pacific Northwest. Rhododendrons and azaleas are in bloom, the grass is again growing, the strawberries are about to come on and the salmon are swimming upstream.

Our chapter held a spring lunch at a local Mexican restaurant, Los Jalapenos. As usual, a good time was had. We cussed and discussed on many topics (including AAFES). Since our chapter has so few active members, we do not have regularly scheduled events or meetings. Whenever the urge strikes and the majority of the folks are available, we have lunch together.

If any AREA members are in the Portland, Oregon/Vancouver, Washington area, call me at (360) 574-4290. Someone is usually available to assist them or have lunch. Come on up, you'll see why this is the best kept secret in the U. S. A.

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Aloha Chapter —The Spring Luncheon of the AREA, Aloha Chapter was held on Sunday, 25 April, at Yen King's Maple Garden. One of the members favorite locations for food quality, quantity and price!!! Fueled by chicken wings, spring rolls, gau gee, Chinese chicken salad, look fun, noodles, fried rice, ma pa tofu, pork with bittermelon, beef broccoli, cashew chicken, boneless orange chicken, fresh fish with ginger/miso sauce, salt & pepper shrimp, almond tofu (and other dishes this reporter has forgotten – it WAS two days ago folks!) – no one left hungry!! A total of 34 members and guests attended. Special out-of-town guests were Frank and Sook Vitullo guests of Milton and Linda Shimizu and Zite Hutton, daughter of Phillip and Charlotte Roach. We also welcomed three new members to our group Ernie Saxton, Mary Ann Asato and Nora Hirakawa.

A very successful plant/bake sale was conducted as a fund raising activity for the chapter during the meeting. Members were brought up-to-date on the local process/steps required to obtain the new CAC cards. A general discussion was also held regarding members preferences/thoughts on cost and where to hold the chapter's Christmas function. Some good ideas, proposals, alternatives were provided to the chapter's steering committee. This years Christmas party is already confirmed for Sunday, December 5, at the Pearl Country Club. The chapter's next luncheon will be in August – date to be determined. —Bill Allgire



Doris Roskiewicz and Elaine Takahashi



Lauri, Allison and Wilton Santos



Adrienne Hamada and Rose Kawata



Roy Miura and Buda Ishihara



Marlene Tokuhisa and Dot Irvine



Hermance Levesque and Bea Shiroma



Mary Ann Asato, Jane Fukunaga, Adrienne Hamad



Ernie Saxton, Pearl Wong and Ardell Katsura



Sook and Frank Vitullo, Linda and Milton Shimizu

West Georgia Chapter—Time for a update from the West Georgia Chapter of Area, first we elected new officer's, Al Moseley was elected as President, Arlene Moore was elected Vice President, newly elected Gloria Williams as secretary and Elizabeth Baum as treasurer.We continue to recruit new members, would like to welcome the following new members Eva Foster, Daisy Lewis, Barbara Morning, Gloria Williams and anyone else I have missed.

We started our year with a trip to the National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center at Ft.Benning, Georgia. We were greeted by a nice thank-you for the service that we as AAFES retirees



had given to all the military branches. We then proceeded to the museum to what is called the last 100 yards. This is the area were the museum has lifelike soldiers and real equipment that is on display from June 14, 1775 to now..this area alone can take a hour to watch all the videos and check out the life like soldiers.

All of the soldiers were cast by having today's soldiers being models to form the look-a-likes...they are unbelievable to see. The museum also has an IMAX theater in the museum. On the outside they are rebuilding an actual post from the 1940's.We ended out day by having a lovely hot lunch in the Fife and Drum restaurant in the museum. If you are ever in the Columbus, Georgia area take time to visit the museum.

Lastly, we had our annual picnic at one of the many parks located in Columbus, Georgia. **Al Moseley** attempted to cook the hamburgers and hot dogs. The members brought lots and lots of addition additional food items, we all had lots of fun, food and conversation. This event included not only members but also family.

—Elizabeth Baum



west Georgia memoers foured the National infantry Museum at Fort Benning (left photo). The brochure from the museum is shown at right. The chapter also held its annual picnic at one of the area parks. Shown are Lorraine Johnkowski, Mrs. Castleberry, Helen Rogers and her granddaughter.

Puget Sound Chapter—Edie Oda, Betty Hussey, Ruth Pierce and Yong White had a nice lunch with 30 other retirees and families during the Christmas holidays. Edie took a large amount a cash to the Salvation Army, which was very much welcomed. She also shopped for door prizes and brought them to the luncheon—almost everyone received one. Having the Christmas luncheon is a good thing—we receive all news (good and bad) about former employees, where they are living and how their doing healthwise. We also welcomed two friends into our group, Teddy Larsen and Irma Palmerlee.

Our group still meets at a casino every third Thursday and enjoy the free donuts and coffee. If you're in the Tacoma area anytime soon, come visit. Coffee and donuts are on the house.

-Betty Hussey

Northern California—The chapter's spring bakd and book sale was a huge success, in fact, the best one ever thanks to our members who contributed baked goods and books, donations of cash and working in the sale. Participation was great and everyone deserves a pat on the back. As usual, we had a good time visiting with so many old friends from the Exchange, employees and customers. The chapter held three monthly luncheon meetings in April, May and June.

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AAFES Retired Employees Association (AREA) 2010 Scholarship Program

This year AREA awarded scholarships totaling \$47,000. Although the Board initially approved twelve scholarship awards earlier in the year, it was obvious during the evaluation process that there were more than twelve deserving applicants. The Scholarship Committee asked the board to approve five additional awards. The board unani-

mously endorsed the proposal. We were able to award scholarships to seventeen of the twenty-six qualified applicants. I am proud to tell you that awards totaling \$435,795 have been made to 237 deserving students since the AREA scholarship program began in 1985. A brief recap of awardees' accomplishments and aspirations is shown on the next five pages.

This was another banner year for the AREA Scholarship Program. With fifty-six applications received and twenty-six of those meeting AREA criteria, 2010 was one of the highest participation rate campaigns since the program began. Having said that, I would be remiss if I failed to mention how funds have been and continue to be made available for this outstanding "AAFES Employee-Oriented" program. The program garners support from both industry partners and from many within our own ranks who choose to recognize loved ones with a donation to the AREA Scholarship fund. Industry support and individual donations are key factors to the program's past and future success.

Here's a brief description of how the program worked this year. First, all applicants were screened to assure minimum requirements were met. After meeting the "AAFES Employee, Son or Daughter" and minimum academic criteria, each application was given a unique number to track it as it moved through the process. The files were then sent to seven scholarship committee members for review. Each member scored and ranked the files against five criteria: Academic honors and achievement, School Activities, Outside of School Activities, Letters of Recommendation and an essay themed on "...Why I deserve this scholarship..." All scores were aggregated and an award roster finalized. After that, the roster and committee recommendation were forwarded to Chuck Poffenbarger, AREA President. Chuck in turn sent the packet to AREA BOD members for consideration. BOD members reviewed the recommendations and by vote approved the twelve basic and four additional awards. Chuck then sent scholarship notification letters to each recipient.

Applicant academic standing was exceptional again this year. All appli-

cants, including those not meeting AREA's minimum scholarship requirements, should be proud knowing they reflect great credit on themselves and the families that support them. Obvious I was impressed with the high quality of each applicant but more importantly, committee members were equally impressed. This year the evaluation committee was again made up of volunteers taking time to apply exceptional judgment to the evaluation process. I personally thank Jim Sawyer, Duane Walsh, Vivian Skalsky, Richard Sheff, Darryl Richards, Don Smith and Mat Dromey for an outstanding effort again this year.

And finally, don't forget about next year. If you know a qualifying student entering his or her first college semester in 2010, make sure they review our Scholarship Program at www.aafes.com/area

!!! AREA loves to award scholarships to deserving students !!!

Regards,

Thomas Gallagher

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PAUL GABRYS \$5,000 Marilyn Iverson Scholarship Award

Parents: Bruce & Theresa Gabrys

High School: Chugiak HS Chugiak, AK.

Career Interest: Chemical Engineering & Music Performance

Paul Gabrys: Son of Bruce and Theresa Gabrys, Paul is the recipient of the 2010 Marilyn Iverson Memorial award. This \$5,000 endowment is given to the top AREA scholarship recipient for outstanding academic achievement and community involvement.

This fall Paul enters college seeking a degree in Chemical Engineering and another in Music Performance. During his high school career Paul distinguished himself in many areas. He was Salutatorian of his senior class, was honored with both national and state awards as a member of the Drama, Debate and Forensics team and distinguished himself as a member of the Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp by attaining the rank of Petty Officer 1st Class. He also received recognition for his musical abilities: he attained Principal Oboe Chair in his high school band.

In addition these accomplishments Paul found time to mentor younger students as a volunteer mathematics tutor and actively participated in fund raising for the American Cancer Society.

Top scholars receive \$5,000 each

ELISSA MASON \$5,000 Scholarship Award

Parents: Michael & Chizu Mason

High School: Kadena HS Kadena AB, Okinawa.

Career Interest: Physics/Exercise Science



Elissa Mason: Elissa is the daughter of Michael and Chizu Mason. Having been awarded a \$5,000 AREA Scholarship, Elissa enters college this fall seeking a degree in Physics/ Exercise Science. She is listed on her high school High Honor Roll, is a member of the National Honor Society and has been recognized by her HS for excellence in mathematics, physics and U.S. and World History. Elissa was the Captain of her high school varsity tennis team and a member of her high school Jazz Band.

Elissa actively supports the Kadena AFB community by frequently volunteering in local activities. She has devoted time supporting the Special Olympics, worked as a Haiti relief fund volunteer and worked as a volunteer at the Okinawa 10K Marathon.

238 Scholarships Awarded Thru 2010

The purpose of this program is to provide freshman year college scholarships to high school graduating students who (a) are related to active, retired or deceased AAFES employees and assigned military personnel, or (b) work for AAFES themselves. This program is consistent with the AREA objective of community involvement.

YEAR	AWARDS	YEAR AMT	TOTAL	<u>YEAR</u> <u>A</u>	WARDS	YEAR AMT	TOTAL
2010/11	17	. ,	\$435,795.00	1997/98 1996/97	7	\$11,500.00	\$75,400.00
2009/10 2008/09	18 22	\$46,500.00	\$388,795.00 \$346,295.00	1995/96	6 4	\$10,000.00 \$7,000.00	\$63,900.00 \$53,900.00
2007/08	19	\$31,000.00	\$299,795.00	1994/95	5	\$7,000.00	\$46,900.00
2006/07	12		\$252,795.00	1993/94	7	\$5,500.00	\$39,900.00
2005/06	13	\$25,000.00	\$221,795.00	1992/93	7	\$5,500.00	\$34,400.00
2004/05	12		\$190,795.00	1991/92	8	\$6,000.00	\$28,900.00
2003/04	7		\$165,765.00	1990/91	7	\$5,500.00	\$22,900.00
2002/03	7		\$150,795.00	1989/90	7	\$4,200.00	\$17,400.00
2001/02	7		\$135,795.00	1988/89	7	\$4,200.00	\$13,200.00
2000/01	7		\$120,000.00	1986/87	6	\$3,000.00	\$5,000.00
				1985	4	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00



JONATHAN BRIGHT \$3,000 Scholarship Award

Parents: Jonathan & Margareta Bright

High School: Lake Woods HS Sumpter, SC.

Career Interest: Computer Engineering

Jonathan Bright: Jonathan received a \$3,000 AREA scholarship award. He is the son of Jonathan and Margareta Bright.

This fall Jonathan enters college as Computer Engineering major. While in high school, Jonathan was recognized with several awards including the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce Apple Award and the University of South Carolina Sumter Scholar Award.

Jonathan is a member of the National Honor Society and a member of the Future Business Leaders of America. He is also a member of the varsity basketball and baseball teams but still finds time to tutor other students while taking advanced college level courses in Calculus and English. **LESLIE CRAIN** \$3,000 Scholarship Award

Parents: David & Mirian Crain

High School: Viera HS Viera, FL.

Career Interest: Education, with emphasis on Spanish



Leslie Crain: Leslie received a \$3,000 AREA scholarship award. As she embarks on her college career this fall, Leslie intends to use that award to pursue a career in Education with emphasis on Spanish.

Leslie, the daughter of David and Mirian Crain, has been recognized with the CHSAA Academic All-Star Award, Outstanding Spanish Student Award and given the Theatre Award for best Supporting Actress in her high school production.

Leslie was a member of the high school soccer team, a varsity cheerleader and a member of her high school "Knowledge Bowl" team. In her spare time Leslie has a part time job, volunteers at the local library and sings with her church choir.



TARAH DYKEMAN

\$3,000 Scholarship Award

Parents: Thomas & Heike Dykeman

High School: Mansfield HS Mansfield, TX.

Career Interest: Elementary Education

Tarah Dykeman: Tarah enters college this fall seeking a degree in Elementary Education. The daughter of Thomas and Heike Dykeman, she received a \$3,000 AREA scholarship award.

During her HS career, Tarah received Certificates of Academic Excellence in Honors World History, French, Literature, Humanities and Geometry. She is a member of the National Honor Society of High School Scholars and listed on her high school honor roll.

Tarah is a member of the French Club, tutors second grade students and volunteers at the local Library. When previously stationed in Wiesbaden, she helped with various USO activities. LAURA ECKHARDT \$3,000 Scholarship Award

Parents: Gary & Mary Eckhardt

High School: Star Mill HS Fayetteville, GA.

Career Interest: Saxophone Performance

Laura M. Eckhardt: As Laura enters college this fall she will be seeking a degree in Saxophone Performance.

Laura, the daughter of Gary and Mary Eckhardt, received a \$3,000 AREA scholarship award. She was the Salutatorian of her senior class and a member of U.S Army All-American Marching band. During her high school career Laura garnered honors as a Georgia Governor's Honors Program Participant for Music and a Georgia All-State Band Member. Laura is a member of the National Honor Society and a member of the German National Honor Society.

Laura volunteers as a mathematics tutor, works as a volunteer in a local thrift store that supports a battered women's shelter.





BRANDON HAUTT \$3,000 Scholarship Award

Parents: Billy & Lori Hautt

High School: Flower Mound HS Flower Mound, KY.

Career Interest: Chemical Engineering

Brandon Hautt: Brandon, the recipient of a \$3,000 AREA scholarship award, is the son of Billy and Lori Hautt. As Brandon enters college this fall, he will be pursuing a degree in Chemical Engineering.

Brandon is a member of the National Honor Society, is an AP Scholar of Distinction, is a "National Merit Scholar Commended" recipient and has been recognized for Academic Excellence in US History and English.

Brandon is a member of his HS Band and volunteers as a mathematics tutor. Additionally, Brandon is active in the community.

He is a Salvation Army volunteer; he is a "Big Heart" volunteer at his church and is an active volunteer with the "Kids Eat Free" program. **ANDREW HENDRICKS** \$3,000 Scholarship Award

Parents: Francis & Connie Hendricks

High School: Thomas Jefferson HS for Science and Technology Alexandria, VA.

Career Interest: Mathematics



Andrew Hendricks: Andrew, the recipient of a \$3,000 AREA scholarship award, is the son of Francis and Connie Hendricks. He enters college this fall seeking a degree in Mathematics.

Andrew is a member of the National Honor Society and has been recognized as a National Hispanic Recognition Scholar. In his junior year Andrew ranked first in the nation on the level four/AP National Spanish Exam.

Andrew was the drum major for high school State Champion Marching Band and garnered several music related awards during his high school career. Andrew volunteered in the Toy-For-Tots campaign and found time to volunteer as a teacher assistant preparing minority students for entrance to Thomas Jefferson high school for Science and Technology.



KRISTINE GARDNER \$3,000 Scholarship Award

Parents: Clifton & Karen Gardner

High School: Smithville HS Smithville, VA.

Career Interest: Biology **Kristine Michele Gardner**: Kristine enters college this fall in pursuit of a Biology degree. The recipient of a \$3,000 AREA scholar-ship award, she is the daughter of Clifton and Karen Gardner.

She is a member the National Honor Society of High School Scholars and a member of the Beta Club Honor Society at her high school . Kristine has been recognized with an academic award and medal for maintaining a 3.6 GPA and has been recognized as a first place winner in a regional personal finance competition. In addition to her academic achievements, Kristine finds time to volunteer at a local convalescent center and as a teacher's aide. Kristine, a budding poet, has published two poems on the "A Celebration of Poets" website.

A side note from Tom Gallagher, Area Scholarship Committee Director, about Kristine Michele Gardner:

Having been notified of her \$3,000 award, Kristine contacted me with the following news. Subsequent to making application to AREA, Kristine found that she had been awarded a full board/tuition scholarship and would like to accept only \$1,000 of the AREA award to be used for a new laptop computer, and cede the remaining \$2,000 back to AREA in support of scholarships for other AAFES family members.

I applaud Kristine's unselfish approach: it is not only admirable but it demonstrates in a very real way what "AAFES family member" means.

Thanks Kristine!!!

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SYDNEY LIBBY \$3,000 Scholarship Award

Parents: Brian & Helen Libby

High School: James Martin HS Arlington, TX.

Career Interest:

Sydney Michelle Libby: Sydney, the daughter of Brian and Helen Libby, received a \$3,000 AREA scholarship award. She intends to use that award to pursue a career in Veterinary Medicine as she begins her college career this fall.

Sydney is a member of the National Honor Society, a member of the National Technical Honor Society and a member of the Spanish National Honor Society. She is an active member of her high school band: a violinist in the orchestra.

As a member of the JV and Varsity golf team Sydney took first place in two separate tournaments. Sydney also found time to give back to her community by volunteering as an aide to international students and actively participating in many church-sponsored activities such as canned food drives and mission activities.



CALVIN FOO PHAM \$3,000 Scholarship Award

Parent: Quang Pham

High School:

Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science, Denton, TX.

Career Interest:

Civil Engineering/Aviation Management

Calvin Foo Pham: Calvin received a \$3,000 AREA scholarship award. He is the son of Quang Pham, an AAFES Headquarters associate. Calvin will enter college this fall as a Civil Engineering/Aviation Management major.

In high school , Calvin was twice recognized as an All-Region Band member. He received the Junior Pacesetter Award and placed first in the Desk and Derrick Essay Contest.

Early on Calvin set himself apart in the world of music. While in middle school he was recognized as The Outstanding Soloist in a school district Solo and Ensemble Contest, and in high school he garnered the Most Outstanding Freshmen of the Year for Wind Ensemble.

In spite of a full schedule Calvin found time to volunteer with Special Olympics.

MELANIE PALSKY \$3,000 Scholarship Award

Parents: Steve & Carolyn Palsky

High School: South Grand Prairie HS Grand Prairie, TX.

Career Interest: Genealogy/Family History



Melanie Palsky: Melanie is the daughter of Steve and Carolyn Palsky. Having been awarded a \$3,000 AREA Scholarship, Melanie enters college this fall seeking a degree in Genealogy/Family History.

Melanie is a recipient of an AP Scholar Award and a Great Texas Scholar Nominee. She was also a Lone Star Regional Robotics winner, a Robotics World Champion participant and a member of her high school robotics team.

Melanie participated in the State Advancement for Choir Solo/Ensemble event in Austin and as a sophomore was accepted into her high school Show Choir (a rare selection). Melanie is a member of her church choir and is the director of its youth choir.

VANESSA WHATLEY

\$3,000 Scholarship award

Parent: Monika Whatley

High School: Wiesbaden HS Wiesbaden, Germany

Career Interest: Business/Psychology

Vanessa Whatley: Vanessa is the daughter of Monika Whatley. Having been awarded a \$3,000 AREA Scholarship, Vanessa enters college this fall seeking a degree in Business/ Psychology.

During her high school career, Vanessa was a National Achievement Scholarship Program Finalist, garnered Certificates of Academic Excellence in both Math Analysis and Chemistry and was a QuestBridge College Conference participant at Stanford University. She was also a National Honor Society member, sat as president of the Future Business Leaders of America Club and served as a Student Council Representative of her high school. Vanessa tutored fellow students in Algebra, German, French, Geometry and Chemistry. Vanessa was also an accomplished athlete: she ran varsity track and field, played varsity volleyball and was a member of the varsity basketball squad at her high school. In her spare time she coached youth soccer and taught Sunday school classes at her church.



KRISTEN LANDRY

\$1,500 Scholarship award

Parents: John & Anne Landry

High School: James Martin HS Arlington, TX.

Career Interest: Kinesiology

Kristen Anne Landry: Kristen received a \$1,500 AREA scholarship award. She intends to use that award to pursue a career in Kinesiology.

Kristen, the daughter of John and Anne Landry, is a member of the National Honor Society, a member of the National Technical Honor Society and a member of the National Spanish Honor Society. Kristen was an active member of the Spanish and Psychology clubs.

Active outside of school, Kristen participated in competitive soccer, volunteered in Food Pantry and other feeding programs and was active in numerous church activities, i.e., Eucharistic Minister, Religion Class teacher and CORE Leadership member.



SOFIA SANCHEZ

\$1,500 Scholarship award

Parents: Jose & Valerie Sanchez

High School: Duncanville HS Duncanville, TX.

Career Interest: Biology (Pre-Med)

Sofia S. Sanchez: Sofia is the daughter of Jose and Valerie Sanchez. Having been awarded a \$1,500 AREA Scholarship, Sofia enters college this fall seeking a degree in Biology (Pre-Med).

Sofia is a member of the National Honor Society, a member of the National Spanish Honor Society, designated an AP Scholar and has been recognized as a "High School Scholar."

She is a member of varsity softball team, played basketball and ran track during her high school career. In her spare time Sofia enjoys playing the piano and volunteers at a local Food Bank. **ROBERT MCDONALD** \$1,500 Scholarship Award

Parents: Robert & Carole McDonald

High School: Mansfield HS Mansfield, TX.

Career Interest: Aerospace Engineering



Robert J. McDonald III: Robert, recipient of a \$1,500 AREA scholarship award, is the son of Robert J McDonald Jr. and Carole D. McDonald. He enters college this fall as an Aerospace Engineering major.

During his time in high school, Robert was a member the National Honor Society and a member of the National Society of High School Scholars. As a four-year member of his high school marching band, Robert was selected as its wind section captain and low reed section leader.

Robert is a member of TSA, the Technology Student Association, and is active in PLTW, Project Lead The Way. Robert works part time and is active in youth ministries at his church.

AUSTIN TODD \$1,500 Scholarship Award

Parents: Clyde Todd & Kelly Bradley

High School: Jesuit College Prep Dallas, TX.

Career Interest: Biology (Pre-Dental)



Austin Todd: Austin received a \$1,500 AREA scholarship award. He is the son of Clyde Todd and Kelly Bradley.

Austin will enter college this fall seeking a degree in Biology (Pre-Dental). While in high school, Austin was a member of the National Honor Society, listed on his high school Honor Roll and, before graduating, had already been accepted to UTSA Honors College. Austin was a member of his high school Medical Society, worked on the school newspaper and was an active member of his high school Investment Club.

In his spare time, Austin volunteers at a local Low Birth Weight Center and, as a member of a local gun club, enjoys skeet shooting. July 2010



NTC/AREA Annual Chapter Dinner on April 24.

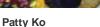
North Texas Chapter—The North Texas Chapter has been active at its home base of Dallas with a dinner on April 24 (photo above), a trip to Las Vegas and establishing a home base on the internet. The chapter offered a joint venture with other AREA chapters to travel to Las Vegas from May 3-6. Those who responded had a great time at Bally's in the heart of the Strip, enjoyed great dinners, including a Las Vegas Adventure Dinner at the Paris Hotel and Casino, did lots of visiting and spent a little time in the casinos. The pictures below show some of their adventures in Las Vegas.

The chapter launched a membership drive, with the offer that all current members who recruit new ones will get a free meal ticket at the next function! "Let's boost up membership," Rich Sheff wrote, "Contact me for a membership request form - I'll e-mail it to you ASAP! Great value at \$10/ year! Best value--5 years membership for \$45!"



And now about that internet thing...the chapter now has its own Facebook Fan Page. And retiree Steve Leingang designed a logo featuring all things Texas—a flag-map of the state, windmill and AAFES logo! So type in North Texas Chapter of AREA and you'll find all the current tidbits.



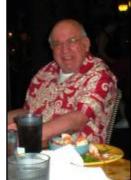




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Milt Shimizu, Carmen Conti, Dalton Murayama, Richard Sheff

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Robert & Vivian Skalsky	General Donation	\$250.00

IN REMEMBRANCE

Martin Butler, 73, died December 18, 2009 in DeSoto, TX. The former AAFES Plan-O-Gram Specialist retired in 1989.

Gloria Francisco, 83, died November 24, 2009 in Marina, Ca. The former Presidio of Monterey Supervisory Cashier retired in 1988.

Lucy Franco, 91, died November 21, 2009 in El Paso, TX. The former Fort Bliss Associate retired in 1973.

Gordon M. Hamamoto, 85 died March 14, 2010, in Honolulu, HA. The former Hawaii Area Asst. Retail Manager retired in 1980.

Edwin Hegner, 84 died January 3, 2010 in San Antonio, TX. The former AAFES Operations Specialist retired in 1985.

Charles Jacoby, died January 7, 2010 in South Hampton, NJ. The former Japan Area Associate retired in 1973.

Annie R, McDonald, 77, died January 20, 2010 in Albertville, AL. The former Fort Belvior Sales & Merchandise Mgr. retired in 1990.

Billie Mitchell, 70, died Dec 29, 2009 in Augusta, GA. The former Fort Gordon Retail Mgr. retired in 1992.

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