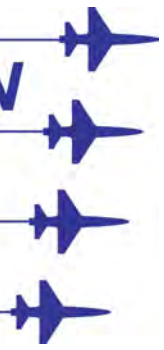




# AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION

## SEIDEL CHAPTER

### DALLAS 232



August 2016

**"The Contributions to our Communities by our Citizen Airmen"**



Colonel Holt is Commander of the 136th Airlift Wing, Carswell Field, Texas. The 136th Airlift Wing is a fully operational combat unit that also supports the 531st ANG Band of the Gulf Coast and the 254th Combat Communications Group. The wing is responsible for organizing, equipping and training personnel for worldwide deployment by providing combatant commanders with combat-ready forces, while supporting Air Mobility Command's airlift requirements with eight assigned C-130H aircraft.



Colonel Holt commissioned in June 1988 from the United States Air Force Academy. He served ten years active duty with numerous assignments and deployments. After completing his active duty tour, Col Holt transferred to the Texas Air National Guard where he has served in numerous roles. Most notably, he served as Operations Group Commander, Airlift Control Flight Commander, Operations Support Squadron Commander, Safety Officer, Instructor Pilot, Wing Plans Officer, Assistant Operations Officer, and as a Detachment Commander.

The 136<sup>th</sup> Air Lift Wing is a very active wing and has been deployed nearly continuously since 2001. Col Holt will discuss the mission, organization and some of the experiences the Wing has endured during their numerous deployments while he examines the Citizen Airmen in our Communities. This will be an excellent opportunity to learn how our Texas Air National Guard forces are enriching our operational capabilities in these time of conflict.

#### THIS QUARTER'S PROGRAM

"The Contributions to our Communities by our Citizen Airmen" & "War Stories"

##### When:

Tuesday, August 30, 2016  
6:00 pm — Gathering and Social Hour  
7:15 pm — Dinner and Presentation

##### Menu:

Country Salad  
Smoked Brisket with BBQ Sauce  
Cheddar Cheese Whipped Potatoes  
Corn and Broccoli Medley  
Warm Rolls and Butter  
Pecan Pie

##### Where:

Crowne Plaza Hotel North Dallas / Addison  
Chinaberry Room, 14315 Midway, Addison, TX 75001  
Directions: Go north on Midway from I-635 about one mile.  
Hotel is on the west side of Midway.

#### RESERVATION COUPON

Please reserve the following number of tickets for the August 30th AFA Quarterly Meeting

\_\_\_\_\_ Individuals @ \$30.00 each.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Military in Uniform @ \$25 each.  
\_\_\_\_\_ 18 years of age and under @ \$20 each.

When: Tuesday, August 30, 2016

Where: Crowne Plaza Hotel North Dallas / Addison  
14315 Midway  
Addison, TX 75001

For reservations go to [www.afadallas.org](http://www.afadallas.org) and click on *Calendar of Events..*

OR

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Make your check payable to: Seidel Chapter—AFA 232  
Mail to: Paul Hendricks  
711 Glenwood Circle  
Fairview, TX 75069

FOR LAST MINUTE RESERVATIONS CALL:  
Paul Hendricks (469) 667-7750 or [pmh1004@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pmh1004@sbcglobal.net)

## CAP Cadet Flight Academies & Youth Leadership Conference Attendees “War Stories”

The Seidel Chapter provides scholarships to Civil Air Patrol cadets to attend Powered Flight and Glider Flight Academies. At the Power Flight Academy, their flight training included all FAA requirements up to achieving solo flight. Using this initial training, many CAP cadets will go on to obtain a Class III (private pilot) FAA license, at their own expense. At the Glider Flight Academy, all the basic to advanced skills and ground instruction leading toward their private glider rating are included. Many Glider Academy graduates attend the Powered Flight Academy the following year. This year, the North Texas CAP Glider Academy was canceled at the last minute due to the glider airframes being unable to pass inspection. Seidel Chapter had five cadets scheduled to attend. However, one cadet was able to attend the New Mexico CAP Glider Flight Academy. Cadet Matthew Borel attended the New Mexico Glider Flight Academy and Philip Hawthorne attended the Texas Wing Powered Flight Academy.



The Seidel Chapter also supports the Youth Leadership Conferences. YLC attendees receive patriotic education, including elements of leadership needed to maintain a free society, concepts of a free enterprise system, and the founding principles upon which the US was built. Attendees develop an appreciation for the Constitution, Bill of Rights, etc., and an awareness of the civic responsibilities associated with preserving rights and freedoms. Students also develop leadership and public speaking skills that help them be better citizens and future leaders. 2016 YLC attendees are Haley Falick, Maddie Kinsella, Suhrittha Bolisetty, Selam Mizu, Elizabeth Green, Justin Young, Christine Schmitt, Grayson Sumpter, Emma Bittner, and Amy Zhang.

The Seidel Chapter's monetary assistance demonstrates a high civic consciousness, and goes a long way towards helping young people achieve a life-changing personal dream. Each of the CAP cadets and Youth Leadership Conference attendees will be attending the Seidel AFA Chapter membership meeting on August 30th to detail their experiences and tell their “war stories.” Please come listen to our future leadership.

### HOW YOU CAN HELP US HELP THEM!

In 2005 the Dallas Foundation for Aerospace Education was created as a nonprofit corporation to operate as a charitable organization in furthering aerospace education, awareness, and excellence. The objective of the foundation is to provide scholarships for aerospace studies and sponsoring aerospace events for educators and students. The Seidel Chapter has been very generous in support of youth programs.

By using your Tom Thumb Reward Cards you can help fund CAP Cadets scholarships for Flight Academies, Youth Leadership Conferences and other programs that provide the funds that are so meaningful to the young people we are helping. GO to the Tom Thumb Service Desk and designate the AFA Aerospace Education as your charity of choice by completing a Tom Thumb order form. Our chapter's number for the form is 6568. After you register as a supporter of the AFA Aerospace Education Fund, Tom Thumb will pay 1% of your purchases to the fund. It does not cost you money and it doesn't take very much of your time.



The Seidel Chapter Air Force Association Flag Honor Program is a service and fundraising project that allows you to join your friends and neighbors in displaying the American flag on five major holidays: Presidents' Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, and Veterans Day. The flag program gives your neighborhood an opportunity to show their pride and love for our country. It demonstrates Texas' great patriotic spirit and at the same time, helps so many people in our city and surrounding communities.

How is this done? A PVC plastic sleeve is placed in the ground in the median between the sidewalk and the street. On the five designated holidays a 3' X 5' United States flag, mounted on a 10 foot metal pole, is placed in the sleeve. The flag goes up at the beginning of the holiday weekend and is retrieved at the end. We do all the work for you! More information is available at [www.afadallas.org/fundraising.htm](http://www.afadallas.org/fundraising.htm). If your neighborhood / Homeowners Association is interested, please contact Joe Sommers at 214-538-0742 or [joesommers@verizon.net](mailto:joesommers@verizon.net).

Proceeds from Tom Thumb and the AFA Flag Honor programs enables our chapter to support college scholarships for deserving young men and women in our community; to support our local Air National Guard, Reserve, and active Air Force members and families, particularly those where the service member is deployed overseas; to support Civil Air Patrol (CAP) cadets through scholarships for summer encampment flying training, and to sponsor students to attend Youth Leadership Conferences, and to support the Boy Scout troops with whom we partner.

Come to the August 30<sup>th</sup> meeting and witness that impact as the CAP Flight Academies Cadets and Youth Leadership Conference attendees tell their “War Stories.”



**William Solemene**  
December 12, 1935 - June 10, 2016

Longtime advertising executive William Solemene died on the morning of June 10th at Baylor Hospital in Dallas. He was 81. Bill Solemene was a native New Yorker who graduated from the University of Vermont in 1961. He immediately embarked on an advertising career which would span five decades. Bill also served in the Vermont National Guard and later in the Air Force Reserves.

Bill's military service included stints in the Vermont National Guard where he received his Navigator and Radio Interceptor Officer ratings in 1960. He flew with the Guard in F-89 D and F-89 J aircraft. He transferred to the Air Force Reserves in 1964 and later rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel before retiring in 1988. His assignments included service as Commander of the 9014<sup>th</sup> Air Reserve Squadron in Dallas.

Bill Solemene was a strong supporter of the U.S. Military, serving for many years as the Public Affairs Director of the Dallas Veterans Day Parade. Bill was a life member of the Air Force Association (AFA). For several years he served on the chapter's Executive Committee, and was a regular attendee at the chapter's quarterly gatherings. He was President of the Dallas Chapter of the Air Force Association and served on the national communications committee of the AFA.

**Gary L. Swelander**  
June 14, 1942 - April 13, 2016

Born in Minneapolis, MN, Gary Swelander was USAF veteran who served in Vietnam War, Life Member VFW Lewisville, TX Post 9168, member Disabled American Veterans Chapter 38 McKinney, TX, member Lake Area Amateur Radio Club, executive council member of AFA Seidel Chapter 232. Survived by John Swelander, Janet Schubert, Barbara Burbank, Nancy Stern and Cash. Military services were held April 28 at DFW National Cemetery.

**AFA Texas Wins AFA State Organization of the Year**



For first time since 1997 Air Force Association Texas has been awarded AFA State Organization of the Year for 2015-2016. According to AFA Texas President Bob Gehbauer each of the twelve Texas Chapters was mentioned multiple times in the justification. Thanks go to individual members, Texas Chapters and AFA Texas Executive Committee.

**DO YOU KNOW A HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR WHO NEEDS A SCHOLARSHIP?**

The Seidel Chapter – Dallas Air Force Association is proud once again to announce that the Air Force Association - Texas will sponsor an essay contest with the statewide winners receiving a total of \$3,000 in awards. The awards are given in honor of Earle North Parker, a noted industrialist and community leader of Fort Worth.

ALL high school seniors in Texas are eligible to participate in this essay contest. Each essay shall be limited to a minimum of 500 words and a maximum of 600 words. Deadline for submission of the essay, accompanied by the completed Contest Entry Form, is January 15, 2017. The essay topic for this year's contest is: New Long Range Strike Bomber – Is it needed?

After all entries are received, the Seidel Chapter will select our Chapter winner, who will receive a \$500 award. Our winning entry will then be forwarded to our Texas State Office where the winning entry from each of the Air Force Association Chapters across the state will compete for \$3,000 in scholarship awards. The two scholarships are \$2,000 for 1<sup>st</sup> Place and \$1,000 for 2<sup>nd</sup> Place. The winners will be determined and announced this next Spring.

Call or e-mail Ric Hamer for a Contest Entry Form. If you wish to discuss the contest in more detail, please, by all means, feel free to contact Ric at (214) 500-0951 or rhamer@aol.com.

**Seidel Chapter Supports First Responders**

In the wake of the five fallen Dallas Police Officers, the Seidel Chapter Executive Committee is providing financial support (\$500) through the Guns and Hoses Foundation of North Texas to help assist the families of these fallen officers.

The core purpose of Guns and Hoses is to show their respect and gratitude for the Police Officers and Firefighters lost in the line of duty. These people are true heroes who deserve to be honored for their work and sacrifice. Guns and Hoses Foundation of North Texas is a 501(c)3 organization founded in 2002, who are dedicated to assisting the families of fallen first responders who have lost their lives in the line of duty. Since their inception in 2002, the foundation has assisted 43 families with financial support. Guns and Hoses also dedicates a percentage of all proceeds to help fund community programs that are dedicated to working with underprivileged youth. For more information about Guns and Hoses, go to: [www.gunsandhosetx.com](http://www.gunsandhosetx.com).

### Coming Events

- Seidel Chapter Quarterly Membership Meeting  
August 30, 2016
- Seidel Chapter Executive Council Meeting  
September 8, 2016
- Seidel Chapter Quarterly Membership Meeting  
October 4, 2016
- Seidel Chapter Executive Council Meeting  
October 13, 2016
- Seidel Chapter Executive Council Meeting  
November 10, 2016
- Seidel Chapter Executive Council Meeting  
December 8, 2016

### SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS We wish to thank our Community Partners.

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### TEXAS AFA SCHOLARSHIPS

These specialty plates cost \$30 over the cost of the regular plates; \$8 of this goes to the State and the remaining \$22 goes into escrow for AFA to draw on for scholarships. The plates can be ordered anytime. You do not need to wait until your current plate expires.

The process is as follows:

1. Go to <http://www.txdmv.gov>
2. Click on "Specialty License Plates" on Most Visited menu
3. Click on Air Force Association plate
4. Follow prompts
5. TxDMV will send the license plates to your County Tax Office for you to pick up.

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