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Upcoming Events

Save the Date

Jim Brazell

AUSA Luncheon Speaker June ??, 2011 Ft. Sam Houston Club



Jim Brazell is a technology forecaster, strategist and public speaker focusing on innovation and transformation. From 2003-2008, Jim's work includes serving as an analyst to the Innovation Creativity and Capital Institute, University of Texas Austin and the Texas State Technical College System. Specific projects included technology/jobs forecasting, research on emerging international high technology regions, international technology commercialization, community forums on STEM and workforce creativity, and video games for learning in defense and workforce initiatives.

Because of Jim's range of experience, he is known as a boundary spanner and a big picture thinker who connects the worlds of innovation, workforce, education and economic development. For two decades, Jim has been ahead of the curve in predicting technology, market, industry and education trends before others are tuned in or care. Clients for his forecasting and professional development work include Global 100 companies, state governments, educational institutions and nonprofits.

As a volunteer, Jim has served the Defense Learning Strategies Consortium, Automotive Manufacturing Technical Education Collaborative, Texas STEM Action Committee (TBEC), Information Technology and Security Academy and the San Antonio-Austin Nano-Bio-Tech Summit. Today he is a volunteer to the "Cyber Security Action Team" Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce and the Society for Design and Process Science STEM/arts/business initiative.

Jim resides in San Antonio, Texas, with his wife, Lisa Cervantes and daughter Ava Brazell. Jim is a 1995 graduate of Bradley University, Bachelors of Science, Sociology, Summa Cum Laude. He is a 1995 George Gilder Fellow in High Technology, Entrepreneurship and Public Policy.

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Corporate Member Sponsorships

You or your company can be a table or soldier sponsor at the 07 January 2011 quarterly membership luncheon. The cost to sponsor a table of 8 is \$104. The cost to sponsor a soldier is \$13. Reservations may be made by completing this form and faxing or mailing the request to the address below. Payment for all reservations must be received prior to 03 January 2011 in order to confirm your reservation. Purchase your luncheon tickets on line at www.alamochapterausa.org, or for tickets and information, contact:

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Contact Name: _____ Company: _____
Phone: _____

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INDIVIDUALS: Please reserve ____ individual ticket(s) for me at \$13 each. We would like to donate ____ of our tickets for our soldiers to use. My check for _____ is enclosed.

Meeting Information

Speaker: Jim Brazell

Location: Fort Sam Houston Community Club?

Time: Friday, 25 March 2011, 1130 Hours?

Message from the President

Greetings,

The summer is always a busy time for the Alamo Chapter as AUSA comes to town to host the AUSA Medical Symposium at the Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center on 27-30 June. As part of the conference, we host the 14th Annual "FOR THE SOLDIER" Golf Tournament on Sunday 26 June. This is our sole fund raiser and all the proceeds go to our mission of supporting our troops. You can assist your Chapter by asking a local business to be a supporter, donate a gift card, sponsor a Wounded Warrior, and volunteer to work the event or register to be a player. It takes a team effort to make the golf tournament a success and we need you to join the team!

The June 2011 luncheon marks the end of my two year tour as your Chapter President. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve you and the Soldiers in our area. I am very proud of the many Chapter accomplishments achieved by the members of our organization. The dedication of our volunteer board and committee members made a tremendous difference in facilitating the much needed support to our Soldiers and Families. The Alamo Chapter is fortunate to have LTG (Ret) Steven Speakes as our next leader. He is very talented and motivated to take our Chapter to the next level. Please join me in supporting him by being an active volunteer. If everyone does a little then collective we can do a lot.

Thanks again for your continued support.
COL (R) Bradley D Freeman
Alamo Chapter President



Bradley D. Freeman
President
AUSA Alamo Chapter

AUSA Alamo Chapter Website

Check out our new chapter website at <http://www.alamochapterausa.org/>. As always, if you would like to receive *The Alamo Chapter Dispatch* newsletter electronically, email the editor, Therese M. Baer, PE at tbaer@baereng.com.

Do You Know a Soldier Moving to San Antonio?

If you know a Soldier moving to San Antonio you need to tell him or her about Housing 1 Source. This is a new and unique concept that enables the new arrival to fully establish their transition to our great city in one location.

Housing 1 Source offers an extensive menu of services including in-house apartment locating, real estate and title services, utility hookups and deposit wavier assistance, banking, insurance, mortgage, investments, home security services, broadband and wireless internet, television, furniture rentals and sales, home builder and automobile dealers. Spouses can search for local employment or educational opportunities. You can even update your voter registration and register a vehicle in Texas. They provide all of these services and more all under one roof and all at **NO COST TO THE MILITARY MEMBER or DoD**. That's right, all military families can receive a comprehensive and professional relocation program for free.

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Alamo Chapter Pledges to Assist Gold Star Spouses and Mothers

We give our Wounded Warriors and their Families first class concierge service on Fort Sam Houston with our Warrior and Family Support Center. Our surviving spouses and parents (Gold Star Recipients) deserve similar service in a warm welcoming; comfortable building that reflects our continued support and compassionate appreciation. Fort Sam Houston is refurbishing building 130 for the Survivor Outreach Services (SOS).

The mission of the Survivor Outreach Services is to build a unified program which embraces and reassures Survivors that they are continually linked to the Army Family for as long as they desire. SOS serves as the long-term support advocate for Survivors and is responsible for service delivery. The program facilitates support groups, provide life skills education, assist Survivors in managing applicable life-long benefit transition milestones, and connect Survivors with counseling and other resources. SOS provides support to Surviving Family members of Soldiers who died on Active Duty, Army Reserve and National Guard unit members. Survivors are not only primary and secondary next of kin but may include other Family members and even unrelated loved ones such as fiancés. Survivors will remain part of the Army Family and will be welcome at SOS support offices to receive authorized assistance for as long as they desire.

To achieve a first class environment, it will take more than the minimal essential appropriated funds. The Alamo Chapter is committed to raising the funds and donations to bring this program to a standard commensurate with its importance. To start this campaign, the Alamo Chapter requested, coordinated and facilitated the donation from HQ AUSA picture above. Furniture, audio-visual and automation equipment for the "Hall of Heroes" and numerous other support items will be needed. Please contact the Chapter if you know of a business that would like to support our Gold Star spouses and parents by creating a first class facility for Survivor Outreach Services.



On April 18th 2011, General Sullivan, President of AUSA, opened the Installation Management Symposium at the Lilli Cockerel Theater at the San Antonio Convention Center by presenting a check for \$5000 to Ms Felicia Hilliard, Survivor Outreach Coordinator for Fort

Sam Houston.

Alamo Chapter Hosts AUSA 4th Region Meeting



AUSA Chapter Leaders from a four state area gathered in San Antonio, 25-27 March 2011 to share best practices and receive updates from AUSA Headquarters visiting from Washington, DC.



(above) Ralph Gauer, 4th Region President, presents a citation and streamer to Brad Freeman for the Alamo Chapter role in hosting the Region Meeting. (left) Dr. Beckey Hooper, Director, Center for the Intrepid starts a tour for the visiting AUSA leaders .



AUSA 14th Annual Golf Tournament
Sunday, 26 June 2011 at 1:00 pm
Fort Sam Houston Golf Course



Register online at
<http://www.alamochapterausa.org>
or call Steve Paskos, 210 421-7782

News in the Brief



NIGHT TO HONOR MILITARY HEROES.

The Texas Valero Open hosted a dinner at the Marriott Hill Country Resort prior to the start of the PGA golf event to honor our military. Members of the Alamo Chapter purchased several tables and attended this charity fund raiser. Pictured above are TR Byrnes, Tom Fletcher and LTC Terry Flynn of

the Wounded Warrior Brigade.



During the 19-21 April AUSA Installation Management Symposium at the San Antonio Convention Center, Will Dominguez, Brad Freeman, Sharon Ferguson and Barbara Hagen from the Alamo Chapter volunteered to staff the AUSA

membership booth.

News in the Brief

Steven Lamoureux received the coveted rank of Eagle Scout at a n Eagle Court of Honor held at the Gift Chapel on 1 May 2011.

Scout Troop #23 on Fort Sam Houston is sponsored by the Alamo Chapter of AUSA. Sid Trawick presented Steven with a plague from our chapter recognizing his accomplishments.

Steven and his parents, COL and Mrs. Lamoureux will be our guests at the June General Membership Meeting.



AWARDS

NCO of the Quarter Award

The 187th Medical Battalion, 32d Medical Brigade, conducted the Fiscal Year 2010, NCO of the year competition on 22-23 March 2011. Candidates for the competition were required to pass an Army Physical Fitness Test, hands-on tasks and appear before an oral board.



The competition winner:

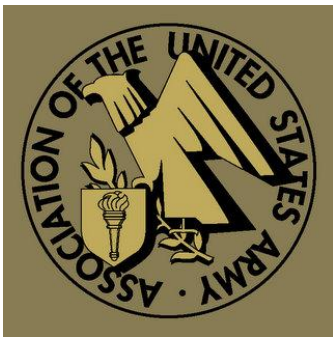
**NCO of the Quarter (2nd), Fiscal Year 2011:
SSG Barbara, Ortiz, Company C, 187th Medical
Battalion, Fort Sam Houston, Texas 78234**

The recognition ceremony for the NCO of the Quarter was held on 7 April 2011, at the Blesse Auditorium, Building (2841) at 1200, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. SSG Ortiz was presented with an AUSA coin, a one year membership to AUSA, and a certificate.

BAMC Non-Commissioned Officer of the Quarter



Sergeant Shane Salter of Brook Army Medical Center received an AUSA coin and certificate from Melissa Guerrero for winning the BAMC Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter for 1st quarter 2010 at a ceremony on 1 April 2010. Melissa serves as the VP for awards with the Alamo Chapter. SGT Salter also received a one year membership to AUSA.



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