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Anniversary

## ALAMO FEDERAL EXECUTIVE BOARD

### ***2022 Emerging Leaders and Leadership Federal Executive Board Graduation***

*June 8, 2022*

11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Norris Conference Center

#### **1100: MISTRESS OF CEREMONY COMMENCE THE CEREMONY**

Good Afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen. On behalf of the Alamo Federal Executive Board's Chair, Mr. Curt Robertson [**Raw-ber-tson**], and Mr. Marcus Forte [**For-Tay**], Alamo Federal Executive Board's Executive Director, I would like to extend a warm welcome to the *2022 Emerging Leaders and Leadership Federal Executive Board Graduation*. We are so happy that so many of you have joined us today.

(Pause)

I am Nykita Riley, and I will be serving as your Mistress of Ceremonies today.

(Pause)

**As we begin today's event, I would like to call up Monique Morgan, U.S. Air Force to sing the National Anthem.**

**(Monique comes to the stage to sing)**

**(Pause)**

**Thank you. You may be seated.**

**Thank you to Monique for that beautiful rendition of the National Anthem.**

**(Pause)**

**At this time food will be served. Please make your way to the buffet and enjoy this time visiting with our Graduates.**

**Please enjoy your meal:**

**11:30 – ANNOUNCEMENT: Ladies and gentlemen we will begin the official ceremony in approximately five minutes.**

**11:35 - BEGIN the Graduation portion of the program:**

**If you are still eating, please feel free to continue as we move on with the program.**

**(Pause)**

**It is my pleasure to welcome you to the Emerging Leaders and Leadership Federal Executive Board's 2022 Graduation Ceremony and Luncheon. First, I would like to welcome our Leadership Classes, who today in just a short while will become Leadership FEB Alumni. They will join the ranks of over 100 individuals who have gone through this very prestigious program. But before we begin.....**

**I would like to recognize all the distinguished visitors with us today. Unfortunately, time does not permit us to recognize each one individually but know that we sincerely appreciate you taking time to be with us. We also want to extend our appreciation to all Commanders, Agency Heads, Senior Enlisted Personnel, co-workers, family and friends who have taken time to join us today as well. Thank you.**

**We encourage you to show your support loud and proud!!! As in previous years, the Alamo Federal Executive Board received an overwhelming number of application packages. A major shout-out to all the supervisors who took the time to allow their Staff to attend! Without you and your efforts, we would not have a program. Thank you for your outstanding support and exceptional leadership.**

**(Pause)**

**At this time I'd like to ask Mr. Forte to come forward and provide opening comments before we ask our graduates to come forward.**

**(You can step to the side as he will only be a couple of minutes)**

**Mr. Forte speaks and returns to his seat**

**MISTRESS OF CEREMONY: Thank you Mr. Forte**

**MISTRESS OF CEREMONY: Each year the graduating Leadership class has the opportunity to stay fully engaged in many of the organizations they visited and make a huge impact in the community by staying involved in the Leadership FEB Alumni Association. The Alumni Association program was established with the concept of involvement within the greater San Antonio metropolitan area by keeping graduates of LFEB involved in “Giving Back to Our Community.” At this time I’d like to ask the LFEB Alumni Association Chair Val Barber and Vice-Chair Vince Williams to come forward.**

**(Pause)**

**(Val and Vince come forward and deliver a few words on Alumni Association)**

**Thank you Val and Vince**

**(Pause)**

**At this time I’d like to introduce our Keynote Speaker**

## **READ Mr. Juan Ayala's [I-Yahla] BIO**

**Mr. Ayala retired as a Major General in the United States Marine Corps after 36 years of service. He has a proven record of success leading large, complex organizations. He is currently the Director, Office of Military and Veteran Affairs for the City of San Antonio. In this capacity, he serves as the City's liaison to the military supporting the Mayor, City Council and city departments. He works closely with military and civilian partners to ensure military missions and installations continue to thrive and grow in the region. In addition, he was assigned as an Executive Temporary Loan to the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce from March to August 2020 where he concurrently served as the Chamber's Interim President and CEO. Concurrently, he is serving as the City of San Antonio's Operations Lead for the COVID – 19 Response.**

**Prior to his retirement, Major General Ayala commanded all 24 Marine Corps installations worldwide and was selected to lead the Department of Defense's 2015 Warrior Games assisting the nation's wounded, ill and injured warriors in their recuperative efforts. He is the former Inspector General of the Marine Corps, and his service includes 4 combat tours in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, to include a year as the Senior Advisor of a Military Transition Team, embedded with the 1<sup>st</sup> Iraqi Army Division.**

**Past assignments include: Coordinated humanitarian assistance programs in 50 countries throughout Africa, Eastern Europe, the**

**Balkans, the Baltic's, and the former Soviet Union, served as the Chief of Staff at United States Southern Command leading a staff in the implementation of U.S. national security objectives in 31 countries throughout the Western Hemisphere, to include coordinating detainee operations in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, led a Marine Logistics Group that supported combat operations throughout Iraq, supported humanitarian relief operations after the Haiti Earthquake of 2010, supported Haitian/Cuban refugee operations in Cuba, and coordinated civilian law enforcement counterdrug efforts along the U.S. Southwest Border.**

**Mr. Ayala received an MBA from Campbell University, a Masters Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College and a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Texas at El Paso.**

**A native of El Paso, Texas, Major General Ayala's military awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit with "V" Combat Distinguishing Device, the Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal (4 stars), and the Combat Action Ribbon. He is the recipient of the 2007 Excellence in Military Service Award from the League of Latin American Citizens (LULAC).**

**Mr. Ayala currently serves on the Governor of Texas' Advisory Council on Cultural Affairs and is a board member of Visit San Antonio and the National Veterans Outreach (GI Forum). He is the President of the Texas Mayors of Military Communities representing the 16 communities that host military installations in the state of**

**Texas. Since 2016 he has taught Leadership and Ethics as a Visiting Instructor at the Walter Reed National Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland.**

**An avid cyclist, hiker and reader, Mr. Ayala is married to the former Diane K. Reyes of El Paso, Texas. They have 3 daughters, a son, and 3 grandchildren.**

**Ladies and gentlemen please help me welcome Mr. Ayala  
(Mistress of Ceremony returns to her seat)**

**Mr. Ayala delivers Keynote**

**Mistress of Ceremony moves back to the Podium - Thank you Mr. Ayala for those inspiring words.**

**(Pause)**

**Class, at this time I ask that you prepare for graduation**

**(Pause)**

**Marcus and Michael please come to the stage to present the graduates with their graduation certificates and mementos.**

**(Pause)**

**Graduates, as your name is called and you come forward please pause for a photo.**

## Starting with Emerging Leadership Federal Executive Board:

(Pause after each name and wait until they get their certificate and photo)

**Adriana Castaneda** [kah-stah-NAY-dah]

U.S. Air Force

**James “Jim” Cherry**

U.S. Air Force

**Olubunmi** [Oluu-boon-mie] “Bunmi” **Fadahunsi** [Fah-da-oon-si]

U.S. Air Force

**Christine Falk**

U.S. Air Force

**Wesley “Wes” Forsberg**

U.S. Air Force

**Myra Franklin**

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

**Lance Gadlin**

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

**Chad Gillette**

U.S. Air Force



**Trevor Ibarra**

U.S. Air Force

**Benjamin “Ben” Isenberg**

U.S. Air Force

**James “Matt” Lanham**

U.S. Air Force

**Vanessa Love**

U.S. Air Force

**Karla Macey**

U.S. Air Force

**Jose Machuca [ma-choo-ka]**

U.S. Air Force

**Cindy Meservy**

U.S. Air Force

**Jeanne “Jenny” Minor**

U.S. Air Force

**Jodeci Mitchell**

U.S. Air Force

**Kenneth Monteiro**

U.S. Air Force

**Kenneth Morgan**

U.S. Air Force

**Taylor Mullins**

U.S. Air Force

**Debra Perez**

U.S. Air Force

**Anthony “Pim” Pimentel**

U.S. Air Force

**Robert Prctor, Jr.**

U.S. Air Force

**Or’Dedrick [Or-Dead-rick] “Dez” Revish [rev-ish]**

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

**Mac Ruth, Jr.**

U.S. Air Force

**Justin Villa**

U.S. Air Force

**Allison Whitley**

U.S. Air Force

**Kendra Yerigan**

U.S. Air Force

**Taylor Youtsler** [you-t-slur]

U.S. Air Force

**Congratulations to the Emerging Leaders Federal Executive Board!!  
A big round of applause for these Graduates!!**

**(Pause)**

**Ladies and Gentleman please join me in recognizing the Leadership  
Federal Executive Board Class:**

**Charmayne Avant**

U.S. Air Force

**Wallace Babb**

U.S. Air Force

**Eric Bermudez**

U.S. Air Force

**Keith Blackmon**

U.S. Army

**Mark Blair**

U.S. Army

**Devin Borroum**

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

**Bradley “Brad” Clark**

U.S. Air Force

**Paul Cobeaga** [ko-bee-a-guh]

U.S. Air Force

**Jacqueline Davis**

U.S. Air Force

**Joseph “Lee” Deardorff**

U.S. Army

**Christopher “Chris” Duhon**

U.S. Air Force

**Cristina Elizondo**

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

**Clayton Ferguson**

U.S. Army

**Jonathan “Hammer” Ferro**

U.S. Air Force

**Thomas Fogg**

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

**Cody “Rudy” Goetz [Gets]**

U.S. Air Force

**Jeffrey “Jeff” Gomes**

U.S. Air Force

**Constance Hall**

U.S. Air Force

**Joseph “Joe” harris**

U.S. Air Force

**Daniel “Mike” Hildebrandt**

U.S. Air Force

**Darrick Hinson**

U.S. Army

**Raul [Ra-uhl] Huerta-Mendez [Wer-ta, Men-dez]**

U.S. Air Force

**Albert Kellner**

U.S. Air Force

**Tracy King**

U.S. Air Force

**Kenneth “Ken” Knox**

U.S. Air Force

**Patrick Lang**

U.S. Air Force

**Daniel “Danny” Lopez**

U.S. Air Force

**Michelle Louisville**

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

**Kit Lui**

U.S. Air Force

**Dr. Kenneth Mack**

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

**Bobby Malesra [Ma-less-ya]**

U.S. Air Force

**Monique Morgan**

U.S. Air Force

**James “Jim” Mueller**

U.S. Air Force

**Terry Nail**

U.S. Air Force

**Kelly Norwood**

U.S. Army

**Carlos Nunez**

U.S. Air Force

**Lori Paris**

U.S. Air Force

**Christopher “Todd” Prejean**

U.S. Air Force

**Kelly Ramsey**

U.S. Air Force

**Mary Rogers**

U.S. Air Force

**Kelly Rutherford**

U.S. Air Force

**Fritz Samson**

U.S. Air Force

**Dwayne Scates**

U.S. Air Force

**James “Jim” Segebarth [seh-geh-baarth]**

U.S. Air Force

**Danny Sevilla**

U.S. Air Force

**Stanley “Stan” Smith**

U.S. Army

**Yuridia [You-ree-dee-ah] “Yuri” Stokes**

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

**Brandon Summers**

U.S. Air Force

**Matthew Tompkins**

U.S. Army

**Jataun [juh-tahn] Wallace**

U.S. Air Force

**Anthony Wilson**

U.S. Air Force

**Timothy “Tim” Woliver**

City of San Antonio

**Richard “Rich” Zaferis**

U.S. Air Force

**Cecilia Zaks**

U.S. Air Force

**Michael Zimmerman**

U.S. Air Force



**Congratulations to the Leadership Federal Executive Board!! A big round of applause for these Graduates!!**

**(Pause)**

**We would also like to recognize our group facilitators who made this year's event possible. This program runs on the talents of those who have come before. Each year, we have facilitators from the previous classes come back and assist the new class with running their "day". With that, we'd like to take this opportunity to recognize the Leadership FEB alumni who helped make this year's event a success: If you will come forward and receive your gift:**

- Our Senior Facilitator for ELFEB/LFEB**

**Art Ybarra**

U.S. Air Force

- Emerging Leaders FEB Facilitators:**

**James "Scott" Jones**

U.S. Air Force

**Michele Mendez**

U.S. Air Force

**Karen Rivera**

U.S. Air Force

**Jennifer Wagoner-Gates**

U.S. Air Force

- **Leadership FEB Facilitators:**

**Valerie “Val” Barber**

U.S. Air Force

**Fenton Fitzgerald, Sr.**

U.S. Army

**Angela Johnson**

U.S. Army

**April Nichols-Torrey**

U.S. Air Force

**Susana Ruppel**

U.S. Air Force

**Mindy Weber**

U.S. Army

**A big round of applause for the facilitators!!**

**(Pause)**

**And now for closing remarks I'll turn the program over to Mr. Forte.**

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