

# RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD

## RAB MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

**Term of service is two years.**

### **Availability to Community**

Members should be willing to communicate with local community members and interest groups concerned with specific base cleanup issues. Members will serve as a direct and reliable conduit for information flow to and from the community.

### **Document Review**

Members are expected to review and provide comments on draft environmental documents.

### **Attendance**

Members are expected to attend all RAB meetings or send an alternate. If a member fails to attend or send an alternate to three consecutive meetings, the RAB co-chairs may ask the member to relinquish his/her membership.

### **Resignation/Removal**

Members unable to fully participate shall submit their resignations in writing to either of the RAB co-chairs. Resigning members may nominate new members to replace them from their organization.

### **Residency**

Individual community members or members representing organizations must reside in Bexar County or live, work or own property on or near the former Kelly AFB.

## Background

Kelly Air Force Base was founded in 1917 as the first military air base in Texas. Since 1954, Kelly AFB was involved in logistics and maintenance.

This support included managing more than 75 percent of the Air Force engine inventory; equipment for automatic test, precision measurement and ground support; and fuels and lubricants used by the Air Force and National Guard.

The Air Force Real Property Agency (AFRPA) identifies past activities and procedures that may have affected the environment or human health. Numerous interim systems have been installed to control the sources of contamination on the base. The cleanup program at Kelly is entering a very important phase. In the next year we will be installing several systems off base in the area north of main Kelly and near East Kelly. Community involvement is vital to the success of this next phase. We encourage anyone interested to learn more about the program and submit an application for membership.

## What is a RAB?

“RAB” is an acronym for Restoration Advisory Board. This advisory board is comprised primarily of members of the community affected by cleanup activities at the former Kelly AFB. Various government agencies also have members on the Board. The primary objective of the RAB is to foster a partnership between the community and the AFRPA that will aid the cleanup of the former Kelly AFB. Members of the Board are asked to seek and receive input from the public on cleanup activities. They will work with AFRPA in discussing key issues, reviewing plans and reports, and recommending priorities for all cleanup activities. This partnership will provide information and seek input and discussion on cleanup activities among the community, regulatory agencies, and the AFRPA.

The RAB holds quarterly public meetings in the evening. Sometimes additional meetings are scheduled. The RAB meetings provide an opportunity for the community to learn about the cleanup process and provide input to the decision-makers. It is co-chaired by the Senior Representative of the AFRPA and a community member selected by the community RAB members.

# WHO SHOULD JOIN?

To ensure opinions on cleanup and environmental restoration reflect the diverse interests within the local community, members should include, but are not limited to:

- Residents/community members
- Local homeowners associations
- Elected officials
- School districts
- Business community
- Local environmental groups
- Religious community
- Labor organizations
- Public interest groups
- Civic interest groups
- Local officials/agencies
- Regulatory agencies

## HOW DO YOU BECOME A MEMBER?

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Kelly Restoration Advisory Board, please fill out a RAB Membership Application Form and return no later than January 6, 2004 to the following address:

**Doug Karas**  
**AFRPA/PA**

**Mail:**

143 Billy Mitchell Blvd, Ste 1  
San Antonio, TX 78226

**Telephone:**  
210-925-0956

**Fax:**  
210-925-3636

**E-mail:**  
[doug.karas@afropa.pentagon.af.mil](mailto:doug.karas@afropa.pentagon.af.mil)

Forms can be requested at the addresses and numbers above. Applications will be reviewed and approved by the community RAB members.

## CONDITIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

- Members should be available to communicate with concerned community members and interest groups to advise the AFRPA on specific environmental cleanup issues.
- Members will be expected to comment on draft documents.
- The RAB meets quarterly (additional meetings may be scheduled, if necessary). Members are expected to attend all RAB meetings or send an alternate. If a member fails to attend or send an alternate to two consecutive meetings, the RAB co-chairs may ask the member to relinquish his/her membership.
- Individual community members or organizations must reside in Bexar County or currently work or live on or near the former Kelly AFB. Priority for RAB membership will be given to local residents who are directly affected by cleanup activities at the former Kelly AFB.
- Members provide individual advice to government decision-makers; the RAB is not a decision-making body.
- Participation in the RAB is strictly voluntary and members will not be financially compensated.

