

The Chief Albert J. Lilly Law Enforcement and Military Memorial Scholarship
Established by Lesley and Kevin Lilly, class of 1978, in loving memory of Chief Albert J. Lilly

Albert (Al) Joseph Lilly was born in 1918 in an Irish Neighborhood in the Bronx NY and attended Catholic Schools in New York City. His family had immigrated to the city and eventually built the largest meatpacking company in New York.

Ever the adventurer Al, as a young man in 1940, took off with a friend, Billy Benedetti, to Africa to shoot photos for World Book Encyclopedia. In 1941 they were still in Africa when Pearl Harbor was attacked. Not wanting to miss out on the fight, Lts Lilly and Benedetti joined with the British Army in North Africa as American Volunteers. As such, they were one of the first Americans to fight the Nazis in WWII. Tragically, Billy was killed, and his death, which was witnessed by Al, convinced him to dedicate his life to service. He returned home where he met his wife of over 50 years, Rose Mugavero, and together they had 5 children including Kevin (Antonian '78)

His subsequent military career included Korea, service under President Eisenhower as head of Air Force Security, and then head of US Security Forces in Vietnam. At the conclusion of his long Military Career, Al came to Antonian to teach history, then later to serve as Dean of Boys. He stayed on until taking the position as Chief of Police for Universal City Texas in 1976, where he served until just before his death in 1996. Al was an avid reader, historian, and die-hard Dallas Cowboy and New York Yankee fan, switching to the Houston Astros in his later years.

The Award

This merit-based award is a one-time \$1,000 scholarship given to a senior student and applied to their senior year (12th grade) at Antonian College Preparatory High School. The award also includes a plaque and pin and will be presented during a school-wide assembly.

Who is Eligible?

Any current senior may apply. Candidates will be evaluated according to their leadership skills, community involvement, extracurricular activities, and affiliation with law enforcement and/or the military. Although academic achievement is not a qualifier for this award, the candidate should demonstrate both aspirations to be successful and a strong, well-rounded character.

Application Process

The applicant should submit a cover letter with his/her name, parent(s) names, address, telephone and email and a 500 word (minimum) essay. In this essay the applicant should describe the involvement of any family member either in law enforcement or military service and clearly demonstrate why they are the best candidate for this award.

As supporting documents, the applicant shall provide the following:

- List of awards or recognitions you have received, the presenting organization and the year received.
- List of school and community organizations in which you are in or have been active.
- List of leadership positions you have held in your clubs or other organizations. Indicate those positions.
- A letter from your academic advisor confirming their qualifications is also required.

Deadline: The original and a copy of the cover page, essay and supporting letter must be submitted no later than August 31st, to Mark Papich, Director of Strategic Development and Alumni Relations. (Mailed applications must be post marked no later than August 31st)