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President's Message

Fiesta is upon us! Alamo MOAA will be having its Fiesta Picnic this April 20 at Eberle Park, Randolph AFB. Please come and join us. Plenty of Mexican food, drink, mariachi band and fun! And, yes, we will have a new piñata. The old one finally bit the dust! The cost will be \$25 per person.

We had a great meeting this month at the Ft. Sam Houston Golf Club. Mr. Pete Van de Putte, the owner of Dixie Flag and proud husband of our Senator Leticia Van de Putte, gave us a wonderful history of the United States Flag. Did you know that it originally was the idea of the Navy to have one and that Washington didn't want it. Also, Washington never met with or knew Betsy Ross!

Several of us spent three days last week working with Colonel Suzanne Walker and her team from MOAA National in preparation for the Annual meeting which will be held in San Antonio from October 26-29, 2011. The meeting will be at the Marriott River

Walk beginning with a job fair all day on the 26th.

Activities for the Chapters will be on October 28 and 29. The Alamo Chapter and the Texas Council will be sponsoring a hospitality room on Friday the 28th from 2pm until 4pm. It is presently planned that there will be an event that evening recognizing Wounded Warriors and their caregivers.

The Alamo Chapter's 50th Anniversary will also be recognized at both the events on the 28th and 29th.

I hope that all Alamo Chapter members will be able to participate in some (Continued on Page 8)

Save The Date!

Fri April 15

4th Annual

Charity Golf Tournament
Ft Sam Houston Golf Club 1pm

Wed April 20

Fiesta Picnic Supper

Mariachi's, Food & Beverages
Eberle Park 5:15pm

Thu May 19

Scholarship Awards Luncheon
Spr: LTC David M. Guarriello
of St Mary's University
Ft Sam Houston Golf Club 11am

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Pete Van de Putte giving his US Flag presentation at the March luncheon



National MOAA Annual Meeting - Oct 26-29 Marriott River Center San Antonio, Texas

Chapter News & Notices



Cookie Angels

Grateful thanks to those who either baked and or brought items to the wounded soldiers at Ft Sam Houston's Warrior and Family Support Center.

If you were able to give this month on behalf of the Alamo Chapter please call Susie at (210) 654-0351, so we may add your name to our list. Thank you.

Maryada Artiglia
 Ruth Baliram
 Irene Collier
 Frank and Delores DeVille
 Nita Felder
 Susan Filipini
 Joe and Adele Genualdi
 John Gibbs
 Ed and Sue McCarthy
 Mac and Lori McDonald
 Lolly Orłowski
 Jan Rund
 Cheryl Smith
 Lou Strong
 Susie Tolman
 Dot Wise
 Tom and Evelyn Woods

Volunteers Needed!!

The Alamo chapter has the following positions open that we would love to have some help! You can spend as much or as little time as you have available.

Call the office at 210-228-9955 to volunteer.

Photographer at Social Functions
 Legal Counsel
 Greeters at Social Functions
 Floater Duty Officer
 Members for Calling Committee
 Volunteer Coordinator
 Members for Program Committee
 Transportation Coordinator
 Servers at upcoming Picnic



A big thank you to the following who have generously contributed to either the Scholarship Fund or to the Operating Account. We appreciate the gesture very much:

LtCol Ed Marvin USAF
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The Republic of Texas Restaurant

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USAA

TAPS

We received the news that the following members have passed away. We wish to convey our sincere condolences and best wishes to their family and loved ones:

LtCol John Neil Nienstedt USAF (Ret)
 2/28/11

We encourage each of you to remember our Corporate Partners in your business and daily activities because we truly appreciate their support.

If your business or organization would like to join us as a Corporate Partner, please contact us at (210) 228-9955. Thank you for your consideration.

TCC President Chosen To Serve On Govt Committee

Major Edwin (Ed) S. Stone, III, USA, Retired, of El Paso, recommended by the Fort Bliss Retiree Council to serve on the Chief of Staff of the Army's (CSA) Retiree Council has been appointed by letter of 12 November 2010 to be recalled to Active Duty to serve one week in April in the Pentagon for each of the next four years. He will serve on the Council's Benefits and Entitlements Committee.

The Council is divided into three teams to address military personnel issues: Health Care; Benefits and Entitlements; and, Communications, Retired Soldier Support, and Miscellaneous Issues. Ed will be one of 12 members, one-half Officers and one-half Senior Non Commissioned Officers, each serving four year terms and representing 828,000 Army Retired Soldiers and 214,000 surviving Spouses.

When one includes gray area National Guard and Reserve personnel retirees, those not having attained the age of 60 and in receipt of retired pay, and Active Duty personnel with more than 20 years of service, and their Families, members of the CSA Retiree Council represent a population of more than 2 million.

Stone says, "It is a singular honor to have been nominated by Fort Bliss, and to have been appointed, to serve on the Army Chief of Staff's Retiree Council. I look forward to learning from those with whom I will serve each April for the next four years beginning in 2011.

My particular interest in military personnel issues is in those who are most vulnerable, and perhaps somewhat overlooked and under served, wounded warriors, surviving spouses, children, the disabled medically retired with less than 20 years of service, and the Guard and Reserve who have carried a hefty portion of the burden forward since 2001 as our combat operational reserve. It is my hope that I will be able to contribute to the betterment of the lives of all who will serve our nation."

Additionally, Ed is currently serving the second of two years, 2010 – 2011, as President, Texas Council of Chapters, Military Officers Association of America (MOAA). Furthermore, he is a member of the El Paso Chapter and a Past President. He has been and will be advocating for the for military personnel issues on behalf of all, enlisted and officer, in the uniformed services, Active Duty, Guard, Reserve, Retired, Surviving Spouses, Veterans, and their children.

JROTC Presentations

The annual MOAA ROTC awards (high school and college) program is now underway.

Our chapter supports more than 60 schools throughout south Texas and the award season runs from February through May. Ideally, we want to have one of our chapter members present the award at each ROTC unit's awards ceremony.

I am seeking members to volunteer to make these presentations. If you want to volunteer, for a specific site or just when needed, please contact me by phone at 210-630-5421, or by e-mail at jrwebb3@gmail.com.

In reply, I'll send you an e-mail containing ceremony dates, times and locations and any other pertinent information.

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MOAA-AC's 4th Annual Golf Tournament

On Friday, April 15th, our Chapter will host its 4th Annual Golf Tournament at Ft Sam Houston's Loma Course. Please join us again this year and complete the Entry Form on Page 5.

Last year we had 83 players (including 27 warriors) join us for this very worthy cause. As a result, \$6,700 was divided between the Fort Sam Houston Warriors and Family Support Center and our Chapter's Scholarship Fund.

We were pleased to have two Title Sponsors – Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union for the third time and Humana Military Healthcare Services for the first time. Both contributed \$1,500 to get our tournament off to a great start. Altogether, we had 11 corporate sponsors and 22 individual sponsors for warriors.

Come and join us for this wonderful event and extend your personal "thanks" to our warriors for their service to our country.



Frank Rohrbough
 Frank Rohrbough, Col USAF (Ret)
 Chairman Golf Tournament
 Planning Committee

Welcome New Members!

- Col Jason Hall USAF
- Col Rex Tallent USAF (Ret)
- LtCol Warren Camarano (Ret)
- LtCol Marshall Canter USAF (Ret)
- LtCol Scott Hanson USAFR (Ret)
- Maj Gale Goodman-Floyd USAFR (Ret)
- MAJ Chad Humphrey USMC
- MAJ John Sutton USAR

Year to Date Membership Stats





Military Officers Association of America

Alamo Chapter 4th Annual Golf Tournament

Friday, April 15, 2011 **** 1:00pm Shotgun Start **** Modified Scramble Format
(**Alternate Rain Date:** Monday, April 18, 2011)

Fort Sam Houston Golf Club (Loma Course) **** (Entry into FSH not required)

**Benefiting the Fort Sam Houston Warrior & Family Support Center and
MOAA Alamo Chapter Scholarship Fund (50% of net proceeds to each)**

Entry Fee \$85.00
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Entry fee includes green fees, cart, bottled water and awards dinner.

Prizes for team low net score, hole-in-one, closest to the pin, longest drive.
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Don't play golf? Your donation of an entry fee allows a Warrior to play free.
Place your name on the first line of entry form. Write "Donate to a Warrior" below your name.

Plan to play but want to also donate an entry fee for a Warrior? Add an additional entry fee in
your check and write "Donate to a Warrior" under the last name in your group.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Name: _____ Handicap or average score: _____

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Make checks payable to MOAA-AC.

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MHCC

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- Transitioning to electronic health records



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- Nurses
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- Medics/Corpsmen
- Technicians
- Case Managers
- Trainers
- Occupational Therapists
- Rehabilitation Specialists
- Psychologists/
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Medical Minute

HEALTHY BONES FOR 2011

Do you want healthy bones in 2011? Here are some goals that can help you improve your bones and overall health.

- Do weight bearing exercises such as brisk walking, aerobics, or dancing for 30 minutes or more on most days of the week.
- Eat five or more servings of fruits or vegetables every day.
- Do muscle strengthening exercises such as lifting weights or elastic exercise bands, about two times per week.
- Get the calcium and vitamin D you need every day.
- Add balance exercises, such as Tai Chi, to your weekly fitness routine.

If you have osteoporosis, it is important to take steps to protect your spine.

This includes avoiding curl-ups, sit ups and other movements that cause you to bend forward and round your back such as bending forward from the waist with straight legs.

It is still important to do abdominal strengthening exercises.

Adapted from Osteoporosis Report

Col Irene Collier (Ret)



Solitaires



April showers bring May flowers. In Texas that means Bluebonnets. The Bluebonnet (*Lupinus texensis*) is the state flower of Texas. Indians wove fascinating folk tales about them.

Early Spanish priests collected the seeds and planted them around their missions. One urban legend has it that the priests brought them from Spain. Not true. In Austria they have a relative of the Bluebonnet--the Lupine--which resembles our Bluebonnet. DNA testing refutes the familial connection. The shape of the petals resembles the bonnet worn by pioneer women to shield themselves from the sun. The true dominant species of blue bonnets grow only in Texas. They are as native as a Stetson cowboy's hat or his Texas boots.

Under Mrs. Lyndon Johnson's program to beautify the highways of Texas, tons of seeds were sown along our major freeways. Although the patches are frequently interspersed with pinks and yellow buttercups, the bluebonnet remains predominant.

In selecting it as the state flower, it had a lot of competition. One state senator wanted the cotton boll as it was our major crop at the time. Another wanted the cactus because it had such a pretty blossom (Cactus Jack Garner -former US VP). Five species of bluebonnets were considered before the legislature decided on *Lupinus texensis*. In 1971 although two other species were discovered, they were lumped in with *Lupinus texensis* as the state flower.

The Bluebonnet is an annual flower; it reseeds itself. Its profusion depends upon how much fall rain we

have had. If you want to plant them in your own garden, you need to scarify the seed before planting. Don't just scatter the seeds on the lawn. The birds love them. You have to cover them with at least a thin layer of soil. They are usually planted in September. Blossoming occurs between March and mid May--depending upon the weather. If the weather is not propitious they may wait as long as seven years before germinating. So be patient.

The May luncheon will be a Pot Luck at Susie Tolman's house, so Ladies, bring your favorite dish, and Gentlemen, bring the wine!!

The Sunday brunch will be held as usual at the Randolph Parr O Club on 22 May.

Source: Adapted from Cooperative Extension pamphlet

Col Irene Collier (Ret)

If you are a single man or lady and like to eat, chat, make new friends, experience or provide sometimes brief impromptu or scheduled interesting demonstrations, talks, or discussions, whether you are: visiting the area; active duty or retired; widowed or divorced; the SOLITAIRES is the group for you.

This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy camaraderie with other single men and ladies whose backgrounds and experiences are or have been with the military. Call the office (210) 228-9955 for more details

President's Message

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way with this meeting. I think that you will find it rewarding and I would, in particular, encourage our active duty members to participate. I will have more details as we get closer to the event, but also be looking for information in the Military Officers Magazine.

It still looks as if the State Appropriations Committees are intent on reducing the budget of the Texas Veterans Commission to the great detriment of our Veterans and their families; this despite the fact that the state will be forgoing millions in tax revenue that will be generated from our veterans gaining monies from their VA benefits. The simple math of gaining \$2.9 million in general revenue, but giving up an estimated \$60+ million in tax revenue, still doesn't make a whole lot of sense.

Lt. General Rick Sanchez USA (Ret), former commander of our forces in Iraq had an interesting comment about all of this. You can read it on the following link:

<http://letterstotheeditorblog.dallasnews.com/archives/2011/03/budget-cuts-aba.html>

It looks as if the bill recognizing disabled veteran owned businesses as historically underutilized businesses (HUBS) is moving toward passage. HB888 by Representative Gillian is moving through the process and may soon be in the Calendars Committee for scheduling of debate and a vote. Rep. Joe Farias, San Antonio, has a similar bill, HB1096 moving through the committee process.

SB357 and SJR 14, bills proposed by Senator Van de Putte to pass the 100% exemption of disabled veterans to their surviving spouses are now in the finance committee and hopefully will be moving soon to the full senate.

There are several bills on the House side that are companion bills to the Senate bills. Prominent among them are Rep. Fletcher's HB95 and HJR23 as well as Rep. Pickett's HB313 and HJR40. All of these bills are presently in the House

Ways and Means committee. It is looking promising that this effort will succeed in passage of both the House and Senate as they are revenue neutral. There is a related bill by Senator Carlos Uresti, San Antonio, SB 201, which will further codify this transfer to the surviving spouse, that merits our support.

You can look at these and any other bills proposed as well as get information on Senators and Representatives and committees, by going to the following website:

www.capitol.state.tx.us

Please contact your individual Senators and Representatives and ask for their support of these bills for our veterans and their spouses.

I hope all of you are enjoying Spring and the warmer weather. Hope to see you at the picnic on April 20.

Jim Cunningham
USAR

Chapter Scholarships

JROTC Scholarship: Two \$2,000 scholarships are available to a graduating high school seniors ranked in the top half of his/her class, who has participated for at least three years in a ROTC Program supported by the Military Officers Association of America -Alamo Chapter. Selection is based on academic record, test scores, citizenship, leadership, community involvement and outstanding professional ability. A maximum of one scholarship application will be accepted from each supported ROTC program.

The Edward Marvin and Ruby

Marvin Scholarship: One \$2,000 scholarship is available to a graduating high school senior ranked in the top half of his/her class, who is a child, stepchild, and/or grandchild of a member in good standing of the Military Officers Association of America-Alamo Chapter. Selection will be based on academic record, test scores, citizenship, and community involvement.

Applications for these scholarships are currently available online at www.alamomoaa.org or from the chapter office. The deadline for application is April 30, 2011, and presented at the May luncheon.

Colonel Clarence T. Torrey Community Service Scholarship:

Two \$2,000 scholarships are awarded to graduating high school seniors. The applications are due in the fall and handled exclusively through the High Schools by the Bexar County Scholarship Clearing House (BCSCH)/Minnie Piper Foundation. The final selection is made by the Chapter Scholarship committee. \$100 cash is given to each of 4 runners up.

In 2011 a total of \$10,400 in Scholarship monies will be awarded by the chapter.

Happy Easter
to all our Members
and their families





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Health, Benefits & Welfare

Texas Lottery Proceeds

The Texas Veterans Commission award-ed more than \$2 million in grant funds to organizations across the state to provide mental health services to vets.

Of that amount, the San Antonio Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse received \$171,126 to provide substance abuse, ad-diction and mental health services in a nine-county region.

Hill Country Community MHMR Center also received \$164,213 to provide cognitive processing therapy for veterans dealing with post-traumatic stress disorder.

Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Greater San Antonio received \$110,000 to cover the costs of debt management fees for one year for veterans in need of assis-tance regaining control over their finances.

And Texas Legal Services Center received \$95,000 to expand its existing legal service hotline to veterans.

The Texas lottery scratch-off game, Veterans Cash, is the primary source of funds for the Texas Veterans Commission Fund for Veterans' Assistance.

Source: SA Business Journal

AF Academy

The Air Force Academy is accepting fewer new cadets under a mandate to reduce the size of the student body by about 9% to save money, according to an Air Force Times report. Lt. Gen. Michael Gould, the academy superintendent, says the Air Force ordered the school to reduce enrollment to 4,000 by Oct. 1, 2012, from about 4,400.

Flag Rule Change

VA announced changes that will allow flags to be placed on gravesites at National cemeteries on Memorial Day and any other day of the year on a case-by-case basis. Federal rules had previously prohibited placement of American Flags on any day other than Me-

morial Day, including Veterans Day. The rule change was made at the request of Rep. John J. Duncan, Jr. (R-Tenn.).

Fisher House Hero Miles

A popular program that turns donated frequent-flyer miles into no cost airline tickets for wounded warriors receiving medical care as well as their families will expand this year so families of the fallen and combat wounded can participate in two upcoming events.

The Fisher House Foundation, which administers the "Hero Miles" program, plans to offer airline tickets so grieving families needing assistance can fly to Washington, D.C., this Memorial Day weekend to participate in the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors seminar. The annual conference, to run 27 thru 30 MAY, offers a camp for children, a workshop for adults and comfort for families whose military member died in service to the nation, regardless of the cause. In addition, the Hero Miles program will help families to attend the second annual Warrior Games held in the spring in Colorado Springs, Colo. Some 200 disabled active-duty servicemembers and military veterans will compete in the second annual Warrior Games, scheduled for May 16 thru 21 MAY at the U.S. Olympic Training Center. Participants will put their long recuperations and months of training to the

test as they go for the gold in events to include shooting, swimming, archery, track and field, cycling, sitting volleyball and wheelchair basketball, officials said.

The Fisher House Foundation has been underwriting all administrative costs and ticketing charges for the Hero Miles program since 2005. The program provides a way for passengers of participating airlines to donate their unused frequent-flier miles to reunite military men and women undergoing treatment at a military or Veterans Affairs medical center with their families. It provides round-trip airline tickets at no charge to a) Servicemembers on at least five days of approved leave from their medical center who don't qualify for government-funded airfare. And b) Family or close friends of qualified servicemembers while they're treated at the medical center.

To date, the program has provided more than 21,000 airline tickets — valued at more than \$27 million -- to combat veterans of operations in Iraq and Afghanistan and their families. t cost them about \$1,400.

Anyone desiring to participate in this program can find more info plus how to donate their miles at www.fisherhouse.org.

Source: AFPS Donna Miles article 5

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Benefits of Membership of MOAA and the local chapter

- Our monthly newsletter, *The Lariat*, which includes a calendar of events, is sent to each member (or made available on-line), and includes both MOAA and Alamo Chapter news. Stay informed!
- Monthly luncheons, which rotate between the Randolph, Fort Sam Houston, and Lackland service clubs, feature informative speakers and are also open to guests.
- Benefit information of all kinds is provided through the Alamo Chapter. We have an experienced Vice President of Personal Affairs who can give quick answers to your and family members' questions, or who can research the more complex issues.
- The opportunity to enjoy the camaraderie of meeting fellow chapter members and their guests. We also plan for various social events, open to families and guests. In addition, our chapter features a singles group called the Solitaires, some of who are surviving spouses. The Solitaires have a busy social calendar.
- Make your voice heard on proposed state and national military legislation which may affect you and your family. Both the Alamo Chapter and MOAA national welcome your views!
- Enjoy many benefits, discounts, and services, to include career planning through TOPS (The Officer Placement Service). The Alamo Chapter also provides college scholarships to those who qualify.

Referred by: _____

The Give Me 10! Campaign Options:

1. Active Duty, National Guard and Reserve officers of all services, who are not past or present members of MOAA national are eligible for a one year **free** national and local MOAA (MOAA-AC) membership.
2. Retired Officers or Auxiliary (surviving spouses), and lapsed members of MOAA national, can receive a 2 year membership for \$30.00 (The usual yearly membership rate is \$31). You will then receive a one year local MOAA-AC membership **free**.
3. Those already members of MOAA national need to complete this application to receive a 1 year **free** local membership to MOAA-AC.

Normal Dues: MOAA national \$31 per year, MOAA local \$25.00 (Auxiliary \$15)

Membership Application (Annual Membership)

Are you a member of MOAA National? _____



Military Officers Association of America Alamo Chapter

Circle Status: Commissioned & Warrant Officers of all services - Active, Reserves, former, or Retired, National Guard, NOAA, PHS, Surviving Spouse.

Name _____
(Print) Last First MI Spouse

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Civilian/Military Occupation _____

Firm/Unit _____ E-mail* _____

* May we have your permission to publish this information in the Chapter Membership Directory? _____

(*This directory and your e-mail address are exclusively for the use of the chapter and will not be sold or used for any other purpose than chapter communications and/or board approved activity.)

Would you like to access our monthly newsletter (The Lariat) at our website versus having a hard copy mailed to you? _____ (Dues reduce to \$15 per year).

Would you be interested in being active in chapter volunteer activity? _____

Signature Date

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**For questions please call (210) 228-9955 or e-mail: moaa-ac@sbcglobal.net
Also visit our chapter's website at www.alamomoaa.org**

**Please feel free to copy and provide this form
to prospective members.**

1-17-11

Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day?

The U.S. Senate on 7 March declared March 30th as "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day," agreeing unanimously to a resolution introduced by Senator Richard Burr (R-N.C.), Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

On March 30, 1973, all U.S. troops withdrew from Vietnam under the terms of the Treaty of Paris. This March 30th, the Senate has encouraged Americans across the country to recognize Vietnam veterans for their sacrifice and demonstrate a warm welcome to these soldiers who returned from war to a politically divided country.

"I'm pleased that the Senate has agreed to set aside a day to give our Vietnam veterans a warm, long-overdue welcome home. I strongly

encourage communities throughout North Carolina and across the country to observe this day with activities and events that honor these veterans for their service.

It's time they receive the recognition they have earned and deserve. This day also provides our nation with an important teaching moment. Never again should our men and women serving in the armed forces receive the same treatment as those returning from Vietnam," said Senator Richard Burr.

Senator Burr introduced the resolution for the second consecutive year on February 16, 2011. The United States became involved in Vietnam because policy-makers believed that if South Vietnam fell to a communist government, communism would spread throughout the rest of Southeast Asia.

The US Armed Forces began serving in an advisory role to the South Vietnamese in 1961, and in 1965, ground combat troops were sent into Vietnam.

On March 30, 1973, after many years of combat, all US troops withdrew. More than 58,000 members of the United States Armed Forces lost their lives and more than 300,000 were wounded in Vietnam.

Senators John Boozman (R-AR), Thad Cochran (R-MS), James Inhofe (R-OK), and Johnny Isakson (R-GA) and Mike Johanns (R-NE) co-sponsored the legislation.

The resolution now moves to the House of Representatives for consideration.

Source: Sen. Richard Burr press release 8 Mar 2011

Bumper Stickers for Seniors

- Cremation? Think outside the box.
- When I was younger all I wanted was a BMW. Now, I don't care about the W.
- We got married for better or worse. He couldn't do better and I couldn't do worse.
- I asked my wife if old men wear boxers or briefs? She said Depends.
- The Snap, Crackle, Pop in the morning ain't my freaking Rice Krispies.
- Sometimes I wake up grumpy ... and some days I let him sleep.
- Senior Campbell's. New Large Type Alphabet Soup.
- The secret to staying young is to live honestly ... eat slowly, and lie about your age.
- Florida is God's waiting room.
- I'm so old that whenever I eat out, they ask me for the money up front.

Perks:

- There is nothing left to learn the hard way.
- Your joints are more accurate meteorologists than the national weather service.
- No one expects you to run----anywhere.
- People no longer view you as a hypochondriac.
- You no longer think of speed limits as a challenge.
- Things you buy now won't wear out.
- Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either.
- You quit trying to hold your stomach in no matter who walks into the room.

Source: RAO Bulletin

Chapter Events Calendar

APRIL

- 1 Volunteer Hours Due*
- 7 Staff Meeting 9am MOAA-AC Office*
- 5 Solitaire's Tour of Toyota**
- 14 Board Meeting 10:00am MOAA-AC Office*
- 15 MOAA-AC Golf Tournament**
- 17 Solitaire's Sunday Brunch 11 am Randolph Parr O Club**
- 20 Ft Sam Volunteer Advisory Council Mtg 9am*
- 20 Chapter Fiesta Picnic Eberle Park 5:00pm**
- 24 Easter Sunday - Fly the Flag!**
- 26 Extravaganza Sam Houston Club (Ft Sam Newcomers Welcome)*

Note: Events **bolded** are for the **general membership** and *italicized* are for *staff*, though members are always welcome. Please call the office for details (210) 228-9955

JUNE

- 1 Volunteer Hours Due*
- 1 Submission Deadline for Levels of Excellence Award*
- 2 Staff Meeting 9am MOAA-AC Office*
- 3 Veterans Administration Volunteers Mtg 1pm*
- 7 Solitaire's Luncheon Ft Sam Golf Club**
- 14 FlagDay – Fly the Flag!**
- 14 US Army Birthday**
- 15 Ft Sam Volunteer Advisory Council Mtg 9am*
- 16 Chapter Luncheon Army Residence Community**
- 19 Father's Day - Fly the Flag!**
- 26 Solitaire's Sunday Brunch 11 am Randolph Parr O Club**
- 28 Extravaganza Sam Houston Club (Ft Sam Newcomers Welcome)*

MAY

- 1 Volunteer Hours Due*
- 4 Ft Sam Houston's Volunteer Recognition Ceremony 10am**
- 5 Staff Meeting 9am MOAA-AC Office*
- 8 Victory Day in Europe**
- 8 Mother's Day - Fly the Flag!**
- 14 Q2 Texas Council Chapters Teleconference**
- 14 Potluck at Susie Tolman's house 11am**
- 18 Ft Sam Volunteer Advisory Council Mtg 9am*
- 19 Scholarship Luncheon Ft Sam Houston Golf Club**
- 21 Armed Forces Day – Fly the Flag!**
- 22 Solitaire's Sunday Brunch 11 am Randolph Parr O Club**
- 24 Extravaganza Sam Houston Club (Ft Sam Newcomers Welcome)*
- 30 Memorial Day - Fly the Flag!**
- 30 Ft Sam Houston Cemetery Memorial Day**

Ongoing:

Cookie Angels delivering items to Warrior & Family Support Center

JULY

(No Staff/Board Meeting or Chapter Luncheon)

- 1 Volunteer Hours Due*
- 4 Independence Day - Fly the Flag!**
- 4 Independence Day Ceremony Ft Sam Houston**
- 5 Solitaire's Luncheon 11am Ft Sam Golf Club**
- 21 Ft Sam Volunteer Advisory Council Mtg 9am*
- 26 Extravaganza Sam Houston Club (Ft Sam Newcomers Welcome)*
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Randolph AFB Eberle Park

Meet & Greet begins 5:15pm - Supper served approx 6pm

Tex-Mex Supper With Mariachi Music

Cost per person \$25

(Includes food, soda, wine & beer) Enclosed: \$ _____

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Thursday May 19, 2011

Scholarship Awards Luncheon Speaker LTC David M. Guarriello Professor of Military Science, St Mary's University

Ft Sam Houston Golf Club

Meet & Greet begins 11am - Lunch served approx 11:45am

Menu (Indicate Choice)

A) Beef Burgundy B) Ham Steak with pineapple Glaze

Dinner Salad

Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables

Dinner Rolls & Butter

Rainbow Sherbet

Water, Coffee & Tea Service and \$3.50 per small bottle wine

Cost per person \$20

Enclosed: \$ _____

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