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



## President's Message

This has been an extremely busy month, but a productive one. We have had some very well deserved recognition of some of our volunteers, our golf tournament was very successful, we have awarded five scholarships from the chapter amounting to \$10,000, our legislative efforts have gone forward, and we have been working with other chapters in the state to create community projects.

First of all, on May 4<sup>th</sup>, Ft. Sam Houston had its volunteer of the year recognitions for volunteers from multiple organizations. It was very well done, with Mrs. Judith Markelz of the Wounded Warrior Center doing the MC work. Awards were presented by MG Wiggins and Colonel Mary Garr.

The Alamo Chapter had two members recognized as Volunteers of the Year. First was Mrs. Sue McCarthy, who was recognized for her volunteer work at BAMC. Then there was LTC Randy Hoff, who was recognized for

his work in membership and retention for the Alamo Chapter. (See write up and picture on Page 6). They will be recognized again at the United Way VOYA dinner next month.

The Alamo Chapter Golf Tournament went very well. A great time was had by all, except perhaps Stephen Rohrbough! At the last minute, his brother Frank had the turbidity to have surgery and left Stephen with the total responsibility for the tournament. Stephen and his golf committee did a wonderful job, and I want to thank EVP Bill Goforth for stepping in for me when I couldn't be there! The end  
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### Save The Date!

**Thu June 16**

Luncheon

Spkr: Mr. George Block  
Haven For Hope  
Army Residence  
Community 11am

No Program in July

**Thu Aug 18**

Luncheon

Ft Sam Golf Club

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MG Wiggins attaching the 2010 Five Star Excellence Award banner to the MOAA Flag at the Ft Sam Volunteer Recognition Ceremony

# 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



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

CW3 David Wright USA

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## 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:

MAJ John "Jack" Davis USA (Ret)  
 4/11/2011

LTC Conan Millstein USA (Ret)  
 5/1/2011

LtCol Lester Parks USAF (Ret)  
 5/3/2011

COL Donald O'Neil USA (Ret)  
 5/4/2011

## Volunteer Opportunities

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

Volunteer Coordinator

Legal Counsel

Greeters at Social Functions

Floater Duty Officer

Members for Calling Committee

Members for Program Committee

Transportation Coordinator

## Chapter Volunteer of The Year



LTC Randy Hoff USA (Ret)  
VP Membership - Recruitment & Retention  
Being presented at Ft Sam Houston Community  
Club with his Volunteer of the Year Plaque by  
Col Mary Garr & MG Wiggins

### *Character of Nominee*

He has the highest of standards which is evident by his honesty and integrity in all matters. He has the complete trust of all MOAA-AC members and leads by example.

### *Quote:*

"I work hard on behalf of MOAA-AC to support all of the greater San Antonio military community and their families."

### *Scope of Responsibility:*

LTC Hoff is the Vice President for Membership Recruiting and Retention and has consistently maintained the membership rolls to make MOAA-AC one of the largest and most active chapters in the nation. He spends over 300 hours a year in this effort.

### *How has he impacted MOAA-AC, those it serves and the San Antonio Community:*

Over \$3,000 per year is generated from MOAA's national organization by his recruiting efforts. This money goes into supporting the Wounded Warrior programs and the MOAA-AC scholarships to students who are entering college.

### *Describe what makes your nominee stand out from all the other volunteers in the same category:*

LTC Hoff's hard work, dedication to duty and professional expertise in both recruiting and other staff functions makes him a leader which benefits MOAA-AC and all in the military family which it serves.

## Chapter Vision & Mission Statement

### **Vision:**

- To be the primary advocate for the military community

### **Mission:**

- To be a major source of information, support and social engagement for the membership;
- To provide programs and services for the common good of our military community;
- To be a powerful voice supporting MOAA at the local, state and national levels.

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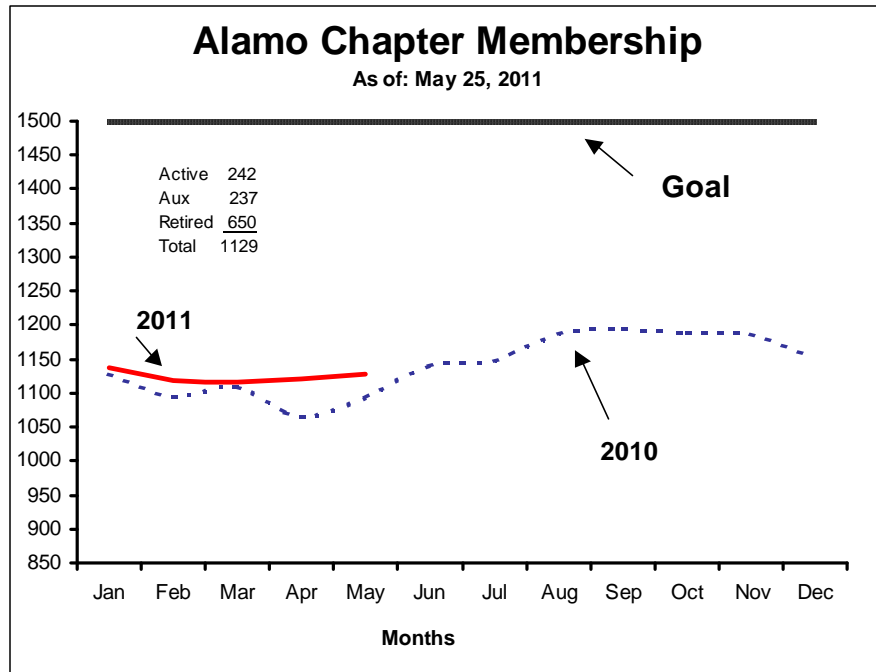
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## Welcome New Members!

Col Carol Anderson USAF  
 Col Juan Limon USAF  
 Col Herb Phillips USAF  
 LTC James Fowler USA  
 LTC John Ruibal USA  
 MAJ Brian Prehn USA  
 CPT Arturo Garcia USA  
 1LT Thaddeus Suggs USA  
 2LT Robin Harris USA  
 CW2 Craig Peel USA

## Year to Date Membership Stats



## June Speaker Bio

### Mr George Block, President & CEO, Haven for Hope

On September 2, 2010, George was named President and Chief Executive Officer of Haven for Hope. George joined the Haven for Hope team as Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer, July 1, 2009. Prior to that, George had been the Director of Aquatics for the Northside School District since 1977 and Assistant Director of Athletics since 1993. In that time, he developed the Northside Aquatic Center into an internationally recognized center for athlete development.

In his over three decades at Northside, Coach Block has developed 6 different Olympians in three different sports, 50 UIL State Gold Medallists, over 285 All-Americans, Olympic Trials qualifiers in 1984-88-92-96 and 2000, and numerous National and Junior Champions. He has produced Olympians in three different sports (swimming, triathlon and pentathlon) and Olympic swimmers from three different countries (United States, Nicaragua and Algeria).

In 1987, Coach Block was awarded the Phillips 66 *Performance Award*. In 1992, Coach Block was the *Coca-Cola Texas Coach of Honor*. In 1997, the United States Water Fitness Association named the Northside Aquatics Center the *Top School District/Community Facility* in the nation and Coach Block its *Top Aquatics Director*. From 1997-98, Coach Block served as the President of the American Swimming Coaches Association and in 2000 Coach Block was been awarded the *Silver Award of Excellence* for 20 years of USA Swimming National finalists. He was Vice-President of USA Swimming from 2006-2010 and is currently President of the World Swimming Coaches Association. Just this year, Northside ISD re-dedicated the Northside Aquatics Center as the George Block Aquatics Center.

Also heavily involved in the community, Coach Block was one of the founders of the San Antonio Sports Foundation and of Voices for Children – San Antonio, an early childhood advocacy organization of which he is now Chairman of the Board.

Coach Block is married to Margie, a retired nurse. They have three children, Meagan, an Attorney in San Antonio, TX; Jeremy, an archaeology graduate student at the University of Texas – San Antonio; and Jackson, a biomedical engineering undergraduate at the University of Rochester.

## .....And Thank You Renewing Members!

MGen Charles Rodriguez USA  
(Ret)  
 Col David Eisenstadt USA (Ret)  
 Col Mark List USAF (Ret)  
 CPT Jonathan Akers USA  
 CW5 Rolando Gonzales USA (Ret)  
 CW3 David Wright USA  
 Annabelle Jenkins (Aux)  
 Anna Nagel (Aux)

## ROTC Update

Our annual ROTC awards season has ended. National MOAA provides us (free) all the award/gold bar materials that we award the students. For the medals, the Alamo chapter supported 62 high schools and four universities.

We appreciate the nearly dozen of our members who served as presenters at one or more schools (and the several others who were willing to help had their schedules permitted). We also provided sets of gold bars and a certificate to commissionees at the universities, along with an application for each for a year's free MOAA membership.

The JROTC and ROTC units genuinely value our awards for their cadets. Based on my observations at schools where I presented, the cadets receiving our award are outstanding cadets, citizens and students. Another interesting thing I learned is that several cadets at the university level are members of the Guard or Reserve and have been deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan. These cadets already have combat experience under their belts!

*Jim Webb*



*Chapter Member Tom Tullo (LtCol Ret) presenting MOAA award to Michelle Falck at Texas State University. Michelle has already been accepted to attend Undergraduate Pilot Training.*



*Senior Naval Instructor CDR Richard Gray presenting MOAA award to Cadet Gilbert Holguin of Naval JROTC at Seguin High School.*

## Health, Benefits & Welfare

### **Military & Family Life Consult Program:**

MFLC provides non-medical short-term, situational problem solving counseling to Service Members and their families for all Services and Guard/Reserve Components. Confidential and Private except for duty-to-warn situations. Call (210) 376-7824.

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### **Veterans Information Program:**

Free VIP event on June 23rd is sponsored by the Alliance for Veterans and Families (AVF) and the San Antonio Coalition for Veterans. Veteran Education and Training Benefits & Opportunities for all veterans, reservists, National Guard members and their families, significant others and care givers are invited to attend.

Location: The Neighborhood Place., 3014 Rivas St San Antonio, TX. Time: 6:15pm to 8:30pm

Reserve by June 20: Email [veteran2004-VIP@yahoo.com](mailto:veteran2004-VIP@yahoo.com) or call (210) 832-3009

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### **Eye Health Foods:**

Spinach, Salmon, Walnuts, Berries, Orange Bell Peppers, Broccoli, Green Tea, Soy, Eggs, Advocados.

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### **Purple Heart Update:**

The Army has announced a clarification in its guidelines for receiving a Purple Heart, with an emphasis on battlefield concussions being eligible for the medal. Official Army guidelines have long considered combat-sustained concussions a valid injury worthy of the Purple Heart, but in practice, it has been left to doctors or battlefield commanders to decide whether a blow to the head during combat warranted the medal. With recent studies on brain trauma, however, the rules have been revised to state what constitutes a concussion, with symptoms including momentary loss of consciousness or memory, dizziness, headache, nausea or light sensitivity.

Medical treatment, also required for the medal, is defined by the rules to include merely rest and Tylenol. If you are a Soldier who suffered a concussion and feel you may not have been appropriately recognized for a Purple Heart, the Army urges you to re-apply through your chain of command. Veterans can call 888-276-9472 or email [hrc.tagd.awards@conus.army.mil](mailto:hrc.tagd.awards@conus.army.mil).

Source: *Mil.com Benefits article.*

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### **Pets for Patriots:**

Pets for Patriots is an organization that helps a veteran or (Continued on Page 13)

# Chapter Scholarship Winners

Col Clarence T. Torrey Community Service Scholarship Winners  
Each recipient receives \$2,000



McKenzie Quinn was born in San Antonio, Texas on May 10, 1993 to Jim and Jackie Quinn. Due to her father's military assignments, they moved around a bit when she was young. Her earliest memories are of British Pre-school and hiking in the Swiss Alps with her parents. By the time McKenzie started grade school though, they were stationed back in San Antonio. By 2000, she was the oldest of four children.

McKenzie began playing soccer at age five and has progressed from flower-picking kickball to the team captain of her high school team for the last two years. She began playing the flute and piccolo in the sixth grade and most enjoyed the Taft Raider Band's trip to the state marching contest this fall. McKenzie is involved with her church, having been a member of their high school youth group for the last four years and having participated in a number of service projects with homeless and foster youth. McKenzie is also very involved at school having qualified for the Regional History Fair her junior year and having been elected President of the National Honor Society her senior year.

McKenzie plans to attend Trinity University in the fall. After completing a mentorship program with the director of the regional vaccine healthcare center this past year she would like to enter the field of international public health and thus hopes to double major in international relations and biology.



### Academics

- GPA of 103.81
- Currently ranked #1 out of 601 in Clark senior class
- SAT Score: 2190
- National Merit Scholarship Commended Student
- AP Scholar
- National Honor Society member
- Spanish National Honor Society member
- Clark "C" Award Recipient
  - President's Award for Academic Excellence
  - Biology Award
  - Algebra II Award
  - Pre-Calculus Award
- Spanish Student of the Six Weeks, September 2009
- Northwest Vista President's Honor Roll
- Twelve AP and Dual Credit Courses in high school career

### Athletics

- Fox 29/Fiesta Texas High School Scholar Athlete of the Year, 2010
- State Farm Texas Scholar Athlete, 2011

LtCol Ed & Ruby Marvin Scholarship  
Recipient receives \$2,000



My name is Gretchen Newcomer and next year I will be attending Saint Mary's College of Notre Dame to major in Nursing.

I engage myself in many activities and athletic programs at my high school. I was a member of National Honor Society, vice president of Sociedad Hispanica Honoraria, as well as Treasurer for both my Junior and Senior Year.

Athletically, I was part of the varsity sports of volleyball, track, soccer, swimming, and cross country.

Both my academics and sports are important to me therefore I do my best to excel in both, which was exemplified by my recognition as a member of the All-State Academic Volleyball Team.

JROTC Scholarship  
Each recipient receives \$2,000

Miss Marcella Vargas  
Fox Tech High School



Mr Enrique Moreno  
Carrizzo Springs High School





## Medical Minute

### Food Allergy or Intolerance

How do you distinguish between food allergy which can be fatal and food intolerance which causes a great deal of discomfort?

Allergy symptoms may include light headedness, itching, hives, rash, swelling of the lips, tongue and throat and nausea and vomiting. A severe reaction could lead to anaphylactic shock. Intolerance produces intestinal bacteria which give off hydrogen gas producing bloating, flatulence, aches and diarrhea.

Five Myths about food Allergies are:

- 1) A tiny taste won't hurt: Some people react to a single bite, or even an inhaled food particle.
- 2) Protein foods are less likely to cause allergic reactions if they are cooked: Protein foods are the allergens, and aren't altered by cooking.
- 3) Adults don't develop allergies: Although allergies usually begin in infancy, adults can develop them, too--especially fish and shellfish allergies which are most common in women.
- 4) Lactose intolerance is the same as milk allergy: Milk allergy is an immune reaction to the protein in milk. Lactose intolerance is caused by a deficiency of the enzyme that breaks down milk sugar in the intestines.
- 5) Allergic reactions become increasingly severe after each exposure to the problem food: The severity and symptoms are unpredictable. A food may produce a mild rash one time and a full blown anaphylaxis at another time.

Avoiding the offending trigger foods is the best solution and treatment to both allergic reactions and intolerance. Medical intervention is available for both conditions if needed.

Source: Harvard Women's Health Watch, May 2011

*Col Irene Collier (Ret)*



### Unsung Heroines

We have just celebrated Memorial Day when we honor those who served in the Armed Forces protecting our great nation.

However, not much is said about the young wives and mothers who were left behind. We often talk about the "Greatest Generation". This article honors the young women of that era and what they endured. Young men were drafted or enlisted as a patriotic duty, leaving behind a young wife and often small children. Who were these women and what characteristics did they have that carried them through the anxious war years?

During the Great Depression they were small children. Not everyone was touched equally by the Great Depression. Some richer families (40%) never felt it. Sixty percent of the nation felt deprivation and hardship. There were bread lines, soup kitchens and Victory gardens. Everyone took a pay cut. Often the family breadwinner worked only a couple of days per week.

If one member of a family had a full time job the others couldn't get work. Even the kids took jobs such as news paper delivery boys, or cleaning up small business, yard work. The money they earned was not spending money for them: it went into the family kitty for food and necessities.

There is an expression that said, "There is a patch on the patch and a hole in the patch". One man said, "I didn't know we were poor. We were rich in love." Families and neighbors pulled together to support one another. Unemployment was 25%.

By 1940 the country was just coming out of the deep depression. Young

## Solitaires



couples were getting married and starting families. At first they tried to follow their husbands and became known as "camp followers". Housing was inadequate. Home might be a one room apartment. The closet was converted into a kitchen. The communal bathroom was down the hall or upstairs. But they were together. Then his unit was deployed overseas and she was left alone. How did she cope for four years alone?

Some went back home to live with parents. Women entered the work force as men were drafted into the Army. Some didn't have any money but had children to feed and care for. Growing up in the depression had made her self reliant and resilient. Factories were turning out munitions and were hiring. She went to work. She became "Rosie the Riveter" and she managed.

Then the war was over and "Johnny came marching home"--if he could walk. Some went to military hospitals because of injuries. The men who returned were not the same men who had gone off four years ago. Some had physical injuries and now she added nursing to all of her other duties. Some had shell shock. (PTS today).

Those who survived wanted to resume their role as head of the household. But the family had grown without him, and he no longer fit. Some families were able to cope and make the adjustment. Many could not and couples were divorced. Those young women who were able to survive this traumatic period and adjust, keeping the family intact, are true heroines. Unsung Heroes! Today many are among our Solitaires. We salute these wives and mothers of the "Greatest Generation."

On 14 May we had our annual pot luck party. Susie Tolman again (Continued on Page 12)

## President's Message

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result is that we are going to be able to add almost \$3,000 to our Outreach Fund and another \$3,000 to the Wounded Warriors; great work, and thank you all.

The Scholarship Committee, composed of Mavis Cleary, Suzie Tolman, Janice Edgerson and me, met and interviewed candidates for the Clarence Torrey Community Service Scholarship.



Scholarship Committee: L-R Mavis Cleary, Susie Tolman and Janice Edgerson (COL, USA Ret). Not pictured Jim Cunningham, (MAJ USAR Ret)

We had two Torrey Scholarships to award this year. Five candidates were interviewed, and we selected two who will be presented the awards at our scholarship luncheon, Peter Rozanski and McKenzie Quinn. (See pics on Page 10). We had five applications for our two JROTC awards and selected Marcela Vagus from Fox Tech in San Antonio and Enrique Moreno from Carrizo Springs, TX. Lastly, we had three applications for the LtCol Ed Marvin and Ruby Marvin Chapter award and selected Gretchen Newcomer from Ft. Sam Houston. Again, all of these awardees have been recognized at our Scholarship Luncheon. Our contribution for the Warrior & Family Support Center, as a result of the Golf Tournament was awarded there as well.

I attended the Health Consumer Advisory Council (HCAC) meeting at Ft. Sam Houston. Presentations were put on by BAMC Staff regarding satisfaction surveys from patients. Emphasis was made to encourage our membership who gets these surveys to please complete them and turn them in. They are important to BAMC in two ways. One, to

address any shortcomings that there may be in treatment and two, these surveys are used to determine part of the funding that each medical unit gets.

Tricare did a presentation on the new "Young Adult Tricare" program. This is the program, which came about as a result of the new health care law, that allows children who are over 21 and not going to school and adult children up to age 26 to have coverage with Tricare outside of their sponsors Tricare coverage. This is a program that has to be applied for separately, and it is the equivalent of Tricare Standard. When applying, the applicant must pay three months premium up front and then the monthly premium will be \$186.00 per month. After October 1, these eligible children can convert to or apply for Tricare Prime, which will cost \$213.00 per month. If the child becomes employed and has access to private medical insurance, then they must drop Tricare and go onto that insurance. They do have the option of coming back to the Tricare coverage if they should lose the civilian coverage so long as they meet the other requirements.

The last bit of good and bad news is that the parking garage is now open at BAMC and the first level of some 900 parking spaces is available to patients. The bad news is that as of August 1 the valet parking at BAMC will be discontinued.

From the legislative standpoint, this has been a very tough year at the State Capital. The 100% Disabled Pass - Through of Property Tax exemption to the surviving spouse will probably pass, however, there are some last minute efforts that are going on right now. It appears that the effort to recognize Service Disabled Veteran Owned businesses as minority businesses in the state of Texas will die in committee. There has been extreme, and we feel, unwarranted opposition from women minorities and Hispanic minority groups to not allow this bill

to come out of committee and be voted on by the House. The effort to streamline the voting process for deployed troops from the state will pass and should bring us in conformity with Federal law. We had succeeded, at this writing, we believe, in helping the Texas Veterans Commission hold on to its budget and prevent the unwarranted and ill advised possibility of the state raiding the Veterans Lottery Assistance Fund to sustain the TVC's administrative functions.

The chapter has been involved in helping the Alliance for Veterans and Families, an organization that we support, to kick off its first Veterans Information Program. This will take place on the evening of June 23<sup>rd</sup>. For more information on this, please call the Chapter office. In addition, we have been working with the Huntsville and Tyler Chapters to get a similar program off the ground for those cities. This has the support of the Texas Veterans Commission, National MOAA, Admiral Mullen and the White House.

We are continuing work for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration and the MOAA National Annual Meeting to be held in San Antonio on October 26-29. Of interest to some of our membership will be that MOAA will have a major job fair on the 27<sup>th</sup>. More information will be forthcoming about the Annual Meeting.

We will again be producing a Membership Directory which will be in place of our normal Lariat in July. Please let us know if there are any changes to your address or other information and too, if you do not want to be in the directory.

Have a great month of June.

*Jim Cunningham*  
*USAR*

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# Scholarship Awards Luncheon



Torrey Winner McKenzie Quinn and her parents Col (Ret) James & Mrs Quinn with Scholarship Chair Dan Cummings.



Torrey Winner Peter Rozanski and his parents Col (Ret) Thomas and Mrs Rozanski with Scholarship Chair Dan Cummings.



Marvin Scholarship winner Gretchen Newcomer and her parents Col (Dr.) Timothy and Amy Newcomer with LtCol (Ret) Ed Marvin.




LtCol Stephen Rohrbough presents a check for \$2,855 to MSG Darin Schartner of the Warrior & Family Support Center; proceeds from the 4th Annual Golf Tournament.



JROTC Winner Marcella Vargas with her parents Mr Guillermo & Aurelia Vargas, her senior instructor LtCol Brian Busick and guest speaker LTC David Guarriello.



JROTC Winner Enrique Moreno with his senior instructor 1SG Jesse Barajas and guest speaker LTC David Guarriello.



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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.

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### 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

Residence Address City State Zip

Rank/Grade Service Date of Birth

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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

### CHARITABLE OUTREACH PROGRAM

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\*a fund for annual college scholarships and other charitable programs and services.

*Send applications to:*

**MOAA-AC, P.O. Box 340497, Ft Sam Houston, TX 78234**

**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.**

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## Solitaires

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graciously hosted the spring fling.

On 7 June we meet at the Fort Sam Golf Club at 1100. Guest speaker will be Gloria Jennings from Oasis.

See you there!

*Col Irene Collier (Ret)*

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*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*

## Health, Benefits & Welfare

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active, reserve, retired service member to adopt a mature dog or cat from one of many high-risk shelters around the country. The organization provides the veteran with a gift card for the purchase of food, supplies, toys and other basics for the new pet plus discounts on veterinary fees. In order to receive their assistance you must first apply and receive a confirmation of membership from them. They will determine eligibility upon receiving both your proof of service and the application available at [www.petsforpatriots.org/ForPatriots/BecomeamemberPatriot.aspx](http://www.petsforpatriots.org/ForPatriots/BecomeamemberPatriot.aspx). For more information, visit the Pets for Patriots website at [www.petsforpatriots.org](http://www.petsforpatriots.org).

Source: NAUS Weekly Update

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### Purple Heart Postage Stamp:

On May 5, 2011, Ron Stroman, Deputy Postmaster General of the U.S. Postal Service unveiled the "Purple Heart with Ribbon" forever stamp. In his remarks, Mr. Stroman noted that "with the issuance of this stamp, the Postal Service, along with the rest of our nation, can pay tribute to those whose sacrifices have given all of us, a country that is truly the 'land of the free and the home of the brave'. Until

now, the only 'forever' stamp has been the Liberty Bell stamp, which is the symbol of our nation's freedom. The significance of the Purple Heart forever stamp is that it now honors the symbol of the cost of our nation's freedom. The Purple Heart Medal on every recipient's chest is a reminder that the bill for freedom is paid in full."

The Purple Heart is awarded in the name of the president of the United States to members of the U.S. military who have been wounded or killed in action.



Source: MOPH Press Release

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“When you get to the end of your rope - tie a knot and hang on.”

-Franklin D. Roosevelt

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## Luncheon Location



Army Residence Community

7400 Crestway  
San Antonio, TX 78239

Take Randolph Blvd exit off I-35 and head East. On Crestway. At the intersection of Kitty Hawk and Millers Ridge take a right to remain on Crestway. The ARC will be on your right. Call (210) 646 5316.

# Chapter Events Calendar

## 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**
- 13-16 Medical Military Healthcare Convention & Conference**
- 14 FlagDay & US Army Birthday – Fly the Flag!**
- 15 Ft Sam Volunteer Advisory Council Mtg 9am*
- 16 Chapter Luncheon Army Residence Community**  
**Speaker: George Block, Haven for Hope**
- 17 Volunteer of The Year United Way Dinner 7pm**
- 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)*

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

## AUGUST

- 1 Volunteer Hours Due*
- 4 Staff Meeting 9am MOAA-AC Office**
- 9 Health Consumer Advisory Council Meeting 1130am*
- 14 Victory in Japan Day**
- 17 Ft Sam Volunteer Advisory Council Mtg 9am*
- 18 Board Meeting 9am Ft Sam Golf Club*
- 18 Chapter Luncheon Ft Sam Houston Golf Club**
- 30 Extravaganza Sam Houston Club (Ft Sam Newcomers Welcome)*
- Solitaire's meeting will be SA Food Bank Tour (date TBD)**

## JULY

- 1 Volunteer Hours Due*
- 4 Independence Day - Fly the Flag!**
- 4 Independence Day Ceremony Ft Sam Houston**
- 21 Ft Sam Volunteer Advisory Council Mtg 9am*
- 26 Extravaganza Sam Houston Club (Ft Sam Newcomers Welcome)*
- (No Staff/Board Meeting or Chapter Luncheon)
- Solitaire's July meeting will be Harlequin Dinner Theatre Trip (date TBD)

### Ongoing:

Cookie Angels delivering items to Warrior & Family Support Center

## SEPTEMBER

- 1 Volunteer Hours Due*
- 1 Staff Meeting 9am MOAA-AC Office**
- 1 Veterans Administration Volunteers Mtg 1pm*
- 5 Labor Day – Fly the Flag!**
- 6 Solitaire's Luncheon 11am Ft Sam Golf Club**
- 8-9 MOAA Chapter President's Symposium Kansas City*
- 11 Patriot Day – Fly the Flag!**
- 18 POW/MIA Recognition Day**
- 21 Ft Sam Volunteer Advisory Council Mtg 9am*
- 21 Chapter PicNic Oktoberfest 5:30pm**
- 25 Solitaire's Sunday Brunch 11 am Randolph Parr O Club**
- 27 Extravaganza Sam Houston Club (Ft Sam Newcomers Welcome)*

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**Thursday June 16, 2011**

## Luncheon

**Speaker: Mr George Block  
CEO/President Haven For Hope**

### Army Residence Community

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

#### Menu (Indicate Choice)

A) Rib Eye Steak      B) Trout Almandine

Onion Soup, Tossed Salad

Baked Potato, Seasoned Asparagus

Assorted Rolls & Butter

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**Thursday August 18, 2011**

## Luncheon

**Speaker TBD**

### Ft Sam Houston Golf Club

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

#### Menu (Indicate Choice)

A) Beef Burgundy      B) Mango Chutney Chicken

Tossed Salad

Scalloped Potatoes, Sauteed Yellow Squash

Dinner Rolls & Butter

Cherry Cobbler

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

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