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President's Message

The month of April brought us the loss of two long time members of the Alamo Chapter. LTC Sumner (Hud) Hudson passed on after many years as an active supporter of and Board Member to the Alamo Chapter.

Hud was always looking for new things to bring to the Chapter and was enthusiastic to the end. He and his wife, Wanda, have left a wonderful legacy for the college bound students of San Antonio with the LTC Sumner and Dr. Wanda Hudson Scholarship. Administered by National MOAA, this scholarship will be awarded each year to a student in the San Antonio area.

We also lost one of our dear Chaplains who faithfully served the membership until his health would no longer allow him to. I speak of LTC Charles Mills. He served many years in the Army Air Corp, United States Air Force and then the United States Army after he completed seminary. He was an over 30 year resident of San

Antonio, and we will miss him.

The budget activity continues in the State Legislature. It appears that efforts to raid the Veterans lottery Assistance Fund have been diverted. There also appears to be hope that the budget of the Texas Veterans Commission may not be as severely cut as was originally thought. We are still working toward getting bills passed to pass the 100% disabled property tax transferability to the surviving spouse or dependent children. Interestingly, there are a multitude of similar bills in committee to do this.

Hearings will be held next week to winnow them down to the primary bills that will take care of the issue.

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Save The Date!

Thu May 19

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

Thu June 16

Luncheon
Spkr: Mr. George Block
CEO/President haven For Hope
Army Residence
Community 11am

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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 Orlowski
David Patrick
Jan Rund
Cheryl Smith
Lou Strong
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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:

Chaplain LtCol Charlie Mills (Ret)
3/23/11

Amelia Millstein
Spouse of LTC Conan Millstein USA
(Ret)
3/24/11

Col Donald T. Betz USA (Ret)
3/31/11

LTC Sumner Hudson USA (Ret)
4/5/11

LTC Vernon Loisel USA (Ret)
4/13/11

Col Peter Cotellesse USAF (Ret)
4/19/11

LTC Bernadette Calnon USAF (Ret)
4/23/11

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
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Greeters at Social Functions
Floater Duty Officer
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Members for Program Committee
Transportation Coordinator

The Institute of Texan Cultures is looking for Texas Folklife Festival volunteers on Friday Jun 10, 11 and 12. Call Denise at (210) 458-2275. Orientation dates May 18 & 25 at 6pm.

MOAA's Storming the Hill – 2011

How the Texas Council of Chapters Conducted Its Operation

The national organization conducts an operation known as “Storming the Hill” on a Wednesday in mid-April each year putting forward military personnel issues to Congress considered vital to its membership. With Texas calling on 32x Congressional Representatives and the usual two Senators in one day between 9am – 3:30pm, there is an enormous amount of organizational and stubby pencil work going on before troop-ing the halls of congressional offices kicks off.

National chooses the issues, prepares organizational books, suggested letters, legislative drop packets containing the issues, and prepares a quick back of the envelope, off the cuff talking paper, and sends all in a binder to the Team Leaders. The rule of thumb is 17 legislators per Team. Fortunately, Texas had three teams, two national board members and the TCC President served as team leaders. Organizing the overall effort for the Teams fell to the Council President with each team leader arranging their own appointments. An attempt is made to see all with the emphasis on making contact with either those chairing or serving on key committees, i.e. Armed Services, Appropriations, VA, Ways and Means, etc. It is not always possible to get appointments with key chairs so one makes an attempt to meet with Chiefs of Staff or Legislative Aides.

The whole affair is complicated by Senators being on the opposite side of the Capitol from the Representatives. There are three Senate buildings and three Congressional Office Buildings. It's a tough physical haul to make it all the way across the way between the Senate and the Congress and the different offices even for three teams. So, what does one do?

Here's what was done before hand:

1. Offices were sorted by building and floor using a spread sheet...ask MOAA to give you everything in either document or spreadsheet format at the outset in January when you receive the legislative materials...and give each thirty minutes starting at 8:30am or 9am depending on the numbers assigned to a team...try to wrap up by 3:30pm so one can make it to the last bus leaving the Capitol Club for the hotel in Alexandria...note there's around a hour and a half lunch break scheduled around Noon at the Capitol Club close the House's Cannon Building.

2. Letters were written and mailed to all followed by faxing and scanning each into a pdf file and emailing

each to the primary with a courtesy copy to the scheduler...followed up by phone calls. So, thirty-four letters, faxes, emails, and phone calls...usually more emails and phone calls...before it's all worked out. With so many to call on, schedule the Senators on Monday before the Wednesday event with the House members – even with three teams one will never get to visit the two Senate and all the House Offices in the same day.

3. Try to evenly distribute the calls keeping one team to a building...running between buildings is inefficient and consumes time.

On the day of the event, be prepared to slip the plan and execute as you go dropping back to pick up an office one has by-passed due to circumstances. Leave the legislative packets prepared by national once the items of importance have been discussed. Make working pictures with a good camera, national provides disposable cameras they consider adequate.

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LtCol Stan Giles USAF

LtCol Scott McCabe USAF (Ret)

LTC Judy Turner USA (Ret)

LtCol John Weis USAF

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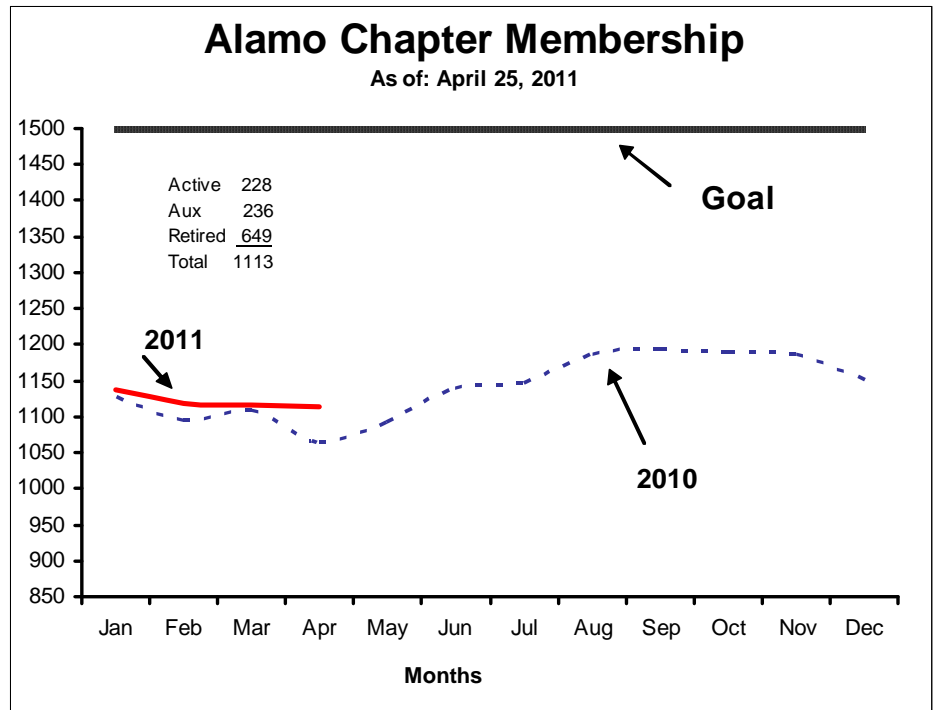
CPT Darren Teters USA

CPT Lisa Wickstrom USA

1LT Marvin Johnson USA

1LT Robert White USA

Year to Date Membership Stats



Speaker Bio - May Luncheon

Lieutenant Colonel David Guarriello became the Professor of Military Science at Saint Mary's University on 27 July 2009.

He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Field Artillery on 24 May 1991 from the Georgetown University School of Business Administration. Previous assignments include serving as Company Fire Support Officer, Platoon Fire Direction Officer and Battery Executive Officer in 1-41 Field Artillery at Fort Stewart, Georgia from May 1992 through August 1995; serving as Battalion Fire Support Officer for 1-21 Infantry, Battalion Adjutant for 2-11 Field Artillery and Battery Commander for C Battery 2-11 Field Artillery at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii from April 1996 through May 2000; serving as Current Operations Officer for United States Army Pacific at Fort Shafter, Hawaii from June 2000 through June 2001; serving as World Class Opposing Force Planner for the Battle Command Training Program at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas from July 2001 through August 2003; serving as Brigade Fire Support Officer, Battalion Operations Officer and Battalion Executive Officer for 4-42 Field Artillery as well as Chief of the 4th Infantry Division G3 Training at Fort Hood, Texas from July 2004 through June 2009.

Lieutenant Colonel Guarriello's civilian education includes a Bachelor of Science in Marketing degree from Georgetown University and an MBA from Webster University. His military education includes the Field Artillery Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Combined Arms Services Staff School, Airborne School, Air Assault School, Command and General Staff College and Ranger School.

MOAA-AC's 4th Annual Golf Tournament – another Wonderful Success!

On Friday, April 15th, our Alamo Chapter hosted its 4th Annual Golf Tournament at Ft Sam Houston's Loma Course. We had a good turnout ever with 70 players playing on a beautiful day for this very worthy cause. Among these were 32 warriors.

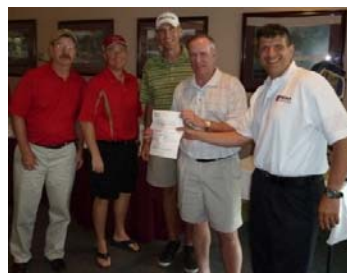
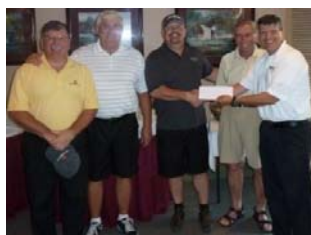
A special thank you goes to MSG Darin Schartner and his team at the Warrior Family Support Center for their extraordinary efforts to round up our warriors to play in this our most successful tournament to date. As a result, the net proceeds of \$6,000 will be evenly divided between the Fort Sam Houston Warriors and Family Support Center and our Chapter's Scholarship Fund. A check presentation will be made to the Center at our May Chapter Meeting.

We were pleased to have two Title Sponsors for our Tournament – Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union for the fourth time and Humana Military Healthcare Services for the second time. Both contributed \$1,500 to get our tournament off to a great start. Altogether, we had 9 corporate sponsors and 24 individual sponsors for warriors.

Thanks to the great work of many of our MOAA Staff and Golf Planning Committee members, 26 donations were obtained from local businesses, to include restaurants, retail stores and golf courses. These prizes were given as door prizes to the players and contributed greatly to the success of our tournament this year.

On behalf of the President Jim Cunningham and the MOAA Staff, I want to extend a special thank you to Stephen Rohrbough for his leadership, David Walker and David Patrick for their seemingly tireless pursuit of door prizes and the many others who supported this annual fundraiser by the giving of their time and/or financial contribution.

Frank Rohrbough
Chairman, Golf Tournament
Planning Committee





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Medical Minute

Stages of Grief

Forty years ago Elizabeth-Keubler Ross introduced the four stages of grief in her book: Death and Dying - DABDA:

Denial, Anger, Bargaining, Depression, and Acceptance (though not always in that order).

It has been widely used in the medical field to describe the stages of grief most people go through. In a new book by Okum and Nowinski: "Saying Good bye: How Families Can Find Renewal Through Loss", a new formula is introduced -CUURR.

* Crisis: Family is disrupted by the diagnosis.

* Unity: Everyone bands together saying, "What can we do to help?"

* Upheaval: As the disease progresses the family find it difficult to communicate honestly about the upheaval they are experiencing

* Resolution: As the patient's health deteriorates everyone comes to accept that the end is near. Now is the time to resolve family feuds, and old jealousies.

* Renewal: The final stage begins with the funeral and continues for a long time as individuals adapt to the loss and to their changing roles.

Source: Barbara Okun and Joseph Nowinski, *Saying Goodbye: How Families Can Find Renewal Through Loss*

Col Irene Collier (Ret)



Solitaires



On Tuesday 5 April, the Solitaires had a very enlightening educational tour. We went to the local Toyota facility here in San Antonio where they manufacture the Tacoma and Tundra trucks. Bill Stout set up the tour and a luncheon at a nearby buffet afterwards. Thanks Bill.

In 2002 after intensive exploration, Toyota chose San Antonio as the site of its new Tundra manufacturing assembly plant. In 2006 the first Tundra rolled off the assembly line. In August 2010 Toyota moved production of the Tacoma truck to San Antonio.

The plant acreage today covers 2000 acres and the plant size covers 2.2 million square feet. The operations include press, weld, paint, and plastic assembly. Some parts are from on site suppliers. Some are shipped from elsewhere i.e...engines from Japan. The employees work two shifts (changing every two weeks), have a complete medical clinic for themselves and family, and a well equipped gymnasium for their use either at lunch or before or after work. Workers wear colored uniforms to identify with which department they work. Certain music alerts workers to a slow down or stoppage. The tune identifies the area of the problem.

It takes 20 hours to manufacture a truck and only 90 minutes to assemble it. Educational tours are held three times a day for the general public. Although they issued plastic hard hats and plastic safety glasses to us we were never near any danger.

Transporters consisted of multi cubicated sectional electrically propelled carts. Our tour coordinator in car one explained what we were seeing. Since

everyone was issued hearing devices there was no problem with communications.

The first thing that impresses one is the immaculate cleanliness of the plant. No dust, dirt or rubbish anywhere! Their plastic and paints are especially sensitive to odors or debris. If you work in one of those departments you go through a decontamination chamber before going to work. You can not wear any make up, perfume or powder. If a worker ate garlic the night before or had perspired heavily--he would have to shower and go through the decontaminating chamber before going to work.

As you drive past the various assembly departments you are impressed with the efficiency of the operation. Chassis of vehicles are moved by conveyor often 5 or 6 stories high. "Godzilla" lifts a huge chassis to a metal conveyor belt. It is then moved from department to department on tracks.

Toyota recently purchased special Komatsu stamping equipment for the San Antonio Plant. The new metal presses use 1/3 less energy than previous stampers. They are quiet enough so that employees no longer have to wear special ear protectors against noise. Since the stampers are smaller they were able to lower the ceiling thereby cutting heating and cooling bills.

To reduce back injuries the above conveyor drops the chassis to your level right at waist level. We saw Godzilla drop a chassis between four workers--at waist level. They put on tires and tightened the lugs; two men working each side. In minutes they had that chassis rolling to the next station.

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President's Message

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Once passed, there will have to be a vote in the November elections for a constitutional amendment to allow this, and we will need your support for this change when that time comes.

One of the four legislative priorities for TCVO and the Texas Council of Chapters of the Military Officers Association of America for the 82nd Texas Legislature is re-introduction of legislation to recognize Service Disabled Veteran Owned Business (SDVOB) as a category of small business with equal standing to State HUB (minority, women, etc) business enterprises.

HB 888 authored by Representatives Guillen, Huberty, Cook, Alvarado, Harless, and Margo, and HB 1096 authored by Representative Farias specifically address this classification for SDVOBs. FYI: Both HB 888 and HB 1096 have been sent to the House Calendars Committee but have not been placed on the House floor calendar for open debate and voting.

Due to strong, behind the scenes opposition by the Texas Association of Mexican-American Chambers of Commerce, and the Texas Association of African American Chambers of Commerce on the grounds that the "...state needs to first study whether disabled veteran-owned businesses face disparities or under-utilization before being included..." HB 888 and HB 1096 are being prevented from being considered by the full House by the Calendars committee.

We are requesting that you contact the members of the Calendars Committee, and also your own Texas Representative and demand that HB 888 and HB 1096 be placed on the Calendars Committee agenda and then placed on the appropriate calendar so that the entire House will have the opportunity to finally review, debate, and vote upon HB 888 and HB 1096.

We are asking for your personal support and commitment to HB 888 and HB 1096 by contacting your State Repre-

sentative and following the suggested script:

1. identify who you are;
2. provide your full address;
3. identify yourself as a voter in district # _____;
4. insist on speaking with your Representative;
5. if that is not possible, insist on talking with a senior member of the Representative's staff;
6. insist that they write down and deliver to your Representative your message.

Suggested message:

"As a Texas Veteran and a MOAA Member, I support HB 888 and HB 1096 which will place Service Disabled Veteran Owned Businesses in the same category as HUBs (Historically Underutilized Businesses) for the purpose of bidding competitively on State contracts. Disabled Texas veterans of all ethnic, racial, and gender categories must be allowed to compete on a level playing field for State contracts. In order for this level playing field to come into existence, Service Disabled Veteran Owned Businesses must be placed in the same category as Historically Underutilized Businesses. As my Representative, I respectfully request that you also support HB 888 and HB 1096 and insist that the House Calendars Committee expeditiously place HB 888 and HB 1096 on the House Calendar for review, debate, and vote. I look forward to receiving assurance from you, my Representative, that you too are in full support of HB 888 and HB 1096, and will do everything possible to bring HB 888 and HB 1096 out of Calendars and to the House floor."

The best way to get your State Representatives attention is to send the message by email or fax. To obtain the contact information for your State Representative please go to the following website:

<http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/Home.as>

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On the right side of the screen, enter the personal information requested to obtain the name of your representative.

If you know the name of your State Representative, go to the following website for full contact information: <http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/Members/Members.aspx?Chamber=H>

Thank you in advance for your support of this important effort!

Unfortunately, I had to make the decision to cancel our Fiesta Picnic at Randolph. The fact of the matter was that we simply didn't have enough of our members sign up for it to make it worthwhile financially or to justify all the work that it would take to put it on.

Our next meeting is going to be our scholarship luncheon at Ft. Sam Houston Golf Club. I hope that many of you will attend as this is when the Chapter does its part to assist, in a small way, to educate our next generation through financial assistance in their schooling. Our speaker will be the Senior Instructor for the St. Mary's Rattler ROTC from St. Mary's University, LTC David Guarriello. Lieutenant Colonel Guarriello's civilian education includes a Bachelor of Science in marketing degree from Georgetown University and an MBA from Webster University. His military education includes the Field Artillery Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Combined Arms Services Staff School, Airborne School, Air Assault School, Command and General Staff College and Ranger School.

Our next meeting will be at the Army Residence Community (ARC) on June 16. Our speaker will be George Block. He is the President and CEO of the non-profit organization, Haven for Hope (H4H) here in

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President's Message

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Memorial Day

Memorial Day (aka Decoration Day) is officially the last Monday in May to honor the fallen troops and those who fought and died in wars to preserve our freedom.

On June 28, 1968 Congress passed the Uniform Holidays Bill which moved all federal holidays from their traditional dates to a specified Monday in order to create a convenient three day week end. The law went into effect in 1971. Veterans felt the change of dates diluted the significance of honoring deceased soldiers. In 1999 Senator Inouye (Hawaii) himself a World War 2 Veteran--introduced a bill returning Memorial Day to the original 30 May. But it was never passed.

On May 5, 1868 General John A. Logan of the General Army of the Republic (an organization of former soldiers and sailors) declared in General Order # 1 that the strewing of flowers or decorations on graves of comrades who died in defense of their country be done. Memorial Day celebrated Union soldiers who died in the Civil War. The South did not agree. They preferred to refer to it as Decoration Day.

In 1867 several southern states set up an additional separate day for honoring the Confederate dead. Texas chose 19 January. Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, and South Carolina chose 10 May. Louisiana and Tennessee chose 3 June (Jeff Davis birthday).

So where was the birthplace of Memorial Day? Southern ladies had decorated graves even before the end of the Civil War. Blacks in South Carolina had their own ceremonies. Waterloo NY claims to have had the first parade. NYC claims the same honor. Meanwhile small towns all over had parades culminating in political speeches at the city cemetery. In 1966 President Lyndon Johnson designated Waterloo NY as the birthplace of Memorial Day.

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San Antonio. H4H is unique in the world in that it is the largest facility to assist both single and family homeless and offer them up to three years of housing, counseling, therapy and job readiness so that they can get on their feet and back into society. They are assisting many homeless veterans and their families. I believe you will find his talk very informative and interesting. We will not have a program in July.

Our program of supporting the JROTC and ROTC programs in the South Texas Region is going along well. LTC Jim Webb has spearheaded this effort for us this year and is doing a wonderful job. We are still in need of presenters for the MOAA award at some schools, so please contact Jim if you can do a presentation. It will take a little of your time, but I believe that you will find it very gratifying. Jim can be reached at (210) 630-5421.

With the Gold Bar program, Jim and I have presented recognition to some 55 newly commissioned 2nd Lt's from UTSA, Incarnate Word and St. Mary's Universities. These were Air Force and Army Officers.

Have a great month and enjoy the Spring/Summer weather!

Jim Cunningham
USAR

Today a national Memorial Day concert takes place on the west lawn of the US Capitol. Services are held at Arlington Cemetery.

San Antonio is a military city. With troops engaged in three wars in the Middle East, we especially want to honor our heroes of past wars and to remember the troops currently serving in harm's way. San Antonio suburbs all have their own events such as parades, picnics and special events to commemorate the day.

Storming The Hill

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This year's issues:

1. Cap TRICARE fee increases at COLA percentage;
2. Protect the Active Force from manpower and pay raise cuts;
3. Remove the inequities remaining for the disabled, surviving spouses, and the Guard and Reserve.

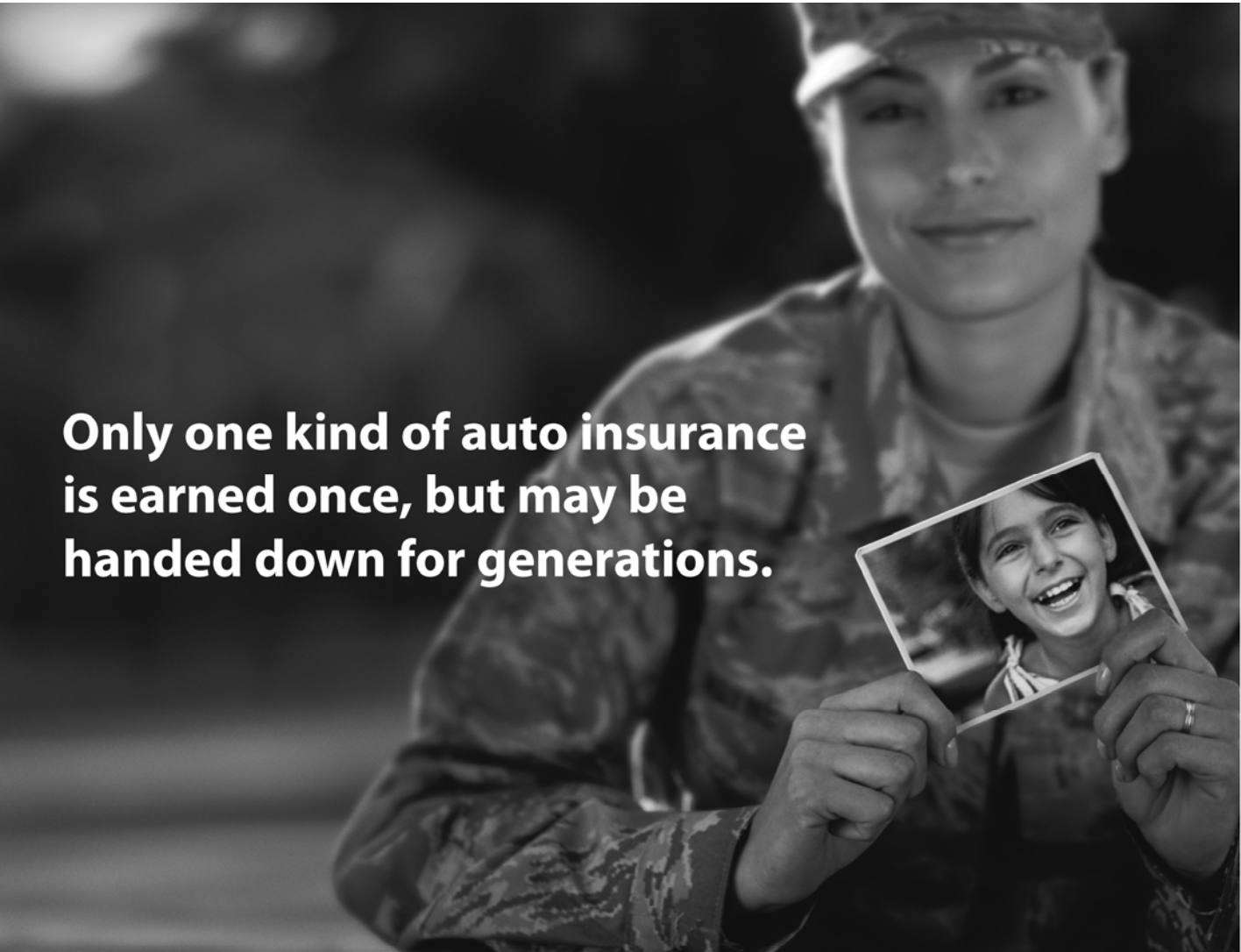
All in all, it is physically demanding work during that one day...it is the organization and attention to detail preceding the day of Storming the Hill that gets the job done. Advocacy for our members is what it is all about. Never lose your sense of humor and rise above taunts. Know that "Mother MOAA" is the BEST!

Texas teams were well received. What's going to happen with regards to the issues...in "almost dead-broke times" and the ensuing contentiousness, your guess is as good as mine...we'll all have to wait and see???

Ed Stone
President, Texas Council of Chapters (TCC)
Military Officers Association of America (MOAA)
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Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery will have their usual remembrance of Memorial Day. The Army band will play patriotic songs. Banners and wreaths will be presented by representatives of local military organizations. Opening remarks will be by Gil Gallo. Captain Frost will give the keynote address. The program starts at 0900. There is limited seating, so come early.

Irene Collier



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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

Residence Address City State Zip

Rank/Grade Service Date of Birth

Home phone _____ Business phone _____

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

Please accept my tax-deductible donation of: \$ _____ to (check one)
Outreach Fund* _____ As designated by the Alamo Chapter _____

*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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They have carts with parts right at their side so there is no delay in team work. The truck rolls to the next station. A "tester" jumps in, starts the truck, and rolls it over some speed bumps to test functionality. If they find a flaw, that truck is pulled. Otherwise it is ready for market.

The next Solitaires meeting will be Sunday brunch on 17 April at the Randolph O Club. On Saturday 14 May we will have our annual Pot Luck party at Susie Tolman's home.

We will have the usual Sunday brunch at Randolph on 22 May. Y'all come!

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

May is Military Appreciation Month



We appreciate YOU!

Bothered by Urinary Tract Symptoms?



Urinary Tract Symptoms can be any of the following:

- Frequent urination
- Urgency to urinate
- Accidental loss of urine
- Getting up multiple times at night to urinate

If you are an adult male with these symptoms, you may be eligible to participate in a research study of urinary tract symptoms treatment.

Participants must be willing to:

- Undergo a physical examination and initial lab tests
- Attend at least 6 clinic visits
- Keep home records of their bladder habits
- Take FDA-approved medications
- Do exercises and complete forms and questionnaires at home

Study treatments, study-related tests and examinations are provided at no charge. Compensation is available for completion of study activities.

For Information please contact: Caren Prather, R.N. 210-567-0548

Participating centers: UT Medicine of San Antonio, University Hospital
Principal Investigator: Dr. Stephen Kraus, Professor Department of Urology, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio

Chapter Events Calendar

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 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!

21 TCC 2nd Quarter Teleconference 9am

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 Ceremony

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 Celebration 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 *italicized* are for *staff*, though members are always welcome. Please call the office for details (210) 228-9955

Ongoing:

Cookie Angels delivering items to Warrior & Family Support Center

JULY

(No Staff/Board Meeting or Chapter Luncheon)

Solitaire's July meeting will be Harlequin Dinner Theatre Trip (date TBD)

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)

AUGUST

Solitaire's meeting will be SA Food Bank Tour (date TBD)

1 Volunteer Hours Due

4 Staff Meeting 9am MOAA-AC Office

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)

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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: \$ _____

RSVP by Noon Monday 16 May

Reservations not cancelled by noon 17 Tuesday will be billed
Non member Officers are welcome with paid reservations

Name _____

Guest: _____

Send reservation slip & check made payable to
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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
Vanilla Ice Cream w/ Chocolate Or Caramel Sauce
Water, Coffee & Tea Service and \$3.50 per small bottle wine

Cost per person \$15

Enclosed: \$ _____

RSVP by Noon Monday 13 June

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Name _____

Guest: _____

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