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## President's Message

### It Takes a Village ...

My first boss in the Air Force was a marvelous Chief of Services at Pease AFB, NH. He introduced me to the concept that the base was part of the Portsmouth NH community and the value of developing and maintaining a good working relationship with that community. That lesson has stayed with me throughout my working career and now beyond.

One of the goals of the Chapter is to increase opportunities for chapter members throughout the San Antonio community. Our first venture has been

with the San Antonio Food Bank. Groups of our members have volunteered twice this year to pack food bags, arrange coolers and other tasks at the marvelous Food Bank.

In the effort of continuing this relationship, Eric Cooper, President and CEO of the Food Bank, will be our guest speaker at the October lunch at Blue Skies. You can register for the lunch at [www.alamomoaa.org](http://www.alamomoaa.org), or send in the rsvp slip on the back page of this newsletter.

We have also connected with the Family Services Association. This 100 year old organization provides all sorts of services to the San Antonio community. Mary Garr, President and CEO, is one of our members. We have reached out to her about partnering with Family Services on projects.

The biggest challenge that we face is coordinating the activities. This requires an organizer. Pete Schaub, our chapter volunteer coordinator, has successfully organized the Food Bank activities and developed the working contact with Family Services. We are looking for a couple of members to help him in these initiatives. We are also hoping to build a committee to build upon the list of volunteers.

To those who might be interested, please contact me by email at:

[kamconsulthr@gmail.com](mailto:kamconsulthr@gmail.com)

or Pete at:

[George\\_p\\_schaub@yahoo.com](mailto:George_p_schaub@yahoo.com).

Service is in the DNA of military members and their families. What better way to give than to volunteer to help in the community.

*Kitty*

Kathryn “Kitty” Meyers  
LtCol USAF (Ret)  
SPHR, SHRM-SCP

A GREAT time was had by all at the Chapter Fundraising Golf Tournament on Sept 28.

Thank you to our title sponsor  
**Blue Skies of Texas**

at Air Force Village!

See pics on pages 8 and 9.

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The MOAA Alamo Chapter & The Warrior and Family Support Center Thank




Blue Skies  
of Texas

AT AIR FORCE VILLAGE

2018

# News & Notices



## Treats For Troops

Grateful thanks to those who provided treats (pizzas, cookies etc) for the wounded warriors at JBSA 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

Irene Collier

Susan Filipini

John Gibbs

Sue McCarthy

Mac and Lori McDonald

Lolly Orlowski

Brenda Tobey



## Thank You!

to each of our members listed below who have donated a little (or a lot!) to either the Scholarship Fund, Chapter Operations, or both!

Ilene Devlin

LCDR Armon & Venice Grantham  
USN (Ret)

CDR Linda Hearin USN (Ret)

Col Robert Hill USMC (Ret)

COL Gary Hyde USA (Ret)

Col Glenn Larsen USAF (Ret)

LTC Michael Sullivan USA (Ret)

## TAPS

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

COL Cesar A. Lopez USA (Ret)  
08/21/18

BG Robert L. Herring USA (Ret)  
08/25/18

Patricia Reinsch  
(exact date unknown)



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## WANTED!

### Active Duty or Retired Job Seekers

If you would like to be added to the regular email blast that lists job opportunities in **San Antonio and Texas** please contact David Patrick, the Career Transition Coordinator - Texas  
[dwpatrick01@gmail.com](mailto:dwpatrick01@gmail.com)

If you are an area **employer** who is interested in hiring career transitioning officers or their spouses . .

or if you are a MOAA member who is interested in helping a career transitioning officer or spouse as a **San Antonio Networker**,

or if you are a **MOAA-AC member Job Seeker**, please contact

**Kitty Meyers LtCol USAF (Ret)**  
Chapter Transition Liaison Officer at  
[kamconsulthr@gmail.com](mailto:kamconsulthr@gmail.com)

## MEMBER NOTICE

### ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

of the

MOAA Alamo Chapter

will be held during the

luncheon on

**Wednesday**

**November 28, 2018**

Ft Sam Golf Club

With speaker

Jenna Saucedo-Herrera

President and CEO

San Antonio Economic  
Development Foundation

## The Retired Military Spouses Club

(Formerly the Retired Officers' Wives and Widows Club)

### Luncheon

Monday, October 22nd

Ft. Sam Houston Golf Club



**Mr. George Wunderlich**  
Director Army Medical Museum

Invites you to a lively discussion on

### Sex During The Civil War

RSVP to: 210-822-6559

Or

[Lbraswell2@satx.rr.com](mailto:Lbraswell2@satx.rr.com)  
by Oct 17, 2018

## A Golfer's Prayer

O God, who made the earth round and hurled it into space with infinite power and accuracy.

Bless us who are gathered here today, whose aim it is to imitate your divine action on the golf course.

Grant us a portion of your power, smoothness and accuracy.

Give us poise and patience in our golfing efforts,

Implant in our hearts a love for this great game - but a greater love for our fellow players on and off the golf course.

O Lord, bestow on us a saving sense of humor and balance so that we may always golf in the spirit of charity, humility and reverence for your name.

Finally, O Lord, bless all who have assisted with this event, and make us always mindful that all good things - even a good score - come from you.

Amen.

*Daughters of  
Charity Services  
of San Antonio*

## What Has Your Chapter Done For You Lately?

During August we:

- Continued to take the lead on managing the Veterans Resources Area for the November annual "Red, White & You" Hiring Fair at Freeman Coliseum
- Participated in a conference call with National MOAA regarding their Transition/Networking Coordinator Program
- Performed the leg work in getting Alamo Chapter shirts for members to wear at volunteer events
- Continued the planning for the 11<sup>th</sup>

Annual Golf tournament at River Crossing on Sept 28 that benefits the Warrior & Family Support Center and our Scholarship Fund.

- Participated in JBSA transition meetings.
- Volunteered over 417 hours (with 33 members) throughout the San Antonio area. These hours contribute to JBSA Ft Sam's Volunteer Service record.
- Continued assisting in the planning of the Military Spouse Employment Symposium. That occurred on October 1st.



Happy 243rd Birthday  
to the

United States Navy

Oct 13, 1775

Not For Self But For Country

## One Word Essay:



Honor



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# Membership Memos

<b>THANK YOU</b> <b>Renewing Members:</b>	<b>WELCOME New Members:</b>	
Col Alex Archibald Jr, USAF (Ret) CAPT Cora Bayle Cox USN (Ret) Col Jim Browning USAF (Ret) Col Arch Bruns USAF (Ret) Col Rich Demouy USAF (Ret) Col Robert Hill USMC (Ret) COL Gary Hyde USA (Ret) Col Glenn Larsen USAF (Ret) CAPT Harold Lutz USN (Ret) COL Jim Martin USA (Ret) LtCol Alan Chalfont USAF (Ret) CDR Linda Hearin USN (Ret) LtCol Patrick O'Hara USAF (Ret) LTC Michael Sullivan USA (Ret) CDR Maxine Wilcox USCG (Ret) MAJ Michael Burkett USA (Ret) MAJ Jose Chapa USA (Ret) LCDR Ahia Shabaaz USPHS (Ret) Capt Joseph Thomas USAF (Ret) 1LT Paul McCarthy USA (Ret) Pat Shecter	MG William Overacker USAF (Ret) MajGen Duane Young USAF (Ret) BrigGen Daniel Taylor USAF (Ret) COL Mark Aitken USA Col John Brooks USAF CAPT Douglas Frazee USN (Ret) Col Timothy Heintzelman USAFF (Ret) COL John Highfill USA Col Michael Madrid USAF Col Tara Muehe USAF COL Jim Phelps USA (Ret) COL Steve Sanchez USA (Ret) COL James Sheehan USA (Ret) Col Robert Snodgrass USAF Col Todd Vician USAF LtCol Betty Foley USAF (Ret) LTC Alfred Howell USA (Ret) LtCol James Kniker USAF (Ret) LTC David Marquez USA(Ret) LtCol Don Miller USAF (Ret)	LTC Andrew McGraw USA LtCol John Revak USAF (Ret) LTC Wayne Rickard USA (Ret) LtCol Thomas Young USAF (Ret) Maj Thomas Dera USAG (Ret) MAJ Acie Hayry USA MAJ Debra Love USA Cpt Lisa Angotti USAF CPT Christopher Irwin USA CPT Bersy Roberson USA CPT Charlton Smith USA Capt Alex White USAF (Frmr) CPT Hiram Virchis USA Mrs. Ritchie Seymour
<b>Current Stats</b> Active Duty 214 Surviving Spouse 176 Former Military 23 <u>Retired 710</u> <b>Total 1125</b>	<div data-bbox="630 1398 985 1499">           Help us shape and drive our chapter!         </div> <div data-bbox="712 1522 883 1703">  </div> <div data-bbox="709 1732 904 1770"> <b>Alamo Chapter</b> </div> <div data-bbox="589 1785 1026 1955">           Join us at our monthly business meetings, 1st Thursday of the month from 10am to noon at the chapter office. Call 228-9955 for more info.         </div>	<b>NEVER STOP SERVING!</b> <div data-bbox="1205 1152 1347 1329">  </div> <div data-bbox="1110 1386 1468 1434"> <b>WE NEED <u>YOU</u></b> </div> <div data-bbox="1089 1446 1464 1579"> <b>TO VOLUNTEER</b>            for positions on your Chapter Leadership Team            (Member spouses welcomed!)         </div> <div data-bbox="1170 1589 1399 1623"> <b>Current Needs:</b> </div> <div data-bbox="1045 1629 1511 1938"> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Secretary (no taking of minutes required!)</li> <li>2) Blue Skies East Liaison</li> <li>3) Solitaires Coordinator</li> <li>4) Membership Cmte Members</li> <li>5) Logistics Officer</li> <li>6) Chapter Transition Liaison</li> <li>7) Advertising Team Members</li> <li>8) Community Outreach Members</li> </ol> </div>



Corporate Partners	Transitioning Tips	
<p><b>Abby Consulting</b></p> <p><b>Air Force Federal Credit Union</b></p> <p><b>Army Residence Community</b></p> <p><b>Beldon Roofing</b></p> <p><b>Blue Skies of Texas</b></p> <p><b>Medical Services International</b></p> <p><b>Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union</b></p> <p><b>Security Service Federal Credit Union</b></p> <p><b>Silverbridge Realty</b></p> <p><b>USAA</b></p> <p><i>Links to these companies' websites can be found on our webpage at <a href="http://www.alamomoaa.org">www.alamomoaa.org</a>.</i></p> <p><i>Please remember their support and bear these companies in mind when choosing a service provider.</i></p>	<p><b>Are You Job Fair Ready?</b></p> <p>Tis the season for job fairs. However, there is a method to the madness of how to prepare for and then what to do when you get to the job fair. Job fairs can be intimidating. They are crowded and noisy. You're not sure where to start.</p> <p>There are multiple reasons for attending. A job fair is a great place to network to the attending employers and with fellow job fair attendees. This is an opportunity to practice your 30-second introduction – remember the importance of first impressions. There are usually workshops on such topics as resumes, mock interviews and social media use. The employers may conduct on-site interviews. Some job fairs also provide a professional photographer for that LinkedIn profile.</p> <p>So, what do you need to do to prepare for a job fair? First thing to do is to find out which employers will be attending. You can usually find out that list from the job fair's website. Review the list and research the employers that interest you. Check the website or google to company. Look up the company on sites like glassdoor.com. You can now narrow down the list and organize your activities at the job fair. The goal is to maximize your time.</p> <p>A crucial step is to update your resume. Contact Goodwill Veterans Resource Center or the TVC representative at your nearest Workforce Center. There are folks there to help. You can also contact me for help. You don't need a resume printed on fancy paper. Keep it focused and organized on the type of job that you want. And – max of two pages.</p> <p>One thing to note about presenting resumes at job fairs. A number of employers no longer accept resumes due to the regulations now in place regard-</p>	<p>ing resumes and applications. The recruiter will tell you to apply online. This allows them to track applicants and meet federal tracking requirements. The thing that I recommend is to check out Vistaprint or other source for a simple business card. You can then present the card and get one of their cards. You then have the opportunity to follow up after you have applied on-line.</p> <p>Based upon your research, build some questions to ask the recruiter. Focus your questions on the skills that they are looking for, what the company culture was like, and what kind of person are they seeking. Don't get into questions regarding salary or benefits. Also – and a big also- don't ask questions that can be found on the website.</p> <p>A final preparation is what to wear. The best advice is to wear business attire. That means a suit for men and a suit or dress with jacket for women. Shined dark leather shoes are the best. Women: Fancy heels are great on the dance floor. Your feet will say thank you at the end of the day if you save those for later and wear a moderate heel. Concrete floors for any length of time will test all. Be prepared for plenty of walking and standing.</p> <p>Remember that you need to be conservative for most employers. Be professional. Be organized. Keep papers, resumes, etc. in a portfolio or briefcase. And on one final note. Don't smell of cigarette smoke or heavy perfume.</p> <p>Now's your opportunity to shine. There is a huge hiring fair on November 8, 2018 at the Freeman Expo Hall. Check out the flyer in this Lariat. Best of luck.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Kitty</i> Kathryn "Kitty" Meyers LtCol USAF (Ret) SPHR, SHRM-SCP Chapter Transition Liaison Officer</p>

8TH OF  
NOVEMBER 2018

# RED, WHITE & YOU HIRING FAIR

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## Medical Minute

### An Aspirin A day?

It is widely believed that a low dose aspirin a day will prevent strokes, especially if one already has cardiac or cancer problems.

Recent research shows that this therapy is not appropriate for all women. Taking a daily dose of this over the counter pain reliever and blood thinner may relieve pain for some people but it may also cause gastro intestinal problems for others. It could cause upper GI bleeding. Aspirin may not be right for some women under the age 50 or over age 70, particularly if you are at risk for developing certain diseases such as high blood pressure, ulcers or colorectal disease, or anything that might put you at risk for bleeding.

It is currently not recommended to use low dose aspirin for breast cancer. Research in this area is promising but not conclusive. If you want more information about this and side effects you can get it at the iPhone app store, the Google play store or on-line at Brigham d Women's website, [www.aspiringuide.com](http://www.aspiringuide.com).

A local example of the dangers is when a chapter member developed severe gastrointestinal bleeding. At the hospital they found her hemoglobin had dropped to 6.8. An endoscopic exam revealed nothing and it took two pints of blood to get her to near normal. Basically she was healthy and the aspirin she was taking was just precautionary.

*Source: Harvard Women's Health Watch.*

*Col Irene Collier (Ret)*



## Solitaires



### William Tell

William Tell was a Swiss marksman. Austria governed many of the city states of what is now Switzerland.

The governor heard that William Tell had refused to bow before a symbol of Austrian authority that had been placed on a post in the town square.

Knowing that William Tell was an excellent marksman, the governor devised an appropriate punishment. Tell must shoot an apple from the head of his youngest son. If he succeeded and hit the apple he goes free. If he fails and hits his son, he will be arrested.

Tell selects two arrows. Loads one in his crossbow and shoots the apple from his son's head. He goes free.

The governor then asks Tell why he selected two arrows when he only had one shot? Tell replied that if he missed he would have fired the second arrow at the governor. That resulted in Tell's arrest.

The story goes that there was a violent storm as they went toward the prison allowing Tell to escape. He made his way to the governor's castle and kills him with that notorious second arrow. Skirmishes and battles continued in the area from the 1300's until 1818 when the Swiss got their freedom.

Literature represents the Swiss as docile peace-loving people. Not true. They were ready to fight for their freedom and they did. The city states banded together to help one another.

Over time William Tell became a symbol of universal freedom and human rights.

We are all familiar with the story of the William Tell. It has been immortalized in plays, music, poems and leg-

end. Was William Tell a myth or a legend? Did it really happen? No one knows as there are no existing documents of the event.

*Source: Isabel Hernandez: William Tell: Symbol of Swiss Independence .*

*Col Irene Collier (Ret)*

## SAVE THE DATE

### Thursday Oct 25 Luncheon

Blues Skies of Texas 11:30am  
(at Air Force Village)  
Speaker: Eric Cooper of  
San Antonio Food Bank  
Plus  
Presentation of Golf Proceeds to  
WFSC  
(See RSVP slip on back page)

### Wednesday Nov 28 Annual Business Meeting & Luncheon

Ft Sam Golf Club 11:30am  
Speaker: Jenna Saucedo-Herrera  
President & CEO of San Antonio  
Economic Development  
Foundation  
(See RSVP slip on back page)

### Thursday Dec 20 Christmas Luncheon

Ft Sam Golf Club 11:30am  
Speaker: Annette Rodriguez,  
President & CEO of  
The Children's Shelter  
Plus  
Alamo Heights Young Adults  
Choir



# 2018 Golf Tournament

A BIG **thank you** for all those who participated in and/or supporting this year's Military Officers Association of America - Alamo Chapter's Golf Tournament benefitting the JBSA Fort Sam Houston Warrior & Family Support Center AND the Chapter's JROTC and ROTC Scholarship Fund. We're still tallying the numbers as donations are still coming in and will report that next month!

Marty Waddy of Raven Studios did another excellent job at capturing some great shots, some of which are included here. To see them all visit the Raven Studio's website at <https://photos.rvnstudios.com/f156316952>. You can download as many as you like at no cost to you - disregard the payment button - Marty is providing them free of charge! (But, of course, if you or your family and friends have a need for a photographer in the future please do consider his services!)

We'll soon start planning next year's tournament and hope you'll be there for us again! If you'd like to join our Planning Committee please email us at [moaa-ac@sbcglobal.net](mailto:moaa-ac@sbcglobal.net).

Thanks for the support - we appreciate it!





# Special Thanks to our Tournament Supporters

## Individual:

LtCol John Bandy  
Col Randy Bruett  
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LtCol Jim & Dottie Conner  
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Laura Davis  
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Grantham  
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Joanne Kirschbaum  
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Northcliffe Golf Club  
Olympia Hills Golf Club  
Outback Steakhouse  
Petroleum Club  
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Popcorn Friday  
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Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit  
Union  
Randolph Oaks Golf Club  
Raven Studios  
Rudy's BBQ  
Salsalito Cantina  
Security Service Federal Credit  
Union  
Silverhorn Golf Club  
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TPC San Antonio  
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Liza Arizpe; Sylvia Beatty; Jim Cunningham; Kathie Estrada; John French; Lori Hodge; Ron Inselmann; Susan James; Anne Keeler; Ida Leithead; Mac McDonald; Sue McNeil; Trish Meserve; Kitty Meyers; Shelley Moseley; David Patrick; Sue Montoya; Michelle Richards; Steve Richards; Frank Rohrbough; Stephen Rohrbough; Felix Santiago; Ted Severns; Linda Stack; Pat Unruh; Rodney Unruh; David Walker.

## Extra Special Thanks to:

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Nathan Dureggar  
Rob Figueroa  
Alvin Johnson  
James Joseph  
Andy Kim  
Brian Perry  
Mike Okikawa  
Richard Ruiz  
Will Smith  
Joseph Walden  
Corey Wineglass  
Shawn Woodworth  
Jason Wright





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2018

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# MOAA Alamo Chapter?

## Who Are We?

The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) is a non profit veterans' association dedicated to maintaining a strong national defense and ensuring our nation keeps its commitments to currently serving, retired, and former members of the uniformed services and their families and survivors.

The Alamo Chapter is one of the more than 400 local organizations affiliated with national MOAA. We support the national organization through membership recruitment, veterans transition initiatives and legislative support.

We are active in our community doing transition activities for JBSA and the military/veteran community; initiatives and leadership of the Military & Veteran Community Collaborative (MVCC); state legislative support via TCVO and the Texas Council of Chapters (TCC).



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- 1) Considering joining a MOAA chapter?
- 2) Debating whether to renew your chapter membership?
- 3) Talking to a potential new member?

Here are some of the key benefits to belonging to one of MOAA's more than 400 chapters:

- **Connections:** When you attend chapter meetings, become active on a committee, or take a prominent leadership role, you will forge lasting ties with other MOAA members who have common professional interests and similar association concerns.
- **Community involvement:** Chapter membership provides opportunities to contribute to your community in a variety of ways, from providing scholarships to local students to supporting causes that support wounded warriors, active duty servicemembers and their families, and veterans in-need.
- **Legislative advocacy:** MOAA chapter members play a critical role in advancing legislation at both the state and national level. This grassroots advocacy is key to MOAA achieving its legislative goals.





## MOAA NATIONAL ENROLLMENT

☐ YES! Sign me up as a FREE BASIC MOAA Member

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Branch of Service \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Retired ☐ Active ☐ Former

☐ Reserve ☐ National Guard

☐ Spouse of Eligible Officer

☐ Graduation Year (Cadet/Midshipmen) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address\*\* \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

*To ensure deliverability of MOAA communications, please provide a personal email without a ".mil" domain if available.*

*We value your privacy. MOAA does not rent or sell its members' emails to third parties. If you include your email address, you will receive e-communications from MOAA as a member benefit. Visit [www.moaa.org/email](http://www.moaa.org/email) for details.*

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Name \_\_\_\_\_

*Your spouse has access to all of your MOAA member benefits.*

\*\*Email address required for BASIC Membership



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## MOAA LOCAL ALAMO CHAPTER ENROLLMENT

☐ YES! Sign me up as a new Alamo Chapter Member  
Member of National? ☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ YES! Renew my Alamo Chapter Membership

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Branch of Service \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Retired ☐ Active ☐ Former

☐ Reserve ☐ National Guard

☐ Spouse of Eligible Officer

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## 30-second “Elevator Pitch” To Promote Membership

Membership in an association such as ours is achieved by the majority when a friend/acquaintance is also a member.

We need your help to encourage your friends, neighbors, business associates etc to come join us! Participating in the social events is not mandatory (albeit fun!) but we do need their support and voice when it comes to advocacy at the city, county and state level.

Here’s an approach you could take when introducing MOAA Alamo Chapter to someone:

Open the conversation with something like:

I am with The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) and the Alamo Chapter. Are you a member? If no :

- We are a volunteer nonprofit organi-

zation for commissioned officers (and surviving spouses) that has approximately 1100 members and is over 50 year old – located at Ft. Sam.

- We advocate and lobby for the entire military community – all ranks -- to influence legislators in Washington and in Austin to sustain yours & my earned entitlements, i.e. pay raises, medical benefits, commissary privileges, education benefits, etc.

- We make ourselves heard through the strength of our membership numbers. This is why it is important for all eligible officers to belong.

In addition, we run the chapter operations and promote camaraderie through our monthly social events.

- Here is an application providing FREE membership in both MOAA and the Alamo Chapter. (See Page 12)
- You owe it to yourself (and family) to

support the organization that supports you and I ask that you please join. Thanks.

If you get push back consider saying:

- It is a no hassle membership – no sales calls, no sales emails and no pressure to be actively involved.
- We are just looking to you to help strengthen our numbers.
- You will receive legislative updates, the national MOAA *Military Officers* magazine, and our chapter newsletter *The Lariat* by email to keep you informed.
- Again, you owe it to yourself (and family) to be part of an organization that protects your rights, entitlements and benefits.

Have them sign up online at [alamomoaa.org](http://alamomoaa.org), or email us at [moaa-ac@sbcglobal.net](mailto:moaa-ac@sbcglobal.net) or call the office at 210.228.9955.



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## Events Calendar 2018

## Health, Benefits & Welfare

### OCTOBER

- 1 Military Spouse Symposium The Pearl
- 2 Solitaire's Luncheon 11am
- 4 Staff Meeting 10am Chapter Office
- 12 Columbus Day
- 13 US Navy Birthday
- 20 Retiree Appreciation Day 8am-Noon BAMC
- 25 Chapter Luncheon 11am Blue Skies of Texas
- 28 Solitaire's Sunday Brunch 11am Randolph Parr Club
- 30 Oct – Nov 2 MOAA Annual Meeting Phoenix AZ

### NOVEMBER

- 1 Staff Meeting Chapter Office 10am
- 1 Hiring Heroes Job Fair
- 4 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 6 Solitaire's Luncheon 11am Ft Sam Golf Club
- 8 Red, White & You Job Fair
- 9-10 Texas Council of Chapters Meeting Waco
- 10 Marine Corps Birthday
- 12 Veterans Day
- 22 Thanksgiving
- 25 Solitaire's Sunday Brunch 11 am Randolph Parr Club
- 28 Annual Business Meeting Luncheon 11:30am Ft Sam Golf Club
- 30 Nov - Dec 1 Texas Council of Chapters Meeting Waco

### DECEMBER

- 6 Annual Chapter Planning Meeting 9:30am-Noon Chapter Office
- 7 Pearl Harbor Day
- 13 National Guard Birthday
- 20 Christmas Luncheon/Social 11:30am Ft Sam Golf Club
- 25 Christmas Day



### Military ID Card Renewal:

Some military family members and retirees can renew their military ID cards online, thereby keeping ID card office visits under 10 minutes, thanks to a pilot program running on a handful of Air Force bases worldwide.

The program, started early this year, lets users do the bulk of the ID card renewal process, including submitting paperwork, via a secure online portal. Once finished, users can walk into the office and pick up their new card within a few days.

The service is currently available at 10 base locations. Those bases are Patrick Air Force Base and MacDill Air Force Base, Florida; Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska; Travis Air Force Base, California; Fairchild Air Force Base, Washington; Texas Joint Base San Antonio locations Fort Sam Houston, Lackland and Randolph; Ramstein Air Base, Germany; and Kadena Air Base, Japan.

An additional three locations will start the online service soon. Those are Hanscom Air Force Base, Massachusetts; Hill Air Force Base, Utah; and Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado.

The program does not support Common Access Card renewals or ID card applications for new military dependents.

Although the program is administered by the Air Force, military dependents and retirees affiliated with any branch can use at the participating bases.

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### Military Amputees:

Thanks to advances in modern medicine and the availability of sturdier prosthetics, soldiers who are able to redeploy after amputation have a number of possible options for continued military service.

Thomas Duval Army Staff Sgt. Brian Beem lost his leg in 2006 to an improvised explosive device in Iraq. "I thought my career was over," he said. Beem credits his experiences at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland, with helping him assess and eventually find options for returning to duty. "It took me about a year to get up to speed with [physical training], and I was feeling pretty confident," he said. Within a short time, Beem was ready to deploy to Afghanistan with his unit. Although he was no longer on patrol as he was in previous deployments, he still played a vital role in battle staff operations. "It was really gratifying to be able to deploy," he said. "It's possible, but it's not easy. The process is there for those who have the perseverance."

Some of those processes include passing the Physical Evaluation Board, which determines if a soldier with a prosthesis is still fit to serve. The Continuation on Active Duty/Continuation on Active Reserve program also pro

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vides options for some wounded, ill and injured soldiers who can prove they are still physically able to serve.

"I was able to continue on and reach retirement," Beem said. Deployments "are really what the Army is all about," he said. "Even the training you do at home. It all culminates with deploying. And for combat arms folks, if you don't have deployments, you can't be competitive [for promotion]."

Beem acknowledges that every case is different. For some, he said, the will to serve alone is not enough to overcome the severity of their injury. But for those who are able, Beem said, it is very rewarding to continue to serve with their comrades. "I didn't join the Army to sit around and have a comfortable lifestyle. I joined the Army because I knew it would be hard work, and it is," Beem said. "But when you're done, you can look back and say, 'Wow, look at everything I did.'"

Source: <https://dod.defense.gov/News>

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## Navy PCS Moves:

A sailor's family members can move ahead or stay behind up to six months during a change of duty station in certain circumstances rather than moving all at once, the Navy announced Thursday.

The new policy, which goes into effect immediately, seeks to give sailors and their families more flexibility and minimize disruption of essential tasks during permanent-change-of-station moves, the Navy said.

Previous policies required sailors and family members to move all together with almost no exceptions. Sailors' spouses can now move separately to wrap up a job or education, see their children through the school year, tend to special-needs children or care for an immediate family member suffering from a chronic or long-term illness.

The change expands on a policy the Navy adopted in May that allows a child to finish the school year after a parent changes duty stations. The previous rule required a child to transfer at the end of a school term during a PCS,

even if it fell midway through the school year. For moves within the States, dependents can leave up to six months before or after a sailor in the situations listed under the new rules.

Family members moving from the States to overseas can delay travel up to six months in these circumstances but cannot move before the sailor.

Dependents going from overseas to the States can move six months in advance but can stay behind only to see a child through a school year.

A family will still receive just one housing allowance, whether a spouse moves before or after the sailor. Requests for advanced or delayed travel must be submitted to Navy Personnel Command

Source: *Stars & Stripes*

## Alamo Chapter

### 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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**Thursday  
October 25, 2018**

## Chapter Luncheon

### Blue Skies West at Air Force Village

5100 John D. Ryan Blvd, San Antonio, TX 78245

**Speaker: Eric Cooper**  
President & CEO San Antonio Food Bank

Registration & Meet n Greet from 11-11:30am  
Lunch served approx 11:40am Road Runner Room

#### Menu

A) Herb Crusted Pork B) Chicken Breast w/Lemon Wine Sauce  
Wild Rice, Sautéed Spinach, House Garden Salad, Dinner Rolls,  
French Style Cheesecake  
Coffee, tea or water, honor wine bar

**Cost per person paid in advance \$22, At the Door \$24**

**Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_** RSVP by Noon Monday 22 Oct

Reservations not cancelled by noon Tuesday 23rd will be billed  
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**Wednesday November 28, 2018**

## Chapter Luncheon & Annual Business Meeting

Ft Sam Golf Club

1050 Harry Wurzbach, San Antonio TX 78209

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

**Speaker: Jenna Saucedo-Herrera**  
President & CEO San Antonio Economic Foundation

Registration & Meet n Greet from 11-11:30am  
Lunch served approx 11:45am

#### Menu

A) BBQ Brisket B) Baked Fish  
Twice Baked Potatoes, Long Green Beans & Carrots, Fresh  
Mixed Greens Salad, Dinner Rolls, Chocolate Eclair  
Coffee, tea or water, honor wine bar

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