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Chapter 50th Anniversary Celebration Dinner - Sept 16 - Petroleum Club



National MOAA Annual Meeting - Oct 26-29 - Marriott River Center



President's Message

I hope that the summer has been a good one for all of you and that you have gotten to do the things that you wanted. It has been very busy at the Alamo Chapter in preparation for several events.

On September 16, the Chapter will be holding its 50th Anniversary Dinner at the Petroleum Club. The event is a bit more expensive than other events that we have had in the past, but this is a very special occasion at a special location and with a special speaker from National MOAA. I would encourage you to all attend and please invite others who may not be members of the Chapter, but may be National members so as to give them a flavor of our Chapter and what we do. If you haven't already registered, please do so as soon as possible by calling the Alamo MOAA office at 210-228-9955 or e-mailing us at moaa-ac@sbcglobal.net.

Our second big event is the National Annual Meeting which will be held at the Marriott River Walk Hotel in downtown San Antonio on October 27-29. We would like to see as many as can attend the events and the annual meeting itself, as possible. If you haven't already registered for the

meeting, you can do so on the MOAA website at www.moaa.org.

For our active duty members, the activities at the annual meeting and the Community Heroes recognition are free. If you know active duty officers and warrants who are not members of MOAA or may just be National members, please encourage them to come to the meeting and have them register. The meeting will begin with a job fair on October 27 leading to the Chapter of Excellence awards, the Community Heroes awards and the annual meeting itself taking place on the 28th and 29th. The complete schedule is on the website. This should be a good meeting so please plan to attend.

The Alamo Chapter will again receive a 5 star streamer for having been recognized as a Chapter of Excellence

for 2010. We will receive that award during the Chapter of Excellence Recognition Dinner during the annual meeting.

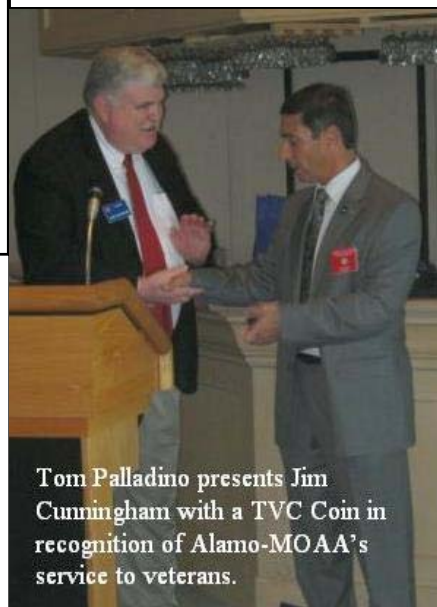
As we move into September and the Congress reconvenes, the importance of MOAA advocating for us grows even more important.

You have all read some of the proposals being brought forth about military retirement, Tricare, Tricare for Life, Commissary's, base exchanges, SBP-DIC, etc.

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Tom Palladino presents Jim Cunningham with a TVC Coin in recognition of Alamo-MOAA's service to veterans.

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
- Marge Fraley
- 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



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

- CPT Henry Bevil USA (Ret)
- Maj Willis Humiston USAF (Ret)
- Elizabeth Goetz
- COL Edgar Marshall, Jr USA (Ret)
- MAJ Jose Martinez, USA (Ret)

Alamo Chapter wins Five Star Level of Excellence Award



Lee F. Lange II, Colonel, USMC (Ret), Director, Council and Chapter Affairs recently announced MOAA's 2010 Levels of Excellence Award (LOE) winners.

MOAA's annual Levels of Excellence Awards Program recognizes chapters that work hard to help the association fulfill its missions.

This year MOAA had a record 115 chapters submit entries for consideration. "The review panel was impressed with the overall quality of the entries and the many great things chapters are doing in communities across America".

The Alamo Chapter once again retained the coveted Five Star five-star award. The streamer for the chapter flag will be presented at the MOAA Annual Meeting in San Antonio at the dinner on Saturday 29 Oct.

Congrats to all involved!

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.

- VP PR/Marketing
- Photographer at Social Functions
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Legal Counsel
- Greeters at Social Functions
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- Members for Calling Committee
- Members for Program Committee
- Transportation Coordinator



(courtesy Lee Hansen of LeeHansen.com)

Want Ad

The Officers Placement Service (TOPS)

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 member **job seeker**, please contact me – David Patrick, Chapter TOPS Officer & MOAA Texas Networking Coordinator, 210-259-9867, dwpatrick01@gmail.com.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE ALAMO CHAPTER'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION DINNER

You won't want to miss this "once in 50 years" opportunity!"

When: Friday, September 16, 2011

Where: Petroleum Club of San Antonio
8620 N New Braunfels, Suite 700
San Antonio, TX 78217-6363
Phone: 210-824-9014

Time: 6:30 – 7:30p Cocktails (Cash Bar)
7:30p Dinner and Program

Dinner: The Petroleum Club's wonderful, renowned and scrumptious buffet . . .
Carved Steamship of Beef, Chicken Gratinee, Oven Roast Potatoes,
Green Beans Almondine, Rolls/Butter, Dessert Selection of New York
Cheesecake with Fresh Berries, Italian Cream Caked and Chocolate
Raspberry Cake, Coffee & Tea

Program: Maj Gen Joseph G. Lynch, USAF (Ret), MOAA's General Counsel

Dress: Cocktail Attire/Coat and Tie

Cost: \$30/person

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Cost per person: \$30

Enclosed: \$_____

RSVP by noon Monday, September 12

Reservations not cancelled by noon, September 13 will be billed

Name: _____

Guest(s): _____

Please send this reservation slip & check made payable to "MOAA-AC" to:

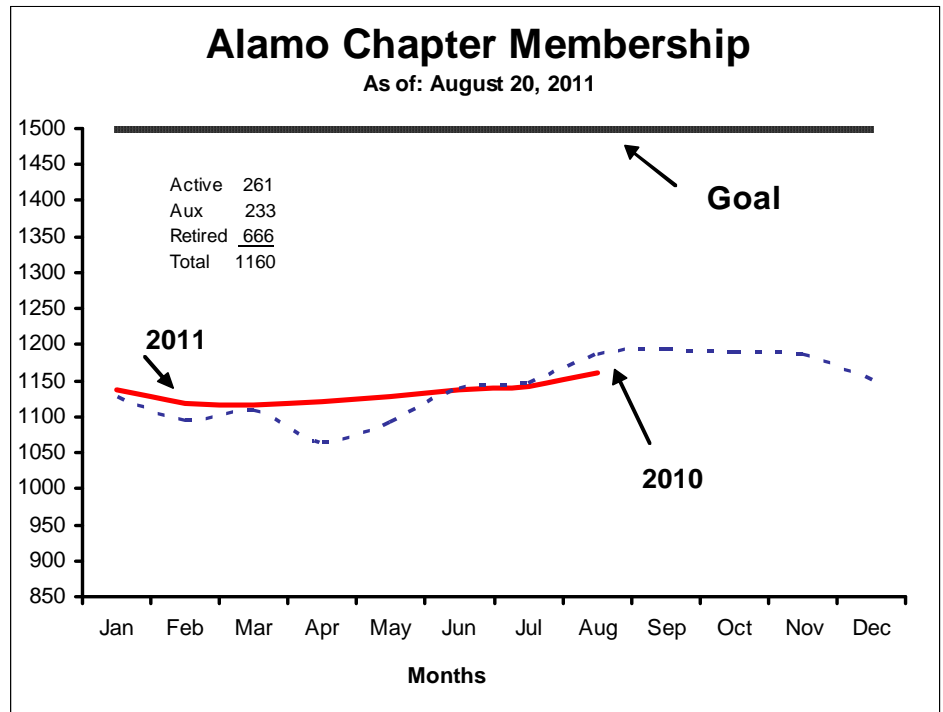
MOAA-AC, P.O. Box 340497, Ft. Sam Houston, TX 78234

Call 210-228-9955 with questions

Welcome New Members:

COL Margaret Dixon USA
 COL Carol Reineck USA (Ret)
 LTC Joy Atkin USA
 LTC Billy Frost USA (Ret)
 LTC Dean Hommer USA
 CDR Bertram Jennings USN
 LtCol Glenn Larsen USAF (Ret)
 LTC Tom Moore USA (Ret)
 LTC Peter Platteborze USA
 LTC Pamela Solet-Lindsay USA
 LTC Rodney Takahashi USA
 LtCol Anthony Trevino USAF (Ret)
 MAJ Janelle Arnette USA
 MAJ Stephanie Fonseca USA
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 1LT Lauro Perez USA
 1LT Greg Parker USA
 1LT Nhu Tran USA
 CW2 Matthew Graciano USA
 Shelley Cook

Year to Date Membership Stats



AND....Thank You Renewing Members:

Col Graham Aitken USAF (Ret)
 Col Frank Benjamin USAF
 COL Arthur Jackson USA
 COL David Malave USA (Ret)
 COL Edgar Marshall, Jr USA (Ret)
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 LTC Lisa Forsyth USA

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 LTC Richard Holzmann USA (Ret)
 MAJ Karla Clarke USA
 Maj Willis Humiston USAF (Ret)
 MAJ Raul Macias USA (Ret)
 MAJ Jose Martinez USA (Ret)
 Maj Pamela Round USAF (Ret)
 LCDR Jim Scoggin USN (Ret)
 MAJ John Ward USA (Ret)
 Maj David Winney USAF (Ret)
 CPT Henry Bevil USA (Ret)
 Cpt Jerome Kozar USAF (Ret)
 CPT Andrew Ullman USA (Ret)
 1LT Tom Pierce USA (Ret)
 CW4 Robert Parrotte USA (Ret)
 Helen Valence (Aux)

HCAC Update



The Ft Sam Houston Healthcare Consumer Advisory Council (HCAC) took place 9 August. It convenes quarterly.

Of great note was that the lead-off speaker was our own MOAA-AC president, MAJ Jim Cunningham. He presented to the council a super longitudinal history of MOAA and some of its milestones; early formation in California; move to the D.C. area; our previous name "TROA"; name change to MOAA and becoming more inclusive in membership; our MOAA-AC 50 year anniversary in September; the MOAA national convention here in San Antonio in October, etc. Naturally, attendees who were interested were invited to join MOAA and affiliate with our local chapter.

An excellent presentation regarding the Schertz Medical Home was delivered. While not so designated by the speaker, it would appear that this civilian-staffed out-patient facility, located in Schertz, serves as an adjunct to out-patient treatment at BAMC. Obviously, its location could make it more convenient for Army beneficiaries, and may, in fact, result in less waiting time for a clinic appointment. (Apparently they receive medical support when needed from the RAFB clinic, e.g. lab, X-ray, etc.)

A report was given concerning patient service satisfaction at BAMC, and indications reflected that beneficiaries are generally very pleased with the hospital/clinic services.

Regarding meeting BRAC goals with respect to building projects, parking lots, etc., things appear to be pretty much on target. New buildings continue to be constructed and/or completed, and the merging of Air Force and Army medical staffs at BAMC continues smoothly.

Dr (Col) Stuart Myers USAF (Ret)

why? FREE Checking That Pays!

Our checking account is still free and pays members 10¢ cash back on every debit card purchase!



2011 Federal Handbook

Veterans of the United States armed forces may be eligible for a broad range of programs and services provided by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

These benefits are legislated in Title 38 of the United States Code. The 2011 Edition of the booklet contains a summary of these benefits effective Jan. 1, 2011.

For additional information, check out the 2011 Federal Handbook Federal Benefits for Veterans, Dependents and Survivors at www.militaryconnection.com/pdfs/2011-federal-benefits-guide.pdf.



*To steal information from a person
is called plagiarism.*

*To steal information from the enemy
is called gathering intelligence.*

2011 MOAA Annual Meeting ★ SAN ANTONIO ★

Name (with rank and service) _____
 Address _____
 City, state, ZIP _____
 MOAA member yes no I want to join
 Email address _____
 Chapter member yes no
 Name of chapter _____
 Name for badge _____
 Guest name for badge _____

Register by Sept. 22!

Online

www.moaa.org/sanantonio

By Phone

Call (800) 234-MOAA (6622)

Monday through Friday,
8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Eastern time

By Mail

Mail completed form to:
MOAA, PO Box 1488
Merrifield, VA 22116-9820

Yes! I plan to attend

(Enter number of attendees for each event):

___ **Thursday, Oct. 27**, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Military-friendly career fair, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 Pre-career fair workshops, 8 a.m. and 9 a.m.
 Post-career fair workshops, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.
 (free, open to public)

___ **Friday, Oct. 28**, 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.
 Community Heroes Awards at Knibbe Ranch, \$75
 per person (free for currently serving)

___ Free bus transportation to Knibbe Ranch from
 Marriott Riverwalk Hotel

___ **Saturday, Oct. 29**, 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.
 Congressional breakfast, \$15 per person (free for
 currently serving)

___ **Saturday, Oct. 29**, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.
 MOAA informational seminars (free for
 registered attendees)

___ **Saturday, Oct. 29**, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
 MOAA annual meeting of the membership (free
 for registered attendees)

___ **Saturday, Oct. 29**, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
 Chairman's luncheon (keynote speaker, Army
 Chief of Staff Gen. Martin Dempsey, invited),
 \$25 per person (free for currently serving)

___ **Saturday, Oct. 29**, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
 Chapter roundtable (free for registered attendees)

___ **Saturday, Oct. 29**, 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.
 Levels of Excellence award dinner (hosted by
 Adm. Steve Abbot, USN-Ret., MOAA board
 chair) \$35 per person (free for currently serving)

___ Attend all Saturday events, \$65 per person —
 a savings of \$10 off the à la carte price (free for
 currently serving)

Hotel Information

Marriott Riverwalk Hotel

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Medical Minute

Stroke Warning Signs

A stroke has several telltale symptoms and warning signs.

If you notice one or more warning signs in yourself or someone else, or you are worried that you or someone else you are with is having a stroke, call 911 or your local emergency number right away.

1. Onset of numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body.
2. Confusion or trouble speaking or understanding.
3. Trouble seeing with one or both eyes.
4. Problem with walking, loss of balance, or coordination.
5. Inability to understand what someone is saying.
6. Sudden severe headache with no known cause.

With our aging population there appears to be an increase in strokes. Acting quickly on symptoms given in the above outline may just save someone's life.

Source: Harvard Health Letter June 2011

Col Irene Collier (Ret)



Solitaires



This year MOAA celebrates its 50th Anniversary with a dinner at the Petroleum Club on Friday 16 September. The Solitaires have been a Singles appendage of MOAA since 1997. It was begun to give singles greater participation in MOAA events. But Solitaires have their own mission and agenda. The primary ones are support and comfort in bereavement and socialization and networking.

Aid in bereavement has been a major mission. Bereavement can result from the loss of a spouse, loss of a sibling or close friend or companion, and even the loss of a cherished pet. A dog who regards you as his alpha master will give his life for you (i.e. military dogs in Afghanistan or in a combat zone). He knows when you are blue and will sit quietly at your feet to comfort you. When you are happy he will jump on your lap to share your joy. You can tell him your problems and he will not gossip--a true cherished friend. As Solitaires we have all experienced the same situations and can be good mentors or listeners and help you through those crucial days.

Through MOAA we can send a personnel advisor who will help you through the myriad of paper work re-

quired by the military and help you with military matters. Some banks will freeze checking accounts that are in both names. The military is not always in a hurry to send you money. The mortician will assist you with details of funeral planning. He contacts the cemetery and if needed can assist with funeral arrangements.

Do you need spiritual comfort? We have a chaplain to assist you if you do not have one of your own. Individual Solitaires are there to assist and comfort you. We all went through the same experience and can be helpful. We know how it feels. You need not worry about going to a social function alone. Someone will go with you. It is comforting to have an understanding person along.

Perhaps you don't need the extra help. Maybe you have a friend or family who can do these things for you. However it is nice to have a new friend who has been there and done that and survived. Some mortuaries (i.e. Porter Loring) offer classes in bereavement at no charge to help you through these trying days. When the loss is sudden and unexpected, family and friends offer help. Sometimes when the loss is from a long lingering illness friends say, "Oh you have been grieving and are over it. You have slowly been going through it through the years." Not so! When a death occurs be it sudden or over a long time, the pain is just as poignant--there is a deep emotional void. Your life is changed forever. Some people go into a deep depression at this time. If you don't have family nearby, Solitaires can help by just listening. If needed they can get you to therapy to get over this natural funk you are experiencing. There may also be a period of guilt--"I shoulda, I coulda" that often sets in. If you need a friend to reassure you, (Continued on Page 13)

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Call 210-221-3355 for class information or to volunteer.

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Health, Benefits & Welfare

Medical Reserve Corps

We are in the midst of Hurricane Season and have seen San Antonio respond to help those in need that came to our city when they desperately needed assistance.

The state's Medical Reserve Corps is asking for volunteers to sign up today to be of help when needed. Please contact the local Medical Reserve Corps coordinator at 210-207-4074 or go to www.AlamoAreaCitizensCorps.com/Organizations for more information and how to become a volunteer.

Source: Texas Medical Reserve Corps, Austin, Texas, July 2011. (Courtesy Phyllis Smith)

New Veteran Home:

A new State veteran home being built on land donated by the University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler will be named to honor three local heroes — two Medal of Honor recipients and a Tuskegee airman named Travis Earl Watkins, James Marion Logan and Samuel M. Garrison. Unlike previous Texas State Veterans Homes, the Watkins-Logan-Garrison Texas State Veterans Home will consist of 10 cottages and one common building. An open kitchen, dining room and large table are at the heart of each of the 10 cottages. Family-style meals will be served at the table and residents can enjoy each other's company afterward in a large living room with a fireplace. This hearth, or communal heart of the home, is what sets this Texas State Veterans Home apart from any other long-term care facility in Texas. A total of 10 private rooms, each with its own bathroom, will flank the hearth.

For additional information on Texas State Veterans Homes, call 1-800-252-VETS (8387), visit the Texas Land Board website at <http://www.texasveterans.com>,

Tylenol

McNeil Consumer Healthcare announced it is lowering the maximum daily dose instructions for Extra Strength Tylenol to six pills a day (3,000 mg) to reduce the risk of acetaminophen overdose.

Source: RAO Bulletin

National Park Passports:

Sen. Jon Tester (D-MT) has introduced legislation that would give free, lifetime passes to national parks and other national historic sites to honorably discharged military veterans. The Freedom Pass would be available to qualified veterans for a one-time \$10 processing fee. The National Parks Freedom Pass Act would also allow active-duty and reserve-component military members to purchase an annual pass for national parks and federal recreation areas at half price. They would pay half of the normal \$80 fee. "National parks are America's treasures, and the men and women who put their lives on the line to protect them deserve a lifetime of access to them," said Tester, who sits on the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee.

Source: NGAUS Washington Report

Patton Cologne:

The U.S. Army has released a cologne named for the World War II hero Gen. George S. Patton. The scent, dubbed simply "Patton," is the Army's licensed, official fragrance. The cologne was not initiated by anyone in the Patton family, but they took the news with good humor. Daughter-in-law Joanne Patton said, "It was a surprise to me. We'll wait to see how and why," she said, chuckling. "... I was surprised that a perfume for General Patton wouldn't be smelling like diesel fuel." Gen. Patton, who died in 1945, owned (Continued on Page 13)



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September Speaker Bio



Maj. Gen. Lynch is a 1969 graduate of the Virginia Military Institute. He entered active duty in the Air Force in 1972 following graduation from law school at Emory University. He served 10 years on active duty as a judge advocate followed by 22 years in the Air Force Reserve. His final Air Force assignment was mobilization assistant to the Judge Advocate General of the Air Force, while serving in the Air Force Reserve. His civilian position was assistant general counsel (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) for the Department of the Navy, a career senior executive service position (Level 5).

Lynch joined the MOAA staff in 2010. As the corporate secretary, he supports the board of directors and performs other duties associated with the operation of a large corporation. As the general counsel, he advises the board of directors, president, and staff and directs MOAA's legal affairs.

Positions: General Counsel, Corporate Secretary

Maj Gen Lynch will be our guest speaker at the 50th Anniversary Celebration Dinner to be held at the Petroleum Club on Friday, Sept 16 at 6:30pm. See Page 3 of The Lariat for registration details.

President's Message

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Because of the budget slashing attitude that is rampant in the Congress, MOAA and we, in support, are going to have our hands full in terms of protecting these retirement issues, Tricare and so forth. (Colonel Steve Strobebridge, our chief advocate for MOAA National has a seven minute video on the MOAA.org website that you should watch regarding these challenges.)

We have to expect some changes, however, we must make sure that those changes are not so draconian as to affect our present active duty member and their families in an adverse way and also to protect those who have already served and who deserve our support and appreciation whether they be the veteran, the spouse or the overall family.

There will, undoubtedly be many rumors and many misleading e-mails traveling around designed to alarm and push us in one direction or another. As I have said in the past, however, we must be diligent in taking our information from reliable sources and helping as those sources request. Our key source of information should be the MOAA legislative teams, so you should be looking at the MOAA.org website and the MOAA Blogs to keep up to date on what is going on legislatively and how it will affect us all.

When MOAA requests that you send e-mails to your legislators, be prompt in doing so. It is a proven fact

that when a Congressman or Senator hears from many of us it can have the affect of influencing their stance on issues important to us. Another very important means of influencing our legislators is to visit, in person or on the telephone with them or their staffs to express your concerns about these issues.

At the state level, MOAA along with its partners in the Texas Coalition of Veterans Organizations, is working on issues that will become part of interim studies leading up to the 2013 Texas Legislatures Session. Once finalized, I will let you know what these issues are and how we are going to approach them. If you have suggestions, please let me know what they are and we will consider including them.

As a result of our efforts with this last session of the Texas Legislature, enabling legislation and the change to the constitution was passed to give surviving spouses the benefits of property tax exemption that their deceased spouse had if they were 100% disabled.

The constitutional amendment will come to a vote in November and must be passed for the law to take effect in January of 2012. This will be on the ballot as Proposition 1. Please make sure that you vote for it and ask your family, friends and neighbors to do the same.

Alamo MOAA, through its associa-
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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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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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Solitaires are there. Just ask.

Socialization and networking are the other big benefit. The group plans luncheons, meetings, field trips, theater outings--and you won't be alone. Your children are supportive. But they have lives of their own they have to live. Happiness comes from doing for others who are needy. Helping others helps you. Through MOAA we have opportunities to help the Wounded Warriors and families, There are numerous programs for such.

If you are ill, Solitaires sends you a Get Well card--and help if you need it. It is nice to know someone cares. These are the reflections of what it means to be a Solitaire. "What goes around comes around." You never know when you may need help. September restarts our monthly meetings. Our activities are the 2nd Tuesday at Fort Sam Golf Club luncheon and a brunch on the 4th Sunday at Randolph Parr club.

Col Irene Collier (Ret)

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

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

President's Message

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-ion with the Alliance for Veterans and Families, is involved with a program called the South Texas Veterans Employment Initiative Project or EIP for short. This is a coalition of Department of Defense, Department of Labor, Texas Veterans Commission, Work in Texas, AVF and the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR). This is the first time that these powerful groups have come together to work on getting appropriate jobs for our veterans and these can be veterans from any era not just our newest ones from OEF/OIF.

The key element is to get them enrolled with Work in Texas where they will be identified as veterans, and the TVC will then work with them to prepare their resumes and hone their interviewing skills. Once this is done, the TVC and ESGR have identified employers who are ready to hire veterans and provide opportunities to get the two together. The first such event will occur on September 21st at the Live Oak Center in ad DoD/TVC sponsored job fair. The next event will be the MOAA Job Fair on October 27th at the Marriott River Walk Hotel and then an event in November with the NCOA.

If you know of a veteran in need of employment or an active duty member preparing to leave the service, encourage them to first register with Work in Texas and then to get in touch with the Texas Veterans Commission. This should give them an advantage in gaining the job they really want and are really suited for. This also includes spouses of veterans.

Have a great September, and let me know if there are any issues or suggestions that you may have for the betterment of the Chapter.

Jim Cunningham
USAR

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what is now Green Meadows Farm in Hamilton. His son, also a general named George, lived there until his death in 2004, and his widow, Joanne, still lives on the property.

Patton cologne is made by California-based Parfumologie. A portion of proceeds from sales of Patton, and the scents Parfumologie has created for each branch of the armed forces (Riptide for the Coast Guard, Devil Dogs for the Marines and Stealth for the Air Force), are donated to the Veterans Administration. The line of colognes was first released in 2009, but made news in AUG after the Patton cologne was mentioned on the Military Times news website. Patton is advertised as a woody blend of lavender, citrus, coconut, cedar, sage, tonka bean, bergamot and lime.

Source: RAO Bulletin

Have You Heard:

While my son was on board the Navy carrier USS George Washington, the air wing was busy with training missions. After talking to a pilot, one air-traffic controller accidentally left his microphone on and remarked to a nearby buddy, "That guy sounded just like Elmer Fudd."

The airwaves got strangely quiet as everyone listened, realizing that the pilot had also heard the comment. After about ten seconds, the pilot broke the silence by announcing, "Be vewy, vewy quiet. We are hunting sub-mawenes."

Having passed the enlistment physical, John was asked by the doctor, "Why do you want to join the Navy, son?"

"Mt father said it'd be a good idea, sir."

"Oh? And what does your father do?"

"He's in the Army, sir."

Chapter Events Calendar

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**
- 8-10 MOAA Chapter President’s Symposium Kansas City**
- 11 Patriot Day – Fly the Flag!**
- 16 50th Anniversary Celebration Dinner Petroleum Club 6:30pm**
- 18 POW/MIA Recognition Day**
- 21 Ft Sam Volunteer Advisory Council Mtg 9am*
- 25 Solitaire’s Sunday Brunch 11 am Randolph Parr O Club**
- 27 Extravaganza Sam Houston Club (Ft Sam Newcomers Welcome)*

OCTOBER

- 1 Volunteer Hours Due*
- 4 Solitaire’s Luncheon 11am Ft Sam Golf Club**
- 6 Staff Meeting 9am MOAA-AC Office*
- 10 Columbus Day - Fly the Flag!**
- 19 Ft Sam Volunteer Advisory Council Mtg 9am*
- 23 Solitaire’s Sunday Brunch 11 am Randolph Parr O Club**
- 25 Extravaganza Sam Houston Club (Ft Sam Newcomers Welcome)*
- 26-29 MOAA Annual Meeting Marriott Riverwalk San Antonio**
- 28 TCC Q4 Meeting**

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

NOVEMBER

- 1 Volunteer Hours Due*
- 1 Solitaire’s Luncheon 11am Ft Sam Golf Club**
- 3 Staff Meeting 9am MOAA-AC Office*
- 5 Retiree Appreciation Day Joint Base San Antonio**
- 8 Election Day**
- 10 Marine Corps Birthday**
- 11 Veterans’ Day Ceremony Ft Sam Houston National Cemetery 9:30am. Fly the Flag!**
- 16 Ft Sam Volunteer Advisory Council Mtg 9am*
- 17 Board Meeting Randolph Kendrick Club 9am**
- 17 Annual Business Mtg Luncheon Kendrick Club 11am**
- 24 Thanksgiving - Fly the Flag!**
- 27 Solitaire’s Sunday Brunch 11 am Randolph Parr O Club**
- 29 Extravaganza Sam Houston Club (Ft Sam Newcomers Welcome)*

DECEMBER

- 1 Volunteer Hours Due*
- 1 Annual Chapter Planning Meeting 9am-3pm MOAA-AC Office*
- 3 Solitaire’s Christmas Potluck at Mavis Cleary’s house**
- 7 Pearl Harbor Day**
- 9 Chapter Christmas Dinner Dance Randolph Parr O Club**
- 25 Christmas Day - Fly the Flag!**



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Friday September 16, 2011

**50th Anniversary Celebration
Dinner
Spkr: Maj Gen Joe Lynch
MOAA's General Counsel**

Petroleum Club

8620 N. New Braunfels #700 San Antonio, TX 78217
Cocktails 6:30pm (Cash Bar) - Dinner served approx 7:30pm

Buffet Menu

Carved Steamship of Beef, Chicken Gratinee
Oven Roasted Potatoes, Green Beans Almandine, Rolls/Butter
Desert Selections: New York Cheesecake w/ fresh berries,
Italian Cream Cake and Chocolate Raspberry Cake
Coffee & Tea

Dress Code: Cocktail/Coat & Tie
Cost per person \$30
Enclosed: \$ _____

RSVP by Noon Monday 12 September
Reservations not cancelled by noon 13 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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Call (210) 228-9955 with any questions.



**MOAA Annual Meeting
Oct 27-29, 2011
Marriott Riverwalk Hotel
889 E. Market St
San Antonio, TX 78205**

Thursday Oct 27
Career Fair 8am to 3pm (Free)

Friday Oct 28
Day: MOAA Board, Council & Chapter Meetings
Eve: Heroes Awards Dinner Knibbe Ranch \$75 pp
(free to those currently serving)

Saturday Oct 29
8am Congressional Appreciation Breakfast \$15pp
10am MOAA Annual Meeting
11:30am Chairman's Lunch \$25 pp
2-4pm Chapter Roundtable
6:30-9pm Levels of Excellence Dinner \$35 pp

**Attend all Saturday events \$65 pp (free to those
currently serving)
See Page 6 for registration form.**