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President's Message

The military child has the opportunity that many children do not have. The experiences they gain through the travels and other opportunities can expand their understanding of the world. There are also trials such as relocations caused by PCS and the separations due to deployments.

In 1986, Secretary of Defense Casper Weinberger declared the first “Month of the Military Child”, recognizing the importance of celebrating and honoring this important member of the military family. The command structure of JBSA continued this tradition with the signing of the 2022 proclamation. The children of the Alamo Chapter's active-duty members are also a part of the chapter. We recognize their support of their active-duty parent or parents.

JBSA will host a variety of events throughout the month of April through its programs and schools. April 15 has been proclaimed the Purple Up Day. Wear purple to represent children from all branches of service. Check out www.jbsa.mil website for all sorts of activities to include festivals and a Karnival.

The Alamo Chapter joins in recognizing the military children for all they do to support their parents. Yeah for the kids!

Kitty

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

2022 Scholarship Awards Luncheon

We just awarded \$29,000 in scholarships - one of the reasons we do what we do!



Notices



Thank You

to each of our members listed below who have donated a little (or a lot!) to the Educational Foundation, and/or Chapter Ops. We really appreciate it—and every dollar helps!

LTC Kevin Brown USA (Ret)
 Betty Cruzen
 Laura Davis
 LTC Martha Dingey USA (Ret)
 Brig Gen Charles Duke USAF (Ret)
 LTC Jim Finch USA (Ret)
 MajGen David Garza USMC (Ret)
 Col Andrew Gale USAF (Ret)
 Lt Col Clinton Gordon USAF (Ret)
 Col Leon Holland USA (Ret)
 Maj Gen Johann Kinsey USAF (Ret)
 Joan Lyman
 LTC Jerry Nicks USA (Ret)
 Col Jim Roberts USAF (Ret)
 LTC Enrique Rodriguez USA (Ret)
 Col Pete Schaub USAF (Ret)
 Lt Col Wayne Shaw III USAF (Ret)
 Col Marc Van Wert USAF (Ret)
 CWO-4 John West USN (Ret)
 Maj Ira Whitlock USMC (Fmr)
 LTC Machielle Wood Denmon USA (Ret)



JROTC Award Presenters Needed!

Want to present the MOAA Award to an ROTC cadet at your local high school or your college alma mater?

The Alamo Chapter presents awards to over 130 high school JROTC cadets and 14 college ROTC units from Austin to south Texas.

Awards are mailed to the units ahead of time and consist of a medal and certificate, signed by our Chapter President. A presenter needs simply to coordinate details with the school and present the award to the cadet, along with many other veteran service organizations. No speech required!

For the first time since 2019, most of our awards presentations will be in-person, so you have the opportunity to make an impact on outstanding young Americans. The entire process should take no more than a few hours of your time, as some schools include a luncheon or dinner along with their awards program.

If you are interested in serving as a presenter, please contact our Awards and Scholarships Committee Chairman, Col (ret) Pete Hunt by or texting 210-867-0418 or email:

peterhunt2012@gmail.com

Membership Drive Incentive

**Get A Free Year on Us!
 Every Member is a Recruiter!**

The MOAA-Alamo Chapter will provide current members **a one-year free membership renewal** for every 3 paid members recruited.

Increased recruitment of new paid members enhances both our **Voice** at National, State, and local legislative or governmental bodies as well as with local private organizations.

The Alamo Chapter continues to be the largest in numbers in Texas and an integral part of advocacy efforts for initiatives, legislation, and programs affecting the entire military community of Active, Reserve, National Guard, Surviving Spouses, and Families. Moreover, the Chapter provides a continuous flow of essential community information, serves service-members in transition to civilian careers, as well as supports scholarship opportunities for future military officers and civilian leaders.

You can make a difference! Never Stop Serving!

Upcoming Events

APRIL

- 7 Staff Meeting 10am
- 20 Chapter Board Mtg 10am
- 20 Volunteer of the Year Ceremony
 1pm JBSA Ft Sam Houston
- 21 Chapter Luncheon at the Army
 Residence Community with speaker
 Candy Martin, President of Texas
 American Gold Star Mothers
- 23-24 Great Texas Airshow JBSA
 Randolph 9am-4:30pm

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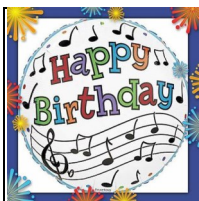
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Best wishes for the happiest of birthdays to those members born in the month of April.

If you have a birthday this month and your name is not here, then we do not have your birth month in our records. Please call or email us with the information.

Graham Aitken, Col USAF Ret
Robert Akam, COL USA Ret
Richard Ames, Lt Col USAF Ret
David Anderson, Col USAF Ret
Robert Ashley, LTC USA Ret
George Baehr, Maj USAF Ret
Bruce Brant, COL USA Ret
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James Dodson, COL USA Ret
Ann Ellis
Victor Estello, CW4 USA Ret
Douglas Estrumse, Maj USAF Ret
Joseph Golembiewski, Lt Col USAF Ret
Donald Gudinas, BG USA Ret
Thomas Hoskins, Jr, CDR USN Ret

Aurora Martinez
Richard Martinez, Maj USAF Ret
Edward Marvin, Lt Col USAF Ret
James McCormick, Lt Col USAF Ret
Glenn McRill, LTC USA Ret
Martha Morrison
Lu Nix
Dale Offield, Lt Col USAF Ret
Mario Oliveira, Capt USAF Ret
Constance Oliver
Bennie Peterson, Lt USN Ret
Jim Phelps, COL USA Ret
Peter Pollock, Col USAF Ret
William Render, Lt Col USAF Ret
George Sacerich, Cpt USAF Ret
Pete Schaub, Col USAF Ret
Lisa Skopal, Col USAF Ret
Orange Steffey, Jr., Lt Col USAF Ret
Mariann Stratton, RADM USN Ret
Warren Tate, Lt Col USAF Ret
John Thompson, Lt Col USAF Ret
Marilyn Weltz
Connie Zielinski

Chapter Membership Benefits

Considering joining a MOAA chapter? Debating whether to renew your chapter membership? 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.

Alamo Chapter 2022 Volunteer of the Year



Lisa Skopal
Colonel, USAF (Ret)

Lisa Skopal has made it her life's mission to always be an active volunteer. In her critical position as the VP, Marketing and Development her responsibilities are to ensure financial stability by generating and sustaining stable, consistent and diverse revenue sources for long-term growth and expansion of the Chapter.

She leads the effort to fulfill our MOAA-AC initiative of raising money to help fund college scholarships for needy and deserving ROTC and JrROTC students in Bexar County and surrounding areas of Southwest Texas; and provide a substantial annual donation to the USO Warrior and Family Support Center on Ft Sam Houston. We would not be where we are today if Lisa had not been in this volunteer position to lay the groundwork.

Lisa will be honored along with other Volunteers at the 2022 JBSA Volunteer Awards Ceremony, April 20 at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center, 3060 Stanley Road, building 2797. The ceremony starts at 1 p.m. All are welcome to attend and cheer her on!

Congratulations Lisa and thank you for all you do for the Alamo Chapter!

Membership Memos

THANK YOU - Renewing Members:

Maj Gen Johann Kinsey USAF (Ret)
 MG Charles Rodriguez USA (Ret)
 Brig Gen Charles Duke USAF (Ret)
 Brig Gen Jeffrey Kendall USAF (Ret)
 CAPT James Brotherton USN (Ret)
 Col Kevin Brown USAF (Ret)
 CAPT Don Crumbley USN (Ret)
 Col Margaret Curry USAF (Ret)
 Col Andrew Gale USAF (Ret)
 Col Don Gleason USAF (Ret)
 CAPT William Hardman USN (Ret)
 Col Leon Holland USA (Ret)
 Col Jim Roberts USAF (Ret)
 Col Pete Schaub USAF (Ret)
 Col Sheelah Walker USAF (Ret)
 Col Marc Van Wert USAF (Ret)
 LTC Kevin Brown USA (Ret)
 Lt Col Warren Camarano USAF (Ret)
 LTC Martha Dingey USA (Ret)
 Lt Col David Dorger USAF (Ret)
 LTC Terry Duran USA (Ret)
 Lt Col Charles Eddy USAF (Ret)
 LTC Jim Finch USA (Ret)
 Lt Col Clinton Gordon USAF (Ret)
 LTC James Klar USA (Ret)
 CDR Richard Looney USN (Ret)
 Lt Col Dale Offield USAF (Ret)
 LTC Robert Pollock USA (Ret)
 LTC Enrique Rodriguez USA (Ret)
 Lt Col Wayne Shaw III USAF (Ret)
 LTC William Smith USA (Ret)
 LTC Ch James Taylor USA (Ret)
 Maj Fernando Carreon USAF (Ret)
 Maj Brian Smith USAF (Ret)

Maj Ira Whitlock USMC (Fmr)
 Maj Carroll Yeatts USAF (Ret)
 LT Ida Leithead ARNG
 CWO-4 John West USN (Ret)
 CW3 James Kurth USA (Fmr)
 Kathryn Bassett
 Celeste Cook
 Betty Cruzen
 Laura Davis
 Aurelia Korte
 Dian Sherrod
 Mary Walker

Membership Eligibility

Regular:

Membership in the Alamo Chapter is open to officers who are active duty, former, retired, National Guard and Reserves, commissioned and warrant officers of the eight U.S. uniformed services and their surviving spouses.

Friends of the Chapter:

Friends of the Chapter are individuals who support the mission and goals of the Chapter, who do not meet the qualifications of regular membership but are interested in supporting the military community. Friends of the Chapter MAY NOT vote, MAY NOT hold office in the Chapter and dues are assessed at the regular member rate.

Membership Stats

Active Duty 87
 Surviving Spouse 143
 Former Military 29
Retired 674
Total 933

WELCOME New Members:

LTG Ricardo Sanches USA (Ret)
 COL Dennis Dohanos USA (Ret)
 Col Kenneth Lawrence USAF (Ret)
 CAPT Allyn Sullivan, Jr USN (Ret)
 CAPT Rodney Tugade USN (Ret)
 COL Jim Vandeventer USAR
 LTC William Lepp USAR
 Lt Col J Collavo USAF (Ret)
 LTC Geraldine Gutzwiler USAR
 Lt Col Frances Nichols USAF
 Lt Col Antonio Pala USAF (Ret)
 LTC Matthew Reynolds USA (Ret)
 LTC James Roybal ARNG (Ret)
 MAJ Sarah Pierson USA
 Maj Delise Rohret USAF (Ret)
 MAJ Yoania Vasquez USA
 Capt Barbara Cain USAF
 CPT Enrique De La Garza USA (Ret)
 Capt Marc Deschaine USAF (Ret)
 CPT Auston Eckert USA
 CPT Shaun Frohliger USA
 CPT Matthew Harris USAR
 CPT Christopher Medici USA (Ret)
 1LT Temitope Buraimoh USA
 1Lt Himanshu Chopra USAF
 1LT Kyle Edwards ARNG
 1Lt Jacob Guinn USAF
 1LT Cynthia Martinez USA (Ret)
 2LT Benjamin Alaniz USA
 2LT Anna Grauel USA
 2LT Paul Griffith USA
 2LT Kevin McGill ARNG
 2LT Claudia Santillan USA
 2LT Keith Wyatt USA
 CW4 Charles Johnson USA (Ret)
 CWO-3 John Bible USCG (Ret)



Soldiers' Angels

Providing Monthly Food Assistance For San Antonio Veterans

Veterans in need of food support can register to get approximately 75 lbs. of groceries, at no cost. Volunteers are always needed to package and hand out the food. Veterans must register ahead of time to receive support.

To register for the upcoming San Antonio Veteran Food Assistance event, go to www.soldiersangels.org/San-Antonio

This event occurs on the third Thursday of every month:

The dates for future drives are as follows:

Apr 21, May 19, Jun 16, Jul 21, Aug 18, Sep 15, Oct 20, Nov 17, Dec 15.

Location: Cowboys Dancehall, 3030 NE Interstate 410 Loop, San Antonio, TX 78218

To register for future events or inquire about volunteering or sponsoring, email: Jose Maldonado at

jmaldonado@soldiersangels.org

This food pantry event is a drive-through and will follow all local and CDC guidelines to provide the safest possible environment for veterans and volunteers. Veterans do not need to get out of the car. Masks are required at all times by everyone on site.

Urgent Support Needed for Troops Deployed to European Theater

As troops continue to deploy in response to the invasion of Ukraine, Soldiers' Angels needs your immediate support to continue to provide aid, comfort, and resources to the service members that have been called to respond.

The invasion into Ukraine marks a moment in history that most of us believed we would never see (or never see again) in our lifetime—the start of war in the European theater. Thousands of American service members have been called to countries like Germany, Poland, Latvia, and Moldova to provide assistance to our European allies.

Soldiers' Angels are in urgent need of care package items in order to keep up with the increase in requests for support. They are also in need of financial donations to help cover the cost of shipping care packages and other items.

A donation of \$25 will ship a care package to a deployed service member, a donation of \$70 will ship 5 to 6 care packages in one large master box and a donation of \$300 will ship an entire pallet of snacks, hygiene, and more.

Below is a sample list of needed items for care packages or you can also shop their Amazon Wish List and have items sent directly to our warehouse.

(https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/ACFKJY0QQL5C/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex)

Hygiene Items: Deodorant; Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Shampoo/Conditioner, Body Wash, Wet Wipes, Female Hygiene Products, Hand Warmers, Manicure Set, Back Scratchers, Socks (no tube socks), Hand Sanitizer, Cleaning Cloths/Spray (for glasses/goggles)

Snack Items: Protein Bars, Jerky or Meat Sticks, Sunflower Seeds, Freeze-Dried Fruit (Single Serve), Single-Serve Peanut Butter or Nutella, Single-Serve Cereals (Boxes or Cups, no bags as they will crush easily), Pop-Tarts, Nuts/Trail Mix (Single Serve Preferred), Tuna Salad Kit w/ Crackers, Chicken Salad Kit w/ Crackers, Powdered Drink Mixes like Crystal Light or Sports Drinks (Single Serve), Gum, Candy.

Down-Time Items: Small Balls or Footballs, Puzzle Books, Travel-Sized Games, Coloring Books, Pens/Pencils, Colored Pencils, Pencil Sharpeners.

Please AVOID the following items as they will not be able to include them: No aerosols or sprays in cans, No Pork or Pork By-Products (Slim Jims are OK), Tobacco or Alcoholic Beverage Products, Bars of Soap, Anything packaged in glass, Sharp Objects (Knives, Tools, Safety Pins, etc.), Pornography or other culturally sensitive material, Bagged Potato Chips (they are too easily crushed), Unwrapped Candies, Nail Polish, Perfume or Cologne.

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Scholarship Winners 2022

Several members of the Scholarship Committee, namely Vaughn Caudill, Jon Duncan, Fred Lyssy, Bob Pollock, Rob Snodgrass, Phil Torres, Edie Weidemann and JG Wideman chose the winners of the Torrey, the JROTC and the Chapter scholarships. The ROTC winners were chosen by their unit instructors.



Thanks to a very generous donation from MajGen David C. Garza, USMC (Ret) a total of 29 winners each received a check for \$1,000.

The remaining members of the Scholarship Committee, chaired by Peter Hunt, included Jim Cunningham, JM Duncan, Kathie Estrada, Maria Faison, Ida Leithead, Jennifer Matthews, David Patrick, Felix Santiago and Stephen Wright assisted in the planning and execution of the immensely successful luncheon held on 24 March. The featured speaker was Major General David C. Garza, USMC (Ret).

Col Clarence Torrey Community Service Scholarship

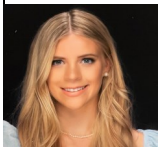
Dylan Lim



Attends Ronald Regans High School and plans to attend Stanford University as a Community Health & Prevention major and continue scientific research Alzheimer's.

Maj Jim & Cheryl Cunningham Chapter Scholarship

Ashley Goforth



Attends Alamo Heights High School and plans to obtain a business degree and enter the field of Human Resources. Ashley's father, LTC Bill Goforth, USA (Ret) is a current chapter member.

JROTC Scholarships



1. **Jasmine Watkins** - recipient of the BG Robert Herring JROTC Scholarship. Attends Southside High School and plans to study Law Enforcement and become a special agent within the FBI



2. **Brianna Cano** - recipient of the Col Edmond & Sue McCarthy JROTC Scholarship. Attends San Benito High School and plans to study psychology and become a substance abuse counselor.



3. **Jessica Baker** - Attends John Paul Steven High School and plans to study cybersecurity to help protect society against cyber attacks



4. **Ryleigh Clifford** - Attends Samuel Clemens High School and her goal is to obtain a Doctor of Nursing Practice in Anesthesia



5. **Angela Gonzalez** - Attends Roma High School and plans to obtain a degree in accounting at TAMU Kingsville



6. **Elizabeth Gonzales** - Attends Carrizo Springs High School and hopes to work in the veterinary field.



7. **Anna Puerta** - Attends PSJA Memorial ECHS and her goal is to become a doctor and work with many non-profit agencies that assist disadvantaged communities with access to quality healthcare



8. **David Valenzuela** - Attends Churchill High School and plans to attend Texas A&M and become a Critical Care Nurse.



9. **Albert Joe Wylie** - Attends Central Catholic High School. His goal is to study mathematics at Yale and create data driven policy solutions connecting people with affordable healthcare.

College ROTC Scholarships

(Awardees are chosen by their Unit Instructors)



1. **Cole Galliete** - UT Austin (Army) is studying Economics and hopes to commission as an infantry officer to follow in his father's footsteps and serve in the 75th Ranger Regiment.



2. **Ema Waring** - UT Austin (Navy) is a junior public relations and business student and aspires to serve her country as a surface warfare officer in the role of public affairs officer.



3. **Michael Stinger** - UT Austin (Air Force) Currently studying mathematics and upon graduating and commissioning, he hopes to be an Air Force Operations Research Analyst.



12. **Jason Camelo** - UTSA (Air Force) currently earning a bachelor's in Business Administration in Management



4. **Annelise Amrhein** - UT Austin (Air Force) currently an Aerospace Engineering student and aspires to join the Air Force as a pilot.



13. **Corbin Klein** - UTSA (Air Force). Currently Deputy Flight Commander for one of Det 842's Field Training Preparation Flights and pursuing a Liberal Arts degree of History with a minor in East Asian Studies.



5. **Juan Lopez** - Texas State (Army) aspires to become a police officer in Austin or San Antonio and become a military intelligence officer in the National Guard and begin his career as an officer in the United States Army.



14. **Robert Balderas** - St Mary's (Army) Currently working towards his bachelor's degree with a major in Criminal Justice with a view towards Military Police and, post military, a detective.



6. **Lucas Smith** - Texas State (Air Force) currently serves as Squadron Commander for Arnold Air Society Squadron In the Air Force and competing for a pilot and remotely piloted aircraft spot.



15. **Gerardo Galindo** - TAMU Kingsville (Army)



7. **Emmanuel Sapolucia** - Texas State (Air Force). Majoring in computer science with a view to a career in cyber security.



16. **Edward Elizondo** - TAMU Corpus Christi (Army) After obtaining a Bachelor of Science in Biology with a focus in Marine Biology in 2015, he is currently studying for a Bachelor of Arts in Universities Studies with a focus in Military Science and Computer Science.



8. **Corbin Garza** - UTSA (Army) Currently studying psychology and plans to commission active duty into the US Army and branch Infantry with aspirations to be a part of the Special Operations community. He ultimately intends to work as a psychologist after service in the Army.



17. **Melani Nunez-Aleman** - UT RGV (Army)



9. **Luis Venegas** - UTSA (Army) Currently studying criminal justice with a view to working in the area of military intelligence and military police.



18. **Sara Pena** - UT RGV (Army)



10. **Anthony Lawrence** - UTSA (Army) Currently studying Accounting with view to enter Military intelligence and Finance with future goals of serving in FBI or the CIA.



11. **Chukwuemeka Alumanah** - UTSA (Air Force) (The Edward L. & Ruby Marvin ROTC Scholarship) is pursuing a career as a Combat Systems Officer or Air Battle Manager.

Monies for these scholarships comes from some of the proceeds from the annual Golf Tournament (this year it is scheduled for October 28 at The Quarry), and from donations from you, the chapter members.

We accepting monies now for next year's scholarships!!!

Transition Tips

Resources For Spouses

Active-duty folks transition only once when the military career is finished. However, y'all, think about the spouse. She or he transitions with every move. Picking up stakes, relocating to a new location and establishing all sorts of new relationships. These may be friendships, churches, a whole plethora of things. Probably the hardest though, is the career.

Every working spouse has struggled through the maze of finding a new job when that move is made. A friend of mine is lucky. She is the spouse of a medical officer who never left BAMC. How unique is that. She was able to create her own marketing business and has successfully developed her business through the years.

Most are not that lucky. Every two to four years requires leaving employment and then attempting to pick up in the new location. Some are lucky in finding a new position that values the skills and experiences learned. Many though find positions that are not equivalent to the previous. Others are forced into a gap in employment since nothing is available. And then others must change careers just to keep things going. Such a waste!

Good news is here. There are resources for the asking to assist in these transitions. First let me praise the work of the US Chamber of Commerce's Hiring Our Heroes (HoH) and our own MOAA for the marvelous bounty of resources available. These websites www.hiringourheroes.org and www.moaa.org are both packed with programs, events, and resources. The HOH fellowship program offers networking and training through experiences with civilian companies. Among MOAA's resources is a mentorship program with American Corporate Partners. What wonderful opportunities to grow a career.

DoD has the Spouse Education and Career Opportunities (SECO) program. This was featured in the March 2022 edition of Military Officer (p. 30). The website <https://myseco.militaryonesource.mil> has a wealth of information and resources to assist the spouse.

Last, but not least, is the HoH's Military Spouse Professional Network (MSPN). To link with them checkout Facebook – Joint Base San Antonio – HOH Military Spouse Professional Network. This is a private FB group with over 2100 members and link with the resources available. Networking and educational events are posted. P.S. Job opportunities are also posted there. What a gold mine!

Help pass the word. Don't let the talent of spouses be wasted or sidelined. The talent must be valued- start today.

Kitty

Kathryn "Kitty" Meyers Lt Col USAF (Ret)
SPHR, SHRM-SCP
Chapter Transition Liaison Officer

*Previously published Transition Tips can be found at
www.alamomoaa.org under the Transition Services tab*

Membership Application/Renewal

Join/Renew - \$25 Annual Fee

Name _____

Branch of Service _____ Rank _____

☐ Active ☐ Retired ☐ Former ☐ Reserve
☐ National Guard ☐ Spouse of Eligible Officer
☐ Friend of the Chapter

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(Please provide a personal email without a ".mil" domain, if available.)

Address _____

City _____

State ____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Date of Birth _____

Spouse Name _____

Spouse/Alternate Email Address _____

Method of Payment

☐ Check (make payable to MOAA Alamo Chapter)

☐ Credit Card Charge my card \$ _____

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Expiration date _____ CVV _____

Zip code where CC Statement is mailed: _____

Signature _____

☐ YES—I would like to help the Alamo Chapter as a volunteer - email me details

Mail to: MOAA Alamo Chapter TX16
P.O. Box 340497 Ft. Sam Houston, TX 78234

Referred By: _____

Chapter Outreach & Advocacy

What is Your Chapter Up To?

Currently, the Alamo Chapter has active representation with organizations in the following areas:

Career Transition:

JBSA Transition Alliance

University of Syracuse's Institute For Veterans and Military Families career training program called Onward to Opportunity (O2O)

Military Spouse Professional Network (MSPN) (US Chamber Hiring Our Heroes Program)

San Antonio and Texas Military Spouse Economic Empowerment Zone (MSEEZ) (US Chamber Hiring Our Heroes Program)

Alamo Workforce Solutions Hiring Fair (Red, White & You)

ETAP Panel at JBSA Randolph pre-retirement events

Advocacy:

San Antonio Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee and Senior Enlisted Advisory Committee

MOAA Texas Council of Chapters (TCC)

Army Chief of Staff's Retiree Council Washington DC

JBSA Ft Sam Houston Newcomer Orientations

Texas Coalition of Veteran Organizations (TCVO)

MOAA Advocacy Campaign

Community/Veteran Outreach:

Texas Veterans Commission Veteran Services Advisory Committee and two subcommittees - Homeless Veterans and Suicide Prevention

JBSA Retiree Council

Veterans of Greater San Antonio Area

JBSA Volunteer Advisory Council

JBSA Retiree Appreciation Day Planning Committee

Texas Veterans Network Advisory Committee

Want to help find out more about our involvement with these organizations and how we're making a difference?
Want to help shape and move the Chapter forward??

If so, please join us at our next regular monthly chapter business meeting each first Thursday at 10am at the chapter office on JBSA Ft Sam Houston, or via Zoom. Contact us and we'll send you the meeting materials.

Tel: (210) 228-9955 (call or text) Email: moaa-ac@sbcglobal.net

Speaker Bio



Candy Martin

**Texas President for
American Gold Star
Mothers**

Candy Martin was born and raised in South Dakota. She enlisted in the Women's Army Corps in 1975 and retired from the U. S. Army 38 years later as a Chief Warrant Officer Five. She served in a variety of positions and deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from August 2005 to July 2006.

She has been awarded multiple military awards, to include the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star. She proudly served in the United States Army Quartermaster Corps and was inducted into the Quartermaster Hall of Fame in 2017.

Candy follows her passion of serving Veterans and Gold Star Families. Candy is married to Sergeant Major (Retired) Ed Martin, and they raised four children. Tom, a 2005 graduate of the United States Military Academy, was killed in action while serving in Iraq on October 14, 2007. Ed and Candy have three adult daughters and four grandchildren. Candy and Ed enjoy balancing family, volunteering, traveling, and retirement!

Soldiers' Angels

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If you're collecting items to provide support for troops or purchasing items locally, you can ship all of your items to their headquarters here in San Antonio. You will be responsible for all shipping costs.

Soldiers' Angels Urgent Support for Deployed
 2895 NE Loop 410, Suite 107
 San Antonio, Texas 78218

Being so far away from the conflict, it's easy to feel helpless and not know how you can make a difference. But with your help, together we can make a tremendous impact on the service members that have been called to duty.



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- Moving Allowance
- Personalized Renovation Allowance
- Charter Club Membership
- Second Person Fee Discount
- Home Warming Celebration
- Maintenance Assistance

The ARC welcomes all officers, retired or honorably discharged from all branches of service, warrant officers, as well as senior level GS 14 and above federal employees, who are at least 62 years old, to include spouses and surviving spouses.

7400 Crestway | San Antonio, Texas 78239 | armyresidence.com

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

If you are an area **employer** who is interested in hiring career transitioning officers or their spouses or if you are a MOAA member 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



**NEVER STOP
SERVING!**

WE NEED YOU TO VOLUNTEER

for positions on your Chapter
leadership team
(Member spouses also welcome!)

Current Needs:

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Thursday, April 21st

Chapter Luncheon

Speaker: Candy Martin

**Texas President for American Gold Star
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Army Residence Community

7400 Crestway San Antonio TX 78239

Meet & Greet begins 11am - Lunch served 11:30am

Menu

Garden Salad w / Ranch and Italian dressing on the side, Surf and Turf 3
oz Salmon and 3oz Teres Mayor, Garlic Mashed potatoes, Sautéed spin-
ach w / bacon and onions, Assorted Rolls /butter, Coffee / Tea, Carrot
Cake. Entrée, salad & dessert

Cost per person: \$23 prepaid, \$26 at Door
(Included in the Meal Plan for ARC Residents)

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Thursday, May 26th

“Fiesta” Luncheon

**Speaker: Maj Gen Susan L. Pamerleau
USAF (Ret)**

US Marshall, Western District of Texas

Ft Sam Golf Club

1050 Harry Wurzbach, San Antonio TX 78209

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Menu TBD

Cost per person: Pay In Advance \$28; Pay At the Door \$32

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