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President's Message

While many are looking forward to a break in the heat or shopping for school supplies or scheduling that last summer vacation, we at the chapter are planning the next golf tournament.

With Frank and Stephen Rohrbaugh as our committee chairs, we are working on our 15th tournament. This is our major source of funds for the Educational Foundation and to support the warriors and families utilizing the USO's Warrior and Family Support Center at JBSA Ft. Sam Houston.

We are also in our semi-annual funds drive for the chapter operations account. You have been so supportive

throughout our history. The annual chapter dues received help but do not cover the operating expenses. We operate on a very lean budget that focuses on the bare necessities. The volunteer staff spends many hours “working” for the membership. Your support enables these activities on your behalf.

The Educational Foundation has been able to increase the number of scholarships to ROTC and JROTC cadets. This past year \$31,000 was awarded to 31 cadets. We were also able to support leadership activities for two USAF ROTC events and an Army

ROTC event. This could not have been accomplished without your support.

I ask you to continue your support of both the chapter and the foundation. We have followed IRS rules by establishing the chapter as a 501(c)4 and the foundation as a 501(c)3. This allows us to focus their missions to best support the communities and the initiatives.

Thank you again. Best wishes for a marvelous end-of-summer.

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to those members born in the month of August.

If you have a birthday this month and your name is not here, then we do not have your birth month in our records. If you'd like to be included please call or email us the information.

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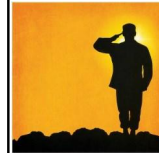


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TAPS

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:

BG Jim Doty, USA (Ret)
 7/12/23

Cindy Kenton
 7/1/23
Spouse of MAJ Jack Kenton, USA (Ret)

LTC Wilson Brown, USAF (Ret)
 6/16/23

Col Stuart Meyers, USAF (Ret)
 March 2023

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 1/10/23

LTC Eward Zawora, USA (Ret)
 1/8/23

Col Ben Alford
 Date Unknown

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 Date Unknown

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 Jan 2019

Mission & Vision

Vision:

To be the primary advocate for the military community

Mission:

- *Provide information, support and social engagement to members;*
- *Offer programs and services for the common good of the military community;*
- *Support MOAA at the national, state and local levels with a powerful voice.*

Scholarship Committee Forming



Every year, the Alamo Chapter honors outstanding high school and college students with our wide-ranging scholarships and awards programs.

These initiatives reinforce our mission of supporting our military community while addressing our priority of increasing membership.

We are beginning the program for academic year 2023-24 and seek volunteers who can commit to attending three meetings over the next six months. The 2023 program kicks off with a strategy and planning meeting in November where we outline our purpose, objectives and tasks for success. Meetings are typically held in the chapter office on JBSA Fort Sam Houston.

This is an exciting and important program and we seek input from across the chapter membership.

If interested in joining the team, please contact our Scholarship Committee Chairperson, Col (ret) Pete Hunt, preferably via email,

peterhunt2012@gmail.com

or backup by text/phone to 210-867-0418.

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Military Officers Association of America - Alamo Chapter (MOAA-AC)

Presents the

15th Annual Golf Tournament on October 27, 2023

at the Quarry Golf Course in San Antonio.

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The tournament raises funds for . . .

- 1) **The USO Warrior & Family Support Center (formerly JBSA Warrior & Family Support Center) on Ft Sam Houston** which provides a neutral, home-like place for families and patients to gather after long and often painful days of treatment.
- 2) **The Chapter's JROTC and ROTC Scholarships (Alamo Chapter Educational Foundation)** which help towards the cost of college for promising local high school students as well as those ROTC students already in college. Scholarships are awarded to the children and grandchildren of all military (all ranks). Since its inception this tournament has raised over \$190,000 for its beneficiaries . . . and we'd love your help to raise even more!

If you have been a donor in the past, we are very grateful for such support and we need your help again this year. If you have not provided support in the past, please consider doing so.

Here are the ways you can help:

- ♦ Be a **sponsor** -- select one of the many options listed on the reverse.
- ♦ Be a **golfer** -- submit an entry form for yourself or a team using the registration form on the reverse.
- ♦ Be a **contributor** -- donate an entry fee of \$160 and give a Warrior an opportunity to play free of charge. (Unused player spot donations will go directly to WFSC) or donate any dollar amount to help us defray expenses and allow us to give more to the cause.
- ♦ Be a **supporter** -- provide goodie bag items (preferably a minimum of 150, or gift certificate(s) to be used as a tournament prize.
- ♦ Be a **volunteer** -- help during the planning phase as a committee member and/or during the tournament with registration, as a course assistant, contest judge, awards assistant, etc.

Your support of this fundraising event will be greatly appreciated. Please feel free to distribute this flyer to any of your family, friends, co-workers and fellow golfers who may desire to support this worthy cause. If you wish to contact us about a sponsorship, donations, prizes, or being a volunteer, please call the MOAA Office at (210) 228-9955.

Sign up or donate using this form or alternatively, you can sign up and/or donate online at our website and pay using your credit card. Go to www.alamomoaa.org. Tax ID: 501(C)3 #82-1635522.

Thank you.

Frank Rohrbough

Frank Rohrbough
Co-Chair, Golf Committee

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CONTACT INFORMATION

Tournament Co Chairs: Frank & Stephen Rohrbough

Frank: 703-868-8006 Stephen: 210-262-7026

MOAA Office: 210-228-9955 Email: moaa-ac@sbcglobal.net

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Speaker Bio - State Rep Josey Garcia



Newly-elected to serve in the 88th Texas Legislature, State Representative Josey Garcia is the 1st woman, active-duty veteran to serve in the Texas House. She represents West San Antonio's House District 124.

Representative Garcia has committed her life to serving others, her lived-experiences guiding her quest for solutions to increase opportunities for

all Texans. Josey spent her early years bouncing from one foster home to another. By the time she reached high school, she had attended 13 schools and lived with various families. At the age of 16, she signed up for the Delay Enrollment Program, securing her place in the U.S. Air Force, serving in deployments to Cameroon, Africa and Iraq, where she served in Operation Iraqi Freedom. After Ramstein Air Base, Germany, Representative Garcia was stationed at Lackland Air Force Base in 2001. Here she would retire after 20 years of a military career. An active member of her westside community, Josey made San Antonio, Texas

her forever home.

Upon her retirement in 2014, Josey became a published author and community advocate in San Antonio. In 2020, she co-founded Uniting America Outreach, a nonprofit that delivers food and supplies to people in need. During Winter Storm Uri in 2021, Uniting America Outreach delivered over 9,000 meals to San Antonio's most vulnerable residents. Her organization raised over \$50,000 to provide food, clothing, and hygiene products, which they took directly to Ciudad Acuña, Mexico during the 2022 crisis at the border.

Josey is happily married to her husband Ramon, an Army veteran who served in both Operation Iraqi Freedom, Iraq and Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan, where he was awarded a Purple Heart when he was shot during a combat mission. Their blended family consists of eight children, including two adult sons on the autism spectrum.

As Texas State Representative for HD 124, Rep. Garcia will continue advocating for those who need her most! Our veterans, children impacted by the foster care industry, retirees, and working families who desperately need access to better paying jobs and affordable housing.

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Soldiers' Angels

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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: August 17, September 21, October 19, November 16, December 21.

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

To register for future events or inquire about volunteering or sponsoring, please email: Jana Evans at jevans@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.



Warm Feet For Warriors

The Soldiers' Angels goal for this year's sock collection is 75,000. And the Alamo Chapter is doing its part!

The Blue Skies of Texas satellite of the Alamo chapter is placing collecting boxes at both east and west campuses and residents may drop their donated socks there. You can also stop by the chapter office on Ft Sam (appointment required) or directly at the Soldiers' Angels facility at 2895 NE Loop 410 #107, San Antonio (in the strip center adjoining Academy Sports & Outdoors on 410 & Perrin Beitel). Lastly, you can order socks from their wish list on Amazon and have them shipped direct, or set up a collection box at your own workplace!

Do let us know how many pairs you collected and dropped off or had shipped! Socks are the most requested items!



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Transition Tips

Finding the Right Mentor

I was asked a question not too long ago about the best mentor that I had during my various careers. I unfortunately had to reply none! I entered the Air Force when there weren't many women in the military, let alone women officers. Not counting the nurses (people always thought we were nurses), there were only five of us at Pease AFB. Even when I exited the military, women executives, especially in the hospitality industry, were few and far between. I replied that I learned from the "hard knocks" philosophy. My best lessons were learned either from my hard knocks or watching and learning from bad bosses. I am very happy to say that times have changed. Not only are women in executive positions for mentoring but men are also welcoming the opportunity to mentor.

So, I went to Google to find the qualities of a mentor and found an article posted by the Indeed Editorial Team that talks about the "10 Characteristics of a Mentor and Why They're Important". This is a great article. The first characteristic right out of the box was one that is probably the most important. A mentor must be a good listener. I would also couple that with a mentor must be good at asking questions. By asking questions and really listening to the answers, both the mentor and mentee have the opportunity to learn and think about the direction of any conversation. Growth comes from the mentee's learning from experiences, mostly his or her own. The mentee processes through reflection and conversation. The mentor learns how to guide the conversation to the awareness of the growth opportunities. This is the constructive feedback quality of the mentor.

These are just three of the qualities listed in the article. It can be found at <https://www.indeed.com/career-advice/career-development/important-characteristics-of-a-mentor>. I highly recommend it.

A mentor is a valuable tool in any transition strategy. Find someone who can guide you to your desired career. And – remember that this should be an opportunity for the mentor as well. It's not a "paid" career counselor. Seek someone who is really committed to serve.

Best wishes,

Kitty

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SPHR, SHRM-SCP
Chapter Transition Liaison Officer

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



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Semper Paratus

(Always Ready)

What Your Chapter Is Involved In

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 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. Contact us and we'll send you the meeting materials and directions.

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Save The Date

SEPTEMBER

21 Chapter Luncheon Blue Skies of Texas East

OCTOBER

27 15th Annual Golf Tournament 1pm Quarry Golf Course

NOVEMBER

16 Chapter Luncheon Ft Sam Golf Course

DECEMBER

14 Holiday Luncheon Ft Sam Golf Course

Estate Planning & Decedent Affairs Checklist

In these uncertain times, one way to achieve some peace of mind is to have your personal affairs in order.

The MOAA Alamo Chapter is here to provide you with resources regarding estate planning and decedent affairs checklist.

These are general guidelines and recommendations. Your estate planning is better enhanced when you work with your attorney or legal support office.

Please either contact the office for a copy or go online to the Alamo chapter website and find a link to it under the Hot News section on the home page.

Cora Bayle-Cox

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CAPT USN (Ret)
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Thursday, August 24
Chapter Luncheon
Speaker: Josey Garcia
Texas State Representative

The 1st woman, active-duty veteran to serve in
the Texas House

Ft Sam Golf Club
1050 Harry Wurzbach, San Antonio TX 78209
Meet & Greet begins 11am - Lunch served 11:30am

Menu

Minestrone Soup, Club Jr., Sandwich, Classic Chop Salad,
Dessert, Coffee, Water & Iced Tea.

Cost per person: Pay In Advance \$24; Pay At the Door \$28

Enclosed: \$ _____

RSVP by 4pm Wednesday 16 August
Reservations not cancelled by then will be forfeited/billed
Non members & guests are welcome with paid reservations

Name _____

Guest(s): _____

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Thursday, September 21st
Chapter Luncheon
Speaker: Javier Salazar
Bexar County Sheriff (invited)

Blues Skies of Texas East - Sky Lounge
4917 Ravenswood San Antonio, TX 78227

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

Menu

Ham & Cheddar, Turkey & Swiss Sandwiches, Soup, Salad Bar
& Assorted Dessert Tray, Coffee, Water & Iced Tea.

**Cost per person: Pay In Advance \$15; Pay At the Door \$20 - must
still RSVP**

Enclosed: \$ _____

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