



# MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA ALAMO CHAPTER



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## President's Message

While the Chapter took the month of July off from meetings and events, the work was non-stop behind the scenes. The staff continues to serve the community. We participated in the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fourth of July Patriotic Ceremony conducted by the Order of Granaderos y Damas de Galvez San Antonio Chapter at Ft Sam Houston National Cemetery. This is a premier event. The event continues to recognize the diverse group of patriots from the Spanish and colonials who defended the southern areas of Louisiana and Texas during the American Revolution.

We also attended several events, representing MOAA and the Chapter. Each event allowed us to recruit new members. Let me be shameless here. Our calendar has many opportunities such as this to spread the “word” and gain new members. To make these events successful, we need your help. If you like meeting new folks and networking with the greater community, we have opportunities for you on the membership committee. Please contact me, Aimee Schumacher or Kathie Estrada for more information.

The Chapter golf tournament is fast approaching. Friday, October 18 comes faster than we think. We are currently accepting items that can be used in the silent auction. This auction continues to be a successful way to add to the Educational Foundation. If you have any items that can be used for the

auction, please contact me, Lisa Skopal or Trish Meserve at the office before September 15. We will arrange the pickup. You don't have to be a golfer to help make this a stellar event.

I would like to say goodbye to Col Travis Mills, outgoing commander of the 502<sup>nd</sup> Force Support Group. He has been a great “landlord,” helping us with any issue that occurs with our building. We are honored and so grateful that we can office on Ft. Sam. There are only a few other MOAA chapters that have the opportunity to have a home on a military installation. Best of luck, Colonel, on your new assignment. We also wish to welcome Col Marie Slack.

Lastly, here's the reminder to change your password to the MOAA website. The site has been updated.

We are all required to create a new password to access.

Thanks so much for your support. Best wishes as summer comes to a close.

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

## Happy 234th Birthday to the

## US Coast Guard

August 4, 1790



*Semper  
Paratus*  
(Always Ready)



Some of our Corporate Partners attending at the June Happy Hour Event at the Petroleum Club.

L-R Jovi Leborne of Leborne Health & Life Insurance; Kelly Guerrero of Coldwell Banker D'Ann Harper Realty; Todd Speer of Global Aid Consultants; and Chuck Rodriguez from Our Lady of the Lake University Non Profit Mgmt Online Degree program.

Thanks for supporting us!

# Notices



## Thank You

to each person listed below who have donated a little (or a lot!) to the Educational Foundation, and/or Chapter Operations.

We really appreciate it—and every dollar helps!

Col Dale Addington, USAF (Ret)  
 LTC Sean Blaydon, USA (Fmr)  
 COL Lucas Brennecke, USA (Ret)  
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 COL David Sherrard, USA (Ret)  
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 Maj Gen Bruce Smith, USAF (Ret)  
 COL Paul Struck, USA (Ret)  
 CWO Charles Thompson, USA (Fmr)  
 Col Steven Thompson, USAF (Ret)  
 CDR Brenda Tobey, USN (Ret)  
 MAJ Thomas Tucker, USA (Ret)  
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## TAPS

We have received information that the following member has passed away.

We wish to convey our sincere condolences and best wishes to their family and loved ones:

Col Jack Bujalski, USAF (Ret)  
 6/4/2024

## NEVER STOP SERVING! WE NEED YOU TO VOLUNTEER!



### Current Needs:

- 1) Personal Affairs/Surviving Spouse Chair
- 2) Members for the following committees:  
 Golf Tournament  
 Membership & Retention  
 Marketing  
 Transition  
 Legislative Affairs  
 Personal Affairs/Surviving Spouse

*Member spouses are welcome*

*The position descriptions of all chapter positions can be found on the chapter website under the resources tab.  
[www.alamomoaa.org](http://www.alamomoaa.org)*

*If interested or have questions please call or text Kitty Meyers 210 355 6244*



## Soldiers' Angels Campaign

### Operation Warm Winter

Operation: Warm Winter helps Soldiers' Angels collect warm items that will be shared directly with homeless Veterans in need across the country through VA hospitals we support.

Formerly known as their annual Blanket Drive, the campaign has been expanded to include highly requested coats and gloves.

Please support our partnership with Soldiers' Angels by donating new or unused:

- Blankets -- only store-bought or handmade, twin-sized preferred
- Adult-sized winter coats -- all adult sizes and all colors accepted, waterproof a plus
- Adult-sized winter gloves & winter hat -- all adult sizes and all colors accepted, waterproof a plus



You may drop your donation off at the Chapter office on Ft Sam (Tues thru Thurs 1-4pm) or bring your donation to the August and/or September luncheons – we will have a drop-off box on site and will transport the items to Soldiers Angels. **Thank you!**

## Heads Up!



JBSA Speed enforcement policy goes into effect August 1st. Watch your speed, particularly in military housing and school areas.



## Legislative Report

MOAA National has published their legislative goals for the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress. They are as follows:

- Compensation and Service-Earned Benefits
- Military Housing
- Health Care for Currently Serving and Retirees
- Health Care and Benefits for Veterans
- Service Families
- Survivors
- Guard and Reserve

Go to the MOAA website, **www.MOAA.org** and click on the Advocacy tab to review them in detail.

While on the website, please go to the Legislative Action Center under the Advocacy tab, enter your information and, of course, make sure you indicate that you are part of Alamo Chapter TX16.

Take a moment to review the letters that MOAA has laid out for you and send them to your legislators. Among them is the supporting of Concurrent Receipt aka the Major Richard Star Act. Make sure the letter is sent to our two senators (Cruz & Cornyn) and then follow-up with a phone call to their offices. We must try and get it added to the Senate version of the 2025 NDAA.

The Texas legislature is still quiet though we are monitoring how our State National Guardsmen are faring with their deployment to the border. We also have some plans to make it easier for spouses of military members and newly minted veterans to become certified in their fields of specialty. More to come.

Lastly, we just went through the attempted assassination of a presidential candidate. There are many unanswered questions as to how this could have happened AND it most certainly shouldn't happen for any candidate. I have learned over the years that we can all disagree on various issues, but I also know that even if we disagree, we should talk the issues out without vitriol or violence.

Hopefully, we then can arrive at some type of compromise. It is up to both candidates and their surrogates to keep the temperature lowered as we move through the rest of this campaign and allow, we, the voters to select our next president to move the United States forward!

*Jim Cunningham*  
MAJ, USA (Ret)  
VP Legislative Affairs

## 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

☐ MOAA National Mbr? If yes pls provide mbr number:

\_\_\_\_\_

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

(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 \_\_\_\_\_

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#### Method of Payment

- ☐ Check (make payable to MOAA Alamo Chapter)  
☐ Credit Card    Charge my card \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ **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: \_\_\_\_\_



# Membership Memos

## THANK YOU Renewing Members:

Maj Gen Byron Hepburn, USAF (Ret)  
 Maj Gen Bruce Smith, USAF (Ret)  
 COL Lucas Brennecke, USA (Ret)  
 COL Dave Bruett, USA (Ret)  
 Col Donald Gleason, USAF (Ret)  
 COL Douglas Hurst, USA (Ret)  
 COL Edgar Marshall, Jr., USA (Ret)  
 Col Jay Maust, USAF (Ret)  
 COL Nickey McCasland, USA (Ret)  
 Col Gregory Nita, USAF (Ret)  
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 COL Thomas Rozanski, USA (Ret)  
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 LTC Roland Keller USAF (Ret)  
 Lt Col Glenda Rast, USAF (Ret)  
 LTC Terrance Robinson, USA (Ret)  
 Lt Col Winston Shaffer, USAF (Ret)  
 CDR Brenda Tobey, USN (Ret)  
 MAJ James Drakes, USA (Ret)  
 MAJ Jack Kenton, USA (Ret)  
 MAJ Michael Pollog, USA (Fmr)  
 MAJ Thomas Tucker, USA (Ret)  
 Capt Mario Oliveira, USAF (Ret)  
 CW3 James Manzo, USA (Ret)  
 CWO Charles Thompson, USA (Fmr)  
 Cinda McCabe

## WELCOME New Members:

RADM Eric Young, USN (Ret)  
 COL Daniel Morgan USA (Ret)  
 COL Marie Slack, USA  
 LTC Brann Calvetti, USA (Ret)  
 LTC Shaunta Hollingsworth, USA  
 MAJ Aaron Burch, USA  
 MAJ Christina Dehhl, USA  
 MAJ Joseph Lendo USA (Ret)

Maj Heather Widell, USAF  
 CPT Brett Johnson, USA  
 CPT Megan Johnson, USA  
 CPT Nicholas Kunce, USA  
 Capt Rachel Washington, USAF  
 1LT James Donnelly, USA  
 CWO-4 Patrick Marshall, USMC  
 (Ret)



## Retired Military Town Hall

**24 August 2024 10:00 to 11:40 a.m.**

Military & Family Readiness Center (M&FRC)

3060 Stanley Rd Bldg. 2797, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234

**Topics:**  
**JBSA Installations Services**  
**& Healthcare update from**  
**BAMC & VA**

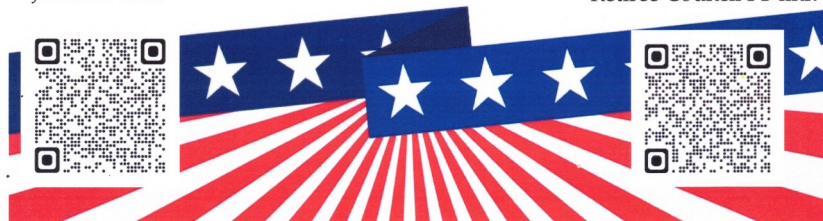
**Pre-Registration**  
**Send names in your party to**  
**Linduff@aol.com or**  
**text 210-862-2185**

Open to all Retired Military Members of all Branches, their Families, Caregivers, and Surviving Spouses.

Watch the Live Broadcast on the JBSA Facebook Page!

JBSA FB Link

Retiree Council FB link



## Membership Stats

Active Duty 156

Former Military 24

Friends of the Chapter 7

Retired 574

Surviving Spouse 143

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**Total 904**

## Speaker Bio - Jeff Fair



Jeff Fair recently departed the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce as the Vice President of Economic Development. In this role, he was responsible for serving as a leading policy expert, strategist, and resource for important issues surrounding key regional industries including cybersecurity and IT, commercial space and aerospace, healthcare and bioscience, and advanced manufacturing. He was also the Greater Chamber lead for small business support, the startup ecosystem, international trade, and regional economic development.

Before joining the Chamber, Fair worked in intelligence and cybersecurity at Lackland Air Force Base following a 23-year as an US Army officer. During his service, Jeff served at the National Security Agency and United States Cyber Command in strategy and policy roles as well as in operational assignments for the agency. This included a year as a fellow in the agency director's office and time at Cyber Command's Commander's Action Group, a key group providing strategy and analysis for the commander's top priorities.

Prior to arriving at NSA, Fair's Army career included serving as a deputy brigade commander and personal intelligence advisor to the commander of US Forces in Korea. He deployed several times to various locations including Iraq, Afghanistan, and others. He was also an instructor at the National Intelligence University, teaching classes on analysis, strategy, and cybersecurity.

Fair has a B.A. from the Elliott School at George Washington University, an M.B.A. from Hawaii Pacific University, an M.P.A from the University of Washington's Evans School, an M.S. in Strategic Intelligence from the National Intelligence University and is doctoral candidate at the George Washington University's Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Administration.

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— of Texas

AT AIR FORCE VILLAGE





## HAPPY BIRTHDAY AUGUST members!

*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, text or email us the information.*

Juan Ayala, MajGen USMC (Ret)  
James Barker, COL USA (Ret)  
George Becknell, COL USA (Ret)  
Ronald Bilski, LTC USA (Ret)  
Fernando Carreon, Maj USAF (Ret)  
George Chronis, Col USAF (Ret)  
Joseph Cook, Lt Col USAF (Ret)  
Sharron Crowder, LCDR USN (Ret)  
Jim Cunningham, MAJ USA (Ret)  
Karen Currie, Col USAF (Ret)  
Jesse De Loach, CDR USN (Ret)  
B. Di Giacomo  
Darius Duncan, 1LT USA  
Eleanor Egger  
Douglas Frazee, CAPT USN (Ret)  
Linda Gayer  
Donald Gleason, Col USAF (Ret)  
Bill Goforth, LTC USA (Ret)  
Fazal Hussain, Col USAF  
Catherine Key  
Joetta Khan, LTC USA  
John Kimmel, Cpt USAF (Ret)  
Aleques Lanier, 1LT USA  
Jack Lee, LCDR USN (Ret)  
George Lindquist, Maj USAF (Ret)  
Jonathan Lovejoy, CDR USN (Ret)

Cathy Lyssy  
Bill Marland, CAPT USN (Ret)  
Virginia Mayer  
James McWherter, COL USA  
Sergio Mercado, MAJ USA (Ret)  
William Mullins, COL USA (Ret)  
Narziddin Olimov, CPT USA  
Robert O'Reilly, CW2 USA (Ret)  
Rob Ramonas, COL USAR  
Charles Reding, COL USA (Ret)  
David Richmond, Jr., Lt Col USAF (Ret)  
Chuck Rose, LTC USA (Ret)  
Keith Ross, Maj USAF (Ret)  
Thomas Rozanski, COL USA (Ret)  
Fred Ryder, Col USAF (Ret)  
Irene Senia  
David Shultz, Lt Col USAF (Ret)  
Robert Smith, Lt Col USAF (Ret)  
William Smith, LTC USA (Ret)  
Todd Speer, LTC USA (Ret)  
Anthony Stephens, LTC USA (Ret)  
Chaplain James Taylor, LTC USA (Ret)  
Joseph Terry, SGM USA (Ret)  
John Tully, COL USA (Ret)

## MOAA Alamo Chapter

### 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.*

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presents*

# **16<sup>th</sup> Annual MOAA-AC Golf Tournament**

*Sponsored by*

## **Donegan Burns Foundation**

*Benefiting*



**Warrior and Family Support Center**  
San Antonio



**Educational Foundation**

### **Friday, October 18, 2024**

Ft Sam Houston Golf Course, 1050 Harry Wurzbach, San Antonio, Tx

**\$125 per player (limit 120 players)**

*Includes green fees, cart, goodie bag, lunch & Awards dinner*

**REGISTRATION & LUNCH begin 11am - Shotgun Start 12:30pm**



#### **SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:**

##### **Title Sponsor \$15,000 (Donegan Burns Foundation)**

Tournament named in your honor, Club House Banner, Promotional recognition, Tee Box signage, Green Fees & Cart for 8 players.

##### **Platinum Sponsor \$5,000**

Club House Banner, Promotional recognition, Tee Box signage, Green Fees & Cart for 6 players.

##### **Gold Sponsor \$2,500**

Club House Banner, Promotional recognition, Tee Box signage, Green Fees & Cart for 4 players.

##### **Silver Sponsor \$1,500**

Club House Banner, Promotional recognition, Tee Box signage, Green Fees & Cart for 2 players.

##### **Hole In One Sponsor \$1,500**

##### **Dinner Sponsor \$1,500**

##### **Hospitality Cart Sponsor \$750**

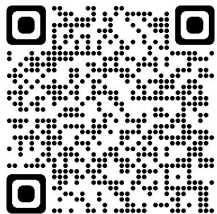
##### **Putting Contest Sponsor \$750**

##### **Hole Sponsor \$325**

##### **Closest To The Pin \$325**

##### **Longest Drive \$325**

##### **Warrior Player Sponsor \$125**



**Monetary donation in any amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Tournament Co Chairs: Frank & Stephen Rohrbough

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

MOAA Ofc: 210-228-9955 Email: [moaa-ac@sbcglobal.net](mailto:moaa-ac@sbcglobal.net)

MOAA-AC is a private organization. It is not part of the Department of Defense or any of its components and it has no governmental status.

Participation implies agreement to use photos in any PR materials

#### **4 person team or individual player registration form**

**Player 1 Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Mens Ladies (circle one)

Email (required): \_\_\_\_\_

**Player 2 Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Mens Ladies (circle one)

Email (required): \_\_\_\_\_

**Player 3 Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Mens Ladies (circle one)

Email (required): \_\_\_\_\_

**Player 4 Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Mens Ladies (circle one)

Email (required): \_\_\_\_\_

**Super Ticket \$50 per person:** Includes 2 Mulligans, 2 Beverages, Raffle Drawings, Scratch Off Game, Contests: Closest to Pin, Putting, Hole in One, Shoot out for \$100,000 - 50/50 split.

**Company Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Contact/Donor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

CVV: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Golf Fee Amt: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Donation Amt: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ SuperTicket Amt: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsorship Amt: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Total Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Make checks payable to: MOAA-AC and mail to: P.O. Box 340497, Ft. Sam Houston, TX 78234. If you prefer, you may also register and/or donate by credit card or PayPal on our secure website: [www.alamomoaa.org](http://www.alamomoaa.org). Call Trish at 210-228-9955 for questions on tournament**

## 16th Annual Golf Tournament

### October 18, 2024

at the Ft Sam Golf Course in San Antonio.

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 together after long and often painful days of treatment.
- 2) **The Chapter's JROTC and ROTC Scholarships (MOAA 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. One Scholarship is awarded to a chapter member's child/grandchild and one for a local High School student with a military relative (all ranks). Since its inception this tournament has raised over \$200,000 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 \$125 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, or an item for the Silent Auction.
- ♦ 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](http://www.alamomoaa.org). Tax ID: 501(C)3 #82-1635522.

Thank you.

*Frank Rohrbough*  
Frank Rohrbough  
Co-Chair, Golf Committee



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7 Purple Heart Day  
22 Chapter Luncheon Ft Sam GC 11am  
24 JBSA Town Hall

### September

26 Chapter Luncheon Blue Skies West

### October

18 MOAA-AC Golf Tournament  
19 Retiree Appreciation Day FSH

### November

2 Retiree Appreciation Day Randolph  
21 Annual General Meeting Luncheon



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[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 interested in helping a career transitioning officer or spouse as a **San Antonio Networker**,

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# Transition Tips

## Networking Through Volunteering

One of the biggest challenges that is addressed when I talk to those transitioning is “stepping outside” of the comfort zone and networking. You’ve been able to hide behind your uniform and the identity that it provides. Your current network is built into the microcosm of the military community that is very distinct from the civilian community. Now you have to consider how to create your network in civilian attire. We’re not necessarily going to focus on what you’re wearing. The focus is more on what you can do to get to know the community. This can also lead to job opportunities as you meet new people.

I met a pilot retiree who had an eye-opening discussion with someone he met at church. He mentioned that he was retiring and trying to figure out his path. She suggested that he contact HEB, our San Antonio based grocery store. He investigated their executive training program and is now a store manager. As the saying goes, you never know!

Volunteering in community interests is a very common and very successful way of crossing that bridge. Connecting with a group that has a common interest eases the tension and stress that arises when meeting folks in a new setting. There is automatically a common thread of conversation that will allow you to talk and create new friends. These chats can open a path that you might not know about – or might not have considered. New or renewed skills from volunteer experiences can ignite a new passion.

The Alamo Chapter of MOAA is one such connecting thread. We are a group of active duty, veteran, retiree, and spouses who believe in the mission and vision of MOAA and the need to pay-it-forward. How this is done varies by individual interests and opportunities. Join us at our lunch meetings and meet fellow members. These provide interesting speakers that can spark ideas. We have opportunities to join staff and committees. Opportunities to volunteer with Soldier’s Angels and other nonprofit organizations are posted via email and in our Lariat e-letter. How you fit in depends upon your interests.

Step out of your comfort zone. I challenge you to explore based upon your interests - and especially your passions. Let us know what you find. Is there a way to connect with other Chapter members where we can collectively help?

We look forward to learning about your connections. Best of luck as you pursue these ventures. The rewards are outstanding.

*Kitty*

Kathryn “Kitty” Meyers Lt Col USAF (Ret)  
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*Previously published Transition Tips can be found at [www.AlamoMOAA.org](http://www.AlamoMOAA.org) under the Transition Services tab.*



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## Thursday, August 22 Chapter Luncheon

### Jeff Fair

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### Ft Sam Golf Club

1050 Harry Wurzbach, San Antonio TX 78209  
Meet & Greet begins 11am - Lunch at 11:30am

### Menu

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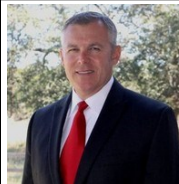
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### F22 Pilot & Weapons School Commandant

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

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