

THE



LARIAT

Volume 44, Number 2

“Five Star ★★★★★ Chapter”

February 2024



President's Message

January was a special month for the Alamo Chapter of MOAA. We had the honor of hosting LtGen Brian Kelly, president of MOAA, for our monthly meeting on the 11th. The day started with a gathering at Blue Skies of Texas West where General Kelly had the opportunity to speak to the members and guests of the satellite. (See pic below).

The highlight of the day was the lunch meeting. Gen Kelly was the guest speaker. He began with the history of MOAA. It's amazing that 2024 will be the 95th anniversary. What a huge transition from a small group of officers to The Retired Officer Association of America to MOAA with a membership of 360,000.

An emphasis of General Kelly's comments was on the advocacy initiatives for this year. He focused on the Richard Starr Act for military retiree benefits, basic allowance for housing for active duty, and protecting Tricare for Life and also about the recruiting efforts for MOAA and the challenges of recruiting “younger folks,” especially active duty.

General Kelly then described the political climate in Washington and the impact that it has had on the passage of legislation and the effects on the military and their families. He reminded us however that in the midst of this polarization, the voice of the MOAA member has significant influence with lawmakers and explained how MOAA's Legislative Advocacy Center is a tool

we can use to advocate on behalf of the military community.

Following his presentation, General Kelly presented us with the MOAA 2022 5-Star Level of Excellence Award. This is the 14th year in a row the Alamo Chapter has received this top honor for how it runs the chapter.

Another very important presentation took place at the luncheon, the official presenting to the USO of some of the proceeds from last year's Chapter Golf Tournament. A donation check in the amount of \$6,830 designated for the Warrior & Family Support Center on Ft Sam Houston was given to Heather Krauss, USO San Antonio Executive Director.

After the luncheon General Kelly and the Chapter staff met at the office. We discussed the various successes and opportunities facing the Alamo Chapter. It was an eventful and fruitful day.

To close this letter, let me again review the Advocacy Center process. Go online to www.moaa.org and connect with the “Legislative Advocacy Center” link. Once you've completed the registration, the system will automatically load the contact information for your senators and your congressional representative. You will be asked for your chapter – use the code TX16. Besides accessing the website, you will also start receiving eblasts from MOAA that will include letters that can be sent from us to lawmakers advocating for a variety of MOAA's legislative initiatives. You may modify the suggested response or use that response. Easy to do and very impactful. Your influence counts.

Thank y'all for your support.

Kitty

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



L-R: Jim Connors, Darrell Jones, Kitty Meyers, Brian Kelly, Dan Van Syoc, Eric Kreitz & Bruce Wilcox.

Notices



Thank You

to each 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!

LTC Ronald Bilski, USA (Ret)
 COL Matthew Brockway, USA (Ret)
 LTC Edward Bryan III, USA (Ret)
 Lt Col Tom Carter, USAF (Ret)
 Lt Col Charles Caudill, USAF (Ret)
 Lt Col Juliet Chelkowski, USMC (Ret)
 Juanita Felder
 Lt Col Carolyn Friedle, USAF (Ret)
 Lt Col Howard Glick, USAF (Ret)
 COL Thomas Klimas, USA (Ret)
 LTC Jerry Nicks, USA (Ret)
 Helga Parks
 Lt Col William Pollock, USAF (Ret)
 Lt Col Glenda Rast, USAF (Ret)
 Lt Col David Richmond, Jr., USAF (Ret)
 Col Edward Sheeran USAF (Ret)
 Marilyn Veach
 Brig Gen Paul Wagoner, USAF (Ret)
 Lt Col David Walker USAF (Ret)
 Maj Paul Winkler, USAF (Ret)
 LTC Machielle Woods-Denmon, USA (Ret)
 Lt Col Sharon Zimpher, USAF (Ret)

Inside This Edition:

Pg 2 Chapter Notices
 Pg 3 Transition Tips/
 Pg 4 Membership Memos
 Pg 6 Speaker Bio
 Pg 7 Soldiers' Angels
 Pg 8 Happy Birthday! / ID Cards
 Pg 9 MOAA Priorities 2024
 Pg 10 Corporate Partners
 Pg 11 Retiree Appreciation Day
 Pg 12 RSVP Slips



Support MOAA'S Legislative Initiatives

IT'S AS EASY AS 1, 2, 3...

1. Go online to www.moaa.org and connect with the “**Legislative Advocacy Center**” link.
2. Complete the registration -- the system will automatically load the contact information for your senators and your congressional representative. (Note: when asked for your chapter – use the code “TX16”).
3. Respond to MOAA Legislative Alert eblasts.

(Note: MOAA will provide you suggested letters for each legislative issue identified. You may modify the suggested response or use the provided response. Then just click on the submit and the letters go to your Representatives and/or Senators.)

YOUR INFLUENCE COUNTS!

ROTC Award Presenters Needed!

Want to present the 2024 MOAA Award to an ROTC cadet at your local high school or your college alma mater?

The Alamo Chapter presents MOAA awards to over 140 high school JROTC cadets and 11 college ROTC units from Austin to south Texas.

Awards were mailed to the units in January 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 for a photo opportunity, as will be the case with other veteran service organizations that are represented. No speech required! 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.

Most of the award ceremonies take place in March or April, and we are gathering the details from the units. If you have a desired unit you would like to serve at, we can “pencil you in” until the details are finalized.

If you are interested in serving as a presenter, please contact our Awards and Scholarships Committee Chairman, Col (ret) Pete Hunt by texting 210-867-0418 or email: peterhunt2012@gmail.com

Transition Tips

Entrepreneurship

So many times, when we are thinking about next career steps we focus on our current employer. For those in uniform, it's the next promotion, etc. However, when you are considering transition, the focus can dramatically pivot.

In these articles, I've talked about so many different things that need to be considered that you may feel overwhelmed. We all go through this rocky path. Even those who think they've got everything covered discover unknowns.

One path that I haven't addressed in a while is that of entrepreneurship – doing your own thing. Now I'm sure you are still focusing on finding a job. Some, though, are looking for something different. They want to be their own "boss." They are looking for ways to use their creativity, like making their own decisions and are risk takers. These are just some of the characteristics that cause people to think along a different path to their next adventure.

If this is an option, there are resources to help, and many are FREE. The Texas Veterans Commission (www.tvc.texas.gov) has a department with resources to assist in establishing a business. The University of Texas at San Antonio Small Business Development Center (www.utsa.edu) provides a variety of resources for starting and growing a business. Another is the US Small Business Administration (www.sba.gov). If you are into franchising, check out that business's website. Many of these have a dedicated contact within their company.

These are just some of the options to explore for those interested in following a different path. It's time to do a deep dive into who you are and what you want to do for the next chapter of your life. It's up to you to find your passion and do something that will provide meaning.

Best of luck.

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

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 _____

Method of Payment

☐ Check (make payable to MOAA Alamo Chapter)

☐ Credit Card Charge my card \$ _____

Card number _____

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: _____

Membership Memos

THANK YOU Renewing Members:

LTG John Evans, USA
 BrigGen Karen Rankin, USAF (Ret)
 BrigGen Paul Wagoner, USAF (Ret)
 BrigGen David Young III, USAF (Ret)
 Col Brian Afflerbaugh, USAF (Ret)
 COL Matthew Brockway, USA (Ret)
 CAPT Thomas Cahill, USN (Ret)
 Col Rick Coneway, USAF (Ret)
 Col Bruce Creller, Sr., USA (Ret)
 Col Jack Downey, USAF (Ret)
 Col David Enos, USAF (Ret)
 COL Mary Garr, USA (Ret)
 Col Ron Henderson, USAF (Ret)
 COL Ralph Kelly, USA (Ret)
 COL Thomas Klimas, USA (Ret)
 Col Dan Murphy, USAF (Ret)
 COL Pablo Raggio, USA
 Col Gary Salmans, USAF (Ret)
 COL Carmine Taglieri, USA (Ret)
 Col Dale Vande Hey, USAF (Ret)
 COL David Zeh, USAF (Ret)
 LTC Kevin Brown, USA (Ret)
 LTC Edward Bryan III, USA (Ret)
 Lt Col Mervin Buss, USAF (Ret)
 Lt Col Tom Carter, USAF (Ret)
 Lt Col Charles Caudill, USAF (Ret)
 Lt Col Michael Cermele, USAF (Ret)
 Lt Col Juliet Chelkowski, USMC (Ret)
 LTC Marcia Collins USA (Ret)
 Lt Col Gene Culp, USAF (Ret)
 LTC Martha Dingey, USA (Ret)
 Lt Col Michael Fox, USAF (Ret)
 Lt Col Howard Glick, USAF (Ret)
 Lt Col Francisco Hornsby, USAF (Ret)
 CDR Thomas Hoskins, USN (Ret)
 Lt Col Keith Mirrer, USAF (Ret)

Lt Col Michael Nicholson, USAF (Ret)
 Lt Col Glenda Rast, USAF (Ret)
 Lt Col David Richmond, Jr., USAF (Ret)
 LTC Mike Rucker, USA (Ret)
 Col Edward Sheeran USAF (Ret)
 LTC Todd Speer, USA (Ret)
 Lt Col James Stewart, USAF (Ret)
 Lt Col David Walker USAF (Ret)
 Capt Eddie Jo Nicholson, USAF (Fmr)
 CSM Donna Balderston, USA (Ret) (FOC)
 SFC Gregory Morton, USA (Ret) (FOC)
 Leah Garton, USA (FOC)
 Seiko Munger
 Lolly Orlowski

MOAA-AC 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.*

WELCOME New Members:

CAPT Jim Burk, USCG (Ret)
 COL Laura Elliott, USA (Ret)
 COL Brian Friedland, USA
 COL Monica Lawson, USA
 COL Travis Mills, USA
 COL Robert Mabry, USA (Ret)
 COL Phillip Shoemaker, USA (Ret)
 LTC Nicholas Barringer, USA
 Lt Col Robert Butkovich, USAF
 CDR Charles Cohn, USN (Ret)
 MAJ Kathy Daigle USA (Ret)
 Maj Richard Kelley, USAF (Ret)
 MAJ Patrice Laster, USA
 MAJ Theresa Rollason, USA
 Capt Erik Huckle, USMC (Fmr)
 CPT William McKinney, USA
 CPT Yosuel Nieves, USA
 CPT Alicia Williams, USA
 WO1 Salim Basim, USAR
 WO1 Armando Cazares, USA
 Alice Edwards
 Martha Franco
 Masako Kanarr
 Diane Krupka
 Sandra Terry

Membership Stats

Active Duty 122
 Former Military 24
 Friends of the Chapter 5
 Retired 590
 Surviving Spouse 131

Total 872



Blue Skies
of Texas
AT AIR FORCE VILLAGE

SIX BRANCHES. ONE HOME BASE.

Since our 1970 founding as a home for Air Force widows, Blue Skies of Texas has been dedicated to military retirees and the military values they hold dear. Today, we're a thriving Life Plan Community known for friendly, welcoming residents from all military backgrounds, an active lifestyle — and surprisingly low entrance and monthly fees that make us America's best retirement value.

See why Blue Skies of Texas is so popular with military retirees at

blueskiesinfo.org/moaa

210-951-2500

Scan for
video and
free info kit.



A not-for-profit Continuing Care
Retirement Community in
San Antonio, Texas.



Speaker Bio - Trooper Vincent Luciano



Vincent T. Luciano II Regional Director for the Texas Department of Public Safety

The Regional Director oversees and coordinates all regional functions to further the DPS Mission of "Protect and Serve Texas". Central Texas Region is composed of over 1,100 employees and encompasses 43 counties in Central Texas.

Director Luciano began his career with the Texas Department of Public Safety in 1995 and most re-

cently served as the major of the Criminal Investigation Division, North Texas Region. Luciano has more than 27 years of service with the Department. His assignments have included a Highway Patrol Trooper from 1996 –1998, Criminal Law Enforcement trooper from 1998 -2000.

In 2000, Luciano promoted to Sergeant in DPS Narcotics in Lubbock before promoting to Lieutenant in 2007 in Corpus Christi. Luciano became a CID Lieutenant in 2009. Luciano promoted to Captain in 2012 and Major in 2018. Prior to beginning his career with DPS, Luciano served two years with the Nueces County Sheriff's Office where his assignments included jailer and sergeant.

Director Luciano attended Norwich University, the oldest private Military School in the Nation graduating with a Bachelors in Criminal Justice. Luciano attained a Masters degree from the University of Incarnate Word in Applied Administration with a focus in organizational development.

Luciano is a graduate of the FBI National Academy Class 257 and Northwestern Staff and Command College. Luciano has been twice awarded Director's Citations from DPS and the FBI Director's Award most recently.

Luciano is a former Marine and Infantry Combat Veteran of Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom 3.

Grow beyond the walls of your home.

We offer exceptional lifestyle amenities, including three dining rooms, a superb sky lounge, various card/activity rooms, garden plots, a theater, a library, and so much more.

Take advantage of the significant discounts and renovation options currently offered on the High Rise Apartment or Legacy Cottage of your choice through the ARC Construction Benefits.

Act **NOW** for this limited-time offer!



\$1,500 MOVING ALLOWANCE



\$500 SECOND PERSON MONTHLY SERVICE FEE DISCOUNT FOR ONE YEAR



UP TO \$10,000 PERSONALIZATION ALLOWANCE



2 HOURS MAINTENANCE ASSISTANCE DURING FIRST MONTH OF RESIDENCY

The ARC is a nonprofit life plan continuing care retirement community (CCRC) in beautiful San Antonio, Texas. We welcome 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, including spouses and surviving spouses.



Army Residence Community

Call us at **1-800-810-7163**
or visit **armyresidence.com**
today for a tour or take
advantage of serious savings.



Soldiers' Angels

Sign up to volunteer on their website: Soldiersangels.org



Virtual Volunteer Opportunities

Soldiers' Angels offers many ways for you to make a difference in the lives of our military service people and their families.



Volunteer to Feed Veterans

Veteran Food Distribution events provide up to two weeks of groceries to veterans in need. This event relies on monthly volunteers to help distribute the food.



In-Person Volunteer Opportunities

Soldiers' Angels volunteers work in communities across the country to provide services to active duty military, guard/reservists and veterans of all generations.



Special Campaigns

Treats for Troops, Warm Feet for Warriors, Holiday Stockings for Heroes, and more! Our annual collection campaigns offer a fun way volunteers of all ages can participate.



Company Volunteer Opportunities

Get your company involved in giving back to the military and veteran community! Engaging events, large and small, will inspire your team to give back.



Home of the Brave

Corporate sponsors and their employees give back to veterans by hosting events at VA's across the country through Soldiers' Angels Home of the Brave.



ADANTE
SENIOR LIVING

Wellness. Independence. *Peace of Mind!*

Invest in Your Future Memories!

Embrace the worry-free care you deserve and the peace of mind of having all of your needs met. Our community provides compassionate, individualized care with a true Texas Hill Country flair! Our residents thrive as they enjoy:
Independent Living • Assisted Living • Memory Care

210.972.7512

AdanteIndependentLiving.com
AdanteAssistedLiving.com

2702 Cembalo Blvd., San Antonio, TX 78230



Pet Friendly



Cinema Room



Barber Shop & Salon



Scheduled Transportation



Chef-Prepared Meals



Customized Care Plans



Outdoor Pool



Active Lifestyle Calendar

AL 307375, MC 104649

A Sagora Senior Living Community



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

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.

John Bandy, Lt Col USAF (Ret)
David Bell, COL USA (Ret)
Steven Bergeron, CDR USCGR (Ret)
Robert Blake, LTC USA (Ret)
Lucas Brennecke, COL USA (Ret)
Edward Bryan III, LTC USA (Ret)
Michael Cermele, Lt Col USAF (Ret)
Alan Chalfont, Lt Col USAF (Ret)
Russell Coleman, Lt Col USAF (Ret)
Roger Corbin, Col USAF (Ret)
Edmund Cunningham, LTC USA (Ret)
Lewis Curtis, MajGen USAF (Ret)
Barbara Deeter, LTC USA (Ret)
Thomas Edwards, Jr., BG USA (Ret)
Nathalie Ellis, Col USAF (Ret)
John Evans, LTG USA
Michael Frankel, LTC USA
Scott Galliardt, Maj USAF (Ret)
David Garza, MajGen USMC (Ret)
John Gerhart, Col USAF (Ret)
John Goodrich, Capt USAF (Ret)

Clinton Gordon, Lt Col USAF (Ret)
Jon Hansbrough, Col USAF (Ret)
William Hardman, CAPT USN (Ret)
Catherine Huston
Paul Ireland, LTC USA (Ret)
Paul Irwin, Col USAF (Ret)
Lyle Jackson, COL USA (Ret)
Hannah Margolis, Col USAF (Ret)
David Patrick, Col USAF (Ret)
Freddie Peralta, Col USAFR (Ret)
FC Rash, CAPT USN (Ret)
Sanford Richardson, Col USAF (Ret)
Dan Rogers, Col USAF (Ret)
Florence Schulenberg
Wayne Shaw III, Lt Col USAF (Ret)
Brian Smith, Maj USAF (Ret)
Alexander Sullivan, CW3 USA (Ret)
Robert Tanner, COL USA (Ret)
James Tucker, LTC USAF (Ret)
Thomas Tucker, MAJ USA (Ret)
Guy Walsh, Brig Gen USAF (Ret)

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

DoD expands online ID card renewals

Family members, retirees and other eligible personnel can now skip the badge office and renew their military ID cards online under an expansion of a DoD pilot program.

The pilot program, which was launched last February, previously was open only to sponsors with a common access card. Now, most retirees and non-CAC holders are eligible for the online service, DoD announced.

“We think modern capabilities like renewing a driver’s license online make it easier for people to get what they need when they need it without burdening them with having to take a trip somewhere,” Mike Zarlenga, of the Defense Manpower Data Center, said in a DoD news release.

DoD issues about 4.5 million ID cards a year, Zarlenga said. About 2.5 million of those are Uniformed Services Identification cards, and, of those, about 1 million are renewals that are eligible for the online option, Zarlenga said.

Uniformed Services Identification cards are issued to retired and reserve members, dependent family members of uniformed service members and other eligible individuals in accordance with DoD policy to facilitate access to benefits, privileges and DoD installations.

Under the ongoing pilot program, eligible ID card holders can apply for renewal online via the ID Card Office website here. The online option is available for renewals and not initial issue ID cards. It also is limited to applicants within the United States, although officials are working to expand the program elsewhere, according to the DoD news release.

Providing retirees and family members with an online option frees up badge offices for active-duty personnel and civilian employees.

“We want to enable the ID card sites today to better service the CAC holders who are our mission enablers,” Zarlenga said in the news release. “We want to make sure that people visiting that office can get an appointment when they need one, and they can get their CAC and resume their mission or duties with minimal impact to them or to the department.”

For more information, click the following link [Overview \(cac.mil\)](#).



MOAA Top Priorities 2024

Compensation and Service-Earned Benefits

- Ensure pay at or above the Employment Cost Index, and ensure all allowances and programs necessary to recruit and retain a quality force.
- Ensure pay continues for all eight uniformed services during a government shutdown.
- Provide for concurrent receipt of military retirement pay from DoD and disability pay from the VA.

Military Housing

- Restore BAH at 100% of researched housing costs per Military Housing Area.
- Ensure barracks are safe and healthy places to live, verified by the chain of command and government-owned work centers.
- Codify procedures and authorities to increase out-of-cycle housing allowances to address emergencies such as reduced availability of housing and rising utility costs.

Health Care for Currently Serving and Retirees

- Reverse cuts to the pharmacy benefit and establish policy guardrails to ensure access to prescription medications and limits on copay increases.
- Fix the TRICARE Young Adult parity issue by extending eligibility to dependents up to age 26 with no separate premium to bring TRICARE on par with requirements for commercial health plans.
- Require DoD to establish a transparent and well-publicized problem reporting system for beneficiaries experiencing MTF access challenges, including an annual report to Congress on the number and types of beneficiary access problem reports by MTF and steps taken by the Defense Health Agency to identify and address systemic access problems.

Health Care and Benefits for Veterans

- Monitor recent major legislation enacted such as the PACT Act in the areas of health care, compensation, and follow-on support for surviving spouses and families, and seek statutory or policy changes as required.
- Compel Congress and the VA to accelerate caregiving and whole health care services, and modernization of Veterans Health Administration workforce and facility infrastructure to improve veterans access to high quality care.

Service Families

- Improve congressional support for uniformed services families: Enhance programs to support spouse employment, ensure implementation of an effective basic needs allowance, and provide accessible, affordable child care options.
- Overcome the lack of effective problem-reporting mechanisms and resolution systems in the Military Health System.

Survivors

- Repeal the recoupment of last month's paycheck after retiree's passing.
- Continue to improve SGLI/VGLI updates to match inflation.
- Improve DIC baseline to align with other government entitlements' baseline of 55%.

Guard and Reserve

- Overcome the lack of TRICARE coverage for the reserve component to maintain readiness.
- Overcome delayed pay for Guard and Reserve members when they are promoted or when they retire.
- Continue to support Guard and Reserve leaders, and advance legislative and policy solutions to support the total force.

All Alamo Chapter members are encouraged to visit the Legislative Action Center at www.moaa.org (or go directly to www.moaa.quorum.us) to lodge their support of these priorities with their representatives.

MEET OUR CORPORATE PARTNERS

Abby Consulting <i>Website Design</i> http://www.abbyconsulting.com/ 210-490-6513	Army Residence Community <i>Retirement Living</i> https://armyresidence.com/ 210-646-5300	Beldon Roofing Company <i>Trusted Since 1946</i> https://www.beldon.com/ 833-5-BELDON
Blue Skies of Texas <i>Retirement Community</i> <i>In the tradition of Air Force Village</i> https://www.blueskiesoftexas.org/ 866-553-5389	CTWP Digital Solutions <i>Printers, Copiers, Fax Machines & Office Equipment</i> https://www.ctwp.com/ 210-590-2897	Dignity Memorial <i>Advanced Planning</i> <i>Maritza Cano</i> www.DignityMemorial.com 210-833-6223
The Green Technology Group <i>IT Solutions Company</i> <i>Leave "IT" to us!</i> http://www.tgtgllc.com 202-285-4748	Kelly Guerrero, Realtor <i>Coldwell Banker D'Ann Harper</i> <i>Guiding You Home</i> https://www.coldwellbanker.com 210-260-4889	Leborne Health & Life Insurance <i>Jovi Leborne</i> www.lebornehealthandlife.com 619-778-5073
Legal Shield <i>"There Is Such a Thing as an Affordable Lawyer"</i> <i>Knowles Atchison / Donna Bentley</i> Knowles.wearelegalshield.com DrBentley.wearelegalshield.com 210-838-7547	Leonard Contracting Inc <i>New & remodeling construction</i> info@leonardcontracting.com www.leonardcontracting.com 210-493-8303	MOAA Career Transition <i>Texas Coordinator</i> <i>David Patrick, Col, USAF (Ret)</i> dwpatrick01@gmail.com 210-259-9867
Our Lady of the Lake University <i>Nonprofit Management Graduate Online Degree</i> https://tinyurl.com/45je334w Chuck Rodriguez (MG Ret USA) Ph D 210-504-7502	Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union <i>RBFCU</i> www.rbfcu.org 210-945-3300	Sagora Senior Living <i>"Resident First" Philosophy</i> <i>Landon Ridge & The Adante</i> www.sagora.com 817-446-4792
Security Service Federal Credit Union <i>Full-service Financial Cooperative</i> https://www.ssfcu.org/ 888-415-7878	USAA <i>Financial Services Company</i> https://www.usaa.com/ 800-531-8722	Weisinger Law Firm PLLC <i>Estate Planning</i> https://weisingerlawfirm.com Charlie Weisinger 210-239-9150

Your ad could be here!

Contact Col Lisa Skopal, USAF (Ret) 210-394-3885 Lskopal@ymail.com

If you use any of the folks listed here do tell them the Alamo Chapter of MOAA referred you - it'll show them their partnership with us is working!!

Save The Date!



MOAA Alamo Chapter
16th Annual Golf Tournament

Friday, October 18th, 2024
JBSA Ft Sam Golf Course

Proceeds benefit the
USO Warrior & Family Support Center
&
MOAA Alamo Chapter Education Foundation

February Events

- 1 Chapter Business Meeting 10am
- 8-25 San Antonio Rodeo
- 11 Super Bowl
- 12 Lincoln's Birthday
- 13 Shrove Tuesday / Mardi Gras
- 14 Ash Wednesday
- 15 Chapter Board Meeting 10am
- 19 Washington's Birthday
- 20 Happy Hour Petroleum Club 4-6pm
- 29 Leap Year!



JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO *Lackland* MILITARY RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY == 2 0 2 4 ==

2 MARCH 2024 8AM - 12PM

★ **WHASC HEALTH FAIR** ★
 PHARMACY "BROWN BAG" COUNSELING & DRUG TAKE BACK
 ORDER PRESCRIPTION GLASSES FOR RETIREES (SCRIPT LESS THAN 1 YEAR OLD)
 BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING | ORAL CANCER SCREENING
 HEALTH AND WELLNESS CLASSES | TRICARE HUMANA

★ **PARTICIPATING SERVICES** ★
 WALK-IN ID CARD SERVICES @ FSS | TEXAS VETERANS COMMISSION
 DEPT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS | RETIREMENT SERVICE OFFICE
 JBSA RETIRED MILITARY MEMBER COUNCIL | EXCHANGE SERVICES/AAFES
 LACKLAND COMMISSARY/DECA | MOAA | NCOA | 502 FSS MWR



WILFORD HALL AMBULATORY SERVICE CENTER
 1100 WILFORD HALL LOOP BLDG 4554 | JBSA LACKLAND, TX 78236



Google Map

OPEN TO ALL MILITARY RETIREES, THOSE TRANSITIONING INTO RETIREMENT, THEIR SPOUSES, AND ACTIVE DUTY.
 FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL (210) 671-9204 OR EMAIL: 802FSS.RAO.LACKLAND@US.AF.MIL.



VOLUNTEER STAFF:

PRESIDENT	Lt Col Kitty Meyers kamconsulthr@gmail.com
PROGRAMS	Col David Patrick dwpatt01@gmail.com
ASST PROGRAMS	Col Brian Afflerbaugh baffler74@hotmail.com
MEMBERSHIP	COL Felix Santiago felixsantiago01@gmail.com
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS	MAJ Jim Cunningham jimbo48@sbcglobal.net
SECRETARY	Col David Patrick dwpatt01@gmail.com
TREASURER	Col Brad Barnhart bradbarnhart4737@gmail.com
SCHOLARSHIPS	Col Peter Hunt moaa.ac.awards@gmail.com
MARKETING	Col Lisa Skopal lskopal@ymail.com
PERSONAL AFFAIRS	(Open)
PR-SOCIAL MEDIA	LtCol Kathie Estrada
EDITOR	LtCol Juliet Chelkowski
CHAPLAIN	LTC James Taylor
PX/VAC Rep	MAJ Jim Cunningham
SA TRANSITION	LtCol Kitty Meyers
TX TRANSITION	Col David Patrick
WEBMASTER	Col Bill Hudson
HISTORIAN	(Open)
VOLUNTEER COORD	Col Pete Schaub
BLUE SKIES REP	Col Dan Van Syoc
ARC REP	(Open)
ACTIVE DUTY LIAISON	(Open)
SURVIVING SPOUSE COORD	(Open)
CONTRACTOR:	Trish Meserve

Chapter Board:

Chair: Col Jarvis Baker
 Vice Chair: Col Eric Kreitz
 Lt Col Ed Marvin Col Frank Rohrbough
 LTC Bill Goforth MAJ Josh Welch
 LTC Aimee Schumacher
 Advisor: CAPT Bill Knehans

MOAA Alamo Chapter Education Foundation Board:

Capt Paul Robinson COL Brad Freeman
 CAPT Bill Whiting

Editorial Policy

The Lariat is the newsletter of the Military Officers Association of America—Alamo Chapter. It is published once each month to inform the membership of issues and activities of interest to all.

MOAA-AC Operations is a non-profit organization 501c 4. The Alamo Chapter Education Foundation is a 501c 3.

MOAA and its affiliated chapters and councils are strictly non partisan.

Advertising contained in the newsletter is not endorsed by MOAA or its affiliate the Alamo Chapter and does not represent any recommendation to the membership. Opinions expressed in articles contained herein are not necessarily those of the membership as a whole or the Chapter. Questions should be directed to the Editor at the Chapter office.

MOAA-AC PO Box 340497 Ft Sam Houston, TX 78234
 (210) 228-9955 www.alamomoaa.org
 moaa-ac@sbcglobal.net

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

Like Us on Facebook!



TABLE TALK: COLOR ME CAMO PEER TO PEER GROUP

2024

8 WEEKS

TUESDAYS, 6-7:30PM
 IN-PERSON OR VIRTUAL
 COHEN CLINIC AT ENDEAVORS COMMUNITY ROOM

WOMEN VETERANS

Must be a member of Grace After Fire to Attend.
 If not a member, create a member login profile.
 Questions, Contact: Amelia Peacock amelia@graceafterfire.org

CLICK HERE
 TO REGISTER

BEGINS FEBRUARY 20

Each Veteran Female has to complete the Veteran Service Application, and upload DD214 and number of dependents.



The Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic at Endeavors
 6333 De Zavala Rd, Ste B101, San Antonio, Texas 78249



The Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic at Endeavors, San Antonio, and Grace After Fire is hosting an 8-week in-person and virtual Women Veteran peer group starting Tuesday, February 20th from 6pm to 7:30pm at their clinic community room at 6333 De Zavala Rd. San Antonio, TX 78249.

Come rediscover that sisterhood once shared in the military, while experiencing activities that promote self-knowledge, self-understanding, self-development, and self-renewal, as well as meaningful conversations focused on identifying possible barriers faced throughout the path to positive change.

This group is for Women Veterans only. Those wishing to participate must register for the group through the Grace After Fire website, and provide proof of service (DD214). To get updates on upcoming events and information on the clinic, follow us on their Facebook page CohenClinicSA. Email Amelia Peacock amelia@graceafterfire.org with any questions or for more info.



MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
ALAMO CHAPTER

THIS IS A PRIVATE ORGANIZATION. IT IS NOT A PART
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OR ANY OF ITS
COMPONENTS AND IT HAS NO GOVERNMENTAL
STATUS

FOR INFORMATION REGARDING
OUR BY-LAWS, STRATEGIC PLAN,
EVENTS CALENDAR, MEETING
MINUTES AND PAST ISSUES OF
THE LARIAT PLEASE VISIT OUR
WEBSITE:

WWW.ALAMOMOAA.ORG

P.O. Box 340497
Ft Sam Houston, TX 78234-0497
Phone/Text: 210-228-9955
Email: moaa-ac@sbcglobal.net
www.alamomoaa.org
2320 Stanley Rd, Bldg 140
Ft Sam Houston, TX 78234

THE LARIAT

National Award Winning Newsletter

If undeliverable please re-
turn to:
MOAA-AC
P.O. Box 340497
Ft Sam Houston, TX 78234



Tuesday, February 20

Happy Hour

Come meet Vincent Luciano

**Regional Director Central Texas
Department of Public Safety**

Petroleum Club

8620 N. New Braunfels, #700 San Antonio TX 78217

Price includes one complimentary beer/wine ticket, fin-
ger food buffet with pay-as-you-go bar

\$18 pre-registration or \$23 at the door

Enclosed: _____

RSVP by 4pm Tuesday 13 February

Limited seating - register early! Dress code enforced.

Reservations not cancelled by noon Tuesday 13th will be forfeited/billed
Non member Officers & guests are welcome with paid reservations
Friends & Family (over 21) are welcome!

Name _____

Guest(s): _____

Call (210) 228-9955 to make/pay your reservation or send check made
payable to MOAA-AC to P.O. Box 340497, Ft Sam Houston, TX 78234
Or contact us by email moaa-ac@sbcglobal.net to hold a reservation or
reserve and pay on-line at **www.alamomoaa.org**



Thursday, March 21

Scholarship Awards Luncheon

Gen David Goldfein, USAF (Ret)

Former Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force
(invited)

Ft Sam Golf Club

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

Menu

Potato Soup, Italian BMT Sandwich, Spring Mix Salad & Lemon Bars
for Dessert. Coffee, Water & Iced Tea.

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

Enclosed: \$ _____

RSVP by 4pm Wednesday 13 March

Reservations not cancelled by then will be forfeited/billed
Non member Officers & guests are welcome with paid reservations

Name _____

Guest(s): _____

Call (210) 228-9955 to make/pay your reservation or send check made
payable to MOAA-AC to P.O. Box 340497, Ft Sam Houston, TX
78234 Or contact us by email moaa-ac@sbcglobal.net to hold a reser-
vation or reserve and pay on-line at **www.alamomoaa.org**