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President's Message

January got 2025 off to a great start as we continue to be busy as ever and seek to find new ways to serve our membership and the Greater San Antonio military community.

For those who attended our membership lunch, I do hope you enjoyed Joe Bray, the guest speaker, as much as I did. We received a wealth of information about Army recruiting.

I'm still reflecting on the MOAA benefit that I had the pleasure of experiencing in December. My sister and I enjoyed a river cruise on the Danube. This cruise was booked through MOAA Vacations. There were 55 MOAA members and guests on the UniWorld ship as we cruised down the Danube and visited the holiday Christmas markets along the way. River cruising is the way to go! Unpack once and repack at the end of the tour. We wine and dined along the way.

There is one thing that I couldn't uncover before leaving. I've used the free airport parking many times. Just before the holidays, the San Antonio International Airport contracted the parking management. New management, new processes. Any research on the process for free military parking failed to uncover any changes to the previous process.

I've now found out the needed information. Here's the scoop.

- Don't register to use the advance reservation system. This is for pre-

paid. If you use this, you will not be reimbursed.

- The vehicle must have a permanently affixed license plate with an approved DV or specialty plate.
- You will show your driver's license or military ID as well as a copy of the current vehicle registration receipt.
- Complete the “Parking Validation Form” from the airport. You can also download a copy from the airport's website: www.flysanantonio.com.
- As always, don't park in designated accessible parking spaces unless you have an ISA plate or the placard allowing such parking.
- The benefit is for no more than 30 days.

Another change is we will soon have the chance to fly direct from San Antonio to DC's Reagan Airport. After years of negotiation between the City, the Feds and then getting the necessary legislation passed, we have success. For those traveling either for business or pleasure, enjoy.

I look forward to meeting y'all at future events. Check out the calendar in the Lariat and online at our website www.alamomoa.org.

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

Speaker Bio



Kim Turk
Camp Agape
Founder & Board Member

Kim is a 1988 graduate of Texas A&M University. She worked in the Veterinary Pharmaceutical industry as a marketing representative for 14 years. She experienced a calling on her heart to create a healing place for hurting children. In 2000 she founded Camp Agape, a bereavement camp for children.

Since then, over a thousand children and families have received hope and healing through this grief support program. In 2008 Kim was honored to receive the International Diana Award for exceptional service to humanity.

One of the greatest joys in her life is making a difference in the lives of children, one child at a time.

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Notices



Thank You

to each person listed below who have donated a little (or a lot!) to the

MOAA Alamo Chapter Educational Foundation (MACEF), and/or Chapter Operations.

We really appreciate it—and every dollar helps!

COL Matthew Brockway, USA (Ret)

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LTC Edie Weidemann, USA (Ret)

LTC Machielle Wood Denmon, USA (Ret)

Brig Gen David Young III, USAF (Ret)

Alamo Chapter Educational Foundation Board

Thank you for your donations in 2024!!! Come join us on March 19 as we award scholarships to 35 deserving JROTC/ROTC cadets.

If you agree building a quality military officer cadre is key to a strong military, then please consider a donation in 2025....even \$25 goes a long way! **\$25 for '25!**

Thank you again!

Visit AlamoMOAA.org/donate



TAPS

We have received information that the following member's spouse has

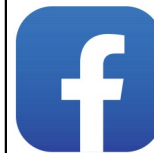
passed away.

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

Peggy Wagoner

Spouse of Brig Gen Paul Wagoner, USAF (Ret)

12/22/2024



Where is the Chapter Facebook Page??

We have deleted the chapter Facebook page and are revamping and recreating.

We'll let everyone know when the new look is available.

Events Calendar

FEBRUARY

6 Staff Meeting 10am

6-23 San Antonio Rodeo

12 Lincoln's Birthday

13 Scholarship Cmte Mtg 1pm

17 President's Day

18 MACEF Board Meeting 1pm

25 Happy Hour 4-6pm Petroleum Club With Speaker Kim Turk, Founder Camp Agape

MARCH

1 MOAA National Scholarship Application Deadline

6 Staff Meeting 10am

9 Daylight Savings Time begins

12 MACEF Board Meeting 1pm

13 Scholarship Meeting (Luncheon Planners) 1pm

17 St Patrick's Day

19 Scholarship Awards Luncheon 11am

25 Chapter Board Meeting 1pm

29 National Vietnam War Veterans Day Observance



Legislative Report

The Texas Legislature convened on February 14 and as expected is moving at a snails pace at the moment. First, we had to get the election of a new Speaker of the House taken care of. This was very contentious as the Republican caucus, the Governor and Lt. Governor wanted Representative David Cook elected as he was seen as he supported the Governor's favorite project school vouchers. Instead, Representative Dustin Burrows from Lubbock was elected with the help of the Democratic caucus. While disappointing to the many donors who funded a multi-million-dollar effort to unseat Republican representative who opposed school vouchers in the last special sessions, the outcome appeared to be met with some approval from other West Texas Republicans. Many of these individuals, particularly from rural areas, see school vouchers as a potential reduction in funding for the public education they rely on. The long-term impact of this development remains to be seen.

We are now waiting for Speaker Burrows to appoint the Chairmen of the various committees. Hundreds of bills have been pre-filed since November and are awaiting assignment to the appropriate committees to be heard. Once this is done, we will be able to plan testimony for the various bills of interest to the military, veterans and dependents.

Presently there are some 79 bills that have been prefilled that are of interest to our military, veterans and dependents. Here is an overview of some of them:

House Bill 2053 would expand the eligibility of service members and veterans to utilize the veteran's treatment court system.

House Bill 710 Occupational Licenses and Government Certifications: Would recognize certain occupational licenses and government certifications for veterans and spouses. A fee would be assessed.

House Bill 879 Licensing of veteran health care: Would allow certain veterans who are/were health care providers to be licensed.

SB247 State Aid to Certain Counties: Would give monetary aid to Counties that are disproportionately experiencing a loss of revenue due to veterans residing in the county who have disabilities and are exempt from certain taxation.

SB524 Exemptions for Veteran Owned businesses: Would exempt certain businesses owned by veterans from the State Franchise Tax and certain filing fees.

Once Committee assignments have been made bills will start being assigned to appropriate committees. At that

point we will begin monitoring bills to see when they will be brought up in committee for testimony. Those that warrant our testimony will have it. I would invite any of our members to go with us to the capital to add MOAA support or opposition to any legislation before the committees.

Texas Legislature Online (TLO): I would encourage you to familiarize yourself with TLO if you are not already. With it, you can see when the various House and Senate Committees are going to meet, what bills they will be considering so that you can weigh in on and possibly testify for or against. <https://capitol.texas.gov>.

Federal Activity: With the new administration in place, we are seeing many changes to our military, VA and Social Programs. MOAA is planning an Advocacy In Action on April 9th wherein teams from the various states will be visiting with their Senators and Congressman regarding legislation that we would like to see passed. This will include standalone bills and the NDAA for 2026.

The teams will hone in on only three issues. Some of the issues to be discussed will include Military Housing Improvements for the currently serving; Ending the Wait Report Priorities for Retirees and Veterans; Military Spouse Hiring for Family and Survivors; Improvement of the Military Health System Access to Care; and Caregiving Support improvements for the VA.

Other issues will continue to be on the plate including the Major Richard Star Act. I would encourage you to contact your US Representative's office to advise them of the Texas Teams visiting them on April the 9th and encouraging them to be most attentive! More to come in March.

Jim Cunningham
MAJ, USA (Ret)
VP Legislative Affairs

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.

THANK YOU Renewing Members:

MG Mike Lyle, USA (Ret)
 Brig Gen David Young III, USAF (Ret)
 Col Brian Afflerbaugh, USAF (Ret)
 Col David Anderson, USAF (Ret)
 Dr. Joseph Bock, Jr USAF (Ret)
 COL Matthew Brockway, USA (Ret)
 Col Joe Brozena, USAF (Ret)
 CAPT Don Crumbley, USN (Ret)
 Col Jack Downey, USAF (Ret)
 Col Harry Edwards, USAF (Ret)
 CAPT Richard Elgin, USN (Ret)
 Col David Enos, USAF (Ret)
 COL Mary Garr, USA (Ret)
 Col Thomas Klimas, USAF (Ret)
 COL Nickey McCasland, USA (Ret)
 COL Robert Naething, USA (Ret)
 Col James Payne, USAF (Ret)
 COL Michael Rogers, USA (Ret)
 Col Lisa Skopal, USAF (Ret)

COL Thomas Smith, USA (Ret)
 Col Carmine Taglieri, USA (Ret)
 Col Sheelah Walker, USAF (Ret)
 Lt Col Paul Amrhein, USAF (Ret)
 LTC Scott Atkinson, USAF (Ret)
 LTC John French, USA (Ret)
 Lt Col Peter Godwin, USAF (Ret)
 CDR Mario Herrera, USN (Ret)
 CDR Thomas Hoskins, USN (Ret)
 Lt Col Raymond Isaia, USAF (Ret)
 Lt Col Keith Mirrer, USAF (Ret)
 Lt Col Randy Smith, USAF (Ret)
 LTC Stephanie Trochak, USA (Ret)
 Maj John Franklin III, USAF (Ret)
 MAJ Josh Welch, USA (Ret)
 CSM Donna Balderston, USA (Ret)
 Virginia Callanan
 Michelle Gray
 Seiko Munger
 Lu Nix

WELCOME New Members:

COL Aaron Braxton, USA (Ret)
 Col Scott Brewer, USAF (Ret)
 LTC Aileen Hermes, USAR
 LTC Siltinaret Miles, USA
 MAJ Hector Rueda, USA
 CPT Cyntkaille Coleman, USA
 CPT Samuel Lang, USA
 CPT Earnest Miles, Jr., USA (Ret)
 2LT Jacob Orland, USA
 2LT Isiah Voiland, USA

Membership Stats

Active Duty 109
 Former Military 16
 Friends of the Chapter 11
 Retired 527
 Surviving Spouse 110

Total 757

NEVER STOP SERVING!

WE NEED YOU (And/or your spouse!)

Current Volunteer Needs:

- 1) Social Media Officer / Webmaster Assistant
(see job description on Page 9)
- 2) Personal Affairs/Surviving Spouse Chair
- 3) Members for the following committees:
 Membership & Retention
 Marketing
 Transition
 Legislative Affairs
 Personal Affairs/Surviving Spouse
- 4) Executive Assistant (Paid Position 20 hrs)

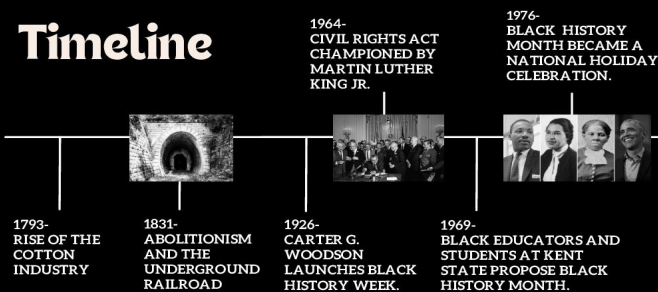


The position descriptions of all chapter positions can be found on the chapter website under the resources tab at www.alamomoaa.org.

If interested, or have questions, please call or text Kitty Meyers at 210 355 6244.

Black History Month

Timeline



Facts

134,567

Black-owned employer businesses in the United States in 2021.

1964

President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act.

3.2 MILLION

Black civilian military veterans in the United States nationwide in 2019.



Sources: history.com, census.org

Transition Tips

Federal Employment Changes

Every four years we go through administration changes. This year has brought more significant changes. I received an email announcing a complete freeze on all federal hiring until further notice before it hit the news. I chatted with one of our members at our monthly lunch meeting. She had applied for a VA position. Interview cancelled. This situation should not come as a surprise to anyone.

For those of you in a job search, now's your time to re-view your position. I've always recommended folks to open the aperture for opportunities on the civilian side. Now's your time. Job openings are not going away. Unemployment numbers have been consistently low since the COVID pandemic. They've returned to where they were before the pandemic. The business gurus and economists continue to say that the US economy continues to perform solidly.

Reflect on your passions and discover opportunities that match. Do your research. Develop the resume, LinkedIn and other support materials that help you build your brand. Practice your elevator speech and interview techniques so that you tell your story. Build your network to help find those connections that will provide you with job opportunities.

We at Alamo MOAA are here to help. We can provide transition assistance. MOAA also has many opportunities to help as well. Just look for transition on the MOAA website (www.moaa.org). And REMEMBER, never pay for transition services. There are so many out there that are free.

Give us a call. Best wishes on your job search.

Best wishes.

Kitty

Kathryn "Kitty" Meyers Lt Col USAF (Ret)

Retired HR Professional
Past 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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AT AIR FORCE VILLAGE



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: if asked for your chapter code – use 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 button and the letters will go to your Representatives and/or Senators.)

YOUR INFLUENCE COUNTS!

www.moaa.org/takeaction



SOLDIERS' ANGELS

TOP 5 WAYS TO GET INVOLVED IN 2025

As we enter 2025, supporting our nation's heroes remains as vital as ever. Soldiers' Angels offers countless opportunities to make a difference. Here are our top five ways you can get involved and join our mission this year.

1. Adopt-A-Soldier
2. Support Military and Veteran Food Distributions
3. Write/Make Cards
4. Join Special Campaigns:

Treat for Troops; Holiday Stockings for Heroes; #MLKDay of Service; Valentines for Veterans; Warm Feet for Warriors; Honor Military Working Dogs; Go Camo; Operation Warm Winter.

5. Monetary Donations

Register to volunteer at:
<https://soldiersangels.my.site.com/s/self-register>

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MOAA Alamo Chapter Who Are We?

The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) is a non profit veterans' association dedicated to maintaining a strong national defense and ensuring our nation keeps its commitments to currently serving, retired, and former members of the uniformed services and their families and survivors.

The Alamo Chapter is one of the more than 390 local organizations affiliated with national MOAA.

We support the national organization through membership recruitment, veterans transition initiatives and legislative support.

We are active in our community doing transition activities for JBSA and the military/veteran community; state legislative support via TCVO (Texas Coalition of Veterans Organizations) and the TCC (Texas Council of Chapters), financial support and leadership awards to JROTC and ROTC cadets, and volunteerism supporting Soldiers' Angels.

Chapter Membership Benefits:

- **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.

Chapter Activities:

- Social events typically luncheons in the 3rd or 4th week of the month, and 2 Happy Hours Feb & June.
- Business meetings on the 1st Thursday each month in the Chapter office on Ft Sam from 10am to noon (in person and often via Zoom) providing an opportunity for camaraderie and to assist in shaping the chapter and moving it forward.
- Putting on a Fund Raising Golf Tournament.
- Presenting medals & certificates to JROTC and ROTC cadets.
- Assisting with Community events.

Come Join Us!!

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 _____

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: _____



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our members born in FEBRUARY!

If you have a birthday this month and your name is not here, 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.

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)
Sue Cunningham, COL USA (Ret)
Lewis Curtis, MajGen USAF (Ret)
Christina Deehl, MAJ USA
Barbara Deeter, LTC USA (Ret)
Sean Di Paolo, CW2 USA
Laura Dy, MAJ USA

Nathalie Ellis, Col USAF (Ret)
John Evans, LTG USA
Michael Frankel, LTC USA
David Garza, MajGen USMC (Ret)
Jennifer Genslinger, MAJ USA
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)
Paul Irwin, Col USAF, (Ret)
Lyle Jackson, COL USA (Ret)
Hannah Margolis, Col USAF (Ret)
Steve May, MAJ USA (Ret)
Zenia Nettles, 1LT USA
Daniel O'Neill, LTC USA

David Patrick, Col USAF (Ret)
Freddie Peralta, Col USAF (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)
Dean Smith, COL USA
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Thomas Tucker, MAJ USA (Ret)
Benjamin Woods, LTC USA

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Social Media Officer / Assistant Webmaster

Importance of Position: Provide social media coverage for Chapter's activities. Explore and initiate new avenues to provide public and military awareness of the MOAA-Alamo Chapter. Work with webmaster to ensure the most up-to-date communication venue for chapter members, prospective members and the greater community.

General Expectations:

- Current member of MOAA and of MOAA-AC
- Aware of MOAA-AC by-laws and Strategic Plan
- Write a monthly (or as required) article for *The Lariat*, as needed.
- Attend 85%-100% of staff and membership meetings
- Prepare and submit budget input as needed
- Support the planning process as needed

Position Qualifications:

- Working knowledge web page development.
- General knowledge of Windows based programs such as MS Word and Publisher.
- Working knowledge of social media platforms to support chapter activities
- Ability to communicate effectively in all required formats
- Experience in communication and public relations desirable.
- Ability to meet deadlines and respond rapidly to emergent issues.
- Resourceful and flexible in meeting Chapter's needs.
- Ability to work independently or in a group environment.
- Knowledgeable of national, state and Chapter's mission and stated objectives.

Responsible to: Chapter President

Major Responsibilities:

- Maintain an effective relationship with the public and military media for the purpose of communicating the Chapter's mission, objectives and activities.
- Serves as primary resource for Chapter's social media program and activities.
- Assist webmaster in developing and maintaining chapter website.
- Assist Chapter President, Executive Staff and Board of Directors, as required with public relations through website and social media.
- Assist in branding efforts of Chapter.
- Provide oral and written reports to the Chapter Executive Officers and/or Members of the Board, at least monthly, quarterly, annually, and as required by these identified members.

Training/Preparation:

- Review and comply with MOAA National and Chapter publications regarding policy, procedures, programs and job descriptions.

Average Time Commitment: Minimal. Average 15 hours a month.

Length of Commitment: Minimum two years

Measures of Success:

- Maintain current Public Relations and social media programs.
- Increase public and military communication network by 10%.
- Expand branding of Chapter's mission to public and military media by 10%.
- Chapter receives 5 Star Level of Excellence award for website and *Lariat* each year
- Complete all action steps, as assigned, in the chapter Strategic Plan.

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Leonard Contracting Inc <i>New & remodeling construction</i> info@leonardcontracting.com www.leonardcontracting.com 210-493-8303	MOAA Career Transition <i>Texas Coordinator</i> David Patrick, Col, USAF (Ret) dwpattick01@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) PhD 210-504-7502
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Soarion Federal Credit Union <i>(formerly Air Force Federal Credit Union)</i> <i>Reach New Heights!</i> www.soarion.org 210-673-5610	USAA <i>Financial Services Company</i> https://www.usaa.com/ 800-531-8722	Weisinger Law Firm PLLC Estate Planning https://weisingerlawfirm.com Charlie Weisinger 210-308-0800
Xpert Media Management LLC <i>Graphics & Promotional Advertising</i> Glenn Medeiros www.xmmlc.com gmediros@xmmlc.com 210- 653- 7871	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Your ad could be here!</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Contact Col Lisa Skopal, USAF (Ret)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>210-394-3885 Lskopal@ymail.com</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>If you use any of the folks listed here do tell them the Alamo Chapter referred you - it'll show them their partnership with us is working!!</i></p>	

Nonprofit Organizations, Preparing to Lead, and You

Likely, you have made charitable contributions to nonprofit organizations because you stand behind their good works and want to help them provide essential services and tangible assistance for those with great need. Perhaps you have supported MOAA Alamo Chapter's scholarships, a favorite cause like the USO, or a church you identify with. Nonprofit organizations are everywhere and the benefits they provide are sometimes the only support that some people receive, such as help for disconnected homeless veterans.

But the managers of many smaller and medium-sized nonprofit organizations often have more passion than business management know-how for the tasks required to well run a successful 501C3 organization. Enthusiasm is imperative for anybody leading an organization but also essential are knowing "how-to" do things the right way in leading staff and volunteers, complying with tax law and state regulations, and successfully raising charitable contributions.

Nonprofit leaders, board members, and other organizational lead volunteers are much more successful if they have a baseline of practical and relevant business skills, actionable knowledge about the nonprofit sector, and familiarity with key project management tools.

Our Lady of the Lake University's (OLLU) Nonprofit Management (NPMT) graduate studies online asynchronous program has hundreds of graduates now thriving as nonprofit leaders, such as Kim Jefferies, CEO at Haven for Hope and a featured speaker at a 2024 MOAA-Alamo lunch program.

The NPMT program has two options: 1) a Master of Science degree consisting of 10 courses, each seven-weeks long that can be completed in four consecutive academic semesters (i.e., 16 calendar months), and 2) an OLLU Nonprofit Management Graduate Certificate earned by completing three courses from the degree program's curriculum. The OLLU NPMT Graduate Certificate can be completed in two semesters. Tuition per course is \$1,500, so the full M.S. degree program cost is \$15,000. New students can start any semester: Fall (in Aug), Spring (in Jan), and Summer (in May).

Graduates of the OLLU NPMT program benefit from a curriculum that is practitioner-oriented, satisfies hiring expectations of nonprofit board chairs for their organization's executive directors and senior staff, and well prepares its 501C3 advisors, including lead volunteers. Students pursuing the M.S. Nonprofit Management (MSNM) degree complete a program-long Capstone Project while also studying in their online academic courses. The NPMT program is known as an 'MBA type of education to prepare its graduates to lead successful nonprofit organizations.' The OLLU NPMT program was a MOAA-Alamo Chapter corporate sponsor during 2024 and is again supporting the Chapter as a sponsor in 2025.

If you have a desire to become a proficient and sought-after nonprofit leader or know somebody who may be interested, please review the

[OLLU NPMT Website](#)

to request information about enrolling and contact [Chuck Rodriguez, PhD, MG \(USA, Retired\)](#) at (210) 504-7502 (v/m/t) to learn more about the program's courses.



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Come meet Kim Turk
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Petroleum Club

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

\$19 pre-registration or \$25 at the door

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Limited seating - register early! See www.petroleumclubsa.com for
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Wednesday, Mar 19

Scholarship Awards Luncheon

Speaker: Maj Gen Rick Martin,
USAF (Ret)

Alamo Heights United Methodist Church
Christian Life Center
825 E. Basse, San Antonio TX 78209

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

Details to follow.