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President's Message

Hello, y'all. We've jumped right into summer this year. The heat is upon us and we are now enjoying the San Antonio summers that many of us have with that love/hate relationship.

I've been writing in this column for the past few months about the various volunteer positions that make such a great chapter. As we move into summer, I want to continue this focus.

One position that manages to confuse and confound so many is that of the "surviving spouse." To many, the response is "I'm a spouse, not a surviving spouse." They therefore are not interested. I would ask you to look at this from a different perspective. While this is a position is a focus of MOAA, it can be viewed through a different

We've combined the job description of the Personal Affairs Officer (PA) and that of the Surviving Spouse (SS) into one (PA/SS). This job description allows the PA/SS to provide support to any member and spouse who inquires with a need for information regarding benefits and direction for a family or individual need. This can be from "my ID is expiring, what do I do" or "my spouse has passed, who do I contact." For this last question, we have a great resource posted on our website.

We are seeking a volunteer with the skills to work with folks in need. How this evolves is developed by the volunteer with the support of our chapter staff and with other volunteers who can be part of a PA/SS committee.

So, if you are interested in the PA/ SS position or would like to be part of the committee, contact me. We can

connect and discuss the opportunities.

Thanks so very much for the support that y'all have given the staff and the chapter. We exist because of you. The staff will take the July break and come back in August with a great member lunch. I do hope that y'all enjoy your summer.

> *Kitty* Kathryn "Kitty" Meyers Lt Col USAF (Ret) Past SPHR, SHRM-SCP

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Chapter President, Kitty Meyers, present David Patrick (Chapter Secretary) with the MOAA President's Award which recognizes individuals who have made exceptional and continuing supportive contributions to their MOAA chapter, council, or the organization as a whole. It is presented to individuals who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and service in support of MOAA's objectives and programs. Congrats David!!! And Thank You!



Notices

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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!

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Dear MOAA - AC Members:

Thank you so much to those of you who have already donated gener-

ously to our JROTC/ROTC Scholarship funds!

The following is a quick run-down of MACEF donations to date:

- 58 members have donated (7% of our membership)
- Total donations to date are \$19,770.50.

Your goal for us to achieve is to be able to award up to 35 scholarships.....we are well on our way.....thank you again.

National Women Veterans Recognition Day

By Karen W. Currie, Col, USAF (Ret)

National Women Veterans Recognition Day is celebrated on June 12 to mark the 77th anniversary of the signing of the 1948 Women's Armed Services Integration Act. Before this legislation, the only women allowed to serve in the military during peacetime were nurses. Women Veterans Day is a state-recognized holiday in 14 states including Texas.

Women have served in and with the U.S. military since the Revolutionary War. Some of the more well-known units include the Hello Girls of World War I, the Women's Army Corps (WACs), the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASPs), and the "Six-Triple 8," of World War II. In November 1994, Congress established the Center for Women Veterans (https://www.va.gov/WOMENVET/index.asp) to coordinate the benefits and services offered by the Veterans Administration for women veterans. According to the Military Women's Memorial in Washington, D.C. (https://womensmemorial.org/), more than 3 million women have served.

The Military Women's Memorial honors the military service of American women and serves as the only national repository of their contributions and experiences. All women who have served in or with the U.S. military are invited to record their names and information in the Memorial's *Register* (https://womensmemorial.org/make-herstory/). For more than 30 years, the Memorial has been collecting military women's stories and making them available to the public through interactive exhibits at the Memorial and through an online interface. At this time, however, only about ten percent of women veterans' stories have been recorded.

You can help to honor military women by participating in the "Adopt a Veteran Project." The Women's Memorial is inviting the public to assist in documenting the stories of women veterans who passed away before their stories were recorded. Through the "Adopt a Veteran Project," anyone can request a hard-copy package of archival documents about a deceased woman veteran from the Memorial (https://womensmemorial.org/adopt-a-woman-veteran-project/) and use that information to develop an online Register entry for the deceased veteran. To participate, send an email to registration@womensmemorial.org and request an Adoption Packet. When your Adoption Packet arrives in the mail, follow the instructions in the Resource Guide (https://womensmemorial.org/adopt-a-woman-veteran-project-resource-guide/) beginning on slide 31 "Register HERstory."

Please register your own service if you are a woman veteran and encourage others to do so.

MOAA Alamo Chapter Education Foundation Board

Thank you very much to those of you who have already donated...your generosity is very much appreciated. We continue this month our campaign to meet the expectation of ALL of our members - to help the next generation of military officers, who are at present in JROTC/ROTC cadet programs. Summer is a great season for cadet training....want to help that effort along? Please consider making a donation. Any amount will help....even \$25 would go a long way! \$25 in '25!

Thank you again...to donate, please visit: AlamoMOAA.org



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our members born in **JUNE!**

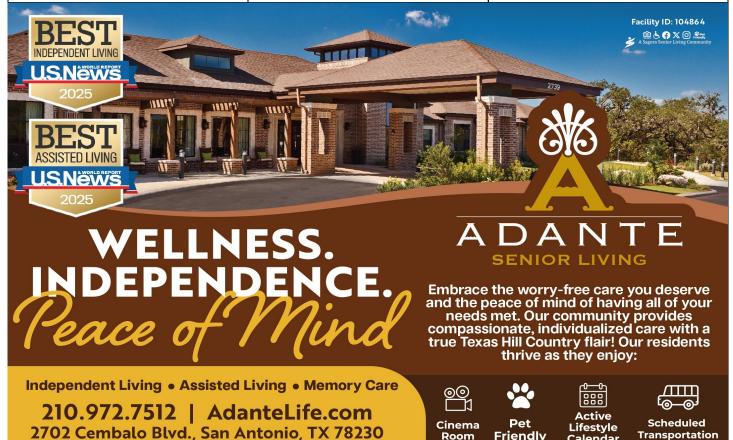
If you have a birthday this month and your name is not here, then we do not have your birth month in our records. If you'd like to be included please call, text or email us the information.

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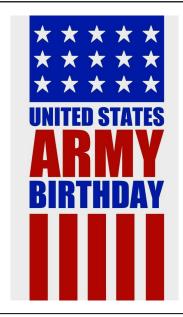
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LTC Jerry Gonzales, USA (Ret)
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Membership Stats

Active Duty 171
Former Military 14
Friends of the Chapter 14
Retired 528
Surviving Spouse 112

Total 839

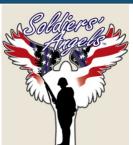


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SOLDIERS' ANGELS

TOP 5 WAYS TO GET INVOLVED IN 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

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 <u>personal email</u> 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:
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Military Officers Association of America - Alamo Chapter presents

17th Annual MOAA-AC Golf Tournament

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Warrior and Family Support Center

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Friday, October 24, 2025

Ft Sam Houston Golf Course, 1050 Harry Wurzbach, San Antonio, Tx **\$130** 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 \$130

Monetary donation in any amount \$



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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.

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 Beverage Raffle Drawings, Scratch Off Game, Contests: Closest to Pin, Puing, Hole in One, Shoot out for \$100,000 - 50/50 split.	
Participation implies agreement to use photos in any PR materials	
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. Call Linda at 210-228-9955 for questions on tournament registration, or to pay/donate by phone with your credit card. (Rev 050125)



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

17th Annual Golf Tournament on October 24, 2025

at the Ft Sam Golf Course in San Antonio.

Sponsored by



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) MOAA Alamo Chapter Educational Foundation (MACEF) supports the chapter's JROTC and ROTC scholarship programs that 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 \$250,000 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 \$130 and give a Warrior an opportunity to play <u>free of charge</u>. (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 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. Tax ID: 501(C)3 #82-1635522.

Thank you.

Gary Sadlon
Gary Sadlon
Chair. Golf Committee

Transition Tips

In April, I had the opportunity to participate in the MOAA Advocacy in Action in Washington DC. We trooped around the House and Senate buildings discussing five key priorities related to the military community with the various senators and congressional representatives.

One of these priorities focused on the Military Spouse Hiring Act. This act would add military spouses to the "Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) program that incentivizes employers to hire and employ individuals from certain <u>targeted groups</u> who have faced significant barriers to employment. As a director of human resources, this was an effective tool to support our HR recruitment programs.

Military spouses face many challenges in their efforts to seek employment. For those in this process, remember that y'all are not alone. Every person in the job market is facing multiple challenges as this market fluctuates. Stock markets are dramatically falling and rising on a daily basis. Employers are cautiously watching their business projections as they navigate this economic and political climate. You see notices of layoffs and restructuring coming from previously rock solid companies. Competition for jobs is tight.

Market your skills to your advantage. Focus discussions to what you can bring to the employer. Package your resume and other materials to reflect your "brand." Utilize the tools such as LinkedIn to spread the word as you job

search. Remember to sell yourself based upon the employer's needs. They are spelled out in the job description.

Again, you are not alone. There are organizations out there that can help in the process. The Society of Human Resources Management (www.SHRM,org) is a great resource for understanding the needs from the employer's perspective. Other organizations such as Hiring Our Heroes from the US Chamber of Commerce, the Texas Veterans Commission, and your local Texas Workforce offices (Workforce Solutions Alamo) can also help by providing training and assistance.

Locally, the Alamo Chapter continues to provide assistance and information. Our website (www.alamomoaa.org) continues to build resources to assist in transition. Individual counseling over coffee, a phone call or via zoom is also available.

Checking these opportunities is up to you. We are here to help. Give us a call.

Best wishes,



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





Speaker Bio - June Happy Hour

Join us at the Petroleum Club on Tuesday, June 24th from 4-6pm for a Panel Discussion / Q&A with local ROTC instructors.

Three local ROTC instructors (MAJ Cody Wendelin - Army ROTC at Texas State; CDR Jason Ward - Navy ROTC at UT-Austin; and Lt Col Brent Ekren (Air Force ROTC at Texas State) will be providing us the state of each of their service's ROTC programs. RSVP via the chapter website www.alamomoaa.org or the rsvp slip on the back page of this issue.



Lt Col Brent Ekren received his commission from the US Air Force Academy in 2005 and was then assigned to fly the KC-10. Following this, he attended German language training and then began an assignment as an Exchange Officer in the German Air Force. He has also served as the Chief of the Joint Operations Center for United States Southern Command. He is currently the commander of Detachment 840, the AFROTC detachment at Texas State University. Lt Col Ekren is a command pilot with more than 3,600 hours includ-

ing 1,400 combat hours in the KC-10A Extender and Airbus A310 Multi-Role Tanker Transport. He has deployed eight times in support of Operations EN-DURING FREEDOM, IRAQI FREEDOM, NEW DAWN, Joint Task Force – Horn of Africa, INHERENT RESOLVE, and RESOLUTE SUPPORT.



MAJ Cody Wendelin is a native of Martell, Nebraska and attended Virginia Tech where he earned a Bachelors of Science in Natural Resources Conservation. He commissioned into the Army as a Second Lieutenant in the Military Police (MP) Corps and was assigned to the Special Troops Battalion, 173D Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne) located in Vicenza, Italy. He was then assigned to the 18th Military Police Brigade as a Platoon Leader, followed by an assignment to HHC, USAG Italy

as an Executive Officer. Following selection to and graduation from the Special Forces Qualification Course, MAJ Wendelin served as a Future Operations Officer. He completed Ranger School in 2021 and was assigned as the Detachment Commander for SFOD-A 3231. In January 2024, MAJ Wendelin was assigned as the Operations Officer for 2D Battalion, where he remained until being assigned to Texas State in August 2024.



Commander Jason Ward hails from Texas and enlisted in the Navy in September 1991. After 4 years on active duty, he received a NROTC scholarship to Iowa State University. He was commissioned in May 2000. He has had a number of sea duty assignments including tours in USS IWO JIMA (LHD-7), USS NASSAU (LHA-4), the USS Essex (LHD-2), and the USS BONHOMMED RICHARD (LHD-6). Ashore, Commander Ward served as the OPSEC Division Chief for Joint Information Operation Command (JIOC) San Antonio, Texas as well as the Department Head

Training Lead Amphibious Instructor for Surface Warfare Officer School (SWOS) Newport, RI. He has also served in the U.S. Pacific Fleet's Plans and Policy Directorate as the Chief Maritime Engagement Plans Branch and the ACoS for Operations at Commander Logistic Group Western Pacific (CLWP) in Singapore.

NEVER STOP SERVING!



WE NEED YOU!

Current Volunteer Needs:

- 1) VP Community Outreach
- 2) VP Communications
- 3) Social Media Officer / Web master Assistant
- 4) Personal Affairs/Surviving Spouse Chair
- 5) Members for the following committees:
 - Community Outreach
 - Membership & Retention
 - Marketing
 - Transition
 - Legislative Affairs
 - Personal Affairs/Surviving Spouse

The descriptions and job duties 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.

Spouses are more than welcome to join us.

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Go online to www.moaa.org and connect with the "Legislative Advocacy Center" link.

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").



The three scientists from SouthWest Research Institute were very well received at the May luncheon at the Army Residence Community. Their presentation on Traumatic Brain Injury innovations and brain health was very interesting. We'll let you know when the video is posted to the Chapter website!



Mission & Vision Statement

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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Tuesday, June 24

Happy Hour

4-6pm

ROTC Instructors Panel

Petroleum Club

8620 N. New Braunfels, #700 San Antonio TX 78217 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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RSVP by 4pm Tuesday 17 June Limited seating - register early! See www.petroleumclubsa.com for mandatory dress code.

Reservations not cancelled by noon Tuesday 17th will be forfeited/billed Non member Officers & guests are welcome with paid reservations Friends & Family 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

Events Calendar

JUNE

- 5 Staff Meeting 10am
- 10 MACEF Board Meeting 1pm
- 12 Women Veterans Day
- 14 US Army Birthday
- 14 Flag Day
- 15 Father's Day
- 17 Chapter Board Meeting 1pm
- 24 Happy Hour Petroleum Club 4-6pm with ROTC Instructors Update

Save The Date

Friday October 24 12:30pm

17th Annual Golf Tournament

Ft Sam Houston Golf Club (See Page 6 & 7 for details)