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President's Message

As April wraps up, I'm reflecting on the Chapter's support of the MOAA "Advocacy in Action" for 2022. While we've had the opportunity to visit the offices of our Congressional representatives, the pandemic still influences our actions. The interactions for 2022 continue to be virtual. Under the leadership of Legislative VP Jim Cunningham, we are connecting with the local offices of our representatives to discuss the MOAA key initiatives of the Richard Starr Act, Tricare mental health coverage and the next military pay raises.

Jim's article in this Lariat will discuss these issues in greater detail. The ask is that you review these and lend your support by contacting the representatives. This type of action amplifies the need to them, and hopefully influencing their votes.

This is one action of many that can be impacted by the membership. We are building the committee structure to support the various activities of the chapter. We are supporting nonprofits such as Soldiers' Angels who do such great work for veterans and active duty. The marketing committee under Lisa Skopal, VP of Marketing and Development, is working to ensure that we have the financial resources for the Chapter. The Scholarship committee members, after the highly successful celebration of the March ROTC/JROTC luncheon, are out and about attending award ceremonies throughout our catchment area.

You can see why we have received MOAA's 5 Star Level of Excellence for the past 10 years. We have submitted the narrative for the 2022 award. You are the reason that we do what we do. Make sure that you are involved as possible. Attend the luncheons, volunteer for committees or activities. We welcome all opportunities to meet you and work with you.

Best wishes for a marvelous day. I look forward to connecting with you soon.

Kitty

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

Volunteer of the Year Update!

Lisa Skopal was chosen as the Alamo Chapter Volunteer of the Year for her tireless efforts as VP Marketing & Development was selected as the overall winner in the Retiree category for JBSA Ft Sam Houston!

Presenting awards and sharing remarks at the April 20 ceremony were Lt. Gen. John Evans Jr., U.S. Army North (Fifth Army) commanding general; Brig. Gen. Caroline M. Miller, 502nd Air Base Wing and JBSA commander; and Capt. Shannon Johnson, Naval Medical Forces Support Command deputy commander.

Well done Lisa!!



With Honor & Gratitude
We Remember

Notices



Thank You

to each of our members listed below who have donated a little (or a lot!) to the Educational Foundation, and/or Chapter Ops. We really appreciate it—and every dollar helps!

Col Dale Addington USAF (Ret)
 COL Robert Akam USA (Ret)
 LTC Ernest Aliseda USA (Ret)
 COL Francis Chance USA (Ret)
 MAJ Robert Corbo USA (Ret)
 Maj William Friedrich, Jr USAF (Ret)
 Col Cheryl Galluzzo USAF
 Venice Grantham
 Col Upendrakumar Kharod USAF (Ret)
 COL Thomas McGuire USA (Ret)
 COL Joy Ream USA (Ret)
 LTC Machielle Wood Denmon 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 Robert Wickman, USAF (Ret)
 4/10/22

JROTC Award Presenters Needed!

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

The Alamo Chapter presents awards to over 130 high school JROTC cadets and 14 college ROTC units from Austin to south Texas.

Awards are mailed to the units ahead of time 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, along with many other veteran service organizations. No speech required!

For the first time since 2019, most of our awards presentations will be in-person, so you have the opportunity to make an impact on outstanding young Americans. 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.

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

peterhunt2012@gmail.com

Thanks in advance!

Surviving Spouse Coordinator



The Chapter is happy to welcome Martin J. Garcia, LTC (Retired), USA, as the Surviving Spouse Coordinator.

Martin spent 22 years in the Army's Adjutant General Corps followed by 19 years as a Department of the Army civilian as a Human Resources Officer. He is now utilizing the 41 years of experience in Human Resources to lead the Chapter's Surviving Spouse program.

This is a new chapter program to assist the military spouse upon the passing of their military member. Martin will work closely with Cora Rogers, CAPT (Retired), USN and Stu Myers, COL (Retired), USAF who make up the Chapter's Personal Affairs team. The value of the Surviving Spouse program is that the connectivity doesn't end. The program continues to support the spouse and maintain the MOAA/Chapter connections. Martin can be reached at the email gmartinj683@gmail.com or by cell at 210-269-5776.

Upcoming Events

MAY

- 5 Staff Meeting 10am
- 6 Military Spouse Appreciation Day
- 8 Mother's Day
- 21 Armed Forces Day
- 26 Chapter Luncheon at the Ft Sam Golf Club with speaker Maj Gen Susan Pamerleau, USAF (Ret) US Marshall Western District
- 30 Memorial Day



Federal Legislative Report

April is normally the month each year that MOAA brings membership into the Capital and visit all of the Representatives and Senators for each state to put forward our National legislative agenda. However due to the restrictions of Covid and the issues with the January 6 attack on the capital, MOAA decided to have an Advocacy in Action. This entails each state dividing their representatives up so that Chapter members can contact them during the Easter recess to discuss these issues. These contacts usually involved meeting with them or their staff in district offices or via Zoom. Alamo MOAA was assigned nine of the thirty five Representatives to contact.

Alamo MOAA had a team of three that made these contacts. Myself, Chapter President Kitty Meyers and Colonel Robert Certain. All of our contacts ended up being zoom calls with staff members of the Congressman and we covered three issues with each of them. We have two remaining that will be contacted and one who resigned and is no longer a legislator.

Issues that we covered were the Major Richard Star act, HR1282/S344. This bill would correct the injustice of medically retired service members having to give up dollar for dollar of their military pension for VA benefits that they are receiving. This bill would correct this issue and let them have their full military retirement and VA benefits with no reduction. This is particularly important to Texas veterans at the state has the largest number of veterans in this situation with over 6,500. The largest of any state. Only seven Texas Representatives have signed on as cosponsors of this bill!

The second issue was that Making Mental Health Care affordable for Tricare beneficiaries. HR4824. The NDAA 2017 reformed most Tricare copays so that remained reasonable. They did not, however address special-

ty copays for mental health. Since that time those copays have almost doubled to that in most cases they are \$50 per visit. Stressors that are occurring not only to the service member, but also to their dependents are causing further monetary strain in terms of these high copays and difficulties in getting access to mental health professionals. The bill would cap copays at primary care levels and make it easier for access to mental health professionals.

The last issue has to do with Recruiting, retention and retirement. At present, service members should be getting a 4.6% pay raise unless the Congress or President reduce that with the 2023 NDAA. Why is this important? First, our service members are grossly underpaid compared to their civilian counterparts. This greatly affects recruiting and retention with all branches of the military. First, potential enlistees are looking to the civilian sector for better paying jobs. This has the effect of causing recruiters from all services to have a smaller number of potential recruits. This also affects retention because in many cases a member may be trained in an area that has better pay and benefits in the civilian sector and as a result that member has the tendency to leave the military to take advantage of that thus draining resources from their service.

In the area of retirement, service members lose money anytime pay raises fall. This takes final retirement pay down along with reduction of the Survivor Benefit Plan annuity for surviving family members.

Please make it point to contact your US Congressmen regarding these issues and ask for their support.

Jim Cunningham
MAJ, USA (Ret)
VP Legislative Affairs

Speaker Bio



Susan L. Pamerleau
Maj Gen USAF (Ret)

Susan Lewellyn Pamerleau serves as the 33rd United States Marshal for the Western District of Texas. She was confirmed by the United States Senate August 28, 2018 and sworn in September 17, 2018.

Marshal Pamerleau leads the second largest district geographically in the US Marshals Service and the third largest based on staffing, covering 92,000 square miles and sixty-eight counties in West Texas. Her responsibilities encompass leading and directing operations, including security and protection of the United States Courts, criminal investigations, fugitive apprehension, execution of federal court orders and other law enforcement activities.

Prior to her appointment, Marshal Pamerleau served as the 38th Sheriff of Bexar County, leading the eleventh largest Sheriff's Office in the nation. As Sheriff, Pamerleau led an organization of almost 2,000 personnel and oversaw a budget over \$200 million. She co-chaired the American Bar Association's (ABA) Law Enforcement Subcommittee, and co-chaired the ABA Law Enforcement Task Force on Body Cameras. Sheriff Pamerleau was also invited by Senator John Cornyn to testify before the Senate Judiciary Committee on Mental Illness in the Criminal (Continued on Page 9)

Membership Memos

THANK YOU Renewing Members:	WELCOME New Members:	<i>Get A Free Year on Us!</i> <i>Every Member is a Recruiter!</i>
COL Robert Akam USA (Ret) Col Jennifer Alexander USAF (Ret) COL Francis Chance USA (Ret) Col William Cook USAF (Ret) CAPT Vincent DeInnocentiis USN (Ret) Col Cheryl Galluzzo USAF CAPT Jim Letexier USN (Ret) Col Mark List USAF (Ret) COL Thomas McGuire USA (Ret) COL Joy Ream USA (Ret) COL Thomas Southerland USA (Ret) Col Dale Vande Hey USAF (Ret) LTC Ernest Aliseda USA (Ret) LTC Ronald Bilski USA (Ret) LTC Robert Blake USA (Ret) Lt Col Leonard Lawrence USAF (Fmr) LTC Matthew Otting USA (Ret) LTC Alfred Silva USA (Ret) LTC Allen Schmidt USA (Ret) LTC Richard Velazquez USA (Ret) MAJ Robert Corbo USA (Ret) MAJ Daniel Corcoran USA (Fmr) Maj William Friedrich, Jr USAF (Ret) MAJ Joel Gage USA (Fmr)	Col Dale Addington USAF (Ret) COL Susan Argueta USA Col Daniel Clark USAF (Ret) COL Tina Connally USA (Ret) Col Fred Hallsworth USAF (Ret) COL Samantha Hinchman USA COL Wendell Holladay USA (Ret) COL Bryan Logan USA Col Gregory Loser USAF (Ret) Col Anthony Sansano USAF Lt Col John Desmond USAF (Ret) Lt Col Jerry Franklin USAF (Ret) LTC Lisa Johnson USA (Ret) LTC James Sall USA (Ret) Lt Col Steven Smith USAF (Ret) Lt Col Joshua Vess USAF MAJ Elizabeth Marlin USA MAJ Michael Pollog USA (Fmr) MAJ Dennis Reaser USA (Ret) LT Junior Johnson USN (Ret) LT James Meehan USN (Ret) 1st Lt William Damon USAF (Fmr) LTJG Caroline Miller USCG	<p>The MOAA-Alamo Chapter will provide current members <i>a one-year free membership renewal</i> for every 3 paid members recruited.</p> <p>Increased recruitment of new paid members enhances both our <i>Voice</i> at National, State, and local legislative or governmental bodies as well as with local private organizations.</p> <p>The Alamo Chapter continues to be the largest in numbers in Texas and an integral part of advocacy efforts for initiatives, legislation, and programs affecting the entire military community of Active, Reserve, National Guard, Surviving Spouses, and Families. Moreover, the Chapter provides a continuous flow of essential community information, serves service-members in transition to civilian careers, as well as supports scholarship opportunities for future military officers and civilian leaders.</p> <p><i>You can make a difference!</i> <i>Never Stop Serving!</i></p>
Membership Stats Active Duty 85 Surviving Spouse 142 Former Military 30 <u>Retired 659</u> Total 916	Alamo Chapter Mission & Vision Statement <i>Vision:</i> <i>To be the primary advocate for the military community</i> <i>Mission:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Provide information, support and social engagement to members;</i> <i>Offer programs and services for the common good of the military community;</i> <i>Support MOAA at the national, state and local levels with a powerful voice.</i> Visit www.alamomoaa.org for more info	Membership Eligibility Regular: Membership in the Alamo Chapter is open to officers who are active duty, former, retired, National Guard and Reserves, commissioned and warrant officers of the eight U.S. uniformed services and their surviving spouses. Friends of the Chapter: Friends of the Chapter are individuals who support the mission and goals of the Chapter, who do not meet the qualifications of regular membership but are interested in supporting the military community. Friends of the Chapter MAY NOT vote, MAY NOT hold office in the Chapter and dues are assessed at the regular member rate.



Soldiers' Angels

Providing Monthly Food Assistance For San Antonio Veterans

Veterans in need of food support can register to get approximately 75 lbs. of groceries, at no cost. Volunteers are always needed to package and hand out the food. Veterans must register ahead of time to receive support.

To register for the upcoming San Antonio Veteran Food Assistance event, go to www.soldiersangels.org/San-Antonio

This event occurs on the third Thursday of every month:

The dates for future drives are as follows:

May 19, Jun 16, Jul 21, Aug 18, Sep 15, Oct 20, Nov 17, Dec 15.

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

To register for future events or inquire about volunteering or sponsoring, email: Jose Maldonado at

jmaldonado@soldiersangels.org

This food pantry event is a drive-through and will follow all local and CDC guidelines to provide the safest possible environment for veterans and volunteers. Veterans do not need to get out of the car. Masks are required at all times by everyone on site.



Go Camo Care Package Drive

April 1- June 30

Soldiers' Angels are in urgent need of care package items in order to keep up with the increase in requests for support. They are also in need of financial donations to help cover the cost of shipping care packages and other items.

A donation of \$25 will ship a care package to a deployed service member. Below is a sample list of needed items for care packages or you can also shop their Amazon Wish List and have items sent directly to our warehouse.

(https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/ACFKJY0QQL5C/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex)

Hygiene Items: Deodorant; Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Shampoo/Conditioner, Body Wash, Wet Wipes, Female Hygiene Products, Hand Warmers, Manicure Set, Back Scratchers, Socks (no tube socks), Hand Sanitizer, Cleaning Cloths/Spray (for glasses/goggles)

Snack Items: Protein Bars, Jerky or Meat Sticks, Sunflower Seeds, Freeze-Dried Fruit (Single Serve), Single-Serve Peanut Butter or Nutella, Single-Serve Cereals (Boxes or Cups, no bags as they will crush easily), Pop-Tarts, Nuts/Trail Mix (Single Serve Preferred), Tuna Salad Kit w/ Crackers, Chicken Salad Kit w/ Crackers, Powdered Drink Mixes like Crystal Light or Sports Drinks (Single Serve), Gum, Candy.

Down-Time Items: Small Balls or Footballs, Puzzle Books, Travel-Sized Games, Coloring Books, Pens/Pencils, Colored Pencils, Pencil Sharpeners.

Please AVOID the following items as they will not be able to include them: No aerosols or sprays in cans, No Pork or Pork By-Products (Slim Jims are OK), Tobacco or Alcoholic Beverage Products, Bars of Soap, Anything packaged in glass, Sharp Objects (Knives, Tools, Safety Pins, etc.), Pornography or other culturally sensitive material, Bagged Potato Chips (they are too easily crushed), Unwrapped Candies, Nail Polish, Perfume or Cologne.

If you're collecting items to provide support for troops or purchasing items locally, you can ship all of your items to their headquarters here in San Antonio. You will be responsible for all shipping costs.

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Transition Tips

Hypercompetitive Marketplace

I learned a new word today as I was researching the transition topic for this month's Lariat. That word is hypercompetitive. And that is exactly what is happening in this crazy pandemic of a world. We are beginning to ease from pandemic to endemic, we are recognizing that COVID will not go away. It will morph into the next variant and we will deal with it just as we do the seasonal flu.

This dramatically impacts the workplace and especially the job market. Unemployment numbers are returning to pre-pandemic numbers. Employers are adjusting to the new workplace where their employees are looking for remote or hybrid work, new travel requirements, childcare and other issues. To point, they can't find the qualified workers that are needed.

On the other hand, the workforce is reviewing their perspective on what they want, seeking new opportunities. The transitioning military community is among this group. Needless to say, the competition is crazy. How you market yourself is the key to the game.

I've talked about the marketing perspective in previous articles. I attended a zoom yesterday and heard folks address this very issue. Building the resume to job description specifics, networking to get the message out, focusing your search on your target industry are all keys. LinkedIn again becomes a go-to tool for researching and networking. Use as many avenues as you can to get research and narrow the search to opportunities that will meet your requirements.

Employers are also adjusting their processes. They are refining how they market their needs, focusing on finding the right fit. The talent acquisition process has become very expensive in both intrinsic and extrinsic costs. The recruiting staff is monitoring to ensure that they are capitalizing on getting the right fit for the job expediently and in cost-effective ways.

Remember – both sides want the right fit, all for the right reasons. The employer has a business to run and can't afford to hire a bad fit. The job seeker wants to find a position that will meet the needs, both the intrinsic values and the extrinsic needs. Understand the process. Refine and adapt your approach to maximize your success.

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.alamomaa.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: _____

In Flanders Fields

As spring arrived during World War I, red poppies bloomed in Europe's war-torn countryside, inspiring Canadian surgeon Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae serving abroad to write a poem in their honor. Today, the red poppy is worn around Memorial Day as a tribute to those who died in battle.

In Flanders Fields

*In Flanders fields the poppies
blow
Between the crosses, row on
row,
That mark our place; and in the
sky
The larks, still bravely singing,
fly
Scarce heard amid the guns be-
low.*

*We are the Dead. Short days
ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset
glow,
Loved and were loved, and now
we lie
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the
foe:
To you from failing hands we
throw
The torch; be yours to hold it
high.
If ye break faith with us who
die
We shall not sleep, though pop-
pies grow
In Flanders fields.*



Health, Benefits & Welfare

Estate Planning & Decedent Affairs Checklist:

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

The MOAA Alamo Chapter is here to provide you with resources regarding estate planning and decedent affairs checklist. These are general guidelines and recommendations. Your estate planning is better enhanced when you work with your attorney or legal support office.

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

Cora Bayle-Cox

CAPT USN (Ret)

Assistant Personal Affairs Officer

New VA Burial Sites:

After several years of planning and delays, the Department of Veterans Affairs is pushing for funding to open four new, unique burial sites within the next two years -- two columbaria in major cities and two rural cemeteries in the West that eventually will entomb 310,000 veterans or family members. The four sites are in New York City; Indianapolis; Elko, Nevada; and Cedar City, Utah, and will cost the VA \$3 million next year to ensure that they will open and be staffed within the next two years.

U.S. Space Force Update:

The Space Force has unveiled a wave of bonuses to lure recruits with highly specialized tech backgrounds to become Guardians. Bonuses range from \$12,000 to \$20,000 for certain technology certifications that could be used for the Space Force's cyber career fields, according to a press release from the Department of the Air Force's Recruiting Service. Earlier this month, the Department of the Air Force unveiled more than a dozen bonuses as a

way to entice new recruits amid a national labor shortage and a pandemic economy. But while the Air Force said it's facing headwinds to fill its ranks, the Space Force is having no problem getting recruits into the small number of spots it has, as interest continues to grow in the newest military service branch. Maj. Gen. Ed Thomas, the Air Force Recruiting Service commander, told Military.com that last year they had more than 42,000 leads on people interested in joining to fill just 500 spots. "Space Force recruiting is on very solid ground right now," Thomas said. The Space Force is the smallest of the military service branches. It has grown to 8,400 Guardians since being created at the behest of former President Donald Trump in 2019 and is expected to grow by 200 new recruits in 2023. For Space Force Guardians who have already joined the ranks, the Department of the Air Force is also offering reenlistment bonuses for a dozen careers, such as cyber intelligence analysts and communications specialists, to retain their specialized knowledge and skills. Unlike other services, the Space Force does not have a reserve or National Guard component; Air Force Secretary Frank Kendall is floating a proposal to have Guardians either be part-time or full-time instead. Gen. John Raymond, the chief of space operations, has spoken publicly about the full-time and part-time concept as a possible way to recruit talent from the private sector to fill the highly specialized roles in the Space Force's ranks. "We would be giving opportunities for people to go 67 to the commercial industry, to go to NASA, and then come back," Raymond told Space News earlier this month. "Maybe at certain times in their life, if they want to have children, they can go part-time for a while and then come back without having to get out of active duty and then go into the reserves."

The Space Force will make history next month when 72 men and women start the first Guardians-only boot camp at Joint Base San Antonio.

Source: Military.com



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- Charter Club Membership
- Second Person Fee Discount
- Home Warming Celebration
- Maintenance Assistance

The ARC welcomes 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, to include spouses and surviving spouses.

7400 Crestway | San Antonio, Texas 78239 | armyresidence.com

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



NEVER STOP SERVING!

WE NEED YOU TO VOLUNTEER

for positions on your Chapter
leadership team
(Member spouses also welcome!)

Current Needs:

- 1) Membership Cmte Members
- 2) Marketing & Development Cmte Members
- 3) Historian/Photographer
- 4) Legislative Cmte Members

*Position Descriptions can be found on
the chapter website under the re-
sources tab.*

www.alamomoaa.org



Best wishes for the happiest of birthdays to those members born in the month of May.

If you have a birthday this month and your name is not here, then we do not have your birth month in our records. Please call or email us with the information.

CDR Guy Banta, USN Ret
Lt Col Robert Bishop, USAF Ret
COL Arthur Bryant, USA Ret
Lt Col Jim Conner, USAF Ret
COL William Del Vecchio, USA Ret
Mrs. Delores Deville
Mrs. Jennie Dicus, USA Ret
LT George Frecsko, USN Fmr
Col George Gagnon, USAF Ret
COL Mary Garr, USA Ret
Mrs. Mary Green
Lt Col Matthew Henrikson, USAF Ret
CDR Mario Herrera, USN Ret
Col Lewis Jamison, USAF Ret
Col Anthony Johnson, USAF Ret
COL Robert Johnson, USA Ret
LTC Douglas Jones, USA Ret
Lt Col Robert Jones, USAF Ret
MG Glenn Kothmann, USA Ret
LT Ida Leithead, ARNG
Col Jay Maust, USAF Ret
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Col George Tracy Jr., USAF Ret
MAJ Bob Tuckey, USA Ret
Mrs. Marilyn Veach
MAJ Josh Welch, USA Ret
BrigGen David Young III, USAF Ret

Speaker Bio

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Justice System (2016). As part of the Bexar County delegation, she also participated in the National Stepping-Up Initiative (2016) and as a facilitator for the White House Workshop on Data Driven Justice Initiatives (2016).

Marshal Pamerleau served 32 years in the United States Air Force, retiring at the rank of Major General. After retirement from the Air Force, she served as Senior Vice President at USAA. Marshal Pamerleau has served on boards of directors and advisory groups for numerous civic and charitable organizations locally, as well as the Board of Directors for the Sheriffs Association of Texas. She is actively involved with Major County Sheriffs' Association, National Sheriffs' Association, and the American Correctional Association.

Marshal Pamerleau received her Master's degree in Public Administration (MPA) from Golden Gate University in San Francisco. Phillips University conferred an honorary Doctorate degree on Pamerleau in 1998. She received her Bachelor's degree in Sociology from the University of Wyoming. She was honored in 2009 as an Outstanding Alumna, University of Wyoming College of Arts & Sciences and in 2018 as a Distinguished Alumna of the University of Wyoming. Pamerleau has attended multiple professional schools, including advanced executive courses at Northwestern University's Kellogg Graduate School of Business, Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, and The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. Marshal Pamerleau is a graduate of the FBI National Executive Institute (2014).



Janenine, a volunteer at Soldiers' Angels, accepted almost 350 pairs of socks from Chapter President Kitty Meyers that were primarily collected from the residents at the Army Residence Community and Blue Skies of Texas. Soldiers' Angels received over

88,000 pairs during their Warm Feet For Warriors campaign.

Chapter Outreach & Advocacy

What is Your Chapter Up To?

Currently, the Alamo Chapter has active representation with organizations in the following areas:

Career Transition:

JBSA Transition Alliance

University of Syracuse's Institute For Veterans and Military Families career training program called Onward to Opportunity (O2O)

Military Spouse Professional Network (MSPN) (US Chamber Hiring Our Heroes Program)

San Antonio and Texas Military Spouse Economic Empowerment Zone (MSEEZ) (US Chamber Hiring Our Heroes Program)

Alamo Workforce Solutions Hiring Fair (Red, White & You)

ETAP Panel at JBSA Randolph pre-retirement events

Advocacy:

San Antonio Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee and Senior Enlisted Advisory Committee

MOAA Texas Council of Chapters (TCC)

Army Chief of Staff's Retiree Council Washington DC

JBSA Ft Sam Houston Newcomer Orientations

Texas Coalition of Veteran Organizations (TCVO)

MOAA Advocacy Campaign

Community/Veteran Outreach:

Texas Veterans Commission Veteran Services Advisory Committee and two subcommittees - Homeless Veterans and Suicide Prevention

JBSA Retiree Council

Veterans of Greater San Antonio Area

JBSA Volunteer Advisory Council

JBSA Retiree Appreciation Day Planning Committee

Texas Veterans Network Advisory Committee

Want to help find out more about our involvement with these organizations and how we're making a difference?
Want to help shape and move the Chapter forward??

If so, please join us at our next regular monthly chapter business meeting each first Thursday at 10am at the chapter office on JBSA Ft Sam Houston. Contact us and we'll send you the meeting materials.

Tel: (210) 228-9955 (call or text) Email: moaa-ac@sbcglobal.net

Chapter Membership Benefits

Considering joining a MOAA chapter? Debating whether to renew your chapter membership? Talking to a potential new member? Here are some of the key benefits to belonging to one of MOAA's more than 410 chapters:

- **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.
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Thursday, May 26th Chapter Luncheon

Speaker:

**Maj Gen Susan L. Pamerleau
USAF (Ret)**

US Marshall, Western District of Texas

Ft Sam Golf Club

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

Buffet Menu

Chicken Cordon Bleu, or Beef Brisket, Garlic Mashed potatoes, macaroni & cheese, Caramelized brussel sprouts, butter green beans, salad.

Cost per person: Pay In Advance \$28; Pay At the Door \$32

Enclosed: \$ _____

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Wednesday, June 22nd

Happy Hour

Speaker:

**College Air Force and Army ROTC
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