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## President's Message

Time flies. It continues to surprise me as to how I continue to be amazed at the number of “things” we do at the Alamo Chapter to support our military community. And, what a great thing to be involved in these activities.

For the first time in a long time, the chapter brought MOAA Vacations to San Antonio. Jon Breneman, president of MOAA Vacations, corralled reps from two cruise lines to present to folks at the Army Residence Community (ARC) and to the two communities of Blues Skies of Texas. First, a special thanks to David Patrick from the chapter staff and to Janet and Joe Morgan of the ARC for the fantastic organization to make these meetings happen.

Along with the opportunity to gather

as the chapter satellites, we had the opportunity to hear from Royal Caribbean and Uniworld about their various cruise options. Whether you are interested in big ships or river cruises, there is something for you. And, by booking through MOAA Vacations, you have the advantage of the MOAA discounts and benefits afforded to you as MOAA members. My sister and I are checking out a “Signature” cruise on Uniworld river cruise along the Danube to check out the Dec 2024 holiday markets. I loved the German markets when stationed at Sembach.

Besides the opportunity of dreaming of cruises, the chapter was also focusing on the future of our officer corps. Through the Alamo Educational Foundation, our 501c3, we supported two

USAF ROTC events in April. First was a sports event at UT Austin where seven ROTC programs from across Texas competed for honors and created camaraderie.

The second ROTC event was a “BEAST” held at Lackland’s Medina Annex. As an aside, I had flashbacks as 50 years ago completed officer training at Medina. I was so proud of those shiny gold bars. But, back to the BEAST or Basic Expeditionary Airman Skills Training. Six Air Force detachments competed as they worked through the scenarios of the day. It was hot. Pete Hunt and Felix Santiago joined me as we observed and then celebrated with the cadets. Another wonderful event.

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## Basic Expeditionary Airman Skills Training (BEAST) April 2023



# Notices

## President's Message

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You too can be involved. We hope you will join us through attendance and by helping us create these opportunities.

Please contact me or any of the chapter staff for more information. Remember, we are all volunteers. It's fun and it's serving. Per MOAA national's motto, "Never Stop Serving."

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

## Mission & Vision

### Vision:

*To be the primary advocate for the military community*

### Mission:

- *Provide information, support and social engagement to members;*
- *Offer programs and services for the common good of the military community;*
- *Support MOAA at the national, state and local levels with a powerful voice.*

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## Legislative Advocacy Quorum

As a MOAA member, please sign up for the Advocacy Quorum Program at [moaa.quorum.us](http://moaa.quorum.us).

By doing this, your advocacy will be properly recognized as representing the Alamo Chapter, assist national MOAA in tracking who is advocating, and contribute to the Chapter's annual Levels of Excellence awards.

Bills related to the military benefits that were introduced in the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress will now have to be reintroduced with the 118<sup>th</sup>, and the new quorum program will make it very easy for you to advocate at the federal level.

*Note: Your participation is important to us as a chapter as we are graded by MOAA national on how many members are signed up as part of the Levels of Excellence annual award. Please help us retain our Five Star accreditation!*

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## Speaker Bio - Anne Krause



Anne Krause has lived in San Antonio for 18 years and has served as President & Executive Director of the Hemisfair Conservancy since co-founding the organization in 2014.

She received a Bachelor of Science degree from the United States Air Force Academy, a Master of Arts degree from the University of Texas at Austin, and completed a non-profit executive program at Harvard Business School.

Anne began her career as an Air Force officer. While serving her country, she had the privilege of flying jets, deploying to Cuba as the Officer in Charge of linguist operations, and serving as the Executive Officer for the USAF Thunderbirds demonstration team.

After transitioning to the civilian world, Anne volunteered and held leadership positions in numerous non-profit organizations. Additionally, she consulted a Fortune 200 company and a private family foundation on strategic philanthropy.

Anne is passionate about art, education and community. She is an international public speaker, a Charity Ball Association sponsor, and serves on the boards of SA100 and The Nonprofit Council, and the Community Advisory Board of the Junior League of San Antonio.

Together, Anne and her husband Paul have four children, and in 2018, they added another member to their family by becoming foster parents.

Anne will be our guest speaker the Chapter luncheon on May 18th at the Army Residence Community. See back page for details.

## BEAST April 2023



### Basic Expeditionary Airman Skills Training (BEAST)

The Alamo Chapter assisted in sponsoring JBASA Lackland BEAST event held on April 15th. Participating detachments included Houston, Baylor, Texas Tech, UT Austin, Texas State and TCU.

See also the picture of all involved on the front cover of this issue. (Pictured in civilian clothing are L-R Felix Santiago, VP Membership; Peter Hunt, Chair Scholarship & Awards; Kitty Meyers, Chapter President.

Two other leadership events were also sponsored—\$1,000 was donated to the University of the Rio Grande Valley for their Bronc Cadet Club, and \$1,000 was donated to UTSA's Air Force ROTC Roadrunner Booster Club.

Your donations to us allow us to pay it forward to deserving groups like these. Thank you.



# Membership Memos

## WELCOME New Members:

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# 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](http://www.soldiersangels.org/San-Antonio)

This event occurs on the third Thursday of every month:

May 18, June 15, July 20, August 17, September 21, October 19, November 16, December 21.

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

To register for future events or inquire about volunteering or sponsoring, please email: Jana Evans at [jevans@soldiersangels.org](mailto:jevans@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.*

## Warm Feet For Warriors



The Soldiers' Angels goal for this year's sock collection is 75,000. And the Alamo Chapter is doing its part!

The Blue Skies of Texas satellite of the Alamo chapter is placing collecting boxes at both east and west campuses and residents may drop their donated socks there. You can also stop by the chapter office on Ft Sam (appointment required) or directly at the Soldiers' Angels facility at 2895 NE Loop 410 #107, San Antonio (in the strip center adjoining Academy Sports & Outdoors on 410 & Perrin Beitel). Lastly, you can order socks from their wish list on Amazon and have them shipped direct, or set up a collection box at your own workplace!

Do let us know how many pairs you collected and dropped off or had shipped! Socks are the most requested items!



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## Transition Tips

### Local Resources

I will have the opportunity to participate in a panel discussion this week hosted by the US Army IMCOM, the service's installation management command. They are bringing folks from around the globe who are involved with transitioning resources at their posts. It will be exciting to see all as we talk about how to assist those making career/life decisions.

I have the great opportunity to be part of the JBSA Transition Alliance here on JBSA Ft Sam Houston. This is a collaboration of all sorts of connections that provide assistance and support. These come from base resources, a variety of non-profits, other government resources, the education community and from the business community. We meet weekly in person or via zoom to share ideas and opportunities. There are usually 60 of the 100 plus members. It's exciting to see these folks gathered with the purpose of helping the military community. By the way, that is the entire military community – transitioning, veteran, spouse and dependent.

This alliance, created and supported by the 502<sup>nd</sup> Force Support Group is robust and has been recognized by the powers to be from afar. However, it is not the only one in existence. That's the beauty of the IMCOM conference this week. The need to collaborate throughout the military to support is essential to support those in transition.

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# What Your Chapter Is Involved In

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 Plan-

ning 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, or via Zoom. Contact us and we'll send you the meeting materials.

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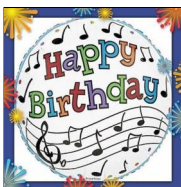
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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY to those members born in the month of May.

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

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### Transition

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So, why am I writing this message. It's important to those transitioning that they speak up with their questions and concerns. If you are not getting these addressed and answered, then you are staying too silent. I chatted with one captain being medically retired from Ft. Sill. He responded to one of my comments with "that's not what I was told in TAP." This is your transition. OWN IT! It's your future that you hold in your hands.

There are resources out there to help you. MOAA is just one. From [www.moaa.org](http://www.moaa.org), there are resources galore for folks from all ranks, all services and this also includes spouses. Locally, each MOAA chapter will have resources within or can connect you with local resources to help. I have assisted folks from all over via phone or internet. We chat about all aspects of transition, including building the network while still far from the final destination.

It's up to you to take advantage of all of the resources available to you. As mentioned, it's your transition. Have you taken ownership yet?

*Kitty*

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National Award Winning Newsletter

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**Thursday, May 18**  
**Chapter Luncheon**  
**Anne Krause**  
**President & Executive**  
**Director HemisFair Conservancy**

**Army Residence Community**  
Lakeside Water's Edge - Heroes Room (2nd Floor)  
7400 Crestway, San Antonio TX 78239  
Meet & Greet begins 11am - Lunch served 11:30am

## Menu

Delicious "Bruce Lee Bowl" - Chinese salad with wontons, Chicken Lo Mein, Stir Fry vegetables, Egg roll with sweet chili sauce. Dessert is Lemon Cream Pie. Coffee, Water & Iced Tea.

**Cost per person: Pay In Advance \$18; Pay At the Door \$22**

**Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

(ARC Residents will be charged to their meal plan and must RSVP)

RSVP by 4pm Wednesday 10 May

Reservations not cancelled by then will be forfeited/billed

Non member Officers & guests are welcome with paid reservations

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Guest(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Tuesday, June 20**  
**Happy Hour 4-6pm**  
**Come meet Tony Imondi,**  
**Col USAF (Ret)**

Fmr Operations Group Commander of America's  
only B-2 Unit

**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

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

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RSVP by 4pm Tuesday 13 June

Reservations not cancelled by noon Tuesday 13th will be forfeited/billed

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Friends & Family (over 21) are welcome!

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