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President's Message

Hello, everyone. It's been a busy year so far. We are 1/3 of the way through and have accomplished so much.

It's a super pleasure to announce that we have again been recognized by MOAA as a 5 Star Level of Excellence chapter. This is number 16 out of 17 by our recollection. Our records go back to 2006. With the exception of 2007 when we received a 4 Star, every other year has been a 5 Star. This is a true honor for the chapter and is the result of the efforts of so many within the chapter. I thank everyone for all of their work and commitment to the Chapter.

Another great announcement is the successes of the Foundation. We applied for a grant from MOAA for the support of the two leadership activities that were conducted by the ROTC's. I had the opportunity to present a check to St Mary's University Battler Brigade Army ROTC for their Alamo battle study. The second check went to

UTSA USAF ROTC detachment as they organized a “BEAST” Leadership day for seven USAF ROTC detachments at Lackland's Medina Annex. This provided the necessary training in the morning by Lackland training command resources followed by the actual exercises in the afternoon.

I also thank those members who are stepping forward to help with our two governing boards. We did attend the Masters Leadership Program Board Training Program's Speed Dating event where we met with folks from this year's class. We were able to connect with several folks expressing interest in the chapter's 501c4 board.

The recruitment for the 501c3 Foun-

dation board is ongoing and is reviewing candidates as well. We hope to announce soon the new members of each board soon. Thanks to the candidates and to those helping in the process.

We continue to press on with wonderful meeting events. David Patrick and Brian Afflerbaugh along with all others have found us wonderful speakers. The meetings for the next months are also spectacular.

I do hope to see y'all there.

Kitty

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

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Ed Marvin Wins Top Honor

Pictured is Ed Marvin being presented the award from LTG John Evans, Cmdr, ARNORTH as the JBSA Outstanding Retiree Volunteer at the recent 2024 Volunteer Awards Ceremony.

Congratulations Ed!

Ed and Ruby with the Award.
Thank you Ruby for all your support.



Notices



Thank You

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

COL Bob Akam, USA (Ret)
 COL Wallace Baze, USA (Ret)
 Lt Col Tom Carter, USAF (Ret)
 COL Darrell Childers, USA (Ret)
 LTC Jessica Dunn, USA (Ret)
 Col Tom McGuire, USA (Ret)
 LTC Matthew Otting, USA (Ret)
 CW3 Alexander Sullivan, USA (Ret)
 Col Dan Van Syoc, USAF (Ret)
 Col Kim Toney, USAF (Ret)
 MAJ Patrick Tracy, USA (Ret)
 LTC Machielle Wood Denmon, USA (Ret)

Ft Sam Houston Memorial Services Detachment



In January 2024 MSD performed its 45,000th Funeral Service. The first MSD Funeral Service at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery took place on December 17, 1991. So far in 2024 thru March MSD has performed 406 Funerals to veterans at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

To enlist their help or to offer monetary support please contact Manny Mendoza, MSD Commander at 210-722-2582 manny.10141@yahoo.com



Support MOAA'S Legislative Initiatives

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

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

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

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Legislative Report

MOAA members from all of our states just recently gathered in Washington to advocate for our military, veterans and families with our Senators and Representatives. MOAA has released the following priorities for the 118th Congress that they discussed:

- Compensation and Service-Earned Benefits
- Military Housing
- Health Care for Currently Serving and Retirees
- Health Care and Benefits for Veterans
- Service Families
- Survivors
- Guard and Reserve

The State of Texas is getting ready for the 2025 session with the release of interim charges for the senate Veterans Affairs committee. These are areas that the Lt. Governor wants them to delve into and possibly shape legislation for 2025.

- Veteran Mental Health: Review current programs that provide direct and indirect mental health services to veterans in Texas.
- Identify barriers to accessing mental health resources for rural veterans.
- Make recommendations to improve access to mental health support for all veterans.
- Support Service Database for Texas Veterans: Review and report on the progress toward the creation of a single database to facilitate the seamless provision of veteran benefits by state agencies.
- Make recommendations to improve coordination among state, federal, and local agencies and others that provide benefits to veterans. ☐
- Strengthen Support for Veteran Housing: Study the accessibility and affordability of veteran housing. Identify factors that contribute to veteran homelessness.
- Determine whether the Veterans Land Board has the tools necessary to maximize their assistance to eligible borrowers in home lending.
- Make recommendations to update state standards related to veteran home loans.

We have as yet not gotten interim charges from the House.

More to come. Continue to join our advocacy with your state and federal representatives and senators!

Jim Cunningham

MAJ, USA (Ret)
VP Legislative Affairs

Membership Application/Renewal

Join/Renew - \$25 Annual Fee

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Membership Memos

THANK YOU Renewing Members:

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 MAJ Patrick Tracy, USA (Ret)
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MOAA-AC Mission & Vision

Vision:

*To be the primary advocate for
the military community*

Mission:

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

NEVER STOP SERVING! WE NEED YOU



TO VOLUNTEER!

Current Needs:

- 1) Chapter Board Members
- 2) Educational Foundation Board Members
- 3) VP Membership, Recruitment & Retention
- 4) Personal Affairs/Surviving Spouse Chair
- 5) Members for the following committees:
 Golf Tournament
 Membership
 Marketing
 Transition
 Legislative Affairs
 Personal Affairs/Surviving Spouse

The Personal Affairs/Surviving Spouse Chair position is posted on Page 10, and all other position descriptions can be found on the chapter website under the resources tab.

www.alamomoaa.org

Membership Stats

Active Duty 138
 Former Military 23
 Friends of the Chapter 5
 Retired 589
 Surviving Spouse 151

Total 906

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

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Speaker Bio



Mark "Plug" Vlahos

In 2011, Colonel Mark C. "Plug" Vlahos completed a 29-year career in the United States Air Force. He served in six operational flying assignments on C-130 and VC-137 Presidential aircraft. His command tours included command of a C-130 squadron for a year in combat in Afghanistan and Vice Wing Commander of the of the 314th Airlift Wing, which at the time, was the largest C-130 wing in the world.

Since retirement, Mark has become one of the world's experts on WWII U.S. Army Air Forces Troop Carrier, C-47, and glider operations. He is now working on his 5th book. Today, we are in for a real treat as will give us a sneak peak of the presentation that he will give at RAF Saltby in the U.K. next month for the 80th Anniversary of D-day. Mark portrays Colonel Clayton Stiles, the Commander of the 314th Troop Carrier Group that was stationed at RAF Saltby from March 1944 to March 1945 during WWII. Now sit back and enjoy Colonel Stiles visiting the base for the first time since the war ended...and on the 80th Anniversary of D-day.

Col Vlahos will be our guest speaker at the Alamo Chapter luncheon at the Army Residence Community on Thurs, May 23. Sign up on line or use the rsvp slip on the back page.

Soldiers' Angels



Warm Feet for Warriors

The Soldiers' Angels goal for this year's sock collection is 75,000 by May 15th.

Help the Alamo Chapter help them!

Bring your donation of new socks to the monthly luncheon or stop by the chapter office on Ft Sam (appointment required) and we will take them to the Soldiers' Angels San Antonio.

Sign up to volunteer for any of their volunteer activities on their website: www.SoldiersAngels.org.

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Veterans have made important sacrifices for our country, and they deserve to be honored and remembered for their service. However, there are many misconceptions about the end-of-life benefits available to them. As we look ahead to Plan one of Life's most difficult decisions. Pre Planning – Funeral Arrangements.

Myth: The VA pays for the funeral or cremation expenses of any honorably discharged veteran.

This common misconception simply is not true. Only under certain circumstances, such as when a service member is killed in the line of duty, does the U.S. government cover all funeral or cremation costs.

Myth: All a veteran's family has to do is let the VA know that their loved one has passed, and whatever benefits that person is eligible for are automatic.

In most cases, the VA will need to see discharge papers (a report called DD 214) to determine eligibility. Additionally, a family must request all of the benefits for which their loved one is eligible. The VA does not cover expenses for the Funeral Homes Staff & Services.

Plan to make it right – for you and your family

Planning now will provide peace of mind – for you and for those you love. Losing a loved one is one of life's most stressful events. Prearranging your funeral eases the stress and guesswork for your family and ensures that your final wishes are honored. We plan for important life events, such as weddings, major purchases, college education for our children and retirement. We insure ourselves against things that may never happen, including vehicle accidents, personal injury and medical emergencies. Doesn't it make sense to plan for the inevitable? Give the best gift you can leave your loved one.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY to those members born in the month of MAY

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month and your name is not here, then we
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ords.*

*If you'd like to be included please call or
email us the information.*

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Transition Tips

Using LinkedIn to the Fullest

First, let me throw out the disclaimer. I am an HR, not an IT specialist. However, it has become more evident over the years as to the value and impact of LinkedIn as a recruiting tool for recruiters and for the job seekers as the look for employment. While I was still practicing, I would google candidates. The first thing that would pop up is the LI profile link.

So, you're asking why I'm focusing this month on the LinkedIn profile. Let's just say that I call it the resume on steroids. While you only have two pages for the resume, a good LI profile has your full history. This is your opportunity to elaborate on your experiences.

So, the question is how to design your LI profile into a powerful branding tool. As previously mentioned, I'm not an expert. There are many in the community who are! For those with base access, each of the bases within JBSA has resources through the Military and Family Readiness Centers. If not in this area, your local base has similar resources, be they Army, Navy, or USAF.

If this is not an option, I strongly recommend that you connect with the Texas Veterans Commission (TVC). There are talented folks such as Laurie Pimental-Johnson who can direct you to the resources. Most Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) local offices within the state have a TVC rep on site. Connect there.


There are also resources by simply googling. I found free information through various sites. Just remember – don't pay. There are plenty of resources that are FREE!

So, here's a quick list of points to consider.

1. Make that headline draw attention.
2. Have a high energy summary.
3. Now's your opportunity to expand upon your experiences. You are not limited to two pages.
4. Use a professional photo.
5. Highlight the skills. Again, you're not limited by space.
6. If using Artificial Intelligence (AI), remember to personalize it. (We can tell!)

Now you are ready to identify the industries and position titles that you are seeking. This will help narrow down the search. But – do be prepared for recruiters to connect with you that are unrelated. Even in retirement, I get notices looking for benefits professionals and other HR positions. Some folks don't read the profile. Just be patient with them, someday they will learn how to use LI as well.

Make your LinkedIn profile part of your branding portfolio. It will make an impact.


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

*Previously published Transition Tips can be found at www.AlamoMOAA.org
under the Transition Services tab.*

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May Chapter Events

- 2 Staff Meeting 10am
- 7 MACEF Board Meeting 2pm
- 8 Golf Tournament Planning Cmte 2pm
- 8 Victory Day in Europe
- 10 Military Spouse Appreciation Day
- 12 Mother's Day
- 18 Armed Forces Day
- 22 Chapter Board Meeting 10am
- 23 Chapter Luncheon Army Residence Community
- 27 Memorial Day

June Chapter Events

- 6 Chapter Business Meeting Chapter Ofc 10am
- 11 MACEF Board Mtg Chapter Ofc 2pm
- 14 Army Birthday
- 14 Flag Day
- 16 Father's Day
- 25 Chapter Happy Hour Petroleum Club with speaker Jana Evans of Soldiers; Angels 4-6pm

HELP WANTED...POSITION OPEN...FLEXIBLE HOURS...JOIN OUR TEAM!

Personal Affairs/Surviving Spouse Officer

Importance of Position: Primary point of contact for all members, especially surviving spouse members and spouses of members, of MOAA-AC. Ensures spouses and members are kept current regarding information on key legislation, benefits, and health care issues that may affect them. Encourages, engages, and educates surviving spouses and spouses of members to take an active role in the chapter and with MOAA advocacy. Interacts with members and assists as necessary but especially during times of loss.

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*
- Computer access and reasonably computer literate
- Attend 85%-100% of staff and membership meetings
- Prepare and submit budget input as needed
- Support the planning process as needed

Position Qualifications:

- Knowledge of health care and other benefits available to members
- Knowledge of local base/post resources for referrals, e.g., Casualty Assistance Offices and Legal Assistance Offices
- Retired Medical Service Officer from any branch (Desirable)
- Position does not have to be a surviving spouse

Responsible to: Chapter President

Major Responsibilities:

- Serve as the primary link between MOAA-AC and membership regarding benefit and legislative issues, e.g., health care, government benefits, etc.
- Keep MOAA-AC apprised of deaths of members, including spouses

- Represent MOAA-AC at related community events, including but not limited to health care functions, e.g., meetings, conferences, and councils
- Provide information regarding spouse issues and personal affairs to all Chapter members, to include recommending to MOAA-AC staff the distribution of appropriate MOAA National publications
- Work with surviving spouses upon the death of a member regarding actions that need to be taken and benefits available. (If appropriate, accompany surviving spouse to base/post Casualty Assistance Office.)
- Represent MOAA-AC at funerals of members.

Training/Preparation: Learn appropriate materials/publications from MOAA National and MOAA-AC regarding Personal Affairs. (In the event the Personal Affairs Officer is a retired Medical Service Officer, he/she, will have substantial knowledge of the operation of our Medical Treatment Facilities ("MTFs")). Learn points-of-contact in, and locations of, base/post Casualty Assistance Offices and Legal Assistance Offices

Average Time Commitment: Variable due to nature of the workload, e.g., deaths of members, funerals; committees, conferences, and council meetings.

Length of Commitment: Minimum one year.

Measures of Success:

- Number of outside meetings, conferences, and councils attended representing MOAA-AC.
- Number of phone calls by members, and non-members, requesting personal affairs assistance
- Number of surviving spouses of members that were assisted
- Chapter receives 5 Star Level of Excellence award each year
- Complete all action steps, as assigned, in the chapter Strategic Plan.

30-SECOND “ELEVATOR PITCH” TO PROMOTE MEMBERSHIP

- I am (your name) with The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) **and** the Alamo Chapter. Are you a member? If no . . .
- We are a volunteer nonprofit organization for commissioned officers (and surviving spouses) that has approximately 900 members and is over 50 year old – located at Ft. Sam.
- We advocate and lobby for the entire military community – all ranks -- to influence legislators in Washington and in Austin to sustain yours & my earned entitlements, i.e., pay raises, medical benefits, commissary privileges, education benefits, etc.
- We make ourselves heard through the strength of our membership numbers. This is why it is important for all eligible officers to be long.
- In addition, we run the local chapter operations and promote camaraderie through our monthly social events and business meetings.
- Here is an application for membership in both MOAA and the Alamo Chapter. (see Page 3 or scan the QR code below).
- You owe it to yourself (and family) to support the organization that supports you and I ask that you please join. Thanks.
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If you get push-back, consider saying:

- It is a no hassle membership – no sales calls, no sales emails, no one asking for money and no pressure to be actively involved.
- We are looking to you to help strengthen our numbers.
- You will receive legislative updates, the Military Officers Magazine, our chapter newsletter *The Lariat* by email to keep you informed of what is going on.
- Again, you owe it to yourself (and family) to be part of an organization that protects your right, entitlements and benefits.



Use this QR code to go directly to the membership join/renew page on the chapter website



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Thursday, May 23
Chapter Luncheon
Mark "Plug" Vlahos
Col, USAF (Ret)
WWII Historian

Army Residence Community
7400 Crestway, San Antonio TX 78239
Meet & Greet begins 11am - Lunch at 11:30am

Menu
TBD

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

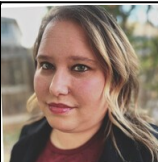
Enclosed: \$ _____
ARC Residents can use their dining dollars

RSVP by 4pm Wednesday 15 May
Reservations not cancelled by then will be forfeited/billed
Non member Officers & guests are welcome with paid reservations

Name _____

Guest(s): _____

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



Tuesday, June 25
Happy Hour
Jana Evans
San Antonio Area Director
Soldiers' Angels

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

Enclosed: _____

RSVP by 4pm Tuesday 18 June

Limited seating - register early! Dress code enforced.

Reservations not cancelled by noon Tuesday 13th will be forfeited/billed
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Friends & Family (over 21) are welcome!

Name _____

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