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## President's Message

This month's article is about success. The successes of our chapter and the successes of our members. A member's involvement is a personal choice based upon balancing priorities and goals. To me it comes down to passion. I'm involved because of the passion that I give to the military that did so much for me.

Recently Kathie Estrada, the chapter VP of Membership received an email from a member who was contemplating renewing the chapter membership. Here's her response.

*Personally, I participate in MOAA for the following reasons:*

- A. The next generation of leaders through scholarships and mentoring, we as Alamo Chapter members have an opportunity to help shape and promote the military leaders of tomorrow. I remember those who mentored me and feel an obligation to pass it forward.*
- B. Working with other service organizations to assist local military families. I've participated in the monthly food drive for veterans, where we and other non-profits partner with the SA Food Bank to sort and package food. We then get a chance to meet and greet veterans who come through in a caravan of cars which we will pack with needed provisions.*
- C. Social – I always enjoy our guest speakers (they come from govern-*

*ment, industry, healthcare, other non-profits and more) and enjoy getting to speak with and get to know other members at our social events. I have many friends who have no military background, but I still enjoy the common background we all share when we get together.*

*D. Spouse needs – if you have a spouse, does she have a military network to turn to in times of trouble. Example, during the pandemic, a spouse turned to MOAA for help because she was no longer being allowed to participate in the exam room when her husband saw the doctor. He had some cognitive impairment and could not explain the doctors' directions to her. We turned to a fellow MOAA member at Ft Sam and broke the log jam.*

*E. One day, I won't be able to participate in activities like I do today. But,*

*I know, I'll always have a helping hand through our dedicated volunteers and members of the Alamo Chapter.*

Each of us can participate as much or as little as they want. I can add to my list the ability to assist those active-duty, spouses, veterans and retirees with transition assistance. It's a personal choice.

MOAA does not financially support the chapters. Each chapter is an affiliate of MOAA and a registered non-profit of the home state. Please know that the \$25 annual dues cover only a small portion of our budget. Our financial stability comes from our twice-a-year blasts that we send to you and through the support of our donors and sponsors. We review and approve the annual budget to ensure frugality. Each of these is a part of a puzzle that keeps us solvent.

When you receive your renewal notice, we ask that you continue to support the chapter. Attend our various activities. Join us for the camaraderie in the committee work. The reward is greater than the time committed.

Best wishes. Catch y'all soon.

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

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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!

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## MOAA Alamo Chapter Education Foundation Board

Thank you to those who have already donated to help in MOAA-AC's continuing effort to **sustain a quality military officer cadre!**

We also thank you for your support to our recent scholarship ceremony—a great success! As we now gear up for our annual golf tournament we ask not for a hook or a slice, but for the consideration of a straight and true donation to this worthy cause.

Your generosity is what we count on as we stride toward a successful round.....even \$25 goes a long way! **\$25 for '25!**

Thank you again!.....please visit: **AlamoMOAA.org**



## 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:

Col Charles Richard Coneway, Jr.,  
USAF (Ret)

03/15/25

Lt Col George Carruthers  
USAF (Ret)

03/14/25

Barbara Bieberbach  
Oct 2023



## Alamo Chapter 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.*



Happy Mothers Day!





## HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our members born in 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, text or email us the information.*

Lynn Blanke, LTC USA (Ret)	(Ret)	(Ret)
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## WELCOME - New Members:

Brig Gen Gwendolyn Foster, USAF COL Arlynn “Sammi” Raez, USA (Ret) Col Glenda Raichlen, USAF (Ret) COL J Skelton, USA (Ret) Lt Col Roderick Patterson, USAF (Ret) LTC Bositta Brown Thomas, USA LTC Eduardo Raez, USA (Ret) LTC John Strapac, USA (Ret) LTC Marvin White, USA (Ret) Maj Morshe Araiyo, USAF (Ret) MAJ Lynn Burriss Webler, USA (Ret) MAJ Saskia Jones, USA MAJ William Reasonover, USA MAJ Brandi Spencer, USA	CPT Alec Catone, USA Capt Jessica Pacesiuniene, USAF Capt Asia Shannon, USAF CPT Connor Grossoehme, USA CPT Brandon Lithalangsy, USA CPT Roberto Mendez, USA CPT Bruce Posey Espana, USA CPT James Ramos, USA (Ret) CPT Shaine Thompson, USA 1LT Chloe Bullock, USA 1LT Kirstin Franka, USA 1Lt Jose Gonzalez-Carraballo, USAF 1LT Dustin Lorenz, USA 1LT Hiripan Ontiveros, USA 1LT Kurt Peck, USA	1LT Julia Phillips, USA 1LT Mike Salloum, USA 2LT Sonsaree Thomas, USA SFC Vernon Haven, USA (Ret) Mr. Philip Harralson FOC
<h3>Membership Stats</h3> <p>Active Duty 128          Former Military 14          Friends of the Chapter 14          Retired 505          Surviving Spouse 106</p> <hr/> <p><b>Total 767</b></p>		



# Transition Tips

## Countering the Stress of Interviewing

Interviewing can be one of the most stressful times in the job search process. There are unknowns that create anxiety. Who will interview? What questions will I be asked? How do I handle questions that I don't have answers for? Here are some pointers for interview prep.

You know from experience the value of prepping. It's the same here. The steps vary from your past experiences however the philosophies are the same. It's all about research – you and the company.

Let's talk about you first. The "civilian" workplace's differences are as varied as can be. Large corporations have a different culture and norms from small ones. Manufacturing is different from hospitality. Even in government, cultures vary from local to state to federal. It's important that you know what culture fits your needs. Cultures and environments vary in their degree of risk-taking versus conservatism. Some work allows flexibility in schedules, even work locations. Some are very structured while others are very unstructured. You need to determine what works best for you.

The next major step is to research the prospective employer. Do as much as you can to find out about the company. Find out who will conduct the interviews and the interview structure. Google the potential interviewers. Find out if there is a common factor. I interviewed with one company and found that I had worked in the same hotel as one of the interviewers. She was on LinkedIn. We discussed this during the icebreaker. This helped start the conversation and make it easier on us both. Note that the interviewer can be uncomfortable depending upon their level of interviewing experience.

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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

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## Transition Tips

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Here are the points that the interviewer is trying to cover:

- Does the candidate have the skills that I require? Do these skills compliment the skills of the work team?
- How will the candidate fit into the company culture? And how will they fit into the work team?
- What is the understanding of the candidate with regards to the company, its mission and values? How will they fit?
- Does the candidate have the right mind set? What is the attitude and aptitude? Skills can be taught if they don't match exactly while attitude cannot. I learned this from my time at Marriott Hotels. The message from Bill Marriott Sr was that you can "teach skills but not attitude".
- Finally, how much does the candidate want the job?

As you can see, prepping sets you up for a knowledgeable discussion versus going in blind. We'll talk more about next steps in the interview process. Good luck in your job search.

*Kitty*

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

## Events Calendar

### MAY

(Military Appreciation Month)

- 1 Staff Meeting 10am
- 9 Military Spouse Appreciation Day
- 17 Armed Forces Day
- 22 Chapter Luncheon at the Army Residence  
Community 11am with SWRI Presentation on  
Traumatic Brain Injury
- 22 National Maritime Day
- 26 Memorial Day

## 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:

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## MOAA Alamo Chapter Leads Advocacy in Austin and Washington, D.C.

This spring, MOAA's Alamo Chapter took part in two pivotal advocacy events: the Texas Council of Chapters (TCC) "Advocacy in Austin" and MOAA National's "Advocacy in Action" on Capitol Hill.

In Austin, on March 30–31, 2025, Alamo Chapter President Kitty Meyers, along with Jim Cunningham, Jessica Dunn, Alana Pompa, Johanna Wynne, fellow Texas chapter leaders, and veterans from Texas State, engaged with legislators and staffers to champion key issues for Texas veterans and military families. Priority topics included addressing mental health workforce shortages, expanding affordable housing access, protecting DoD installation viability, and enhancing military spouse employment opportunities. The team urged lawmakers to prioritize legislation and funding that directly impact the well-being of Texas service members, veterans, and their families.



A few weeks later, on April 9, MOAA Alamo Chapter members traveled to Washington, D.C., for MOAA's national "Advocacy in Action" campaign. Joining 150 MOAA leaders from across the country, they met with members of Congress to advocate for critical federal initiatives, including the Military Spouse Hiring Act. Kitty Meyers, BG Jim Dienst, and LTC Paul Hendricks, representing the DoD advocacy team, met with staffers from Senator Ted Cruz's office to discuss top legislative priorities. BG Jim Dienst is both an Alamo Chapter member and a MOAA National Board Member.

Kitty also engaged in a valuable impromptu discussion with Congressman Morgan Luttrell (TX-8), a member of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to discuss key veterans' issues. Meanwhile, Alamo Chapter Board Member Kim Biever joined her VA-focused team in advocating for improvements to unaccompanied housing, speeding up PACT Act benefits, and strengthening caregiver support programs.



These events highlight MOAA's strength: local and national advocacy working in concert. Photos from Austin and D.C. showcase our chapter's deep commitment to shaping policies that support servicemembers, veterans, and their families.

Please continue adding your voice by signing up for MOAA's Legislative Action Center: <https://moaa.quorum.us>. "New Congress, New Opportunities" — and MOAA *Never Stops Serving*.





## Legislative Affairs

The Texas Legislature is in full swing. The governor is happy because he got his school vouchers bill passed despite heated opposition from Democrats, rural Republicans and ISDs across the state. President Trump's sending active duty troops to the border seems to have given some relief to the state as it appears that many state troopers are no longer there.

The Texas Council of Chapters had a very successful Advocacy in Austin on 31 March. Alamo MOAA had a number of people there as well as many veterans from Texas State University led by Asst. Professor (Colonel) Jessica Dunn USA (Ret) to meet with all of our area Representatives and Senators. We went in armed with three priorities.

**Priority # 1:** Improve Veteran/family wellness by increasing access to care in areas with mental health workforce shortages.

**Priority # 2:** Support efforts to improve the quality of life of vulnerable Veterans and surviving spouses who reside in Texas.

**Priority # 3:** Maintain the viability of Department of Defense installations and ranges.

We had many comments from the reps that they appreciated that we had included listings of the bills both on the House and Senate sides that supported these three objectives. We can supply you with the body and content of each of these priorities, on request. Lt. Col Ginger Simonson was instrumental in putting these priorities together for which we thank her!

You will be getting periodic notifications as we have bills come before that legislature that we would like to see you support.

The Texas Council had a delegation go to the Advocacy in Action In Washinton the first of April. MOAA National was promoting five issues. President Kitty Meyers represented Alamo MOAA and saw many of our Texas representatives or their military/legislative staffers.

These are each of the issues covered. You can go to MOAA.org and print or download each of the issue papers for these.

**Incentivize Military Spouse Hiring**

**Continue Unaccompanied Housing Improvements**

**Improve Access to Health Care for Military Families**

**Ending the Wait for Toxic-Exposed Veterans**

**Support Veteran Caregivers**

MOAA National has for the eighteenth year in a row been voted one of the top lobbyists in Washington.

As you see issues come up regarding legislation, please call or contact your representatives and let them know how you want them to vote.

*Jim Cunningham*

MAJ, USA (Ret)  
VP Legislative Affairs

## 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](http://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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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").



# Leadership Development Grants provided by the Alamo Chapter

Saturday, April 5, 2025 began on a cold and rainy morning as Air Force ROTC (AFROTC) Detachment 842 from the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) hosted five AFROTC programs from across Texas for a leadership development event.

The Basic Expeditionary Airman Survival Training (BEAST) event took place at the Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Chapman Annex Combat Skills Training Area and included cadets from UTSA, Texas Christian University, the



University of Houston, Texas State University and the University of Texas at Austin. Event planners dispersed the 97 trainees into teams composed of cadets from all five detachments, forcing them to exercise leadership and teamwork skills with cadets they had previously not known. Scenarios included air base defense, tactical combat casualty care (TCCC), and a

confidence course. All events were evaluated by cadets from the Professional Officer Corps, members of upper-class cadets (juniors and seniors) in the AFROTC programs.

BEAST was designed by the UTSA cadets with the assistance of professional trainers from the 319<sup>th</sup> Training Squadron assigned to JBSA-Lackland. These trainers provided hands-on exercises that added a “real-life sense of urgency” for the cadets. During TCCC for example, the trainers included a mannequin that squirted “blood” during a traumatic injury. Cadets were required to solve the medical challenge and communicate with each other and with the “patient.”



The MOAA-Alamo Chapter sends a special shout-out to UTSA AFROTC cadets Branson, Polexi, and Atkinson, the planners and leads for the event, for creating challenging leadership development for cadets who are expected to attend AFROTC Field Training in the summer of 2025. Cadre member Maj Tina Cavazos, UTSA Assistant Professor of Aerospace Studies, coordinated

this event for the third consecutive year, improving the scope and quality of training every year. The Alamo chapter was honored to provide financial assistance for the event, including travel, food and supplies--as we support leadership development of our future officers.

Lt Col (USAF, ret) Kitty Meyers, Alamo Chapter President, thanked cadets for their commitment in ROTC and reminded them of the MOAA motto, to Never Stop Serving!



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**Thursday, May 22**

## Chapter Luncheon

**Speaker: Kreg Zimmern**  
South West Research Institute

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

### Menu

Asian Stir Fry & New York Mango Swirl Cheesecake  
coffee, water & iced tea.

**Cost per person: Pay In Advance Only \$25**

Note: ARC residents will have this meal included in their Dining Dollars, but must pre-register for accurate headcount.

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

RSVP by 4pm Wednesday 14 May  
**Seating is limited - rsvp early - no walk ins!**

Reservations not cancelled by May 14 will be forfeited/billed  
Non member Officers & guests are welcome with paid reservations

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

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## SAVE THE DATE

**Tuesday, June 24**  
**Happy Hour**

## ROTC Commanders Update

### Speakers:

**CDR Jason Ward, Navy ROTC at UT-Austin**  
**Lt Col Brent Ekren, Air Force ROTC at Texas State**  
**MAJ Cody Wendelin, Army ROTC at Texas State**

### 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

Note: Seating will be limited to the first 50 rsvps  
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