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President's Message - State of the Chapter

What a year! We are approaching the end of 2023 and I'm reflecting on the many successes. I thank everyone for their support. Here are a few of the accomplishments.

The Chapter has again been recognized for its outstanding works. We received MOAA's "5 Star Level of Excellence" as well as 5 stars for the Lariat. We've been a 5 Star chapter 15 of the last 16 years! Kudos goes out to the staff for their excellent work. Juliet Chelkowski, Bill Hudson, and Trish Meserve are the mainstays for our communications team. What a team!

The Alamo Chapter continues to lead MOAA chapters with the greatest number of new members to the organization. A challenge has been the attrition as active-duty members PCS or just the attrition of folks relocating, etc. However, the membership is strong. I am continually excited about the support the chapter receives from the membership. For our folks who are MOAA life members, I know our annual requests for membership renewal

can be confusing. I remind everyone that we, along with all chapters, are affiliates of MOAA. With that, we must register as independent nonprofits of the resident state. For us, that's the great State of Texas. We frugally manage expenses to maintain the low rate of \$25 annually. Thank you for supporting.

The Chapter staff continues to maintain solid connections with local, state, and federal resources to support our outreach mission. We continue to be active in the Texas Council of Chapters and have representation in the Texas Council of Veteran Organizations, the Texas Veterans Commission, Veteran Services Advisory Committee, two San Antonio Chamber of Commerce committees, the JBSA Transition Alliance as well as other community activities. We are also actively represented in the JBSA Retiree Council and Chief of Staff of the Army's Retiree Committee. We continue to support other organizations such as Soldier's Angels through various activities.

The MOAA Alamo Chapter Educational Foundation is now operational and is focusing on developing the 501c3 nonprofit into a sustainable entity as we continue to grow our ROTC and JROTC outreach. The Scholarship Committee continues to excel in its recognition of the ROTC and JROTC cadets. We awarded 31 one-thousand-dollar scholarships in March. Medals were mailed to 11 ROTC detachments and 130 JROTC units. The successful 2022 golf tournament and the generous

support throughout the year from our members and sponsors made this possible. This year's golf tournament was held on Friday, October 27, 2023 and the scholarship committee is now making plans for the March 2024 award event.

Our advocacy both in Austin and DC continue to be strong. Chapter representatives joined the Texas Council in Austin during the State Legislative session in April. The critical House Bill 90 passed that provided State Guards with the same coverage as Texas State Troopers. This included insurance and other benefits that eluded them in the case of injury or death. Another key initiative is for an interstate compact that eases restrictions on license portability between states when military, and especially their spouses PCS, continues to be a hot initiative as the team preps for the 2025 Legislative session.

The Chapter continues to encourage its membership to participate in the MOAA Quorum for national legislative issues. MOAA has streamlined its online legislative advocacy to make it easier for all to participate. Please join in this effort to support.

We continue to press onward. We thank you for your support and look forward to an exciting 2024. Best wishes for a marvelous holiday season.

Kitty

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

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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!

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 LTC Machielle Wood Denmon, USA (Ret)



TAPS

We have received information that the following members have passed away.

We wish to convey our sincere condolences and best wishes to their family and loved ones:

Aurelia Korte
 10/17/23
 Margaret Axelsen
 Date unknown

Upcoming Events

DECEMBER

7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance
7 Staff Meeting 10am
8-15 Hanukkah
12 MACEF Board Meeting 2pm
13 National Guard Birthday
14 Holiday Luncheon
21 Winter Solstice
25 Christmas Day
26 Kwanzaa (first day)
31 New Year's Eve

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.*

Election Results

The chapter officers for 2024 thru 2025 are as follows:

President:

Kathryn “Kitty” Meyers,
 Lt Col USAF (Ret)

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David Patrick, Col USAF (Ret)

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Lisa Skopal, Col USAF (Ret)

VP Scholarships & Leadership Development:

Peter Hunt, Col USAF (Ret)

Thanks to everyone who voted!

Approval of Amendments to MOAA Alamo Chapter Bylaws

On November 16, 2023 at the Chapter Annual Business meeting conducted in conjunction with the monthly luncheon at the Ft. Sam Houston Golf Club, San Antonio, TX the amendments to the MOAA Alamo Chapter Bylaws were unanimously approved by the chapter members in attendance.

A complete copy of the newly amended Bylaws can be viewed on our website at www.alamomoaa.org under the “About Us: tab.

Note: a copy has been submitted to JBSA Ft Sam Houston for their review.



Chapter Scholarships

The Alamo Chapter awards scholarships (\$1,000 each) in 4 categories:

1. College ROTC cadets
2. High school JROTC cadets (General Garza "Let's Go" Scholarships, Susie Tolman, General Herring and Colonel McCarthy scholarships)
3. The COL Clarence Torrey scholarship for Bexar County student with a military relative
4. The MAJ James and Cheryl Cunningham scholarship for a dependent /grandchild of a MOAA-AC member.

College ROTC scholarship winners are selected by their detachment/battalion commanders, and the COL Clarence Torrey scholarship nominees are forwarded to the chapter from the Minnie Piper Foundation of the Bexar County Scholarship Clearing House; details are available from high school guidance counselors.

A common application utilized for JROTC cadets and the MAJ James and Cheryl Cunningham scholarship is posted on the chapter website or available from our Scholarship Committee Chairman, Col (ret) Pete Hunt - email him at:

moaa.ac.awards@gmail.com

Deadline: 15 January 24



Membership Application/Renewal

Join/Renew - \$25 Annual Fee

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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: _____

Membership Memos

THANK YOU Renewing Members:

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 Col Gary Droubay, USAF (Ret)
 CAPT Richard Elgin, USN (Ret)
 Col Nathalie Ellis, USAF (Ret)
 Col Aaron Ffrench, USAFR
 Col Andrew Gale, USAF (Ret)
 Col Paul Irwin, USAF (Ret)
 Col Sheron Leonard, USAF (Ret)
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 Col James Payne, USAF (Ret)
 CAPT FC Rash, USN (Ret)
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 COL Wes Weiner, USA (Ret)
 Col George Wilson, USAF (Ret)
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 Lt Col Joseph Cook, USAF (Ret)
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 LTC Bret Kinman, USA (Ret)
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 Lt Col Thomas Tullo, USAF (Ret)
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 LCDR Douglas Dumas, USN (Ret)
 Maj Fredric Firehammer, USAF (Ret)
 Maj John Franklin, USAF (Ret)
 MAJ Jack Kenton, USA (Ret)
 MAJ Roger Moreau, USA (Ret)
 CW4 Douglas Carlberg, USA (Ret)
 SGM Joseph Terry, USA (Ret) (FOC)
 Kathryn Bassett
 Deaubrey Castle
 Roxie Frecsko

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

WELCOME New Members:

MG Raul Escribano, USA (Ret)
 COL Xavier Colon, USA
 COL James McWherter, USA
 COL Robert O'Reilly, USA (Ret)
 LTC Joe Carrillo, USA (Ret)
 CDR Marshall Feltham, USN (Ret)
 Lt Col Richard Chen, USAF
 LTC James Clay, USA (Ret)
 LTC Darren Fowler, USA (Ret)
 Lt Col Bruce Fried, USAF (Ret)
 LTC Anthony Stephens, USA (Ret)
 Maj Bradley Barrett USAF (Ret)
 Maj Thomas Ellis, USAF (Ret)
 Maj William Hales, USAF (Ret)

MAJ Sergio Mercado, USA (Ret)
 MAJ Taylor Presley, USA (Ret)
 MAJ Barbara Sturgill, USA (Ret)
 LT Jimmy Alvarez, USN (Ret)
 Capt Joshua Baird, USAF
 CPT Barette George, USA (Ret)
 CPT Timothy Goodale, USA
 Capt Duane Kampa, USMC
 CPT Christopher Kramer, USA
 CPT Mary Hassell, USA
 1LT Jennifer Cunningham, USA
 CW3 Rebecca Holland, USA
 CW2 David Lee, USA
 Cadet Scott Brookhart USA (Fmr)

Membership Stats

Active Duty 113
 Former Military 23
 Friends of the Chapter 4
 Retired 586
 Surviving Spouse 127

Total 853



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

Virginia Alloway, Lt Col USAF (Ret)	Edward Herbold, Col USAF (Ret)	David Padden, Col USAF (Ret)
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Rich DeMouy, Col USAF (Ret)	Donald Morse, Col USAF (Ret)	Donna Wright, COL USA (Ret)
Raul Escribano, MG USA (Ret)	Gregory Morton, SFC USA (Ret)	Richard Wright, COL USA (Ret)
Alida Forbes, Maj USAF (Ret)	Michael Nicholson, Lt Col USAF (Ret)	Stephen Wright, Col USAF (Ret)
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Virtual Volunteer Opportunities

Soldiers' Angels offers many ways for you to make a difference in the lives of our military service people and their families.



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Veteran Food Distribution events provide up to two weeks of groceries to veterans in need. This event relies on monthly volunteers to help distribute the food.



In-Person Volunteer Opportunities

Soldiers' Angels volunteers work in communities across the country to provide services to active duty military, guard/reservists and veterans of all generations.



Special Campaigns

Treats for Troops, Warm Feet for Warriors, Holiday Stockings for Heroes, and more! Our annual collection campaigns offer a fun way volunteers of all ages can participate.



Company Volunteer Opportunities

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Like any other volunteer based nonprofit organization it takes resources – people and operating capital -- to accomplish our mission and provide our 900+ members the programs and services they deserve. We operate on a very lean annual operating budget of approximately \$35,000 and have the reputation for being fiscally responsible under tight cost controls. Membership dues cover less than 30% of our expenses so we must rely on non-dues revenue, i.e., advertising, corporate sponsorships and **individual donations** to help us keep our lights on and the doors open each year!

Additionally, the amount we award in Scholarships in any given year is based on the amount received through our fundraising efforts the previous year. In 2023 we were able to give 31 x \$1,000 to local JROTC and ROTC Cadets plus \$3,000 towards ROTC Leadership Development activities and now we are looking to bolster the 2024 scholarship program.

So . . . I am asking you to please consider making a donation either to our Chapter Operations or to our Educational Foundation. Why give more to the IRS when you can make a tax deductible contribution to your Alamo Chapter? MOAA-AC Operations is a registered 501(c) 4 Non Profit Veterans Organization, tax ID 90-0591629. The MOAA Alamo Chapter Educational Foundation (MACEF) is a registered 501(c) 3 Non Profit. Tax ID 82-16355222. Any RMD can easily be transferred tax free. Your contributions do make a difference!

Just complete and mail the form below

or

donate on our secure website at <https://www.alamomoaa.org/donate.cfm>.

Again, thank you for your membership. You continue to be a valued asset to our country, to our military community and to the MOAA organization. Through your financial generosity, we look forward to continuing to provide you “5-star” service in the coming years.

Respectfully,



Kathryn “Kitty” Meyers, LtCol USAF (Ret)
President

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MOAA Alamo Chapter 2024 Program Calendar

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	SPEAKER
Thurs, Jan 11 11:00-1:00p	Luncheon	Ft. Sam Golf Club	Lt Gen Brian T. Kelly President & CEO Military Officers Association of America
Tue, Feb 20 4:00p – 6:00p	Happy Hour	Petroleum Club	Trooper Vincent Luciano Regional Director, Central Texas Region TX Dept of Public Safety
Thurs, Mar 21 11:00a-1:00p	Scholarship Awards Luncheon	Ft. Sam Golf Club	General David L. Goldfein, USAF (Ret) 21st Chief of Staff of the Air Force
Thurs, Apr 25 11:00-1:00p	Luncheon	Ft. Sam Golf Club	Kim Jeffries , President & CEO, Haven for Hope
Thurs, May 23 11:00a-1:00p	Luncheon	Army Residence Community – Lakeside Dining Room	Colonel Mark C. “Plug” Vlahos USAF (Ret) Noted WW II historian
Tue, June 25 4:00-6:00p	Happy Hour	Petroleum Club	Colonel Robert “Shark” Garland, USAF (Ret)
July	No program		
Thurs, Aug 22 11:00a-1:00p	Luncheon	Ft. Sam Golf Club	TBD
Thurs, Sept 26 11:00a-1:00p	Luncheon	Blue Skies of Texas-West	TBD
Fri, Oct 18 11:00a-7:00p	Golf Tournament	Ft. Sam Golf Club	No Speaker
Thurs, Nov 21 11:00a-1:00p	Luncheon/ Annual General Meeting	Ft. Sam Golf Club	TBD
Thurs, Dec 12 11:00a-1:00p	Holiday Luncheon	Ft. Sam Golf Club	Entertainment by Alamo Heights Young Adult Choir

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If you use any of the folks listed here do tell them the Alamo Chapter referred you - it'll show them their partnership with us is working!!

Transition Tips

Networking Your Organizations

How are you networked into professional organizations that can help you in your transition? If you are, marvelous! You have discovered the advantages of building connections with those who are successfully building careers in your scope of interest. If not, let's get you thinking in that direction...

Here's an example of a success story. Ernesto was interested in a career in Human Resources. We met and discussed the path to transition into an HR career using his military experience. One significant piece of the discussion was the difference between his USAF personnel work and those on the outside. It is radically different. It isn't just the admin part. HR in the civilian market can have many aspects that are not encountered on the military side. It is very generalist to include recruiting, benefits, employee relations, labor relations, and it goes on.

To help get a perspective from others, I referred Ernesto to the San Antonio SHRM chapter. SHRM is the Society for Human Resources Management. It meets monthly on the second Tuesday of the month. Besides gaining insight from a guest speaker, you have the opportunity to meet and chat with folks in the HR business. Some are even newbies like you where you have the opportunity to share the trials and tribulations of starting an HR career.

What an opportunity to meet and greet folks, to begin to build a network, to have the opportunity to connect for an informational interview. These are all things that are needed to gain perspective, and especially research, so that you are informed when it's time to make that career/employment decision.

So, you are not interested in HR. Then you need to check out other professional organizations. There are chapters across the country. Suggestions would be those in manufacturing, cyber/intel, logistics, banking. You name the industry, a little google search will connect you with the one you need. The wealth of information is at your fingertips.

The task is now yours. Don't be shy. As I've said countless times, this transition time is yours to explore. You will meet so many exciting people. You will be able to explore yourself to discover your passions. What are you really interested in and how do you want to devote your time and energy. It's a new world out there past the military gates.

Best of luck and best wishes for a marvelous 2024.

Kitty

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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Thursday, December 14 Holiday Luncheon featuring Alamo Heights Young Adult Choir

Ft Sam Golf Club
1050 Harry Wurzbach, San Antonio TX 78209
Meet & Greet begins 11am - Lunch 11:30am

Holiday Menu

Spring Mix Salad, Turkey, Wild Rice, Butter Green Beans, Rolls
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Coffee, Water & Iced Tea.

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Thursday, January 11, 2024 Chapter Luncheon

**Speaker: Brian T. Kelly,
Lt Gen USAF (Ret)
President & CEO MOAA**

Ft Sam Golf Club
1050 Harry Wurzbach, San Antonio TX 78209
Meet & Greet begins 11am - Lunch 11:30am

Menu

Soup, Salad, Sandwich & Dessert buffet
coffee (reg & decaf), water & iced tea.

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