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President's Message

Memorial Day has come and gone. This year's remembrances were different as we all felt the impact of the tragedy in Uvalde. The people of this small community just a short distance from San Antonio are suffering from this senseless violence. We are all struggling as we process the news.

To be honest, I find I'm dealing with the issues in a way that is unexpected. I spent my USAF career as a services officer. One of the duties was mortuary affairs. Needless to say, this was always a challenge. Responding to aircraft crashes, motorcycle accidents, natural deaths were all part of the job. The call to active duty for Desert Storm meant first staffing the Dover mortuary to handle the multitude of deaths that thankfully didn't come then working with the families of those that did perish. My final assignment was as the Individual Mobilization Augmentee (IMA) to the Chief of Air Force Mortuary Affairs. I again handled calls to assist families in their time of grief.

The news brought this back to me more deeply when I heard one commentator ask what the folks of Uvalde would be doing when the media and all of the initial responders went home. You see, I assisted one case where I argued with a colonel from the Pentagon (it was a very high-profile case) when he wouldn't let me speak directly with the decedent's next of kin. I asked the colonel where he was going to be the next week. He responded that he would be going back to work. I then reminded him that the widow would then be on her own. She needed to be involved with these issues so that there would be clarity and understanding. He relented.

The families of Uvalde will need to learn and create a new normal to life. Given the proximity to San Antonio and many connections, Uvalde is our community too. What can we, the Alamo Chapter, do to help in the healing? I don't have the answers. I look to the membership

for guidance. Drop me a line at kamcon-sulthr@gmail.com with your thoughts. What can we as a chapter do to prepare for times of need for our community? I would really appreciate your input.

Prayers of comfort and peace. May this senseless bloodshed end.

Kitty

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



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San Antonio College
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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!

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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:

Lt George Frecsko, USN (Ret)
5/16/22
Brig Gen Jack Salvadore USAF (Ret)
4/12/22
Lt Col Scott McCabe USAF (Ret)
11/12/21
Betty Shelton Mills
4/19/18



Congratulations to all the members of the Alamo Chapter for earning the MOAA **5 Star** Col. Marvin J. Harris Communications Award for 2021 for
1) Print/E-Newsletter The Lariat AND
2) Alamo Chapter website.

We at national MOAA are extremely proud of all our affiliates who were able to keep their members connected and informed through print and electronic media during 2021. The number of nominations submitted for this award has continued to grow each year; this year we received 227 nominations.

Thank you and your team for prioritizing superior communications.

Erin Stone

Erin E. Stone
Captain, Judge Advocate General's Corps, USN (Ret)
Sr Director, Council & Chapter Affairs
Military Officers Association of America

Memorial Services Detachment



Pictured above is the Fort Sam Houston Memorial Services Detachment (MSD) Thursday Squad rendering Military Honors to a Marine Veteran at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. Ordinary men and women doing extraordinary things, all military veterans and volunteers.

Military Honors are rendered at funerals at no cost to the families. In 2021 a COVID year, MSD rendered Military Honors to 1,913 Veterans, and have rendered 38,100 to date.

MSD is a non-profit and non-funded organization. They depend on fundraising and donations to operate. MSD members do not pay organizational dues and they are provided with free full uniforms, (excluding shoes).

Solicitations on Federal property are prohibited but if you would like to contribute to their cause there are two methods of donating: 1) Mail a Check to Commander, Memorial Services Detachment P.O. Box 340422, San Antonio, Tx 78234 or via PayPal by Scanning QR Code below.



Manny Mendoza
MSD Commander
210-722-2582

ROTC Unit Commanders - June Happy Hour Speakers



Captain Matthew F. Rutherford, USN
Commanding Officer, Naval ROTC, University of Texas Department Chair and Professor of Naval Science

A native of Baltimore, Maryland, CAPT Rutherford graduated with distinction from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1997 with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. He is also a graduate of the University of Maryland, with a Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering, and a 2018 distinguished graduate of the Eisenhower School at National Defense University, with a Master of Science in National Security Resource Strategy.

A career Naval Aviator in the Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance community, CAPT Rutherford's operational assignments include junior officer and department head tours with the "Skinny Dragons" of Patrol Squadron (VP) 4 in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii; Catalyst and Arresting Gear Officer onboard the USS NIMITZ (CVN-68); executive and commanding officer of the "Golden Knights" of VP-47, also in Kaneohe Bay; and Commander of Task Force SEVEN TWO in Atsugi, Japan.

His shore assignments include instructor pilot with VP-30, the MPRA fleet replacement squadron; executive officer for the Deputy Commander, U.S. Strategic Command's Joint Functional Component Command for Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (JFCC-ISR); and Chief Strategist and Legislative Advisor to the Chief of Naval Personnel. CAPT Rutherford is currently serving as Commanding Officer and Professor of Naval Science at the Naval ROTC unit at the University of Texas.

His decorations include the Legion of Merit (two), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal (four strike/flight) and various personal, unit, and campaign decorations.



CPT Chez Varela,
Assistant Professor of Military Science/ Recruiting Operations Officer at St Mary's University.

After service as an Air Force Space Command Communications NCO, CPT Augustine Varela Jr., entered the Reserve Officer Training Corps at University of Nebraska, Omaha. CPT Varela was commissioned in 1990 and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice. CPT Varela is a graduate of the Signal Corps Officer's Basic Course, Signal Corps Advance Course, Combined Arms Services Staff School (CAS3), Commander's Course, Observer / Controller Trainer (OC/T) Course.

His military assignments include Cable Platoon Leader in Desert Storm/ Shield, Southwest Asia; Tactical Satellite Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer, G6 Telecommunication Staff Officer for the 22nd Signal Brigade, V Corps, Germany. Battalion Signal Officer for 297th Military Intelligence Battalion, Fort Gordon, Ga. and the Allied Military Intelligence Battalion, NATO HQ, Sarajevo, Bosnia. Company Commander of Charlie Company, 447th Signal Battalion, Fort Gordon, Ga. Active Component / Reserve Component (AC/RC) Operations/Staff Officer for the 75th Training Support Division, Houston, Texas. Chief, J6 Operations, Exercise, and Training Branch for NATO Joint Headquarter Southwest, Madrid, Spain.

His awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Air Force Good Conduct Award, the National Defense Service Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal Southwest Asia Service Medal with three

Bronze Star, the Kosovo Campaign Medal, the Armed Forces Service Medal, the Air Force NCO Leadership Ribbon, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, Air Force Training Ribbon, the NATO Medal with one Bronze Star, the Southeast Kuwait Liberation Medal, the Kuwait Liberation Medal.



Lt Col Kirk W. Hoffman
Commander of Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) Detachment 842, and Chairs the Department of Aerospace Studies, at UT San Antonio.

In this capacity, he is charged with recruiting, developing, and commissioning the next generation of Air Force leaders.

Lieutenant Colonel Hoffman, a native of Talladega, Alabama, holds Master's Degrees from Air University and Troy University, and a Bachelor's Degree from Mississippi State University. He received his commission in 2004 through Mississippi State University's AFROTC program. He is a Distinguished Graduate from Joint Undergraduate Navigator Training, the F-15E Initial Qualification Course, and Air Command and Staff College. Lieutenant Colonel Hoffman holds a rating as a senior Combat Systems Officer, with more than 1700 hours in the F-15E. He served in a number of wing, group, and squadron level positions during three operational assignments in F-15E units.

He deployed twice in support of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and INHERENT RESOLVE, totaling 115 combat sorties and over 630 combat hours. He also deployed as part of an F-15E Theater Security Package to the Korean Peninsula. Most recently, he served as an Air University Fellow and Instructor at Air Command and Staff College.

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 Wallace Baze USA (Ret) Col Ward Boyce USAF (Ret) COL Jerry Davis USA (Ret) COL Douglas McCary USA (Ret) CAPT Michael Monreal USN (Ret) Col Steve Richards USAF (Ret) Col Sherrell Russell USAF (Ret) Col Fred Ryder USAF (Ret) Col Daniel Sowada USAF (Ret) Col Steven Thompson USAF (Ret) Col Daniel Van Syoc USAF (Ret) COL Michael Wright USA (Ret) LTC Sean Blaydon USA (Fmr) LTC Kerry Reyna USA (Ret) LTC Matthew Reynolds USA (Ret) Lt Col Wade Taylor USAF (Ret) Maj Rodney Allison USAF (Ret) MAJ Scott Dorf USA (Ret) MAJ Michael Foster USA (Ret) Maj Patrick Tracy USA (Ret) CPT James Greene USA (Fmr) 1Lt Kenneth Vitucci USMC (Ret) CWO Carlos Holt USA (Ret) Marty Bock Cinda McCabe Sally Tallent	BG Anne Macdonald USA (Ret) LTC Frank Calvo USA Lt Col Steven Parker USAF LTC James Perkins USA (Ret) MAJ Kwansah Ackah USA LCDR Mary Huebscher USN (Fmr) MAJ Jack Kenton USA (Ret) Maj Peter Kimball USAF (Ret) LCDR Lamont Simmons USN CPT Glen Payne USA (Fmr) CPT Edward Perez ARNG (Ret) CPT Jeffrey Pesek USA (Fmr) LT Robert Stubbs USN Cpt Michael Veronneau USAF 2LT Reuben Arias USA 2LT Dereck Salazar USA 2Lt J. Carl Williams USAF CW2 Edgar Terminel USA	<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 92 Surviving Spouse 142 Former Military 32 <u>Retired 652</u> Total 918	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:

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

Developing Your Transition Strategy

Over the years, as a HR Director, I've used various tools to discover personality insights. I've even facilitated sessions, leading discussions on how to better understand why we do what we do and when we do it. Whether it's Myers-Briggs, CORE, DISC, or any of the other tools, each is designed to help you delve into your strengths and opportunities (I hate the word weaknesses).


Whichever you choose, they are all designed to give you a better understanding of how you relate and react to others. But just like any tool, it's only as good as how you use it. I attended a HR webinar on branding a couple of weeks ago. The presenter suggested that we utilize the information from these tools in plotting transition strategies.

One of the first suggestions I give just about every person I chat with is to list their likes and dislikes in work environments, life preferences, and just about anything related to work. I call it a perpetual brainstorming session. It's taped to the fridge and becomes a running list that continually grows. The spouse can add to the list. Make it a family affair. What a great way to get the whole family involved in the transition.

This then becomes a tool along with the strengths from the personality insights that can help guide you in the development of your transition strategy. You are defining what kind of career you want – what type of work, how much travel, remote vs in-office, travel. The parameters can be brought into focus. Your job search then become targeted rather than scatter-shot. The opportunity of securing a job that you like and feel satisfied grows as your search has purpose as defined by this internal research into you.

This internal research blended with the external research into the market and potential companies leads to success. Don't skimp on either. You will benefit in the long run.

Best wishes,


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

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

Membership Application/Renewal

Join/Renew - \$25 Annual Fee

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☐ *YES—I would like to help the Alamo Chapter
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Volunteering At Soldiers' Angels

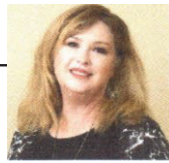


Chapter member Joe Cook, Lt Col USAF (Ret), recently volunteered at the Soldiers' Angels office located at Loop 410 and Perrin Beitel.

In his own words Joe told us, "Today I helped build approximately 200 hygiene kits to go to VA hospitals and to overseas service members. Spokesper-

son Ms. Venesa Delgado (office 210-629-0020; Email: Vdelgado@soliderangels.org) explained they are there Mon-Fri from 0900-1500 and they welcome help and volunteers.

It was very rewarding. I would highly recommend more MOAA-AC folks participate if they can find the time".



Is The Market Shifting?

Editorial by Teri McKenzie, RE/MAX
Genesis Realtors

The market may be starting to shift.

We all expected it. But who knew the timeline. There is a mix of markets across the country, and even in our cities where one area may still be strong while others are starting the shift.

How do we know when there may be a shift? When you start seeing price decreases, and more inventory available, as well as longer days on the market.

What causes shifting? An obvious answer may be the rate hikes, which have jumped to the highest single rate increase in two decades this month, with more to come, according to the Fed. Of course, following that, the stock market was affected and buyer activity relaxed.

There is still a buyer pool, but buyers will most likely proceed with a bit more caution. Buyers may adopt a wait-and-see attitude. So Sellers will need to be ready.

Some good Seller Strategies:

1. Consider all offers that come in. In an overheated market, sellers call the shots on the pricing, but in a shifting market, buyers will have some say.
2. Market at Fair Market Price in comparison to existing comps.
3. React quickly and be aware of shifting in your market.
4. Maximize your property potential as competitive inventory increases. Homes should be well-staged, well prepped, and priced and marketed better than the competing home.
5. Be patient and don't panic if it doesn't sell right away.
6. Stay in touch with Market Conditions.

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- Maintenance Assistance

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

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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



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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

Low Vision Services at the VA

The following article was submitted by one of the Texas Councils of Chapters leaders providing information to other MOAA members who might be in the same situation that he is. You will need to consult with your local VA to avail yourself of these important services.

This article is a personal testimony of my experiences with the Dallas VA hospital Low Vision Clinic.

I have Stargardts, a genetic disease that affects the macular. I first noticed a problem around 2012 and my vision has deteriorated over the years. I stopped driving in 2019 and was diagnosed as legally blind earlier this year. I was able to cope with my vision loss over the years because changes came gradually. I enlarged the fonts on my computer screen, used the magnifier on my iPhone to read menus, and used a portable magnifying device from my low vision optometrist to read documents. However, by about 6 months ago, I was having to use my iPhone to read my computer screen and I gave up reading long documents.

I learned about the VA Low Vision clinic in Dallas late last year and scheduled an appointment in May. The Low Vision team is more than a low vision optometrist; it includes a support assistant, orientation and mobility specialist, blind rehab specialist, visual impairment treatment specialist and low vision advocate.

The team thoroughly tested my eyesight and recommended devices tailored to my eyesight and lifestyle. They provided glasses to improve my ability to watch TV; they provided a software application that allows me to selectively enlarge the font on my computer screen; and they provided a device that allows me to read an entire page of text. Low vision problems are not curable. However, the VA Low Vision Clinic has given me the ability to continue my volunteer activities for MOAA, the Veterans Center of North Texas and the George W. Bush Presidential Library. With their help I have



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

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.

BG Charles Anderson, USA Ret
Maj Daniel Beard, USAF Ret
Lt Col Ronald Blackburn, USAF Ret
Col Joseph Bock, USAF Ret
COL Francis Burns, USA Ret
LCDR Kevin Crockett, USN Ret
Lt Col Catherine Dikcis, USAF Ret
Lt Col David Dorger, USAF Ret
Col Jack Downey, USAF Ret
Col Jonathan Duncan, USAF Ret
LTC Terry Duran, ARNG Ret
Mrs. Sue Erikson
Mrs. Helen Friedli
Col Cherron Galluzzo, USAF
COL John Geurin, USA Ret
LTC Clay Hadick, USA Ret
Col Ronald Hannan, USAF Ret
Mrs. Jean Heard
Mrs. Lyn Henderson
CWO Carlos Holt, USMC Ret
Lt Col Francisco Hornsby, USAF Ret

Col Chetan Kharod, USAF Ret
CDR Steven Larson, USN Ret
Col Mark List, USAF Ret
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Lt Col Wade Taylor, USAF Ret
CAPT Daniel Walker, USN Ret
Lt Col David Walker, USAF Ret
Col John Westerbeck, USAF Ret
CAPT William Whiting, USN Ret
Lt Col Ralph Williams, USAF Ret
COL Steven Woods, USA Ret

been able to maintain my quality of life.

It is important to note that low vision problems do not have to be service connected for a veteran to be eligible for treatment by the VA.

My condition is genetic and not service connected. Feel free to contact me, Dave Schafer, at 214-577-4107 or moaaschafer@att.net if you have questions or would like additional information.

You can also visit the following link to learn more about VA low vision services:

<https://www.va.gov/health-care/about-va-health-benefits/vision-care/blind-low-vision-rehab-services/>

Dave Schafer

Upcoming Events

JUNE

- 2 Staff Meeting 10am
- 6 D Day
- 12 Women's Veterans Day
- 14 Army Birthday
- 14 Flag Day
- 19 Father's Day
- 21 Summer Solstice
- 22 Happy Hour at the Petroleum Club with Air Force, Army & Navy ROTC Unit Commanders
- 24 247th Army Ball Marriott River-center 5pm

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 email 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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The Way Things Are

I was having trouble with my computer. So I called Nathan, the 13 year old next door whose bedroom looks like Mission Control, and asked him to come over.

Nathan clicked a couple of buttons and solved the problem. As he was walking away, I called after him, "So, what was wrong?"

He replied, "It was an ID ten T error."

I didn't want to appear stupid, but asked, "An ID Ten T error? What's that? In case I need to fix it again." Nathan grinned, "Haven't you ever heard of an ID ten T error before?" "No", I replied. "Write it down," he said, "And I think you'll figure it out." So I wrote down: I D 1 0 T. I used to like that little boy.

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Wednesday, June 22nd

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**Army, Air Force & Navy
ROTC Unit Commanders**

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Thursday Aug 4th 10am

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Thursday, Aug 25th 11am

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Ft Sam Golf Club

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