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## President's Message

We've had a busy time at Alamo MOAA Chapter. The strength of our chapter is evident as we continue to strengthen and develop the board structure for both the operations side and for the educational foundation. Board chairs Jarvis Baker (operations) and Brad Freeman (foundation) are leading the initiative to create cohesive leadership. The boards continue to grow as we bring on new members. I'm happy to welcome Mike Pollag and Kim Biever to the chapter board. We are also welcoming Dale “Addy” Addington, Mike MacNaughton, and Gary Sadlon to the foundation. I will be introducing them to you in coming articles.

The chapter staff is also in transition. We bade farewell to Felix Santiago a couple of months ago as he “retired” from the vice president of membership position. Felix raised the level of membership recruiting and retention. The reins have been passed to Kathie Estrada. She has been a faithful staff member, and now with her retirement from employment, she has already made a mark in the recruitment program. We are happy and grateful that Kathie has accepted this position and know that great things are ahead.

Several months ago, I introduced Aimee Schumacher to you as a new operations board member. I am happy to announce that she has changed

roles. While the board may have lost a board member, Aimee is joining the staff as president-elect. This is an appointed position as it is a mid-term accession. She will ghost me in the next 18 months and then be on the ballot as president.

Aimee is a recently retired U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel, completing a 23 year career. A graduate of the University of Arizona ROTC program, she has a storied career in both reserves and active-duty service across the various levels of command. Assignments included deployment in support of Operations Iraqi to Iraq and Enduring Freedom to Afghanistan. Her military awards and badges include but are not limited to the Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, and Joint Service Commendation Medal.

She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree

in psychology from U of A and a Master of Arts in Diplomacy from Norwich University. She is currently working on a second master in business administration from the University of North Carolina as well as her Montessori Early Education certification.

Aimee is married to LtCol Chuck Schumacher, US Army Special Forces. They are proud parents of two great girls, Madeline (age 7) and Allison (age 5), as well as Carl “Gus” Gustav (one feisty orange tabby).

You will see Aimee often. Please welcome her to the new role.

Our membership has been so wonderful in its support of the staff and board leaders. We thank you and ask your continued support. Catch y'all soon.

Kitty  
Kathryn “Kitty” Meyers, LtCol USAF



MOAA-AC teamed up with NCOA at the recent Armed Forces Day recruiting event held at the Ft Sam Exchange.

Pictured here are (L-R) Col Travis Mills 502nd Force Support Group commander, Joe Terry Executive Director of the NCOA, Kitty Meyers MOAA-AC Chapter President and David Patrick, Secretary and VP Programs for MOAA-AC.



## Thank You

to each person listed below who have donated a little (or a lot!) to the Educational Foundation, and/or Chapter Operations.

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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.)

### ***YOUR INFLUENCE COUNTS!***

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## Soldiers' Angels

MOAA-AC has the privilege of a volunteer partnership with Soldiers' Angels, a non-profit organization based in San Antonio that serves the active duty and military community both here and at deployed locations.

There are multiple opportunities to assist their organization in their mission. Two examples include the Polytrauma Transitional Rehab Program Garden Project near the Audie Murphy VA hospital and the Military & Veterans Food Distribution project.

Garden volunteers water, harvest, and ensure the garden thrives. Whether it's rearranging beds or hosting educational sessions on herbs, they go above and beyond to create a vibrant space for the residents.

Food distribution volunteers provide an astonishing 40,000 plus pounds of food to those in our military community who need it most.

Further information on their volunteer opportunities can be found at [www.SoldiersAngels.org](http://www.SoldiersAngels.org)



## JBSA Phone App

Joint Base San Antonio recently launched a new smartphone app designed to provide quick access to installation information and resources.

Dubbed "JBSA Connect," the free app is now available for download from the Apple App Store and Google Play Store. It consolidates basic details about JBSA's three primary locations: JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, JBSA-Lackland, and JBSA-Randolph.

The free app's features include gate and construction updates and base status alerts. Users can also submit feedback and requests within the app.

The native mobile app also features operating hours, phone numbers and local amenities for services and facilities across JBSA. Interactive maps and directions provide navigation assistance around the expansive joint base.

It is the latest effort to modernize information-sharing and services at JBSA, one of the largest joint bases in the U.S. military.



# Legislative Report

In case you haven't noticed, National MOAA has a newly designed website. I would encourage you to log on to the new website and explore its changes. When you first attempt to logon, it will require that you change your password and then logon. It will ask that you update your information and then will allow you to go to the home page. Of course, I want you to go to the Advocacy section and submit your letters of support to the various issues that have been identified that we need legislative support for from our representatives and senators. You will then be asked to update your information for the letters and be sure to indicate that you are part of the Alamo Chapter TX-16. Issues range from military child care, VA legislation, military spouse issues and so forth.

On the state legislative preparation, we are still waiting on the runoff elections to be held for various representatives. The Governor, Lt. Governor and Attorney General have mounted challenges to lawmakers who voted against school vouchers and who supported the impeachment of the AG. Chief among these is Speaker Phelan. The Lt. Governor issued interim charges to the senate committees, instructing them to begin holding hearings on these matters. Speaker Phelan has also issued interim charges for the House Committee Chairs to start examining.

On the senate side, the Veterans Affairs committee received the following:

- **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 and housing.

The committee held its first hearing on May 15 with invited testimony. Ginger Simonson from the Texas Council of Chapters attended as did Jim Brennan from

the Texas Coalition of Veterans Organizations (TCVO). Jim Brennan reported that there was little substance, at this time, that would be of any concern and there was no questioning by the senators on the committee. No additional committee hearings have been scheduled at this time.

Where the House is concerned, the following charges were given by the Speaker to the Defense and Veterans Affairs Committee:

1. **Monitoring:** Monitor the agencies and programs under the Committee's jurisdiction and oversee the implementation of relevant legislation passed by the 88th Legislature. Conduct active oversight of all associated rulemaking and other governmental actions taken to ensure the intended legislative outcome of all legislation, including the following:

- HB 90, relating to benefits for certain members of the Texas military forces and survivors of members of the Texas military forces; and
- HB 671, relating to a veteran's suicide prevention campaign.

2. **Identification and Support of Texas Veterans:** Identify barriers to identifying and verification of veteran status. Make recommendations to improve identification efforts to better engage and support the state's veteran populations.

3. **Professional License Portability for Military and Spouses:** Evaluate compliance statewide with the Section 19 of the Veterans Auto and Education Improvement Act of 2022 (P.L. 117-333, 50 U.S.C. §4025a), concerning the portability of professional licenses of service members and spouses and make recommendations to ensure that service members and their spouses may, under appropriate circumstances, continue to practice under a license issued by another jurisdiction.

4. **Strength of Texas Military Bases:** Review the federal criteria for considering and recommending base closure or realignment and evaluate the strength of Texas Military Bases under the scoring system utilized by the U.S. Department of Defense. Make recommendations to mitigate the risk of realignments or closures of military installations in Texas.

No hearings have been scheduled at this time to address these issues and will probably not be until the runoff elections are completed.

*Jim Cunningham*

MAJ, USA (Ret)  
VP Legislative Affairs



# Membership Memos

## THANK YOU Renewing Members:

Maj Gen Juan Ayala, USMC (Ret)  
 MG Raul Escribano, USA (Ret)  
 Maj Gen John Kinsey, USAF (Ret)  
 Maj Gen Angie Salinas, USMC (Ret)  
 Col Dale Addington, USAF (Ret)  
 CAPT James Brotherton, USN (Ret)  
 COL Francis Chance, USA (Ret)  
 Col Ada Conlan, USAF (Ret)  
 COL Shane Cuellar, USA  
 Col Karen Currie, USAF (Ret)  
 COL Jose Jimenez, USA  
 Col Curtis Juell, USAF  
 COL Joy Ream, USA (Ret)  
 Col Sherrell Russell, USAF (Ret)  
 COL Thomas Southerland, USA (Ret)  
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 LTC Kimard Egleton, USA  
 Lt Col Kathie Estrada, USAF (Ret)  
 LTC Jerry Gonzales, USA (Ret)  
 Lt Col Clinton Gordon, USAF (Ret)  
 Lt Col Dale Johnson, USAF (Ret)  
 Lt Col Bob Williams, USAF (Ret)  
 MAJ Michael Foster, USA (Ret)  
 MAJ Patrick Tracy, USA (Ret)



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

## WELCOME New Members:

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 Col Kimberlie Biever, USA (Ret)  
 Col John DiPiero, USAF (Ret)  
 COL Barent Dutcher, USA (Ret)  
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 CPT Fernando Medina, USA  
 CPT David Kim, USA  
 CPT Narziddin Olimov, USA  
 CPT Rafael Salas, USA  
 CPT Monica Santoyo, USA  
 LT Ronald Walker (Fmr)  
 1LT Darius Duncan, USA  
 1LT Meagan Kujawa, USA  
 1LT Aleques Lanier, USA  
 1LT Mandy Naquin, USA  
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 WO1 Axel Nieves, USA  
 WO1 Matthew Rogers, USA  
 SSG Lourdes Brown USA (FOC)  
 SSG Nakima Langlois, USA (FOC)

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[dwpatrick01@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:kamconsulthr@gmail.com)

## Membership Stats

Active Duty 158

Former Military 24

Friends of the Chapter 7

Retired 579

Surviving Spouse 145

**Total 913**

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## Speaker Bio - June Happy Hour



**Jana Evans**

**San Antonio Area  
Director  
Soldiers' Angels**

With twelve years of dedicated servant leadership, Jana has made a significant and measurable impact on the at-risk populations within her community.

Currently holding the position of San Antonio Area Director for the national nonprofit organization Soldiers' Angels, she is dedicated to providing aid, comfort, and vital resources to military service members, veterans, and their families. In this role, her primary focus lies in addressing critical needs such as access to food, transportation, benefits, and spearheading initiatives aimed at enhancing the well-being of veterans and the broader mili-

tary community, all while upholding the Soldiers' Angels motto, "May No Soldier Go Unloved."

She has a Master of Science in Public Administration and a Bachelor of Science in Family and Consumer Sciences/Human Sciences.

Jana received a 2023-2024 Defense Community Champion Award for her work. Created by the Association of Defense Communities, this award recognizes individuals who make a difference in their defense communities as leaders on base, in communities, and across local governments and industry. These community champions go above and beyond to make meaningful connections with military members, communities, and veterans in their community.

## MOAA Alamo Chapter

### Mission & Vision

#### **Vision:**

*To be the primary advocate for the military community*

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*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.*

Iniobong Akai, Maj USAF  
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Charles Anderson, BG USA (Ret)  
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Thad Brumfield, Lt Col USAF (Ret)  
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Kevin Crockett, LCDR USN (Ret)  
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Lyn Henderson  
Ronald Henderson, Col USAF (Ret)  
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Chetan Kharod, Col USAF (Ret)  
James Lyle, MG USA (Ret)  
Axel Nieves, WO1 USA

Yosuel Nieves, CPT USA  
Irene Nikolewski  
William Pollock, Lt Col USAF (Ret)  
John Root, Col USAF (Ret)  
Joan Ruttle-King, COL USA (Ret)  
Bruce Smith, Maj Gen USAF (Ret)  
Alan Snyder, Col USAF (Ret)  
Ralph Stearman, Lt Col USAF (Ret)  
Mark Sweeney, Lt Col USAF (Ret)  
Wade Taylor, Lt Col USAF (Ret)  
Jason Thompson, WO1 USA  
David Walker, Lt Col USAF (Ret)  
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Referred By: \_\_\_\_\_



Last month's guest speaker was Mark "Plug" Vlahos. He is one of the world's experts on WWII U.S. Army Air Forces Troop Carrier, C-47, and glider operations. Mark gave a sneak peak of the presentation he will give at RAF Saltby in the U.K. in June for the 80th Anniversary of D-day. Mark portrayed Colonel Clayton Stiles, the Commander of the 314th Troop Carrier Group that was stationed at RAF Saltby during WWII.

## NEVER STOP SERVING!



## WE NEED YOU

### TO VOLUNTEER!

#### Current Needs:

- 1) Personal Affairs/Surviving Spouse Chair
- 2) Members for the following committees:
  - Golf Tournament
  - Membership
  - Marketing
  - Transition
  - Legislative Affairs
  - Personal Affairs/Surviving Spouse

*The Volunteer Coordinator and its Committee Members can be found on Page 10.*

*All other position descriptions can be found on the chapter website under the resources tab.*

[www.alamomoaa.org](http://www.alamomoaa.org)





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

### Volunteer Coordination Committee Member

*Each month we are featuring a job description of one of our committee chairs. The success of the chapter is the strength of these committees. We have been fortunate in recruiting some new committee chairs. But ... even committees are not strong without committee members. This month we are featuring the need for various committee members with the goal and the opportunity to increase our outreach to the community.*

*Please contact us if you are interested in joining any of our committees.*

**Importance of Position:** Volunteers are fundamental to the success of the MOAA-AC. This position is the coordinating focal point to ensure that the Chapter maintains a strong cadre of individuals who are willing to be active volunteers by organizing the people to fit the need.

#### 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:

- Excellent human relations skills.
- Excellent written and oral skills.
- Ability to motivate and interact with a diverse range of individuals.
- Ability to plan and organize.
- Not hesitant to ask individuals to help/volunteer.
- Have a current driver's license and reliable transportation.

**Responsible to:** Chapter President

#### Major Responsibilities:

- Recruit volunteers to fill positions, as needed.

- Assist executive team members in matching volunteers to their administrative needs.
- Send emails to all those new/renewing members who indicated an interest in volunteering.
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- Make timely contact with the members to allow them to express their interests and qualifications for any chapter needs.
- Collaborate with the executive team who have needs that could be met with the assistance of a volunteer.
- Invite volunteers to attend a monthly staff meeting to meet the executive team and learn about the chapter.
- Act as a communication liaison between the volunteer and executive staff.
- Attend and participate in scheduled staff meetings and Chapter functions.

**Training/Preparation:** Meet with a counterpart volunteer coordinator in another organization to exchange ideas, etc.

**Average Time Commitment:** 3-5 hours per month.

**Length of Commitment:** Minimum one year.

#### Measures of Success:

- Critical positions within the Chapter have a successor identified.
- A pool of volunteers is waiting in the wings to help the chapter with its mission.
- The chapter receives a 5 Star Level of Excellence award each year.
- All action steps in the Chapter Strategic Plan are completed.

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# Transition Tips

## Using AI for Resume Writing

For those of you who know me, computer literacy is not one of my strengths. It doesn't take much for me to screw it up. I count my blessings for the Geek Squad. They have bailed me out of more jams than I can count. So, here I am writing this article about AI – artificial intelligence. I found a saving grace.

A week or so ago, I watched the MOAA webinar entitled “How Generative AI Can Help You Land Your Job.” Francis Q. “France” Hoang, the cofounder of Boodle AI and a graduate of the US Military Academy, facilitated the most fantastic webinar that I have attended in a long time. I'm not going to go into great detail because I want you to check it out on [www.moaa.org](http://www.moaa.org). You can find it with other transition resources. However, here are highlights.

- AI is the next step to creating a resume – HOWEVER it is only useful for about 80% of the content. You need to personalize and tailor for the best results.
- You can also use it to create your LinkedIn (LI) profile.
- You need to develop a list of questions to ask AI so that it knows what information to build into the resume or LI profile. You're basically giving it instructions about what to include.
- AI is very good at removing military jargon (remember to give it that instruction).
- You can ask AI for a list of potential careers. (This is not like one of those surveys that tells you to be an artist.)
- Talk to AI like you are talking to a colleague. Provide personal likes and dislikes, etc., so that it gets to know you.
- AI can help generate cover letters too.

From this webinar, you will find that there is a long list of all of the stuff that AI can help you with for the job search. AI is this force multiplier for your job search. As always, it's only as good as the information that you give it. However, this is the next step to using technology to improve your job search.

MOAA and the Alamo Chapter are here to help you in this process. Don't hesitate to reach out to David Patrick or me for assistance.

Best wishes in your search.

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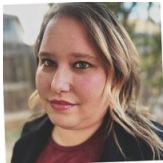
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**Tuesday, June 25**

## 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, fin-  
ger 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

Non member Officers & guests are welcome with paid reservations

Friends & Family (over 21) are welcome!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

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## Upcoming Events

### June

- 12 Women Veterans Day
- 13 Chapter Business Meeting Chapter  
Ofc 10am
- 14 Army Birthday
- 14 Flag Day
- 16 Father's Day
- 25 Chapter Happy Hour Petroleum Club  
4-6pm (See RSVP Slip to the left)

### July

(No meetings or social events in July)  
4 Independence Day

## Save The Date - October 18

16th MOAA-AC Golf Tournament benefit-  
ing USO Warrior & Family Support Center  
and MOAA Alamo Chapter Educational  
Foundation. **Silent Auction items needed!**