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President's Message

March is one of my favorite months of the year for our chapter. We are able to present the scholarships to the ROTC and JROTC cadets on March 23 at the Ft Sam golf course.

This year we will present 30 scholarships valuing \$1,000 each. This is made possible by so many of our members' generous financial contributions and time volunteering to support our efforts. I thank you and hope to see you then.

This effort falls under the umbrella of our 501c3 Educational Foundation. We established this several years ago to afford these efforts the benefits, etc. of the IRS tax code for non-profits. We initially focused on the scholarships. We are now branching out with other opportunities to assist the ROTC units through their multi-unit and leadership development programs.

The first opportunity that we will have will be a competition of Air Force ROTC on Saturday, March 25.

UT Austin AFROTC is holding the Texas Games from 9 to 3 at the UT Whitaker Sports Complex with teams from seven programs. The competing universities are UT Austin, Angelo State University, University of Houston, Baylor, UT San Antonio, Texas Tech and Texas Christian University (TCU).

We are still working out the details from the planners as well as how our chapter can support. However, it's

time for y'all to put this on your calendar. Did you attend one of these schools? Were you ROTC? Look for details in the next few weeks as plans are firmed up. We will keep you posted. My hope is that we will have a great MOAA contingent supporting the cadets as they compete in the games. Let's see who gets the trophy!

Kitty

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



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Presentation of \$9,634.54 check to the USO Warrior & Family Support Center on Ft Sam Houston at the February happy hour, a portion of the proceeds from our 2022 Golf Tournament.

Pictured L-R: Deb Humphries, Board Member of Donegan Burns Foundation, tournament title sponsor; Stephen Rohrbough, tournament co-chair; Heather Krauss, Exec Director USO San Antonio; and Kitty Meyers, chapter president.

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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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.



TAPS

We have received information that the following members have passed away. We wish to convey our sincere condolences to their family and loved ones:

MAJ Elizabeth Morehead USA (Ret)
date unknown
 Col Derwin Bohne, Sr USAF (Ret)
 10/23/20
 Col Steve Senia, USAF (Ret)
 07/14/22

NEVER STOP SERVING!

WE NEED YOU



TO VOLUNTEER

for positions on your Chapter leadership team
 (Member spouses also welcome!)

Current Needs:

- 1) ACEF & Chapter Board Members
- 2) Membership Cmte Members
- 3) Marketing & Development Cmte Members
- 4) Historian
- 5) Photographer
- 6) Legislative Cmte Members

Position descriptions can be found on the chapter website under the resources tab.

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Legislative Advocacy Quorum

As a MOAA member, please sign up for the Advocacy Quorum Program at moaa.quorum.us.

By doing this, your advocacy will be properly recognized as representing the Alamo Chapter, assist national MOAA in tracking who is advocating, and contribute to the Chapter's annual Levels of Excellence awards.

Bills related to the military benefits that were introduced in the 117th Congress will now have to be reintroduced with the 118th, and the new quorum program will make it very easy for you to advocate at the federal level.

Note: Your participation is important to us as a chapter as we are graded by MOAA national on how many members are signed up as part of the Levels of Excellence annual award. Please help us retain our Five Star accreditation!

Upcoming Events

MARCH

- 2 Staff Meeting 10am
- 12 Daylight Savings
- 17 St Patrick's Day
- 23 Scholarship Awards Luncheon with Brig Gen Guy Walsh
- 29 National Vietnam War Veterans Day

APRIL

- 6 Staff Meeting 10am
- 13 Chapter Luncheon with Dr Jill Palmer of Endeavors Veteran Wellness Center

Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP)

Congress provided for a Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) Open Season in the 2023 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). The SBP Open Season began on December 23, 2022 and ends on January 1, 2024.

As part of the SBP Open Season, eligible members and former members who are currently enrolled in either SBP or RCSBP may choose to permanently discontinue their SBP coverage.

Previously paid premiums will NOT be refunded. For Reserve Component Retirees: If you previously elected reserve component coverage and are already receiving retired pay, the Reserve Component Premium deductions (for the coverage already provided to you while you awaited the requisite age of entitlement to retired pay), sometimes referred to as "add-on" cost, will continue. Reserve Component Premium deductions generally continue until your retired pay has been reduced for a total of 360 months, or until the death of the RCSBP beneficiary.

The law generally requires that any currently covered spouse, former spouse or child aged 18-22 must concur under the 2023 NDAA Open Season. The covered party's signature must either be notarized or witnessed by an SBP counselor. Discontinuance requests will not be considered valid without these signatures.

What you need to do:

Before submitting a request to discontinue SBP coverage, we recommend you and your adult beneficiaries review the DFAS webpage on the advantages and disadvantages of the Plan at <https://www.dfas.mil/sbpadvantages>.

The SBP Open Season 2023 Discontinuance Form - Provisional is available for download from the DFAS SBP Open Season special focus webpage at <https://www.dfas.mil/sbpopenseason23>. Once downloaded, fill out the form, sign and date, and ensure all adult covered beneficiaries have their signature signed, dated and notarized or witnessed by an SBP counselor.

Completed and signed forms can be submitted either by uploading through our askDFAS online upload tool, via fax or through the mail. Specific instructions are on the 2023 SBP Open Season special focus webpage.

If you have questions:

Please see the information and FAQs on our special focus webpage: <https://www.dfas.mil/sbpopenseason23>.

It is important to note, any valid request to discontinue coverage generally cannot be reversed - you will not be allowed to reenroll in the Plan once you submit the Discontinuance Form.

DFAS Retired and Annuitant Pay

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Active Duty 79
 Former Military 34
 Friends of the Chapter 6
 Retired 609
Surviving Spouse 130
Total 858

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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:

March 16, April 20, May 18, June 15, July 20, August 17, September 21, October 19, November 16, December 21.

Location: Cowboys Dancehall, 3030 NE Interstate 410 Loop, San Antonio, TX 78218

To register for future events or inquire about volunteering or sponsoring, please email: Jana Evans at jevans@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.

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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Transition Tips

Life After DOS

I attended a very remarkable event this morning. The “Got Your 6 Summit” was put together by the United Way of San Antonio and the Bob Woodruff Foundation at the Grand Hyatt downtown. This sold out crowd of 300 got together to discuss the various concerns impacting military families both in uniform and post. There were remarkable and very frank discussions about the concerns that military families face and the efforts that the community is doing to address those concerns.

As always, some of the sidebar conversations were deeper dives into issues. Once such conversation that I participated in was about the often-traumatic shock that comes regarding issues and details that are not necessarily related to finding a job. In the military, you have the health care and other services provided to you, pretty much in toto. Once you are no longer on the government dime, you now have to navigate finding doctors, dentists, and setting up so many of the basics to living that were taken care of before you walked out that gate.

Programs like TAP for the active duty and TAP TOO for the spouses are designed to assist with details. Some hit the mark and some don’t. I talked to one transitioning military member. After a discussion about employment expectations and my pointed, pragmatic, reality-based responses, his reply was “Why didn’t they tell me this in TAP?”.

My recommendation to y’all is to do your homework. Start at least a year out. Dr. Chaunte Hall, CEO of Centuri-on Military Alliance, refers to this as “positionality.” Her first question is whether you are ready to get out. Make sure that you can financially afford the transition. Explore the expenses required. Provide a cushion for unexpected expenses because they will pop up. If you have the opportunity to attend one of her CMA events, I highly recommend that you take advantage. You will get a wealth of information that will assist you. Check out www.cmawarrior.org for more information.

The wonderful thing about the San Antonio community is the collaboration that goes on daily to assist transitioning. Whether spouse, active-duty, veteran, retired, Guard, reserve ..., there are resources out there to assist you. Don’t be shy about asking.

Best wishes on your next journey.

Kitty
Kathryn “Kitty” Meyers Lt Col USAF (Ret)
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Chapter Transition Liaison Officer

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

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Speaker Bio - Brig Gen Guy Walsh



Former Strategist with United States Cyber Command, General Walsh is the Founding Executive

Director of the National Security Collaboration Center, located at The University of Texas San Antonio (UTSA).

Over 20 years of executive level management in national defense and Domestic Operations (DOMOPS) including Cyber, counter-insurgency and disaster relief leadership roles. Innovative and motivational leader of complex organizations including Commander, 175th Wing, Maryland Air National Guard and Commander, 451st Air Expeditionary Wing, Kandahar, Afghanistan. Managed Title 10/32 forces, civil service, state employees and DoD contract personnel. Command pilot with 4,500 flying hours in numerous military aircraft.

Technical Advisor for Glenn L.

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General Walsh will be our speaker at the upcoming Scholarship Awards luncheon at the Ft Sam Golf Club on Thursday, March 23rd.

See back page for RSVP slip and details.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY to those members born in the month of March.

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.

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Peg Viney
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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 400 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.
- **Legislative advocacy:** MOAA chapter members play a critical role in advancing legislation at both the state and national level. This grass-roots advocacy is key to MOAA achieving its legislative goals.



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Thursday, March 23

Scholarship Awards Luncheon

BrigGen Guy Walsh, USAF (Ret)
Exec Dir of NSCC at UTSA

Ft Sam Golf Club

1050 Harry Wurzbach, San Antonio TX 78209
Meet & Greet begins 11am - Lunch served 11:30am

Menu

Buffet featuring Roasted Poblano Soup, Gourmet Turkey & Pesto Sand-
wich served on Ciabatta bread, Salad Bar, with Lemon Bars for Dessert.
Coffee, Water & Iced Tea.
Wine station (pay as you pour)

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

RSVP by 4pm Wednesday 15 March
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Non member Officers & guests are welcome with paid reservations

Name _____

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Thursday, April 13

Chapter Luncheon

Dr Jill Palmer
Endeavors Veteran Wellness Center

Ft Sam Golf Club

1050 Harry Wurzbach, San Antonio TX 78209
Meet & Greet begins 11am - Lunch served 11:30am

Menu

Buffet featuring Soup, French Dip sandwiches with Smoked Provolone
& Garlic aioli, Spring Mix Salad Bar, with Chocolate Eclairs for Dessert.
Coffee, Water & Iced Tea.
Wine station (pay as you pour)

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