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President's Message

Spring is here and the members of the Alamo Chapter are going full press for the annual scholarship program.

We are sponsoring 33 scholarships to be presented at the March 21st luncheon to cadets from the 11 ROTC and 140 JROTC programs from UT Austin to UT Rio Grande Valley. In addition to the scholarships, we will have the opportunity to attend the various award programs occurring through the end of the school year. This has to be the busiest time of the year, only followed by the October golf tournament.

Pete Hunt and the committee have done yeoman's work to coordinate and produce a wonderful scholarship lunch. The one piece of unfortunate news is the cancellation of General David Goldfein as the guest speaker. His travel schedule has caused him to bow out. As always, we have a back-up plan. Col John Grimm, Commander, Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps, Southwest Region, is graciously stepping in the speaker role. Check the revised invitation for his bio. We do wish Gen Goldfein safe travels and do hope he can join us on another day.

Besides the scholarship lunch, we receive countless offers to attend the various JROTC events to present certificates of appreciation and MOAA medals. It's really an easy opportunity to meet the cadets and celebrate their successes. The school event dates and invitations are currently being collect-

ed and will be published in the next few weeks. I do hope that you will check out the list. It's especially great if you see your alma mater and can fit that date into your calendar.

The medals and certificates have already been mailed to the schools. Contact the organizer to advise him or her of your availability, and represent MOAA and the chapter by presenting the medal and certificate.

Thanks to each of you. Your support for these programs through your time and gifts enables these cadets to reach for their goals. The needs continue to grow.

We look forward to the March celebration and the continued growth of support for the MOAA Alamo Chapter Educational Foundation.

Kitty

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

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2024 Volunteer of the Year



For the past 31 years Ed Marvin, Lt Col, USAF (Ret) has been the consummate professional and dedicated volunteer helping lead the Alamo Chapter.

He was selected as the Chapter's 2023 Volunteer of the Year because he possesses exceptional commitment to the organization and its members, first-rate leadership qualities, and personal integrity.

During the past year, Ed served as the Board Chair and prior to that, over the years, he has served in several key leadership positions including that of Chapter President. In every position he always promoted and led a “culture of excellence and achievements.”

Ed is a lifetime member both of National MOAA and the Alamo Chapter and served 6 years on the National Board from 2006-2012. Our congratulations to Ed and special thanks to wife Ruby for her support.

Ed will be honored along with other JBSA volunteers at the Annual Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, April 17 @ 1:00pm at Ft. Sam Houston Theater, Bldg 2270, 2472 Stanley Rd.

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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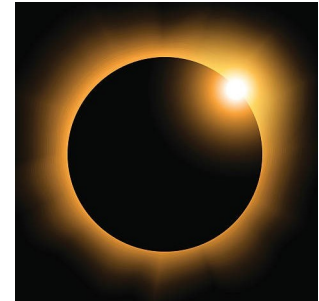
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A Special Viewing Opportunity for the April 8, 2024 Eclipse



Alamo Chapter member Ron Carr, CAPT, USN (Ret), is offering an opportunity to view the April eclipse from his ranch in Utopia, TX.

This location should be in the direct line for a full eclipse at 1:27 pm. He asks that all interested contact him directly at rcarr@visionworks.com for more information, including reservations.



TAPS

We have received information that the following member has passed away.

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

Col David Shacklett, USAF (Ret)

1/22/24

Transition Tips

Entry Level vs Entry Point

One of the most confounding questions someone transitioning faces is “where will I fit in the hiring organization”. Everyone brings a wealth of skills, talents, and experiences to the table from their military career. A common question raised is “why I am not being offered a position that is equivalent to the one I left in the military. I don’t want an entry level position.”

Let’s first look at the competition you face for the desired position. You ask what competition? Consider the folks within the organization who have worked and built a reputation as current employees. They are looking for a promotion, recognition for learned skills and experiences within the company that have made them and the company successful. That is an asset from the company’s perspective.

There are also external candidates who have worked or are working for the company’s competitors or within the industry. They are familiar with the ins and outs that are not only the required skills, but the culture of the industry and probably the company. The hiring company values this level of experience as well.

So, what does a transitioning military do? Your self-evaluation of your skills, talents and experiences is a first start. Your goal is to make yourself competitive with the competition. What makes you stand out from the crowd as the saying goes. Another major evaluation comes with the analyzing of the culture that works best for you. Past articles have addressed this. Make sure that you know what works for you and how you will fit in with the new organization and the team.

Once you have done your research, it’s time to figure out where you will fit. Here’s the key question. Where is your entry point into the organization? Some can transition into an executive position as they’ve evaluated all the points mentioned and conclude that the executive level is a fit. Others may be more comfortable taking steps back in the hierarchy to get to know the organization, people, culture, and even the business.

You’ve spent many years in the military culture. Can you bring someone new into the military at a senior or maybe even a mid-level position? We all started at the bottom of the rung as an E-1 or O-1.

This discussion has revolved around the premise that you are entering into a position that is related to your current

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Membership Memos

THANK YOU Renewing Members:

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MOAA-AC 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.*

WELCOME New Members:

Col Kenneth Brockway, USAF (Ret)
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 WO1 Amelia Ramirez, USA
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Membership Stats

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Legislative Report

The Texas Council of Chapters will be sending a delegation to Washington DC in April to advocate for passage of bills that will benefit our military members and their families.

The group will be visiting all our representatives and the two senators. You can make a difference while they are there by going to the Advocacy section of the MOAA.org website and send letters to your senators and Representatives in support of legislation that National is asking for. Make sure that you send this on behalf of the Alamo Chapter TX-16. (See Page 8 for explicit instructions).

Hopefully when the House of Representatives returns from recess, they will pass the bill aimed at providing more military aid to the Ukraine, Israel, and Taiwan. This has been the worst House session in history with fewer than 30 bills passed during the

year and a great many of them only renaming post offices or other federal buildings.

With the results of the Texas 2024 primary election in, we know most of the candidates who will be on the ballot in November, however, several races will face a run-off election in May between the top two vote-getters. Many representatives were being primaried because during the regular session and in four special sessions, they refused to give the governor the school voucher program that he wanted.

Most of the major ISD's and those in the rural areas did not want this as they contended that it would further weaken and harm public education in the state. The other reason is that the majority of the House members voted to impeach Attorney General Ken Paxton. In a very political trial with the State Senate, Lt. Governor Patrick en-

sured that there would not be a conviction.

Sometime after these elections, we anticipate that interim charges will be released by Speaker Phelan and Lt. Governor Patrick for the various House and Senate committees. At that point we will have a better idea as to what issues we may be confronting in the 2025 session.

As a reminder, I am seeking members of the Alamo Chapter who would like to assist me in preparing for the next Texas session and who might also wish to participate in visiting with the various Representatives and Senators in our catchment area. If you think that you might have interest in doing this, please contact me on Red-legs48@gmail.com or contact the office.

Jim Cunningham
VP Legislation

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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

Get your company involved in giving back to the military and veteran community! Engaging events, large and small, will inspire your team to give back.



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

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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

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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



Support MOAA'S Legislative Initiatives

IT'S AS EASY AS 1, 2, 3 . . .

1. Go online to www.moaa.org and connect with the “**Legislative Advocacy Center**” link.
2. 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”).
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 and the letters go to your Representatives and/or Senators.)

YOUR INFLUENCE COUNTS!

Chapter Priorities 2024

1) INCREASE AND RETAIN MEMBERSHIP

Goal: Emphasize Chapter “paid” memberships and maintain, at a minimum, a 75% level.

2) SUSTAIN A POSITIVE LONG-TERM FINANCIAL POSITION

Goal: Sustain the budget and financials so income exceeds expenses over a 3-year period.

3) STRONG & INFLUENTIAL LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS & PROGRAMS

Goal: Maintain a robust Legislative Program by connecting constantly with legislators and chapter members.

4) LEADERSHIP SUCCESSION PLANNING

Goal: By Dec 31, 2024 have all elected officer positions occupied along with a successor identified.

Progress is monitored at our monthly business meeting at the Chapter office on Ft Sam at 10am each first Thursday of the month - come join us and be part of the team!

Speaker Bio Col John Grimm



COLONEL JOHN GRIMM

Colonel John Grimm is the Commander, Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps' Southwest Region. He leads 226 personnel, overseeing the training for 3,000 cadets across 36 ROTC detachments. They are responsible for training and developing cadets to commission as Air Force or Space Force officers who are ready to lead Airmen or Guardians to meet our Nation's security challenges.

Colonel Grimm entered the Air Force in 1995 upon graduating from Kansas State University. He has commanded three Security Forces squadrons, an expeditionary Security Forces squadron, a Security Forces group, an ROTC detachment, and has served in various duty positions throughout the Security Forces career field. He is also a certified Jump Master and has been awarded the U.S., German, Italian, Bulgarian and Serbian Jump Wings.

Colonel Grimm will be our speaker at the Scholarship Awards Luncheon on March 21 at the Ft Sam Golf Club where our 2024 Scholarship winners will receive their scholarship checks in person. Send in RSVP on back page or sign up online at www.AlamoMoaa.org.

Transition Tips

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skills, etc. Let's close this with a brief discussion about entry into a career that is unrelated to past experiences. You have a whole new set of skills and experiences to learn. Here's where an entry level position is appropriate. I talked to one gent who argued with me about a computer skills position where he didn't have the required skills. Hello!

We are here to help through this process so that you succeed through your transition. Many transitioning folks end up job hopping until they find the right fit. That should never be!

Best wishes as you transition.

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.

ROTC Award Presenters Needed!

Want to present the 2024 MOAA Award to an ROTC cadet at your local high school or your college alma mater?

If you are interested in serving as a presenter, please contact our Awards and Scholarships Committee Chairman, Col (ret) Pete Hunt by texting 210-867-0418 or email: peterhunt2012@gmail.com



February Happy Hour speaker Vincent Luciano, Regional Director Central Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) with associate Marco Caro and Chapter President Kitty Meyers.

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March Events

- 7 Chapter Business Meeting Chapter Ofc 10am
- 10 Daylight Savings
- 12 MACEF Board Mtg Chapter Ofc 2pm
- 14 Scholarship Cmte Mtg Chapter Ofc 1pm
- 19 March Equinox
- 21 Scholarship Awards Luncheon Ft Sam Golf Club w/ speaker Col John Grimm AFROTC
- 29 National Vietnam War Veterans Day

April Events

- 4 Chapter Business Meeting Chapter Ofc 10am
- 6-7 Great Texas Airshow JBSA Randolph
- 9 MACEF Board Mtg Chapter Ofc 2pm
- 17 VOYA Awards Ceremony RoadRunner 1pm
- 18-28 Fiesta San Antonio
- 25 Chapter Luncheon Ft Sam Golf Club w/ speaker Kim Jeffries of Haven For Hope

30-SECOND “ELEVATOR PITCH” TO PROMOTE MEMBERSHIP

- I am (your name) with The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) **and** the Alamo Chapter. Are you a member? If no . . .
- We are a volunteer nonprofit organization for commissioned officers (and surviving spouses) that has approximately 900 members and is over 50 year old – located at Ft. Sam.
- We advocate and lobby for the entire military community – all ranks -- to influence legislators in Washington and in Austin to sustain yours & my earned entitlements, i.e., pay raises, medical benefits, commissary privileges, education benefits, etc.
- We make ourselves heard through the strength of our membership numbers. This is why it is important for all eligible officers to belong.
- In addition, we run the local chapter operations and promote camaraderie through our monthly social events and business meetings.
- Here is an application for membership in both MOAA and the Alamo Chapter. (see Page 3 or scan the QR code below).
- You owe it to yourself (and family) to support the organization that supports you and I ask that you please join. Thanks.
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If you get push back consider saying:

- It is a no hassle membership – no sales calls, no sales emails, no one asking for money and no pressure to be actively involved.
- We are just looking to you to help strengthen our numbers.
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Ft Sam Golf Club
1050 Harry Wurzbach, San Antonio TX 78209
Meet & Greet begins 11am - Lunch at 11:30am

Menu

Potato Soup, Italian BMT Sandwich, Spring Mix Salad & Lemon Bars
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