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## President's Message

Hello. What an exciting Spring we are having! A few cold days are now brighter with some warm days. Hopefully we've seen the last of the really cold days. Yet, the string of Rodeos with really cold weather continues.

Our chapter continues to participate in MOAA's advocacy role. Several of us will be in Austin at the end of March to meet with Texas legislators as part of the MOAA Texas Council of Chapters delegation. The group will focus on mental health resources for veterans and families; veteran and family issues such as affordable housing and childcare; and actions needed to protect Texas bases from Federal Base Realignment and Closure.

I will be in DC during the week of April 7 through 10, participating as part of the team that “walks the halls” of Congress in support of MOAA's advocacy. Each team will focus on three of MOAA's five initiatives.

- Unaccompanied Housing Improvements for barracks and dormitories
- Reduce the wait time for veterans who have filed for the PACT Act
- Increasing opportunities for military spouse employment
- Improving access for the military health system
- Improving veteran caregiver support. It will be an interesting time considering the current political climate.

We continue to look for ways to improve the service to you, our members, and to Military City USA. To that

end, we have created two new positions. The first is the Vice President of Community Outreach. The individual in this position will be our focal point for increasing opportunities to engage with other Veteran Service Organizations (VSOs) to provide support through community activities. We are already working with Soldier's Angels with their food bank distributions and clothing drives. There are so many other opportunities where, collectively, we can engage you, our members, in such community activities. A job description for this position can be found on Page 9.

The second position is the Vice President of Communication. We are looking for a talent that can lead and coordinate our various information outlets. Currently we have our website and the Lariat. To keep up with today's (and future)

technology and the different ways our members and others connect with us, we need to keep expanding our reach.

If you or someone you know is interested in these positions, please contact me. Job description of all positions can be found on the chapter website under the Resources tab. If you are interested in working on one of our committees, yeah. Contact us. We are an organization of volunteers. Remember, the MOAA motto – Never Stop Serving.

Best wishes for a marvelous day.

*Kitty*  
Kathryn “Kitty” Meyers  
Lt Col USAF (Ret)  
Past SPHR, SHRM-SCP



*Kim Turk, founder of Camp Agape, and guest speaker at the February Happy Hour with chapter president, Kitty Meyers.*



## Thank You

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

We really appreciate it—and every dollar helps!

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 LTC Machielle Wood Denmon, USA (Ret)  
 Evelyn Woods



## TAPS

We have recently 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:

LCDR Jack D. Lee, USN (Ret)  
*Date of passing unknown*

Lt Col Matthew Henrikson, USAF (Ret)  
 05/28/23

Eleanor Ohman  
 7/14/24

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## Alamo Chapter Enhances Member Experience with Cheddar Up



The MOAA-Alamo Chapter is honored to be among the first chapters selected by MOAA National to integrate **Cheddar Up**, a secure and user-friendly online payment platform designed to simplify transactions for groups and organizations. This exciting transition will allow our members to conveniently pay chapter dues directly through either the MOAA national (<https://www.moaa.org>) or the Alamo Chapter webpage. (<https://www.alamomoaa.org>).

In addition to dues, members can now make donations to both the MOAA-Alamo Chapter and the MOAA-Alamo Chapter Educational Foundation with just a few clicks. As we continue working closely with MOAA National, we plan to expand CheddarUp's use in the future - making it even easier to register for monthly luncheons, special events, and purchase MOAA-AC merchandise like our chapter golf shirts.

At MOAA-Alamo Chapter, we are committed to improving the experience of our valued members. This integration is just one way we are striving to make participation seamless and more accessible. Your feedback is essential to this process, and we welcome any thoughts or suggestions as we refine these new capabilities.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to making your membership experience even better!

MOAA-Alamo Chapter Leadership

## Speaker Bio



**Maj Gen Rick Martin, US Air Force (Retired)**

General Martin is a distinguished military graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy with a degree in mathematics. He has master's degrees in International Relations and Public Administration, including a National Security Fellowship at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

During 36 years of active duty, he commanded at the squadron, group, wing, and numbered Air Force levels. He has extensive experience as a command pilot with over 5,000 total hours in a dozen aircraft. He had multiple deployments to the Middle East with several operational assignments in Afghanistan and Iraq. General Martin also served in key staff assignments at U.S. Central Command in Tampa, Florida; U.S. Africa Command in Stuttgart, Germany; Air Mobility Command at Scott AFB, Illinois; and the Pentagon.

General Martin retired to San Antonio where he currently leads a consulting business and is active in various non-profit organizations. His hobbies include travel, reading, and fitness.

General Martin is married to the former Barbara Chapman, also a U.S. Air Force Academy graduate and former Air Force pilot. They have been married 38 years and raised four children while living in 17 locations around the world. They both grew up in Air Force families and have a long association and high regard for the work of the Military Officers Association of America.

*General Martin is our guest speaker at the March 19th Scholarship Awards Luncheon. See back page for RSVP.*

## Alamo Chapter Educational Foundation Board

Come join us on March 19 as we award scholarships to 35 deserving JROTC/ROTC cadets.

MOAA-AC has made building a quality military officer cadre a main goal!! Please consider a donation toward that effort in 2025....even \$25 goes a long way! **\$25 for '25!**

Thank you again!.....please visit: **AlamoMOAA.org**

## Events Calendar

### MARCH

- 1 MOAA National Scholarship Application Deadline**
- 1 Retiree Appreciation Day Lackland 8-12**
- 5 Staff Meeting 10am*
- 9 Daylight Savings Time begins**
- 13 Scholarship Meeting (Luncheon Planners) 1pm**
- 17 St Patrick's Day**
- 19 Scholarship Awards Luncheon 11am with speaker General Rick Martin, USAF (Ret)**
- 25 Chapter Board Meeting 1pm*
- 29 National Vietnam War Veterans Day Observance**

### APRIL

- 3 Staff Meeting 10am*
- 8 MACEF Board Meeting 1pm*
- 15 Tax Day**
- 18 Good Friday**
- 20 Easter Sunday**
- 22 VOYA Awards 2pm Ft Sam Theatre**
- 24-May 4 Fiesta San Antonio**
- 23 Chapter Luncheon UMC 11am With speaker VADM Jack Bono of the US Maritime Service**

## Alamo Chapter 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.*



# Membership Memos

## THANK YOU Renewing Members:

Brig Gen Karen Rankin, USAF (Ret)  
 CAPT Charles Belcher, USN (Ret)  
 COL Wayne Boyd, USA (Ret)  
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 COL Darrell Childers, USA (Ret)  
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 Lt Col Carla Clatanoff, USAF (Ret)  
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 LTC Martha Dingey, USA (Ret)  
 LTC Terry Duran, ARNG (Ret)  
 Lt Col Carolyn Friedle, USAF (Ret)  
 LTC Derek Gaudlitz, USA (Ret)  
 LTC Walter Meyer, USA (Ret)

LTC Charles Nowlin, USA (Ret)  
 LTC Robert Pollock, USA (Ret)  
 Lt Col Stephen Rohrbough, USAF (Ret)  
 LTC James Roybal, USA (Ret)  
 Lt Col Wayne Shaw, USAF (Ret)  
 Lt Col David Shultz, USAF (Ret)  
 Lt Col David Walker, USAF (Ret)  
 LTC Edith Weidemann, USA (Ret)  
 Lt Col Bob Williams, USAF (Ret)  
 CDR Steven Bergeron, USCG (Ret)  
 Maj Fernando Carreon, USAF (Ret)  
 MAJ Kathy Daigle, USA (Ret)  
 CDR Bob Le Jeune, USN (Ret)  
 Capt Stephen Gonzales, USAF (Ret)  
 CWO4 Jay Smith, USCG (Ret)  
 CWO Carlos Holt, USMC (Ret)  
 SFC Gregory Morton, USA (Ret)  
 Marty Bock  
 Carol Anne Cain  
 Idolina Araceli Davis  
 Ann Furlow  
 Diane Krupka  
 Constance Oliver  
 Helga Parks  
 Sandra Terry

## Membership Stats

Active Duty 110  
 Former Military 16  
 Friends of the Chapter 12  
 Retired 518  
Surviving Spouse 108

**Total 764**

## WELCOME New Members:

Maj John Sells, USAF (Ret)  
 Lt Kio Ahmed, USPHS  
 Chris Priddy (FOC)

## NEVER STOP SERVING!



**WE NEED YOU !**

### Current Volunteer Needs:

- 1) VP Community Outreach  
(see job description on Page 9)
- 2) VP Communications
- 3) Social Media Officer / Web master Assistant
- 4) Personal Affairs/Surviving Spouse Chair
- 5) Members for the following committees:  
 Community Outreach  
 Membership & Retention  
 Marketing  
 Transition  
 Legislative Affairs  
 Personal Affairs/Surviving Spouse

*The descriptions of all chapter positions can be found on the chapter website under the resources tab at [www.alamomoaa.org](http://www.alamomoaa.org).*

*If interested, or have questions, please call or text Kitty Meyers at 210 355 6244.*

# Transition Tips

## MOAA Transition Opportunities

I've written articles over the years about the many opportunities that MOAA provides to those transitioning. The employment situation is in flux as we navigate the current political climate. Those reading the news feeds, watching the pundits, or even reading the tea leaves, know that forecasting has become difficult.

We'll all continue to help those discover their way through transition. Here are some happenings that MOAA is making available during the month of March. These are open to all ranks, all services. AND, most are free.

### **Virtual Workshop Series: Dare to Dream: Live the Life You Love.**

**Tuesday, 11, 18, and 25 at Noon ET.**

Register: <https://www.moaa.org/content/events/transition-and-career/dare-to-dream-live-the-life-you-love/>

Perfect for those who are:

- Servicemembers nearing separation or retirement and not sure what to do next.
- Retirees or former service members already in the civilian sector and not well-aligned, or still seeking the right "fit."
- Military spouses looking to (re)enter the workforce for the first time (in a long time).
- Anyone suffering from a chronic case of the Sunday Blues, dreading work, or feeling burned out.

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## SIX BRANCHES. ONE HOME BASE.

Join Blue Skies of Texas, an award-winning Life Plan Community, in our commitment to provide military retirees of all backgrounds with a vibrant and active lifestyle.

[blueskiesinfo.org/moaa](https://blueskiesinfo.org/moaa)  
1-800-790-3954



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— of Texas

AT AIR FORCE VILLAGE



## Support MOAA'S Legislative Initiatives

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

1. Go online to [www.moaa.org](http://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: if asked for your chapter code – use 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 button and the letters will go to your Representatives and/or Senators.)

***YOUR INFLUENCE COUNTS!***

[www.moaa.org/takeaction](http://www.moaa.org/takeaction)



## SOLDIERS' ANGELS

### TOP 5 WAYS TO GET INVOLVED IN 2025

As we enter 2025, supporting our nation's heroes remains as vital as ever. Soldiers' Angels offers countless opportunities to make a difference. Here are our top five ways you can get involved and join our mission this year.

1. Adopt-A-Soldier
2. Support Military and Veteran Food Distributions
3. Write/Make Cards
4. Join Special Campaigns:

Treat for Troops; Holiday Stockings for Heroes; #MLKDay of Service; Valentines for Veterans; Warm Feet for Warriors; Honor Military Working Dogs; Go Camo; Operation Warm Winter.

5. Monetary Donations

Register to volunteer at:

<https://soldiersangels.my.site.com/s/self-register>

## Grow beyond the walls of your home.

We offer exceptional lifestyle amenities, including three dining rooms, a superb sky lounge, various card/activity rooms, garden plots, a theater, a library, and so much more.

Take advantage of the significant discounts and renovation options currently offered on the High Rise Apartment or Legacy Cottage of your choice through the ARC Construction Benefits.

### Act **NOW** for this limited-time offer!



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The ARC is a nonprofit life plan continuing care retirement community (CCRC) in beautiful San Antonio, Texas. We welcome all officers, retired or honorably discharged from all branches of service, warrant officers, as well as senior level GS 14 and above federal employees who are at least 62 years old, including spouses and surviving spouses.



**Army Residence Community**

Call us at **1-800-810-7163** or visit **[armyresidence.com](http://armyresidence.com)** today for a tour or take advantage of serious savings.

## Transition Tips

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### Webinar: Preparing Yourself and Your Family for Survivorship Wednesday March 12 at 2:00 PM ET.

Register: <https://www.moaa.org/content/events/spouse-and-family/moaa-webinar-preparing-a-spouse-or-family-member-for-survivorship-2025/>

Losing a spouse is a traumatic event. Preparing yourself and your loved ones in advance provides security and comfort during a vulnerable time after a spouse's death, helping to avoid the added stress of dealing with the unexpected. Acting now will offer peace of mind -- you'll be guided though the steps you and your family members will need to take after a loved one's death.

### Webinar: Concurrent Receipt Programs Wednesday March 19 at 2:00 PM ET.

Register: <https://www.moaa.org/content/events/healthcare-and-benefits/concurrent-receipt-programs-crdp-crsc-2025/>

It has been over a decade since the last minor legislative changes to concurrent receipt processes, yet numerous misconceptions about Concurrent Retirement and Disability Pay (CRDP) and Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC) persist. Join MOAA's financial professional Capt. Paul Frost, USN (Ret), AFC®, for a comprehensive examination of each concurrent receipt program.

### Salary & Benefits Primer: Maximize Your Compensation Package

Thursday, March 20 from 1:00-4:00 PM ET.

Register: <https://www.moaa.org/content/events/transition-and-career/salary-benefits-primer-compensation/>

The employer wants you to be happy with your compensation, but it is up to you to articulate what will give you the greatest job and personal satisfaction. Learn more and get what you deserve!

### Webinar: Why Veterans Should Consider Franchise Ownership

Wednesday March 26 at 2:00 PM ET.

Register: <https://www.moaa.org/content/events/transition-and-career/why-veterans-should-consider-franchise-ownership/>

Learn how to be your own boss through franchising. Topics include franchising basics, getting your business off the ground, recruiting key talent, and managing operations.

Don't hesitate to connect for more information or for one-on-one assistance. Best wishes.

*Kitty*

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

## Membership Application/Renewal

### Join/Renew - \$25 Annual Fee

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Branch of Service \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Active ☐ Retired ☐ Former ☐ Reserve  
☐ National Guard ☐ Spouse of Eligible Officer  
☐ Friend of the Chapter

☐ MOAA National Mbr? If yes pls provide mbr number:

\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

(Please provide a personal email **without a ".mil" domain**, if available.)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Alternate Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

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#### Method of Payment

☐ Check (make payable to MOAA Alamo Chapter)  
☐ Credit Card Charge my card \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Card number \_\_\_\_\_

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Zip code where CC Statement is mailed: \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_





## HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our members born in MARCH !

*If you have a birthday this month and your name is not here, we do not have your birth month in our records. If you'd like to be included please call, text or email us the information.*

Col "Addy" Addington, USAF (Ret)  
 LTC Scott Atkinson, USAF (Ret)  
 COL Matthew Brockway, USA (Ret)  
 Jeanette Brooks  
 Lt Col Bob Caudill, USAF (Ret)  
 COL Vaughn Caudill, USA (Ret)  
 COL Benjamin Chacko, USA (Ret)  
 Col Ada Conlan, USAF (Ret)  
 Betty Cruzon  
 CAPT Vincent DeInnocentiis, USN (Ret)  
 COL Kathryn Deuster, USA (Ret)  
 Col Barent Dutcher, USAF (Ret)  
 LTC Kimard Egleton, USA  
 CAPT Richard Elgin, USN (Ret)  
 Lt Col Kathie Estrada, USAF (Ret)

LTC Jim Finch, USA (Ret)  
 MAJ Joel Gage, USA (Fmr)  
 LTC Jerry Gonzales, USA (Ret)  
 Capt Stephen Gonzales, USAF (Ret)  
 Major Daniel Haley, USAF (Ret)  
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 LCDR Charlotte Koch, USN (Ret)  
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 LTC Karen Luisi, USA (Ret)  
 CWO-4 Patrick Marshall, USMC (Ret)  
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 Lt Col Robert Siller, USAF (Ret)  
 COL Thomas Smith, USA (Ret)  
 CW3 Kenneth Sutton, USA (Ret)  
 Col Steve Thompson, USAF (Ret)  
 LTC Magaly Thurman, USA  
 Col Dale Vande Hey, USAF (Ret)  
 LTC Edith Weidemann, USA (Ret)



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## **Vice President Community Outreach**

**Importance of Position:** The Vice President of Community Outreach is responsible for creating and overseeing all opportunities for chapter membership to engage and support organizations providing services addressing military community needs. This is a critical function of the chapter as a “good neighbor and partner” to the Joint Base San Antonio (JBSA), the greater San Antonio military community and all areas within the Alamo chapter catchment.

### **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*, as needed
- Computer access and 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.
- Ability to cultivate working relationships with community partners to include JBSA.
- Have a current driver's license and reliable transportation. Have security access to all JBSA installations.

**Responsible to:** Chapter President

### **Major Responsibilities:**

- Build and maintain relationships with members of the community.
- Build and maintain work teams among the memberships.
- Organize community outreach programs and coordinate events to support community engagement.
- Working with VP of Communications and staff along with contract executive assistant to coordinate support for service opportunities to membership through various chapter media outlets.

**Training/Preparation:** Develop relationships with community partners to build relationships and exchange ideas, etc.

**Average Time Commitment:** Average 10 hours a month.

**Length of Commitment:** Minimum two years

### **Measures of Success:**

- Three to five engagement events successfully completed annually.
- Reliable membership volunteer list maintained.
- The chapter receives a 5 Star Level of Excellence award each year.
- All action steps in the Chapter Strategic Plan are completed.

**Date Prepared:** January 2025

## MEET OUR CORPORATE PARTNERS

<b>Adante Senior Living</b> Retirement Community <a href="http://www.adantelife.com">www.adantelife.com</a> Independent Living: 210-493-0101 Assisted Living/Memory Care: 210-493-0103	<b>Army Residence Community</b> Retirement Living <a href="https://armyresidence.com/">https://armyresidence.com/</a> 210-646-5300	<b>Blue Skies of Texas</b> Retirement Community In the tradition of Air Force Village <a href="https://www.blueskiesoftexas.org/">https://www.blueskiesoftexas.org/</a> 866-553-5389
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***Your ad could be here!***

***Contact Col Lisa Skopal, USAF (Ret)***

***210-394-3885 [Lskopal@ymail.com](mailto:Lskopal@ymail.com)***

*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!!*

## 30-SECOND “ELEVATOR PITCH” TO PROMOTE MEMBERSHIP

I am \_\_\_\_\_ 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 750 members and is over 50 years 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 chapter operations and promote camaraderie through our monthly social events.

Here is an application providing FREE membership in both MOAA and the Alamo Chapter for one year - normally \$25.

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, and no pressure to be actively involved.

We are just looking to you to help strengthen our numbers.

You will receive legislative updates, our chapter newsletter *The Lariat* by email to keep you informed of what is going on.

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## Wednesday, 19 March Scholarship Awards Luncheon

**Speaker: Maj Gen Rick Martin, USAF  
(Ret)**

Alamo Heights United Methodist Church  
Christian Life Center  
825 E. Basse, San Antonio TX 78209  
Meet & Greet begins 11am - Lunch 11:30am

### Menu

BBQ Chicken, BBQ ribs, salad, potato salad and beans  
coffee, water & iced tea.

**Cost per person: Pay In Advance \$30; Pay At the Door \$35  
Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

RSVP by 4pm Wednesday 12 March  
Reservations not cancelled by then will be forfeited/billed  
Non member Officers & guests are welcome with paid reservations

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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## SAVE THE DATE

**Wednesday, April 23**

## Chapter Luncheon

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Details to follow.