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2020 State of the Chapter Report

The year of 2020 has been one for the record books. The Covid-19 pandemic has impacted the Chapter as it has the rest of the world. Meetings became virtual. The annual golf tournament was cancelled. Our satellites at Blue Skies of Texas and the Army Residence Community have been on lockdown. We have prevailed through this. Challenges still face us as we continue to be impacted by the pandemic. Here are some of the highlights.

- Our virtual monthly meetings have been an outstanding success. David Patrick has organized some fantastic speakers. Jim Cunningham is our Zoom guru by setting up the virtual connections. As we progress, we will see more of these, including perfecting the recording so that we can post on the Chapter website.
- The website continues to be a key to connect with you. We update it with the newsletters, transition links and other items of interest.
- Under the leadership of Peter Hunt,

we successfully connected with the various ROTC and JROTC units in the Spring to award 23 cadets with scholarships. I even had the opportunity to attend a UT Austin event virtually.

- Jim Cunningham continues to represent us in Austin for military issues. As president of the MOAA Texas Council of Chapters, he also organized the virtual MOAA “Storming of the Hill” in DC.
- The transition program continues to be strong in the San Antonio community. We are represented at the weekly JBSA Alliance, connecting with over 60 partners virtually all focused on helping military, veterans, retirees, and spouses. I am also a representative on the San Antonio Military Spouse Employment Empowerment Zone and other community activities supporting the military. David Patrick, Stephan Porter, and I are again organizing the Veterans Resource Village for the Texas Workforce Commission’s Red White and You Hiring Fair. This year’s event is virtual.

the pandemic limitations, he is reaching out to JBSA newcomer’s orientations and other programs to connect and recruit.

- The Chapter Board continues to provide support and guidance as we evolve through the challenges of the times.
- Our entire volunteer staff donated over 3745 hours last year and continues, along with our contract administrator, Trish Meserve, to run the day-to-day operations.

The Chapter continues to be one of the top recognized chapters in MOAA. We again were selected as a “5 Star Chapter of Excellence”. Thank you and congratulations to all.

Despite our successes, the Chapter is
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- We are in the initial steps of setting up the new Board of Directors for the Alamo Chapter Educational Foundation, our 501c3. This will be the charity fund for the activities that support the scholarships and other associated activities.
- Felix Santiago has explored new ways to connect and welcome new members to the Chapter. We continue to be recognized by MOAA for our recruiting initiatives. Even with



**WE DON'T
KNOW THEM ALL
BUT WE OWE
THEM ALL.**

**VETERANS
THANK YOU FOR
YOUR SERVICE**



TAPS

We have 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:

MajGen William Overacker
3/12/20



Thank You!

to each of our members 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!

MajGen David Garza USMC (Ret)

LTC Machielle Wood Denmon USA (Ret)

LtCol George Dowdey USAF (Ret)

Lt George Frecko USN (Fmr)

Col David Germann USAF (Ret)

LtCol Loretta Henderson USAF (Ret)

LTC Sean Hipp USA

LTC Alfred Howell USA (Ret)

CDR Jonathan Lovejoy USN (Ret)

COL Robert Mathews USA (Ret)

COL Joy Ream USA (Ret)

LtCol Diego Sanchez USAF (Ret)

Col Lisa Skopal USAF (Ret)

CW4 David Slyman USA (Ret)

LtCol David Walker USAF (Ret)



*The Commander, 502d Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio
Brigadier General Caroline M. Miller*

proudly invites you to attend the

***USAF Band of the West
Virtual Concert***

Honoring our Veterans

on Wednesday, 11th November 2020 at 7pm

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<https://m.facebook.com/bandofthewest>



Notable Celebrations In November

Nov 1 Daylight Savings Ends

Nov 3 Election Day

Nov 10 Marine Corps Birthday

Nov 11 Veterans Day

Nov 26 Thanksgiving Day

Alamo Chapter

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.

Visit **www.alamomoaa.org** for more info

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT PLANNED GIVING?

By COL (R) Vaughn E. Caudill, CPA, Alamo Chapter Treasurer

During these difficult times, I am inspired by a profound sense of just how blessed I am. If you have also reflected on how precious life is, and you want to give back, please consider including the Alamo Chapter in your estate distribution. What a wonderful way to leave your mark and impact the lives of the military in South Texas as your legacy.

Few people can support their favorite charities as much as they would like during their lifetimes, but most people can consider a bequest. That is one reason why we are asking members to consider naming the Alamo Chapter in their estate planning. Why should you choose to include the Alamo Chapter in your estate planning? You know we will make good use of your charitable gift supporting the military in south Texas.

Did you know that 60 to 70 percent of all Americans die without a valid will? Family members are left to imagine their loved ones' wishes, belongings may be distributed improperly, and assets are allocated according to state laws. Even if you have a will now may be the perfect time to review your estate planning documents. You can also update your planning documents to include a favorite organization such as the Alamo Chapter.

Here are some options for including the Alamo Chapter in your final plans:

1. Some types of bequests to consider:
 - a. Specific Bequest: what dollar amount, property or other asset
 - b. Percentage Bequest: Percentage of your estate or specific item
 - c. Residual Bequest: Alamo Chapter to receive the remainder after final expenses and other bequests
2. A gift by way of a beneficiary designation: naming the Alamo Chapter as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy, retirement plan, bank & investment accounts, or other financial accounts. Nothing could be easier!

3. Sample Bequest language:

"I give, devise, and bequeath to the MOAA-Alamo Chapter, P.O. Box 340497, San Antonio, TX 78234, Tax ID 82-1635522, _____% of my estate or the sum of \$____; the following described property _____; or _____% of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate."

"I (your name) do hereby publish this as a Codicil to my Last Will and Testament dated _____. Anything to the contrary in my aforesaid Last Will and Testament notwithstanding. I hereby devise and bequeath to MOAA-Alamo Chapter, P.O. Box 340497, San Antonio, TX 78234, tax identification number 82-1635522, the sum of \$____; or the following described property, to wit: _____; or _____ percent of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate."

*In all other ways I do hereby ratify and confirm my Last Will and Testament as heretofore published. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this (date)."
(Add your signature, witness signatures and seal.)*

Please have your gifting decision reviewed by your estate planner or other financial advisor.
Thank you.

Membership Memos

THANK YOU Renewing Members	WELCOME New Members	
Col David Germann USAF (Ret) CAPT William Knehans USN (Ret) Col Joseph Morgan USAF (Ret) COL Joy Ream USA (Ret) CAPT Daniel Walker USN (Ret) Col John Westerbeck USAF (Ret) LtCol George Dowdey USAF (Ret) LTC Paul Furukawa USA (Ret) LTC Derek Gaudlitz USA (Ret) LTC Alfonso Gomez USA (Ret) LTC Sean Hipp USA LTC Alfred Howell USA (Ret) CDR Jonathan Lovejoy USN (Ret) LTC Michael O'Brien USA (Ret) LtCol Roy Poole USAF (Ret) LtCol John Revak USAF (Ret) LtCol Diego Sanchez USAF (Ret) Maj Gregory Hood USAF (Ret) Lt George Frecsko USN (Frmr) CW4 Douglas Carlberg USA (Ret) CW4 David Slyman USA (Ret) CW2 Bill Strout USA (Ret) Janet Morgan Jeanne Rigg	MG David Glaser USA RADM Richard Walling USPHS BG James Raymer USA COL Jacqueline Ackley USA (Ret) Col Sarah Christ USAF Col James Culpepper USAF Col James Davis Jr USAF (Ret) COL Shad Deering USA Col Jon Dossett USAF (Ret) Col Richard Eaves USAF (Ret) Col Lonnie Garriss III USAF (Ret) Col Lisa Hansen-Tice USAF COL Lynn Harrelson USA (Ret) COL Raymond Herrera USA COL Timothy Hodge USA (Ret) Col Fazal Hussain USAFR COL Jason Leer USAR (Ret) COL Joseph McKeon USA (Ret) COL Charles O'Neal USA Col Thomas Kelly USMC (Ret) COL Mark Lavin II USA Col Robert Moriarty USAF (Ret) Col Stoli Nikolai USAF (Ret) COL Daniel Nosal USA (Ret) Col Freddie Peralta USAF (Ret) COL Ronald Rutherford USA (Ret) Col Laura Ryan USAF COL Steven Stanley USA Col Shane Stegman USAF (Ret) Col Mike Shields USAF (Ret) Col Felipe Torres USMC (Ret) COL William Wortham USA (Ret) COL Lloyd Youngblood USA (Ret) LtCol Garnel Alford USAF (Ret)	LtCol Gregg Beeber USAF LTC Angela Buchanan USA LTC James Cleveland USA (Ret) LTC David Diatkar Sr USA (Ret) LTC Michael Dolge USA LtCol Garry Elliott USAF (Ret) LtCol Mark Goldstein USAF (Ret) LtCol James Flanary USAF (Ret) LTC Martin Garcia USA (Ret) LtCol Bruce Graler USMC (Ret) LtCol Robert Green USAF (Ret) LTC Wanda Hubert USA (Ret) LTC William Jackson USA (Ret) CDR Pamela Klepac-Tulensru USN LTC Janet Kropf USA (Ret) LTC Ronald Leininger USA (Ret) LtCol James Lenard USMC LtCol Anthony Lytle USAFR LtCol Don Miller USAF (Ret) LTC Jeff Moser USA (Ret) LTC Michael Napolitano USAR CDR Louise Nellums USN LTC Nadia Pearson USA CDR Thomas Petitt USN (Ret) LtCol Brenda Roberts USAF (Ret) LtCol Nicholas Russo USAF LTC Cynthia Spencer USA (Ret) LtCol Jeffrey Sprink USAF (Ret) LTC Perilla Swartz USAR LtCol Andrew Taylor USAF LTC Thomas Tucker Jr USA (Ret) LtCol Geoffrey Wells USAF (Ret) LTC James Wideman USA (Continued on Page 6)
Current Membership Stats Active Duty 388 Surviving Spouse 177 Former Military 52 <u>Retired 817</u> Total 1434		

30-second “Elevator Pitch” To Promote Membership

Membership in an association such as ours is achieved by the majority when a friend/acquaintance is also a member.

We need your help to encourage your friends, neighbors, business associates etc to come join us! Participating in the social events is not mandatory (albeit fun!) but we do need their support and voice when it comes to advocacy at the city, county and state level.

Here’s an approach you could take when introducing MOAA Alamo Chapter to someone:

Open the conversation with something like:

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 1400+ 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 are strictly non partisan.
- 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.
- There is an application providing membership in both MOAA and the Alamo Chapter. (See Page 13)
- You owe it to yourself (and family)

to support the organization that supports you and I ask that you please join. Thanks.

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, the national MOAA *Military Officers* magazine, and our chapter newsletter *The Lariat* by email to keep you informed.
- Again, you owe it to yourself (and family) to be part of an organization that protects your rights, entitlements and benefits.

Have them sign up online at www.alamomoaa.org, or email us at moaa-ac@sbcglobal.net or call the office at 210.228.9955.

ORDER FORM - Alamo Chapter Merchandise

Pebble Beach Performance Golf Shirt \$30

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MAJ Joseph Biasioli III ARNG (Ret)
LCDR Richard Brandl USN (Ret)
Maj Donald Brown USAF (Ret)
Maj Jeffrey Colburn USAF
Maj Skyler Davenport USAF
Maj Michael Edwardy USAF (Ret)
MAJ David Elliott USA
Maj Eric Garcia USAFR (Frmr)
MAJ John Harwood USA
MAJ Jonathan Ladson USA (Ret)
Maj John Legris USAF (Ret)
Maj Glenn Little Jr USAF (Ret)
MAJ Debra Lore USA
LCDR Virginia Mata USN (Ret)
MAJ Terry Mathews USA (Ret)
Maj Chris Parker USAF
LCDR Patrick Perno USN (Frmr)
MAJ John Pham-Ta USAR
LCDR Hector Ponce USN (Ret)
MAJ Jon Reyes USA (Ret)
Maj Charlotte Reynolds USAF
MAJ Wilfredo Rivera USA
MAJ Tanya Schilling USA
MAJ Joshua Trigo USA
Maj Mark Williams USAF
LCDR Stephanie Wright USNR (Frmr)
Capt Tracy Brown USAF
Capt Danny Campos USA (Frmr)
CPT Ashli Carlson USA
CPT Anna Davalos USAR
CPT Armando Deleon USA (Frmr)
CPT Zakiya Dixon USA
CPT Zach Eoute USA
CPT Dr Maria Faison USA (Frmr)

CPT George Fields III ARNG
CPT Robert Gallagher USA (Ret)
CPT Christopher Irwin USA
CPT Ann Marie Melendez ARNG
Capt Jon Messer USAF
Capt Mary Miller USAF (Frmr)
CPT Raul Sanchez ARNG
Capt Matthew Simmons USAF
CPT Ricky Simpson USA
CPT Cynthia Varela ANG (Ret)
Capt Gregory Warrington USMC (Frmr)
LT Remely Andrzejewski USPHS
LT Oyinola Fadare USPHS
LT Nicolaus Williams USPHS
LT Geoffrey Young USN
1Lt Joshua Cincotta USAF
1LT David Donald ARNG (Frmr)
1LT Luis Garza USA (Frmr)
1LT Jimmy Kirkpatrick USA (Frmr)
1LT Tara Reese USA
1LT Bruce Swearingen USA (Frmr)
2LT Marie Aley USAR
2LT Joy Alvarado USAR
2LT Alexandro Briseno USA
2LT Courtney Brooks USA
2LT Joshua Carroll USA
2LT Kamal Chahin USA
2LT Keith Cook ANG
2LT Nathan Crane USA
2LT Thomas Czarnecki USA
2LT Cristina Delagarza USA
2LT Troy Dimick USA
2Lt Jacqueline Fogerty USAFR
2LT Brandon Garcia USA
2LT Aaron Gilbert USA
2Lt Laura Hemingway USAF
2LT Joseph Hinojosa USA
2LT Mariah Housley USA

2Lt William Hurst USAF
2Lt Miguel Linares USAF
2LT Bianca Longoria USA
2LT Kaitlyn Macaulay USA
2LT Justin Martinez USA
2Lt Jeffrey McGlothlin ANG
2LT Victorio Mendez USA
2LT Moran Moran USA
2LT Jon-Tait Ortiz USA
2LT Arthur Ouellette USA
2LT Meaghan Sall USA
2LT Steven Vargas USA
2LT Jason Wheelock USA
2LT Maryna Williams USA
2LT Amber Zertuche USA
CW5 Ray Ballin USA (Ret)
CWO5 Emiliano De Leon, Jr USMC
CWO4 Tim Davis USMCR
CW3 Peter Henning USA (Ret)
CW3 Nicole Montgomery USA
CW3 Diane Stubel USA (Ret)
CW2 Joshua Perdue USA (Ret)
CW2 Guillermo Tijerina Sr USA (Ret)
CW2 Gerard Velasco USA (Ret)
WO1 Eugene Bell ARNG
WO1 Olivia Garza ARNG
WO1 Jesus Huerta USA
WO1 Jennifer Koepp USA
Dawn Disilvestro
Kevin Faughnder
Charlotte Hains
Barbara Kavinsky
Patricia Keller
Donna Kiernan
Harriet Shockey
James Wilburn
Shirley Wood
Katie Wray



Medical Minute

Fall Viruses

Just as we are coping with COVID 19, trying to find treatment and vaccines for it, other infectious diseases and allergies are creeping into the picture.

Mountain Cedar allergy strikes between September and December as the winds blow pollen from the Hill Country. About 80% of San Antonians are affected by Mountain Cedar allergy.

Additionally, an infective disease we thought we had under control is shingles. The virus that causes chickenpox is also what causes shingles. It's called varicella zoster. It can lie quietly in your nerves for decades after causing chickenpox but suddenly wake up and become active. Also known as Herpes Simplex from the Herpes zoster family. Immunity lasts just 5 years, then a weeping residue appears along a nerve line. Serious complications could be emerging - a whole tourist ship was quarantined because of shingles.

Symptoms are redness, itch, rash, and blisters. Some serious complications include loss of eyesight, pneumonia, encephalitis and loss of hearing, balance and encephalitis. Several cases have already appeared in public health testing facilities. There are medications available.

It is best treated before the vesicles appear. Anyone who's had chickenpox may develop shingles. It isn't known what reactivates the virus.

Treatments include pain relief and antiviral medications such as acyclovir or valacyclovir. A chickenpox vaccine in childhood or a shingles vaccine as an adult can minimize the risk of developing shingles.

Social distancing and the wearing of the mask should probably keep you away from these allergies and diseases.

Source: Scientific American Health after 50.

Irene Collier (Ret)



Solitaires



Kublai Khan

We all know about the great Genghis Khan but know little about his equally famous grandson Kublai Khan. Kublai's father was Tolui, the fourth son of the Mongol leader Genghis Khan. He was born 1215. His mother was a Christian Mongol princess. Upon the death of Genghis Khan, the lands were distributed among his father and four uncles.

Mongke, the eldest brother of Kublai, became the Emperor upon the death of Tolui. Mongke's death created a challenge between Kublai and his brother, Ariq Boke, over the lands. A civil war lasted until 1264 when Kublai succeeded as Emperor Shizu of Yan, the fifth khagan of the Mongol Empire. He reigned until his death.

Kublai proved to be a mighty general, using his grandfather's techniques as his empire expanded into southwestern China into what is now Vietnam. He used an ancient Chinese game, a combination of old religions, and won the prophecy that if he took the religion he would succeed. With the assistance of his educated wife, he charmed the local leaders by accepting Buddhism as the official religion. His empire would eventually stretch from the Pacific to the Black Sea and from Siberia to now Afghanistan. His wife was a great administrator and well versed in dialects. She proved to be a great asset. He moved his capitol from Mongol territory to China and took to what is now Beijing as his capitol.

Marco Polo came to Beijing during the reign of Kublai. He brought with him many marketing skills that the Chinese found useful. He was assigned the job of administrator to the marketing southern part. They profited well with this leadership.

When Kublai Khan set up his government administration, he made the more intelligent Chinese the first layer. Then came Mongolians, followed by the Asian leaders and finally small province leaders. This did not please

the Mongolians. But it was successful.

His desire was to be buried in the hills of Mongolia upon his death. Although he spent most of his life in China, he was still Mongol at heart. He is buried in the mountains behind capitol city in Mongolia. When I was in Mongolia, people said they did not know where he was buried. Only one person at a time is to be in the know. He did not want foreigners, sight seekers, and vandals visiting his grave. This location has been passed down from one person to the next down through the centuries, frustrating the vandals and grave robbers that are common in Europe, Asia, and Africa.

Among his greatest achievements are that he created one unified China. He introduced paper money and expanded merchandising. He unsuccessfully tried twice to invade Japan even though he did have a good navy. He died at age 79 in 1294.

Source: National Geographic History April 2020

Irene Collier (Ret)

Happy 245th Birthday
to the

United States
Marine Corps

Nov 10, 1775



Semper Fidelis
(Always Faithful)

November Zoom Speaker Bio



Cris Eugster
Chief Operating Officer CPS Energy

Cris Eugster is responsible for the operations of CPS Energy's power generation and electric delivery businesses that encompass over 7500MW of generation capacity, 12,600 miles of electrical distribution, and 1,500 miles of electrical transmission serving our region's nearly 2 million residents.

Cris' leadership has driven the transformation of CPS Energy into a strong, innovative 21st century power provider. The strategy has led to significant investments in low-carbon capabilities such as combined cycle natural gas, solar, wind, and battery storage, in addition to large-scale demand response programs and innovative smart grid solutions. CPS Energy is nationally recognized for its efforts in the New Energy Economy and has won numerous awards.

Cris has more than 25 years of leadership experience in the energy and technology sectors. He is a utility industry executive grounded in science, with experience in the private and public sectors, and a track record of improving financial / operational performance and core business transformation through the integration of clean energy solutions and new, sustainable technologies. His belief that utilities can and should be a positive force, and his ability to bring a high-tech culture to the utility sector have shaped all his work.

Cris joined CPS Energy in 2009 as EVP, Chief Sustainability Officer and has been instrumental in leading the

Company's transformation from a traditional into a future-oriented utility while maintaining among the lowest rates in the top 20 largest U.S. cities.

Prior to coming to San Antonio, Cris was the first Chief Officer for Sustainable Growth for the City of Houston as part of Mayor Bill White's team. Prior to that, he was a Partner with McKinsey & Company, an international management consulting firm, serving Fortune 100 companies in the Technology, Energy, and Diversified Services markets.

In addition to his role at CPS Energy, Cris sits on a number of Boards including the Smart Electric Power Association (SEPA) as former Chairman; Chairman of the Board of EPI-center; the Association of Edison Illuminating Companies (AEIC); the Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG); the United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County; Advisory Board Member of the Texas A&M Smart Grid Center (SGC); Member of the Trinity University Business Advisory Council. He is also on the EPRI Research Advisory Council providing input and thought leadership on technology and strategy for the utility industry.

In February of 2018, he was named co-chair of the Transformation Advisory Council for the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority (PREPA) where he provided expertise towards creating a sustainable and customer-centric grid. He was also appointed to the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Puerto Rico, as part of the Southern States Energy Board.

Cris was honored the San Antonio Business Journal's 2018 C-Suite Award.

Cris received his doctorate and master's in electrical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), with a focus on quantum transport research in nanostructures. He received his bachelor's in electrical engineering from Texas A&M University where he graduated Magna Cum Laude.

He is married and has twin sons.

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Using the \$52.07 that went to Adult & Teen Challenge as an example, if 10-15 of you shopped AmazonSmile then \$520 would be donated, if 20-30 of you shopped then \$1,000 would be donated which equals one scholarship. I am predicting for every 25-30 members that shop from AmazonSmile the foundation will receive enough for a scholarship.

Yes, I will be switching my account to support the Alamo Chapter Educational Foundation - hope you will too.



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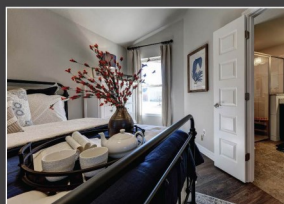
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Estate Planning & Decedent Affairs Checklist

In these uncertain times, one way to achieve
some peace of mind is to have your personal affairs
in order.

The MOAA Alamo Chapter is here to provide
you with resources regarding estate planning and
decendent affairs checklist. These are general guide-
lines and recommendations. Your estate planning is
better enhanced when you work with your attorney
or legal support office.

Please either contact the office for a copy or go
online to the Alamo chapter website and find a link
to it under the Hot News section on the home page.

Cora Bayle-Cox

CAPT USN (Ret)

Assistant Personal Affairs Officer

It's Almost Tax Time Again!

Will you give more to the IRS or make a tax deductible donation to MOAA-AC?

Dear Alamo Chapter Members:

Can you believe it is almost income tax time again with the IRS lurking just around the corner?

Like any other volunteer based nonprofit organization it takes resources – people and operating capital -- to accomplish our mission and provide our approximately 1,100 members the programs and services they deserve. We operate on a very lean annual operating budget of approximately \$45,000 and have the reputation for being fiscally responsible under tight cost controls. Membership dues cover less than 30% of our expenses so we must rely on non-dues revenue, i.e., advertising, corporate sponsorships and **individual donations** to help us keep our lights on and the doors open each year!

Additionally, the amount we award in Scholarships in any given year is based on the amount received through our fund raising efforts the previous year. In 2020 we were able to give 23 x \$1,000 to local JROTC and ROTC Cadets but due to the pandemic our normal fundraisers had to be curtailed and we will be severely underfunded for the 2021 scholarship program.

So . . . I am asking you to please consider making a donation either to our Chapter Operations or to our Scholarship Fund. Why give more to the IRS when you can make a tax deductible contribution to your Alamo Chapter? The Alamo Chapter Educational Foundation is a registered 501(c) 3 Non Profit. Tax ID 82-16355222. Your contributions do make a difference!

Just complete and mail the form below

or

donate on our website at <http://www.alamomoaa.org/donate.cfm>.

Again, thank you for your membership. You continue to be a valued asset to our country, to our military community and to the MOAA organization. Through your financial generosity, we look forward to continuing to provide you “5-star” service in the coming years.

Respectfully,



Kathryn “Kitty” Meyers, LtCol USAF (Ret)
President

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Sponsors and advertisers are vital for the success of any nonprofit and our Chapter is no exception.

Their support provides us with the resources to fulfill our mission. We are working hard to build long-term relationships with several sponsors and businesses throughout the San Antonio area for both the Chapter operations and our Educational Foundation. The Foundation provides the support for the JROTC and ROTC scholarships distributed to deserving cadets annually.

We need your help to “pay it forward”. Please consider using these companies whenever possible. Let them know you saw their name in MOAA Alamo Chapter’s monthly newsletter, *The Lariat*, and make sure you thank them for their support. This lets them know their sponsorship is paying off advertising with MOAA Alamo Chapter. This will help ensure a long-term partnership with them and the Chapter.

Additionally, if you know of any business interested in sponsoring or advertising in the monthly *Lariat*, please let me know. We have different levels of sponsorship and different advertising options that can be tailored to each business.

A marketing package has been developed that describes the various plans. I would be happy to meet and help them develop options that will benefit their needs.

Lisa Skopal

Lisa Skopal
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Transitioning Tips

Decisions

Creating a transition plan, any plan, starts with a goal in mind. What's your goal? In today's competitive market, winging it won't get you there. If you don't have a defined goal and a well-organized plan of action, you are dead in the water. Think of the best military plans. All had strategies on how to achieve. Details counted. Alternate paths were created as circumstances changed. These are definite requirements in this fluctuating job market compounded by a pandemic.

First question is what you want. If you haven't thought this through thoroughly, then it's time to stop and reevaluate. Is this the right time to make a change? Am I financially ready to go through a change? Even when you have a new position in hand, there may be costs involved. A relocation can be a budget buster if not planned. A good friend of mine calls this positionality. Take time to thoroughly review all aspects of your current situation, where you, what you want.

The next question is have you created that strategic plan and the various pieces involved. Pieces, you ask. Yes! The resume is just one tool in the toolbox. You need a master resume with lots of accomplishments that include the metrics. These accomplishments should show how you impacted the outcome. Show the results. Use quantitative values such as how many dollars saved, or an increased percentage of sales. These are just two examples. If not quantitative, show the qualitative impact. Now is the time to brag with humility. Note that this master resume can be customized into two pages to match the responsibilities identified in the job description. Other marketing tools include your LinkedIn and business cards.

The most important step in your strategic transition plan is your network. If you are not building a network of contacts and working this network to make those necessary con-

nections that will link you to a job, then you are not ready to start the transition process. This has become the dealbreaker in today's world. It's all about relationships. Even in pandemic times, you can network. LinkedIn, Zooming and other tools have connected us to folks. The research that was essential prior to the pandemic is now paramount to discovering directions to follow in your job search.

These are just the highlights of a solid strategic plan. Each plan must be customized to each job seeker. There is no cookie-cutter that can be applied. Reach inside of you to discover your wants. Discover what you are passionate about and follow that path. Build the resumes and the networks that will lead you to that fulfilling job/career.

I would recommend any interested in a great transition seminar to check in with Centurion Military Alliance at www.cmawarrior.org. Chaunte Hall is the originator of positionality. The CMA seminar is one of the best I've seen or heard of. It is free through the CMA nonprofit and is virtual at this time due to the pandemic.

Best wishes.

Kitty

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

State of the Chapter

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facing sizeable financial challenges. We have a history of budgeting very conservatively. Our treasurer Vaughn Caudill has continued to challenge us to manage our fiscal position. However, the pandemic has hit us hard. Our funds come from three primary sources – dues, donations, and sponsorships. The sponsorships have been a significant percentage of the income in the past. You see them as the advertisers in the Lariat. As with us, the pandemic has hit our advertising organizations and companies hard. Lisa Skopal, our advertising coordinator, has not been able to get out to reinforce these connections or to create new opportunities. Everyone is in lockdown.

As we continue to pursue opportunities to keep the Chapter membership connected, we look to you for support. Vaughn has written an article for the Lariat sizing up our financial challenges. Letters for support are coming your way. I ask that you consider assisting us financially. It is unusual to include asking for assistance in the State of the Chapter message, but the times dictate the call for support. We are a strong chapter, and with your support, we intend to stay strong. Our mission is to continue to be such a force in our community, the state and in DC for you.

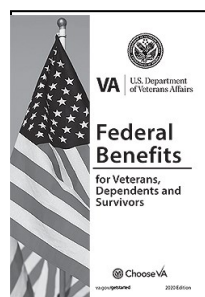
Best wishes for a marvelous holiday season and blessed 2021. We are honored to serve you.

Kitty

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VA Federal Handbooks 2020

There are currently 2 handbooks available for download - the Federal Benefits for Veterans, Dependents and Survivors, and the HELLO, Welcome to VA. Let's get Started. Two easy-to-read options explaining Veterans Benefits you have earned.



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☐ YES! Sign me up as a new Alamo Chapter Member

☐ YES! Renew my Alamo Chapter Membership

Name _____

Branch of Service _____ Rank _____

☐ Retired ☐ Active ☐ Former

☐ Reserve ☐ National Guard

☐ Spouse/Surviving Spouse of Eligible Officer

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Phone Number _____

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Spouse Email Address _____

☐ *I would you like to help the Chapter as a Volunteer*

One-Year Membership \$20
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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)
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Current Needs:

- 1) Secretary (No minute-taking required)
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- 3) Membership Cmte Members
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*Position Descriptions can be found on
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Annual Financial Report



As of October 31, 2020

Outreach	Income	Donations	\$22,596
		Golf Tournament	\$0
		Other	\$2,500
		Total Revenue:	\$25,096

	Expense	Charities	\$333
		Admin Golf	\$0
		Scholarships	\$23,000
		Total Outflows:	\$23,333

	Increase in Outreach Fund	\$1,763
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Operations	Income	Donations	\$4,884
		Membership Dues	\$11,925
		Non Dues Income	\$3,832
		Social Events	\$3,989
		Total Revenue:	\$24,630

	Expense	Contractor	\$18,083
		Insurance	\$1,768
		Lariat	\$0
		Phone/Internet	\$1,683
		Postage	\$1,747
		Office Supplies	\$2,059
		PayPal/Square Fees	\$388
		Social Events	\$3,903
		Dues & Subscription	\$1,551
		Total Outflows:	\$31,182

	Deficit	\$6,552
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Bank Balances

Operations:	Broadway Bank	\$3,596
	RBFCU CD's	\$16,905
	Total Operations:	\$20,500

Outreach:	RBFCU Checking/MM	\$23,893
	RBFCU Certificates	\$10,414
	Total Outreach:	\$34,308



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Thursday Nov 19
11am - Noon
ZOOM Webinar

Chris Eugster, PhD

Chief Operating Officer
CPS Energy

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