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## President's Message

San Antonio has such a unique history is so many ways. This is especially true for its military history. We've had military stationed, garrisoned, whatever term applies to the scenario, for almost 300 years. Our JBSA is the largest joint base in DoD and the missions seem to grow daily. What a legacy and an honor!

Our chapter alone has its legacy. For 60ish years, we've had a presence on Ft Sam Houston. This honor is unique to any other MOAA chapter as they meet off post or base. Our on-base office is located in the historical district of Ft Sam in a building that was constructed in the early 1900's and was originally constructed as the latrine to an adjacent barracks (now the headquarters of the 502<sup>nd</sup> Force Support Group). Who knew!

The City of San Antonio recognizes the value of the military presence.

They received the copyright to the title of “Military City USA”. The Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce has celebrated this relationship for the past 53 years through “Celebrate America's Military”.

Starting with our golf tournament on Friday, October 27 and running for the next two weeks, CAM events are held all over San Antonio to celebrate the military community. I recommend that you check the website <https://www.celebrateamericasmilitary.com/events.html> for a complete listing.

Another bit of interest. There are at least 33 events scheduled for Saturday, November 11 to honor and

celebrate Veterans Day. The City's tourism arm, Visit San Antonio, is leading the way with a San Antonio Veterans Day celebration at HemisFair Park. This will run from noon to 8pm with events and activities. The Veterans Day Parade will travel down Houston Street starting at noon.

What a wonderful way to honor those of us who have served! Please check out the many options and enjoy. Best wishes for a marvelous day.

Kitty

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

## Annual Business Meeting Notice

The Chapter's Annual Business Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 16 at the Chapter Luncheon at the Ft Sam Golf Club.

The results of the Chapter Officer elections will be announced and the proposed by-law amendments will be voted upon by those in attendance

(See summary on Page 3).

## 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.

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## 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!

COL David Bell, USA (Ret)

Donna Brady

Dallas Brown

LTC Alva Brownfield, USA (Ret)

Lt Col Betty Foley, USAF (Ret)

MG Barbara Holcomb, USA (Ret)

LTC Ron Kettler, USA (Ret)

CAPT William Knehans, USN (Ret)

CW3 Preston Leingang, USA (Ret)

CW4 Theodore Longobardi, USA

Lt Col Kitty Meyers, USAF (Ret)

Patty Miller

CDR Charles Porter, USN (Ret)

Col Rose Ramirez, USAF (Ret)

Col Dan Rogers, USAF (Ret)

COL Nancy Ruffin, USA (Ret)

COL Joan Ruttle-King, USA (Ret)

Lt Col Diego Sanchez, USAF (Ret)

CPT Robert Shea, USA (Ret)

CW4 David Slyman, USA (Ret)

(Ret)

LTC Machielle Wood Denmon, USA

(Ret)



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

### Chapter Scholarships



The Alamo Chapter awards scholarships (\$1,000 each) in 4 categories:

1. College ROTC cadets
2. High school JROTC cadets (General Garza "Let's Go" Scholarships, General Herring and Colonel McCarthy scholarships)
3. The COL Clarence Torrey scholarship for Bexar County student with a military relative
4. The MAJ James and Cheryl Cunningham scholarship for a dependent of an active MOAA-AC member.

College ROTC scholarship winners are selected by their detachment/battalion commanders, and the COL Clarence Torrey scholarship nominees are forwarded to the chapter from the Minnie Piper Foundation of the Bexar County Scholarship Clearing House; details are available from high school guidance counselors.

A common application utilized for JROTC cadets and the MAJ James and Cheryl Cunningham scholarship is posted on the chapter website or available from our Scholarship Committee Chairman, Col (ret) Pete Hunt - email him at:

[moaa.ac.awards@gmail.com](mailto:moaa.ac.awards@gmail.com)

**Deadline: 15 January 24**

### MOAA Alamo Chapter?

#### Who Are We?

The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) is a non profit veterans' association dedicated to maintaining a strong national defense and ensuring our nation keeps its commitments to currently serving, retired, and former members of the uniformed services and their families and survivors.

The Alamo Chapter is one of the more than 400 local organizations affiliated with national MOAA. We support the national organization through membership recruitment, veterans transition initiatives and legislative support.

### Upcoming Events

#### NOVEMBER

**1-18 Celebrate Americas Military (CAM) Events**

*2 Staff Meeting 10am MOAA-AC Office*

**5 Daylight Savings Time Ends**

**7 Election Day**

*9 Golf After Action Mtg 10am*

**10 Marine Corps Birthday**

**11 Veterans Day**

*14 MACEF Board Meeting 2pm*

**16 Annual Business Meeting Luncheon 11am Ft Sam Golf Club**

**23 Thanksgiving**

## Chapter Bylaw Amendments

The MOAA-AC Board of Directors amended the Chapter Bylaws dated November 21, 2019. These amended Bylaws will be presented to the membership for approval at the November 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting/Luncheon.

Here is a synopsis of the amendments:

**Art I. para C.** Added info about the Alamo Chapter Educational Foundation.

**Art I para D.** Changed mission words to match what are on the website.

**Art II para H.** Added "the".

**Art V para A.** Deleted "Redundant with C."

**Art VII para A.** Added the new VP titles/positions that were previously approved for by the Board.

**Art VII para E.** Added the new VP duties and responsibilities.

**Art VII para F.** Deleted Advertising Coordinator and Awards, and Scholarships Committee Chair since these are now the VP Marketing and Development and VP Scholarships and Leadership Development positions.

**Arts VIII and XIII.** Changed from "employee" to "staff" since we technically have no "employees" since Trish is an independent contractor.

**Art XI para A.** Cleaned up reference to the Foundation with its new acronym, i.e., "MACEF"

**Page 11.** Changed Board Chair signature block.

David Patrick, Col, USAF (Ret)  
Acting Secretary, MOAA-Alamo Chapter  
[dwpatrick01@gmail.com](mailto:dwpatrick01@gmail.com)  
210-259-9867

*For a copy of the current bylaws, please visit [www.alamomoaa.org/documents/by-laws.pdf](http://www.alamomoaa.org/documents/by-laws.pdf), or call the office and you will be mailed/emailed a copy. Voting will held during the Annual Business Meeting luncheon on Thursday Nov 16th at the Ft Sam Golf Club. See RSVP slip on back page.*

## 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

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

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

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

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

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

### Method of Payment

☐ Check (make payable to MOAA Alamo Chapter)

☐ Credit Card Charge my card \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_ CVV \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

# Membership Memos

## THANK YOU Renewing Members:

MG Barbara Holcomb, USA (Ret)  
 COL David Bell, USA (Ret)  
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 COL Francis Burns, USA (Ret)  
 Col Roger Corbin, USAF (Ret)  
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 Col Joseph Morgan, USAF (Ret)  
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 Col Robert Robbins, USAF (Ret)  
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 COL Nancy Ruffin, USA (Ret)  
 COL Joan Ruttle-King, USA (Ret)  
 Col Sarah Williams, USAF (Ret)  
 LTC Alva Brownfield, USA (Ret)  
 LTC Barbara Deeter, USA (Ret)  
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 Lt Col Mark Jiatt, USAF (Ret)  
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 Lt Col Steven Letch, USAF (Ret)  
 CDR Jonathan Lovejoy, USN (Ret)  
 Lt Col James McCormick, USAF (Ret)  
 LTC Dan Mishket, USA (Ret)  
 CDR Charles Porter, USN (Ret)  
 LTC James Roybal, ARNG  
 Lt Col Diego Sanchez, USAF (Ret)  
 LTC Judi Trotti, USA (Ret)  
 Maj Thomas Dera, USAF  
 MAJ James Drake, USA (Ret)  
 MAJ Thomas Tucker, USA (Ret)  
 Maj Thomas Vanderhoof, USAF (Ret)  
 CPT Richard Buzen, (Ret)  
 CPT Robert Shea, USA (Ret)

CW4 Theodore Longobardi, USA  
 CW4 David Slyman, USA (Ret)  
 (Ret)  
 CW3 Preston Leingang, USA (Ret)  
 CW2 Bill Strout, USA (Ret)  
 Dallas Brown  
 Virginia Callanan  
 Melodye Jensen  
 Sara Marsh  
 Janet Morgan  
 Jeanne Rigg

## 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](mailto:dwpatrick01@gmail.com)

If you are an area **employer** who is interested in hiring career transitioning officers or their spouses or if you are a MOAA member interested in helping a career transitioning officer or spouse as a **San Antonio Networker**,

or if you are a **MOAA-AC member Job Seeker**, please contact

**Kitty Meyers LtCol USAF (Ret)**

Chapter Transition Liaison Officer at

[kamcon-sulthr@gmail.com](mailto:kamcon-sulthr@gmail.com)

## WELCOME New Members:

Col Shannon Hanscom, USAF  
 Lt Col Karen Dayle-Horsley, USAF (Ret)  
 LTC Tiffany Dills, USA  
 LTC David Smith, USA  
 Lt Col Nancy Stinson, USAF (Ret)  
 Maj Christopher Menold, USAF (Ret)  
 Maj Vanessa Mora, USAF (Ret)  
 CPT Timothy Aplin, USA  
 CPT Matthew Diemer, USA  
 WO1 Carla Bautista, USAR  
 WO1 Jocelyn Ntakirutimana, ARNG  
 Dorothy Saylor

## Membership Stats

Active Duty 97  
 Former Military 26  
 Friends of the Chapter 5  
 Retired 583  
 Surviving Spouse 131

**Total 842**





## 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 900+ members the programs and services they deserve. We operate on a very lean annual operating budget of approximately \$35,000 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 fundraising efforts the previous year. In 2023 we were able to give 31 x \$1,000 to local JROTC and ROTC Cadets plus \$3,000 towards ROTC Leadership Development activities and now we are looking to bolster the 2024 scholarship program.

***So . . . I am asking you to please consider making a donation either to our Chapter Operations or to our Educational Foundation. Why give more to the IRS when you can make a tax deductible contribution to your Alamo Chapter?*** MOAA-AC Operations is a registered 501(c) 4 Non Profit Veterans Organization, tax ID 90-0591629. The MOAA Alamo Chapter Educational Foundation (MACEF) is a registered 501(c) 3 Non Profit. Tax ID 82-16355222. Any RMD can easily be transferred tax free. Your contributions do make a difference!

**Just complete and mail the form below**

**or**

**donate on our secure website at <https://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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***Please mail to: MOAA-AC, P.O. Box 340497, Ft. Sam Houston, TX 78234***

# Special Thanks To Our Golf Tournament Supporters



Despite a some initial wet threats the day turned into a breezy sunny day!

Almost 70 players, including 9 wounded warriors, came out to play and support the beneficiaries namely the USO Warrior & Family Support Center on JBSA Ft Sam Houston and the Alamo Chapter Educational Foundation which provides scholarships for JROTC and ROTC cadets in our catchment area.

Lunch was provided by Little Caesars pizza and the Awards dinner was catered to perfection by the Quarry.

A long but rewarding day with net proceeds of over \$15,000.

We'll soon be starting the planning for next year's tournament - contact the office if you'd like to be involved!

## Individuals:

Col Dale Addington  
Lt Col John Bandy  
Col Randy Bruett  
CAPT Gene Carnicom  
Col Rodney Day  
Col Brad Freeman  
Col Andrew Gale  
Linda Gayer  
Michelle Gray  
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Lt Col Jeffrey Sprink  
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Petroleum Club

Quarry Golf Club  
Randolph Oaks Golf Club  
Raven Studios  
RBFCU  
San Antonio Tamales

## Thanks also to:

Quarry Golf Pro **Brent Foerster** & the Quarry Staff.

And with great appreciation to **Heather Krauss** of the USO for organizing the Wounded Warriors who are able to join us.

## Committee & Volunteers

Dale Addington; Brad Barnhart; Drew Berman; Missy Cruz, Jim Cunningham; Rodney Day; Kathie Estrada, Ron Hannan; Ron Inselmann; Chad Jespersen; Roland Keller; Trish Merserve; Kitty Meyers; David Patrick; John Pavlovsky, Frank Rohrbough; Stephen Rohrbough; Felix Santiago; Lisa Skopal; Stephanie Trochak; Dale Vande Hey; Leticia Walpole.







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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY to those members born in the month of November.

*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.*

Ernest Aliseda, LTC USAR (Ret)	Andrew Gale, Col USAF (Ret)	Rondel Minter, Col USAF (Ret)
Charles Belcher, CAPT USN (Ret)	Derek Gaudlitz, LTC USA (Ret)	Joseph Morgan III, Col USAF (Ret)
Donald Bentley, Jr, COL USA	Earl Gilley, LTC USA (Ret)	Eddie Jo Nicholson, Capt USAF Fmr
Sean Blaydon, LTC USA Fmr	Peter Godwin, Lt Col USAF (Ret)	Lucille Paone
James Brotherton, CAPT USN (Ret)	James Griffith, CWO-4 USNR (Ret)	Thomas Pettitt, CDR USN (Ret)
Douglas Carlberg, CW4 USA (Ret)	Frank Gudat, MAJ USA (Ret)	Stephan Porter, LTC USA (Ret)
Gene Carnicom, CAPT USPHS (Ret)	John Gueldner, LTC USA (Ret)	Robert Ramirez, Col USAF (Ret)
Darrell Childers, COL USA (Ret)	Stanford Hickman, COL USA (Ret)	Rose Ramirez, Col USAF (Ret)
Jim Conrad, MAJ USA (Ret)	Arthur Jackson, COL USA (Ret)	Bradley Ritt, LTC USA
Michael Davis, MAJ USA	Darrell Jenkins, Sr, COL USA (Ret)	Eugene Robbins, LT USNR (Ret)
Jackie Deponte,	Linda Johnson, Maj USAF (Ret)	Sherrell Russell, Col USAF (Ret)
Martha Dingey, LTC USA (Ret)	Curtis Juell, Col USAF	Winston Shaffer II, Lt Col USAF (Ret)
Douglas Dumas, LCDR USN (Ret)	James Klar, LTC USA (Ret)	Lenora Shaw, COL USA (Ret)
Michael Eason, LTC USA (Ret)	Pong Lalli	David Sherrard, COL USA (Ret)
David Enos, Col USAF (Ret)	Marvin Loera, COL USA (Ret)	Robert Snodgrass, Col USAF (Ret)
Richard Femrite, LTC USA (Ret)	Doris Malmberg-Long	Margot Stryker
Michael Foster, MAJ USA (Ret)	James R. McConnell, Col USAF (Ret)	Dan White, CDR USN (Ret)
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# Soldiers' Angels

Sign up to volunteer on their website: [Soldiersangels.org](https://Soldiersangels.org)



## Virtual Volunteer Opportunities

Soldiers' Angels offers many ways for you to make a difference in the lives of our military service people and their families.



## Volunteer to Feed Veterans

Veteran Food Distribution events provide up to two weeks of groceries to veterans in need. This event relies on monthly volunteers to help distribute the food.



## 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.



## Home of the Brave

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*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!!*



# Transition Tips

## Continuing the “Service”

Many transitioning from active duty find that there is a void within. Something is missing that can't be identified. For how many years we served our country. We had a mission to fulfill. That became an identity, a purpose. All of a sudden, even if planned, it was lifted when we took off the uniform.

Some focus on family. Others focus on finding employment. All super! However, some don't feel that that is enough. I have an option for you. This can be either full-time or part-time or even occasionally. For as many hours as you want. It means giving to your new community while also filling that void.

In previous articles in both the president's column and in those written for this transition column, I've talked about volunteering. You're asking about why I now would include this in a column about transitioning. It's really quite simple.

I talk about finding your passion. One way to investigate is by volunteering with an organization such as a nonprofit that can utilize your skills while you get to know the community. You'll meet new friends and possibly employment contacts. In essence, you are building your network and establishing community connections.

You will also be exploring how your skills translate into civilian speak. You could also pick up skills that enhance your resume. This can be done all the while you are testing the marketplace for direction in your job search. AND, you will be helping your new community.

Without, hopefully, being too simplistic about it, volunteering gives an opportunity to meet new people and explore your community while having fun. You'll feel the value of giving. The reward is intrinsic and can also lead to the extrinsic – a new job! Best of luck and happy holidays.

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&  
Annual Business Meeting**  
**Speaker: Jeffrey Arndt**  
**CEO VIA Transit**

**Ft Sam Golf Club**  
1050 Harry Wurzbach, San Antonio TX 78209  
Meet & Greet begins 11am - Lunch 11:30am

**Menu**  
Soup, Salad, Sandwich & Dessert  
Coffee, Water & Iced Tea.

**Cost per person: Pay In Advance \$24; Pay At the Door \$28**  
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**Thursday, December 14**  
**Holiday Luncheon**  
**featuring**  
**Alamo Heights Young**  
**Adult Choir**

**Ft Sam Golf Club**  
1050 Harry Wurzbach, San Antonio TX 78209  
Meet & Greet begins 11am - Lunch 11:30am

**Holiday Menu**  
Spring Mix Salad, Turkey, Wild Rice, Butter Green Beans, Rolls  
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