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## President's Message

Hello, all. I'm late in writing this article. The goal, not often met I must admit, is to have the article drafted and sent to Trish a bit earlier than this. However, the golf tournament has kept all of us very busy. A very special thank you to all who volunteered to make this year's tournament such a success. We are still tallying the "numbers". We do know that the players were exceedingly pleased with the play that day.

The success of this event and everything that we do is due to our volunteers. The chapter doesn't exist without the volunteerism of our members. From the basic chapter operations to participating in the various endeavors, the Alamo Chapter would not function. Here are just a few.

- The bi-annual Advocating in Austin along with the Texas Council of Chapters
- The annual golf tournament
- The scholarship program and its celebratory luncheon
- The Soldiers' Angel food distributions along with the coat and sock collections
- The USAF ROTC field day
- The monthly luncheon and Happy Hour events

It takes your support to make these events happen. The message is that we need your support. Some of these are

not as glamorous as the golf tournament. However, all are important for the success of the Chapter.

The MOAA slogan is "Never Stop Serving". Our vision is to be the primary advocate for the military community. The mission is to provide information, support and social engagement to the members; offer programs and services for the common good of the military community; and to support MOAA at the national, state and local levels with a powerful voice.

We cannot do this without you. Please consider volunteering as you are able. The opportunities continue to be published in the Lariat and through emails. We welcome you with open arms as we continue to move forward.

Best wishes to y'all for a wonderful Thanksgiving.

*Kitty*

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

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## Annual Business Meeting Notice 2024

The Chapter's Annual Business Meeting will be held on **Thursday, November 21** during the Chapter Luncheon at the Ft Sam Golf Club.

Membership in attendance will vote on the proposed bylaw revisions summarized on Page 3 of this issue.

A full copy of the redlined bylaws can be found on the chapter website or requested from the office.

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## Notices



### 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!

Col Philip Andrews, USAF (Ret)  
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 Lt Col Tom Carter, USAF (Ret)  
 MAJ James Drake, USA (Ret)  
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 Lt Col Kathy Rafferty, USAF (Ret)  
 LTC Chuck Rose, USA (Ret)  
 Lt Col Diego Sanchez, USAF (Ret)  
 LTC Aimee Schumacher, USA (Ret)  
 CW4 David Slyman, USA (Ret)  
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 Col Wes Weiner, USA (Ret)  
 Col Stephen Wright, USAF (Ret)  
 LTC Machielle Wood Denmon,



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

### 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.



### Scholarship Committee Forming

Every year, the Alamo Chapter honors outstanding high school and college students with our wide-ranging scholarships and awards programs.

These initiatives reinforce our mission of supporting our military community while addressing our priority of increasing membership.

We are beginning the program for academic year 2024-25 and seek volunteers who can commit to attending monthly meetings from now through March. The 2024 program kicks off with a strategy and planning meeting on **Nov 14th at 2pm** where we outline our purpose, objectives and tasks for success. Meetings are typically held in the chapter office on JBSA Fort Sam Houston.

This is an exciting and important program and we seek input from across the chapter membership.

If interested in joining the team, please contact our Scholarship Committee Chairperson, Col (Ret) Pete Hunt, preferably via email,

[peterhunt2012@gmail.com](mailto:peterhunt2012@gmail.com)

or backup by text/phone to

210-867-0418



**Happy 249<sup>th</sup>  
 Birthday  
 to the**

**United States  
 Marine Corps**

**Nov 10, 1775**

*Semper Fidelis*  
 (Always Faithful)

## Alamo Chapter Educational Foundation Board

We are pleased to announced that as of October, **152** Alamo Chapter members have made an average donation of **\$135** to our scholarship program supporting JROTC/ROTC Cadets. With 2 months left in the year, you can join this effort by making a donation. Any amount will help....even \$25 would go a long way!

Visit [AlamoMOAA.org/donate](http://AlamoMOAA.org/donate)

# **Proposed Revisions to Alamo Chapter Bylaws 2024**

**Background:** At the May 22, 2024 Chapter Board meeting the Chair, Jarvis Baker, asked that the Bylaws be reviewed to ensure that they adequately address the term limits of Board members as well as the desired number of members on the Board. This proposed revision also administratively “cleans-up” some minor grammatical elements of the current Bylaws.

Eric Krietz, Board member and David Patrick, Acting Chapter Secretary, volunteered to draft the proposed revisions. The proposed revisions were approved by the Chapter Staff on August 8 at their monthly staff meeting and subsequently approved by the Board of Directors on August 15 for presentation to the membership for concurrence and approval at the Annual General Business Meeting on November 21. This paper summarizes the proposed revisions. A full copy of the redlined bylaws can be found on the chapter website or requested from the office.

**Sequence of the Articles:** The Articles were re-arranged to make the Bylaws better sequenced while positioning the Board of Directors Article III more prominently upfront.

## **Article I – Organization:**

Para C: Update the official name of the Chapter Foundation to the “Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) Alamo Chapter Educational Foundation (MACEF).

Para F, G & H: Use the term “Chapter” as the name of the organization as noted in para A. Article I.

## **Article II – Membership:**

Para B, sub-para 4: includes “Friends of the Chapter” as a class of membership; changes line B. from three to four classes;

Para E: changes name of organization to “Chapter” as addressed in para A, Article I;

Para H: deletes “Friends of the Chapter” reference as it was moved to Para B. as an official class of membership.

## **Article III – Board of Directors - Officers & Directors:**

Para A, 2: changes Vice-Chairman to Vice-Chair;

Para B, 1: adds reference that Friends of the Chapter are not eligible to serve on the Board as voting members or hold office;

Para E: outlines the purpose of the board, the number of meetings annually and what constitutes a quorum;

Para E, 1: establishes the number of Board members as 5;

Para E, 9: addresses term limits of directors;

Para E, 10: clarifies who may run for Board membership.

# Membership Memos

## THANK YOU Renewing Members:

MG Barbara Holcomb, USA (Ret)  
 Col Philip Andrews, USAF (Ret)  
 COL David Bell, USA (Ret)  
 Col Roger Corbin, USAF (Ret)  
 Col Ramona Dolson, USAF (Ret)  
 Col Alan Ernst, USAF (Ret)  
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 LTC Chuck Rose, USA (Ret)  
 Lt Col Diego Sanchez, USAF (Ret)  
 LTC Aimee Schumacher, USA (Ret)  
 Lt Col John Torres, USAF (Ret)  
 CDR Dan White, USN (Ret)  
 Maj Thomas Dera, USAF (Ret)  
 MAJ James Drake, USA (Ret)  
 LCDR James Walker, USN (Ret)  
 Capt Alex White, USAF (Fmr)  
 CW4 David Slyman, USA (Ret)  
 CW3 Preston Leingang, USA (Ret)  
 Virginia Callanan  
 Lori Hale  
 Jeanne Rigg

## WELCOME New Members:

LTC Mark Mudrinich, USA  
 LTC Benjamin Woods, USA  
 MAJ Marcia Gibbs, USA  
 2LT Frank Rymer, USA  
 2LT Haze Legion, USA  
 Sherrie Hicks

## 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 390 local organizations affiliated with national MOAA.

We support the national organization through membership recruitment, veterans transition initiatives and legislative support.

We are active in our community doing transition activities for JBSA and the military/veteran community; state legislative support via TCVO (Texas Coalition of Veterans Organizations) and the TCC (Texas Council of Chapters), financial support and leadership awards to JROTC and ROTC cadets, and volunteerism supporting Soldiers' Angels.

## NEVER STOP SERVING! WE NEED YOU TO VOLUNTEER!



### Current Needs:

- 1) Personal Affairs/Surviving Spouse Chair
- 2) Social Media Officer / Webmaster Assistant
- 3) Members for the following committees:  
 Membership & Retention  
 Marketing  
 Transition  
 Legislative Affairs  
 Personal Affairs/Surviving Spouse

*Member spouses are welcome*

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

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

## Membership Stats

Active Duty 155  
 Former Military 20  
 Friends of the Chapter 7  
 Retired 537  
 Surviving Spouse 125  


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**Total 844**



## Speaker Bio - Todd Speer, LTC USA (Ret)



Todd Speer, PhD, is the CEO and Co-Founder of Global Aid Consultants, a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating educational opportunities and providing healthcare training in remote areas.

Under his leadership, Global Aid Consultants, a 501(c)(3), Non-Government Organization, works tirelessly to promote educational opportunities, in collaboration with other NGOs, U.S. agencies, and host nation governments. Dr. Speer's strategic leadership and vision are instrumental in addressing the importance of education around the globe and especially in Central America.

With over 30 years of service in the U.S. Army with overseas tours to Afghanistan, Iraq, Bosnia, South Korea, and Germany, Dr. Speer's career exemplifies dedication and excellence. He began his military journey as an Airborne Ranger, an Army Deep Sea Salvage Diver, then later becoming a Green Beret Special Forces Medical Sergeant before earning a commission into the U.S. Army's Medical Service Corps. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel, having held numerous high-profile positions in special operations and conventional units.

Dr. Speer holds a Ph.D. from the University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio, Texas, where his research focused on International Education and Entrepreneurship. His doctoral dissertation explored the impact of new schools in Belize and linking this initiative to enhancing the security of the United States.

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY to members born in 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, text or email us the information.*

Nicolas Addington, Capt USAF  
Charles Belcher, CAPT USN (Ret)  
Donald Bentley, Jr, COL USA  
Sean Blaydon, LTC USA (Fmr)  
James Brotherton, CAPT USN (Ret)  
Douglas Carlberg, CW4 USA (Ret)  
Gene Carnicom, CAPT USPHS (Ret)  
Darrell Childers, COL USA (Ret)  
Jim Conrad, MAJ USA (Ret)  
Kathy Daigle, MAJ USA (Ret)  
Michael Davis, MAJ USA  
Jackie De Ponte  
Martha Dingey, LTC USA (Ret)  
Douglas Dumas, LCDR USN (Ret)  
David Enos, Col USAF (Ret)  
Richard Femrite, LTC USA (Ret)  
Michael Foster, MAJ USA (Ret)  
Gary Francis, COL USA (Ret)  
Brad Freeman, COL USA (Ret)

Andrew Gale, Col USAF (Ret)  
Derek Gaudlitz, LTC USA (Ret)  
Earl Gilley, LTC USA (Ret)  
Peter Godwin, Lt Col USAF (Ret)  
James Griffith, CWO-4 USN (Ret)  
John Gueldner, LTC USA (Ret)  
Paul Hendricks, Lt Col USAF (Ret)  
Stanford Hickman, COL USA (Ret)  
Barbara Holcomb, MG USA (Ret)  
Arthur Jackson, COL USA (Ret)  
Melodye Jensen  
Curtis Juell, Col USAF  
James Klar, LTC USA (Ret)  
Nakima Langlois, SSG USA  
Doris Malmberg-Long  
James McConnell, Col USAF (Ret)  
Scott McMenamy, 2LT USA  
Fernando Medina, CPT USA  
Alison Meyn, CPT USA

Joseph Miller, CPT USA (Ret)  
Eddie Jo Nicholson, Capt USAF (Fmr)  
Lucille Paone  
Thomas Petitt, CDR USN (Ret)  
Stephan Porter, LTC USA (Ret)  
Bradley Ritt, LTC USA  
Eugene Robbins, LT USNR (Ret)  
Sherrell Russell, Col USAF (Ret)  
John Seaworth, Lt Col USAF (Ret)  
Winston Shaffer II, Lt Col USAF (Ret)  
Lenora Shaw, COL USA (Ret)  
David Sherrard, COL USA (Ret)  
John Siebert, Col USAF (Ret)  
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# Special Thanks To Our Golf Tournament Supporters

## Title Sponsor: Donegan Burns Foundation



It was a beautiful day for golf!

Over 90 players, including 8 wounded warriors, came out to support the beneficiaries namely the USO Warrior & Family Support Center on JBSA Ft Sam Houston and the MOAA Alamo Chapter Educational Foundation which provides scholarships for JROTC and ROTC cadets in our catchment area.

A boxed lunch and buffet dinner was served by the Club.

A long but rewarding day with net proceeds of over \$21,000.

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

### Individual Donors:

Col Dale Addington  
Lt Col Ginny Alloway  
Col Randy Bruett  
CAPT Gene Carnicom  
Col Ada Conlan  
Corbo Family  
Lt Co Gene Culp  
Col Rodney Day  
Col John DiPiero  
Maj John Franklin  
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Col Mac McDonald  
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Lt Col David Shultz  
Col Lisa Skopal  
Lt Col Randy Smith  
Col Alan Snyder  
LTC James Taylor  
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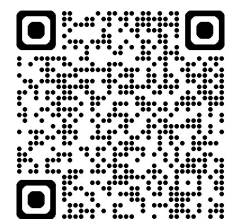
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### Players:

Addy Addington  
Graham Aitken  
Garry Atkins  
Robert Barnhardt  
Lance Bell  
Raeme Bosquez -Greer  
Sam Bowker  
Peggy Brennan-Wigton  
Mike Buecher  
Mary Carriker  
Lauren Casanova  
Anthony Castorino  
James Cosgrove  
Dave Crouch  
Tabitha Cuevas  
Rodney Day  
Aaron Denson  
Brian Dickinson  
Sean Elliott  
David Enos  
Lawren Fast  
Brad Freeman  
John French  
Mike Freund  
Gerhard Frisch  
Steve Fuller  
Raul Garcia  
Joshua Greenwood  
Doc Hogans  
Travis Hogarth  
Nolan Hoskins  
Deb Humphries  
Bob Jackson  
Andy Jacobi  
Ryan Jacobi  
Ron Jenkins  
Darrell Jones  
Nathan Jones  
Nahid Karimjee  
David Kirkland  
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Randy Perkins  
David Patrick  
Kathie Pena  
Juan Perez  
Terry Pinkston  
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Chuck Potter  
Ron Racinowski  
Frank Rohrbough  
Richard Rohrbough  
Matthew Roth  
Gary Sadlon  
Reed Schaaf  
Al Scooler  
Teri Scooler  
Ben Sewell III  
Ben Sewell IV  
Bob Shultz  
Paul Skopal  
Scott Snyder  
John Tate  
Tim Thomas  
Steve Tomson  
Dean Vande Hey  
Justin Wheeler  
James Williams  
Ben Woods  
Patricia Zumwalt







## Soldiers' Angels

Here is another great opportunity to help our friends at Soldier's Angels. This time they are requesting help in preparing holiday stocking for our troops. Please find the details below, as well as a link that will take you to a signup page showing all the available dates and times.

**SOLDIERS' ANGELS IS RINGING IN THE HOLIDAY SEASON AND THEY NEED YOUR HELP!**



*When:* Multiple dates and times available!

*Where:* Soldiers' Angels Headquarters  
2895 NE Loop 410, Suite 107 San Antonio, Texas 78218

*How:* Sorting/packing items for holiday stockings, sorting/bagging leftover Halloween candy, and sorting, counting and packing other comfort items.

Visit [SoldiersAngels.org](http://SoldiersAngels.org) to register and sign up.

*Hurry! Holiday Volunteer opportunities fill up very fast!*



## 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

[kamconsulthr@gmail.com](mailto:kamconsulthr@gmail.com)

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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### Method of Payment

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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P.O. Box 340497 Ft. Sam Houston, TX 78234

Referred By: \_\_\_\_\_

Events Calendar	On Veterans Day
<p><b>NOVEMBER</b></p> <p><b>2 RAD JBSA Randolph</b></p> <p><b>3 Daylight Savings Time Ends</b></p> <p><b>5 Election Day</b></p> <p><i>7 Staff Meeting 10am MOAA-AC Office</i></p> <p><b>10 Marine Corps Birthday 1775</b></p> <p><b>11 Veterans Day</b></p> <p><i>12 MACEF Board Meeting 2pm</i></p> <p><i>14 Scholarship Cmte Mtg 2pm</i></p> <p><i>19 Chapter Board Meeting 2pm</i></p> <p><b>21 Annual Business Meeting &amp; Luncheon 11am Ft Sam Golf Club with speaker Dr. Todd Speer, CEO &amp; Co-Founder of Global Aid</b></p> <p><b>28 Thanksgiving</b></p>	<p>Thank you for your service!</p> <p>Thank you for your sacrifices, for your valor, for the things you carry, for protecting us, and for defending our rights.</p> <p>Thank you to all our Veterans for your courage, strength and dedication to keeping us safe.</p>



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## **Social Media Officer / Assistant Webmaster**

**Importance of Position:** Provide social media coverage for Chapter's activities. Explore and initiate new avenues to provide public and military awareness of the MOAA-Alamo Chapter. Work with webmaster to ensure the most up-to-date communication venue for chapter members, prospective members and the greater community.

### **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.
- Attend 85%-100% of staff and membership meetings
- Prepare and submit budget input as needed
- Support the planning process as needed

### **Position Qualifications:**

- Working knowledge web page development.
- General knowledge of Windows based programs such as MS Word and Publisher.
- Working knowledge of social media platforms to support chapter activities
- Ability to communicate effectively in all required formats
- Experience in communication and public relations desirable.
- Ability to meet deadlines and respond rapidly to emergent issues.
- Resourceful and flexible in meeting Chapter's needs.
- Ability to work independently or in a group environment.
- Knowledgeable of national, state and Chapter's mission and stated objectives.

**Responsible to:** Chapter President

### **Major Responsibilities:**

- Maintain an effective relationship with the public and military media for the purpose of communicating the Chapter's mission, objectives and activities.
- Serves as primary resource for Chapter's social media program and activities.
- Assist webmaster in developing and maintaining chapter website.
- Assist Chapter President, Executive Staff and Board of Directors, as required with public relations through website and social media.
- Assist in branding efforts of Chapter.
- Provide oral and written reports to the Chapter Executive Officers and/or Members of the Board, at least monthly, quarterly, annually, and as required by these identified members.

### **Training/Preparation:**

- Review and comply with MOAA National and Chapter publications regarding policy, procedures, programs and job descriptions.
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**Average Time Commitment:** Minimal. Average 15 hours a month.

**Length of Commitment:** Minimum two years

### **Measures of Success:**

- Maintain current Public Relations and social media programs.
- Increase public and military communication network by 10%.
- Expand branding of Chapter's mission to public and military media by 10%.
- Chapter receives 5 Star Level of Excellence award for website and *Lariat* each year
- Complete all action steps, as assigned, in the chapter Strategic Plan.



## MEET OUR CORPORATE PARTNERS

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# Transition Tips

## Opening the Aperture

Over decades, I have had the opportunity to chat with folks about their career plans. This was always a fun part of my HR career. When I retired, I directed those skills and talents to helping military folks, be they retired, veteran or spouse, in transition. I've had a lot of fun in these past years doing so.

One of the most effective tools that I've found is using examples, especially stories, to highlight opportunities. So many times, the folks have no clue as to the many opportunities beyond the gate. They are looking to stay in their comfort zone of what they've done in the past. These conversations lead to a "widening of the apertures." That means they discover opportunities that they didn't know exist. They are now finding passion in a whole new world.

Here are two such examples. The first I found in a [www.cnn.com](http://www.cnn.com) feed on 11 October 2024 about Master Sergeant Gordon Storey. While still on active duty he was tasked with organizing a team to help repair some houses in the Abilene community around Dyess AFB, TX. Fast forward to today, he is now leading a nonprofit, Dyess We Care, that continues that mission.

I also recently had lunch with the chair of the board of directors of our Alamo Chapter. Besides the business that we had to discuss, I had the opportunity to catch up on his business. He started it upon his retirement a few years ago as a side thing. He is now at a transition point. The decision is whether to grow or keep the business at the current momentum where he has more freedom and flexibility. There are opportunities either way.

Life is full of opportunities. Dare to explore. If I had followed a predetermined path, I would not be here writing this article for you. There are risks. One path may be rockier than others. Even when you encounter the "rocks," there are lessons learned. Value those as well.

Please reach out to meet over coffee to chat about your journey.

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Chapter member and consultant for humanitarian aid

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

### Menu

Veggie Tortilla Soup, Turkey Cranberry Croissant, Side Salad and  
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**Cost per person: Pay In Advance \$24; Pay At the Door \$28**  
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### Menu

Roast Turkey - with Red Mashed Potatoes, Prince William Veggie Mix,  
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