

# Local Resources

I will have the opportunity to participate in a panel discussion this week hosted by the US Army IMCOM, the service's installation management command. They are bringing folks from around the globe who are involved with transitioning resources at their posts. It will be exciting to see all as we talk about how to assist those making career/life decisions.

I have the great opportunity to be part of the JBSA Transition Alliance here in San Antonio, Texas. This is a collaboration of all sorts of connections that provide assistance and support. These come from base resources, a variety of non-profits, other government resources, the education community and from the business community. We meet weekly in person or via zoom to share ideas and opportunities. There are usually 60 of the 100 plus members. It's exciting to see these folks gathered with the purpose of helping the military community. By the way, that is the entire military community – transitioning, veteran, spouse and dependent.

This alliance, created and supported by the 502<sup>nd</sup> Force Support Group at JBSA Ft Sam Houston, is robust and has been recognized by the powers to be from afar. However, it is not the only one in existence. That's the beauty of the IMCOM conference this week. The need to collaborate throughout the military to support is essential to support those in transition.

So, why am I writing this message. It's important to those transitioning that they speak up with their questions and concerns. If you are not getting these addressed and answered, then you are staying too silent. I chatted with one captain being medically retired from Ft. Sill. He responded to one of my comments with "that's not what I was told in TAP." This is your transition. OWN IT! It's your future that you hold in your hands.

There are resources out there to help you. MOAA is just one. From [www.moaa.org](http://www.moaa.org), there are resources galore for folks from all ranks, all services and this also includes spouses. Locally, each MOAA chapter will have resources within or can connect you with local resources to help. I have assisted folks from all over via phone or internet. We chat about all aspects of transition, including building the network while still far from the final destination.

It's up to you to take advantage of all of the resources available to you. As mentioned, it's your transition. Have you taken ownership yet?

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