

Networking Through Volunteering

One of the biggest challenges that is addressed when I talk to those transitioning is “stepping outside” of the comfort zone and networking. You’ve been able to hide behind your uniform and the identity that it provides. Your current network is built into the microcosm of the military community that is very distinct from the civilian community.

Volunteering in community interests is a very common and very successful way of crossing that bridge. Connecting with a group that has a common interest eases the tension and stress that arises when meeting folks in a new setting. There is automatically a common thread of conversation that will allow you to talk and create new friends.

The Alamo Chapter of MOAA is one such connecting thread. We are a group of active duty, veteran, retiree and spouses who believe in the mission and vision of MOAA and the need to pay-it-forward. How this is done varies by individual interests and opportunities.

There are many opportunities out there for you to follow. We’ve mentioned several in the past issues of the Lariat. I challenge you to explore based upon your interests and, especially your passions. Let us know what you find to do. Is there a way to connect with other Chapter members where we can collectively help?

We look forward to learning about your connections. Best of luck as you pursue these ventures. The rewards are outstanding.

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