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President's Message

Amid all the noise that is going on with other issues and the lead up to the presidential election next year, there remain a very important set of issues that will affect the lives of our military, veterans and families. That being in the form of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2015. After some contentious testimony and wrangling, the House and Senate passed their versions of this bill, which is now in conference committee to iron out the differences in the bill before it goes to the President.

The Military Coalition, which MOAA is the co-chair of, in Washington, sent a letter to the Chairs and Ranking Members of the House and Senate Armed Services Committees pointing out some issues that would directly affect the volunteer force. In the area of compensation and benefits we are looking at:

- A third year of capping military pay raises below private sector wage growth. (with four more years planned)
- A second year of reducing the commissary subsidy (with one more year planned)

- A second year of slowing the active duty basic allowance for housing (BAH)
- An additional increase in pharmacy co-pays (already tied to COLA) for the third time in four years (with an additional 9 years of increases planned)

The long term effect of these plans for cost cutting will lead us back to the same retention problems that we had in the 1990's when service members endured a 13.5% pay gap and 20% out of pocket expenses for housing.

What does this mean to our soldiers in the San Antonio area? With the overall reduction of 5% in the BAH rates, an E5 will have BAH reduced \$14,760 while a Captain will lose \$19,476 annually. In Texas, there are approximately 859,222 personnel who will be affected.

Commissary reductions will occur if the Senate version of the bills are within what come out of the conference committee. There is still a lot of discussion about moving the Commissaries out of its present Title 10 status and making it a unit of the AAFES system. This would take major legislation that is not part of this NDAA.

The other issue of Tricare Pharmacy Fees, if passed would double pharmacy co-pays over the next 10 years. Cost sharing would increase from \$240 to \$720 annually.

Where the issue of retirement is concerned, both the House and Senate adopted recommendations from the Mil-

itary Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission, accepting a hybrid system. This will provide a retirement benefit for those who do not want to serve 20 years or more along with financial literacy training. This is endorsed by the Military Coalition. The Coalition, however, sees several areas that need to be improved to increase the effectiveness of the new system. These include:

- Increase the multiplier to 2.5 for disability retirees
- Continue the TSP match beyond 20 years of service
- Provide a govt TSP match of 5%
- Eliminate the COLA -1% penalty for future entrants
- Retain a minimum continuation payment while still giving the Pentagon flexibility to provide the payment between 8-16 years of service.

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Chapter Wreath presented at Independence Day Ceremony at Ft Sam Houston National Cemetery

Chapter News & Notices



Thank You!

To each of our members listed below who have donated a little (or a lot) to either the Scholarship Fund, Chapter Operations, or both!

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Cookie Angels

Grateful thanks to those who either baked and or took items to the wounded soldiers at Ft Sam Houston's Warrior and Family Support Center.

If you were able to give this month on behalf of the Alamo Chapter please call Susie at (210) 654-0351, so we may add your name to our list. Thank you.

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TAPS

We have received information that the following member has passed away and we wish to convey our sincere condolences and best wishes to their family and loved ones:

Miriam Dykes
 (date of passing unknown)
 Bobbie Hollingsworth
 2-11-15

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Save The Date



Friday Sep 11th
 8th Annual Golf Tourney
 River Crossing Golf Club
 Spring Branch, Tx



Friday Dec 4th
 Chapter Christmas Party
 Ft Sam Golf Club
 Dancing to Two For The Road



84th Texas Legislature Wrap Up

Hazlewood Education Act: SB 1735: Birdwell: was targeting to significantly change the eligibility for access to Hazlewood, limit the time that the benefits can be used, and significantly reduce the credit hours for degree completion. SB 1735 was heard on the House floor 5/22/15 and again on Sunday 5/24/15. The bill was gutted when it reached the House floor on May 24th.

After hours of debate, the bill's House sponsor, Rep John Zerwas, R-Richmond, offered an amendment eliminating nearly all the new restrictions Senator Birdwell proposed. The only significant change that remained was a rule requiring veterans to live in Texas for eight years before they or their children were eligible for Hazlewood benefits.

Senator Birdwell refused to accept those minor changes, saying it was better to take no action than to make limited changes that wouldn't address long term cost growth. Any legislative action affecting the Hazlewood education benefit is dead for the 84th Texas Legislature.

It is anticipated that both Senate and House will have interim charges to study the Hazlewood and make recommendations for the 85th Legislative session.

Property Tax Relief for Veterans Disabled Less Than 100%: HB 683 (Rep Sheets) proposes to change the set dollar amounts for four levels of VA disability ratings to a percentage figure. The proposed % figures would be used to determine the annual property tax exemption dollar reduction when compared to the average appraised value of a principal residence in Texas. HB 683 was placed on the 5/13/15 General State Calendar but was not heard in the House by midnight 5/14/2015 and is dead for the 84th Legislature.

This issue will definitely come up again in the 85th Legislative session.

Surviving Spouse Ad Valorem Taxation: an exemption from property tax for the total appraised value of the principal residence/homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100% or totally disabled veteran regardless of when the veteran died, and conditional that the spouse has not remarried.

Both HB 992 and HJR 75 have been approved by the House and Senate and were signed by Governor Abbott and will appear as a constitutional amendment on the November ballot.

Military Absentee Voting (MOVE Act implementation): SB 1115 (Senator Campbell): creating a program allowing military voters on active duty overseas to cast a ballot electronically. SB 1115 passed the Senate and the house and was signed by Governor Abbott.

Veterans Preference and Employment: legislation requir-

ing State agencies to increase the number of Veterans they hire to a 7% hiring rate. SB 805 (Campbell) passed the Senate on 3/30/15. Placed on the 5/8/15 House General State Calendar. 5/11/15: read 2nd and 3rd times; passed as amended. 5/13/15: Senate: passage in the House as amended reported; signed in the Senate and the House on 5/20/15. SB 805 was signed by Governor Abbott.

Mesothelioma Trust Fund: legislation that deals with Law Firms that file lawsuits against the Mesothelioma Trust Fund on behalf of Veterans. Currently close to 30% of the money awarded goes to Law Firms unnecessarily since the class action lawsuit has already been decided in favor of Veterans and their families. Bill wording needs to make clear that the Veteran or his/her family received the trust fund awards without going through a Law Firm. Bill filed: HB 1492 filed by D. Miller: placed on 5/8/15 General State Calendar, passed to engrossment as amended, read 3rd time, and passed the House. 5/19/15 heard in public hearing in State Affairs Committee, reported favorably without amendments, and placed on the Local & Uncontested Calendar. 5/22/15 heard and passed in the Senate. HB1492 has been signed into law.

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*If you are an area **employer** who is interested in hiring career transitioning officers or their spouses . . .
 or if you are a MOAA member who is 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 USAFR (Ret)** Chapter Transition Liaison Officer at meyers.kathryn@yahoo.com .*

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MOAA-AC Mission Statement

Vision:

To be the primary advocate for the military community

Mission:

- ◆ To be a major source of information, support and social engagement for the membership;
- ◆ To provide programs and services for the common good of our military community;
- ◆ To be a powerful voice supporting MOAA at the local, state and national levels.

It Was a Great Cruise . . . Even Without the Ship!



The 4th Annual *Cruising into the Summer Party* on June 26th at the Petroleum Club was a resounding success and loads of fun for the 80 or so attendees.

Hawaiian shirts and cruise casual attire were the uniform of the day and contributed to the cruising atmosphere. There was a lot of buzz, camaraderie and “war stories” during the cocktail hour as attendees gazed out their portholes from the top of the Petroleum Club building.

Entertainment and dancing music was provided by the always popular “Two for Road” – Chris and Jerry were at their best and played tunes for all ages. A cruise style buffet – second to none – was provided by the Club’s renowned chef and staff and enjoyed by all. “This was the best cruise party ever” said Ed Marvin, MOAA Board Member and past Chapter President . . . “and I didn’t even get sea sick!” he said.

Mark your calendar for June 2016 – date to be announced – for the 5th Annual summer party. We might be going with a Western theme next time and instead of “Cruising” into the summer we will be “Riding” into the summer.

Stay tuned Cowboys and Cowgirls for another hoot’en and hollering time!!

Col David Patrick (Ret)

Got Etiquette?

Want to help our future MOAA members succeed in social situations?

Air Force ROTC Detachment 842 at UT-San Antonio will be hosting an Etiquette Dinner the evening of 18 Sep 2015.

The objective of the dinner is to prepare senior-level cadets to interact with other military officers when they become commissioned.

UTSA has an etiquette “trainer” who will be teaching throughout the dinner, but they would like 3-4 former or current officers (with their spouses if desired) to provide pre-dinner experiences and guide the dinner conversations.

Cost will be no more than \$20 per person and the location is to be determined.

If MOAA members would be interested, our POC is Angel Millman call (210) 458-4624, or email

angel.millman@utsa.edu.

If there is any interest, we would love to have your support. Thank you!

Lt Col Lisa Thiem

Commander, AFROTC Det 842

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Medical Minute

Stress Management

The latest buzz word in medical therapy today is “relaxation technique”.

If you have high blood pressure, insomnia, tired, stressed out and worried, rapid heart beat and are short of breath, try the relaxation technique.

By combining the relaxation technique with life style changes such as sodium reduction, weight loss and exercise research studies show this is effective in controlling the above symptoms.

Dr. Robert Benson with the Robert Henry Institute affiliated with Harvard and the Massachusetts General Hospital tells us how to master the relaxation technique.

- Select a word (such as “one”, or “peace”) or a short phrase or prayer to focus on
- Sit quietly in a comfortable position and close your eyes.
- Relax your muscles progressing from your feet to your calves, thighs, abdomen and up to your neck and face.
- Breathe slowly through your nose.
- Silently say your word, phrase or prayer to yourself as you exhale.
- When other thoughts come to mind, don’t worry, simply return your attention to your word, phrase or prayer.
- Do this for 10 to 20 minutes.
- Sit quietly for a minute or so, then open your eyes.
- Practice the relaxation response once or twice daily.

Source: Harvard Heart Letter

Col Irene Collier (Ret)



Solitaires



King Ranch

The King Ranch at Kingsville is one of the largest ranches in the US. The original purchase by Captain Richard King was for 15,500 acres. Over the years with subsequent purchases it grew to one and a half million acres--larger than the state of Rhode Island. Today with inheritance divisions and sales it is down to 825,000 acres.

It originally started as a cattle ranch. With selective breeding they developed the Santa Gertrudis breed which is better adapted to hot and humid climates. They also have a small herd of longhorns, a variety of wild-life including the Crested Caracara, deer, turtles, hogs, sheep, and goats. The horse breeding program resulted in a triple-crown winner named Assault--the only Texas horse to ever achieve this honor.

Depression and massive debt forced them to become a corporation and expand their business interests. The cattle business dwindled. They started issuing hunting licenses, investing in oil and minerals, turf grass farming, farm equipment and making furniture. They own a publishing house, railroad, and ecotourism. Next they bought orchards of oranges and grapefruit in Florida and still own Tropicana Juice plant. Foreign land purchases were made in Australia, Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Morocco, Venezuela, Spain, Kenya, and Pennsylvania.

Today the King Ranch is one of the premier game areas of North America. Main hunting is of bobwhite quail and white tailed deer. They have a full time wild life biologist to look after the wild-life populations. It is very biologically diverse.

So who was Richard King, the founder of the dynasty? (1864-1883) He was born in New York City to a poor family. He was indentured to a jeweler who was a cruel taskmaster. At age 9 he ran away and stowed away on a boat going down the Mississippi. When the crew discov-

ered him, they adopted him and taught him navigation. At age 16 he was commissioned as a stern boat pilot. He started his own company with two friends. On a horseback trip from Brownsville to Corpus Christi he was impressed with the beautiful grass-land so he bought land from Spain and Mexico.

In 1849 on a riverboat trip to Brownsville he rammed a houseboat which was the home of a Presbyterian minister named Chamberlain. Chamberlain had lived in Kentucky and moved to Brownsville after his wife died. His daughter Henrietta was 17. When she heard the loud noise and foul language on deck she came up and soundly berated Captain King. They were married four years later by her father the minister.

The honeymoon was a horseback trip from Brownsville to Corpus Christi to King’s ranch. She says it was a wonderful honeymoon. If she got tired, he would find a nice tree, spread a blanket and let her take a nap.

If she was disappointed in her first home, she did not show it. It was a mud and branch hut. It was so tiny she had to hang her cooking utensils outside. Six months later her home was completed. But unfortunately it burned down. So she stayed in Corpus Christi with the children until another home was built. By now they had five children.

King was an ambitious, hard worker. He rode the range from dawn till dusk on horseback along with his Mexican manager, Tito. He managed the ranch using the Mexican Padrone system where by Mexican families lived on the estate and were taken care of completely. He became a heavy drinker, and when Henrietta could no longer tolerate his drunken rages, she moved to St. Louis with the children. Daughter Alice stayed behind to look after her dad.

He was becoming ill with stomach pains. Henrietta returned to the ranch.

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Solitaires

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When she saw how sick he was she insisted he go to San Antonio to see a doctor. He died at the Menger Hotel of stomach cancer. All of his family was at his bedside. He willed everything to Henrietta and asked his lawyer to ensure that none of the ranch was split up and sold.

The best eulogy for Captain Richard King came from one of his ranch managers—a lifelong friend. “He was a rough man but a good man. I never knew a rougher or better man.”

After his death she wore only black clothing. Not only did Henrietta inherit the estate, but a million dollars in debt. She knew she could not manage such a large estate by herself so made her son in law, Robert Kleberg, as manager. Kleberg was married to their daughter Alice. He was a Harvard grad and lawyer. When he saw what a mess the finances were in and foreclosure eminent he had to take drastic measures. There was a drought in Texas, so he sent 225,000 of their famed Santa Gertrudis cattle north to Indian country for forage. Cattle brands had come in to being because most of Texas was open range land. He had the Mexican workers collect the dead cattle, harvest and process the skins and send them north for manufacture. Meanwhile oil and gas were found on the lands. An artesian well was located on land which saved the grass and cattle. They were wealthy again. Two of the siblings sold their non productive lands back to the estate.

The current King Ranch house was built in 1883. She told her son-in-law to build a beautiful mansion Mexican Hacienda style. Her only stipulation was that the floor would be the kind that a man in boots could walk on. Hollywood stars and presidents were visitors at the mansion.

Dinner was announced by three bells. The first bell told you to come to dinner. The second told you to dress for dinner. Men wore coat and tie and ladies wore lovely dresses. At the sound of the third bell, she led the procession into the elegant dining room. After din-

ner they adjourned to the music room and sang hymns.

Henrietta ruled with an iron hand from her rocking chair on the veranda. She used a cane because of painful arthritis.

Texas was premiere hunting land, so they sold land leases to companies, and wealthy individuals. They hired a wild life biologists to care for lands and animals. Today only 10% of land is in cattle. They have an outlet store for leather goods, a museum, and offer tours. The city tried to put in windmills, but they successfully fought it. Annually the family meets there as a board on vacation to discuss estate affairs.

Source: *Texas Highways* May 2003; *Texas Monthly* August 2009; *My tour of the ranch* May 2015

Col Irene Collier (Ret)

President's Message

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Further refinements will probably need to be made to incentivize members to continue beyond 20 years' service. In addition, the reserve component retirement system will probably need revisions because reservists drilling for point may be disadvantaged in terms of contributing to TSP. It also appears that there may be an opt out provision, where the service member can simply opt for a traditional 20+ year retirement rather than the TSP option.

The overriding recommendation to the Chairs and Ranking Members was that Sequestration must be done away with! This is considered the biggest threat to our National Security. Arbitrary budget cuts that it imposes are threatening the very existence of the AVF.

I visited with Representative Castro's office to talk about these issues. The Representative is on the conference committee so hopefully armed with this information, he will be able to have some effect on the final bill that goes to the President. All of the readership should contact their representatives as well to voice concern about these issues. Committee hearings to iron out differ-

ences in the bill appear to have been delayed until September, at this writing.

Where state legislation is concerned, about 68 veteran related bills were passed before the session ended. A bill removing the date restriction from the ability for some surviving spouses of 100% disabled veterans from getting ad valorem tax relief passed and a constitutional amendment will be on the November ballot. Attempts to change that Hazelwood act that would have severely cut the ability of dependents of veterans to use it, failed. What will happen now is that interim committees in the House and Senate will be taking testimony before the 85th session to formulate ideas for new legislation that we hope will protect the Hazelwood and the state.

I wanted to tell you about some events that are coming up that may be of interest to you. First of all, JBSA Ft. Sam Houston will be having a Transition Information Program (TIP) on September 10 for transitioning or soon to transition active military members. This will be followed the next day by the “backblast” program sponsored by USAA and then finally, a mini-job fair sponsored by DoD on the 12th.

On Sept 11th the chapter will be hosting our 8th Annual Warrior and ROTC Scholarship golf tournament that benefits the Warrior & Family Support Center and our ROTC scholarship program. If you are interested in playing and need information, see Page 12.

The Retiree Appreciation Day will be taking place at JBSA Ft. Sam Houston on October 3rd. There will be many exhibits, speakers and, of course flu shots. More information will be coming about this.

On October 31 and November 1, JBSA Randolph will be having an open house that will feature the Air Force Thunderbirds, the Wings of Blue, the US Army Golden Knights, vintage warbirds, the Tora, Tora, Tora reenactment and much more. Go to www.jbsa.mil or www.facebook.com/JBSARandolph for further information.

Maj Jim Cunningham (Ret)

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ALAMO CHAPTER

“Five Star Chapter of Excellence”

Dear Chapter Member,

Your Alamo Chapter is conducting its **8th Annual Golf Tournament on September 11, 2015** at the same location as previous years - the River Crossing Golf Club in Spring Branch. The tournament raises funds for the Warrior & Family Support Center on JBSA Ft Sam Houston and for our Chapter's JROTC Scholarships. Last year's tournament raised \$8415 . . . thanks to many of you! This year we are excited to have a title sponsor in Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union.

The funds we donate will help Warriors and their families make the transition back to some degree of normalcy and, in the process, be less of a burden on them and their family. The funds donated to our Scholarship Fund will assist promising local high school students (JROTC and military children or grandchildren) afford a college education.

If you have been a donor in the past, we are very grateful for such support and we need your help again this year. If you have not provided support in the past, please consider doing so. Here are the ways you can help:

- Be a **sponsor** by selecting one of the many options as noted in the attached flyer.
- Be a **golfer** -- submit an entry form for yourself or a team using the enclosed registration form.
- Be a **contributor** -- please consider donating an entry fee of \$125 and give a Warrior an opportunity to play free of charge.
- Be a **supporter** by providing a monetary donation of any amount, an item or service as a prize (gift certificates from local restaurants, or vendor products, etc.) for our tournament.
- Be a **volunteer** to help during the tournament -- collecting money for special events, selling tickets for Special Prizes or witnessing certain events.

Your support of this funding-raising event will be greatly appreciated. Please feel free to distribute this information and flyers to any of your family, friends, co-workers and fellow golfers who may desire to support this worthy cause. If you wish to contact us about a sponsorship, donations, prizes, or being a volunteer, please call Frank Rohrbough at cell (703) 868-8006 or call our MOAA Office at (210) 228-9955.

Information, sponsorships and registration/donation forms are attached to this email. Alternatively you can sign up and/or donate on line at our website and pay using our secure Paypal option. Go to www.alamomoaa.org.

Thank you.

Frank Rohrbough

Frank Rohrbough
Co-Chair, Golf Committee



Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union
Presents
8th Annual MOAA-AC Golf Tournament

Military Officers Association of America - Alamo Chapter

Benefiting
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River Crossing Golf Club, 500 River Way, Spring Branch, Tx

Friday, September 11th, 2015

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REGISTRATION & LUNCH begin 11:30am

Shotgun Start 1pm

(4 person teams or individual players)

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Email: _____

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Player 3 Name: _____

Email: _____

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GOLFERS: Make checks payable to: MOAA-AC and mail to: P.O. Box 340497, Ft. Sam Houston, TX 78234. If you prefer, you may also register and/or donate by credit card on our website: www.alamomoaa.org. Call Trish at 210-228-9955 for questions on tournament registration, to pay/donate by phone with your credit card.

Benefits of Membership of MOAA and the local chapter

- Our monthly newsletter, *The Lariat*, which includes a calendar of events, is sent to each member (or made available on-line), and includes both MOAA and Alamo Chapter news. Stay informed!
- Monthly luncheons, which rotate between the Randolph Parr Club, Fort Sam Houston Golf Club, and Lackland service clubs, feature informative speakers and are also open to guests.
- Benefit information of all kinds is provided through the Alamo Chapter. We have an experienced Vice President of Personal Affairs who can give quick answers to your and family members' questions, or who can research the more complex issues.
- The opportunity to enjoy the camaraderie of meeting fellow chapter members and their guests. We also plan for various social events, open to families and guests. In addition, our chapter features a singles group called the Solitaires, some of who are surviving spouses. The Solitaires have a busy social calendar.
- Make your voice heard on proposed state and national military legislation which may affect you and your family. Both the Alamo Chapter and MOAA national welcome your views!
- Enjoy many benefits, discounts, and services, to include career planning through our Transition Liaison Officer.
- The Alamo Chapter also provides college scholarships to those who qualify.

Referred by: _____

Check preferred Membership: _____ Renewal _____ Initial Application
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 _____ \$15 Membership with electronic copy of newsletter, or Surviving Spouse (auxiliary) membership

Membership Application

(Annual Membership)

Are you a member of MOAA National? _____



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Circle Status: Commissioned & Warrant Officers of all services - Active, Reserves, Former, Retired, National Guard, NOAA, PHS, Spouse.

*Name _____
 (Print) Last First MI Spouse

Residence Address _____ City State Zip

Rank/Grade _____ Service _____ Date of Birth _____

Home phone _____ Email _____

* May we have your permission to publish this information in the Chapter Membership Directory? _____ (date of birth is not published).

(*This directory and your e-mail address are exclusively for the use of the chapter and will not be sold or used for any other purpose than chapter communications and/or board approved activity.)

Would you like to access our monthly newsletter (The Lariat) at our website versus having a hard copy mailed to you? _____ (Dues reduce to \$15 per year).

Would you like to assist in shaping and moving the chapter forward? Come join us at our leadership meetings the first Thursday of the month from 10-12pam at the Chapter office at Sam, or if you would like a member of the Executive Staff to call and discuss how you can please indicate below:

Yes – please call me: (_____) _____ Circle Interest: JROTC, Members Programs, Recruiting, Public Relations, Duty Officer, Personal Affairs, Legislative Affairs, Other/wherever the need is greatest.

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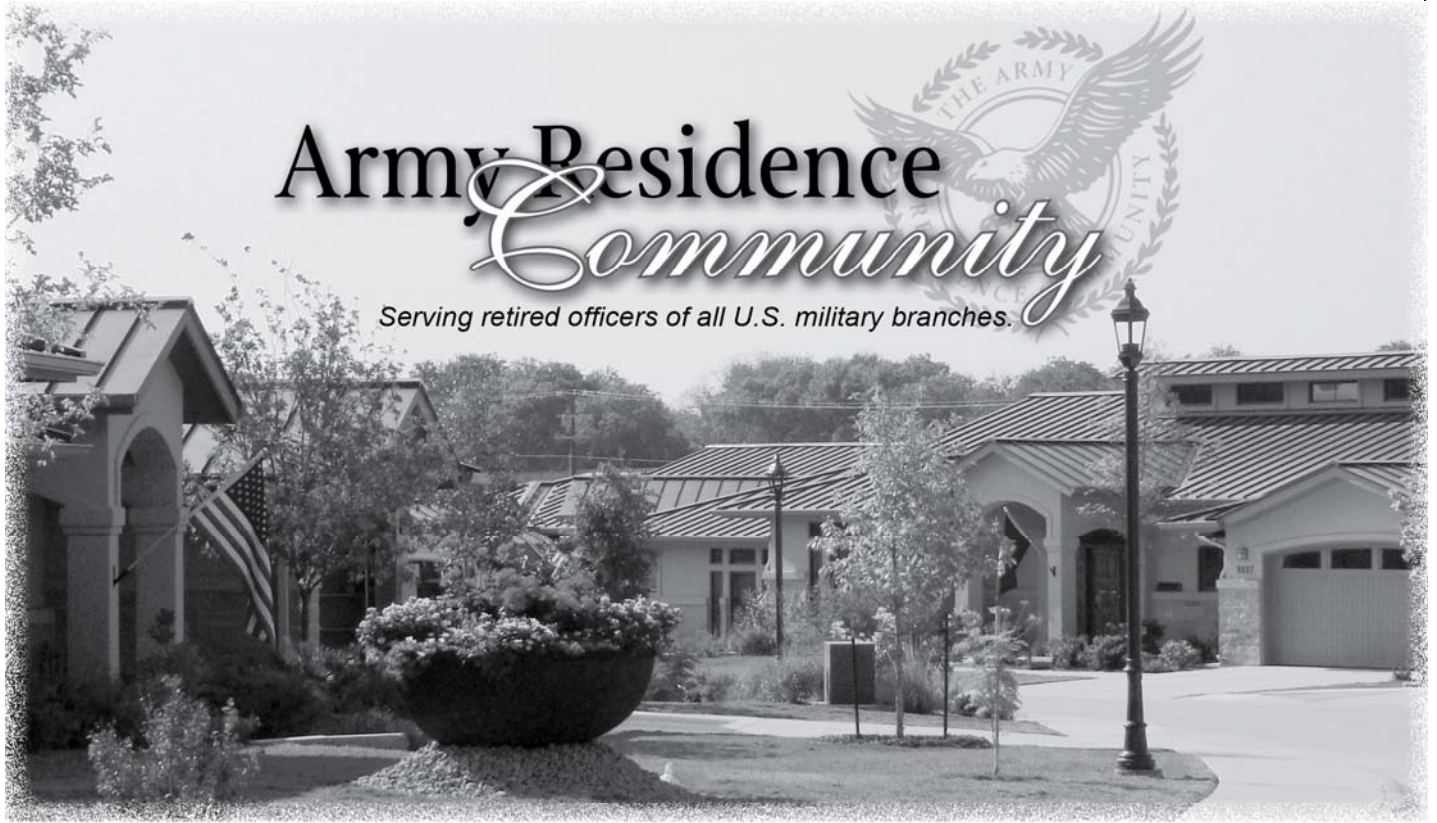
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Chapter Events Calendar 2015

AUGUST


- 1 Volunteer Hours Due**
- 4 Coastguard Birthday
- 4 Solitaire's Luncheon 11am Ft Sam Golf Club**
- 6 Staff Meeting 10am Chapter Office
- 12 Board Meeting 10am Chapter Office
- 14 Victory in Japan Day**
- 23 Solitaire's Sunday Brunch 11 am Randolph Parr Club**
- 27 Chapter Luncheon 11am Army Residence Community**

Events pertaining to **general membership** are **bolded** and *italicized for the volunteer leadership team*, though regular Members are always welcome!
Please call the office for details (210) 228-9955.

Ongoing Events: Cookie Angels deliver cookies, snacks and personal care items to the Warrior & Family Support Center. Call Susie Tolman for details (210) 654-0351.

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Volunteer Hours Due*
- 1 Solitaire's Luncheon 11am Ft Sam Golf Club**
- 4 Staff Meeting 10am Chapter Office
- 4 VA Volunteers Mtg 1pm VA Hospital
- 7 Labor Day**
- 10-12 MOAA President's Meeting Kansas City, MO**
- 11 Patriot Day**
- 11 MOAA-AC Golf Tourney River Crossing 1pm**
- 13 Grandparents Day**
- 18 Air Force Birthday**
- 18 POW/MIA Recognition Day**
- 24 Chapter Luncheon 11am Ft Sam Golf Club**
- 27 Gold Star Mother's Day**
- 27 Solitaire's Sunday Brunch 11 am Randolph Parr Club**



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Thursday, Aug 27, 2015 Chapter Luncheon

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7400 Crestway, San Antonio, TX 78239
Meet & Greet begins 11am - Lunch served approx 11:45am

Spkr: MG Charles E. Honore

Menu

- A) Savannah Meatloaf B) Chicken Jambalaya
- Petit Greek Salad, Whipped Parmesan Potatoes, Broccoli,
- Dinner Rolls, Boston Cream Pie
- Coffee, tea or water, Cash Bar available

Cost per person \$20 (ARC residents will be have their meal plan
account charged) Enclosed: \$_____

RSVP by Noon Friday 22 May

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Name _____

Guest: _____

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Thursday, Sept 24, 2015 Chapter Luncheon

Spkr: Will Garrett

San Antonio Chamber of Commerce

Ft Sam Golf Club

Meet & Greet begins 11am - Lunch served approx 11:45am

Menu

- A) BBQ Brisket B) Grilled Pork Chop
- Garden Salad, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans & Carrots
- Dinner Rolls
- Sherbert Ice Cream
- Coffee, tea or water, Cash Bar available

Cost per person \$20 Enclosed: \$_____

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