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President’s Message

As I write this, I am on my way to the MOAA Annual Meeting in Orlando, Fl. While there, we will be discussing MOAA’s legislative initiatives for 2016.

In addition, I will be bringing home another Chapters of Excellence 5-star banner for the Alamo Chapter. MOAA Alamo achieved this through continued involvement with many different aspects of assistance to the military community, transition activities, cooperative activities with JBSA and continued recruitment and retention of members as well as keeping a very active posture of legislative activity with our elected officials.

The candidates both on the Republican and Democratic sides are really posturing for our votes at this time and it is a real toss-up in many cases as to who the nominee from each party will be. What we all have to be cognizant of is looking at how we believe the candidates will support our military community.

Thus far, little has been said regarding our continued involvement in Afghanistan, continuing problems with the VA, the decimation of the military through continued sequestration.

Questions must be asked of the candidates as to what degree of support they will be giving these matters. The brutal fact is that if the military is to have a professional force, we must encourage the candidates and our current legislators to support them and their families with fair pay, continued comprehensive health care, a decent and understandable retirement system and having a support system for them and their families from the time they first put on the uniform until they leave the service or move into retirement.

We must continue to look at both the State and Federal levels as to how we can protect and nurture our military members and their families.

On the Federal level, MOAA has published an extensive list of things that it will be working for in the coming year, that can be seen on the MOAA.org website. Among these are getting rid of sequestration, and passing a REAL budget for DoD so that our military can do some real planning for sustaining and maintaining our military. This would perhaps give DoD a means to help its troops be able to function in a way that they can per-

form their missions and support the troops that make it all work! We continue to look at refinements to military retirement, Pay, SBC-DIC, commissaries, etc.

Where the state legislature is concerned, we had a near miss in effectively gutting the Hazelwood Act and legacy during the 84th Session. We are now looking at participating in testimony during the interim, which will review bringing some degree of uniformity in the way that our colleges and universities are calculating the “cost” of the Hazlewood, then looking at how such things as veteran residency requirements are concerned in determining eligibility, to what degree

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NOTICE

THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING & OFFICER ELECTIONS

will be held during the
monthly luncheon on
November 19, 2015
At Ft Sam Golf Club

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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!

Col Alex Archibald, Jr USAF (Ret)

LtCol Keith Moran USAF (Ret)



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.

Maryada Artiglia

Irene Collier

Nita Felder

Susan Filipini

Joe & Adele Genualdi

John Gibbs

Sue McCarthy

Mac and Lori McDonald

Goldie Monroe

Lolly Orlowski

Phyllis Smith

Lou Strong

Brenda Tobey

Susie Tolman

Dot Wise

Tom & Evelyn Woods

The Spouses Club

Ft Sam Houston Area

Make it - Fake it - Take it

Everything one makes or bakes will be auctioned off

17 November at 11am

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RSVP Rob-

in.greenfield.franz@gmail.com or

(931) 302-8412 by 4pm Nov 11

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CHRISTMAS PARTY

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Friends & Family (over 21) welcome*

When: Friday, December 4, 2015

Where: Ft Sam Golf Club
1050 Harry Wurzbach 78209
(210) 222-9386

Time: 6:30pm Social Hour
Cash Bar (No Credit Cards)
7:15pm Dinner

Dinner: Buffet featuring Marinated Chicken Breast
Chardonnay, Baron of Beef with Carver &
Mushroom Sauce, Spring Mix Salad, Seasoned
Oven Roasted Red Potatoes, Herbed Rice Pilaf,
Buttered Broccoli Spears, Green Beans with
Baby Carrots.
Fresh Dinner Rolls & butter
Assorted Dessert Station
Coffee & water

Music: Two For The Road

Dress: Cocktail



----- ✂ ----- Cut & Return ----- ✂ -----

Cost per person: \$30

Enclosed: \$ _____

RSVP with payment by noon Monday, November 30

Paid reservations not cancelled by noon, Tuesday December 1 will be forfeited

Name: _____

Guest(s): _____

Please send this reservation slip & check made payable to “MOAA-AC” to:

MOAA-AC, P.O. Box 340497, Ft. Sam Houston, TX 78234

Or

Call or email the office (moaa-ac@sbcglobal.net) and reserve and pay over the phone

Or

Register and pay by credit card on line at www.alamomoaa.org

Call 210-228-9955 with questions

THANK YOU! Renewing Members:

Col Alex Archibald, Jr USAF (Ret)
 Col Robert Bayless USAF (Ret)
 Col Francis Brown USAF (Ret)
 COL Gary Hyde USA (Ret)
 Col Preston Kleinman USAF (Ret)
 Col Mark List USAF (Ret)
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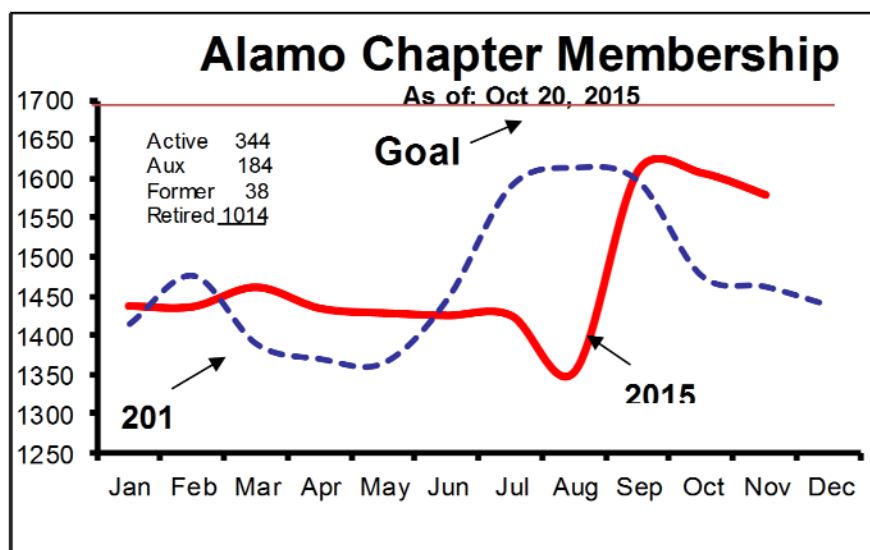
WELCOME! New Members

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 COL Gary Gardner USA
 Col Edward Garland USAF (Ret)
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 LtCol Paul Griffith USAF (Ret)
 LtCol Jan-Henry Haines USAF (Ret)
 CDR James Hale USN
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 Maj Leslye Doyle USAF (Ret)
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 CPT Christopher Hicks USA (Ret)
 CW2 David Holland ARNG



*Chapter President Jim Cunningham
 speaking to the
 Texas Chapter of Paralyzed Veterans*



Celebrate America's Military Events

Sun Nov 1

Air Show & Open House RAFB

Mon Nov 2

Birdies for the Brave Golf Tournament at TPC

Tue Nov 3

AFA Combat Breakfast RAFB
Kendrick Club
ESGR Salute to Bosses Luncheon
Downtown Doubletree Hotel

Wed Nov 4

Armed Forces Luncheon Rotary Club

Thu Nov 5

Spirit of America Dinner Rotary Club

Fri Nov 6

Operation Shower Group Baby Shower for spouses of deployed or injured troops

Sat Nov 7

Spurs Military Night

Sun Nov 8

Rampage Military Night

Tue Nov 10

Navy League Breakfast Ft Sam Golf Club

Wed Nov 11

Bi Plane Flights Stinson Field
National Roll Call 9am
UTSA Army ROTC Pass in Review
Downtown Campus
Buffalo Soldiers Commemorative Ceremony SA National Cemetery
SA Symphony Concert Tobin Center

Thu Nov 12

Hiring Fair Red, White & You!
9-2pm Alamodome
AUSA Luncheon Ft Sam Golf Club

Fr Nov 13

Ft Sam Veterans Day Event 11-3pm
McArthur Parade Field

Sat Nov 14

USO & Brackenridge Park CAM
Day 8-5pm
UWI Football Game 2pm

Mon Nov 16

Segs4Vets Ceremony at Alamo

www.celebrateamericasmilitary.com
for more info and reservations

Transitioning Tips

“Translating Your Resume into Civilianese”

Your resume is one of your key marketing tools that you will use to sell YOU to an employer.

You've spent years building your skill set and now you are transitioning to a new career. The question is how to translate these skills to that job that you want. The employer reviewing the resume may spend 10 to 15 seconds during the initial read to determine whether this is someone to be pursued for the open position. You want to make your resume stand out from the pack.

A resume should be tailored to that specific job. The first thing to do is review the job description. This comes from the employer. This is a crucial reference because it will outline the duties, responsibilities and key expectations that the employer will use to measure performance. These are the things that the employer will expect you to accomplish. Therefore, use the key words that match your skills.

One challenge you face is translating military lingo in non-military terms. There are a number of websites available free of charge that you have at your fingertips to help you translate. This is where you think outside of the

box. I heard a story about a young man transitioning out who spent his military career driving tanks. Through coaching, he translated this into driving heavy equipment for one of San Antonio's largest heavy equipment manufacturers. Not bad!

Once you have these key skills identified, provide examples of how you accomplished each key skill. One example per skill is sufficient. With each one, provide the result. Here's an example that I've used. *Designed and implemented an employee engagement survey. Results: Employee engagement increased 10% over three years.* Notice that it is short and to the point. Bullet point each of these accomplishments.

Remember that the resume shouldn't read like a job description. Describe what you've accomplished. Highlight the results. Those are what will catch the eye of the resume reviewer.

The last key point to make is that you never ever need to pay for resume building. There are many free resources available to help you build your resume. One is through the MOAA-Alamo Chapter. Contact Kitty Meyers at meyers.kathryn@yahoo.com for assistance.

Best of luck in your new career.

LtCol Kitty Meyers



WANTED! All 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 the Career Transition Coordinator - Texas

David Patrick Col USAF (Ret)
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 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
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Medical Minute

YOGA

Lyengar Yoga can improve balance and reduce risk of falls. Women with osteoarthritis (ages 60 – 75) improved posture, range of motion, gait and balance making them less likely to fall. (Temple School of Medicine, Philadelphia, Pa.)

Lyengar Yoga can help with chronic back pain according to the Journal of Spine, 2009. The Mayo Clinic notes that people in the non-yoga group had been living with low back pain for quite a while.

Many different exercise programs that stretch muscles of the trunk and hips appear to be helpful. Additionally they appear to relax the body and mind.

For those who find some of the exercises difficult, walking, swimming, bicycling, massage, Tia Chi, and/or line dancing can be helpful.

Whatever you do: **Keep Moving**

Source: *Arthritis Today, Mayo Clinic Health Letter*

Col Irene Collier (Ret)

Help us shape and drive our chapter!



Join us at our monthly business meetings, 1st Thursday of the month from 10am to noon at the chapter office

Call 228-9955 for more info.



Solitaires



SECURITY

As the holiday season approaches we are often away from home shopping, going to social gatherings, or traveling to visit friends or relatives. How secure is your home? Burglaries are more frequent at this time of year. There is a burglary every 15 seconds somewhere. You have been spending money on holiday presents. You have a security system and have a sign either on your lawn or window telling which company you use. Burglars know how to disconnect those systems and you have just told them which one they will disconnect. Instead buy a generic sign that merely states you have a burglar alarm system. When we run short errands, most of us don't even bother to set the alarm system.

Where do you hide your precious jewelry; safety deposit box? If you feel it is too much trouble to get it out when you want to wear it, where else but the bedroom, underwear drawer or under the mattress? How about out in the garage, or a removable ceiling tile, freezer, or buy an empty vegetable can meant just for hiding jewels?

You have a big dog. Most big dogs, unless they are trained as guard dogs, don't bark. You need a small dog—a "yapper". Some people have a tape recorder attached to the doorbell so that it barks every time the doorbell rings.

You have large bushes near your windows—maybe a cactus. Professional thieves wear heavy gloves and carry cutting tools. The heavy bushes protect them from being viewed from the street while they work.

You leave the lights on all of the time. It is a dead giveaway that you are gone. Instead, install two or three timers in different rooms so that lights go off and on giving the impression that someone is moving from room to room. Newspapers unclaimed can pile

up. Have a neighbor pick up the paper daily. Ask them to leave their car in your driveway periodically as though someone were at home.

If it is winter don't turn your heater off completely. Water pipes can burst. Also be sure you know where the outside water cut off valve is. In one suburb my friends always told the sheriff how long they would be gone and asked them to check on the house. The sheriff was honest. But the cleaning man had friends in the burglary business. They were robbed every time they went away.

If you follow even half of the above suggestions you should have a safe burglar free holiday.

The next Solitaire meeting will be Tuesday 6 October at 1100 at the Fort Sam Golf Club. The guest speaker will be Sonia Vaskov. She will share with us her experiences of being a teenager living under Nazi Germany during the war. The Sunday Brunch will be at RAFB Parr Club on Sunday 25 October.

Source: *Police Department Bottom Line*

Col Irene Collier (Ret)

If you are single, like to eat, chat, make new friends, experience or provide brief impromptu or scheduled interesting demonstrations, talks, or discussions, whether you are: visiting the area; active duty or retired; widowed or divorced; the SOLITAIRES is the group for you.

This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy camaraderie with other single men and ladies whose backgrounds and experiences are with the military. Make that resolution to get out and about and come have some fun!!

The group meets for lunch at the Ft Sam Golf Club each 1st Tuesday of the month and for Brunch at The RAFB Parr Club the 4th Sunday of the month. Other activities are planned through out the year.

Call the office (210) 228-9955 to be put into contact with the group's coordinator.

President's Message

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these benefits can be passed to dependents.

We are hopeful that we can help the legislature draw up some plans which will allow the Hazlewood to remain mostly intact while easing the possible burden to the colleges and universities in the state.

This past session, we had wanted to revise the tax relief for partially disabled veterans. However, in the rush to end the session on time, our bill did not make it to the floor to be voted on where we were pretty sure it would have passed. We will be looking at going back to the 85th legislature and trying to get this passed.

I hope that many of you were able to attend our Oktoberfest dinner. It sounded like it was going to be a good event. I would encourage as many of you as can to attend our November 19th luncheon when we will have our business meeting, elect new officers and most importantly, present the Judith Markelz of the Warrior and Family Support Center with a check for over \$10,000 from our recent golf tournament.

For our transitioning members, there will be a hiring fair event on November 12. This is the "Red, White and You" event at the Alamo Dome starting at 0900. Also, be sure and vote on November 3rd.

Next month I will be reporting on the Annual meeting and what transpired. Have a great month and enjoy your turkey!

Maj Jim Cunningham (Ret)

Health, Benefits & Welfare

Destroyed DD214s Update

A fire in 1973 destroyed 80 percent of Army personnel records for soldiers discharged between 1 Nov 1912 to 1 Jan 1960 and 75 percent of the Air Force records of Airmen discharged between 25 Sep 1947 to 1 Jan 1964 (with surnames beginning with Hubbard and running through the end of the alphabet). Veterans whose records have been lost can download and fill out a specific form at the National Archives or VA website www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel/na-13055-info-2-reconstruct-medical-data.pdf that authorizes the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) to search for other types of documents that would assist the veteran with their VA healthcare access or compensation claim, or for valuable research their family member's service history. For more information, visit the Department of Veterans Affairs website <http://www.benefits.va.gov/COMPENSATION/NPRC1973Fire.asp>.

NAUS Note: If your service time does NOT fall into the above timeframes and you request copies of your service record only to be told they were destroyed in "the fire," do not quit. Submit the request again. Most likely they will magically find your record. Unfortunately, it has happened too many times.

Source NAUS Aug 2015

Enlistment by Single Parents

Single Parents are not allowed to enlist in the US Military, period. Except for the Army National Guard, waiver approvals are very rare, and most recruiters won't even submit one. In the "old days," some recruits would try to get around this restriction by giving up legal custody of their child(ren) until after basic training and job school, but the military has wised up to this practice. For example, in the Marine Corps, one must give up legal custody (by court order) of their child(ren), and then wait one year or more before being eligible for enlistment. For Navy enlistments, the waiting period is six months and the court-order must make it very plain that the transfer in custody is permanent.

In the Army and Air Force, single member parent applicants who, at the time of initial processing for enlistment, indicate they have a child or children in the custody of the other parent or another adult are advised and required to acknowledge by certification that their intent at the time of enlistment was not to enter the Air Force/Army with the express intention of regaining custody after enlistment. These applicants must execute a signed statement testifying they have been advised that, if they regain custody during their term of enlistment, they will be in violation of the stated intent of their enlistment contract. They may be subject to involuntary separation for fraudulent entry unless they can show cause, such as the death or incapacity of the other parent or custodian, or their marital status changes from single to married.

The military's refusal to accept single parents for enlistment is a valid one. The military is no place for a single parent. In the military, the mission always comes first. Absolutely no exceptions are made in assignments, deployments, duty hours, time off, or any other factor for single parents. Single parents in the military are required to have a nonmilitary person (in the local area) on call at all times, 24-hours-per-day, seven-days-per-week, 365 days-per-year, who will agree (in writing) to take custody of their child(ren) at no notice, in the event that the military member is deployed or called to duty. Failure to comply with these "Family Care Plans" can (and does) result in an immediate discharge.

In general, an applicant who has joint physical custody of a child by court order or agreement, and the applicant does not have a spouse, he/she is considered a "single parent." If local or state court allows modification, if the other parent assumes full custody, the applicant is usually qualified for enlistment. In the Army National Guard, a single parent may enlist, if they receive a waiver from the State Adjutant General of the state that individual is enlisting.

Source: About.com Newsletter

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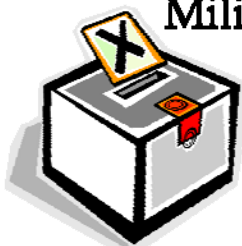
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Military Officers Association of America – Alamo Chapter

Election Ballot

For the term January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2018

In accordance with the Bylaws of the Alamo Chapter, as amended, the Nominating Committee offers the following members of the Chapter to serve in the positions indicated. Elected officers must be members of the Military Officers Association of America as well as members of the Alamo Chapter. Currently serving members are noted by the symbol (I). Please mark ballot by annotating with an "X" next to nominees' name. Space is also provided for the write-in vote for another qualified member of the Chapter in lieu of the nominated member.

For President: (I) Maj Jim Cunningham USA (Ret)

Write-in: _____

For Executive Vice President, Operations: (I) LTC Bill Goforth USA (Ret)

Write-in: _____

For Vice President, Administration: (I) LTC Jim Webb USA (Ret)

Write-in: _____

For Vice President, Membership, Recruitment & Retention: (I) LTC Randy Hoff USA (Ret)

Write-in: _____

For Vice President, Programs: (Open)

Write-in: _____

For Secretary: (I) Col David Patrick USAF (Ret)

Write-in: _____

For Treasurer: (I) Col Vaughn Caudill USA (Ret)

Write-in: _____

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Chapter

Vision & 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.



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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
 _____ \$25 Membership with hardcopy of newsletter
 _____ \$15 Membership with electronic copy of newsletter, or Surviving Spouse (auxiliary) membership

Membership Application

(Annual Membership)

Are you a member of MOAA National? _____



Military Officers Association of America Alamo Chapter

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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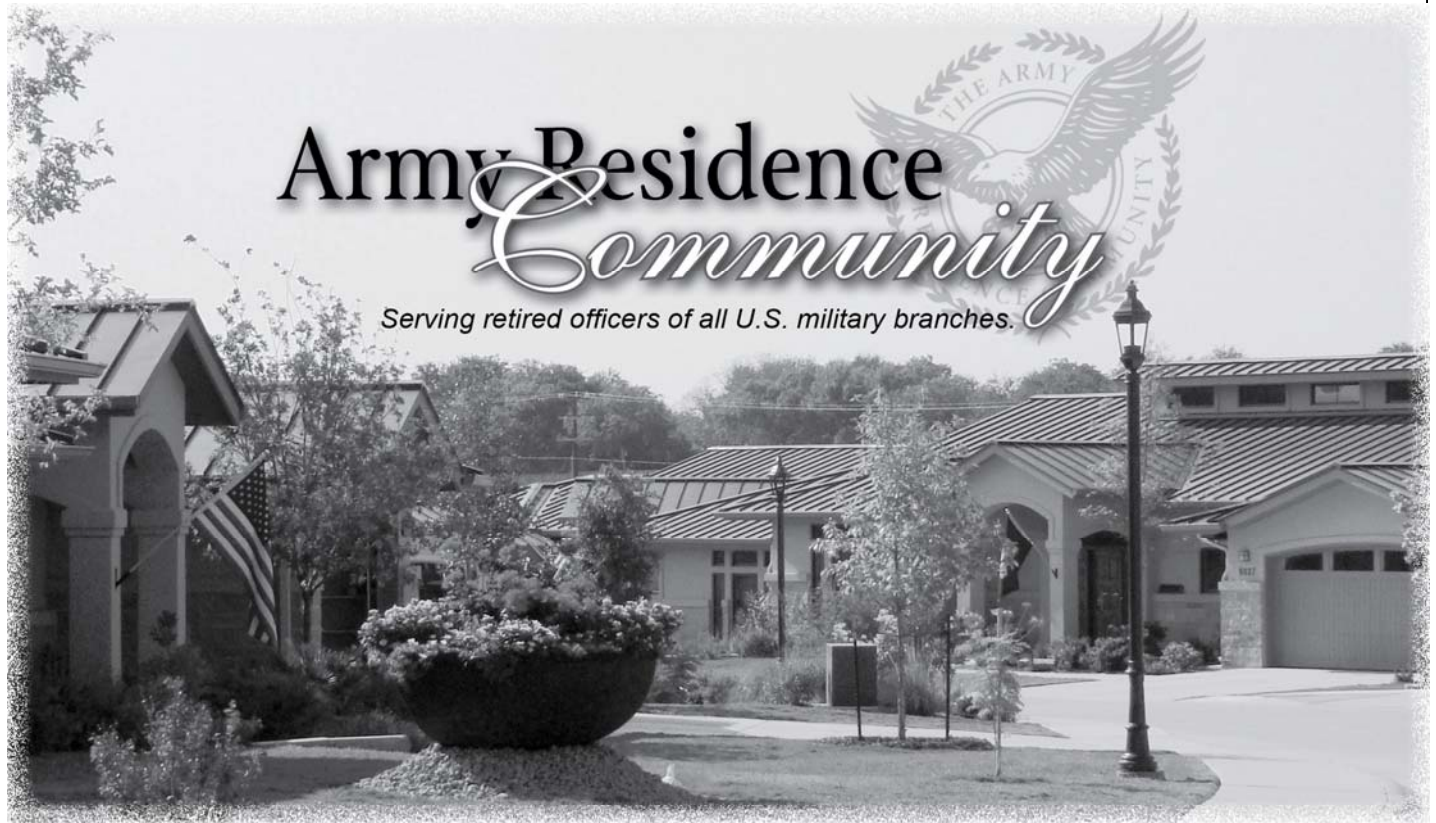
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Happy Veterans Day - Thank You For Your Service!

It Is The Veteran

It is the VETERAN, not the preacher,
Who has given us freedom of religion.

It is the VETERAN, not the reporter,
Who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the VETERAN, not the poet,
Who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the VETERAN, not the campus organizer,
Who has given us freedom to assemble.

It is the VETERAN, not the politician,
Who has given us the right to vote.

It is the VETERAN
Who salutes the Flag,

It is the VETERAN
Who serves under the Flag,

It is the VETERAN
Whose coffin is draped by the Flag.

20 Places where Veterans Eat Free on Veterans Day

Applebee's: A choice of seven different meals on the house (beverages and gratuity not included).

Bob Evans: Free all-you-can-eat hotcakes.

California Pizza Kitchen: A free entrée from special menu.

Cheeseburger in Paradise: Free All American Burger and fries.

Chili's: Free meals from a special menu.

Denny's: Free build-your-own Grand Slam Breakfast from 5 a.m. to noon.

Friendly's: Free Big Two Do breakfast or free All American Burger meal for lunch or dinner.

Golden Corral: A "thank you" dinner and fundraiser will take place on Monday, November 17, and veterans and active-duty military are welcomed to a free buffet and beverage from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Handel's Ice Cream: Free single-scoop ice cream cone.

Hooters: Free entrée (up to \$10.99 value) with any drink purchase.

IHOP: Free order of Red, White, and Blue pancakes anytime between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Krispy Kreme: Free small coffee and a donut.

LaMars Donuts: Free 12 oz. coffee and a donut.

Olive Garden: Free entrée from special menu.

On the Border: Free "create your own combo" meal.

Shoney's: Free All American Burger.

Starbucks: Veterans and active military and their spouses each get a free tall coffee.

TGI Fridays: Free lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Texas Roadhouse: Free lunch from special menu.

Tim Hortons: Free donut, anytime during the day.



The proceeds from the sale of these Texas Scratch Off Lottery Tickets support the Texas Fund for Veterans Assistance.



Chapter Events Calendar 2015

Events pertaining to **general membership** are **bolded** and *italicized for the volunteer leadership team*, though regular Members are always welcome!
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NOVEMBER

1 Volunteer Hours Due

3 Solitaire's Luncheon 11am Ft Sam Golf Club

5 Staff Meeting Chapter Office 10am

10 Marine Corps Birthday

11 Board Meeting 10am Chapter Office

12 Red, White & You Job Fair Alamodome 9am-2pm

19 Annual Business Meeting Luncheon & WFSC Presentation 11am Ft Sam Golf Club

22 Solitaire's Sunday Brunch 11 am Randolph Parr Club

26 Thanksgiving



DECEMBER

1 Volunteer Hours Due

3 VA Volunteers Meeting 1pm VA Hospital

4 Christmas Dinner Dance 6:30pm Ft Sam Houston Golf Club

5 Solitaire's Pot Luck

7 Pearl Harbor Day

8 Annual Chapter Planning Meeting 9:30am-Noon MOAA-AC Office

9 Hire2Hero Job Fair

9 Women Veterans Conference

25 Christmas Day



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Call Susie Tolman for details (210) 654-0351**

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**Thursday, Nov 19, 2015
Chapter Luncheon &
Annual Business Mtg & Elections**

Spkr: Judith Markelz
Warrior & Family Support Center

Ft Sam Golf Club

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

Menu

- A) Petite Sirloin Steak B) Chicken Alfredo
- Garden Salad, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Buttered Green Beans
- Dinner Rolls
- Sherbert Ice Cream
- Coffee, tea or water, honor wine bar

Cost per person \$20 Enclosed: \$ _____

RSVP by Noon Monday 16 Nov

Reservations not cancelled by noon Tuesday 17th will be billed
Non member Officers & guests are welcome with paid reservations

Name _____

Guest: _____

Call (210) 228-9955 to make your reservation or send check made payable to MOAA-AC to P.O. Box 340497, Ft Sam Houston, TX 78234 Or contact us by email moaa-ac@sbcglobal.net to hold a reservation or reserve and pay on-line at www.alamomoaa.org



Friday, Dec 4, 2015

Christmas Party

Dancing to
Two For The Road

Ft Sam Golf Club

1050 Harry Wurzbach, San Antonio, TX 78209
Meet & Greet begins 6:30pm - Buffet opens 7:15pm

**Buffet and cash only bar
See flyer on Page 3**

Cost per person \$30 Enclosed: \$ _____

RSVP by Noon Monday 30 November

Paid reservations not cancelled by noon 1 Dec Tuesday will be billed
Family and friends welcome (over 21)!

Name _____

Guest(s): _____

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