



## Alamo Chapter

May 30, 2020

### NETWORKING & TRANSITION ADVICE . . .

Pandemic Opportunity Is Everywhere. Seize It While It Is There; <[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I\\_iRjnaLz84](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I_iRjnaLz84)

How To Find Your Next Job When Everyone Else Is Searching Too; <<https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/how-find-your-next-job-when-everyone-else-searching-too-rosenberg/?trackingId=VzB3rnCd8ehKANWZEtAMSA%3D%3D>

10 Ways You Didn't Know LinkedIn Could Find You a Job; <<https://www.aarp.org/work/job-hunting/info-2017/10-ways-to-use-linkedin-job-search.html>

How Twitter Can Help Your Job Search; <<https://careerresumes.com/how-twitter-can-help-your-job-search/>

The Most In-Demand Soft Skills And Hard Skills In 2020;  
><https://www.bing.com/news/search?q=what+hard%2Fsoft+skills+are+in+demand+for+2020&q=n&form=QBNT&sp=-1&pq=what+hard%2Fsoft+skills+are+in+demand+for+2020&sc=0-44&sk=&cvid=737F363553CE43828FC3DF99388D2EA0>

Are These Things Slowing Down Your Job Search?; <<https://careerresumes.com/are-these-things-slowing-down-your-job-search/>

The First Thing You Need To Do After You Get Laid Off; <<https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/first-thing-you-need-do-after-get-laid-off-betty-kempa-cpc-eli-mp/?trackingId=HMmrjWNegdgJCvcYZHdyIQ%3D%3D>

What's Keeping You From Changing Careers?; <<https://careerresumes.com/whats-keeping-you-from-changing-careers/>

Why Jobscan Fails To Get Your Resume Through An ATS; <<https://www.facebook.com/reCareered/posts/10163535985180430>

37 Major U.S. Companies Hiring Now to Meet Coronavirus Demand;

<<https://www.bing.com/news/search?q=24+Major+U.S.+Companies+Hiring+Now+To+Meet+Coronavirus+Demand&gpvt=24+Major+U.S.+Companies+Hiring+Now+to+Meet+Coronavirus+Demand&FORM=EWRE>

15 skills LinkedIn says are most likely to get you hired in 2020 - plus the affordable online courses you can take to build them;

<<https://www.bing.com/news/search?q=what+hard%2Fsoft+skills+are+in+demand+for+2020&qs=n&form=QBNT&sp=-1&pq=what+hard%2Fsoft+skills+are+in+demand+for+2020&sc=0-44&sk=&cvid=737F363553CE43828FC3DF99388D2EA0>

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### Salary Negotiation in a Recession: What You Need to Know

Understand your value, review your priorities, and learn how to make your case.

## EVENTS . . .

### Virtual Career Fairs, Webinars and Transition Toolkit

MOAA is delighted to continue its robust series of virtual events to support the military and veteran community navigate the current economic and employment landscape. As a reminder, MOAA's Virtual Career Fairs and webinars are **free and complimentary to all members of the military and veteran community** – currently serving, retired or separated, officer and enlisted, Guard and Reserve, as well as military spouses -- you don't have to be a MOAA member to participate.

Click <https://www.moaa.org/content/topic-and-landing-pages/moaas-virtual-career-and-transition-toolkit/> for all virtual events.

It's more important than ever to make sure you're in the know and your military benefits are protected. Stay informed!!

### Upcoming events:

**Wed, May 27, 2:00 PM EDT, Tips and Techniques on How to Find Your Federal Job** webinar event. Interested in learning more about how to search for your ideal federal position and then navigate the federal hiring process to land the job? This webinar will include:

- Key abbreviations and acronyms found in federal hiring.
- How to search for federal vacancies.
- Step-by-step instructions on reviewing the vacancy announcement.
- How the selection process for potential General Schedule (GS) employees works.

Find more: <https://www.moaa.org/content/events/transition-and-career/tips-and-techniques-on-how-to-find-your-federal-job/>

**Thurs, May 28, 2:00 PM EDT, TRICARE Transitions – Preparing for Military Retirement and Turning 65** webinar event. Are you aware of your TRICARE options and changes upon retirement? What happens to my healthcare benefits when I, and my spouse, turn 65? Tune in as MOAA's financial/benefits counselor Paul Frost, AFC®, walks you through these two important transitions. Find more: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2992463138833604875>

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[View the Military/Veterans Events calendar](#) from **BEXAR COUNTY MILITARY AND VETERAN SERVICES CENTER**

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See the full Texas Veterans Commission Events Schedule, [TVC Events Calendar HERE](#)

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### **TexVet Connects!**

Discover new veteran-serving organizations in your area! Did you know TexVet is the best place to find your local veteran community? With the TexVet County Pages, veteran-serving organizations in your area are only a click away.

[www.texvet.org/county](http://www.texvet.org/county)

## TRANSITION RESOURCES & OTHER NEWS YOU CAN USE . . .

### [COVID-19 and USERRA: Understand Your Re-Employment Rights](#)

With more Guard and Reserve deployments, and more jobs disappearing, it's critical to know the law.

### **Navigating Career Turbulence: How to Find Your Next Opportunity**

MOAA taps experts from multiple fields to get a view of the new employment landscape.

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### **Virtual Resources during the current pandemic crisis.**

1. Lori Stinson San Antonio Chamber of Commerce: The SA Chamber has a COVID-19 Response site is sharing all of these great resources - we have a specific military link, as well - adding employment and transitioning info this week also - <https://www.sachamberrapidresponse.org/military> Lots of other pertinent info there, too - not just military related. Also, for specific Chamber updates for business initiatives and daily updates amidst this current crisis - sign up here: <https://www.sachamber.org/get-involved/email-sign-up/> - you don't need to be a Chamber investor to register.
2. Gerard Migeon Clarity CGC: Clarity CGC has created a page to help parents during these times which we update regularly. It includes "parenting during COVID" articles, self-care articles, easy-to-print tools / activities, and information about access to care for children: <https://www.1in5minds.org/caring-for-kids-mental-health-during-the-covid-19-pandemic>
3. Centurion Military Alliance (CMA): virtual workshop: Every Thursday there will be a new presenter <https://www.cmawarrior.org/>

4. Shawn Morgan Wounded Warrior Project: The Wounded Warrior Project is still open to assist veterans and their families. We are hosting virtual events and virtual Peer Support Groups across the country that are advertised in our weekly Post. We are assisting those impacted by COVID-19 through our Resource Center and Emergency Financial Assistance program. You must be eligible or registered with WWP to qualify. Those needing assistance can call the Resource Center at 888.WWP.ALUM (997.2586) or email the RC at [resourcecenter@woundedwarriorproject.org](mailto:resourcecenter@woundedwarriorproject.org).  
<https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/programs/wwp-resource-center/emergency-financial-assistance>
5. USO: The USO is still open virtually, sign up for USO Pathfinder Program visit [www.uso.org/pathfinder](http://www.uso.org/pathfinder)
6. Carla Miller Virtual hiring our Heroes events: Hiring our Heroes are conducting amazing companies presenting how to write a resumes, leveraging LinkedIn, how to apply for a distribution center, to hey we are hiring. Guest speakers, presenters and companies change weekly! Link to register for the weekly events is: [www.hiringourheroes.org/events](http://www.hiringourheroes.org/events)
  - Monday: Motivation Mondays
  - Tuesday: Transition Tuesdays
  - Wednesday: Wellness Wednesdays
  - Thursday: Industry Thursdays
  - Friday: Feature Fridays
7. The VFW is assisting virtually, <https://www.vfw.org/assistance/va-claims-separation-benefits/pre-discharge-locations-and-contacts>
8. John Tansill FDM is still recruiting and training in IT skills, followed by employment. If you would like to discuss my e-mail is [john.tansill@fdmgroup.com](mailto:john.tansill@fdmgroup.com)
9. NCOA TERRY: If there is anyone that knows any Companies that would like to order Masks or Hand sanitizers in in bulk contact me at [jerry@ncoausa.org](mailto:jerry@ncoausa.org) I can provide direct contact.
10. Matt Scherer: <https://www.eventbrite.com/myevent?eid=101878758108> is the Thursday event that I mentioned.
11. The virtual Warriors for Life Support groups from Victory for Veterans (501c3) is a great way to receive support and get help toward wholeness and wellness <https://www.victoryforveterans.org/support>

12. Andrew L. Harrell: 08:53 AM <https://military.microsoft.com/programs/microsoft-software-systems-academy/andrew.harrell.mssa@pgmsft.com>
13. Jonathan Lovejoy: [Lovejoy@uiwtx.edu](mailto:Lovejoy@uiwtx.edu) for zoom assistance.
14. Alanah Lavinier Endeavors: Endeavors Veteran programs are still open and is 100% remote services for both the Military Family Clinic as well as our SSVF program. I have to drop off now for a meeting.
15. Sally Gonzalez: Military & Family Readiness- call 210-221-2418 or 210-221-2705 to request service or register for a class.
16. Rick Garcia- Workforce Solutions Alamo: For UI Benefits, check claim status and general information: [www.uitexasworkforce.org](http://www.uitexasworkforce.org) or 1-800 939 6631. If you have a question about the unemployment process, please read the Unemployment Benefits handbook, the information sent to you after you applied, and the information provided on TWC's website. Answers to questions about the unemployment process can be found on the website, links below.
- ☐ ☐ Unemployment Benefits webpage: <https://twc.texas.gov/jobseekers/unemployment-benefits>
  - ☐ ☐ Unemployment Handbook: <https://twc.texas.gov/files/jobseekers/unemployment-benefits-handbook-twc.pdf>
  - ☐ ☐ Eligibility & Benefit Amounts: <https://twc.texas.gov/jobseekers/eligibility-benefit-amounts>
  - ☐ ☐ How to Request Payment: <https://twc.texas.gov/jobseekers/request-benefit-payments>
  - ☐ ☐ How to Report Work & Earnings: <https://twc.texas.gov/jobseekers/report-your-work-earnings>
  - ☐ ☐ Learning the Result of Your Application for Benefits: <https://twc.texas.gov/jobseekers/learning-result-your-application-benefits>
17. Michelle Washington VA-CEC: Michelle Washington, Community Employment Coordinator, [michelle.washington1@va.gov](mailto:michelle.washington1@va.gov) we have been asked to fill VA positions: 3- Supply Tech GS-05, 3- Purchasing Agents GS-05, 1- Lead Purchasing Agent GS-06, 1- Supervisory Supply Tech GS-07, and Housekeepers. Please send me an email and I will send you the descriptions.
18. Mark Ledesma Bexar County Military and Veteran Services Center Workshops:
- Resume Writing April 17, 2020 9:30 to 11:30  
Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://zoom.us/j/690303868?pwd=em9GVm9yUW05NHBZYZlzdUNoOGNzQT09>  
Meeting ID: 690 303 868  
Password: 601846
- HR and Manager Training April 22, 2020 1:00 to 4:00  
Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://zoom.us/j/407686413?pwd=emVPS21ENFU4UXhYUUVVYV0tRcGdsQT09>

Meeting ID: 407 686 413  
Password: 145636

Interviewing April 29, 2020 9:30 to 11:30

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/796115942?pwd=YWgxcml5QktzYmYrWWdyNnBjR2xRdz09>

Meeting ID: 796 115 942

Password: 427728

19. Grant Hegner: Please share and take the COVID-19 Military Families Pain Points Poll <https://covid19militarysupport.org/> recent success affecting military families and veterans: Legislation to Authorize VA Remote Education, a Army Short-Term Reenlistment Policy, DHA Expanded TRICARE Coverage to Telehealth ABA Therapy, and Army Operational Guidance re: Child Care Free Assistance
20. Mike Crowley Realtor Academy: for more information on the Realtor Academy feel free to email me at [mike@realtoracademy.com](mailto:mike@realtoracademy.com) or visit our website [www.realtoracademy.com](http://www.realtoracademy.com)
21. Lisa Gregg, Talent Advisor, CPS Energy:
22. Sally Gonzalez: Military & Family Readiness- Resume assistance- [USAF.jbsa.aetc.mbx.jbsa-employment-org-box@mail.mil](mailto:USAF.jbsa.aetc.mbx.jbsa-employment-org-box@mail.mil) must be a DOD ID cardholder
23. Janet Sanchez : <https://form.jotform.com/esposasmilitaresusa/MOMC2020>
24. David Gonzalez Texas Workforce Commission/Veteran Career Advisor (VCA): Working virtually [david.gonzalez@tvc.texas.gov](mailto:david.gonzalez@tvc.texas.gov) or (512) 771-7671
25. Larry King Texas Workforce Commission/Texas Veterans Leadership Program [Larry.king@twc.state.tx.us](mailto:Larry.king@twc.state.tx.us) or 210.382.8724.
26. Gary Timpson TXServes San Antonio and AACOG phone lines will remain open, AACOG is still processing requests for service; however, callback times may be slightly delayed. If you would like to request service, please contact the appropriate department below:
  - \* AACOG General Line: 210-362-5200
  - \* Alamo Regional Transit: 866-889-7433
  - \* Alamo Service Connection (Aging Services): 855-937-2372

\* Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities: 210-832-5020

\* TXServes Veterans Services: 888-724-8387 or visit <https://sanantonio.americaserves.org/>

\* AACOG Staff Directory

27. Janet Sanchez: April 11 - 6pm we will have a virtual party with a DJ for all military children online with a FB Live open to everyone <https://www.facebook.com/290115401007663/posts/3176369572382217/?vh=e&d=n>
28. Monica McNeal: Here is the link for Microsoft Military Spouse Technology Academy (MSTA) all spouses interested can email to get information <https://military.microsoft.com/programs/msta/>
29. Yazmine Gutierrez Military Family Readiness Center Fort Sam Houston: [Yazmine.i.gutierrez.civ@mail.mil](mailto:Yazmine.i.gutierrez.civ@mail.mil)
30. Monica McNeal: Here is the link for Microsoft Military Spouse Technology Academy (MSTA) All spouses interested can email to get information <https://military.microsoft.com/programs/msta/>
31. Matt Scherer: <https://www.militarytimes.com/education-transition/2020/03/11/lawmakers-move-to-protect-gi-bill-payouts-amid-college-coronavirus-closings/>
32. Ask about GI Bill and other benefits for school: VA Benefits Contact Information Certification Information Jessica Alford (Veterans Coordinator) or Debbi Parker (Compliance & Certification Coordinator) Appointment Scheduling Information Location & Address: Office of the Registrar Clifton Robinson Tower, Suite 370 700 South University Parks Dr. Waco, Texas 76706 Phone: 254-710-8870 Fax: 254-710-2233 Email: [va\\_benefits@baylor.edu](mailto:va_benefits@baylor.edu) we were told, they will still receive their allowances.
33. Rebecca Jara employment Harland Clarke: Harland Clarke Facebook Events <https://www.facebook.com/events/234791557617857/> and <https://www.facebook.com/events/2860569204019985/> or [Rebecca.jara@harlandclarke.com](mailto:Rebecca.jara@harlandclarke.com)
34. Susan Oelsen Project Quest: Virtual Information Session April 8 at 2pm. Sign up on [www.questsa.org](http://www.questsa.org) Click application on drop down menu.
- <https://www.nist.gov/itl/applied-cybersecurity/nice/resources/online-learning-content> Cyber and IT resources, not all free.
  - <https://www.facebook.com/TechTalentCentral/posts/2847610735314809> San Antonio only - not all tech.



35. Sharron Stewart; Women Veterans Coordinator, Central & South, TX: Team if you need to be linked up with the Texas Veterans Commission please feel free to contact me at [sharron.stewart@tvc.texas.gov](mailto:sharron.stewart@tvc.texas.gov).
36. Janet Sanchez: we are still offering free English classes and free Citizenship classes for military families with language barriers they can register here <https://www.esposasmilitaresusa.org/clases-ingles>
37. Rachel Bell: Blue Star Families and the Association of Defense Communities have biweekly town hall meetings and other resources that may be helpful. <https://covid19militarysupport.org> The Institute for Veterans and Military Families has a webinar coming up on Wednesday about Taking Care of Business during a Pandemic, as well as a robust list of resources. <https://ivmf.syracuse.edu/taking-care-of-business-during-a-pandemic/>
38. Rachel Bell: <http://sahcc-dev.chambermaster.com/events/details/soci-l-media-free-online-training-4147>
39. Debe Clark, CoSA OMVA: <https://careers.fema.gov/oncall> CoSA positions: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/sanantoniots>
40. Rachel Bell: Thursday's: <https://covid19militarysupport.org/event-archive/managing-the-financial-impact-of-covid-19-for-military-families-2/>
41. Victoria Harvey – HOH: Hiring Our Heroes is offering virtual workshops multiple times a day so please share with anyone from the military community: <https://events.hiringourheroes.org/c/calendar/a7a5b351-8807-4343-8561-c757c022600f> also, the dates for Cohort 20-2 of the Hiring Our Heroes Military Spouse Fellowship Program have been
42. Rachel Bell: Wednesday's: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/taking-care-of-business-during-a-pandemic-registration-100955935922>
43. USO: The USO is still open virtually, sign up for USO Pathfinder Program visit [www.uso.org/pathfinder](http://www.uso.org/pathfinder)

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### **TWC Launches New Chat Bot for Unemployment Insurance Claims**

The Texas Workforce Commission has launched a new automated virtual assistant to help Texans sign up for unemployment insurance. The artificial intelligence-enabled chatbot can instantly answer many of the most common questions about the UI process.

Please go to the Texas Workforce Commission website <https://www.twc.texas.gov/> to find the new chat bot. The new chat bot pops up automatically at the bottom right corner.

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You can search Google “*jobs for veterans*” and enter your MOS code to find civilian jobs that match your skills.

<https://www.google.com/webhp?tab=mw&authuser=0>

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### Private Security Job Market Positions

<https://silentprofessionals.org>

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### Change of Mission

*THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR SOLDIERS WITH 17 OR MORE YEARS OF SERVICE*

<https://soldierforlife.army.mil/Retirement/change-of-mission>.

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### *Air Force Civilian Employment Eligibility Guide*

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### Here Are All the Government Programs That Help Vets with Jobs and Benefits

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**Texas Operation Welcome Home** is a program designed to better meet the needs of Transitioning Service Members, recently separated Veterans, and Military Spouses in the Great State of Texas. It brings the Workforce Solutions that are located adjacent to Military Installations together with the representatives from those Installations in an effort to share resources and information.

<https://texasoperationwelcomehome.com/>

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**Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) Partners and Online Resources. Click on links below . . .**

- [Texas Workforce Commission](#)
- [TexVet: Get Connected](#)
- [211 Texas](#)
- [Texas Lottery Commission](#)
- [Texas Lawyers for Texas Veterans](#)
- [Veterans Land Board](#)
- [Texas Military Forces](#)
- [Texas Health and Human Services Commission](#)
- [Texas Veterans Portal](#)

- Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) has over 45 Claims offices in Texas. To find the Claims office near you, click [TVC Directory](#).

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### **MOAA Career Transition – Top Website Links**

The most beneficial website links for MOAA career transition resources. These are five common links we routinely direct our members and potential members towards:

- 1) Career & Education Events - here we post our upcoming events (Air & Space, webinars, virtual career fairs, etc): <https://www.moaa.org/content/events/transition/Career-and-Education-Events/>
- 2) MOAA's Marketing Yourself for a Second Publication (NOTE: must be a paid MOAA member to download): <https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/moaa-publications/marketing-yourself-detail/>
- 3) Archived Articles from The MOAA Newsletter (TMN) - click on dropdown menu to sort by category (Finance, Military Benefits, Transition & Career, etc): <https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/news-listing/>
- 4) MOAA's Job Board (NOTE: must be a paid member to access): <https://www.moaa.org/content/benefits-and-discounts/transition-and-careers/moaas-job-board/>
- 5) MOAA's Career Transition Center - how to request a resume critique, LinkedIn profile review, career consulting: <https://www.moaa.org/content/benefits-and-discounts/transition-and-careers/moaa-career-center-member-benefits/>

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**The National Resource Directory (NRD)** is a free service that links more than 14,000 resources to service members, Veterans and their families. The NRD was designed to specifically help those that are "wounded, ill and injured" find services that support recovery, rehabilitation, and community reintegration.

The site was created through a partnership between the Department of Veterans Affairs, Department of Defense and the Department of Labor. The NRD provides centralized access to resource information from the government (ranging from the federal to the local level). It also includes resources from non-profit, professional, educational and military-service/Veteran organizations.

All organizations are also vetted to ensure each resource is valid and accurate. Please click on the link below.

[\*\*National Resource Directory\*\*](#)

**Resource information includes:**

- Benefits
- Education
- Employment and Training
- Housing
- Transportation

The website's design features services divided into categories and the ability to search by keyword, resource type, or location. One section includes a list of organizations, such as the Red Cross, that works with the NRD to provide services to Veterans and service members. The website lists contact information for each resource, including an address and directions.

NRD updates these resources frequently to provide the most accurate information available.

To discover new resources visit the National Resource Directory at <https://nrd.gov>.

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**USAFA Association of Graduates Transition Center** [www.usafa.org/CareerCenter](http://www.usafa.org/CareerCenter)

One-stop shop for people that are getting out of the military or making the transition between their civilian careers that are looking for everything from sources to specific career links to mentorship to networking help, all in one location. Includes resources related to education, employment, self-employment, resume support, mentorship, and transitioning from military aviation to commercial aviation.

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### **Join National MOAA Today**

Not a member of MOAA? When you join MOAA, you become part of the strongest advocate for our military's personnel and their families. The stronger our membership is, the stronger our voice becomes. Check out this video [Why MOAA?](#) Consider joining today because every voice counts. To join, just click [HERE](#).

### **Join MOAA Alamo Chapter Today**

Also, you can click [HERE](#) to join the largest chapter in Texas – the Alamo Chapter – which is recognized by MOAA as a “5-star Chapter of Excellence”, year-after-year.

For other MOAA Chapters in Texas, visit <http://www.texas-moaa.org/chapters.cfm>.

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