

January 2018



## *Military-Civilian Club Of San Antonio*

### From your Presidents

Happy New Year Members! We hope this newsletter finds you happy and healthy for the start of 2018!

Can you believe we are half way through the year? It's only going to get bigger and better as we go along with our upcoming luncheons and trips planned. **FUN** is what is in-store for our amazing club! Check out the information on trips in the works below.

We just wanted to take a moment to say "Thank you" for being so kind, generous and thoughtful for not only our military community, but our San Antonio one as well. We have the **BEST** members! You make us excited about our club!

Mary and I have been enjoying our year together and look forward to seeing you in 2018. Please know you all mean so much to us and we are so blessed to be serving as your presidents this year.

Lisa Wright, Military President & Mary Wieser, Civilian President

#### *Mil-Civ Adventures*

#### *Cooking School in Fredericksburg...*

Date: 24 January

Cost: \$75

Includes: Cooking class, 5 course lunch with red and white wine and padding the streets of Fredericksburg

#### *Roundtop Antique Fair - Marburger Farm and the Arbor*

Date: 28 March 2018

Departure Time: 7:00am from Ft Sam Golf Course Return: 6:00pm

Cost: \$85 per person

Includes: Bus Transportation, coffee and breakfast tacos for the trip, admission into Antique Show, snacks, water and more

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### 2017-2018 New Military Members

Doni Anderson, Kim Bogart, Lori Campbell (returning member), Tina Cloud, Dee Dee Doherty (returning member), Michaela Flemming, Celia FlorCruz, Mary Goldstone, Glenda Gonzales, Karin Hanson Jenkins, Garrety Kelly, Maggie Konopa, Barb Martin, Margaret "Peggy" Poore, Angela "Angie" Salinas, Sherry Hill Sargent, Alisa Spangenthal, Pam Thomas, Jamee Thomson, Sandy Utterback, Kim Van De Walle (returning member), April Ward

The Military-Civilian Club  
of San Antonio  
is designed to foster patriotism  
and the integration of  
the military and civilian  
communities of the  
San Antonio, Texas area.

### Mark Your Calendars

#### January 8

11:30 Luncheon

#### Lackland Military Working Dogs

The Club at Sonterra

Tell gate guard you're with Mil-Civ  
for access & directions

#### February 12

11:30 Luncheon

#### *In Home Luncheons*

In military homes

#### March 5

11:30 Luncheon

#### Scholarship Recipient Presentations & David's Law

The Club at Sonterra

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#### April 9

11:30 Luncheon

#### Military Ambassadors

Gateway Club - JBSA-Lackland

#### May 14

11:30 Luncheon

#### SA's Tercentennial & Installation of Officers

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#### Treasurer's Notes

If you are requesting reimbursement, please fill out our online form and mail it to our Treasurer, Victoria Wood at:  
Military Civilian Club of San Antonio  
P.O. Box 6185  
San Antonio, TX 78209

If you do not wish to be reimbursed, fill out the form and submit it anyway so we can use it to budget for next year.

All reimbursement requests are due to the Treasurer by May 31, 2018.

Officers and Committee Chairs, please use the tax exempt form when making purchases for the Club.

## Luncheon News

The **January Luncheon** will be held on Monday, January 8, 2018, at The Club at Sonterra. There will be a Joint Board Meeting held beforehand. Lunch will be a small salad followed by Chicken Marsala served with garlic butter mashed potatoes and asparagus. A vegetarian option will also be available. Decadent Tiramisu for dessert. "Lackland, Military Working Dog Training Program: Fostering a New Generation of Service Dogs" will be the program. As you might imagine, there has been a strong interest in this topic! We look forward to seeing you there.

Virginia Dibrell, Civilian 2<sup>nd</sup> VP

### Bloom Where You Are Planted

The **In-Home Luncheons** on February 12<sup>th</sup> will be hosted by the military members this year. Enjoy a lovely lunch in your military friend's house! Sign-up sheets for homes filled up quickly at the December Luncheon. There is still room for both military co-hostesses and civilian guests. The remaining sign-up sheets will be available at the January 8<sup>th</sup> luncheon. Once all of the available homes are filled we will have a waiting list. For questions, contact Terry Lein, Military 3<sup>rd</sup> VP, [leinmama3@gmail.com](mailto:leinmama3@gmail.com)

The **March Luncheon** is on March 5<sup>th</sup> at The Club at Sonterra. Our incredible guest speaker will be Maurine Molak, whose son, David Molak, had been harassed online by classmates who mocked his appearance and threatened physical violence. After months of cyberbullying, the 16-year-old Alamo Heights High School student took his own life in January 2016. His parents created David's Legacy, a foundation aimed at raising awareness about cyberbullying and suicide.

We will be serving tomato-basil soup, a Mediterranean salad, rolls and for dessert, berries with whipped cream.

Jackie Meyer, Civilian 3<sup>rd</sup> VP

Come one come all to the **April Luncheon** at the Gateway club on April 9<sup>th</sup> at Lackland AFB. It's time to meet our Military Ambassadors and kick off Fiesta 2018!! We have worked closely with the Gateway to have a wonderful, Fiesta themed lunch. The Gateway Club has a new look that you'll want to see for yourself.

Menu for our luncheon: Margaritas on the rock (nonalcoholic available as well)~~Cash Bar/ Hors d'oeuvre Station/Fresh Fruit Display/Chips & Salsa/ Beef Salad or Southwest Vegetarian Salad/Dessert

VIVA FIESTA!!!!!!! Gwen Brown, Military 4<sup>th</sup> VP

Wrap up the Club year at the **May Luncheon** on May 14<sup>th</sup> at The Club at Sonterra. Social begins at 11:30 a.m. and lunch will be served at noon. There will be a joint board meeting held prior to the Social. RSVP by Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. Still only \$30.00! Pay by Check or Credit Card, no cash, please. Our special guest speaker will be Betty Beuche, telling us about San Antonio's 300 Tercentennial – "Celebrating San Antonio for 300 years"!! We will also have our Installation of Officers for 2017-2018. Your delightful meal will be: Soup, Cobb Salad, Rolls/Butter, Iced Tea/Coffee and Key Lime Pie. **Complimentary Valet Service Available.**

Becky Ownby Smith, Civilian 4<sup>th</sup> VP

*In Loving Memory*   Past President ~ Betty "Beany" Berkey  Jean Bell  Lorraine Olsson

## Mil-Civ Member Portal

**Military-Civilian Club 2017-2018**

**New Military-Civilian**

**Charitable Foundation Website:**

[www.milcivfoundation.com](http://www.milcivfoundation.com)

**DONATE** through "donate button"

**Payment made through PayPal**

**Click on MEMBER PORTAL**

**to see Club Info**

**Username:**

**Mil-Civ-Member**

**Password: YUCCA**

**Portal is a "work in progress"**

**FACEBOOK:**

**Military-Civilian Club of  
San Antonio. (Private Facebook Page)**

**You request to be a member**

**Sally Gummel will verify your  
membership**

**LUNCHEON RSVP UPDATES:**

**Civilian and Military will use**

**Constant Contact**

**to notify you about the luncheons**

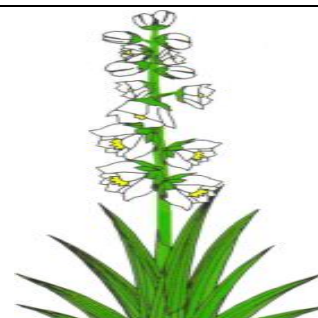
**Pay by Credit Card through PayPal**

**or**

**Check or Credit Card at Luncheon**

### **Meetings & Reservation Policies**

Please remember that you must make your meeting requirements to remain a member in good standing. Make your luncheon reservation through the Communications Committee or e-vite. Please understand that the Club is obligated to pay for lunch reservations even if you cannot attend. Therefore, we ask that you still honor your reservations and pay for your lunch.



## Civilian Membership Applications

Membership nominations for new Civilian members or a Civilian change in status must be received by April 1, 2018. The proposal of a person for membership shall be made in writing by a member of the club and endorsed by one other member. Only one proposal and one endorsement may be made by a member within a club year. Application forms may be found on the Military-Civilian website or email Julie Ball for more information.

### Cooking School in Fredericksburg...

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The flavorful journey led by John DeMers also includes notes on local history and culture, techniques from chefs and grandmothers, tips on Fredericksburg wineries and restaurants, and no shortage of wisdom about food, wine and life. John DeMers is the author of 56 published books, most about food, wine and travel. As part of eating his way through 136 foreign countries, the New Orleans native has served as food editor of United Press International and the Houston Chronicle. Transportation is not included at this point. We have to have 10 folks for the private class. If the number is that small we might want to take 2 cars.

### Trip to Roundtop & The Arbor...

Date: 28 March 2018

Departure Time: 7:00am from Ft Sam Golf Course

Return: 6:00pm

Cost: \$85 per person/Lunch is **not** included

The Marburger Farm Antique Show has been a favorite source of antiques for 20 years. This twice a year tradition located in Round Top, Texas, features more than 350 dealers from across the United States and the world.

The dealers are experts in the field and spend the year combing the globe for the most extraordinary array of antiques. Marburger Farm is special because it caters to the interior designer, the collector, the treasure hunter and shoppers alike. We will also travel to the Arbor for more. You will be delighted with the best of the best in furniture, linens, fine art, clothing, handbags and unique jewelry. Wear good walking shoes.

## Oops! 2017-18 Yearbook Corrections

### **Civilian:**

~Boldt, Veronica – Formal name should read:

Dr. & Mrs. John W. Boldt

~ O'Connell, KaRynn – email should be:

karynn.oconnell@ustrust.com

### **Military:**

~Smith, Dawn - email should be: [dawnmsmith45@gmail.com](mailto:dawnmsmith45@gmail.com)

~Lein, Terry – email should be: [leinmama3@gmail.com](mailto:leinmama3@gmail.com)

## **Proposed Civilian By-law Change**

**Approved by Civilian Board in October 2017**

Will be presented in the spring to the Membership.

**Delete the following passage.**

Article III—Membership

Section 3. Civilian

(B) ...Widows or wives of Retired Military Officers who were formerly native residents of San Antonio and have returned to the area for residency may be elected as Civilian Associate members by the Executive Board in May, providing there is a vacancy. At no time shall this group exceed ten in number.

## **Proposed Military By-Law Change**

**Approved by the Membership on Dec 11, 2017**

**Red** is original wording deleted in top section.

**Blue** is wording added in changed section.

### **Original:**

Article III---Membership

Section 2. Military

A) Active membership shall be limited to one hundred fifty members, all of whom shall reside in the San Antonio area. Active members shall vote and hold office. They shall pay dues and attend two meetings per club year or forfeit membership. Active membership may be offered to women of the following categories according to duty assignment:

1) Spouses of active duty officers and officers of the rank of O-6 or above to include those selected for promotion to O-6.

2) Government civilians of the Senior Executive Service (SES), or their spouses.

3) Members of each major Department of Defense command to include the Reserve, National Guard, and National Security Agency, or their spouses, according to the allocation established by the bylaws.

B) Associate membership shall be composed of active members who retire or whose male spouses from duty in the San Antonio area. Associate members shall vote and hold office. They shall pay dues and attend four meetings per club year or forfeit membership.

Application for membership shall be made in writing during the month of retirement. Applicants on the waiting list may attend luncheons on a space-available basis.

Women who are retired military officers or spouses of retired military officers, who **formerly were stationed** in the San Antonio area and were members of the club during a **past service tour, have returned to the area for residency**, shall be eligible for Associate Membership.

G) Total Active and Associate membership shall not exceed **two hundred twenty-six** members. When accepting new members, those eligible for Active membership have priority over those eligible for Associate membership. Associate membership shall never exceed 40% of the number of Active and Associate members allowed. Each service shall have no more than 113 Active and Associate members combined, of which no more than 45 may be Associate members.

### **Change:**

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# Military-Civilian Charitable Foundation

## Year-4 Here's the Score!

MCCF has found her pace. We have established a solid history of both revenue and expense within a few years. We know what it costs to operate and are gaining experience and expertise in funding direct, targeted support of our military scholars, families and Ambassadors. We maintain one full year of *minimal* operating costs and full program awards in reserves in preparation for an uncertain world situation in the event we need to act quickly and directly. Because of our membership composition, we are in a unique position to recognize and know the established, proven military service providers and can readily supply funding in support of proven, successful organizations.

Year-1 2014-2015 Revenue of \$57,472. Program expense (direct military aid) of \$30,931.

Year-1 was a formative year, with revenue and support transferred between the Club and the Foundation. Our revenue began to grow with generous donations from our membership while our program dollars continued at an increasing level in support of our project focus. The Patriot scarf sales were initiated at that time to offset sequestration years and provided an estimated \$18,500 seed money for the Foundation.

Year-2 2015-2016 Revenue of \$77,493. Program expense of \$44,087

Year-3 2016-2017 Revenue of \$87,852. Program expense of \$46,754

Year-4 2017-2018 Budgeted Revenue of \$79,000. Budgeted Program expense \$59,645

Our cash balance, as of 15 Dec was \$98,935 with \$57,353 program dollars to be spent by year-end. That should leave us with a healthy balance to fund our programs next year and expand our outreach.

Be assured your Foundation Board of Directors and highly qualified Committee members are hard at work to deserve your confidence and deliver your desire to aid our military and family members in a direct, effective and efficient manner. Thank you for your continued support. It's amazing what we have accomplished together!

Jeanie Travis, President, MCCF

Immediate Past Treasurer

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### ★ Did you know? ★

#### Scholarships

In 1945, Mil-Civ awarded \$500 to Trinity University President Laurie to be used for scholarships in the name of the Military-Civilian Club. Over the next 25-years, Mil-Civ built the corpus by adding amounts as small as \$5 memorials; to money received from "no-show" luncheons; significant contributions of the entire surplus revenue each year, and individual donations. Over the years the endowment had grown to a very substantial sum, granting approximately \$4,000 per year to a deserving military family student attending Trinity University. It operates independently of our Club, reporting our MCC Scholarship financial condition to the Board each December. In the 1990's the Club reorganized a Scholarship Program using new funds directly from Mil-Civ.

Within ten years, we joined forces with the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation of the San Antonio Area Foundation, to administer hundreds of applications received each year. Our very qualified Mil-Civ Foundation Scholarship Committee works through the culled applications and makes the decision to award approximately \$10,000 each year to several military family students.

#### Military Family Support and the Warrior Family Support Center

For many years, our members delivered diapers and baby wipes to the December luncheon for delivery to the WFSC. Eventually, family needs changed and Mil-Civ member/Director of the WFSC, Judith Markelz, asked we supply Gift Cards for easy distribution and to meet a wide variety of wishes from military families. Since December 2013, well over \$35,000 in gift cards have been received and delivered directly to our Warrior Families to include just over \$10,000 raised this past December.

#### Military Ambassador Program began 55 years ago, in 1963.

The Fiesta Commission asked Mil-Civ to assume all responsibility for the now-known-as Military Ambassadors, and we haven't stopped since. The MA's were formally introduced to the community with formal afternoon Teas held in member homes. This soon outgrew our homes and gardens, and became an informal evening reception with 1/3 Military, 1/3 Fiesta dignitaries and 1/3 civic leaders. Our members serve as Hostesses. Fiesta 2017 brought a new Partner --- USAA, known throughout the world as supporter and advocate of our Military. USAA was \$20,000 Lead Sponsor of the Ambassadors last year and we have just received notice of a second year of Sponsorship in the amount of \$24,000. Thank You!

**MCCF Programs we support are vetted!** The Military Family Support Committee, chaired by VP Holly Jones (M), conducts year-long, ongoing research into partnerships with existing programs proven to directly benefit our military: Active duty, Reserve and Retired. Site visits and interviews are conducted, a written event description with budget submitted, with Committee and Board discussion and vote before allocations are awarded. The Committee goal is to match our ability with an unmet need that our Club & Foundation would support. To date, our partnerships include: WFSC; BAMC Auxiliary; "Quiet Santa" and "Quiet Bunny" programs at Lackland and Ft Sam for autistic and special needs children at JBSA; Cohen Clinic/Family Endeavors providing meds and labs; the VA Hospital; Military Child Education Coalition training to assimilate military-students in new schools; Vogel Resiliency Center, a JBSA joint venture focused on health & wellness for military families to include Retirees; Harvest Community Garden at Ft. Sam Elementary School; National Military Family Association and Operation Healing Adventures Family Retreat. Our level of involvement grows with your areas of interest and the needs of our military community.



## Thank You to our Generous Patriots!

**\$35,080+**

Membership donations to date are \$25,080

Unrestricted \$12,215 Scholarships \$7,015 Military Ambassador \$825 Military Family \$5,025

**December donations to Warrior Family Support Center are just over \$10,000!**

**A new record – much needed --- greatly appreciated**

All gifts, in any given fiscal year (July 1-June 30), are cumulative and build the donor categories below:

Diamond Patriot	\$3,000 or higher	
Platinum Patriot	\$2,000 - \$2,999	
Gold Patriot	\$1,000 - \$1,999	Invitation to major donor reception prior to the Military Ambassador Reception
Silver Patriot	\$500 - \$999	
Bronze Patriot	\$250 - \$499	
Patriot	\$150 - \$249	

**Support the MCCF by check payable to:**

Military-Civilian Charitable Foundation  
PO Box 6495, San Antonio 78209

➡ Or by credit card and website: [www.milcivfoundation.com](http://www.milcivfoundation.com) ⬅

You may designate your tax-deductible gift, entirely or in percentages, to fund the Military Ambassador Program, Military Family Support or Scholarships. Non-restricted donations will be used where needed most. You will receive a tax receipt for your Return.

### **We've teamed up with Amazon through AmazonSmile**

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support the Military-Civilian Foundation every time you shop online, at no cost to you! When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) you will find the same prices, selection and shopping experience as Amazon.com. Even if you are "Prime", this charitable program run by Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to Military-Civilian Charitable Foundation. Start your shopping donation through this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/47-2146171>  
Share with your friends and family as well! If you have questions contact the MCCF Treasurer at [kafristoe@gmail.com](mailto:kafristoe@gmail.com) or 210-834-2752.

### **Did you miss it?**

#### **Welcome Coffee**

A huge thank you to Lisa Wolff & Lynn Ziegler for hosting this great event in Lisa's gorgeous home! We received a warm welcome from our new Presidents, Mary Wieser and Lisa Wright. It was a great way to start the Club year!

#### **October Luncheon**

Daria Putzier, Military 1<sup>st</sup> VP hosted a lovely luncheon at The Club at Sonterra. A delicious meal was served and the program was very engaging. Our guest speaker was Mr. Louie A. Guzman, Corporate Giving Manager at the San Antonio Food Bank. The SA Food Bank distributes \$125 million a year in food and grocery products through 550 nonprofits in a 16 county area that provides food to 58,000 people each week. Members brought over 53 bags of food and provided numerous monetary donations, additionally the 25 table centerpieces comprised of the food bank's top requested items were all sent back to the Food Bank with Louie. A big thanks to the Sonterra staff for helping us load Louie's vehicle with all the food donations.

#### **Dine Around**

November 6<sup>th</sup> was a special day for members who participated in the Dine Around. This luncheon allows ladies to dine at a fabulous restaurant, perhaps for the first time, and mingle more closely with new and old friends. Thank you to Linda Skop, Civilian, 1<sup>st</sup> VP and her team of hostesses for arranging such a fun event at the Pearl!!

#### **December Luncheon**

The Parr O'Club at Randolph, JBSA is one of the most beautiful venues to enjoy during the holidays! Dee Dee Doherty, Military 2<sup>nd</sup> VP created a festive, fun event for the Mil-Civ Club. We were entertained by The Band of the West, and were served a lovely, holiday meal. Our members generously gave to WFSC again this year, and many signed up for the February, In-Home Luncheons. Thank you to all those who helped make it a very memorable day!!