

# MILITARY-CIVILIAN CHARITABLE FOUNDATION 2020 ANNUAL REPORT



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With Loyalty, Patriotism, and Service

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The Military-Civilian Charitable Foundation received its charter on October 28, 2014 and received its non-profit status on November 6, 2014. The purpose of the Military-Civilian Charitable Foundation is to foster patriotism and the integration of the military and civilian communities of the San Antonio, TX area, to provide scholarships for family members of military personnel, to support charitable organizations that assist military personnel and their families, and to raise the positive profile of military service in Texas.

The Military-Civilian Charitable Foundation is an affiliate of the Military-Civilian Club of San Antonio. These organizations have supported the military and their families in the San Antonio area since May 21, 1921. In 2014, the Military-Civilian Club elected to form the Military-Civilian Charitable Foundation with three main program areas:

Scholarship Program  
Military Ambassador Program  
Military Family Support Program

Since its formation, the Military-Civilian Charitable Foundation provided over **\$340,000** of direct financial support to our military servicemembers, veterans, and their families.

The Military-Civilian Charitable Foundation has four goals for 2020-2021: (1) raise \$80,000, (2) provide up to \$20,000 in scholarships, (3) augment the Trinity University endowment by \$500, and (4) actively seek grants.

OVER  
**\$340,000**  
PROVIDED TO MILITARY  
FAMILIES OVER THE  
LAST FIVE YEARS

**\$90,555**  
RAISED REACHING  
**113%**  
OF OUR  
2019-2020 GOAL

**\$49,200**  
MILITARY-CIVILIAN CLUB  
MEMBERS SUPPORT WITH  
100% PROVIDING FUNDS  
AND  
**180 (45%)**

REACHING PATRIOT OR  
CONTRIBUTOR STATUS

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We thank **Becky Ownby-Smith**, 2019-2020 President, and **Julie Patterson**, Recording Secretary, who completed their term of service on June 30, 2020. We cannot thank them enough for their leadership and contributions!

# SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

**\$20,000**

**IN DONOR SUP-  
PORTED SCHOLAR-  
SHIPS AWARDED**

**\$3,420**

**TRINITY UNIVERSI-  
TY ENDOWMENT**

**GOAL**

**INCREASE  
SCHOLARSHIP  
AWARDS TO**

**8**

**BY 2025**

The Military-Civilian Club and the Military-Civilian Charitable Foundation have been awarding scholarships since the mid 1970's. The scholarships are open to children of military personnel in all five services: Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard who live in the San Antonio area. The Military-Civilian Charitable Foundation takes into account the unique challenges military families face with frequent relocations. The scholarships are administered by the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation. The Military-Civilian Charitable Foundation receives nearly 200 applicants annually. During 2019-2020 the Military-Civilian Charitable Foundation was able to fund four \$5,000 scholarships. Our 2020-2021 goal is to distribute \$20,000 in scholarships and increase to eight by 2025. In addition to the support of the Military-Civilian Club members, we thank Security Service Federal Credit Union for their \$1,000 donation to support our Scholarship Program.

The Military-Civilian Charitable Foundation also provides the Trinity University Scholarship (endowment) that is administered by Trinity University. This scholarship began in 1954 when the Military-Civilian Club donated \$500 to Trinity University. James Laurie who was the Trinity University President at the time used the money for scholarships in the name of the Military-Civilian Club. This scholarship helps a deserving Trinity University military connected young woman. The Military-Civilian Charitable Foundation will augment this endowment by \$500 starting in 2021.



## 2019-2020 HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS:

**SARAH ECKENROTH**  
JUDSON HIGH SCHOOL

**ANNABELLE GOPAUL**  
REAGAN HIGH SCHOOL

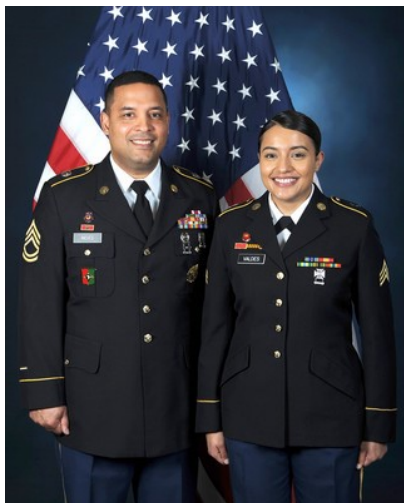
**ISABELLA MILLER**  
REAGAN HIGH SCHOOL

**ALIANA SEREAL**  
STEVENS HIGH SCHOOL

**TRINITY UNIVERSITY  
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT:  
CAITLEN CULPEPPER**

# MILITARY AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

We are very proud to serve as the Sponsors of the Military Ambassadors to Fiesta. The Military-Civilian Club and the Military-Civilian Charitable Foundation have supported this outreach effort since 1963 when the Fiesta Commission asked the club to support the military queens. The military queens evolved into the Military Ambassadors. Each Service selects their finest to participate as a group in almost every official event during Fiesta. The Military Ambassadors are active duty military, stationed in San Antonio. We are truly fortunate having community partners like USAA who serve as the title sponsor for the Military Ambassadors and have contributed so generously since 2017. In 2020, USAA increased sponsorship and provided \$25,000! We appreciate USAA and all of our sponsors who provide fiscal and numerous in-kind donations. Unfortunately due to COVID-19 these ten service members were only able to participate in a few events. Additionally we thank our Military Ambassador sponsors—Kim Bogart and Jennifer Sparr along with their Fiesta Ambassador Support Team who worked diligently to schedule, reschedule and eventually cancel their schedules due to COVID-19.



*U.S. Army: Sgt. 1st Class Ernie Nieves and Sgt. Alejandra Valdes*



*U.S. Marines: Staff Sgt. Hector Jaramillo and Sgt. Lorianny Del Rosario*



*U.S. Navy: Petty Officer 1st Class Alfredo Esquivel III and Petty Officer 1st Class Wendy M. Cajas*



*U.S. Air Force: Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Johnson and Senior Airman Miranda Leigh Lopez*

RAISED

**\$25,250**

2020 MILITARY AMBASSADOR RECEPTION CANCELLED

REMAINING FUNDS EARMARKED

FOR

**FIESTA 2021**

AND THE

**MILITARY AMBASSADOR RECEPTION  
MARCH 22, 2021**

WE THANK ALL OF OUR SPONSORS WHO WERE SO GRACIOUS IN UNDERSTANDING AND WORKING WITH US THROUGH THIS CHALLENGING TIME.



*U.S. Coast Guard: Petty Officer 2nd Class Shawn Bittner and Petty Officer 1st Class Bonnie A. Gonzalez*



# MILITARY FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM

The Military Family Support Program captures a wide variety of programs that change from year to year. The Military-Civilian Charitable Foundation has the ability to act quickly and fund appropriately. Through close contact with the Services and the veteran's networks, the Military-Civilian Charitable Foundation will help military and veteran organizations with their specific needs. A special thank you to HEB for providing a \$500 Gift Card to help with our holiday gift card drive!

## PROGRAM DONATIONS

**\$8,946**

## HOLIDAY GIFT CARD DRIVE

**\$13,679**

## RESTRICTED DONATIONS (CAISSON HORSES)

**\$15,000**

## DISTRIBUTED

**\$37,545**

**IN 2019-2020 THE MILITARY-CIVILIAN CHARITABLE FOUNDATION ASSISTED THE FOLLOWING:**

**AUDIE MURPHY VA HOSPITAL HOMELESS VETERANS PROGRAM**

**BEADS OF COURAGE/BROOKE ARMY MEDICAL CENTER (BAMC)**

**EXCEPTIONAL FAMILY MEMBER PROGRAM**

**FISHER HOUSE AUDIE MURPHY VETERANS HOSPITAL**

**FISHER HOUSES JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO (JBSA) - FORT SAM HOUSTON (FSH) & LACKLAND**

**HEARTS APART**

**HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE JBSA FSH, RANDOLPH & LACKLAND**

**MILITARY CHILD EDUCATION COALITION**

**VA VOLUNTEER OUTREACH SERVICES**



**Over the last five years**, the Military-Civilian Charitable Foundation assisted the following: Army Community Services, Audie Murphy Veterans Hospital, BAMC Auxiliary, Beads of Courage/BAMC, Chaplain's Office JBSA-FSH & Randolph, Cohen Clinic/ Family Endeavors, Exceptional Family Member Program, First Sergeant Council—Operation Warmheart, Fisher House JBSA FSH & Lackland, Harvest Community Garden, Hearts Apart, Honor Flight San Antonio, Howl Down & Sensitive Santa & Quiet Bunny children's party, Military Child Education Coalition, National Military Family Association, Navy/Marine Holiday Drive, Operation Healing Adventures Family Retreat, Uniformed Veterinary Medicine Association (Caisson Unit at JBSA-FSH), Vogel Resiliency Center, and the Warrior Family Support Center.

# MILITARY-CIVILIAN CHARITABLE FOUNDATION'S COVID-19 ASSISTANCE



The Military-Civilian Charitable Foundation takes pride in its ability to provide assistance quickly to military families and veterans. The Foundation Board met by teleconference and was able to allocate remaining funds to offer support for organizations who needed assistance immediately.

The Foundation intended to participate in the March 2020 Big Give but at the request of the San Antonio Mayor, the Foundation along with numerous other non-profits, postponed their fund raising efforts. The focal point for all donations were directed to large organizations who could support thousands of local residents.

- ◆ \$1,604 Joint Base San Antonio Fisher Houses at Fort Sam Houston to support their residents
- ◆ \$500 Blue Skies of Texas - Air Force Village to provide protective masks for residents and workers
- ◆ \$800 National Veterans Outreach – They have two programs serving veterans and military families: The Residential Center for Veterans (VA Oversight) for Homeless Vets in Transition and Support Services for Veteran Families/Rapid Rehousing. Both programs are having serious issues related to coronavirus and homelessness.
- ◆ \$312 San Antonio (SA) Food Bank who provided such critical services to people in need. The demand for their service increased significantly. The SA Food Bank has the ability to earmark our donation to use for military and veteran families.
- ◆ \$1,026 JBSA Warrior Family Support/ Warrior Transition Barracks—our donation provided a meal to the 88 wounded warrior residents and their families who were confined to the barracks.



**Assisting military families  
and veterans in a time of  
need**

**Total: \$4,242**



## EDUCATING OUR MILITARY-CIVILIAN CLUB MEMBERS



Military-Civilian Charitable Foundation provided two educational tours for Military-Civilian Club members. The first was to the Joint Base San Antonio – Fort Sam Houston Fisher House / the Center for the Intrepid and the second to the Audie Murphy Veteran's Administration Hospital. These tours help club members see where their donations go and observe first-hand the great work these organizations do in supporting our military servicemembers, veterans and their families.





## IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

### REBECCA OWNBY SMITH

The accomplishments outlined in this report are largely attributed to the leadership of the Immediate Past President, Rebecca Ownby Smith or Becky. Under her leadership the Foundation exceeded its annual fund raising goal, increased corporate sponsorships, began applying for corporate grants, answered the call for assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic, and had a thorough update of the by-laws and policy letters. Although Becky is involved with numerous other organizations in the San Antonio Community, the highlights of her time in the Military-Civilian Club and Charitable Foundation helped guide her to achieve these significant results outlined in this report.

2019-2020 President, Military-Civilian Charitable Foundation

2018-2019 President, Military-Civilian Club/ Ex Officio Member Military-Civilian Charitable Foundation/ Participating Member Organization (PMO) President, San Antonio Fiesta Commission and their Executive Committee

Becky also served as the Foundation's Vice President of Development, Vice President of Programs, and the Civilian Military Ambassador Sponsor. In the Military-Civilian Club, Becky served as the Civilian Nomination Chair, Vice President, Civilian Communications Chair, a First-Year Caller, and Co-Chair of the Centennial Committee.

After serving on the Military-Civilian Charitable Foundation for three years, she has made a lasting impact on the organization and will be missed.



### Military-Civilian Charitable Foundation Past Presidents

2015-2016 Liz Jauer

2016-2017 Denise Poppe

2017-2019 Jeanie Travis

2019-2020 Rebecca Ownby  
Smith



**We thank the Corporations and Organizations the provide financial or  
in kind donations\***

## **Military Ambassador Title Sponsor: USAA – Military Affairs**

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\* Some in kind donations did not occur due to Fiesta 2020's cancellation but we do want to highlight their projected support.

## Thank you to all the Military-Civilian Club Members for their generous support!

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