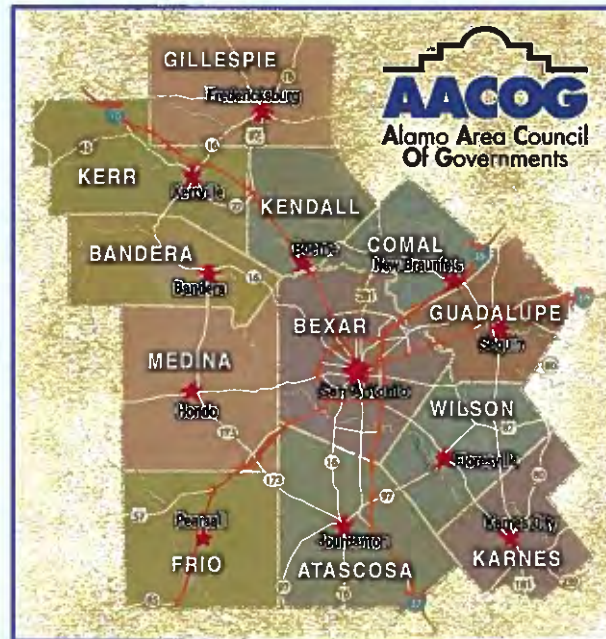


## Join Our Monthly Networking Event

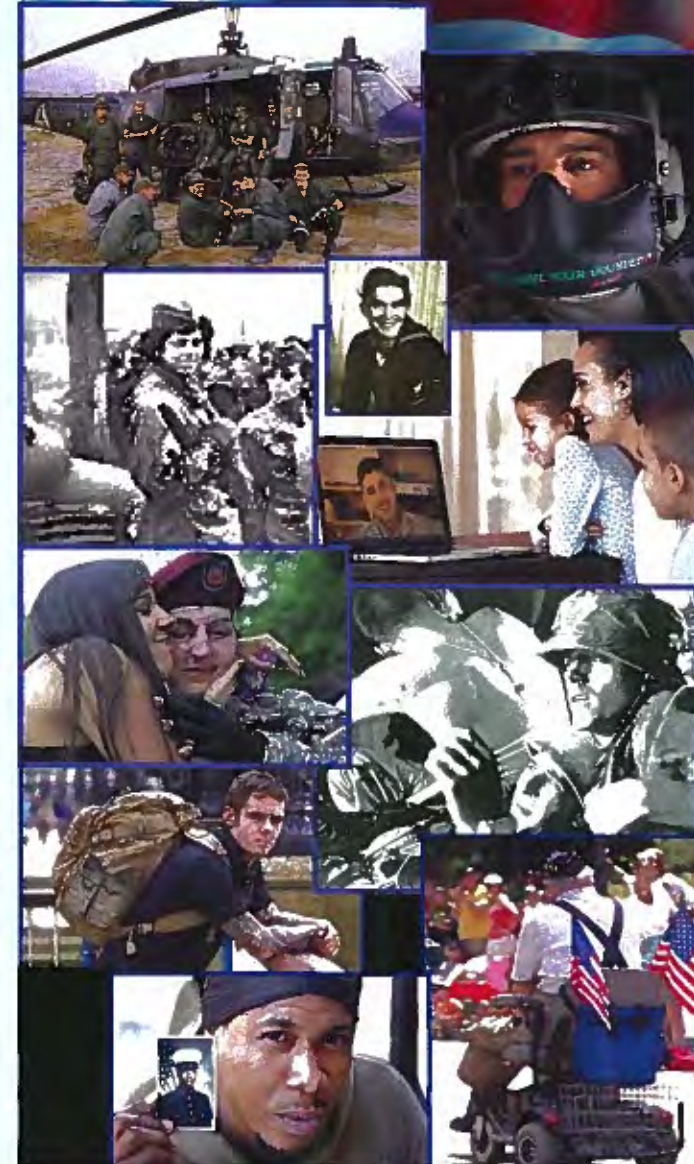
ASC and SACVF always need volunteers who wish to help Veterans. Individuals or groups wishing to volunteer to answer phones and counsel Veterans, provide home visits and personal assistance, organize events, or donate funds should contact ASC or SACVF at (830) 583-7228 or (210) 347-1597. ASC volunteers are required to complete an application and background check.



Just Ask  
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**1-800-960-5201**  
**(210) 477-3275**  
**www.askasc.org**  
**info@askasc.org**

**You Served Us.  
Now Let Us Serve You.**







Family members provide 90% of the care given to Veterans, seniors, children and adults with disabilities and health problems, yet they receive little preparation or support.

The ACE program provides an array of free supportive services for Veterans and their families and children, including finding respite care, and getting a variety of training such as how to assess a loved one's needs, how to perform personal care, and managing stress. Go to [www.acewings.org](http://www.acewings.org) or ASC for details.

## AlamoRides Coming in 2015

Our Mobility Management Team is the lead agency for a community coalition creating a "One-Call, One-Click" transportation information center. **AlamoRides** will provide information, Referrals and Options Counseling to Veterans, seniors, and people with disabilities, via telephone and a website.



AlamoRides will be an interoperable system connecting all the transportation providers in our community with a GIS system so consumers can find transportation to fit their needs. ASC staff will help callers find alternatives when the transportation needed may not be available.

## Asking the Right Questions, Getting the Right Answers

The **Alamo Service Connection (ASC)**, an Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC), builds collaborations with communities in the AACOG region to help Veterans.

• ASC answers over 25,000 calls a year on a multitude of needs for Veterans, seniors, people with disabilities, and their families.

• ASC's website, [www.askasc.org](http://www.askasc.org), has one million visitors a year looking through its database for information and resources.

• ASC can help Veterans and their families with:

- Questions about MEDICARE, Social Security and related benefits
- Understanding VA benefits and services
- Identifying resources in the civilian community for jobs, education, social services and more
- Connecting with Veterans organizations

• ASC staff have time to discuss options and help callers make decisions about what to do first, and what to do next. They know that life transitions can leave people wondering where to start, and they have the time to talk to callers about that.

## Welcome Home

- An estimated 255,000 Veterans reside in the 12 counties of the AACOG region.
- 42% are seniors age 65+
- Over the next several years, more than 100,000 will be returning to hometowns and civilian life.
- Veterans are those who served at any time — they don't have to have been in combat or be retirees to be Veterans.



- They are families who have sacrificed alongside their service members — spouses, children, and parents of Veterans—who may now have responsibilities for the care of their Veterans.
- They are men and women, young and old, well and wounded. They belong to our community and they belong to us, even if they have another hometown.
- We want to be part of a community that understands what transition means for service members and their families. We want to welcome them, and offer them a bridge from military life back to civilian life in South Texas.



# Housing 4 Texas Heroes

## Veteran Assistance Program

A Great NEW grant program is available to Veterans and their Families, and Surviving Spouses, sponsored by the Texas Veterans Commission Fund for Veteran Assistance (FVA) & the Alamo Council of Governments (AACOG) *to help our nation's Heroes in their time of need.*

## Rental, Mortgage & Utility Payment Assistance Program

Aims to help offset urgent expenses and stabilize the Veteran, their Immediate Family Members, and Surviving Spouses

- Rent Support for the Apartment or Home
- Mortgage Payment Help
- Utility Support for Electric, Gas or Water Bill
- Help when Unforeseen Situations Arise



For additional information contact  
the Alamo Service Connection  
(210) 477-3275 or  
800-960-5201



Certain income limits & eligibility requirements apply. Special circumstances will be evaluated in determining eligibility. Support based on eligibility and funding availability.





The ***Housing 4 Texas Heroes*** program is administered by the Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG).



AACOG supports honorably discharged Veterans of all ages, Seniors 60 and older, and low-income Seniors in the 12-county Alamo region of Texas.

**We provide:**

- MEDICARE and Social Security Benefits Counseling
- Understanding and Accessing VA benefits & Services
- Identifying resources in the community for jobs, education, homelessness, PTSD support and much, much, more!



***There are over 255,000 Veterans living in the Alamo region who have earned our thanks and need our support!\****

***Over 300,000 Veterans are homeless each night in the US!\*\****

Program funded in part by the  
Veterans Cash Lottery Scratch-Off



Financial support based on receipt of grants provided by the Texas Veterans Commission ***Fund for Veterans Assistance (FVA)*** program & may be limited based on availability.

\* 2010 US Census at [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)  
\*\* US Dept of Veteran Affairs (2011)