Albuquerque MOAA Vision:
"Recognized as the leading Military Service Organization in central New Mexico, supporting and giving a voice to military retirees, surviving spouse, and veterans of all services."

Dear Chapter Members,

Thank you to all who attended the Annual Membership meeting at the New Mexico Veterans Memorial. We had a record 98 attendees. A great time was had by all. The board thanks Chuck Wood (Past President) and his team for the great work they did cooking, serving and helping with the set up.

At the Annual Meeting we gave donations to the following organizations:
- NM Veterans Integration Center ........$3,000.00
- NM Gold Star Mothers......................$1,500.00
- Blue Star Mothers Valencia...............$1,500.00
- Blue Star Mothers Rio Grande.............$1,500.00

We had a very successful Council of Chapters Meeting in Alamogordo. The New Officers include: President: Walter Paul (Albuquerque Chapter) Vice President: Jason Peete (Santa Fe Chapter) Secretary: Mark Perusse (effective 1 Jan 2018) (Alamogordo Chapter) Treasurer: Neal Harris (Santa Fe Chapter)

Dolores Morgan was confirmed as the Surviving Spouses Representative.

The Council deferred changes to ByLaws until the April Meeting in Albuquerque. The Council decided that there had not been enough time for members to review the proposed changes. However the council did vote to move the April meeting to Albuquerque in conjunction with the first Annual MOAA State Convention. More information to follow.

Thank you for all you do for our community.

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Membership Stats (as of October 15, 2017)

- Regular – 264
- Surviving Spouses - 51
- Associate - 74
- Total – 389

A big THANK YOU to all those who have already paid your 2018 Chapter dues! If you haven’t already done so, please send your dues as soon as possible. Use the application on the last page or click on this link for the 2018 Renewal Form: https://albumoaa.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Albuquerque-Chapter-Dues-Renewal-2018.pdf

We hope you have checked out our website www.albumoaa.org. You do not have to log in to see the Newsletters, Event Calendar, Officers, etc. (click on Chapter Information on top) or Ski Club, Tours & Breakfast Club (click on Clubs). Note: you can access the online Member Directory or the College Scholarship Application after you login. Be sure to let Karen know if you have any problems logging in – kmbrown8@comast.net

In 2012 Chapter established the Albuquerque Chapter of MOAA Endowment at the Albuquerque Community Foundation (ACF) to enhance our current, and especially our future, ability to contribute to worthy charitable organizations that help our military personnel, veterans and their families. The endowment was initiated in late January of 2012 and has grown well as a result of contributions and the growth in the investments. The Board has adopted a policy of using the annual distributable amount to increase our Giving in each year. For those who are so inclined, gifts can be made to the Chapter Endowment as a part of a member’s estate or as part of a yearly donation. More information about the annual performance and use of the distribution will be published in a future ALBUMOAA. For questions, the Chapter point of contact is the treasurer, Clint Whisonant, ClintWhiz@hotmail.com or 505-410-1417 (cell).
When: Last Tuesday
7:30am – 9:00am
Where: Weck's at Louisiana Blvd and
Montgomery
Cost: Separate checks, tip not included;
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Hosted: MOAA
Reservations not required.
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Breakfast Club 2018 Schedule

We closed out the year with quite an interesting schedule of speakers, covering topics related to the NM legislature, investments, guardianship, cyber security, diabetes, western movies made in NM, and more. Attendance has been increasing (thank you! — and there is always room for more), and EVERYONE is invited. You do not have to be military. If you think a young person would be interested in any of the subject, feel bring to bring them (age 12 and over, please).

The Breakfast Club takes a break over November and December, and resumes in January. We have a great line-up of guest speakers again, and hope you can manage to sacrifice sleeping-in by coming to our programs. There are no dues, no database, no reservations required — JUST SHOW UP.

Here is the schedule the first half of the year, January through May:

January 30 – Dave Coulie, ABQ MOAA Chapter's Legislative Liaison. Dave will bring us up to date on what is (or is not) happening in the Round House, on relative to the military. This is always a very well-attended and timely program (for the annual legislative session), so arrive early.

February 27 – Shelly L. Fritz, DDS. February is National Dental Month. Her topic is: “Dental Health after 65.”

March 27 – Rose Marie Kern, author and former air traffic controller. Her topic is: “Air Traffic Control: Behind the Scenes -- What You Don't Know is Scary!” She is a popular aviation writer, and also talks about her Oshkosh experiences, too. Website: www.rosemariiekern.com She will have her latest book, Air to Ground, available for sale.

April 24 – George Richmond, board member for the League of Women Voters. He will talk about the history of the non-partisan LWV, local operations, and the Voter Guide.

May 29 – Loretta Hall, author. Loretta’s books have won awards, as she has become an in-demand speaker on “space” subjects, of which New Mexico has played a long role in its history. Her topic is: “New Mexico’s Contributions to Space Travel” -- a history from 1930 to the present (largely about Holloman AFB and White Sands Proving Ground/Missile Range.)

BREAKFAST CLUB SOMETHING NEW IN 2018

The Breakfast Club will be trying something new in 2018. Remember when you had to give a book report in school? Well, if you forgot what that experience was like, forget no more. In October 2018 — actually, starting a bit before then — you can choose a book from a list of military books or choose your own book. Read it, and then tell the rest of us what it was about.

A list of 24 titles was given to attendees at the October meeting, and already people are making their selections. You have nearly a year to read the book (surely, you can do that, right?), write up a short report that you can read, and present it to

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Joan Johnson and her husband Tony retired in Albuquerque, he went on to Sandia Labs. He died young and she has been an incredible gift giving her energy to many organizations. She is in the Assistance League doing School Bell and working at the Blue Portal. She is a traveler with MOAA and is a Board Member of ROWC in charge of callers. Joan is a great example of an active Surviving Spouse.

MOAA is part of the Military Coalition Lunch-eons each month celebrating the uniformed services. They are usually the third week of the Month. Check with Frances and Marvin Spallina and they will tell you who the speaker is and what will be served for lunch. Their email is frans-pal@aol.com and telephone number is: 822-9642.

MOAA also has a breakfast each month at Montgomery and Wyoming in Weck's back room. Last Tuesday of the month at 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. These are great things to keep up to date.

The Retired Officer's Women's Club (ROWC) meets on the third Wednesday of the month at Pelican on Eubank and Montgomery from September to May. All are welcome. Call me and I will give you Joan Johnson's number for a reservation.

Volunteers are always needed at the New Mexico Veteran Memorial on Louisiana. We welcome guests and help people know what a fine memorial we have here in Albuquerque. Call Clint Whisonaut for times.

Check to see what events the MOAA Tours is offering. You are always invited to join....

This is my last article for the Newsletter. I have resigned my position from the MOAA Board. Dolores Morgan will be your rep. Thank you for helping me with everything this past 5 years.
Our September Pennsylvania trip was both educational and enjoyable – see pictures in this issue. We now have seats for The Ten Tenors and A Chorus Line in addition to Cinderella and Swan Lake. We are also planning to do the Santa Fe Opera’s “Madame Butterfly” in July (details below).

* January 4, 2018 (Thursday), 7:30 p.m., Popejoy Hall – Cinderella (Rodgers and Hammerstein): Group cost for Orchestra seat is $54 (rows L, N, Q, middle). Non-members please add $2/person guest fee, unless family or houseguest. Payment due NLT December 1. To date, 15 participants with 14 seats available.

* February 1, 2018 (Thursday), 7:30 p.m., Popejoy Hall – Swan Lake (Russian National Ballet Theatre): Group cost for Orchestra seat is $50 (rows N-P, middle & left side). Non-members please add $2/person guest fee, unless family or houseguest. Payment due NLT December 27. To date, 18 participants with 4 seats available.

* February 25, 2018 (Sunday), 3:00 p.m., Popejoy Hall – The Ten Tenors: “Australia’s “vocal wonder from down under” will take you on a feel-good journey through some of the world’s greatest hits of all time, including classic rock anthems, current day chart toppers, and soaring arias of Verdi and more.” Group cost for Premium Orchestra seat is $66 (rows H, I, middle) and $50 for 2nd Price seat (row N, middle) – to date, 10 participants & only 5 seats available. Non-members please add $2/person guest fee, unless family or houseguest. Payment due NLT January 24.

* March 8, 2018 (Thursday), 7:30 p.m., Popejoy Hall – A Chorus Line: “A CHORUS LINE, with its powerful true life stories, is what ‘American Idol’, ‘So You Think You Can Dance’, and ‘The Voice’, can only aspire to be – gripping live theater with world famous songs, choreography that’s become part of our popular culture, and imagery that can only be epitomized as ‘One Singular Sensation’, which is A CHORUS LINE.” Group cost for middle Orchestra seat is $54 (rows K, Q, middle) – only 10 seats available. Non-members please add $2/person guest fee, unless family or houseguest. Payment due NLT February 7.

* July 6, 2018 (Friday) – Santa Fe Opera “Madame Butterfly”:

“Featuring Puccini’s longest and most passionate love duet, much of his most lyrical music, including the ‘Humming Chorus’ and ‘Flower Duet’, a justly famous soprano aria in ‘Un bel di’, and a spine-tingling climax.” This opera is sung in Italian with Opera Titles on a display screen in front of every seat, offering instant translations in your choice of English or Spanish. We have reserved 40 seats in Section 3 for the 8:30 p.m. performance. Group cost is $189/person, which also includes coach transportation plus Preview Buffet Dinner, including wine and dessert, at the SFO’s open-air cantina on the beautifully landscaped rehearsal grounds. A guest speaker offers an informative preview talk about the evening’s opera during the dessert.

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We are coming into our last ski signup party on November 19th. Our trips through February with the exception of Sipapu-Taos are all full with waiting lists. Betting on the snow.

Helena Strati, long time club member and chair of the Telluride trip in February suffered a stroke last week. She is now home and going through therapy. We have been scrambling to cover her trip with Karen Brown stepping up to do the paperwork.

**WOLF CREEK** – December 8-10, 2017 (Friday pm – Sunday)
Coach transportation, lodging at the Quality Inn in Pagosa Springs, CO
Trip done in partnership with Paula Burns (This is not a MOAA Ski Club planned trip)
Contact Reg Rider, 505-828-3010, regrider49@gmail.com

**PURGATORY** – January 5-7, 2018 (Friday pm – Sunday)
Coach transportation, lodging at the Best Western Rio Grande in Durango, CO
Trip Chair: Ron Salley, 505-798-9904; irsalley@me.com
Co-Chair: A Volunteer

**TAOS/SIPAPU** – February 7-9, 2018 (Wednesday am – Friday)
Coach Transportation, lodging at El Pueblo Lodge, Taos, NM
Trip Chair: Karen Brown, 505-856-1927; kmbrown8@comcast.net
Co-Chair: Judy Chreist, 505-255-2197; jchreist@comcast.net

**CRESTED BUTTE** – February 18-22, 2018 (Sunday am – Thursday)
Coach transportation, lodging at Old Town Inn, Crested Butte, CO
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Co-Chair: Jack Menako, 505-797-1935; jamenako@centurylink.net

**PURGATORY** – March 2-4, 2018 (Friday pm – Sunday)
Coach transportation, lodging at the Best Western Rio Grande in Durango, CO
Trip Chair: Tonya Bush, 505-807-1270; tonya87031@gmail.com
Co-Chair: A Volunteer
First Annual New Mexico MOAA State Convention

It is with great pleasure that the Albuquerque Chapter of MOAA announces that it will host the First Annual New Mexico State MOAA Convention. The event is scheduled for **13-14 April 2018** at the Albuquerque Uptown Marriott Hotel. The convention will commence on Friday evening at 6:00pm with a no host cocktail party. The following morning, at 10:00am, we will host a continental breakfast and have a guest speaker. The Council of Chapters will meet in the afternoon beginning at 2:00pm. For those not involved with the Council of Chapters, Albuquerque MOAA members will be available to provide information regarding Albuquerque points of interest. The convention will conclude that evening, at 7:00pm, with dinner and another speaker.

The Convention is open to all MOAA members residing in New Mexico, regardless of chapter affiliation.

Information regarding cost and the procedure for making a reservation with the Marriott Uptown and for attendance at the Convention will follow in the near future. For more information, contact Mike Cochrane, mjc122147@att.net.

January 20, 2018: Lt Gov Sanchez
February 17, 2018: Michael Sare, CyberSecurity

Location: Albuquerque Marriott Hotel, Louisiana & I-40

Please visit the link below for information about the Military Coalition Luncheons.
http://albumoaa.org/coalition-luncheons/

Link to web site calendar:
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course. A deposit of $100/person is due NOW to hold your space. The balance will be due NLT May 5, 2018. Non-members pay an additional $2 guest fee, unless family or houseguest. We need to depart Tanoan Country Club at ~4:45 p.m.

* Mail above payments (made out to Albuquerque MOAA Tours) to Karen Brown at 962 Antelope NE, 87122. For further information, call Karen at 856-1927; email kmbrown8@comcast.net or call Judy Keppler at 293-5274.

2018 TRIPS PLANNED BY SUN TOURS FOR MOAA:

All payments go to SUN TOURS, 1700 Louisiana NE, Suite 100, Albuquerque, NM 87110. For reservations and information, call 889-8888. Cancellation insurance recommended.

April 26-May 2, 2018 (7 days) – WASHINGTON, DC – Our Nation’s Capitol

Tour: Cost is $2495/person (double occupancy), $3,285 (single occupancy). A $200/person deposit now holds your space, refundable through January 24, 2018, when final payment is due. This tour now has 42 participants including 11 MOAA participants. Detailed flyer: Wash DC – Our Nation’s Capitol

July 29-August 16, 2018 (19 days) – SOUTH AFRICA PLUS VICTORIA FALLS: Cost is $6995/person (double occupancy), $7,995 (single). A $200/person deposit now holds your space, refundable through March 22, 2018, when final payment is due. This tour is full with 44 participants, including 26 MOAA participants. If interested, be sure to get on the waiting list in case of cancellations. Detailed flyer: South Africa flyer
CHARITABLE GIVING PROGRAM

The Albuquerque Chapter has been approved by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) public charity. Each year the program has grown as the Ski Club, Tours, special projects, and individual donors contribute sizable amounts. Many members donate in conjunction with their dues payment. Donors may contribute to the overall Giving Program, or they may specify their donation to one of the causes listed below.

- Charitable Giving Program (Unspecified)
- ROTC Awards Fund
- Blue Star Mothers
- Gold Star Mothers, Albuquerque Chapter
- Honor Flight of Northern NM
- NM VA Medical Center
- The Wounded Warriors Project
- NM Fallen Warriors Ceremony
- Chapter’s Endowment Fund (ACF)

Since the last edition, the “Charitable Giving” Program received $1075 in donations in conjunction with their 2018 dues payments from the following 25 members:

- Noel F Austin
- Marilyn Baker-Brown
- Alfred H Baye
- Edwin L Brawley
- Karen M Brown
- Tonya Bush
- Teresa Chanatry
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- Kenneth M Nicholson
- Mary Kay Olson
- Reg C Rider
- Marilyn T Toler
- Richard A Wright
- Wayne P York

Many thanks for all your generous contributions!

Please send any donations to:
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Legislative Update

Hope that all eligible had the chance to vote in the Albuquerque Mayoral election. We have many of problems in the city and the new administration has lots of challenges.

The 2018, 30 day, session of the NM Legislature kicks off in January. Military and veteran recognition day is set for January 31. The program is normally conducted in the Capitol Rotunda about 1130AM. More to follow.

The long sought NMPIT (Personal Income Tax) exemption for retired pay of military members and surviving spouses will not be on the legislative agenda. The State is once again struggling with budget issues so there would be little support for the PIT initiative. Two other states, Arkansas and West Virginia, recently joined the 25 other states that do not tax military retired pay and it's sad that New Mexico fails to realize the economic advantage of this legislation. It's somewhat ironic, and frustrating that we provided lots of data to MOAA Chapter teams in both Arkansas and West Virginia yet we still lack the exemption.

The NM Dept of Veteran Services (NMDVS) will have two primary items on the legislative agenda. They will be seeking additional funds to help transport rural area veterans to medical and hospital appointments and to press on with additional state veteran cemeteries. The Ft Stanton veterans cemetery has opened and ground has been broken for the Gallup cemetery. Next in line, assuming funding, will be cemeteries at Angel Fire and Carlsbad. These are worthy initiatives that we all should support.

You are probably aware that NMDVS has taken control of the Veterans Memorial at Angel Fire and the Veterans Home in T or C. If you are in the area try to visit these facilities. Visitors are encouraged.

The construction of the Fisher House on the grounds of the Albuquerque VA Hospital is still on hold pending resolution of issues involving compliance with building design required in the Historical District where the Hospital is located. We hope for resolution soon. The matter is now at the Wash D.C level.

The long awaited veteran I.D. card for those without any other DOD or VA card reflecting military service should begin issue in November, Let's hope that happens.

Best holiday season wishes to all. I'll be speaking at the ABQMOAA breakfast club on January 20, 2018 and at that time should be able to provide more info on what veteran related issues are on the Governor's call list for the 2018 legislative session. More notices will follow on that meeting.

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THE ABQ MOAA CHAPTER

Who is eligible for the scholarship? —
• Children, grandchildren and great grandchildren – natural and adopted, of current dues-paying members, Regular and Surviving Spouse – who have belonged to our Chapter for at least two (2) years.
• US Citizen
• Enrolled in senior (graduating) year of high school

What are the considerations for selection?
• GPA
• Outside activities
• Community service
• Leadership roles
• Writing ability
• Good representative of the military community
• Acceptance of an offer to attend an accredited college or university

Schedule
Applications - 1 May
Evaluation - 1 June
Board approval – June Board meeting
Announcement – following Board approval

Click on link below for MOAA application for Scholarship.
MOAA Application for 2018 Scholarship
Fill out the application form and mail to: Albuquerque Chapter of MOAA, PO Box 5071, Albuquerque, NM 87185-5071

Who determines the winner?
Scholarship Committee evaluates applicants and provides recommendations to the Chapter Board. Final approval rests with the Chapter Board of Directors.*SEE NOTE BELOW

Scholarship Committee – current members
Chair – Bonnie Eddings
Chapter President
Past Chapter President
Reg Rider
Linda Davis
Frances Spallina

*As of Jan. 2018, a procedure will be put into place that will help to eliminate any perceived issues of favoritism regarding the selection of our scholarship recipient. As each application is received, the Scholarship Committee Chairman will blacken out the name of the sponsor and the last name of the applicant. The applications will then be passed along to the committee members. A “clean” copy will be kept by the chairman.
Chuck, Jack, Dave and Jim at the Grill

Jodi, Jack, Dave, Mike & others

Zoa, Harry, Joan, Judy, Al, Ed, Teresa

Flash, Tom, Charlie, Norma, Bonnie, Bill & others

Presentations by President Walter Paul
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM
Albuquerque Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America

Eligible for membership: Commissioned or Warrant Officers, or their Surviving Spouses
Army—Marine Corps—Navy—Air Force—Coast Guard—Public Health Service—National
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Regular-Reserve-National Guard-Active Duty-Retired-Former Officers

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I wish to donate $_______ to the Chapter's Giving Program, and my check includes this amount. I realize that the donation is Federal and State tax-free.

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(____Active Duty, ____Retired, ____Former Officer)                 (____Regular, ____Reserve, ____National Guard)                 (____Male, ____Female)

Would you be willing to assist in the operation of the Albuquerque Chapter of MOAA? If so, what would be your main area of interest?

_____Legislative Affairs, _____Public Relations, _____Membership, _____Scholarship & Award, _____Personal Affairs, _____Legal Counsel

_____Newsletter, _____Chaplain, _____Finance, _____Programs & Activities, _____Data Processing       Other____________________

Do you have an interest in any of the following clubs:  ____Breakfast Club, ____Ski Club, ____Tours/Events, ____Golf?

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Applicant’s Signature: _____________________________ Date: __________________

MOAA Membership Application Form 10-16