The chapter president introduced Marvin Schott as the new Legislative Committee Affairs member.

Walter Paul has initiated an effort to organize military service organizations, veterans service organizations, the National Guard association and the National Guard enlisted association in New Mexico into a coalition. The coalition will be a formal organization to act as one voice for all members to present and support state level legislative proposals to ensure fair and equal treatment of active duty members, National Guard and Reserve forces member, retirees, family members, survivors and veterans.

The Albuquerque Chapter of MOAA agreed to be part of the coalition.

The coalition is named The Military & Veterans Leadership Council (MVLC). At present there will be two components of the MVLC.

1. The Council: The Council will consist of the leaders of the member organizations.

2. The Legislative Team: The Legislative Team will consist of volunteers from the member organizations and a team leader will be appointed. Marvin Schott will be the MVLC Legislative team member from the Albuquerque Chapter. The team will propose legislation to the Council and gain approval of at least 75 percent of the Council members present.

A charter is in draft form and should be approved soon.

The MVLC will attempt to have three initiatives for each legislative session and work to have the initiatives vetted by the Legislature’s Military and Veteran’s Affairs Committee before the start of each session.

Suggestions for legislative initiatives are highly encouraged.

The second meeting of the Interim Military and Veteran’s Affairs Committee is 07/22/19.

In the future, I will post updates from the MVLC, the Military and Veteran’s Affairs Committee on the Chapter website under Chapter Information – Legislative Info.