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,

By the time this Newsletter reaches two major events will have been completed:

1. Annual MOAA Storming the Hill in Washington DC (16-19Apr) - as of the writing of this article I have appointments with representatives of Sen Heinrich, Rep Pearce, Rep Lujan-Grishman & Rep Lujan
I will report on how it went in May.

2. The NM MOAA Convention in Albuquerque(27-28Apr) - I have to tell you that as of this writing we have less than 40 attendees (out of over 400 Chapter Members in New Mexico). A disappointing turn out. Lt. Gen. Atkins (CEO & President) of National MOAA is our keynote speaker.

A number of Board positions will be vacant by the time the Annual Meeting in October comes around. The positions we need to fill are:

a. President (Candidate is Mike Cochrane)

b. 2nd Vice President - Programs (need a Volunteer)

c. Secretary (need a Volunteer)

d. Awards (JROTC & ROTC) (need a Volunteer)

e. Newsletter (need a Volunteer)

The immediate needs are for a Volunteer to be the Secretary & Newsletter Editor.

Robert Will who has been the Secretary for the past 2 Years is not able to continue.

Bill Walters who has been doing the Newsletter for many years started and new business and does not have the time to continue with the Newsletter.

Please contact me president@albumoaa.org if you are interested in any of the above positions. If we can not get Volunteers to step up and take those positions the activities that those positions are responsible for will be discontinued.

Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you all.

Sincerely,

Walter Paul
Walter Paul, LTC (USA Retired)
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Membership Stats (as of March 22, 2018)

Regular – 255
Surviving Spouses - 54
Associate - 73
Total – 382

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 of this newsletter.

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

Upcoming MOAA Memorial Service:
Please mark Saturday, May 5, 2018, on your calendar. Our Albuquerque Chapter will have their annual Memorial Service at the New Mexico Veterans Memorial Amphitheater (Louisiana, just north of Gibson) for all our deceased MOAA members, spouses or family members of this past year. The service will begin at 10:00 a.m., with a social to follow at the Amphitheater. Family and friends of deceased are invited to join us, along with all our MOAA membership.

When: Last Tuesday
7:30am – 9:00am
Where: Weck's at Louisiana Blvd and Montgomery
Cost: Separate checks, tip not included; 10% Senior discount
Hosted: MOAA
Reservations not required.
Contact: Marsha Thole, 856-3352,
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BREAKFAST CLUB SCHEDULE

We have a great line-up of guest speakers again, and hope you can manage to sacrifice sleeping-in by coming to our programs. 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). There are no dues, no database, no reservations required——JUST SHOW UP. The Breakfast Club meets at 0730 (and ends at 0900) on the LAST Tuesday of the month at Weck’s Restaurant on Louisiana, a half block south of Montgomery. Your bill is individual, and you just add your tip. There is even a 10 percent senior discount.

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Upcoming Speakers:

**April 24 - Rose Marie Kern—"Air Traffic Control: Behind the Scenes and What you Don’t Know IS Scary!”**

Rose Marie Kern has worked in all three divisions of the FAA's Air Traffic Control, as well as for Lockheed. Over her 34-year career she won three national awards for her work with pilots and aviation computer engineers. She writes monthly columns for seven aviation publications. A member of the FAA Safety team, Rose Marie is a popular speaker for aviation groups nationwide. Her latest book is Stress is Relative, a memoir of her career with the FAA. She also has written Air to Ground, a glimpse into the cold corridor of air traffic, from a historical to current perspective, along with information for all pilots and student pilots.

**May 29 – Loretta Hall—"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.)

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.

**June 26 - Daniel H. Pennington, LCDR, USCGR (Ret) - "Everything you ever wanted to know and then some about fountain pens."**

Daniel Pennington, retired USCG, has been buying, repairing, and selling fountain pens as his second career. This beautifully designed writing instrument has evolved over the centuries, and is making a comeback with those who are looking for something different. Since your grandparents are probably not around anymore, let Daniel tell you about the pens, how to use them, and what to do when something goes wrong. He will bring pens to show and discuss. He will also provide an estimate of what a pen is worth, so you are welcome to bring your fountain pens.

Happy Mother’s Day
We hope you will be able to join us on these upcoming events, including Santa Fe Opera’s “Madame Butterfly” next summer! We are also working on getting group seats for Yanni’s 25th Anniversary Concert, Live at the Acropolis, in June.

**June 9, 2018** (Saturday) - 5:00 p.m.: MOAA TOURS’ ANNUAL HORS D’OEUVRE PARTY at the NM Veterans Memorial, (Louisiana, just north of Gibson). **Everyone please bring your favorite hors d’oeuvre to share.** Beverages provided. Casual dress. Frank Fines of Sun Tours will be there to discuss our upcoming 2019 trips – **Viking Homelands Cruise** (28 August-12 September 2019) & **Smoky Mountains/Tennessee** Tour (Springtime 2019) - more details to come later. MOAA members/family/friends (couples & singles) interested in joining these or any of our tours/events are welcome! Or just come to socialize!

**June 13, 2018** (Wednesday), 7:30 p.m., Popejoy Hall – Yanni’s 25th Anniversary of “**Live at the Acropolis**”: “Legendary performer and composer Yanni returns to Popejoy Hall to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Live at the Acropolis...which became an incredible success and is the second best-selling music video of all time. Don’t miss this special concert event. Group cost for middle Orchestra seat is $72 – only 4 seats available in row O – Non-members please add $2/person guest fee, unless family or houseguest. Be sure to contact Karen first before sending payment.

**June 21, 2018** (Thursday), 7:30 p.m., Popejoy Hall – **THE KING AND I**: “One of Rodgers & Hammerstein’s finest works... Winner of the 2015 Tony Award for Best Musical Revival....” Group cost for middle Orchestra 2nd Price seat is $67 – only 10 seats in row R are available. Non-members please add $2/person guest fee, unless family or houseguest. Be sure to contact Karen first before sending payment.

**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. A guest speaker offers an informative preview talk about the evening’s opera during the dessert course. The balance will be due NLT May 5, 2018. Non-members pay an additional $2 guest fee, unless family or houseguest. This trip is now full with 41 participants and taking a waiting list in case of cancellations. 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

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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).

**MOAA 2019 TRIPS PLANNED BY SUN TOURS**

**FOR MOAA:** All payments go to SUN TOURS, 1700 Louisiana NE, Suite 100, Albuquerque, NM 87110. For reservations & information, call 889-8888. *Cancellation insurance recommended.* Final details available at June 9 Tours Party.

**May 15, 2019** (6 days, date tentative): **SMOKY MOUNTAINS IN SPRINGTIME:** Visiting Charlotte, Asheville, Pigeon Forge, Chattanooga, and the Smoky Mountains in Springtime. Highlights will include the NASCAR Hall of Fame, Road to Tara Museum, Biltmore Estate, a bit of “Opry” and some of the most beautiful mountain scenery you will find anywhere.

**August 28-September 12, 2019** (17 days) **VIKING HOMELANDS CRUISE:** Extraordinary and intimate ocean ship *Viking Sea*, visiting Stockholm, (Sweden) Helsinki (Finland), two days in St. Petersburg (Russia), Tallinn (Estonia), Gdansk (Poland), Berlin (Warnemunde, Germany), Copenhagen and Alborg (Denmark), Stavanger, Eidfjord, and Bergen (Norway).
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 another $572 in donations in conjunction with their 2018 dues payments from the following 24 members:

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- Campbell, Karen T
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- Green, Frederick L
- Greenlee, George T
- Hein, Julius
- Herrmann-Hughes, Mary
- Holmes, Gwen R
- Johnson, Norman G
- Jones, John L
- Jordan, James J
- Messuri, Philip J
- Miskimin, Paul A
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- Owen, Eva J
- Sevigny, Erik
- Shearin, Muriel (Toni)
- Sherlock, Harry A
- Snapp, Frank H

Many thanks for all your generous contributions!

Please send any donations to Albuquerque Chapter, MOAA
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The later the ski trip the better the snow. The club finished out the 2017-2018 season with a successful trip to Purgatory in March with great snow. We met this past week to plan the 2018-2019 ski season and it promises to be great!

The End-of-Year party is coming up on Sunday, April 22nd at the NM Veteran’s Memorial. Be there at 5 pm for a great social time with food catered by Monroe’s Mexican Food. Please email Reg Rider if you intend to come.
Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family of those who have passed to their eternal rest. May all those who grieve be comforted.

LCWO3 Louis E Mingo, USN (Ret) – April 9, 2018 (Husband of Fabiola Mingo)
Maj Gen Jack W Sheppard, USAF (Ret) – April 2018
Roy W (Bill) Shoup – February 5, 2018 (Husband of LTC Mary Ann Sampson, USA Ret)
This message is for anyone who served in a B-47 outfit, was involved in the design and manufacturing of the B-47, or is interested in this historic aircraft.

A Boeing B-47E arrived in Albuquerque at the National Museum of Nuclear Science & History in 2013. It was transported in sections from Wright Field in Dayton, Ohio. This is the last B-47E that was not on display in other museums.

The B-47 Stratojet was a long range, six-engine, jet-powered strategic bomber designed to fly at high subsonic speeds and at high altitudes. Its mission was primarily to drop nuclear weapons, which makes it a great addition to the Museum. There were 2,032 of these aircraft produced by Boeing, Lockheed, and Douglas in various versions. The bomber version was introduced in June 1951 and retired in 1969. The reconnaissance version was retired in 1977.

During its life, the B-47 was the mainstay of the Air Force’s Strategic Air Command, until it was later replaced by the B-52. From a historic perspective, it was the “go to” aircraft during the early part of the cold war. This makes it a key asset in the Museum’s collection, worthy of complete restoration.

The Museum’s B-47 is in good shape, but not perfect shape. It still needs some work, such as additional restoration, cleaning, and painting. Also, there are still some additions to the aircraft that are required to faithfully represent the operational version. The Museum is seeking donations and financial aid to support these tasks.

Contact Jim Walther at (505) 245-2137 if you can help and come see the aircraft at the Museum at 601 Eubank, Albuquerque.
Ski Club Pictures

Crested Butte Skiers - Reinhard & Su-

Gene Wasylenki Surprise Birthday - Doris & Gene

Purgatory Skiers - Tonya, Bob & Teresa

Telluride Skiers - Margaret, Bob, Jeff, Kathryn, Jim & Karl

Telluride Skiers - Gary, Larry, Cheryl, Mary Jane

Telluride Skiers - Jack & Karl on The Plunge
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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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Do you have an interest in any of the following clubs:    ____Breakfast Club, ____Ski Club, ____Tours/Events, ____Golf?

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