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 Albuquerque MOAA Chapter member:

Let me begin by expressing my sincerest gratitude to all who attended the Chapter’s Annual Membership Meeting on 20 October at the New Mexico Veterans’ Memorial.

The attendance was great and a wonderful time was had by all. A special thank you is in order for Chuck Wood and his team of volunteers for setting up, preparing and serving our meal.

At our Annual Meeting, I had the privilege of presenting donations, on behalf of our Chapter to the following organizations:

- Honor Flight of Northern New Mexico ............... $3730
- New Mexico Veterans Integration Centers ........ $3000
- Albuquerque Chapter, Gold Star Mothers ........ $1500
- Rio Grande Valley Chapter, Blue Star Mothers .... $1500
- Valencia County Chapter, Blue Star Mothers ...... $1500

Additionally, we recognized this year’s recipient of our $2000 scholarship, Katie Dettmer, granddaughter of chapter member Bill Dettmer and his lovely wife Kip.

In total this year, our Chapter presented $19,680 in donations, scholarships, and achievement awards. Individual member contributions to our Chapter Giving program this year totaled an amazing $6660.

Thank you so much to all those who contributed to the Giving Fund and I hope you will be equally as generous in 2020!

I would also like thank you to our Board of Directors for devoting their time and energy to Military to ensure the continued success of the Albuquerque Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America.

Finally, Happy Holidays and a very Happy New Year to all!
In 2012, our 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 military personnel, veterans and dependents. The endowment was initiated in late January of 2012 and has grown as a result of contributions and the growth in the investments. The Board has adopted a policy of using the annual Endowment distribution to increase our giving 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.
CHARITABLE GIVING PROGRAM

Our Albuquerque Chapter’s “Charitable Giving” 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 Charitable Giving program, or they may specify their donation to one of the causes listed below:

Charitable Giving (Unspecified)
Blue Star Mothers (Rio Grande & Valencia Charters)
Gold Star Mothers, Albuquerque Chapter
KAFB Quarterly Awards
NM Veterans Memorial
ROTC Awards
Veterans Integration Center (VIC)
Chapter’s Endowment Fund (ACF) and more

The following 18 members have recently donated $796 to the “Charitable Giving” program in conjunction with paying their 2020 dues:

Brawley, Edwin
Brooks, Arthur C
Brown, Karen M
Coulie, David A
Davis, Linda
Finch, Samuel E
Guenther, Hart J
Harstad, Sandra L
Houck, Michael C
Jackson, David L
Daniel R Keays
Olson, Mary Kay
Rider, Robert E
Spallina, Marvin G
Strati, Tony J
Vaughn, Charles F
Whisonant, Clinton T
Will, Robert L

In 2019, there were also numerous members who contributed a total of $4,230 for Charitable Giving and another $2,230 for the Honor Flight!!

Many THANKS for all your generous contributions!

“Thank you so much for this scholarship. I appreciate being selected by the association. This grant provides invaluable support as I head off to Carnegie Mellon University to study electrical and computer engineering.

The scholarship is especially meaningful to me since there is an extensive military history in my family - just the last two generations include multiple officers in the Air Force, Navy, and Army, including my father and both grandfathers. I fully appreciate that without their service and that of others like them, I wouldn’t have the level of freedom that I enjoy today. Also, last summer and this summer, I have worked for the Gaming Research Integration for Learning Lab, a division of the Air Force Research Lab. I truly value the opportunities that I have had to make a difference with the Air Force.” – Katherine Dettmer.

Katherine Dettmer, the granddaughter of Bill and Kip Dettmer, is the recipient of the 2019 Albuquerque Chapter MOAA College Scholarship.

Katherine is a 2019 graduate of The Miami Valley School in Dayton, Ohio. While a student at Miami Valley, Katherine excelled in all phases of the curriculum.

She is currently a student at Carnegie-Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Katherine was selected to receive the scholarship from among six exceptionally high performing high school seniors from across the nation.

BRAVO ZULU, KATHERINE!
MOAA MEMBERS CAN BUY THEIR OWN MOAA GROUP-PRICED POPEJOY TICKETS ONLINE FOR CERTAIN PERFORMANCES & DATES (Broadway & Ovation Series):

Here is the group link for our Albuquerque Chapter, MOAA, that you can click on to order your own seats for these specified Broadway performances or other Ovations performances at the group price.

Click on unmtickets.com/MOAA. You can then pay for your tickets by credit card & they will be mailed to you.

Note: the price will update with the group rate after you select your seats and hit "Continue."

Note: We are trying to get specified group seats for the following (which MIGHT be less expensive & a bit better location).

Watch for future emails!! Let Karen know, if interested!

Escape to Margaritaville - March 12, 2020 (Thursday)
Come From Away - June 11, 2020 (Thursday)

MOAA 2020 TRIP PLANNED BY SUN TOURS FOR MOAA:

All payments go to SUN TOURS, 1700 Louisiana Blvd, Suite 100, Albuquerque, NM 87110.

For reservations/information, call 889-8888. Cancellation insurance recommended.

August 14-28, 2020 (15 days): SCOTTISH HIGHLAND & ISLANDS by Globus

Cost is now $6075/person (double occupancy), which includes airfare from Albuquerque, transportation by deluxe motor-coach, 13 nights’ lodging at excellent hotels, baggage handling (1 piece) at hotels, all breakfasts & 2 lunches/9 dinners, professional European Globus Tour Guide, and more.

Overnights in Glasgow, Edinburgh, Inverness, Thurso, Isle of Skye, and Isle of Mull. Visit historical castles, breathtaking scenery, fascinating history!! One of the many spectacular sights will be the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, all set against the backdrop of the Edinburgh Castle.

Click on this link for detailed information:

This tour is planned for our Albuquerque Chapter, MOAA. We’ll probably be combined with other Globus clients, if under 32. To date, we have 19 MOAA sign-ups. Families & friends of MOAA members are invited to join us.

Questions: Contact Karen, 505-856-1927, kmbrown8@comcast.net
MOAA 2019 TOUR MEMORIES
Scandinavian-Baltic Cruise (August 28–September 12, 2019)
A great trip enjoyed by 22 participants
Membership Stats (as of November 1, 2019)

Regular – 230
Surviving Spouses - 44
Associate - 58
Total – 332

A warm welcome to the following new members and spouses, who joined us this past year:

**Regular**
Col Benjamin R Braden, USMC (Ret) (Terri)
LTC Alton P Donnell, USA (Ret) (Carolyn)
CAPT Nina F Dozoretz, USPHS (Ret)
CPT Kathryn A Fellure, USA
CPT Stacey L Goldstein-Dwyer, USA (Ret)
Col Matthew E Henry, USAF ANG (Lidia)
CAPT James A McClure, USN (Ret)
MAJ Laurel Williams, USAFR (Ret)

**Surviving Spouse**
Rosalie Conley
Bonnie Holten
Julia Huff
Letty Plikerd
Charlene York

**Associate**
Constance (Conni) Brooks
Sgt Paul W Browning, USA (Ret)
William H Putnam (Beverly)
Scott B Schaffer (Carol)
Sarah S Sower

A big THANK YOU to all those who paid their 2020 Chapter dues. If you have not already done so, please send your dues soon. Use the application on the last page of this newsletter. We can also take dues payments on PayPal, so if you wish to do that, please click the Renew Membership link on top our MOAA website www.albumoaa.org.

However, you must log in first. Be sure to let Karen know if you have any problems logging in – kmbrown8@comcast.net.

We hope you have checked out our website www.albumoaa.org. It is not necessary to log in to see Chapter Information (Event Calendar, Officers, Photo Gallery, Newsletters, Clubs, etc.). Click on Clubs for Ski Club, Tours/Events & Breakfast Club information. Log in is required only to access the online Member Directory (under Members Only).

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**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, marshaauthor@yahoo.com

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**BREAKFAST CLUB SCHEDULE**

The Breakfast Club had a successful year and is taking a break from November—December. Our goal is to continue to increase participation with a minimum of 15 in attendance at each meeting. Several of our speakers commanded an audience of 20+! So, keep up the good work!

The next Breakfast Club is Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at Weck’s on Louisiana Blvd. and Montgomery. The program is one you will not want to miss!

Marvin Schott, our Chapter’s legislative liaison, will provide an annual legislative update on issues that affect all veterans.

All subsequent Breakfast Club meetings are scheduled on the LAST Tuesday of the month. Your bill is individual, and you just add your tip. There is even a 10 percent senior discount.
Our Purgatory ski trip still has a few spaces available. Telluride, Breckenridge & Crested Butte trips are full, but need waiting lists, as cancellations often happen. Links to trip flyers are below. Note: Cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and shopping are available at most locations. We welcome new skiers & non-skiers – singles, couples and families!

**Purgatory, CO:** January 10-12, 2020 (2 nights' lodging at in Durango, CO, 2 days skiing) Chair: Ron Salley, 798-9904, jrsalley@me.com
Detailed flyer: [Purgatory 2020 Flyer](#)

**Telluride, CO:** January 25-29, 2020 (4 nights' lodging at Victorian Inn, Telluride, CO, 3 days skiing) Chair: Jack Menako, 797-1935, jamenako@centurylink.net
Co-Chair: Jim Eddings, 822-0714, jeddings@ara.com
Detailed flyer: [Telluride 2020 Flyer](#)

**Breckenridge/Keystone, CO:** February 9-13, 2020 (4 nights' lodging at Doubletree by Hilton, Breckenridge, 3 days skiing) Chair: Karen Brown, 856-1927, kmbrown8@comcast.net  Co-Chair: Julianne Levings, 286-6303, gilevings@centurylink.net  Detailed flyer: [Breckenridge 2020 Flyer](#)

**Crested Butte, CO:** February 23-27, 2020 (4 nights' lodging at Old Town Inn, 3 days skiing)
Chair: Reg Rider, 944-5514, rgrider49@gmail.com
Co-Chair: Jim Eddings, 822-0714, jeddings@ara.com
Detailed flyer: [Crested Butte Flier 2020](#)
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Detailed flyer: Breckenridge 2020 Flyer

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Detailed flyer: Crested Butte Flier 2020
A nice turnout of ~45 MOAA members enjoyed beverages, brats, and more at the New Mexico Veterans Memorial on a beautiful, but windy day. Chuck Wood directed numerous volunteers who helped put on this event.

Below are photos showing President, Mike Cochrane, presenting donations to Honor Flight, Blue Star Mothers, Gold Star Mothers and Veterans Integration Center from the Chapter. Our $2000 College Scholarship was also presented to Kip & Bill Dettmer for their granddaughter, Katherine Dettmer, who was facetime in. An outstanding time was had by all, and especially enjoyed the Brats and Sausages served by Kris and Diane and the awesome desserts prepared by Col Chuck Wood, USMCR (Ret).
Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the families of those who have passed to their eternal rest. May all those who grieve be comforted.

CPT Dave R Holten, USA – September 16, 2019 (husband of Bonnie Holten)
LTC William J Huff, USA (Ret) – July 19, 2019 (husband of Julia Huff)
Lt Col Patricia A Kelly, USAF (Ret) – July 18, 2018
Maj Quinten (AJ) Plikerd, USAF (Ret) – September 28, 2018 (husband of Letty Plikerd)
Marilyn T Toler – April 18, 2019
Col Wayne P York, USAF (Ret) – May 24, 2019 (husband of Charlene York)
All are invited to the Albuquerque Military Coalition’s November 2019 luncheon

When: Saturday, 16 November 2019
Place: Albuquerque Marriott Hotel
2101 Louisiana Blvd SE
(at the intersection of Louisiana Blvd & I-40)
Social hour: 11:00 AM — 12:00 PM
Lunch and program: 12:00 PM — 2:00 PM
Luncheon cost: $23.00 (cash or check)
Speaker: Colonel David S. Miller, Commander, 377th Air Base Wing, KAFB

Lunch: Quinoa and Black Bean salad (quinoa and black bean salad tossed with red, yellow and green peppers, onions, scallions, garlic and ginger in a light teriyaki sauce) or Roasted Turkey (slow roasted turkey sliced thin, served with cranberry relish and Giblet gravy) with Italian cream pie for dessert.

Reservations are required no later than Wednesday, 13 November 2019; contact Frances or Marvin Spallina at (505) 822-9642 or franspal@aol.com or Chuck Vaughan at chuck.vaughn@comcast.net (no shows will be billed).

Sponsored by:
Air Force Association, Albuquerque Chapter (host)
Association of the U.S. Army, MG John S. Lekson Chapter
Military Officers Association of America, Albuquerque Chapter
Navy League of the United States, New Mexico Council
Reserve Officers Association, Chapter 0001—New Mexico Tuskegee Airman, Inc. General Lloyd W. “Fig” Newton Chapter

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

November 11, 2019
10 am—Noon Louisiana Blvd. SE
Albuquerque, NM 87108

Mayor Keller, Governor Lujan Grisholm and many military dignitaries will be present during a special ceremony which honors veterans of the armed forces. This year’s theme is “A Salute to the Non-Commissioned Officer.” Non-Commissioned Officers have been crucial in keeping America and the state of our freedom intact while sacrificing so much. All are welcome to attend this free event.

Immediately following the Veterans Day Ceremony, the public is invited to stay for the rededication of the War on Terror Monument.

Col Marvin Schott, USAF (Ret) assumed the duties of Chairperson of the Legislative Affairs Committee effective July 1, 2019. He is a retired Air Force Officer and contractor flight instructor to the Air Force.

An effort to create a coalition of military service organizations, the National Guard Association and the National Guard Enlisted Association in New Mexico was led by LTC Walter Paul, USA (Ret). The coalition is called the Military Veterans Legislative Council (MVLC). MVLC identified three major issues for the 2020 New Mexico Legislative session as follows:

- Determine the economic benefit of a personal income tax exemption to retired military
- Join and assist the Dept of Veterans Services Task Force on Veterans Transportation in rural areas
- Expand the Expedited Licensing Program for military, spouses and dependents moving to NM.

If anyone is interested in supporting legislative initiatives, contact Marvin at maschott@comcast.net.

STAY TUNED FOR THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE NEWSLETTER FOR AN UP-TO-DATE BRIEFING ON THE LEGISLATIVE ISSUES OF THE DAY!
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 Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration
Regular-Reserve-National Guard-Active Duty-Retired-Former Officers

Please Print Clearly or apply online at www.albumoaa.org

_____Enroll me as a REGULAR MEMBER at $24.00 for one year.
_____Enroll me as a SURVIVING SPOUSE MEMBER (as the surviving spouse of a deceased officer) at $12.00 for one year.
_____Enroll me as an ASSOCIATE MEMBER (non-military & enlisted) at $15.00 for one year.
_____Enroll me for NEW Membership as REGULAR or SURVIVING SPOUSE applicant, receiving first 2 calendar years’ membership for cost of one year.

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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First Name                        Middle Initial                     Last Name

____________________________________________________     ______________________   ______    _________________      ________________________
Street                          Apt                              City                              State        ZIP+4      Telephone Numbers

E-Mail Address: ___________________________________________ National Membership Number: _________________________

____Active Duty, ____Retired, ____Former Officer, ____Surviving Spouse ___Regular, ____Reserve, ____National Guard

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

Please make check payable to:  Albuquerque Chapter, MOAA     Mail to:  Membership, Albuquerque Chapter, MOAA
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MOAA Membership Application Form 1-2017  Visit us on the web at www.albumoaa.org