



New Mexico Council of Chapters Military Officers Association of America



Subject: New Mexico Council of Chapters (NM CC) Minutes, 27 April 2019

The NM CC meeting was hosted by the NM National Guard Association (NGAUS) which included a convention breakfast presentation by Major General Nava, Adjutant General, NM National Guard (NG). He spoke about his philosophy of the best way to grow an association is by "word of mouth" from members to close friends and family. He briefed that although there has been no progress on these issues he thinks they can succeed this coming year on some of these legislative priorities: NM Personal Exemption State Income Tax, Unit Equivalent Wing with operational flying wing, TRICARE parity for Technicians; State/Fed Employees, man force structure to 100%.

The following MOAA members were present at the 1200 - 1500 meeting:

Rank	Name	Chapter	Position
MAJ	Jason Peete	Albuquerque	NM CC Vice President
LCDR	Neal Harris	Roadrunner	NM CC Treasurer
LT COL	Mark "Speedy" Perusse	Tularosa Basin	NM CC Secretary
COL	Richard Goodyear	Roadrunner	Chap. President
LTC	Max Johnson	Roadrunner	CC LL
CDR	Mike Cochrane.	Albuquerque	Chap. President
LTC	Ed Bullock.	Total	Farmington Sec./Treas.
COL	Mike Houck	Albuquerque	2 nd Vice President
CIV	Karen Brown	Albuquerque	Tours, Morale and Rec.
CIV	Mary Kay Olsen	Albuquerque	Member
CAPT,JAGC (USN-R)	Erin Stone	MOAA National Guest Speaker	Program Director, Engagement

Call To Order:

The General Meeting was called to order at 1215, 29 April, 2019 by Vice President Jason Peete. President Walter Paul was on travel overseas.

The Pledge Of Allegiance:

The meeting began with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Installation Of New Officers:

None.

Vice President's Comments:

Vice President Peete welcomed all who were in attendance and thanked them for coming. He especially thanked the NGAUS for partnering with the MOAA at the Santa Ana Star Casino at a cost of only \$20 per member for coffee, water fund. With the conference they did not have a lunch so we were on our own this time. Jason expressed his appreciation to CDR Michael Cochran for setting up a recruiting table at the conference. The NM CC Treasurer Neal Harris did not need to obtain a grant from USAA for meeting.

President's Report:

Vice President Jason Peete ran the meeting for Walter. This year Legislative Liaison Max Johnson went to annual "Storming the Hill" in D.C. in representing Walter and the New Mexico MOAA and met with hill members and attended very informative meetings in D.C.

Secretary's Report and Minutes:

- Sec report: October 2018 CC minutes approved as written with one modification of adding Walter Paul as dual role and also the Albuquerque Chapter President.
- **Presidents** please email any changes to your Officers to Secretary (Mark Perusse; speedy497@mac) but Chapters need to also update with National on your own. Go to MOAA.org and upper left list click on Council of chapters link, then in middle of page click on "In this Section" then Council Management link, then committee module. You can also click on your account profile after you login on upper right and under your profile look for "My Groups". This is very useful to update your chapter membership data. Contact Speedy via email, cell, or text and he will gladly talk you thru anything you need to update or do on MOAA.org.

Treasurer's Report:

- Approved. On file.

National Update:

Outstanding, informal 30 minute briefing by Erin Stone CAPT, JAGC (USN-R), MOAA National Guest Speaker, Program Director, Engagement. Recorded and transcribed by Secretary as follows.

CAPT Stone was introduced by Jason who presented her bio. She just came from visiting the Alamogordo Don Root Tularosa Basin chapter and just took over her new job which encompasses Chapter outreach. General Adkins has asked Erin's National team to focus on 3 priorities of:

1. Advocacy
2. Membership
3. Council and Chapter network

CAPT Stone left behind a file of her presentation for those who would like it contact Mark Perusse. MOAA national headquarters focuses on:

1. Membership
2. Revenue
3. Communications
4. State Advocacy
5. Leadership development
6. Administrative support of councils and chapters

There are 4 enhanced services to our chapters from MOAA national that she wanted to review.

1. The web Committee Module for Chapter presidents and membership chairs and great guide left behind
2. USAA has community grants program
3. Mercer the insurance administrator has an advertisement if you run it in your newsletter the chapter gets \$100.
4. Mercer also gives chapter 1% of travel trips booked which include MOAA local members.

USAA and Penn Fed is coming up for renewal and should remain a grant program with some changes for the good hopefully. Penn Fed was a major contributor but they are leaving MOAA support.

MOAA is doing regional training programs for Membership, Surviving Spouses, and other local officers. Last one was in Phoenix as we know. 2019 fall and 2020 will be announced on MOAA national electronic newsletter. You can tailor what you want and tailor frequency and individual members can subscribe.

Legislative efforts, last years NDAA MOAA helped maintain TRICARE fees no change and maintained military pay raise improvements which did not happen in past years. Still 2.6% gap between military and civilian pay. Trying to repeal widows tax but not yet. Urged state to use "State Report Card (www.moaa.org/statereport)" on MOAA web site of how the state of New Mexico compares with surrounding states in legislative environment.

She stressed it is critical to grow membership as everyone agrees on. 25% of members are premium members. Dues went up but still have discounts for multi year memberships. Basic membership at national is free, changed to no term limit, keep indefinitely. Please get local members to sign up for basic membership to get better web site access.

There are two virtual chapters. Introduce members to national and local chapters. One is the Military Uniformed Nurses (160 members, 35 states) is one. The second chapter is the Surviving Spouse Virtual Chapter.

There is a MOAA facebook and twitter presence. Including storming the hill info. Social media is more in use than ever before with active duty members.

Web site is admittedly antiquated and remodeling is a focus at National.

National has plans to help in legislative area publicizing best practices more frequently than the quarterly sessions nationwide.

\$8.2 million scholarship fund is doing well. Involved in Spouse employment support.

20 Chapters on list will get \$1500 to \$5000 awards for grants for charitable activities.

Publications on aging, death of spouse, training, medical advice. 1-800-234-MOAA can help with anything MOAA.

MOAA National remodeled outdated facility in Alexandria, VA.

Legislative Affairs Report:

- Max announced his end of Legislative Liaison and described the efforts as a “dismal failure” during last legislative session with no successes. However, he will remain very active in MOAA just handing off to two interested Albuquerque and Santa Fe MOAA members who have expressed interest in liaison. However, Max’s storming the hill in D.C. was very helpful and uplifting trip. 3 main things are on the mind of both national and local MOAA liasions.
 - Military pay and benefits (7% of population can qualify)
 - SBP/DIC, Surviving spouses
 - TRICARE fees
- Max gave out brief of his time in liaison, apparently something is not going well since he’s been doing PIT lobbying for 10 years. What do legislators care about is money and votes. We can’t go to offices and say how many we represent. No one is contacting them and we need thousands not hundreds if we are going to succeed in the future. Need to work collectively in future (Guard, Veterans, Retirees). No package of names is that helpful. Need scores of voters to message legislators directly.
 - On his way out the door, He hopes the folks that replace him can visit with Max and second put together an outreach team. Chapter visits. Strong program in future should bond with NG? All about getting count of voters to report to Legislature.
 - Next session 30 days: only items on Governors “call”. She has to put items on session. Has made campaign promises to support military and veterans.

Surviving Spouses:

- Dolores was not able to attend this meeting, she did send out an email to all Council of Chapter members.
- MOAA has two Spouse pamphlets, National Member service center can send them out if you call them.

Chapter Reports: Chapter reports are included at end of these minutes.

Alamogordo (Don Root Tularosa Basin): Not present. Mark Perusse as a member of Don Root Chapter gave in lieu of Chapter President "Mac" Sykes.

Albuquerque : President Michael Cochrane presented his report.

Farmington: Ed Bulloch presented and submitted their report as the Treasurer

Las Cruces (Mesilla Valley): Not present.

Santa Fe (Roadrunners): President Richard Goodyear presented his report.

Roswell (Pecos): Not Present. Submitted report of 8 members.

Old Business: Neal will send out approved \$250 check to Veterans home (as voted on in previous meeting) and future support decision will be tabled once the new NM State makes any or no changes (Judy Griego)

New Business:

- NM CC Vice President Jason Peete asked for All **presidents** to bring or send just before next CC meeting your goals for Jason as the incoming Council President
- Any changes to bylaws will be emailed out NLT 21 days prior to next meeting. Discussion of how CC President will be picked was not voted on until bylaws are changed.
- Next NM CC meeting: Since no one who was present remembered or spoke up that the last October 2018 CC meeting voted to change to once a year it will have to be resolved after these minutes are published as to whether we will have a virtual meeting or a meeting in Las Cruces. Neal has tracked who has done each Council meeting and Las Cruces, Mesilla Valley Chapter is next in line and the best date was discussed and picked as 19 Oct 19.

Good of the Order:

Every member of NM CC was given the opportunity to bring up any other issues. Nothing else new for good of the order.

Adjournment:

The NM CC meeting was adjourned after 3 hours at 1500.

Next meeting is October 19 2019 and is either a virtual meeting or in Las Cruces. TBD.

Submitted by

Mark R. Perusse

New Mexico MOAA Council of Chapters Secretary



Don Root – Tularosa Basin Chapter
Military Officers Association of
America
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TO: New Mexico Council of Chapters

FROM: Don Root Tularosa Basin Chapter

SUBJECT: Memorandum for Council of Chapters

1. MEMBERSHIP

- a. Regular members: 40
- b. Associate members: 1
- c. Auxiliary members: 2 This is sometimes called Surviving Spouses.
- d. Total members: 43

2. NEW MEMBERS: 0

3. LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES: None.

4. AWARDS and DONATIONS:

- a. The chapter awards \$500 each year to the Holloman Air Force Base Honor Guard. This grant is to assist and support their activities at funerals and other events within the Tularosa basin.
- b. The chapter awards two \$500 scholarships to deserving members of the Alamogordo High School junior ROTC as a means of “paying it forward” and help with expenses as these members enroll in ROTC at college or universities.
- c. Each chapter members and their spouses bring a toy for a boy and a girl as part of our “Toys for Holloman Tots” Program. Each toy will be wrapped and identified as appropriate for a boy or a girl and the age of the child. The toys will be provided to the 1st sergeants at Holloman Air Force Base in order to be distributed to those in need and the children of those currently deployed.
- d. We conduct a raffle at our monthly general meeting. The proceeds of these raffles go to support our annual donations to the Honor Guard and the high school’s junior ROTC, as described in para 4 a. and b. above.

5. DEATH or ILLNESS: (all listed are illnesses or close calls that are recovering)

Scott Tippin, Chuck Hartman, and Bob Blount

6. RECENT ACTIVITIES: The chapter holds the following meetings:

- a. General Meetings are held the 3rd Thursday in every month at various restaurants throughout the Tularosa basin, but almost always in Alamogordo. The meetings began at 1800 hrs. with for social gathering and the meal to begin at 1830 hrs., followed by a guest speaker of interest.
- b. Board Meetings normally occur on the last Monday of each month at Peppers Restaurant and start at 1200 hrs.

Signature of Chapter President.

Roy Y. Sikes

Roy Y Sikes, Col, USAF, Ret.

President

Don Root Tularosa Basin Chapter

From: JOHN SCHAFFER Owner john570@centurylink.net
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Pecos Valley MOAA

Regular members	8
Surviving Spouses	8
Associate members	0
Honorary	0

Mark,

I hope that the above information is OK.

John A. Schaffer
Pecos Valley Secretary



**Local President, Albuquerque Chapter
Military Officers Association of America
Report to the New Mexico Council of Chapters**

Date: 27OCT2019

1. Current Membership):

Regular Members	246
Surviving Spouses	49
Associate Members	64
Honorary Members	1
Total Members	360
2. New Members: None
3. Legislative Activities: None
4. Awards: 21 JROTC and 3 ROTC awards presented.
5. Awards Presented: None
6. Deaths or Illnesses:
Deaths: six members

Illnesses:
Tonya Bush, Major USAF(RET)
7. Recent Activities:
 - (1) Annual Meeting held in October.
 - (2) Presented \$4000 to Honor Flight of Northern New Mexico.
 - (3) Monthly Breakfast Club Meetings
 - (4) MOAA Ski Club conducted five ski trips generating \$6000 in revenue for the Chapter
 - (5) Hosted Albuquerque Military Coalition Luncheon
8. Meetings: Held Annual Meeting in October.

Signature of Chapter President or representative

Henry E Bulloch, LTC, USA retired

Totah Chapter , Secretary/Treasure

LTC Walter Paul (USA, Retired)President, Albuquerque Chapter of MOAA



The Totah Chapter



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MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Report to the New Mexico Council of Chapters

April 26-27, 2019

1. Current Membership:

Regular Members	23
Associate Members	0
Auxiliary Members	3
Total Members	26

2. New Members: None

3. Legislative Activities: Call members of the State Legislation to support SB 366, Taxation, Providing An Income to Deduction for Certain Uniformed Service Retirees and their Spouses.

HB 82-Funds for Low-Income Veterans

SB 46 = Home Rehab for Low-Income Veterans

SB 225-Air Medal License Plates

SB 236- Disabled Veteran License Plate Fees

US:

HB 553-Military Surviving Spouse Equality Act

HR 445-Help Our Heroes Act

HR 303, the Retired Pay Restoration Act

HR 95, Legislation to Allow Veterans to Stay With Their Children While Receiving Services

HR 203 & HR 299, the Blue Water Navy VIETNAM veterans Act of 2019

4. Award

MOAA JR ROTC: two (2) \$500.00 dollar scholarship given through San Juan College to a JR ROTC Cadet who attends San Juan College.

5. Deaths or Illnesses:

Deaths: Spouse: Shirley Harrington, wife of Frederick Harrington, Maj/USAF

Illnesses: Larry W Johnson, CDR, USN

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Fred Moore, LCDR, USN
President
Mark Dwinell, MAJ, USAF
Vice President
H. Edward Bulloch, LTC, USA
Secretary/Treasurer

Vacant
Surviving Spouse Liaison



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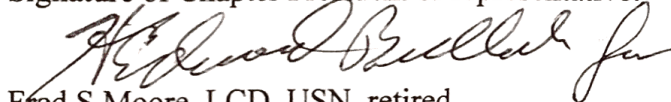
Directors
Alfonso Garcia, LTC, USA
Fred Moore, LCDR, USN
David Stock, MAJ, USA

Marlo Webb, LT, USN
Suzanne Hall

6. Recent Activities: *Spring*

- (1) Holding ~~fall~~ Chapter meetings: meeting scheduled 3rd Thursday of month January through May, 6:00pm at Porters Restaurant, 22110 E 20th St
- (2) Home Expo at Farmington Civic Center, Recruitment table set up. 3 members attended.
- (3) Aztec Gun Show: Aztec Senior Center, Recruitment table set up, 3 members attended.
- (4) Flowers sent to Shirley Harrington, Service.
- (5) One member and spouse: Alfonso Garcia, LTC, USA retired and wife Heidi participate in the Meal on Wheels program.
- (6) One member participates in the community Homeless Veterans Program, held at Fair Grounds, Gallup N.M, Henry E Bulloch, LTC, USA,

Signature of Chapter President or representative:



Fred S Moore, LCD, USN, retired

President

Totah Chapter

Santa Fe Roadrunner
Council of Chapters Report

Membership

Active-42

Surviving Spouse-7

Gain-12; Loss-9

Activities

Chapter luncheons every other month with guest speakers

Recent topics: funeral planning, hospice care, Storming the Hill report, reintegration of service members returning from combat zones

Board of directors meetings the other months

Annual picnic in August

Attended DVS quarterly briefings on veterans issues

Attended ceremonies to award MOAA certificates and medals to JROTC members at SF and Los Alamos HS

Donations

Pecos American Legion - 200

Santa Fe HS JROTC- 70

Gold Star Mothers – 100

Family Reintegration Associates Military Endeavor program - 100

N.G. Military Museum (SF) - 300

Legislative activities

Testified before military & veterans affairs interim committee in support of tax exemption bill

Set up and manned a table advocating MOAA membership at legislature's military appreciation day on 11 March