



## **New Mexico Council of Chapters Military Officers Association of America**



Subject: New Mexico Council of Chapters (NM CC) Minutes, 16 October 2019

The NM CC fall meeting was hosted by the Mesilla Valley Chapter which included Social by Mesilla Valley the night before, the NM CC meeting from 1300 – 1445 and a dinner at the Las Cruces Convention Center, Room # 10.

The following MOAA members were present:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Position</b>
Walter Paul	Albuquerque	NM CC President
Neal Harris	Roadrunner	NM CC Treasurer
Mark "Speedy" Perusse	Don Root Tularosa Basin	NM CC Secretary
Reg Rider	Albuquerque	Member and Ski Club President
Max Johnson	Roadrunner	Member
Chris Sautter	Mesilla Valley	Chapter Secretary
Ed Bullock.	Totah	Farmington Sec./Treas.
Robert Gaupel	Mesilla Valley	Chapter President
Mac Sykes	Don Root Tularosa Basin	Chapter President
Dolores Morgan	Surviving Spouses	Member
George Orlicki	Mesilla Valley	Mesilla Valley Incoming President
Rosemary Brady	Mesilla Valley	Mesilla Valley Vice President

### **Call To Order:**

The General Meeting was called to order at 1300, 16 October, 2019 by President Walter Paul.

### **The Pledge Of Allegiance:**

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

### **Installation Of New Officers:**

None.

## **President's Comments:**

President Paul welcomed all who were in attendance and thanked them for coming. He thanked the Mesilla Valley Chapter for hosting the meeting and dinner.

Next NM CC meeting decided to go concurrent with NAGUS. Next NAGUS 24-26 April 2020 at Inn of the Mountain Gods. Max will help with plans. Don Root Chapter will support. Walter yielded his time to Max to present Storming the Hill since Max attended for Walter. Walter thanked Max for his 12 years of Liaison. See Legislative Liaison section for summary of the "Storming".

Walter had email update: Widows tax will not make it out of NM Legislature Conference as a bill.

## **Secretary's Report and Minutes:**

- Sec report: April 2019 NM CC minutes approved as written.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

- Approved. On file and attached. It was reiterated by Neal that NM CC will reimburse for (J)ROTC medals and certificates.

## **Legislative Affairs Report:**

Max gave summary of National "Storming of the Hill" as Liaison. Max thought it was interesting and went to each of the Congressional Delegations but met with one. Had MOAA National Individual accompany to all meetings. Priorities/Visit GOALS:

1. Insure any TRICARE reforms sustains top quality care.
2. Prevent disproportionate increases to fees, there will be increases but keep low
3. Sustain military pay comparable to private sector. Getting tougher and tougher
4. Stop erosion of benefits non pay type
5. End financial penalties for military survivors. Max used his family as example: 26 years with National Guard. Couldn't have done it without support of spouse and family
6. End concurrent receipt for retirees
7. Achieve equity of benefit of guard and reserve with active duty. (Injuries)
8. Strengthen DOD and VA support of wounded warriors and women veterans
9. Insure timely access to VA benefits
10. Protect military and veteran support families and policies

Politicians need votes. Our future success is getting larger numbers of military voters to contact their representatives and be a large block of voters. Got to talk to Rep. Deb Halland (NM 1sr District ABQ; Dad was a Marine). Worked with Stuart Udall's person. Great worthwhile visit.

Mac Sykes had a question/comment that with 10 priorities is getting a lot to focus on and maybe in future have less than 10 get; one done instead of none of 10.

Neal asked about him going with 3 items but this year MOAA National sent Max with the cheat sheet of the 10 issues.

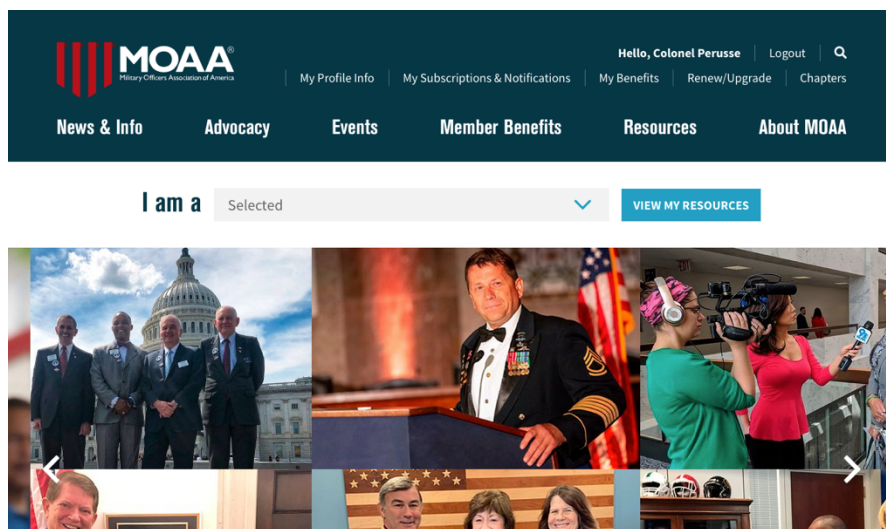
## National Update:

Walter did a National Update. In NM we are above national average above 16% National members are state chapter members. Walter joining with National Guard meetings to get more members. General Nava is a MOAA member and supports us. Fertile ground. Max asked about marketing package to get new members. Discussion of challenges of recruiting. Mainly, active duty members are a small force, high demand for time at work, deployments, little time for family much less our associations. Discussion also of MOAA national does national level, MOAA Chapters in state should be a selling point for supporting at state level. However, state legislation is not giving any improvements to support of military benefits at state level. Walter asked about national membership form including state membership and asked is national notifying chapters of new members signing up. Consensus was it is working but less than 5 % success of the national members are joining

Leadership Training workshop in Austin 15-16 November and Mac Sykes is going to attend and Secretary Mark Perusse will send out update.

MOAA National has 2 501C3: Scholarship fund and MOAA foundation. Foundation has military family initiative to give grants.

MOAA National has a new web site link: <http://moaa.org> home page shown



## Old Business:

NM CC Vice President Jason Peete asked for All **Chapter Presidents** to bring or send just before next CC meeting your goals for Jason as the incoming Council President. All reports received. Due to conflict Walter Paul is continuing as Council President.

## New Business:

- Walter is Vice Chair and discussed new legislative effort the Military Veterans Leadership Council (MVLG) at our state level. Initial meeting with all the heads of organizations and veterans organizations that want to participate. It is up and running. The Chair is CMD SGT Willie Griego (Also President NG Enlisted Association). Presidents of MOAA Chapters are invited. State CC MC League, State AFA represented, VFW State CC (Richard Nutt), President of AUSA, Navy League, DAV, Purple Heart, American Legion. Meeting once a month. Charter passed in September. Council will do THREE pieces of legislation a year. This year:
  - Retirement (PIT)
  - Transportation issues for veterans
  - Cleanup reciprocity. Military members can use other states licenses in NM

Legislative team leader is CMD SGT MAJ Ruddy Steckley. MOAA member Marvin Schott is analyst.

Council has met with State Military and Veterans Committee and presented agenda. Met with Lt Governor. Short session must be on Governor call list. Propose get \$ to update economic impact from NMSU. May get bill and not just \$.

Any bills will be bi partisan. Walter has met individually with Sen Burt, Sen Brandt, Sen Harper, Sen Padilla. Start in House and Senate and conference.

Walter asked all MOAA members (3,000 voters) to contact legislatures, but with all organizations we are up to about 160,000 voters plus families.

- Any changes to NM CC bylaws will be emailed out NLT 21 days prior to next meeting. Main issue is written that NM CC has specified 2 meetings a year and discussion of how CC President will be picked was not voted on until bylaws are changed.
- **Next NM CC meeting is 24-26 April (Friday – Sunday) 2020 at Inn of the Mountain Gods Convention Center and Casino, Ruidoso, NM in conjunction with the NGAUS.** Walter will be absent. Don Root Tularosa Basin will support. Max is going to help coordinate.
- Second Meeting for 2020 rotation is Totah host the fall meeting. However Albuquerque will host Fall meeting.

## **Surviving Spouses:**

- Dolores Morgan talked about the purpose to help grieving Spouses and their loss. MOAA advisory committee has the virtual program started last year has been helpful. Using the internet versus chapter meetings. 44 surviving spouses, down 6. Very difficult to find and communicate with them. Asked for any ideas and please ask her any questions.
- Walter gave out email from Dolores to join virtual chapter using mssvc02@gmail.com
- MOAA national 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.

**Las Cruces (Mesilla Valley):** Chapter President Robert Gaupel presented his report.

**Albuquerque :** Chapter President Michael Cochrane submitted report. Presented by Reg Rider.

**Alamogordo (Don Root Tularosa Basin):** Chapter President Roy "Mac" Sykes presented his report

**Farmington:** Ed Bulloch presented and submitted their report as the Treasurer for President Fred Moore

**Santa Fe (Roadrunners):** Chapter President Richard Goodyear not present, report submitted in writing.

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

## **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 1 hour and 45 minutes at 1445.

Submitted by

Mark R. Perusse

New Mexico MOAA Council of Chapters Secretary



# The Totah Chapter



## An Affiliate of the Military Officers Association of America

P.O. Box 613  
Farmington, NM 87499-0613

### MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA Report to the New Mexico Council of Chapters Oct 15-16, 2019

#### **Current members:**

- a) 23 members
- b) 3 Auxiliary members
- c) Mark Dwinell and Emely moved thus dropping membership to 22 plus 3 auxiliary members.

#### **New Members:**

None

#### **Legislation Affairs/Issues**

Number of letter have been sent to Seniors and Representative at the Federal level and at the State Level

#### **Awards:**

**MOAA JR ROTC:** two (2) \$500.00 scholarships given through San Juan College to JR ROTC Cadet who attend San Juan College.

#### **Award Presented:**

Awards present to each high school (6 schools) to cadet who earn the awards. A number of the Totah Chapter member are active in the JR ROTC program, and a number attend the Awarding of the metals.

#### **Death/illnesses:**

##### **Deaths:**

None

##### **Illnesses:**

**Larry W Johnson, CDR, USN**  
**Suzanne Hall**  
**Zola Brinkley**

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Fred Moore, LCDR, USN  
President  
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Secretary/Treasurer

Vacant  
Surviving Spouse Liaison



William E. Sharer, MAJ, USA  
Legislative Liaison

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

**Recent Activities:**

- a) Held first chapter meeting this fall: Sept 19, 2019, speaker Walter Paul, NM Council of Chapters President, talk about the Military & Veterans Leadership Council. Walter's wife was also present.
- b) One member participated in the Community Homeless Veterans stand down program at San Juan College, Oct 11, 2019, and annual event. H Edward Bulloch, LTC, USA. American Red Cross has 24hr, 365 days 800 number for veteran/active duty military family emergency, call 877-272-7337.
- c) One member and spouse: Alfonso Garcia, LTC. USA retired and wife Heidi participate in the Meals on Wheels program.

**Meetings:**

Meetings schedules for the third Thursday of the Month at 6:00pm, started Sept thru Dec., held at Porters Restaurant, 2210 E. 20<sup>th</sup> St. Christmas Party for the chapter will be held in December.

Respectfully submitted by:

Fred S Moore, LCDR, USN, retired  
President  
Totah Chapter

**Report to the New Mexico Council of Chapters  
Mesilla Valley Chapter  
31 December 2018 to 16 October 2019**

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| 1. | Current Membership (As of 16 October 2019)        |   |   |
|    | Regular Members                                   | 28  |   |
|    | Associate Members                                 |   |   |
|    | Surviving Spouses                                 | 6   |   |
| 2. | New Members                                       | 4   |   |
| 3. | Legislative Activities                            | None  |   |
| 4. | Awards Received                                   | None  |   |
| 5. | Awards Presented                                  | ROTC  | 4 |
|    |   | JROTC   | 7 |
| 6. | Deaths or Illnesses                               | None  |   |
| 7. | Recent Activities:                                | Bataan Memorial March Membership Recruiting<br>Farmers Market – Membership Recruiting<br>Annual Summer Picnic in July<br>Veterans Day Parade in Las Cruces<br>Veterans Park Clean up in September |   |
| 8. | Meetings: Eight Chapter dinner/meetings each year |   |   |

Robert Gaupel  
CWO2 USN Ret  
President





Don Root – Tularosa Basin Chapter  
Military Officers Association of  
America  
P.O. Box 1951  
Alamogordo, NM 88310

TO: New Mexico Council of Chapters

15 October 2019

FROM: Don Root Tularosa Basin Chapter

SUBJECT: Memorandum for Council of Chapters

1. MEMBERSHIP

- a. Regular members: 39
- b. Associate members: 1
- c. Auxiliary members: 4 This is also called Surviving Spouses.
- d. Total members: 44

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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:

- a. Deaths: None.
- b. Illness or Close Calls: Scott Tippin, Chuck Hartman, and Bob Blount

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

- a. General Meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 various restaurants and start at 1200 hrs. We are looking to stabilize the location for this meeting after the closure of Pepper's Grill.

Chapter President

*Roy Y. Sikes*

Roy Y Sikes, Col, USAF, Ret.

President

Don Root Tularosa Basin Chapter

**Chapter Report – *Albuquerque***  
**for the Council of Chapters**  
***14 October 2019***

**Current Members: 229 Regular/58 Associate/44 Surviving Spouse**

**New Members: 1 Regular/5 associate**

**Legislative Affairs/issues: Member of the Military/Veterans Leadership Council advocating for NMPIT exemption for military Retired Pay**

**Awards: MOAA National Five Star Level of Excellence Awardee**

**Awards Presented: 20 MOAA JROTC awards/3 MOAA ROTC awards**

**Death/illnesses: 1 deceased**

**Recent Activities: MOAA Albuquerque Chapter Memorial, 04 May 2019**

**Meetings: Monthly Board Meeting – first Friday of every Month**

**MOAA Breakfast Club – last Tuesday of every month January – October**

**Annual Membership Meeting – scheduled for 20 October**

Respectfully submitted by *Michael J. Cochrane*  
President, Albuquerque Chapter



**Local President. Richard Goodyear**  
**Roadrunner Chapter**  
**Military Officers Association of America**  
**Report to the New Mexico Council of Chapters**  
**Date: 16 October 2019**

1. Current Membership):

Regular Members	<u>41</u>
Associate Members	<u>—</u>
Auxiliary Members	<u>6</u>
Total Members	<u>47</u>

2. New Members: 2LT Jim Duncan  
CPT Aaron Shaw  
MG Jeff Clark  
COL Joe Fagan

3. Legislative Activities: N/A

4. Awards: N/A

5. Awards Presented: MOAA JROTC MEDAL

Santa Fe HS, 9 May 2019 - Cadet Petty Officer First Class Daniel Aragon

Los Alamos HS, 30 April 2019 - Cadet Lieutenant Junior Grade Stephen Gulley  
Cadet Lieutenant Richard Hensley  
Cadet Lieutenant Tristan Osburn  
Cadet Lieutenant Junior Grade Juan Romero

6. Deaths or Illnesses: N/A

7. Recent Activities: Roadrunner Chapter Annual Picnic, Saturday, August 17 from 11:00 to 2:00 at the home of David and Sara Breckenridge-Sproat

Attended DVS quarterly briefings on veterans issues – 20 May & 26 August

8. Meetings:

Chapter luncheons every other month with guest speakers: May – 2LT Jim Duncan, WW2 experiences; July – LTC Max Johnson, MOAA Storming the Hill experiences

Board of directors meetings the other months

*Richard Goodyear*

LTC Richard Goodyear (USA, Retired)

President, Roadrunner Chapter of MOAA