



ALBUQUERQUE'S MAIL CALL

*The Newsletter of The Military Officers Association of America
Albuquerque, New Mexico Chapter*



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President's Message

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."



Unfortunately, no progress was made during the recently completed legislative session toward our Chapter's goal of seeing the enactment of a New Mexico Personal Income Tax exemption for military retired pay.

As always, please continue to monitor our chapter website and your email for important information from MOAA National, New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services, Kirtland AFB Retiree Activities Office, and our Chapter.

Sincerely,

Michael Cochrane
Commander, U.S. Navy (Retired)
President, Albuquerque Chapter MOAA

Dear Albuquerque MOAA Chapter member:

Greetings!

I hope this edition of "Mail Call" finds you, your family, and loved ones healthy, safe, and prosperous!

Unfortunately, all Chapter activities remain on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

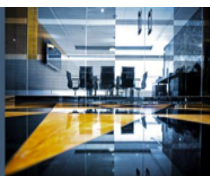
If you have not renewed your membership for 2021, now is the time to do so! We want to wrap up membership renewals by 15 June. Should you not renew your membership by that date, this will be the final edition of our newsletter that you will receive.

When renewing your membership, please consider making a generous donation to our giving fund if your financial position permits.

Over the years, our members' generosity has enabled the Chapter to contribute to the support of many local veterans' related charitable organizations.



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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.

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 **MOAA and its affiliated Albuquerque Chapter are independent, nonprofit, politically nonpartisan organizations.**



Reported by Karen Brown

The Albuquerque Chapter has been approved by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) public charity. Our 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 Chapters)
Gold Star Mothers, Albuquerque Chapter
Albuquerque Fisher House
KAFB Quarterly Awards
NM VA Medical Center
NM Veterans Memorial
ROTC/JROTC Awards
Veterans Integration Center (VIC)
Chapter's Endowment Fund (ACF) and more

Since the last edition, the "**Charitable Giving**" Program received another \$2508 in donations in conjunction with their dues payments from the following 27 members:

Donald R Armstrong	Anne L. Hickman
Albert E Aulbach	Bonnie Holten
Linda S Baty	Greg F Homicz
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A big **THANK YOU** for all your generous contributions!

Please send donations to Albuquerque Chapter, MOAA, PO Box 5071, Albuquerque, 87185-5071.

*Thank
You!*



MOAA TOURS



Reported by Karen Brown

We are optimistically planning the following “*Come from Away*” event and Scotland tour for 2021, although it is still possible that they might have to be rescheduled. Hope you all are staying well and getting your COVID vaccinations!

***Changed to May 11, 2022** (Wednesday): 7:30 p.m., Popejoy Hall – **COME FROM AWAY** (Musical): “...the **remarkable true story** of 7,000 stranded passengers and the small town in Newfoundland that welcomed them.” “It takes you to a place you never want to leave!” Group cost for **2nd PRICE** seats is **\$67/person** (middle Orchestra seats in Row N); **PREMIUM** seats cost **\$84/person** (middle Orchestra, rows D, F, G) – *non-members please add \$2/person guest fee, unless family or house-guest.* **Payment is due ASAP or NLT April 1, 2022.** To date, there are 11 participants. For seat selection, contact Karen at kmbrown8@comcast.net or 856-1927. Note: if you prefer Friday or Sunday, there are a few seats available on our group link (see below).

* Mail above payment (made out to **MOAA Ski Club**) to Karen Brown at 962 Antelope NE, 87122. **Note: Tours finances have been moved to MOAA Ski Club.**

MOAA MEMBERS CAN ALSO 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 <http://unmtickets.com/MOAA>. You can then pay for your tickets by credit card & they will be mailed to you.

MOAA 2021 TRIP PLANNED BY SUN TOURS FOR MOAA: All payments go to **SUN TOURS**, 1700 Louisiana Blvd, Suite 100, Albuquerque, NM 87110. For reservations and information, call Jenn Martinez at 889-8888 or email her at jmartinez@suntoursus.com. *Cancellation insurance recommended.*



August 18-28, 2021 (11 days) – **Scotland with Military Tattoo by Globus**— Cost is **\$5175/person** (double occupancy) and **\$5975** (single) with \$350 savings if deposit received by April 16, 2021 (all payments by cash or check). **Deposit of \$250/person is required** - refundable until April 27, 2021. Here is the brochure for this adventure : [Scotland with Tattoo](#)



To date, we have ~17 MOAA participants (members/relatives/friends). As this is a shared coach tour with Globus, space is on an “as available” basis. If interested, contact Jenn Martinez at jmartinez@suntoursus.com or (505)582-2355 and she can quickly confirm availability.



Reported By

Mary Kay Olson

My way of connecting with the Surviving Spouse community is to use a direct hands-on approach. I usually call two or more people per week where we share our experiences and help each other if we can.

Thank you all for continuing to be so open and welcoming.

We have several people in our membership who do not use email or do not have access to the Internet. Please keep me informed of new addresses, telephone numbers and emails.

Please contact me at 505-917-6163 or makatie5@msn.com with your updated contact information. I can also connect anyone who is interested with the National MOAA Surviving Spouses on the Internet.

Please continue to stay safe and stay healthy!





Celebrating Military Milestones and Anniversaries in 2021

Reported By LTC Michael Houck, USA (Ret)

The U.S Secret Service in History

President Abraham Lincoln is well known for his leadership during the Civil War and for signing the Emancipation Proclamation, which freed the slaves. However, did you know that he also established the United States Secret Service?

When the United States Secret Service (USSS) was established, its main duty was to prevent the illegal production, or counterfeiting, of money. In the 1800s, America's monetary system was very disorganized. Bills and coins were issued by each state through individual banks, which generated many types of legal currency. With so many different kinds of bills in circulation, it was easy for people to counterfeit money. During President Lincoln's Administration, more than a third of the nation's money was counterfeit. President Lincoln established a commission to stop this rapidly growing problem that was destroying the nation's economy, and on April 14, 1865, he created the United States Secret Service to carry out the commission's recommendations.

The Secret Service officially went to work on July 5, 1865. It was very successful in the first year, closing more than 200 counterfeiting plants.

During the evening of the same day President Lincoln established the Secret Service, April 14, 1865, he was assassinated at Ford's Theatre in Washington, D.C., by John Wilkes Booth.

It was the first time in our nation's history that a President had been assassinated. As citizens spoke out, Congress began to think about adding Presidential protection to the list of duties performed by the Secret Service.

However, it would take another 36 years and the assassination of two more Presidents -- James A. Garfield (March 4, 1881-September 10, 1881) and William McKinley (1897-1901) -- before the Congress added protection of the President to the list of duties performed by the Secret Service.

Since 1901, every President from Theodore Roosevelt on has been protected by the Secret Service. In 1917, threats against the President became a felony, and Secret Service protection was broadened to include all members of the First Family. In 1951, protection of the Vice President was added.

Today's Secret Service is made up of two primary divisions -- the Uniformed Division and the Special Agent Division.

The primary role of the Uniformed Division is protection of the White House and its immediate surroundings, as well as the residence of the Vice President, and over 170 foreign embassies located in Washington, D.C.

The Special Agent Division is charged with two missions: protection and investigation. Their many investigative responsibilities include counterfeiting, forgery, and financial crimes. In addition to protecting the President, the Vice President, and their immediate families, agents also provide protection for foreign heads of state and heads of government visiting the United States.

FirstGov Website – Inside the White House - [Spring 1998](#) (National Archives)



Ski Club Update

Reported by Brig Gen Regner Rider, USAF (Ret)

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TREASURER: Bill Dettmer, billdettmer@comcast.net

MEMBERSHIP: Karl Ricker, ksricke@centurylink.net

We hope you have managed to get through this COVID year safely and have had your vaccinations!! We have missed you!

Our 2022 ski trips have been planned and we hope you are ready to ski with us next season!! You will find trip flyers with dates, costs and trip chairs to Breckenridge, Crested Butte, Purgatory and Telluride on our MOAA website: <https://albumoaa.org/ski-club/>

There will be no Ski Club dues this year; only Albuquerque Chapter MOAA 2021 dues are required. Thanks to those of you who have already paid them.

Regarding lift tickets, **EPIC PASSES** (Military or Local or Day) are highly recommended (they are reduced 20% this season): <https://www.epicpass.com/passes/epic-pass.aspx>

Active Duty/Retired Military/Spouse - \$135 Military Epic Pass!! (also includes Cr. Butte)

<https://www.epicpass.com/pass-results/military.aspx> - /

Non-Military/Veterans Epic Day Pass for 4-7 days: (also includes Cr. Butte & Telluride)

<https://www.epicpass.com/passes/epic-day-pass.aspx?days=4> (non-holiday prices)

NOTE: Cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and shopping are available at most locations. We welcome new skiers & non-skiers – singles, couples and families!

2022 MOAA Ski Club Schedule:

PURGATORY – January 7-9, 2022 (Friday pm – Sunday pm)

Coach transportation, lodging at the Best Western Rio Grande, Durango, CO

Trip Chair: Ron Salley, 505-798-9904; jrsalley@me.com

TELLURIDE – January 22-26, 2022 (Saturday am – Wednesday pm)

Coach transportation, lodging at Victorian Inn, Telluride, CO

Trip Chair: Reg Rider, 505-944-5514; regrider49@gmail.com

BRECKENRIDGE/KEYSTONE – February 6-10, 2022 (Sunday am – Thursday am)

Coach transportation, lodging at The DoubleTree by Hilton, Breckenridge, CO

Trip Chair: Karen Brown, 505-856-1927; kmbrown8@comcast.net

CRESTED BUTTE – February 21-25, 2022 (Monday am – Friday am)

Coach transportation, lodging at Old Town Inn, Crested Butte, CO

Trip Chairs: Beth Clark, 505-228-2640; nursebeth2@comcast.net and Conni Brooks, 505-620-3795

New Mexico 2021 Legislative Session

The New Mexico 2021 Regular Legislative Session ended at noon on March 20. The governor called a special session on March 30 to address the legalization of recreational marijuana. The Capitol is still closed to the public.

The list of legislation for 2021 Regular Session that could have affected military members, veterans, retirees and surviving spouses was fairly extensive. However, very little legislation was passed that benefited our military members and veterans.

Exemption for Military Retirement Pay The annual effort to gain an exemption for military retirement pay from NM personal income tax made no further headway this session. Senate Bill 377, which was a budget bill as an add-on to House Bill 2, General Appropriations Act of 2021, contained an appropriation of \$100,000 to the Taxation and Revenue Department to study the effects of eliminating state income tax on military retirement pay. On April 9, the Governor exercised her line item veto disallow this appropriation. The Governor's rationale was that this appropriation performed a study and would not achieve firm results. **New Mexico remains as one of six states that do tax military retirement pay.**

Passed Legislation

House Bill 31 amends the definition of sex crimes as it relates to the Code of Military Justice and applies only to military members of the New Mexico National Guard and was signed by the Governor.

House Bill 120 extends the expedited licensure process for military members, spouses and families for a substitute teacher certificate and was signed by the Governor.

Senate Bill 272 requires school districts to allow military families to enroll children prior to arriving at their military assignment in New Mexico and was signed by the Governor.

Failed Legislation

The proposed NM constitutional amendments to increase veterans' exemption and veterans' disability exemption to property tax.

Social Security exemption from NM personal income tax. The cognizant tax committees in the House and the Senate did not hear any of the four proposed bills.

House Bill 113 (HB 113) would prohibit discrimination based on military or veteran status as defined in the New Mexico Human Rights Act. HB 113 passed the House 66-0 and died in Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Bill 174 (HB 174) proposed to double the exemption from New Mexico personal income tax for those over 65 or are blind. Currently, the exemption is limited to income less than \$25,500 for individuals and \$51,000 for heads of household, surviving spouses and married individuals filing jointly. HB 174 died in House Taxation and Revenue Committee.

House Bill 260 (HB 260) would have provided free passes to New Mexico State Parks to veterans and members of Gold Star families. HB 260 died in the Senate Finance Committee.

MOAA National Advocacy in Action 2021

Marvin Schott, Katie Fellure and Walter Paul will be participating in this year's annual advocacy event virtually. The campaign topics for the 2021 event are: (1) Comprehensive Toxic Exposure Reform, (2) Tricare Young Adult Parity, (3) Basic Needs Allowance. More information on these topics is available at <http://www.moaa.org/2021participants>

To learn about national MOAA advocacy efforts, go to
MOAA Legislative Take Action at: <http://capwiz.com/moaa/home/>

PENN. MILITARY COLLEGE **Taps** U.S. ARMY BUGLE CALL



Day is done, gone the sun, From the lake, from the hill, from the sky, All is well, Safely rest, God is nigh.

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the families of those who have passed to their eternal rest. May all those who grieve be comforted.



Barbara Ann Aulbach – January 26, 2021 (wife of Maj Albert E Aulbach, USAF Ret)



Reported by Karen Brown

Membership Stats (as of April 18, 2021)

Regular: 198
Surviving Spouse: 51
Associate: 46
Total: 295 (-2)

THANK YOU to all those who have recently paid your 2021 Chapter dues, along with all the generous donations!

If you have not already done so, please send in your 2021 dues. Please click on and fill out this Renewal Form: **Albuquerque Chapter Dues Renewal 2021** or use the application form on last page of this newsletter, paying by check.

You can also fill out our online **Renew Membership** form: <https://albumoaa.org/renew-membership/> and pay by either **check** or **PayPal**. You will need to log in to access this renewal form. Please let Karen know if you have problems logging in – kmbrown8@comcast.net or 856-1927.

We hope you have checked out our website www.albumoaa.org – see links on top of Home page. You do not have to log in to see **Chapter Information, NM Legislative Info, Photo Gallery, Newsletters, Clubs** (Breakfast, Tours & Ski), etc. Login is only necessary to access the online **Member Directory** (under **Members Only**) and to **Renew Membership**.

We regret that we still are unable to have our annual May MOAA Memorial Service for the 26 Chapter members and spouses who have passed away in the past 3 years.

The Albuquerque Chapter
MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
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Albuquerque, NM 87185

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



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.

First Name Middle Initial Last Name Rank Service Spouse's 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**
P.O. Box 5071

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____ **Albuquerque, NM 87185-5071**