

# ALBUMOAA ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS – 2021

## OFFICERS

Notes:

A. Previous 2020-2021 president, Michael Cochrane, resigned the position as he relocated to another state. The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President then stepped in as president pro tem, and held both positions until resigning 1 October for family reasons.

B. VACANT POSITIONS: The following are vacant position and, hence, there are no reports: Navy Rep, Coast Guard Rep, Chaplain, Historian, Personal Affairs.

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## PRESIDENT PRO TEM & 1<sup>st</sup> VICE PRESIDENT

**1. ANNUAL REPORT 2021 for period November 2020 ending October 2021: 1st VP & President *pro tem*** (held both positions simultaneously)

**2. POSITIONS HELD BY:** Michael Wismer

**3. ROLE & GOAL OF 1<sup>st</sup> VP & President *pro tem*:**

- As 1<sup>st</sup> VP, send letters to members who donated to the MOAA Charities.
- Participated in committee to review and update by-laws.
- Stepped in to fill the position of President *pro tem* when the current President resigned.
- As President, *pro tem*, assumed the role chief executive officer of the Chapter, presided at meetings of the Board.
- Communicated information to the Chapter and the Board as required.

**4. ACTIVITIES/ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN PAST YEAR:**

- Transferred electronic documents and/or letterhead, stamps and files from previous 1<sup>ST</sup> VP.
- Prepared and mailed “Thank You” letters to all members, associates and surviving spouses who donated to MOAA Charitable Organizations
- Presided at Board Meetings.
- Coordinated with HQ MOAA to have a MOAA Representative attend the Nov. 5, 2021 Board Meeting.
- Participated in committee to prepare for the annual meeting.

**5. Person submitting this report, if different from the chair:** N/A.

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> VICE PRESIDENT (PROGRAMS)

### 1. ANNUAL REPORT 2021 for period November 2020 ending October 2021: Second Vice President

#### 2. Position Held By: Michael Houck LTC (Ret) USA

3. **ROLE & GOALS: Article X of the Bylaws...Section 5.** “The Vice Presidents shall perform other duties such as the President might assign.”

#### 4. ACTIVITIES/ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN PAST YEAR:

- Attended informational and coordination meetings in person and virtually of overlapping military and veteran associations with forward looking events, many of which were canceled by NM Department of Health Orders.
- Events and activities information and dates submitted to the Newsletter editor and the Website manager for publication to the membership.
- Meetings involving veterans’ organizations that have an interest in being a part of an effort to raise funds to reconstruct a Soldiers Monument obelisk on the Santa Fe Plaza.
- The Kirtland AFB Quarterly Awards program attempted to restart but was suspended a second time.
- Planned and attempted to coordinate and conduct the annual ALBUMOAA Memorial Service at the New Mexico Veterans’ Memorial in May 2021. Event was cancelled as the City of Albuquerque directed the Veterans’ Memorial Foundation not to permit scheduling the event.
- Coordinated ALBUMOAA and other Albuquerque Veterans groups participation in group, time allotted grave decoration at the National Cemetery in Santa Fe for the Wreaths Across America project, and subsequent retirement of the grave wreath decorations.
- Provided notice and participated in the marking of gravestones with American Flags at Veterans National Cemetery in Santa Fe the weekend before Memorial Day, May 2021.
- Annual Membership Meeting:
  - Collected catered food options for the Membership Annual Meeting as restaurants and caterers were reopening.
  - Provided Board of Directors with four menu options from eight caterers.
  - Coordinated and organized the event venue, catered food service, and dining logistics.
  - Coordinated and sent invitation letters to Chapter charitable donation recipients to attend the Membership Annual Meeting for award presentations.
- Assisted and supported the Honor Flight of Northern New Mexico’s recognition and presentations to World War II veterans at the New Mexico Veterans Memorial June 26, 2021.
- Membership recruitment booth reserved at the November 11, 2021 Veterans Day service, and ceremonies for the Fallen Warrior and Veteran of the Year presentations at the New Mexico Veterans Memorial.
- Coordinated scheduling of Headquarters, MOAA Chapter Services in-person visitation to Albuquerque and ALBUMOAA on November 5, 2021.

#### 5. Person submitting this report, if different: N/A.

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## SECRETARY

### 1. ANNUAL REPORT 2021 for period November 2020 ending October 2021: SECRETARY

#### 2. POSITION HELD BY: Marsha Thole, Lt Col, USAFR (Ret)

#### 3. ROLE & GOAL OF THE SECRETARY:

- Take minutes and produce them at the monthly or special meetings.
- Certified that a quorum was present at any meeting.
- When the meetings are recorded, use the recording to prepare the minutes with more accuracy.
- Email reminders to the Board members for monthly reports and other requirements.
- Maintain the Official Record Book (ORB), which contains the minutes from the board, the committee and club minutes, and any other official business.
- Maintain the bylaws, Articles of Incorporation, and any other official documentation in the ORB.
- In concert with the president, prepare the agenda for the meetings and notices, and prepare the annual meeting script.
- Serve as the parliamentarian in the absence of a parliamentarian.

#### 4. ACTIVITIES/ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN PAST YEAR:

- Performed all of the above.
- Established the online filing system of maintaining reports and minutes.
- Established more timely submission of reports and other requirements.
- Prepared and submitted a recruiting flyer for the chapter to DVS PIO, which was published in the August 2021 DVS newsletter.

#### 5. Person submitting this report, if different from the chair: N/A.

## TREASURER

### 1. ANNUAL REPORT 2021 for period November 2020 ending October 2021: Treasurer, ABQ Chapter of MOAA

#### 2. POSITION HELD BY: Lt Col Clinton Whisonant, USAF (Ret)

#### 3. ROLE & GOAL OF USPHS ALBUMOAA Representative Manage Chapter Finances

#### 4. ACTIVITIES OVER PAST YEAR (Thru Oct): Dues received - \$5,756

- Donations Received - \$5248
- Operating Expenses - \$2332.65
- Membership Activities - ( estimate for annual meeting) \$1500
- Donations by Abq Chapter - (\$1500 each to Blue Star Mothers Rio Grande and Valencia County, \$3000 to Veterans Integration Center, \$250 to Fisher House, \$140 to PHS for masks.) \$6,250

5. **Person submitting this report**, if different from the chair: N/A.

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## **PAST PRESIDENT**

1. **ANNUAL REPORT 2021 for period November 2020 ending October 2021: Past President**

2. **POSITION HELD BY:** Walter Paul

3. **ROLE & GOAL OF MOAA Past President:**

- Annually write up and submit the application for Col Marvin J. Harris Communications Award (one application for the website and one for the newsletter)
- Annually write up and submit the application for the MOAA Levels of Excellence Award (this submission is based on input from the President, 1st Vice President, Treasurer and other board members)
- Provide advice to the President and the Board.

4. **ACTIVITIES/ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN PAST YEAR:**

- Based on our Communications Award submission for 2020, both our website and newsletter were awarded 5 stars (highest award)
- Based on our Levels of Excellence Award submission for 2020, the Albuquerque Chapter was awarded 5 stars (highest award). Presentation to be made in DC in October.
- Performed the duties of NM Council of Chapters President during the deployment of Maj Jason Peete (CofC President).
- Represented NM MOAA on the Military/Veterans Leadership Council (MVLC) - in the role of Vice Chairman of the Council.
- Briefed the new DVS Secretary Sonya Smith on the role and legislative priorities of MOAA and MVLC.
- Briefed the Joint House and Senate Military & Veterans Affairs Interim Committee on the legislative priorities of MOAA & MVLC.
  - 1. Military Retirement Pay Personal Income Tax Exemption.
  - 2. Increase in Veterans Property Tax Exemption
  - 3. Secure funding to DVS for Homeless Veterans Programs
  - 4. Secure funding to DVS for Veterans Mental Health Programs

5. **Person submitting this report**, if different from the chair: N/A.

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## PARLIMENTARIAN (ADVISORY POSITION)

**ANNUAL REPORT 2021 for period November 2020 ending October 2021: PARLIAMENTARIAN**  
(established by President Michael Cochrane)

**2. POSITION HELD BY:** Marsha Thole, Parliamentarian (NAP)

**3. ROLE & GOAL OF THE PARLIMENTARIAN:**

- Advise the president, board, and committees and others on matters of parliamentary procedure.
- Know the bylaws, state statutes for nonprofit corporations, and higher level organizations requirements so that business can be conducted in compliance with those authorities.
- Assist the board in compliance with the bylaws.
- Provide a copy of the current bylaws to the Secretary for the Official Record Book (ORB).

**4. ACTIVITIES/ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN PAST YEAR:**

- Performed all of the above.
- Stayed current on changes to the chapter's parliamentary authority, *ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER NEWLY REVISED*.
- Prepared the annual meeting script for the president.

**5. Person submitting this report,** if different from the chair: N/A.

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## COMMITTEES

## MEMBERSHIP RECORDS & WEBSITE

**1. ANNUAL REPORT 2021 for period November 2020 ending October 2021: MEMBERSHIP RECORDS & WEBSITE**

**2. CHAIR:** Karen Brown; Co-Chair: Mary Kay Olson (moved to Missouri). New Co-Chair: Jacklyn Jablonski

**3. ROLE & GOAL OF MEMBERSHIP RECORDS & WEBSITE:** Collect Chapter annual dues and keep up-to-date records of our Chapter membership in our Website, MailChimp & Word (for printed Directory)

**4. ACTIVITIES/ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN PAST YEAR:**

- Collected 2021 dues/donations, after sending out numerous email reminders and some mailed reminders.
- Kept our Chapter membership information up to date in our website database.

- Pick up all MOAA mail weekly, which included dues/donations, etc.
- Dropped off dues/donations checks along with list to Treasurer, Clint Whisonant, weekly or when enough checks to merit the trip.
- Mailed out 33 printed Membership Directories to those members who paid \$5 for it (printed/mailed by NM Print Now).
- Sent names/amounts of those members who gave donations to our Chapter to 1st VP, Jim Levesque/ Mike Wismer, so he could send Thank You letters.
- Sent mailing lists to Newsletter Editor, Nina, for mailing out printed bi-monthly ALBUMOAA newsletters.
- Kept current membership in MailChimp and sent out important Chapter messages via MailChimp to membership.
- Entered Events and updated Club, Legislative, & other Chapter information in our website.

**5. Person submitting this report, if different from the chair: N/A.**



## **LEGISLATIVE LIAISON**

### **1. ANNUAL REPORT 2021 for period November 2020 ending October 2021: LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

**2. POSITION HELD BY:** Marvin Schott, Legislative Committee Chairman

### **3. ROLE & GOAL OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:**

- Communicate and coordinate with the with the New Mexico Congressional delegation and the New Mexico legislators on issues that affect New Mexico military members, veterans, retirees and surviving spouses.
- Appear before New Mexico legislative committees to provide information on and support for issues that affect New Mexico military members, veterans, retirees and surviving spouses.
- Conduct research and analyses on Federal and New Mexico legislation that affect New Mexico military members, veterans, retirees and surviving spouses.
- Inform chapter members of federal and state legislation that may affect the members through mostly reports and the Mail Call newsletter.

#### 4. ACTIVITIES/ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN PAST YEAR:

- Interface with the New Mexico Legislature for the 2021 Regular Session was limited due to the Capitol being closed to the public.
  - Very little legislation was passed that would have been beneficial to New Mexico military members, veterans and retirees.
    - The expedited licensure process for military members was expanded to include application for a substitute teacher certificate.
    - School districts are required to allow military members to enroll children prior to arriving at their military assignment in New Mexico.
- Formed a team that included Mavin Schott, Walter Paul and Katie Fellure to participate in the National MOAA virtual “Advocacy in Action” 2021 Campaign.
  - Campaign topics were: (1) Comprehensive Toxic exposure Reform, (2) Tricare Young Adult Parity, (3) Basic Needs Allowance.
  - Conducted virtual meetings with the staffs of Senator Heinrich, Senator Luhan, Representative Leger Fernandez and Representative Herrell.
- Through the Military/Veteran Leadership Council developed initiatives for the 2022 New Mexico legislative session.
  - Personal income tax exemption for military retirement income
  - Increasing veterans’ property tax exemption
  - Obtain funding to support homeless veterans

5. REPORTED BY: Marvin Schott, Legislative Committee Chairman

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## NEWSLETTER EDITOR

1. ANNUAL REPORT 2021 for period November 2020 ending October 2021: ALBUMOAA “MAIL CALL” NEWSLETTER

2. POSITION HELD BY: Nina Dozoretz, CAPT, USPHA (Ret)

3. ROLE & GOAL OF ALBUMOAA NEWSLETTER EDITOR:

- Receive articles, organize, design, edit and publish the Albuquerque Chapter of MOAA’s newsletter every two months
- Submit final draft of the newsletter to the ALBUMOAA President and the ALBUMOAA Web Site Manager for review and approval prior to distribution and posting on our website
- Submit the newsletter to the Printing Company for mail distribution to our membership

#### 4. ACTIVITIES/ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN PAST YEAR:

- Our newsletter was consistently published and distributed six times over the period November 2020 through October 2021.

- In 2021, our Chapter's newsletter earned 5 Stars and the Col. Marvin J. Harris Communications Award.

5. **Person submitting this report**, if different from the chair: N/A.

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**RECRUITING/AWARDS/JROTC CHAIR** (Note: The position of Recruiting was not filled this past year, and new efforts by LTC Sevigny were not to begin until the school year began.)

1. **ANNUAL REPORT 2021 for period November 2020 ending October 2021: ALBUMOAA Awards/ROTC**

2. **POSITION HELD BY:** Erik Sevigny LTC Erik Sevigny, USA Retired

3. **ROLE & GOAL OF ALBUMOAA AWARDS/ROTC:**

- Solicit award nominations from local JROTC programs in the Albuquerque area and the three senior ROTC programs at UNM
- Prepare certificates and medals for nominees received from JROTC/SROTC programs
- Solicit volunteers from ALBUMOAA to present MOAA award to each awardee at respective program's annual awards' ceremony
- Present the MOAA award in-person

4. **ACTIVITIES/ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN PAST YEAR:**

- Successful transfer of award certificates and medals from previous Award/ROTC committee chair.
- Received three UNM ROTC nominations and four JROTC nominations.
- Prepared and mailed seven awards to the respective programs. In person ceremonies were not held this year.

5. **Person submitting this report**, if different from the chair: N/A.

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**SURVIVING SPOUSE LIAISON** (Note: the previous liaison, Mary Kay Olson, relocated out of state in the spring, and Katie Fellure, also an army officer, took over the position.)

1. **ANNUAL REPORT 2021** Surviving Spouse Liaison Report for 2020-2021

2. **POSITION HELD BY:** Reported by Katie Fellure, Surviving Spouse Liaison



3. **ROLE & GOAL:** The purpose of the position is to ensure surviving spouses continue to feel a part of the military community and raise the chapter's awareness of their needs, keep surviving spouses informed on military surviving spouse issues and participate in local and national programs and advocacy efforts.

4. **ACTIVITIES/ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN PAST YEAR:**

- a. Contacted all surviving spouses by phone in the chapter in 2021 and 2020 which was conducted by Mary Kay Olson and Katie Fellure
- b. Katie participated in MOAA advocacy in action legislation to end the SBP DIC Offset and traveled to Washington DC in 2020 to celebrate the passing of the legislation.
- c. Informed the community regarding issues that affect surviving spouse via the newsletter

5. **Person submitting this report,** if different from the chair: N/A.



## **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

### **BYLAWS**

1. **ANNUAL REPORT 2021 for period November 2020 ending October 2021: Bylaws Special Committee**

2. **POSITION HELD BY: Chair, Marsha Thole; member, Mike Wismer**

3. **ROLE & GOAL:** The bylaws are the primary governing document of the organization and need to be updated. Work began in the spring 2021 with three members, and then dropped to two members. The document contained many conflicts contradicting information, lacked critical information, and did not conform to the parliamentary authority.

4. **ACTIVITIES/ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN PAST YEAR:** Progress was made in drafting new articles and language; however, one of the members had to resign. Work has been halted but will resume soon.



## **CLUBS**

### **BREAKFAST CLUB**

1. **ANNUAL REPORT 2021 for period November 2020 ending October 2021: BREAKFAST CLUB**

2. **CHAIR:** Marsha Thole, Lt Col, USAFR (Ret). Assistant: Dave Jackson

**3. ROLE & GOAL OF THE BREAKFAST CLUB:** Social activity that brings people together over breakfast and a speaker at a local restaurant (Weck's on Louisiana & Montgomery). Attendance had increased over the past five years.

**4. ACTIVITIES/ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN PAST YEAR:**

- The Breakfast Club usually meets January through October, and does not schedule speakers over the holiday period of November and December.
- The last gathering was in February 2020, and then the pandemic forced many activities to shut down, including the Breakfast Club.
- The chair has kept in contact with speakers, and three from the previous year have agreed to return.
- The club will meet every other month beginning in January 2022, assuming health orders allow us to do so.
- Maintained the spreadsheet for scheduling speakers, sent out emails to speakers, confirmed speakers, sent thank-you notes to speakers.
- Provided speaker info and dates to the Newsletter editor (Nina Dozoretz) and the Website manager (Karen Brown) for publication to the membership.

**5. Person submitting this report,** if different from the chair: N/A.



## **SKI CLUB**

**1. ANNUAL REPORT 2021 for period November 2020 ending October 2021: MOAA SKI CLUB**

**2. POSITION HELD BY:** Reg Rider, President

**3. ROLE & GOAL OF MOAA Ski Club:**

- Organize and conduct 4-5 ski trips for club members during December - March each year
- Organize and conduct four signup parties prior to ski season
- Generate funds to contribute to Veteran Programs

**4. ACTIVITIES/ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN PAST YEAR:**

- The past year was canceled due to COVID-19 Pandemic

**5. Person submitting this report,** if different from the chair: N/A.



## **MOAA TOURS/EVENTS**

**1. ANNUAL REPORT 2021 for period November 2020 ending October 2021: MOAA Tours/Events**

**2. POSITION HELD BY:** Karen Brown

### 3. ROLE & GOAL OF MOAA Tours/Events:

- Set up trip to Scotland with Military Tattoo with Globus (planned by **Sun Tours**) for MOAA members & their families/friends (now 20 participants), originally planned for 2020, now August 2022
- Sold group seats for 3 Popejoy Hall performances for 2022: *Come From Away* (11 participants), *Jersey Boys* (10 participants) and *Hamilton* (50 participants).

### 4. ACTIVITIES/ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN PAST YEAR:

- This past year Scotland Tour and *Come from Away* were postponed until 2022 due to COVID-19 Pandemic

5. Person submitting this report, if different from the chair: N/A.

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## SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES

### USPHS REPRESENTATIVE

1. ANNUAL REPORT 2021 for period November 2020 ending October 2021: USPHS ALBUMOAA Representative

2. POSITION HELD BY: CAPT Nina Dozoretz, USPHS (Ret)

### 3. ROLE & GOAL OF USPHS ALBUMOAA Representative

- Inform the President and members of the board of any USPHS significant items or events

### 4. ACTIVITIES/ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN PAST YEAR:

- Reported the change in senior level command in the office of the Assistant Secretary for Health
- Reported the nomination and confirmation of Vice Admiral Vivek Murthy as the 21<sup>st</sup> Surgeon General of the United States
- Reported that on July 16, 2021, was the anniversary of the establishment of the US Public Health Service on July 16, 1798
- Donated N95 face masks to USPHS Officers detailed to Indian Health Service hospitals in New Mexico
- Donated face masks to homeless veterans

5. Person submitting this report, if different from the chair: N/A.