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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."



Dear Albuquerque MOAA (ALBUMOAA) Chapter member:

It is an exciting time for the Albuquerque MOAA Chapter!

We had our first quarterly social and had a great turn out. The food was terrific, company and discussions refreshing and welcoming, and speakers very informative.

Many of our MOAA members are in Scotland on a trip coordinated by our very own Karen Brown. We also just had our quarterly ski club meeting, where there was lively discussion, friendly chatter, and beverages. These ski trips are certainly fun to attend and you do not even need to be a skier to join!

Our next big event and a way to give back to our military community is the MOAA and AUSA member's 100's birthday party on September 2, 2022 at 1200 hours at the New Mexico Veterans Memorial Park Visitors Center.

We have requested our "senior officers" and members who are ninety years old or older attend as a veteran sponsor, friend, acquaintance, and comrade for this birthday event.

We are still in the process of obtaining funds to donate a service dog to an identified veteran in need. Currently, the Albuquerque MOAA Chapter is going to match any member donation made for the scholarships that will be given to veteran owners of new small businesses and to Honor Flight on Veteran's Day in November.

The Chapter is also excited about the Breakfast Club starting again with our new Breakfast Club Chair, Tom Dawe. Tom has an amazing lineup of speakers. The first meeting will be held September 27, 2022 at 0700-0900 at Weck's Restaurant at 3913 Louisiana NE and the speaker will be Judge Stan Whittaker. See page 3 for more information.

More to come, and our Chapter is certainly very busy in our efforts to provide resources to our uniformed services family.

If you are interested in attending an Albuquerque Chapter Board of Directors (BOD) meeting, you are most welcomed!

We host the BOD meeting the first Thursday of every month at the GD Psych Services Board Room located at 2200 Grande Blvd SE, Suite B, Rio Rancho, NM 87124) or via ZOOM.

See you there!

CPT Stacey Goldstein-Dwyer, MA, PsyD, USA (Ret)
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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.

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



GOOD NEWS!! MOAA NOW HAS A NEW BREAKFAST CLUB CHAIR! WELCOME TOM DAWE!!

Place: Weck's at 3913 Louisiana Blvd NE—Just south of Montgomery

Cost: Separate checks, please add a tip; 10% Senior discount; pay at the conclusion of the program

When: Last Tuesday of each month

Time: 0700—0900 Hours. Please arrive by 0700 to order your meal before the speaker has begun.

Reservations not required

Contact: Tom Dawe with any questions

Upcoming Speaker – September 27, 2022 (Tuesday):

Judge Stan Whittaker of the Bernalillo County District Court to talk about the considerations judges have to take into account due to Supreme Court rules as to Bernalillo County and Santa Fe County in determining whether or not to release an arrestee in jail pending trial. This is the "catch and release" issue. Judge Whittaker is a former All American Miler in college who ran track professionally before law school. He was an Assistant US Attorney before being appointed to the bench. He was, until last year, Chief Judge of the Second Judicial District Court.

A more detailed bio on Judge Whittaker will be presented at the Breakfast.

If you have a recommendations for a speaker, please contact Tom at rtdawe@comcast.net.



Reported by Karen Brown

Membership Stats (as of August 15, 2022)

Regular: 177 (-7)

Surviving Spouse: 47 (-5)

Associate: 41 (-6)

Total: 265 (-18)

Thank you to all who have paid Chapter dues for 2022, along with your donations!


We hope you have checked out our website <https://albumoaa.org/> – see links on top of the Home page. You do not have to log in to see **Chapter Information**, **NM Legislative Info**, **Photo Gallery**, **Newsletters**, **Clubs** (Tours & Ski), etc. Log in is only necessary to access the online **Member Directory** (under **Members Only**) and to **Renew Membership**. Please let Karen know if you have problems logging in – kmbrown8@comcast.net or 505-856-1927.





MOAA TOURS



Reported by Karen Brown

* **December 14, 2022** (Wednesday): 7:30 p.m., Popejoy Hall – **TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD** Academy Award® winner Aaron Sorkin's adaptation of Harper Lee's Pulitzer Prize-winning masterwork... the most successful American play in Broadway history.... An emotionally shattering landmark production of an American classic. New York Magazine calls it 'the greatest novel of all time'—has quickly become 'one of the greatest plays in history'."  Group cost for 2nd Price seats is **\$68/person** (middle & side Orchestra seats in Rows K, L & M) – non-members please add \$2/person guest fee, unless family or houseguest. **Payment is due ASAP or NLT November 1.**

* **January 26, 2023** (Thursday): 7:30 p.m., Popejoy Hall – **FIDDLER ON THE ROOF** (Broadway Musical): "...a heartwarming story of fathers and daughters, husbands and wives, and life, love and laughter. It will introduce a new generation to the uplifting celebration that raises its cup to joy! To love! To life!"  Early bird group cost for 2nd PRICE seats is **\$69/person** (Side Orchestra seats in Rows O-R) – non-members please add \$2/person guest fee, unless family or houseguest. **Payment at early bird price is due ASAP. The cost will increase to \$76/person when seat sales open to the public (date unknown)!**

* **June 7, 2023** (Wednesday): 7:30 p.m., Popejoy Hall – **ALADDIN** (Broadway Musical): "From the producer of The Lion King comes the timeless story of ALADDIN, a thrilling new production filled with unforgettable beauty, magic, comedy and breathtaking spectacle. It's an extraordinary theatrical event where one lamp and three wishes make the possibilities infinite."  Group cost for 2nd Price seats is **\$63/person** (middle & side Orchestra seats in Rows K, L & M) – non-members please add \$2/person guest fee, unless family or houseguest. **Payment is due ASAP or NLT April 1.**


May 16, 2023 (Tuesday): 7:30 p.m., Popejoy Hall – **HAMILTON** (Broadway Musical): Tickets are no longer available from MOAA. In case of cancellation, we are taking a waiting list.

* Contact Karen at 505-856-1927 or kmbrown8@comcast.net for seat choice. Mail payments (made out to **MOAA Ski Club**) to Karen Brown at 962 Antelope NE, 87122.

MOAA 2022-2023 TRIP PLANNED BY SUN TOURS FOR MOAA: Payments go to **SUN TOURS**, 1700 Louisiana Blvd, Suite 100, Albuquerque, NM 87110. For reservations and information, call Sun Tours at (505) 889-8888. *Cancellation insurance is recommended.*



NEW! August 6-16, 2023 (11 days) – **GRANDEUR OF THE GREAT LAKES CRUISE:**

 Experience the Great Lakes as never before on this brand-new cruise on the intimate **Ocean Voyager** (American Queen Voyages), with a caring crew of 84 pampering no more than 202 guests. We'll travel from Chicago to Toronto, with stops at Mackinac Island, Niagara Falls, Detroit, and other beautiful ports, as we explore the majestic waterways of all five great lakes! Cost is **\$7195/person** (Cat B, Deck 3, double occupancy); \$9345 (single). Category C is sold out. Deposit is \$500/person; final payment is due March 31, 2023. Detailed information: [Grandeur of the Great Lakes](#). For Reservations, be sure to call Melissa Luhan at (505) 582-2357.

MOAA Tours/Events Website Link: <https://albumoaa.org/tours-events/>



From the Surviving Spouse Representative CPT Katie Fellure, USA (Ret)

On August 10, 2022 I was invited to be a special guest at the White House in Washington, DC. In the East Room, I witnessed the signing of the Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act into law. This historic legislation ensures veterans of multiple generations who were exposed to burn pits, toxins, and airborne hazards while deployed are provided immediate, lifelong access to VA health care and benefits.

The PACT Act is the largest healthcare expansion and benefits coverage in history and covers veterans from Vietnam, Gulf War, and post 9/11 eras. Its key features include:

- 23 new recognized presumptive conditions for burn pits and other toxic exposures
- More exposure locations eligible for Agent Orange and radiation presumptive conditions
- Toxic exposure screening for every veteran enrolled in VA health care

If you are a veteran or survivor, you can see a full list of new presumptive conditions and locations, review your eligibility, and file claims for PACT Act-related benefits at the following website:

[The PACT Act And Your VA Benefits | Veterans Affairs](#)

At the White House, I was able to meet fellow advocates from TAPS, MOAA, VFW, DAV, Fire Fighters from 9/11 and Jon Stewart.

As a survivor of a service member who died of Toxic Exposure this is a huge milestone for our Veterans and Survivors.



*The President
requests the pleasure of your company
at the signing of the
Honoring Our PACT Act
to be held at
The White House
on Wednesday, August 10, 2022
at ten o'clock in the morning*



ATOMIC VETERANS COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE MEDAL

Reported by LTC Michael Houck, USA (Ret), 2nd VP



The Defense Department has announced the establishment of the Atomic Veterans Commemorative Service Medal to commemorate the service and sacrifice of veterans who were instrumental in the development of our Nation's atomic and nuclear weapons programs.

Our Nation's long-standing nuclear deterrence capability resulted from the service and sacrifice of Service members who participated in the initial testing and development of our Nation's atomic and nuclear weapons programs.

Notably, the dangerous and important work these veterans performed was done in secret due to national security requirements.

The Atomic Veterans Commemorative Service Medal will recognize those Atomic Veterans who directly contributed during the period following World War II, and to our Nation's defense during the Cold War era. Veterans eligible for the medal are those who, while performing official military duties during the period July 1, 1945 to October 1, 1992:

- directly participated in the detonation of an atomic weapon or device;
- directly participated in the cleanup of radioactive material resulting from any such atmospheric detonation;
- directly participated in the cleanup of radioactive material resulting from an accident associated with an atomic weapon; or
- were exposed to ionizing radiation resulting from the operational use of atomic weapons during World War II.

The Director of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) will manage the Atomic Veterans Commemorative Service Medal program. DTRA anticipates it will have service medals on-hand to award to eligible individuals by the end of the year. In the interim, eligible veterans and the next-of-kin of deceased eligible veterans will be able to apply for the medal online in the near future. Applications will be processed so that when DTRA receives its initial supply of medals they can be provided to eligible veterans or their next-of-kin in a timely manner.

The Albuquerque MOAA Chapter Board of Directors and member volunteers will assist in the preparation and completion of the Atomic Veterans Commemorative Service Medal application for our current eligible veterans and for surviving spouses and children of deceased eligible veteran members. We will monitor the DTRA creation and release of the Atomic Veterans Commemorative Service Medal application and processing availability and instructions.

If you are an eligible Atomic Veteran who served and performed official military duties that are applicable to the criteria outlined in the four incidences above during the period July 1, 1945 to October 1, 1992, please let a member of the Board of Directors know your eligibility. We will be more than happy to assist you in completing the application for award of this service medal.

If you are a surviving spouse of an Atomic Veteran, please share with a history or your spouses' service and the official military duties you believed he/she performed that are applicable to the criteria outlined in the four incidences above during the period July 1, 1945 to October 1, 1992. We will assist you in processing, completing and submitting the Service Medal award application.



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

*Thank
You!*

In the last few months, the "Charitable Giving" Program received another **\$860.00** in donations in conjunction with their dues payments from the following 15 members:

Albert E Aulbach
Michael Barger
Norman L Churchill*
Mary Lou Crichton
Linda Davis
Jules E Dubois*
Norman D Falk
Mary Herrmann-Hughes

John L Jones*
Kenneth C Kvam*
Mary Lou Melvin
Adele M Thompson*
Karen Wall
Clinton Whisonant*
Charles P Williams*

*These members donated earlier in the year and were not previously listed.

A **BIG THANK YOU** for all your generous contributions!

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



Reported by LTC Michael Houck, USA (Ret), 2nd VP

Have you been putting off asking about how to navigate a potential legal issue or how to navigate the governments bureaucracy and its many submission forms and applications. The Veterans Justice Outreach from the local Veterans Administration office is offering the opportunity to schedule an appointment to consult with

an attorney and discuss your legal issues and questions, and get advice and an opinion to set you on course for your next step.

Veterans Legal Clinic-Young Lawyers

Tuesday, September 13, 2022 NM Veterans Memorial Park Visitor Center Conference Meeting Room from 8am-9am-11am-12pm

In partnership with the State Bar Young Lawyers Division, they will be holding the quarterly Free Legal Advice for Veterans event on September 13, 2022 from 8:30-11:00. This event will be held in person at the NM Veterans Memorial, 1100 Louisiana Blvd SE Albuquerque, NM 87108.

Volunteer attorneys will be available to provide brief legal consultations on civil justice matters including:

- Family Law (Divorce, custody/visitation, child support)
- Consumer Rights
- Bankruptcy
- Landlord-Tenant
- Foreclosure
- Employment
- Tax
- Wills/Probate
- General Civil
- Expungement

Please contact the Veterans Justice Program at 505-206-9086 for additional information or to schedule an appointment for this event, please contact:

NATHAN DELEON, MSW, MBA, LCSW
Licensed Clinical Social Worker
Veterans Justice Outreach 505-206-9086

If you can't make it to this event on September 13, 2022, there will be another Free Legal Advice for Veterans opportunity on November 8, 2022 to meet and discuss your issue with an attorney. The location for the November 2022 date has not been confirmed.

[**Veterans Justice Outreach Program - VA Homeless Programs**](#)



Ski Club Update

PRESIDENT: Reg Rider, regrider49@gmail.com

Reported by Brig Gen Regner Rider, USAF (Ret)

VICE-PRESIDENT: Ron Salley, jrsalley@me.com

TREASURER: Tony Strati, casatrat@msn.com

MEMBERSHIP: Karen Brown, kmbrown8@comcast.net

Our season kicked off with the first Sign-Up Party on Sunday, August 21st. There is still room on all the trips and there is ***no requirement*** to be a skier to join the Ski Club!!

2023 MOAA Ski Club Schedule:

PURGATORY – January 6-8, 2023 (Friday pm – Sunday pm)

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

Trip Chairs: Bob & Sherri Jackson, 710-9580, jacksherrison@icloud.com

TELLURIDE – January 21-25, 2023 (Saturday am – Wednesday pm) Coach transportation, lodging at Victorian Inn, Telluride, CO

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

BRECKENRIDGE/KEYSTONE – February 5-9, 2023 (Sunday am – Thursday am) Coach transportation, lodging at The DoubleTree by Hilton, Breckenridge, CO

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

CRESTED BUTTE – February 20-24, 2023 (Monday am – Friday am) Coach transportation, lodging at Old Town Inn, Crested Butte, CO

Trip Chair: Beth Clark, (505) 228-2640, Beth.Clark3@va.gov



VETERANS DAY, Friday, November 11, 2022

Reported by LTC Michael Houck, USA (Ret), 2nd VP

As the November – December 2022 newsletter publication and distribution of the ALBUMOAA's Mail Call may not reach you in time, or you do not digitally connect and use the ALBUMOAA website, here is your notice for the **Veterans Day Parade and Events at the New Mexico Veterans' Memorial Park Amphitheater, Friday, Nov 11, 2022**. Scholarships will be presented to veteran owners of new small businesses and to Honor Flight that day.

Join us at the New Mexico Veterans' Memorial as we honor all who made the sacrifice and served, as well as their families, forever.

0900 - 1000 Veterans Day Parade (usually from Bullhead Park, along Gibson SE to Louisiana, and to the Veterans' Memorial Park) Subject to Parade Permit issue by the City of Albuquerque.

1000 - 1100 Musical Prelude

1100 - 1200 Veterans' Day Ceremony

SPECIAL REQUEST: The Albuquerque Chapter of MOAA needs your help to man the desk at the Veterans Memorial Center Desk from 9-12 and 12-3PM on the first Sunday and fourth Thursday of every month.

Meetings & Events

2022 BOARD AND SPECIAL MEETINGS EVENT CALENDAR*

September 1 - Board Meeting
November 3 - Board Meeting

October 6 - Board Meeting
December 1 - Board Meeting

- ♦ All Board meetings meet the first Thursday of every month and start at **11:30 AM MST at 2200 Grande Blvd SE, Suite B, Rio Rancho, NM 87124**, unless otherwise noted. Access to meetings via ZOOM will continue. Changes to the above meeting dates and times will be announced in the newsletter and mass email distributions to the membership.
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- ♦ September 2 - Senior Officers Recognition Volunteers
- ♦ October 16, 2022 - Annual Members Meeting
- ♦ December 17, 2022 - Wreaths Across America at the Santa Fe Veterans National Cemetery

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.



Rudolph "Rudy" Schindwolf - May 20, 2022

COL George E Dexter, USA (Ret) - June 4, 2020



Albuquerque Chapter Military Officers Association of America Annual Members Meeting

Reported by LTC Michael Houck, USA (Ret), 2nd VP

The annual members meeting will be held on Sunday, October 16, 2022 at the New Mexico Veterans Memorial Park, Visitor Center Conference Room, 1100 Louisiana Blvd SE, from 1300 hours until 1500 hours (**1:00 PM – 3:00 PM**). A catered lunch will be provided concurrently with the Membership Meeting, Election of Officers, and conduct of other business.

The principal agenda item to accomplish at the even numbered year is the members biennial election of the Chapter Officers - President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, and Treasurer.

As reported in the published **July – August 2022 ALBUMOAA's MAIL CALL**, the Chapter's Nominating Committee Chair and members of the committee present at the noticed Board of Directors Meeting June 2, 2022 notified the President of a potential slate of Officers for the next term of office. The proposed slate of candidates for Officer positions recommended by the Nominating Committee Chair and committee members are:

President: Stacey Goldstein-Dwyer
1st Vice President: Regner Rider
2nd Vice President: Michael Houck
Treasurer: Mark Dwyer

In the proposed slate of candidates for Officer positions recommended by the Nominating Committee Chair and committee members, only Michael Houck, as the 2nd Vice President, will be in a position to serve more than two consecutive two-year terms as an elected officer and Board member.

Also published in the **July – August 2022 ALBUMOAA's MAIL CALL** was the notice for any additional candidates who wish to be considered for election to an Officer position and the Board of Directors of the Albuquerque Chapter MOAA are required to submit a notice of intent to serve in an Officer position and capacity to the Board of Directors, attention to the 1st Vice President.

Any notice of intent to serve in an Officer position and capacity as an additional nominated candidate is required to be published and noticed to the membership no later than September 30, 2022.

Additional candidate nominations for Officer election at the Annual Meeting of Members will not be accepted after Thursday, September 1, 2022.

The administrative handling and publication coordination of additional candidate nominations for Officer election at the Annual Meeting of Members will be reviewed and processed by the Board of Directors at its noticed and scheduled meeting on Thursday, September 1, 2022.

Additional candidate nominations for Officer election at the Annual Meeting of Members will be published as notice to the membership via email in order to meet the prior notice to members outlined in the Chapter bylaws.

Overview of the Chapter bylaws' provisions concerning the Annual members meeting and the election of Chapter Officers can be found at our website at <https://albumoaa.org/>. Please take special attention to Article VIII - Meetings, Article IX - Board of Directors and Article X - Officers.



Reported by CPT Stacey Goldstein-Dwyer, USA (Ret), President

We continue to participate in activities that support our veterans and veteran businesses.

The Rio Rancho Veteran's business support coalition is raising money for the Rio Rancho Chamber of Commerce (RRCC) Veterans Business Support Coalition (VBSC) to establish a scholarship fund for new small veteran owned business.

To qualify to receive a scholarship, a veteran-owned small business has to be established within the year.

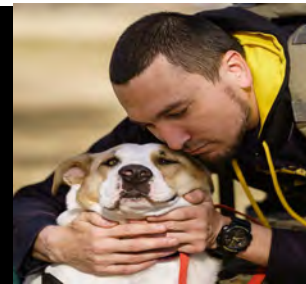
There are three total events being held to raise funds as well through the RRCC:

1. Motorcycle ride (completed in May 2022)
2. Bowling tournament (\$25 per bowler, \$100 for a team of 4) which was held on August 28, 2022, at Ten Pins in Rio Rancho
3. Billiard's tournament at Slate Street Billiards located at 2003 Southern Blvd SE, Ste 139, Rio Rancho, NM to be held on October 22, 2022.

The scholarships will be awarded to chosen applicants on Veteran's Day in November 2022 at Deluxe Design located at 561 Quantum RD NE in Rio Rancho, NM.

Additionally, the ALBUMOAA Board has unanimously voted to match up to \$1,500 in donations made by MOAA members. The deadline for donations is November 1, 2022.

To register for the Billiard's tournament at Street Billiards call Susan Sheridan at (505) 999-1835 or to make a donation, please go to www.cca.rrcc.org . Please identify on your registration that you are a MOAA member, so the ALBUMOAA Chapter can match your donation. Deadline for donations is November 1st.



Karinna Solares, the Director for Development at Paws and Stripes. Paws and Stripes, a 501-C-3 nonprofit corporation was a speaker at our First Quarterly Members meeting on July 31st. Paws & Stripes provides mental health counseling and service dog and veteran training at no cost to veterans in New Mexico.

Paw and Stripes is one of two Assistance Dogs International certified trainers in New Mexico serving veterans with a VA diagnosed Post Traumatic Stress Disability (PTSD) or Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) disability. The VA's current emphasis on providing veteran and service dog training, coupled with mental health assistance for PTSD diagnosed veterans, is part of the broader effort to address the rising number of veteran suicides. In order for the Veteran to obtain the available VA Service Dog Benefit, the dog and the veteran, both, are required to complete a specific training program and demonstrate annually a full-set of required service tasks, and be Assistance Dogs International certified.

We also asked Karinna to seek participation by a veteran program graduate and his/her service dog to give members the opportunity to gain first-hand insights from the veteran on the goals set and met by enrolling in and completing the service dog training program and mental health counseling at Paws and Stripes. Paws and Stripes will be a first-time recipient of a ALBUMOAA Chapter donation.

For more information on Paws & Stripes, please go to their website at: [Veteran Services | Paws and Stripes | United States](#)



The first Quarterly Membership Meeting was held on July 31st at the NM Veterans Memorial Park. We had a great turn out and everyone had a wonderful time! Everyone looks forward to the next Quarterly Membership meeting. Below are a few photos from this successful event:



Stacey Goldstein-Dwyer, Reg Ryder, Tom Dawe, Karinna Solares & her friend, & Mike Houck



Karinna Solares, Director for Development at Paws & Stripes



Brock Woolf, CEO, NM Veterans Integration Center



Mike Houck checking the food



Gary and Neslyn Hill,
Owners of AAA Pet
Doors of New
Mexico, with Molly

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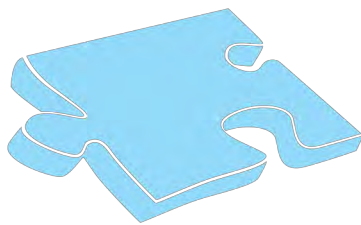
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Hours of Operation:

Monday through Saturday

9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Other times may be available by special arrangement.



Gd psych services, llc
LET'S TALK

CPT Stacey Goldstein-Dwyer, Psy.D. USA (Ret)
President and Owner

GD Psych Services, LLC is dedicated to providing the greater Albuquerque, and Rio Rancho, NM region with supportive, solution-based psychological services provided by the most professional licensed clinical social workers, mental health counselors, and psychologists in the community. Our organization is fully committed to helping you maintain your mental health and happiness and providing you with the best solutions to overcome your greatest psychological challenges.

GD Psych Services is a woman-owned and disabled veteran-owned small business.

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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—

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