Honor Flight Northern New Mexico

Identifying Albuquerque Chapter MOAA Korean War Veteran Members

The Honor Flight of Northern of New Mexico (HFNNM) believes that it has substantially completed recognizing WWII New Mexico service veterans with trips to Washington D.C. to visit the national and service Memorials. Currently, top priority is given to any remaining World War II veterans who have not traveled with HFNNM, going forward priority shifts to Korean War Veterans and Veterans of other conflicts who may be terminally ill, and Vietnam War Veterans will be added as seats are made available.

HFNNM next honor flight is in June 2023.

Newsletter article asking Korean War Veterans to identify themselves and apply for a seat for no costs travel with the Honor Flight of Northern New Mexico to Washington D.C.

Mailchimp message will follow-up the newsletter posting.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA - 2022

This year, National Wreaths Across America Day is Saturday, December 17, 2022. On **Saturday, December 17, 2022** at 10:00 AM, Wreaths Across America will be at **Santa Fe National Cemetery** to Remember and Honor our veterans through the laying of Remembrance Wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes and the act of saying the name of each and every veteran aloud.

Newsletter article published asking members to participate in remembering and honoring our veterans through the laying of a Remembrance Wreath at a grave marker or headstone. If there are a few members who would like to stick together as the Albuquerque MOAA team, we will form up as a group and participate together in distributing and laying of wreaths.

Those members who would like to donate and sponsor one wreath or more can do so at the Wreaths Across America website for over 1,200 locations across America. Sponsoring one wreath or more at the Santa Fe National Cemetery, can be accomplished at the Santa Fe National Cemetery's Wreaths Across America web page. Help the Santa Fe National Cemetery lay wreaths at as many graves as possible by clicking under the red "Sponsor Wreaths" button at the website on "Sponsor a Specific Location," and then enter Santa Fe National Cemetery or NMSNCS in the box "Select Location to Support" for your donation.

Each individual $15 sponsors a fresh balsam veteran's wreath that will be placed on the headstone of an American hero on December 17, 2022, as part of National Wreaths Across America Day.

REMEMBER the Fallen. . . HONOR those who Serve. . .

On November 16, 2022 I spoke to the Retired Officer Wives Club and presented the Wreaths Across America history and examples of the original laying of wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery, and local observances of "Sponsoring Wreaths" and MOAA participation in laying Remembrance Wreaths at a grave markers and headstones at the Santa Fe National Cemetery and other cemeteries in New Mexico.

NEW MEXICO BUSINESS COALITION

NMBC 2022 Heroes Event

This event is to recognize and honor New Mexico's public safety Heroes and Veteran of the Year. This event honors New Mexico's best. Right after, there will be entertainment by two great performers on Dueling Pianos!

When and where

Date and time: Thursday, **December 8, 2022**, 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM MST
Location: **Revel Entertainment Center**
4720 Alexander Blvd NE Albuquerque, NM 87107

Refund Policy - **No Refunds**

Proceeds from this event will go to: Scholarships for the children of fallen heroes and a 100 Club donation – charity that provides immediate funds for fallen hero families. Albuquerque Chapter MOAA in the past has made charitable contributions to the 100 Club in Albuquerque.

Get Tickets

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nmbc-2022-heroes-event-tickets-441107001917

General Admission
$25.00+$3.16 Fee

NMBC Members/Veterans/Public Safety
$20.00+$2.85 Fee

Sales end on Dec 8, 2022

The Atomic Veterans Service Certificate (AVSC) and Atomic Veterans Commemorative Service Medal

Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) is the Department of Defense (DoD) executive Agent for the Nuclear Test Personnel Review (NTPR) Program, which serves veterans who participated in U.S. atmospheric nuclear tests.

Veterans eligible for the medal and certificate are those who, while performing official military duties during the period of July 1, 1945, to October 1, 1992:

1. **Directly participated** in the detonation of an atomic weapon or device;
2. **Directly participated** in the cleanup of radioactive material resulting from any such atmospheric detonation

3. **Directly participated** in the cleanup of radioactive material resulting from an accident associated with an atomic weapon
4. Were exposed to ionizing radiation resulting from the operational use of atomic weapons during World War II.

Data:

1. Directly participated in the **detonation of an atomic weapon or device**
   Detonation Location(s)
   Associated Date(s) (mm/dd/yy)
   Participating Unit Assigned During Test
   Remarks / Position / Capacity / Duties /

2. Directly participated in the **cleanup of radioactive material resulting from an atmospheric atomic weapon or device detonation** (e.g., Atomic Energy Commission's (AEC) Pacific Proving Ground (PPG) Bikini or Enewetak Atoll cleanup; Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) at the Nevada Proving Ground (NPG) / Nevada Test Organization (NTO).
   Cleanup or Accident Location(s)
   Associated Date(s) (mm/dd/yy)
   Participating Unit Assigned During Cleanup or Accident
   Remarks / Position / Capacity / Duties

Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) Applications:

CAPT. James W Conder, USN - **cleanup of radioactive material resulting from an atmospheric atomic weapon or device detonation (underground testing)**

Nevada Proving Ground (NPG) / Nevada Test Organization (NTO).

CWO-4 Al Baye - the **detonation of an atomic weapon or device** 1948.

(AEC) Pacific Proving Ground (PPG) Bikini or Enewetak Atoll

Our veteran members who apply for the **Atomic Veterans Service Certificate (AVSC) and Atomic Veterans Commemorative Service Medal** are identified as participants in the application and Albuquerque Chapter MOAA is the requestor of the certificate and medal on behalf of the participant. As such Albuquerque Chapter MOAA will receive the individual medals and certificates and award them to the individual veterans at an Awards Ceremony upon receipt of these awards.

Social Meeting for 1st Qtr 2023 (Jan-Feb-March)

Speakers of interest to membership

Pot Luck – Beverages

Reserve Vets Memorial – week night or week end ?????

Event will require support by NM Veterans Memorial Foundation board member as the MOD at the Visitors Center.

2023 Memorial Service program (May 13, 2023)

ANG Chaplin
New Mexico Enchanters
Bugles Across America

La Vida Llena (LVL)

Schedule meeting with Linda Givens or operations director for planning 105th Birthday Celebration for Faye Adams in June 2023.
December 2022

New Business item:

UVC 2023 Dues $25.00

2nd VP proposed offering Robert Dwyer of Connecticut an honorary yearly membership into the Albuquerque Chapter MOAA and was approved by the BOD Nov 3, 2022. We recognize his charitable contribution on behalf of the Chapter to Paw & Stripes to further their capacity to provide mental health counseling and services, and veteran and canine service dog training.
2nd VP will prepare and offer to Robert Dwyer for his concurrence to be recognized as a Chapter Honorary Member, subject to his annual acceptance to continue to be so recognized on the membership roster.

Michael Houck
2nd Vice President