

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President's Report – March 2, 2023

- At the time of this writing, 2d VP has confronted the CABQ administrators at the Veterans Memorial concerning double booking of events at the Park Visitor Center. They are currently working to untangle the booking of an organization meeting at the same time as our March 19, 2023 Quarterly Social.
- Raised the issue with our Annual Members Meeting not being on the CABQ Calendar of events for October 19, 2023, since the request was provided to them in October 2022 for use of the facility.
- Atomic Veterans Commemorative Service Medal
  - Continuing with Jim Conder (CAPT, USN) to determine when he was at Nevada Test Range and Tonapah Range for 1960's underground test site decontamination.
- Invitations for MOAA Memorial Service event cohorts. Positive responses received from Buglers and Atrisco Academy MCJROTC Color Guard for the May 13<sup>th</sup> MOAA Memorial Service.
  - NMANG Chaplains will not be available to support this event; I will file a support request with KAFB Chaplains for their support of the event.
  - 2022 Chorus was done pro-bono as a result of Chorus President's, an Army veteran who had brain cancer, request to the Chorus prior to his death.
  - I will meet with the chorus program director to discuss a 2023 gratuity along with song selection and number of songs for the event. Potential musical preludes have been provided to chorus officers and BOD to review.
- Folds of Honor, President Jim Quick, and Honor Flight Northern New Mexico, VP Shirley Johnson will attend Sunday, March 19, 2023 MOAA Social. Both will speak about their organizations programs as potential ABQ MOAA charitable beneficiaries. VIC has responded that a representative will attend.
- I am attending the coordination meetings for CABQ sponsored Memorial Day ceremony and program at the NM Veterans Memorial Park Amphitheater. I have not committed MOAA to any tasks, but I did place a Newsletter "need help" for 6-8 volunteers to act as VIP and invited guest seating ushers at the event. The task for support from the CABQ will go to the UVC for support. MOAA is a UVC

member and participant. This seems like a benign task in terms of responsibility and it is in the shade.

- I visited with Mike Powdrell regarding take out / catering of Bar BQ for the Annual Members Meeting in October 2023. He would not be able to provide the Bar BQ and sides to us on Sunday morning. His business is having difficulty with hiring reliable people to work at the restaurant. I would be able to pick up the cook meats on Saturday and put them in the warming ovens at the Veterans Park early Sunday morning and warm the beef and chicken for about three hours prior to our lunch start time. We can keep the food warm on the serving line in the steam chaffers. I am planning a test run of the warming process for the March 19<sup>th</sup> Social. I will pick up a smoked brisket from Powdrell's on Saturday and put it in the warming oven at the Vets Park at 9:00 AM and do our best to keep it warm on the serving line. If the test goes well and meat gets warm and is still moist, we can go with Powdrell Bar BQ. If not, its back to the search and find a food vendor.
- I additionally met with the manager at Mykonos Café to price Greek Souvlaki, spanakopita, and vegetable platter menu. They were inflexible as to menu items and offered only a four-course meal menu with far too much food and the price was \$35 per head. Cutting their menu offering to two courses was not productive as they stipulated a minimum charge per meal at \$25 and their catering fee was \$400 before any gratuity.
- Item for discussion at the BOD live meeting: allocation of Challenge Coins to Tom Dawe to present to speakers at the Breakfast / Lunch Club meetings.

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