

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President's Report – April 6, 2023

- Invitations for MOAA Memorial Service event cohorts. Positive responses received from Buglers and Atrisco Heritage Academy MCJROTC Color Guard for the May 13<sup>th</sup> MOAA Memorial Service.
  - Prepared a support request with KAFB Chaplains for their support of the event. Follow-up first week of April has not been answered.
  - Sound Amplification – speakers, microphone, microphone stand, and podium stand arranged.
  - 2022 Chorus was done pro-bono as a result of Chorus President's, an Army veteran who had brain cancer and passed away prior to last years service, request to the Chorus prior to his death.
- Met with the chorus program director to discuss a 2023 program and song selections and number of songs for the event. Program Director report that the chorus would not support our event. Attempt being made to cobble a trio or quartet and musical arrangement for a smaller group.
- Schedule for program to go to Print Now is April 19, 2023.
- I am attending the coordination meetings for CABQ sponsored Memorial Day ceremony and program at the NM Veterans Memorial Park Amphitheater. **No members response** to 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. I am assisting in preparing sections of the emcee script for playing cascading TAPS and printed program for the Memorial Day ceremony.
- Provided the BOD allocation of ten (10) Challenge Coins to Tom Dawe to present to speakers at the Breakfast / Lunch Club meetings.
- Attended the USMC Memorial Monument to the Combined Action Platoons (CAP) and squads. Teams were organized and integrated into the local Vietnamese militia platoons and squads and provided a confidence builder while training and protecting villages and towns, and the U.S. airfields in the I Corps sector of Viet Nam. I

appreciated the attendance of several surviving spouses at the event and their assistance provided to the Blue Star Mothers and Memorial Park Foundation volunteers social and refreshments following the dedication ceremony.

- Attended the VIC ground breaking program for their transitional veterans housing construction project in SE Albuquerque.

Events in the community of interest to veterans:

April 7<sup>th</sup> the Wreaths Across America exposition van and trailer will be at the Veterans Memorial Park providing instructional programs to park visitors and organized school groups on field trips to the Park Amphitheater.

April 8<sup>th</sup> the NM National Guard is hosting a commemoration of the 81<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the fall of Bataan in the Philippines, beginning at 1100 at the Bataan Memorial, 407 Galisteo in Santa Fe. The commemoration of the Bataan Death March at White Sands Test Range was completed March 19, 2023.

April 29<sup>th</sup> is the Paws and Stripes Salute to Heroes gala and recognition program for veterans and their canines who completed the service dog training and mental health testing, evaluation, and certification. Ticket information to follow via Mailchimp.

April 30<sup>th</sup> is the Honor Flight of Northern New Mexico's Annual Car Show and fund raiser for the veterans' trip to Washington D.C. and tour of the war memorials.

The **Bob Hope exhibit is available for viewing until April 30, 2023.**

The National Museum of Nuclear Science & History is hosting a temporary exhibit – ***So Ready for Laughter: The Legacy of Bob Hope.*** The national tour exhibit is sponsored by the Bob & Delores Hope Foundation. So Ready for Laughter tells the story of the entertainer's unique place in WWII history and beyond. Using multimedia elements and captivating storytelling – including artifacts, films, rare photographs,

and an interactive display-the exhibit highlights how Hope helped lift the human spirit during one of the darkest times in American history.

June 10 2023, Saturday is the NM Department of Veteran Services (DVS) 2023 Women Veterans Conference. The event will be held in Albuquerque at a **venue that is to be announced**. DVS expects that the event will oversold and is encouraging veterans wishing to attend to RSVP early and reserve a seat at the event at the website:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2nd-annual-women-veteransconference-tickets-482719024597>. DVS point-of-contact is

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