

2d Vice President report, August 3, 2023
Veteran Community Events:

Celebration of National Ernie Pyle Day

Presenters: Ernie Pyle Legacy Foundation and the Albuquerque Museum Board Members

Author David Chrisinger will read from his recent book, *The Soldier's Truth: Ernie Pyle and the Story of World War II*,
Saturday, August 5, 2023
From 10:30 — 1:30 p.m. Ernie Pyle Library
900 Girard SE and Santa Monica SE, Albuquerque

Ernie Pyle Slides and Stories

Presenter: David Chrisinger

Saturday, August 5, 2023

From 2:00 — 4:00 p.m. Albuquerque Special Collections Library
423 Central NE, Albuquerque

In honor of National Ernie Pyle Day (August 3, 2023), view a slideshow of author David Chrisinger's encountered travels while researching his book *The Soldier's Truth: Ernie Pyle and the Story of World War II*, and participate in a discussion of the places David visited that still show traces of Ernie Pyle.

In celebration of National Ernie Pyle Day, the Ernie Pyle and Special Collections Libraries invite the community to a special observance on August 5. This event will pay homage to the enduring legacy of the esteemed Pulitzer Prize-winning author, Ernie Pyle, and his profound contributions to American journalism.

Schooling with Uncle Sam: 75 Years of the Department of Defense Education Activity (DODEA)

Saturday, August 19, 2023 from 10:30 a.m. — noon.

Special Collections Library 423 Central NE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

Learn about the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA), the worldwide school system for children of U.S. military personnel, through a hands-on exploration of a foot locker exhibit and by listening to firsthand accounts of former DoDEA teachers and students. *Schooling with Uncle Sam* is a recently released anthology of nearly 100 stories of the DoDEA, compiled by Dr. Circe Olson Woessner and Dr. Allen Dale Olson, founders of the Museum of the American Military Family & Learning Center.

Albuquerque Special Collections Library
<https://abqlibrary.org/specialcollections>
423 Central NE

City of Albuquerque PACT ACT Town Hall

August 7, 2023

Presented by:

New Mexico VA Health Care System

Albuquerque Regional VA Benefits Office

New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services

Sponsored by: Central New Mexico Community College-Veterans Resource Center

When: **August 7 2023**

Time: - **1pm 2: 30 pm**

Where: **CNM-Smith Brasher Hall**

717 University Blvd. SE

Albuquerque

A presentation about the new PACT Act law that expands VA benefits and health care to Vietnam, Gulf, and Iraq/Afghanistan War veterans suffering from exposure to "Agent Orange," burn pits, and other toxic substances while in service. 20 new "presumptive" conditions have now been added to VA's treatment eligibility list.

Information for spouses, dependents, and veterans' survivors. If you are [the](#) surviving spouse or child of a Veteran with wartime service, find out if you are eligible for monthly pension benefits.

Guest speakers:

Robert McKenrick, Director, NMVAHCS

Cesar Romero, Director, VA Regional Office

Donnie Quintana, Cabinet Secretary, DVS

"100th Birthday – Your nineties have expired" – Planning

Friday, Sept 15th

ABQ Chapter MOAA - recognize and celebrate our centenarian and nonagenarian members under the banner of "100th Birthday – Your nineties have expired." This year we do not have a member achieving a 100th Birthday. Below is the basic event activity on what ever date.

This year presentation of the **Atomic Veterans Service Certificate (AVSC) and Atomic Veterans Commemorative Service Medal** to Al Baye (CW4 ret; WWII Army vet Pacific) and member who is 100+ presented by C. Robert Kemble (COL ret Army); WWII 505th Parachute Regt, 82nd Airborne Div, "Market Garden," Ardennes / Bastogne; - Korea I Corps; Assistant professor United States Military Academy, 1956—1960; executive assistant director operations Joint Chiefs Staff, 1961—1964; Associate professor English, director American studies United States Military Academy, 1966—1972.

President New Mexico Military Institute, 1972—1977; Chancellor Lamar University, Beaumont, Texas, 1977—1986; Cabinet secretary State New Mexico Department Public Safety, 1987 - xxx.

MOAA only attendees would have roll-up sandwich – salad – B-cake – Ice Cream and Gelato samples (Chocolate Cartel, local company) for members 90+ years old. Water and soda beverages.

Bring in a choir / chorus to provide entertainment and patriotic music.

Friday, Sept 15th in conjunction with **National POW / MIA Day** and attract veterans from other Albuquerque veterans' organizations as a dual event – advertise through United Veterans Council Greater Albuquerque and NM Veterans Memorial Park Foundation. Invitations for POWs in Albuquerque Veterans organizations to attend.

Contact UVCGA organization leaders for suggestions/assistance on recognizing POWs in Albuquerque for their service and reintegration into family, communities, and cultural activities following their release from captivity.

NM Veterans Memorial Park Foundation – Grant ?\$\$\$? to help offset costs for dual event.

Saturday, Sept 30th – Conference room at NM Veterans Memorial Park Visitor Center is available in the afternoon until 4:00 PM and the NM Veterans Memorial Park Foundation is sponsoring a Swing Dance from 5:00 to 10:00 for those that want to stay and enjoy a musical evening.

Sunday, Oct 15th

Atomic Veterans Service Certificate (AVSC) and Atomic Veterans Commemorative Service Medal presentation as part of the MOAA Chapter Annual Meeting

Wednesday, Dec 6th

The day before Pearl Harbor Day

Wednesday, Dec 13th

An opportunity to make the event Christmas festive

Schedule event late afternoon 4:00 PM and continue beyond Visitor Center closing hours until 7:00 PM to attract members still working a day job with holiday spirit.

A choir / chorus to provide holiday and patriotic music.

No Ski Club conflicts as their trips begin in January 2024.

Estimate the minimum costs for 30 attendees to be \$650. A larger-dual group would negate a buffet lunch due to costs.