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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 members:

This year the Chapter was again awarded the COL Marvin Harris Five Star Communications Award for our Chapter Newsletter and the COL Marvin Harris Four Star Communications Award for our Website!

We made significant contributions to our military family through legislation and advocacy, volunteer work, social gatherings, donations, recognition awards and ceremonies, spousal support connections and communications, travel and leisure opportunities, increased communications through multiple mediums, and much more!

We have done much this year which resulted in the Chapters ability to donate a total of \$6,850 to 6 different nonprofit organizations, including NM Rio Grande Valley Blue Star Mothers, Valencia Chapter Blue Star Mothers, NM Veterans Integration Center, Albuquerque Fisher House, Paws & Stripes, and the NM 100 Club.

We continue to seek additional members and help with all our resource efforts.

We also need volunteers to fill key board positions of secretary, surviving spouse, and NM National Guard US rep position.

Please contact the Board if interested and we will put you to work!

What we have accomplished this year is truly amazing.

Included in this edition of the newsletter are images from our October schedule full of activities and events! See pages 9-12 which highlight these activities and the awesome time shared by all!

I look forward to what we can do together next year!

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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, Allen Tate.



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Please email suggestions for newsletter format and content to CAPT Nina Dozoretz, USPHS (Ret) at president@albumoaa.org



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: MOAA.LegislativeActionCenter.quorum.us



Reported by CPT Tom Dawe, USA (FMR)

You do not want to miss our Lunch Club the last Tuesday of the month. We continue to present interesting and informative speakers. Please click on <https://albumoaa.org/lunch-club/> for additional information.

Reminder: Lunch Club will not be held in November and December 2023. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year, 2024!

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

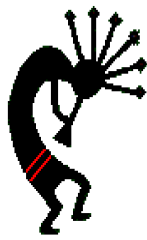
When: Last Tuesday of each month

Time: 12 - 2PM. Please arrive by 12PM to order your meal before the speaker has begun.

Reservations not required

Contact: Tom Dawe with any questions

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



MOAA TOURS



Reported by Karen Brown

The 2023-2024 Popejoy Hall season offers the following Broadway Shows:



Hadestown: December 6-10, 2023

Pretty Woman: The Musical – January 25-28, 2024

My Fair Lady: March 21-24, 2024

Beetlejuice: May 9-12, 2024

MOAA has group discounted tickets available online <https://www.unmtickets.com/MOAA> for Broadway performances: ***HADESTOWN & PRETTY WOMAN – The Musical***, plus numerous Ovation performances. This is the only way to get MOAA's group discounted tickets this year, but please contact Karen at kmbrown8@comcast.net or 505-856-1927, if you need help or have questions. Note: You will have to create an account to purchase these tickets.

MOAA 2024 TRIP PLANNED BY SUN TOURS FOR MOAA:



All 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 recommended.*

June 10-23, 2024 (14 Days): Tanzania: Serengeti Adventure: Lush savannahs full of fauna and wildlife are ready to be explored in the Serengeti. Discovering this beautiful land with our luxury lodges and dining are a few of the highlights for this tour. Cost is **\$9,275/person (double occupancy)**. A deposit of \$250 per person NOW holds your place. Final Payment due February 6, 2024. Detailed information: <https://www.suntoursus.com/copy-of-tanzania-serengeti-adventure>. There were 4 double rooms available. Contact Sun Tours for information & reservations. To date, we have 6 of us going from MOAA.



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



Ski Club

PRESIDENT: Reg Rider, reg rider49@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



WOLF CREEK, CO: January 8-10, 2024 (2 nights' lodging at **The Springs Resort & Spa**, Pagosa Springs, 2 days skiing)

Chair: Karen Brown, 505-856-1927, kmbrown8@comcast.net

Co-Chair: Julianne Levings, 505-286-6303, gjlevings@centurylink.net



TELLURIDE, CO: January 21-25, 2024 (4 nights' lodging at **Victorian Inn**, Telluride, CO, 3 days skiing)

Chair: Reg Rider, 505-944-5514, reg rider49@gmail.com

Co-Chair: Jack Menako, 505-797-1935, jamenako@centurylink.net



PURGATORY, CO: February 6-8, 2024 (2 nights' lodging in **Best Western Rio Grande**, Durango, CO, 2 days skiing)

Chair: Sherri Jackson, 505-259-4610, jacksherrison@icloud.com

Co-Chair: Bob Jackson, 505-259-2284, raj041455@gmail.com



CRESTED BUTTE, CO: February 19-23, 2024 (4 nights' lodging at **Old Town Inn**, 3 days skiing)

Chair: Beth Clark, 505-292-4309, nursebeth2@comcast.net

Co-Chair: Conni Brooks, 505-620-3795, connibrooks@comcast.net

Schedule of MOAA SKI CLUB Meetings/Parties

Sign-up parties are at the NM Veterans Memorial at 5-7 pm on the following date:

November 19, 2023

Bring your favorite hors d'oeuvre to share! Beverages provided.

Find all the information needed on trips at <https://albumoaa.org/ski-club/>

Only ABQ Chapter, MOAA membership is required to be a Ski Club member:

<https://albumoaa.org/how-to-join/>



Reported by Karen Brown

Membership Stats (as of October 18, 2023)

Regular: 168

Surviving Spouse: 35

Associate: 37

Total: 242

A warm welcome to the following new members and spouses:

Regular

CDR Chad S Dunnahoo, USNR Ret

LT Col John Link, USAF Fmr (Meredith)

MAJ Jason W Peete, USA Ret

Lt Col Gary W Stern, USAF Ret

Associate

Barbara Mascarenas

James J McGonigle (Carol Schmidt)

Joe C Schneider (Janeen)

Russell C Wade

Christopher S Calder

Be sure to check out our website at <https://albumoaa.org/> – see links on top of the Website Home page. You do not have to log in to see **Chapter Information, NM Legislative Info, Photo Gallery, Newsletters, Clubs** (Lunch, Ski, Tours), etc.



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)
Albuquerque Fisher House
KAFB Quarterly Awards
NM VA Medical Center
NM Veterans Memorial
ROTC/JROTC Awards
Veterans Integration Center (VIC)
Honor Flight Northern NM
Paws and Stripes, Inc.
Chapter's Endowment Fund (ACF) and more

*Thank
You!*

In the last couple months, the "**Charitable Giving**" Program received another **\$972.00** in donations in conjunction with their dues payments from the following 14 members:

Conni S Brooks
Sally Churan
Norman L Churchill
Michael W Cutter
Norman D Falk
David L Jackson
John Link

Frances A Myers
Joseph M Opuszenski
Walter Paul
Robert E Rider
Charles Pechewlys
Frances R Spallina
Clinton T Whisonant

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

Meetings & Events

2023 BOARD, SPECIAL MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Board and Special Meetings Calendar

Nov 2 - Board Meeting
Dec 7 - Board Meeting

- ♦ All Board meetings convene 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.
- ♦ The **October Annual Meeting** was held at the Veterans Memorial on Louisiana Blvd. SE from 12:00PM - 3PM where we presented donations and enjoyed fine food and camaraderie with members and families. You can find photos from this event on pages 11 and 12.
- ♦ See page 9 for pictures from our booth attendance at the NM State Fair and page 10 contain pictures from our 100th Birthday Celebration and Award Presentation.



Reported by LTC Walter Paul USA (Ret), Legislative Rep.

On 13 October 2023 I participated in the MVLC meeting at the NM Veterans Memorial to confirm our legislative Agenda for 2024.

The confirmed Agenda includes:

1. Make the PIT exemption permanent and include surviving spouses (this passed in 2023 but was vetoed by Gov. Lujan-Grisham).
2. Support legislation for the implementation of HJR05 & HJR06 that will be on the ballot Nov 2024. Each has different criteria for Veteran Property Tax Exemption. Our position is they should both pass. We will share more information prior to the 2024 session.
3. Support legislation to address and mitigate Veteran homelessness.



NEW MEXICO STATE FAIR BOOTH - SEPTEMBER 12, 2023



Tom Dawe and Allen Tate



Tonantzín Candelaria - CNM Grad Selected
2023 State Fair Queen and Tom Dawe



Nina Dozoretz and Tom Dawe



100th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND AWARD PRESENTATION/POW-MIA REMEMBRANCE - SEPTEMBER 15, 2023



Congrats to Al Baye



Mike Houck with Al Baye and Dave Keylon



Food Table



ANNUAL MEETING - OCTOBER 15, 2023



Chapter President - Dr. Stacey Goldstein-Dwyer



Mike Houck with Tracey Hicks of Fisher House



Karen Brown



Mike Houck with Marlaime of RG Valley Blue Star Mothers



Attendees enjoying a meal of sliders and a variety of desserts

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Mike Houck with Dave Coulie, member of the Board of Directors of the NM 100 Club



Mike Houck with Brock Wolfe, CEO of the Veterans Integration Center



Jason Peete, President of NM MOAA Council of Chapters with Walter Paul



1. **New Mexico Veterans' Memorial:** This memorial site and museum near Kirtland Air Force Base honors the names of New Mexico servicemen killed and missing in action from the Korean War. [It is open from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM every day.](#)
2. **Veterans Day Parades:** Albuquerque hosts Veterans Day parades every year on November 11th to honor military veterans. [The annual parade is a major extravaganza where large numbers of spectators come to view the grand ceremony.](#)



Rio Rancho Veterans Day Parade

Come join us in paying tribute to the men and women who have given the ultimate sacrifice for our country. We will be honoring all branches of the military after the parade with a ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park.

The parade will start at Southern Blvd. and Country Club Rd. at 10 am

Albuquerque Chapter MOAA Website Updates

Reported by Major Allen Tate, USAF (Ret), Chapter Webmaster

New Tools for Joining/Renewing/Donating to ALBUMOAA

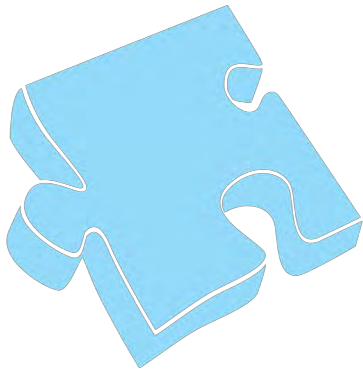
Although Albuquerque Chapter of MOAA is experiencing difficulties with our website (<https://www.albumoaa.org>), there are other ways members can pay annual dues or donate to the Charitable Giving Fund.

For MOAA National members, login the MOAA Website (<https://www.moaa.org>) and click on the "Chapters" link just under your name after you log in. On the right-hand side of the page under "Fast Access" you will find the "Pay dues online" link. Follow the instructions to pay your annual dues and/or donate (look for "Albuquerque Chapter of MOAA").

You can also donate to the Albuquerque Chapter Giving Fund through PayPal. Just go to the PayPal Fundraiser Hub (<https://www.paypal.com/fundraiser/hub>) and search for "MOAA Albuquerque Chapter".

Additional payment methods are being developed and will be included in our new website. As always, you can join, renew, and/or donate using the last page of this newsletter and mail it with your check payable to MOAA Albuquerque Chapter. Our mailing address is:

Albuquerque Chapter of MOAA (ALBUMOAA)
PO Box 5071
Albuquerque, NM 87185



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 service disabled veteran-owned small business.

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•Website: <https://gdpsychservices.com>

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



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—

National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration and US Space Force

Regular-Reserve-National Guard-Active Duty-Retired-Former Officers

Please Print Clearly or Apply Online at www.albumoaa.org

- ☐ Enroll me as a REGULAR MEMBER at \$24.00 for one year.
☐ Enroll me as a SURVIVING SPOUSE MEMBER (as the surviving spouse of a deceased officer) at \$12.00 for one year.
☐ Enroll me as an ASSOCIATE MEMBER (non-military & enlisted) at \$15.00 for one year.
☐ Enroll me for NEW Membership as REGULAR or SURVIVING SPOUSE applicant, receiving first 2 calendar years' membership for cost of one year.

I wish to donate \$_____ to the Chapter's Giving Program, and my check includes this amount. I realize that the donation is Federal and State tax-free.

First Name _____ Middle Initial _____ Last Name _____ Rank _____ Service _____ Spouse's Name _____

Street _____ Apt _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP+4 _____ Telephone Numbers _____

E-Mail Address: _____ National Membership Number: _____

(☐ Active Duty, ☐ Retired, ☐ Former Officer, ☐ Surviving Spouse) (☐ Regular, ☐ Reserve, ☐ National Guard (☐ Male ☐ Female)

Would you be willing to assist in the operation of the Albuquerque Chapter of MOAA? If so, what would be your main area of interest?

☐ Legislative Affairs, ☐ Public Relations, ☐ Membership, ☐ Scholarship & Award, ☐ Personal Affairs, ☐ Legal Counsel

☐ Newsletter, ☐ Chaplain, ☐ Finance, ☐ Programs & Activities, ☐ Data Processing Other _____

Do you have an interest in any of the following clubs: ☐ Breakfast Club, ☐ Ski Club, ☐ Tours/Events, ☐ Golf

Please make check payable to: **Albuquerque Chapter, MOAA**

Mail to: **Membership, Albuquerque Chapter, MOAA**
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Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____