

November 2, 2023

2d Vice President Report

Contact with Blue Star Mothers of Valencia County and Paws & Stripes via email and voice mail has not resulted in actual contact with the Blue Star Chapter President or Lindsey Key, CEO Paws & Stripes to attend their individual business or staff meetings to present our 2023 charitable donations to them. Follow-up and additional voice mail messages left 11-1-2023.

Organizational meeting conducted with MOAA Chapter *sous chefs* (Nancy Loisel, Rita West, Claude Valle, Darcy Houck) that will prepare Thanksgiving Day dinner menu for Fisher House residents was done October 23rd. Menu attached.

Met with VA Fisher House Manager, Tracy Hicks (a veteran), to cover menu for Thanksgiving Day meal and do an initial overview and inventory of kitchen and dining supplies available for use on October 27th.

Opened discussion with individuals and coordinator of local vocal group for MOAA Memorial Service music program **May 4, 2024**, at the NM Veterans Memorial Park Visitor Center Patio and Conference Room. Additionally, opened discussion with a member family member regarding sisters-duet performing to songs at the service event. The change in venue location was brought about by decreasing attendance and begin sitting those attending closer to each other to socialize. At this location we also will be able to post the Colors rather than just present the Colors due to wind tipping the flags over.

Currently those being honored at this event are:

COL (R) Joe Loisel, USA (5-13 -2023)

Paul R Souder, USN – August 17, 2023 (Assoc. Member)

Worth “Dee” Lea – July, 28, 2022 (Assoc. Member)

Marian “Lani” Young (wife of deceased Maj Gen James A Young, USAF Ret) – May 28, 2022

Sending separately – what your 2d VP has been up to regarding the Veterans Day program at NM Veterans Memorial Park and honoring NM veterans.

Sending separately - 2023 renaming progress of US Army garrisons in the US

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