



ALBUMOAA'S
MAIL CALL
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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:

Our Chapter is doing many great things, including working to provide legal aid to homeless veterans, collaborating with other military focused agencies, presenting ROTC scholarships, going on ski and other fun trips, attending wonderful shows, hosting lunches with professional and engaging speakers, advocating and pushing for new legislation, celebrating our members through memorials and birthday parties, and getting together for quarterly socials.

However, this Chapter needs new members and support on the Board as our numbers are growing smaller and tasks completed by the same people.

We continue to aggressively pursue legislation to help our active duty and retirees, see page Legislation Updates on pages 12—13.

If we are to continue our mission, we need to increase our membership and participation of members to the Board.

Please actively contribute to your Chapter by recruiting new members, volunteering to help with an activity or effort, or filling a vacancy on the Board.

You are our best representatives to reach out and recruit for new members and placement on the Board.

Please do not wait, contact me now and make a difference!

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In Memory Of Those Who Has Fallen



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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@alumboaa.org



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To learn about national MOAA advocacy efforts, go to **MOAA Legislative Take Action at: [MOAA | Legislative Action Center \(quorum.us\)](http://MOAA.LegislativeActionCenter(quorum.us))**

It's 2024! Have you paid your ALBUMOAA Annual Dues?

Reported by Allen Tate, Major, USAF (Ret), ALBUMOAA Treasurer

Annual dues are: Regular member - \$24; Surviving Spouse - \$12; Associate Member - \$15.

To help facilitate payment of MOAA Annual dues, we will be sending 2024 invoices from our ALBUMOAA PayPal account via email to all those who are still due. This is an additional means only, not a required payment method.

Although the National MOAA Chapter Dues payment method has been out of service for 2 months, National MOAA indicates it should be back up April 1st, 2024. For all MOAA National members, you can go to the MOAA Website (<https://www.moaa.org>) and click on "About MOAA". In the dropdown menu you'll find a link to "Councils and Chapters".

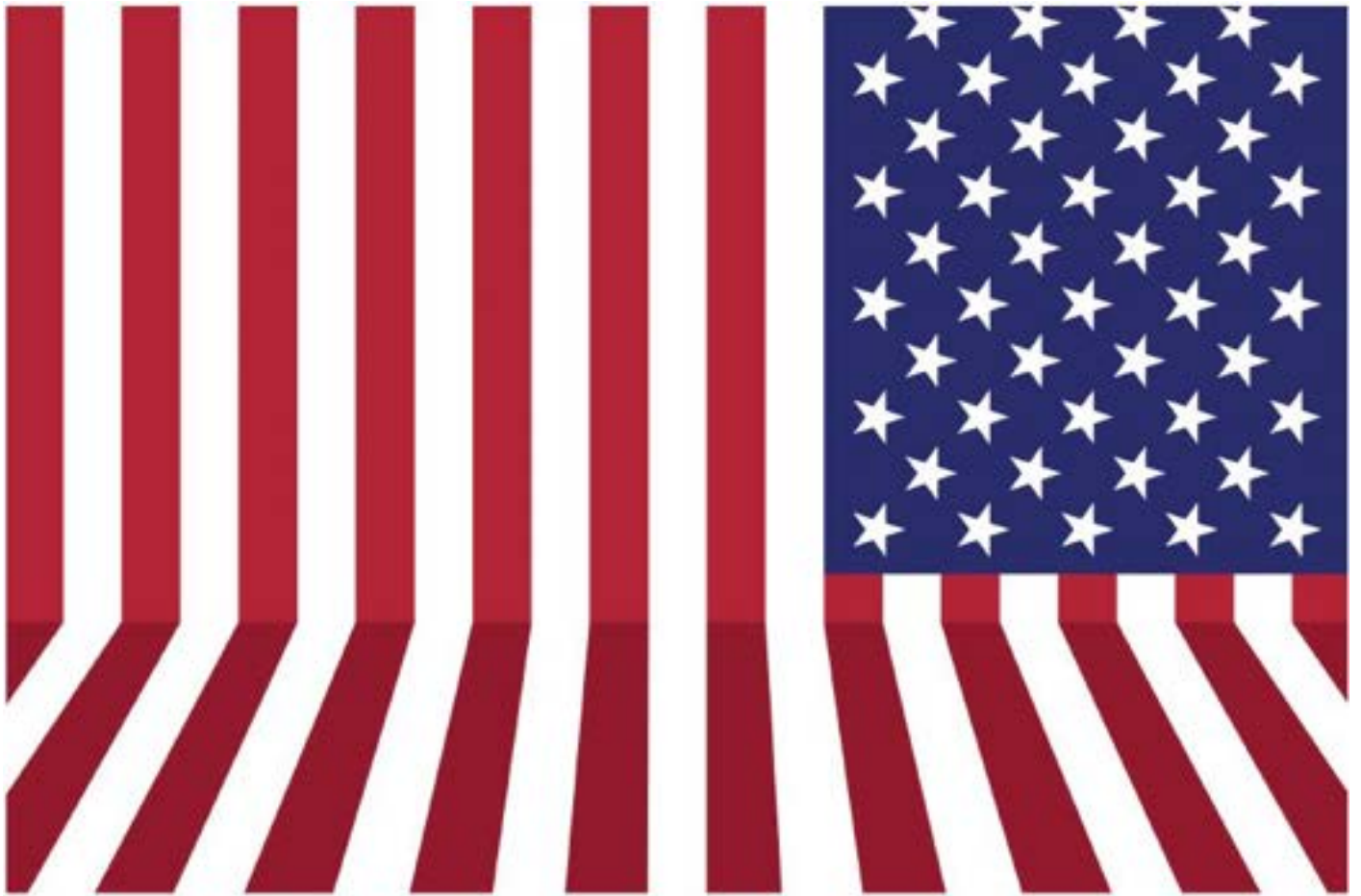
Click on this link and on the right-hand side of the page under "Fast Access" you'll find the "Pay dues online" link. Follow the instructions to pay your annual dues and/or donate (look for "Albuquerque Chapter of MOAA").

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". Do not use this method to pay Annual Dues, only donations.

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:

MOAA Albuquerque Chapter
PO Box 5071
Albuquerque, NM 87185

Please check your address on this newsletter to determine if our chapter records show you late in paying your 2024 dues. If there is a double asterisk (**) after your name, we have not received your payment. If you think this is in error, please email me at treasurer@albumoaa.org or (505) 850-8121.



FREE SUICIDE PREVENTION TREATMENT

ALL military and dependents in **Rio Rancho** and
Grants (ALL AGES)



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Community Support Services (time limited)

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Ski Club

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Reported by Brig Gen Regner Rider, USAF (Ret)

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The Club had a great 2024 season with four ski trips! The first was Wolf Creek, brought back after several years to the delight of our members. The second was Telluride, a yearly favorite. Unfortunately, we had to cancel our Purgatory trip due to low signups, but made the hotel discount available to those who wished to drive themselves. Nineteen skiers participated. Our last trip of the season was Crested Butte which had a full roster.

Below are a few photos from our Crested Butte ski trip. More exciting photos from our ski trips are found on our website.



Reg, Carmen, Jim, Jim & Chris



Kay, Michele, Ginger, Ron, Carmen, Sally



Crested Butte Mountain & Home



Reported by Karen Brown

Membership Stats (as of March 25, 2024)

Regular: 165

Surviving Spouse: 36

Associate: 40

Honorary: 2

Total: 243

A warm welcome to the following new member and spouse:

Regular

CPT William F Goslau, USA Fmr (Marianna)

Associate

Sharon Krizan (Jeffrey Pfister)

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



CHARITABLE GIVING



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 **\$1,146.00** in donations in conjunction with their dues payments from the following 15 members:

Marilyn Baker-Brown
Robert F Couch
Claire L Davis
Samuel E Finch
Wanda L Franks
Sandra L Harstad
Anne L Hickman
John L Jones

Thomas T Katonak
Nancy Kluck
Nancy Loisel
Donald D Loftis
Jimmy A Richardson
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Claude Valles

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

Meetings & Events



2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS, QUARTERLY SOCIALS, MEETINGS AND EVENTS

2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- ◆ May 27 - Memorial Day propose to have our ALBUMOAA booth at the event
- ◆ June 16 - Quarterly Social
- ◆ July 4th - Propose to have our ALBUMOAA booth at the event
- ◆ September 11th - Propose to have our ALBUMOAA booth at this event
- ◆ October 20th - Albuquerque Chapter Annual Meeting
- ◆ November 11th - City of Albuquerque Veterans Day Memorial propose to have our ALBUMOAA booth
- ◆ December 8th - ALBUMOAA Christmas Holiday Party

LOCATION OF EVENTS

- ◆ All **Board of Directors** 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.
- ◆ **Quarterly Socials** will be held at the NM Veterans Memorial offering pot luck between Noon and 2PM
- ◆ **Memorial Day** activities to be held at the NM Veterans Memorial
- ◆ **July 4th Independence Day** - to be held at the NM Veterans Memorial
- ◆ **September 11th - Military and Veterans Day** to be held at the NM State Fair
- ◆ **October Annual Meeting** will be held at the Veterans Memorial on Louisiana Blvd. SE from 12:00PM - 3PM where we present donations and enjoy fine food and camaraderie with members and families.
- ◆ **Albuquerque Veterans Day Memorial** - activities to commence at the NM Veterans Memorial, start of parade to be determined
- ◆ **ALBUMOAA Christmas Holiday Party** to be held at the NM Veterans Memorial serving potluck



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.

We have an exciting line up of speakers in 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.



UPDATE: Albuquerque Chapter MOAA Website Changes

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

We are revising our Chapter website. We laid the groundwork for a more interactive and fresher looking site, with better links to the National MOAA and local military-related activities. We expect to have the new site ready for testing by the end of April 2024.

The current website continues to function, providing critical information about our Chapter, NM Legislative Info, Photo Gallery, Newsletters, Clubs (Lunch, Ski, Tours), etc. However, the backbone of the site is still at risk and could fail at any time. So, our need is urgent for a replacement.

If you are interested in participating in testing the new site, please contact me at webmaster@albumoaa.org or at (505) 850-8121.

Albuquerque Chapter MOAA Annual Memorial Service for our Members who passed away in 2022, 2023 and 2024

Mark your 2024 calendars from 10:00 – 12:00, Saturday, May 4, 2024

Reported by LTC Michael Houck, USA (Ret), 2nd VP

The MOAA Memorial Service and social gathering will be held at the New Mexico Veterans Memorial Park Visitor Center Museum, Conference Center, and Patio at 1100 Louisiana Blvd. SE.

This year to date, those members that we will honor for their military service, veteran advocacy, and contributions and leadership during retirement are:

- ◆ **COL Joseph E. Loisel, USA (Ret) – May 13, 2023** (husband of Nancy Loisel)
- ◆ **Col Clark E. Aamodt, USAF (Ret) – October 5, 2023** (husband of Vicki Aamodt)
- ◆ **Maj Gen Peter D. Robinson, USAF (Ret) -- December 1, 2023** (husband of Pat Robinson)
- ◆ **CW4 Alfred H. Baye, USA (Ret) February 24, 2024**; Centenarian Member and World War II Veteran
- ◆ **Paul R. Souder, USN – August 17, 2023**
- ◆ **Worth “Dee” Lea – July 28, 2022**
- ◆ **Marian “Lani” Young** (wife of deceased Maj Gen James A. Young, USAF Ret) – **May 28, 2022**





MOAA SIGNATURE GROUPS

Join MOAA Leadership and your fellow MOAA members on these hosted cruises and land tours.

AFFORDABLE TRAVEL — Every MOAA Signature Group is a negotiated special which is not available to the general public – only MOAA members and their guests can attend. You can, however, bring as many friends and family members with you as you like.

EASIER, SAFER TRAVEL — Vacations are meant to be an escape. It is your time to relax and unwind, explore, and discover. So, let us take care of the details. This is valuable time that doesn't have to be spent worrying about how you're going to get there or, what you're going to do when you get there

INCREASE THE FUN FACTOR — Being surrounded by like-minded people offers you the chance to share experiences and make new memories together. Group travel can give you the chance to meet people and make new friends. You'll meet individuals who are also passionate about travel and have experiences that are similar to your own.

UPCOMING SIGNATURE GROUPS

2024 & 2025 Departures

June 9-16, 2024	Paris & Normandy River Cruise	7-nights from \$5,099
September 8-15, 2024	Venice & the Jewels of Veneto Cruise	7-nights from \$3,399
December 9-16, 2024	Danube Holiday Markets River Cruise	7-nights from \$3,699
May 6-21, 2025	Tour of Australia & New Zealand	16 days from \$6,799
August 9-16, 2025	Greek Isles Yacht Cruise	7-nights from \$3,849

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

SUCCESS:

In 2022 the legislature passed the graduated Military Retiree Pay Tax Exemption. However, it had to two flaws.

1. It had a EXPIRATION date in Tax Year 2026
2. It omitted Surviving Spouses.

In this years session (2024) the legislature removed the SUNSET and added Surviving Spouses. It took almost 20 years of work by NM MOAA and since 2019 the invaluable legislative efforts of all the Military & Veterans Service Organizations who are a part of the NM Military/Veterans Leadership Council (MVLC) to get this done. Thank you to all who helped.

Special thanks to Capt Dave Coulie (USAF Ret) who worked on this project for most of the 20 years and to the MVLC Legislative Chair, 1Sgt Martin Gallegos (NMARNG Ret), who worked tirelessly for the past 4 years with legislators and with legislative leaders in the other Service Organizations.

We also thank the following key legislators that made this happen:

Rep. Harry Garcia	Sen. Bill Burt	Rep. Yanira Gurrola
Rep. Elsie Alcon	Sen. Harold Pope	Rep. D. Wonda Johnson
Rep. Alan Martinez	Sen. Craig Brandt	Rep. Cristine Pajaron
Rep. Ambrose Castellano	Sen. Peter Wirth	Rep. Andrea Reeb
Rep. Stephanie Lord	Sen. Benny Shendo Jr.	Rep. Louis Terrazas
Rep. John Block		Rep. Harlan Vincent

Plus all the Representatives and Senators whose votes passed HB 252.

Legislative Summary of Bills of interest:

The following bills were introduced this session and were either heard or assigned to a committee for a hearing.

HB 224 VETERANS' BENEFITS POSTERS was not voted on.

HB 235 DEPT. OF DEFENSE RECOMMENDED CHANGES was not voted on.

HB 240 VETERAN PTSD PROGRAM, tabled to be funded through DOH

HB 264 MILITARY RETIREMENT PAY TAX EXEMPTION SUNSET became part of HB 252 (tax bill)

HB 298 SERVICE MEMBERS SUICIDE PREVENTION PASSED/SIGNED

HB 302 DEPT. OF DEFENSE MILITARY RECOMMENDATIONS PASSED/SIGNED

HJR 11 CHANGE KIRTLAND AFB LAND JURISDICTION PASSED

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Legislation pertaining to the Military Retiree Tax Exemption:

HB264 Sponsored by Rep Garcia, Rep. Martinez, Rep. Sarinana

Rep Jaramillo - HB 264 passed the Labor, Veterans & Military Affairs Committee unanimously. and moved on to the House Tax & Rev Committee . Rep Garcia and Rep Lente combined HB264 with the house tax bill HB252

SB 56 Sponsored by Sen Pope, and SB125 Sponsor Sen Burt. SB 56-ARMED SERVICE RETIREMENT PAY TAX SUNSET was rolled into SB 125.

SB 125 went before the Senate Tax Business and Transportation committee and passed. SB125 then got rolled into the Senate Tax bill.

HB252 (House Tax Bill) The amendments to include surviving spouses and eliminating the SERVICE RETIREMENT PAY TAX SUNSET were introduced and added to HB252.

B 252 was signed March 6th by Gov MLG removing the SERVICE RETIREMENT PAY TAX SUNSET and adding SURVIVING SPOUSES

HB 252 Pg 2, Line 22 - 25

REMOVING THE SUNSET DATE OF AN INCOME TAX EXEMPTION FOR ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT PAY AND EXTENDING THE EXEMPTION TO THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OF AN ARMED FORCES RETIREE;

Upcoming Important Legislation:

We will be voting on 2 options for the increase and modification of the Veterans Property Tax Exemption in November 2024.

IT IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE VOTE FOR BOTH.

HJR05 bases the Property Tax Exemption on the percentage of disability (eg. 30% = 30% exemption, 50%=50% exemption, etc). Currently only 100% disabled Veterans get 100% exemption.

HJR06 increases the Property Tax Exemption from the current \$4,000 to \$10,000 of assessed valuation.

Albuquerque Chapter MOAA Quarterly Social Potluck

Our March 17, 2024 Chapter Quarterly Social Potluck was a great success and we hope to see more of our members at our next Quarterly Social on June 16, 2024 from 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM at the NM Veterans Memorial Park Visitor Center, conference room. Plan ahead to attend, perhaps on the patio behind the conference room in the shade. Members have an opportunity to enjoy the camaraderie of friends and fellow members and see the many products and services offered by our community businesses which can add value, comfort and safety to you, friends and loved ones as well as partake of all the wonderful food and desserts offered for your enjoyment!

Below are a few photos of our attendees and vendors from the March 17th event. We look forward to seeing you at our June Quarterly lunch!



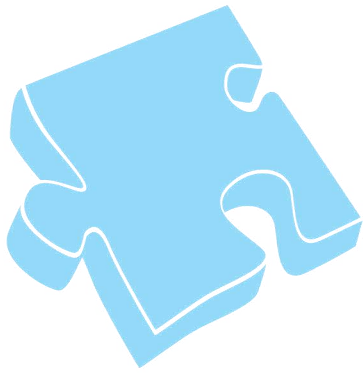
Stacey Goldstein-Dwyer, Nina Dozoretz, Robert Varley & Joseph Bogart



Robert Varley—Chair Yoga



St. Patrick Day Cupcakes



Gd psych services, llc

LET'S TALK

CPT Stacey Goldstein-Dwyer, Psy.D. USA (Ret)
President and Owner

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PENN. MILITARY COLLEGE **Taps** U.S. ARMY BUGLE CALL

Day is done, gone the sun, From the lake, from the hill, from the sky, All is well, Safely rest, God is nigh.

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the families of those who have passed to their eternal rest. May all those who grieve be comforted.



CW4 Alfred H Baye, USA (Ret) – February 24, 2024 (Centenarian Member and World War II Veteran)

The Albuquerque Chapter
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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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 Albuquerque, NM 87185-5071**

Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____