



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:

We have had a busy year so far with social quarterlies, ski trips, NM CoC meeting, advocating in D.C, presenting JRROTC scholarships at high schools, lunch clubs, and volunteer work.

This summer we will be hosting a table at the NM State Fair on military day, planning our September birthday party for our ALBUMOAA members over the age of 90, and hopefully hosting a recruitment table at Sandia Labs.

Our Board of Directors have also been busy collaborating with other military agencies to support the ALBUMOAA mission through volunteerism, speaking engagements, and advocacy.

Just recently, I was able to talk up the ALBUMOAA Chapter while accompanying this year's Northern New Mexico Honor Flight and hope to have some new members as a result.

This was a great group of men and women and it was truly a privilege to join these brave souls as their mental health support.

As always, we have vacancies on the BOD which need filling (secretary, recruiter, and branch reps.). We will be holding our biennial elections for ALBUMOAA officer positions at our October 2024 Annual Meeting; more information to follow via email.

Please contact me to help fill one of these important roles. I look forward to seeing you at any one of our future events!

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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



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 | 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.

The National MOAA Chapter Dues payment method is functional. For all MOAA National members and survivors, 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".

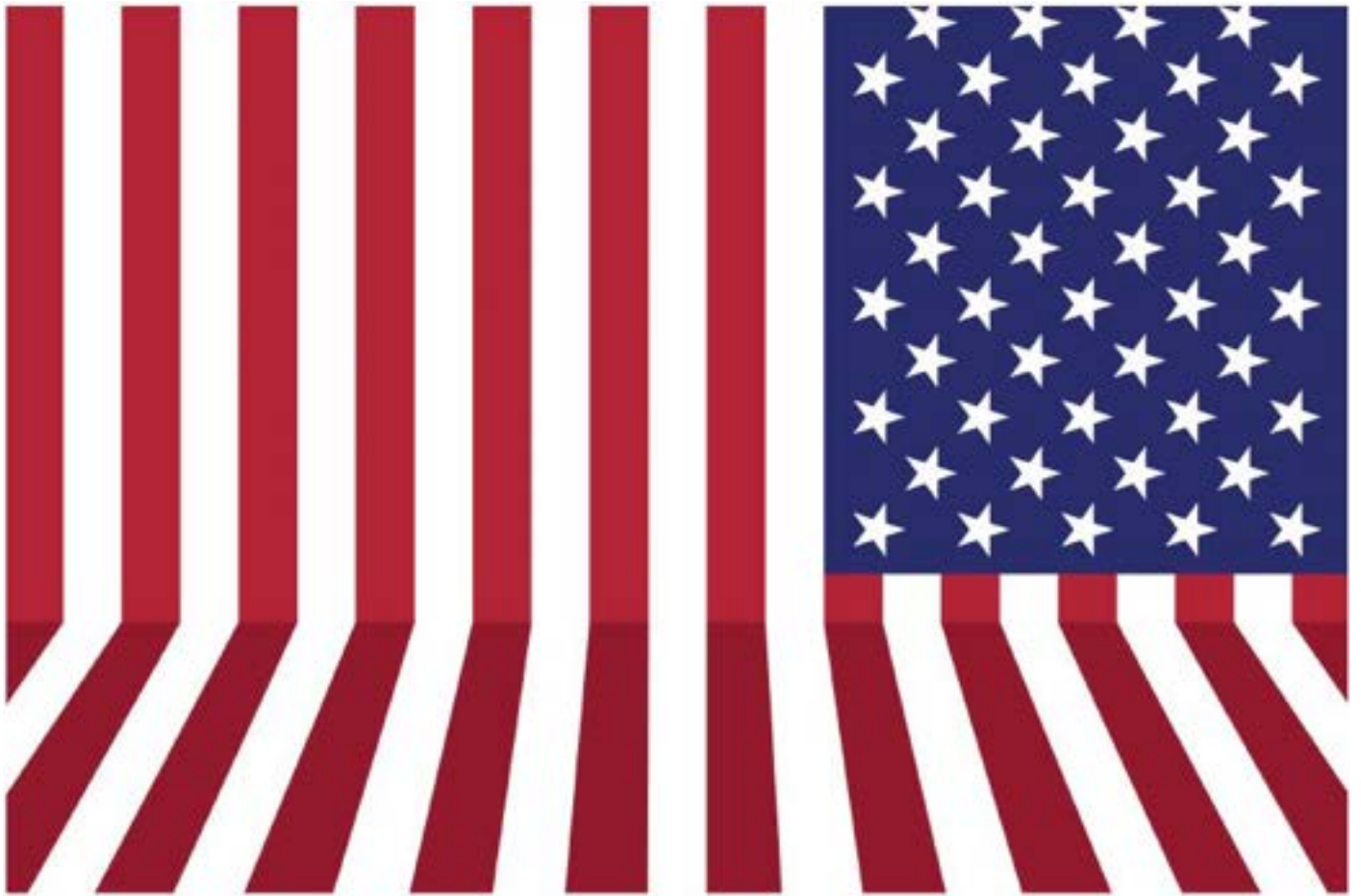
Click on this link and on the right-hand side of the page under "Fast Access" you'll find the "Pay dues online" link. Follow the instructions to pay your annual dues and/or donate (look for "Albuquerque Chapter of MOAA").

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 contact me at treasurer@albumoaa.org or (505) 850-8121.



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ALL military and dependents in **Rio Rancho** and
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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)

VICE-PRESIDENT: Vacant

TREASURER: Tony Strati, casatrat@msn.com

MEMBERSHIP: Karen Brown, kmbrown8@comcast.net

Our new season is planned and ready for sign-ups. See the schedule below. Please contact the trip chair to get your name on the selected trip and mail your deposit to them. Go to our Website Home page to view our photos: <https://albumoaa.org/moaa-ski-club-end-of-year-party-april-21-2024/>



WOLF CREEK, CO: January 13-16, 2025, Monday thru Thursday (3 nights' lodging at **Quality Inn**, Pagosa Springs, 2 days skiing)

Chair: Jim Eddings, 505-710-9418, jim.eddings@comcast.net

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



TELLURIDE, CO: January 27-31, 2025, Monday thru Friday (4 nights' lodging at **Victorian Inn**, Telluride, CO, 3 days skiing)

Chair: Reg Rider, 505-944-5514, regrider49@gmail.com

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



BRECKENRIDGE/KEYSTONE, CO: February 9-13, 2025, Sunday thru Thursday, (4 nights' lodging at the **Residence Inn by Marriott**, Breckenridge, 3 days skiing)

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

Co-Chair: Carmen Bell, 505-331-5747, oma_bell@yahoo.com



CRESTED BUTTE, CO: February 24-28, 2025, Monday thru Friday (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 dates:

- August 18, 2024
- September 15, 2024
- October 20, 2024
- November 17, 2024

Bring your favorite hors d'oeuvre to share! Beverages provided.
Find all the information needed on trips at <https://albumoaa.org/ski-club/>

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



Reported by Karen Brown

Membership Stats (as of June 26, 2024)

Regular: 163
Surviving Spouse: 38
Associate: 41
Honorary: 1
Total: 243

A warm welcome to the following new members and spouses:

Surviving Spouses

Gloria Chavez-Sampson
Mary Spicher

Associate

Charles “Chuck” Wells

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.



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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:

*Thank
You!*

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

In the last couple months, the "Charitable Giving" Program received another **\$1,400.00** in donations in conjunction with their dues payments from the following 22 members:

Charles W Back
Larry Blair
Richard W Chambliss
Sally Churan
Garth P Corey
Linda L Davis
Terrance M Duke
James A Eddings
Linda N Eitzen
Larry Ernst
Wanda L Franks

Frederick L Green
Anne L Hickman
Michael C Houck
Julia Huff
Clarice Jenkins
Kenneth M Nicholson
Mary Kay Olson
Allen D Tate
Rita M West
Anita Westphal
Charles P Williams

A big THANK YOU for all your generous contributions!

Meetings & Events



2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS, QUARTERLY SOCIALS, MEETINGS AND EVENTS

2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- ◆ July 4th - Propose to have our ALBUMOAA booth at the event
- ◆ September 10th - ALBUMOAA booth at Military and Veterans Day at the NM State Fair
- ◆ 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
- ◆ **July 4th Independence Day** - to be held at the NM Veterans Memorial
- ◆ **September 10th - 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 continue to revise 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 August 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.



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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For complete details, including detailed day-by-day itineraries, please visit us online



Our President, Dr. Stacey Goldstein-Dwyer, was approached by the Northern NM Honor Flight to join their June 19th flight to Washington, DC as their onboard mental health provider.

Honor Flight of Northern New Mexico is a 501c-3 non-profit organization dedicated to providing Veterans with honor and closure by taking them free of charge to reflect on their memorials in Washington, D.C. Priority is currently being given to World War II and Korean War Veterans as well as terminally ill veterans from other conflicts. The Northern NM Honor Flight receives contributions from our Charitable Giving Program. An adult family member or friend may serve as a guardian to a veteran on the Honor Flight. 31 veterans with their guardians and support staff flew to the BWI airport on Wednesday, June 19th to visit monuments and memorials in Washington, DC.

See pages 12-13 for additional photos from the June 19 - 21, 2024 Northern NM Honor Flight. Photos contributed from Honor Flight attendees are continued on pages 12 & 13.



President, Dr. Stacey Goldstein-Dwyer, at the Military Women's Memorial





Albuquerque Chapter MOAA Quarterly Social Potluck

Our June 23, 2024 Chapter Quarterly Social Potluck offered great food and desserts. We hope to see more of our members at our Quarterly Social Potlucks at the NM Veterans Memorial Park Visitor Center, conference room.

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!

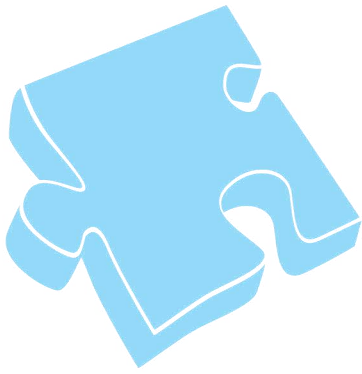
Below are a few photos of our attendees and vendors from the June 23rd event. We look forward to seeing you at our Annual October meeting!



Stacey Goldstein-Dwyer & Mike Houck



Nancy Loisel



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.

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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.



MAJ Clarence A Sampson, USA (Ret) – March 29, 2024 (husband of Gloria Chavez-Sampson)

Lt Col C Russell Spicher, USAF (Ret) – May 8, 2024 (husband of Mary Spicher)

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM
Albuquerque Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America

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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

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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**

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