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**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:

The ALBUMOAA Chapter has done a great job this year executing our mission. We held birthday parties, memorial services, social quarterlies, community events, volunteer services, and lunch club with many great speakers, ski trips, tour trips, and our annual holiday party.

We also provided tickets for amazing plays at Popejoy and gave ROTC scholarships and donations to many organizations.

I would like to thank everyone who contributed this year and attended our many events and donated to our military community.

Also, this was Mike Houck's last year on the Board. We greatly appreciate Mike's numerous contributions and his unwavering support to ALBUMOAA

Please be sure to contact Mike and extend your gratitude for all he has done over the past years for MOAA and our membership.

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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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and its affiliated Albuquerque Chapter are independent, nonprofit, politically nonpartisan organizations.

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

## **It's 2025! Have you paid your ALBUMOAA Annual Dues?**

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

Annual Chapter Membership dues remain the same: Regular member - \$24; Surviving Spouse - \$12; Associate Member - \$15.

To help facilitate payment of MOAA Annual dues, in January 2025 we will be sending invoices from our ALBUMOAA PayPal account via email to all members that still owe for next year. This is an additional means only, not a required payment method.

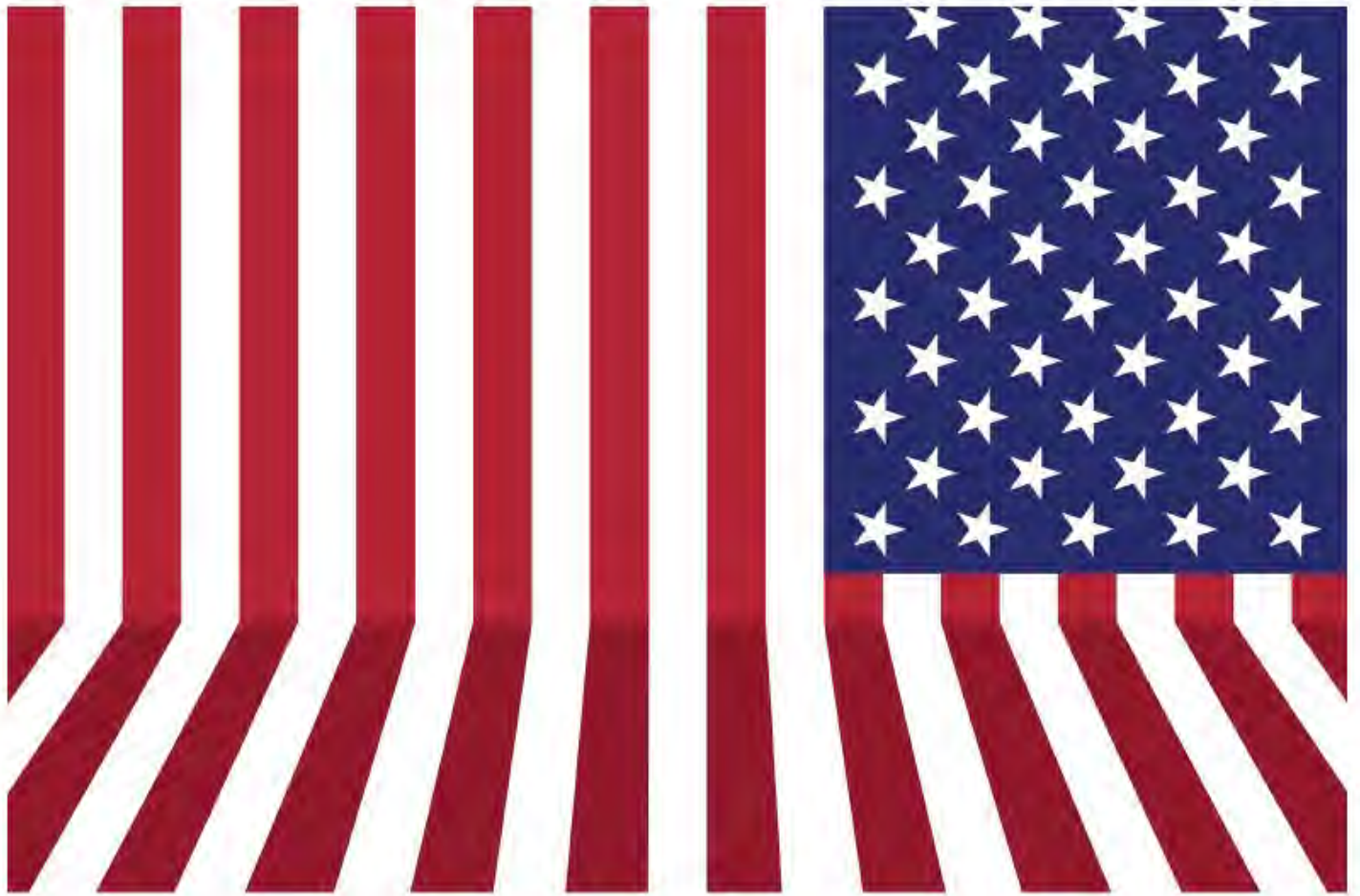
The National MOAA Chapter Dues payment method not functional at this time. We are working with MOAA National to re-establish our Chapter in their new payment system.

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

If you have any questions concerning your dues payment status, please contact me at [treasurer@albumoaa.org](mailto:treasurer@albumoaa.org) or (505) 850-8121.



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# Ski Club Ski Club Activities Remain Cancelled Until Further Notice

**PRESIDENT:** Reg Rider, [reg rider49@gmail.com](mailto:reg rider49@gmail.com)

*Reported by Brig Gen Regner Rider, USAF (Ret)*

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Most of our trips are full and waiting for the snow! Wolf Creek and Telluride can use a couple people each. Check with the trip chairs for these trips.

We are all looking forward to another great season. Hope to see you on the slopes.

Go to our Website Home page to view our Ski Club photos, a few photos are below.



**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](mailto:jim.eddings@comcast.net)

Co-Chair: Jack Menako, 505-797-1935, [jamenako@centurylink.net](mailto: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, [reg rider49@gmail.com](mailto:reg rider49@gmail.com)

Co-Chair: Jack Menako, 505-797-1935, [jamenako@centurylink.net](mailto: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](mailto:kmbrown8@comcast.net)

Co-Chair: Carmen Bell, 505-331-5747, [oma\\_bell@yahoo.com](mailto:oma_bell@yahoo.com)



**CRESTED BUTTE, CO:** February 24-28, 2025, Monday thru Friday (4 nights' lodging at Old Town Inn, 3 days skiing)

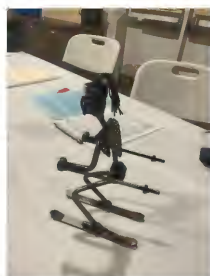
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Co-Chair: Conni Brooks, 505-620-3795, [connibrooks@comcast.net](mailto:connibrooks@comcast.net)

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



Bev, Bill, Julianne & Gene



Skier gift to Reg



Sally - yoga pose



*Reported by Karen Brown*

**Membership Stats** (as of December 20, 2024)

Regular: 156  
Surviving Spouse: 37  
Associate: 42  
Honorary: 1  
Total: 236

A warm welcome to the following new members and spouses:

**Surviving Spouse**

Jacquelyn A Sommers

**Associate**

Alex F Knight (Terry Mike)



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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)

In the last five months, the “**Charitable Giving**” Program received another **\$987** in donations in conjunction with their dues payments from the following 15 members:

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|-----------|-------------|
| Carmen    | Bell        |
| Constance | Brooks      |
| Rita      | Cantergiani |
| Rosalie   | Conley      |
| Thomas    | Dawe        |
| Wanda     | Franks      |
| Hart      | Guenther    |
| Michael   | Houck       |
| Lee       | Kniess      |
| Nancy     | Loisel      |
| Robert    | Rider       |
| Jacquelyn | Sommers     |
| Frances   | Spallina    |
| John      | Toohey      |
| Claude    | Valles      |



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



*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. Our January — March 2025 speakers are listed below:**

**January:** Our own 1st Vice President and former B-52 Squadron Commander and Wing Commander BG Reg Rider, USAF (Ret) who will speak about the history of the B-52.

**February:** A representative of the 100 Club will discuss work in funding payments to the family of a law enforcement officer killed in the line of duty.

**March:** Bernalillo County Sheriff Office Deputies Osborne and Moya will discuss the role of the Sheriff's Office in dealing with gun violence in schools.

**Please click on <https://albumoaa.org> for additional information.**

**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

Below are a few photos from our October Lunch Club:



**Attendees**



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**Sun Tours Speaker - Michael Herst**



# Meetings & Events



We are pleased to show photos of our donation recipients at our successful October Annual Meeting:



**Donation to Blue Star Mothers**



**Donation to Honor Flight**



**Donation to Veterans Integration Center**



**Karen and Mike serving food**



# 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

### 2025 & 2026 Departures

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
September 12-21, 2025	Burgundy & Provence river cruise	7-nights from \$4,799
July 12-21, 2026	Highlights of Eastern Europe river cruise	9-nights from \$3,949

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They are now offering us discounted seats for these Broadway Musicals: **Les Misérables, SIX and TINA: TINA TURNER MUSICAL** plus numerous Ovations performances. There is good availability for SIX on March 18 & 19. Let me know if you need assistance: [kmbrown8@comcast.net](mailto:kmbrown8@comcast.net) The new technology now allows mobile tickets on your cell phones in your Wallet App, which is very easy to do.

**MOAA 2025 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 Melissa, 505-582-2357. *Cancellation insurance recommended.*



**October 9 - 23, 2025 (14 days): RHYTHMS OF THE BRAZILIAN COASTLINE.**

*“Witness a side of South America reserved for the privileged few. Cruise down the coast of Brazil and Uruguay, visiting hidden jewels that have been closely guarded secrets, until now.”*

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# 2025 MOAA SIGNATURE GROUP

## BURGUNDY & PROVENCE RIVER CRUISE

*September 14-21, 2025* □ *Rates from \$5,029 pp*

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Our home during this cruise is Uniworld’s Super Ship vessel, the ***S.S. Catherine***. Uniworld is committed to building a fleet of ships that represents the absolute best in luxury river cruising, combining quality craftsmanship with high-tech innovations and custom-designed interiors. ***Catherine*** continues this proud tradition of excellence with sumptuous materials and meticulous attention to detail. The vessel’s opulent interiors include a two-story lobby with a specially commissioned Murano glass chandelier and whimsical life-size glass horse.

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## SUMMARY

### **Military/Veteran Leadership Council (MVLC) General Meeting 3 December 2024 Cabela's @ 5151 Lang Ave NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109**

*Reported by LTC Walter Paul, USA (Ret) Interim Leg Chair*

#### **1. Introductions:**

- Two new members were introduced:

1SGT Emily Gallo Sanchez – newly elected President Enlisted Association NM National Guard.

Mr Greg Seeley – Development Director for the NM Veterans Integration Center (NMVIC)

#### **2. Legislative Team Activities 2024**

MVLC Legislative presentation to the M&VAIC in Santa Rosa NM, 3 September 2024

1SGT Martin Gallegos (NMARNG Ret) provided information to the Military & Veterans Affairs Interim House and Senate Committee on the legislative initiatives of the MVLC for 2025 which included the below listed priorities.

#### **3. Discussion of Legislative Activities for 2025**

- a. Discussed the legislative action that will be introduced during the 2025 legislative session will guide the implementation of CA1 and CA2 at the county and local level.

Discussed Information received from Ira Pearson from Tax and Revenue from the State of New Mexico who stated that the Legislature must generate language that would implement the constitutional amendments. The Governor can veto the language, but the amendments will go into effect regardless for tax year 2026. Ira also stated that the County Treasures concern about non- Veteran Taxes increasing should not be a concern since there is already provisions for offsetting any losses – which for most counties will be minimal. The Fiscal Impact generated by the Legislative Council shows only minimal impact to the counties.

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#### b. Homeless Veterans Population in NM

- MVLC will work with legislature to authorize funding of a memorial ( \$250K) for a study by Universities and Colleges throughout NM to get an accurate statistic on homeless veterans and at-risk veterans. The current data is highly inaccurate. Current HUD data shows only 350 homeless vets in NM. Where VA data puts that at more than 700 – 900.

- We also discussed initiatives for Veteran mental health support/suicide prevention. This is closely linked to the Homeless issue. Greg Seeley (NM Veterans Integration Center) gave us some very useful input on their initiatives to determine the needs of homeless Veterans in NM.

#### c. Pursue legislation to provide tax relief to business who employ Guard and Reserve members of during deployment (RECRUIT ACT) – This is a NM National Guard legislative initiative.

MVLC will work with the senate and house to initiate a bill that would provide tax relief to employers of Guard and Reserve. When Service members are deployed employers would be afforded tax credits or relief so employers can back-fill this position temporarily during the time Guard and Reserve are deployed or on state active duty or activated for a national emergency

#### d. We also discussed the realignment of the House Veterans and Military Affairs Committee. Two of our strongest supporters are no longer in the house:

Rep Harry Garcia and Rep Eliseo Alcon will not be at the 2025 legislative session.

Rep Alan Martinez – will be one of our primary supporters in the House and Senators Pope, Burt and Block will be our primary supporters in the Senate.

### 4. Open Discussion

- We are still requesting input from member organizations to let us know their legislative priorities.

- The next meeting will be an on-line Zoom meeting date and time TBD. 1SGT Gallegos will send **Legislative ALERTS** as he needs help from our member organizations.



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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 rich.

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



**Frances Myers – December 12, 2024**

**Col Jay A Swander, USAF (Ret) – August 9, 2024** (husband of Mary Lou Swander)

**Adele M Thompson – April 18, 2024**

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