

**The 25<sup>th</sup> Military Police Co/Bn Reunion 2021**  
**September 10, 11, & 12**  
**Embassy Suites, 1000 Woodward Place NE, Albuquerque, NM 87120**

Welcome to the Land of Enchantment to all our 25<sup>th</sup> MP Company/Battalion Alumni! We have a great reunion planned for all of you, your spouses, and guests this year. Here is some key information you will need to know.

**Lodging.** The Embassy Suites is conveniently located in the heart of Albuquerque. The hotel features two room suites featuring a separate living room with a sofa bed, WiFi, mini refrigerator, and microwave. There is a free made to order breakfast each morning and a complimentary evening managers reception for each guest. There is a full-service restaurant, bar, indoor pool, and a marketplace coffee shop all inside the hotel. The room rate is \$96.00 + taxes per night, but rooms at this rate are limited so call the Embassy Suites at (505) 245-7100 and ask for the 25<sup>th</sup> Military Police reservation block.

**Airport Transportation.** For those alumni that choose to fly to this year's reunion, recommend that you fly into the Albuquerque International Sunport (Airport Code: ABQ), 2200 Sunport Blvd, Albuquerque, NM 87106. This airport is approximately 3 miles from the hotel. It services most major air carriers – American, Delta, Southwest, and many more.

**Getting to the Embassy Suites from the Sunport.** Taxis and ride sharing services (Lyft, Uber) are available at the Sunport. A typical taxi ride to the hotel is around \$15.00. Rental car companies operate at an off-site area from the airport. There is a free shuttle bus that will take you to the rental car facility. All the major car rental companies are available at this location.

**La Ventana Hospitality Room.** Our hospitality room (La Ventana) is located near the front entrance of the hotel. It is a 3,312 sq. ft. meeting room equipped with all the important features that can accommodate all our guests. The room also features a private entrance to an outdoor patio seating area. The hospitality room will be open Thursday, 1:00 pm to 1:00 am and Friday and Saturday from 7:00 am to 1:00 am. Snacks and beverages will be available.

**Reunion Fee.** No change from the last few years. The reunion fee will be \$120.00 per person. This will cover the following costs: Printing of all mailings and postage, Printing of banquet program and roster, Hospitality room food and beverages, Reunion souvenir/memento, Friday night buffet, Saturday night dinner, and essential miscellaneous incidentals.

**COVID-19.** New Mexico has a tier system (Red to Green), placing restrictions on businesses based on the COVID impact within the counties. As of Mid-April, Albuquerque and Bernalillo County are in a Yellow status. This means businesses can operate but under very restricted conditions and numbers. Arranging group activities has proved exceedingly difficult, for example bowling alleys are completely shut down and several businesses would not plan with

us for September. With this in mind, we will suggest smaller group activities on Saturday and will recommend many different activities for you to choose from.

**Activities.** On **Thursday**, pick up your welcome packets in the La Ventana Room. Enjoy some wine, beer, or soft drinks and light snacks. Dinner will be on your own in the many restaurants Albuquerque has to offer. A list of restaurants will be in your welcome packets.

On **Friday**, at 9:00 am we will depart the hotel to tour the National Museum of Nuclear Science and History. The museum is a Smithsonian affiliate and focuses on the story of the Atomic Age, from early research of nuclear development through today's peaceful use of nuclear technology. Cost is \$10.00 per person. We will then leave the museum for the El Pinto restaurant for lunch. Voted as the best New Mexican restaurant in Albuquerque and in business since 1962, the El Pinto features recipes from the owners' grandmother, the first to differentiate their cuisine as "New Mexican." Cost for lunch is \$23.00 per person. After lunch we will return to the hotel for our evening dinner buffet at 6:00 pm.

On **Saturday**,

**For the Ladies:** Saint James Tea Room provides you with two hours of comfortable elegance in which the hectic pace of the world melts away. Experience high tea, enjoy a relaxing lunch, and fellowship with the ladies. Cost is \$25.00 per person and limited to the first 24 people. See the registration form to sign up.

We suggest some of the following optional activities to do on Saturday:

**Hot Air Balloon Rides:** Albuquerque is home to the hot air balloon capitol of the world. Hot air balloon rides average around \$150-200. Rainbow Ryders, rainbowryders.com, 5601 Eagle Rock Ave NE, ABQ, NM 87113, (505) 823-1111 or World Balloon, worldballoon.com, 6390 Coors Blvd NE, ABQ, NM 87120, (505) 293-6800.

**Sandia Peak Tramway:** Ascend 10,378 feet to the Sandia mountain peak aboard the longest tram in North America. Online ticket purchase required 24 hours before the day you plan to arrive. Round trip tickets are \$25.00 per adult 21-61, \$20.00 per adult 61 and older, and \$20.00 per adult with military ID. For more information and to purchase tickets go to sandiapeak.com. While you are on top of the mountain suggest you enjoy lunch or a drink at the new Ten-3 restaurant.

**Casinos:** Albuquerque as a casino in every direction. Try your luck. Sandia Resort & Casino, sandiacasino.com, 30 Rainbow Rd NE, ABQ NM 87113, (505) 796-7500, or the Isleta Resort & Casino, isleta.com, 11000 Broadway SE, ABQ NM 87105, (505) 724-3800, or the Route 66 Casino Hotel, rt66casino.com, 14500 Central Ave SW, ABQ NM 87121, (505) 352-7866.

**Petroglyph National Monument:** One of the largest collection of petroglyphs in North America, featuring designs and symbols carved onto volcanic rocks by North Americans and Spanish settlers 400-700 years ago. Petroglyphs may be viewed at the Boco Negra Canyon, Rinconada Canyon, and the Piedras Marcadas Canyon. Go to [nps.gov/petr/index.htm](http://nps.gov/petr/index.htm) for more information.

Bicycle tours: Take a bike ride through the Bosque (Spanish for forest), the largest cottonwood forest in the world running along the Rio Grande River in the middle of a major metropolitan city. Routes Bicycle Tours, routesrental.com, 2113 Charlevoix St NW, ABQ NM 87104, (505) 800-5103.

Bowling: Skidmore's Holiday Bowl, 7515 Lomas Blvd NE, ABQ NM 87110, (505) 268-3308.

Shooting: Calibers, 4340 Cutler Ave NE, ABQ NM 87110, (505) 800-5103.

Golf: There are over 20 golf courses in the Albuquerque area. The best one is the Sandia Golf Club, NM 87113, (505) 798-3990, sandiagolf.com. Rates are around \$90.00 includes cart, GPS, and range balls for 18 holes.

We will meet back at the hotel for our semi-formal dinner starting at 6:00 pm. There will be a photographer on site to take pictures to commemorate this auspicious occasion.

Mobility and Special Requests: If you or someone accompanying you have limited mobility, use a wheelchair, or have other special needs please contact me so I can make the necessary arrangements to make your stay more enjoyable. Also, if you have any special requests or need assistance making your arrangements please feel free to contact me. Thomas Kist, [kistt@icloud.com](mailto:kistt@icloud.com), (352) 516-1126.