

# AROUND THE BASES

Senior Women's Softball League

Albuquerque, New Mexico

**SPECIAL  
EDITION**



“Those who have long enjoyed such privileges as we enjoy forget in time that men (and women) have died to win them”.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

With respect and gratitude we remember the honorable service and sacrifice of our SWSL families who have lost family members, loved ones and friends while serving our great nation, protecting our freedom and way of life.



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JOIN US at our Welcome Home to honor our HEROES.

- Crowd the airport!
- Bring signs!
- Flags available for first 300 people!



10 WWII; 8 Korean and 7 Vietnam VETERANS

will be returning from the 5th Annual Honor Flight!

WHERE: Albuquerque Sunport

WHEN: Friday, June 8th, 2018

Please show up between 2-2:30pm.  
Veterans will arrive at approximately 3:30pm  
Contact: Grey Nishio (505)385-5979

**Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup> 2018  
at the Abq Sunport**



**WE NEED YOU!**



**Honor Flight of Northern New Mexico** is a 501(C) (3). We are tasked with ensuring that every WWII, Korean, and Vietnam veteran makes it to Washington DC to reflect upon the memorials built in their honor.

This year, 2018, we are honored to be taking our first Vietnam Veterans! For them, the honor and respect is long overdue!

The veterans pay NOTHING. Air fare, hotel accommodations, meals, ground transportation, shirts, jacket, hats...it's all included.

The trip is amazing! I have heard veterans comment that they have never been treated so well! For the trip, each vet is paired with a Guardian who looks after their veteran; pushing wheelchairs, providing water, whatever the veteran needs.

**Shirley Johnson, Lois Gray and Joyce Montoya have been Guardians. This year Karen Rogers and her husband, Jim, both US Army Veterans, will be going as Guardians.**

It is a most rewarding experience.



# Here's how Silver Gloves can help:

## 1. Attend the Show and Shine Car Show...

**Saturday May 26 at the NM Veterans Memorial. Free admission.**

2. **Help us find veterans!** See a guy in a WWII hat...stop, shake his hand, ask him if he's been on our trip!

Our website has applications: [honorflightnorthernnm.org](http://honorflightnorthernnm.org)

3. **Come along as a Guardian.** Cost is \$1000 but includes everything! Applications at the website for this as well!

4. **Send mail.** On the plane coming back from Washington each veteran is called out for Mail Call and presented with a large envelope filled with cards and letters from Family and Friends, School children, civic organizations, and people all over the country. Cards and letters expressing their gratitude for a job well done.

5. **Attend the Welcome Home! On Friday June 8,** we return to Albuquerque at approximately **3:30 pm.** We will be met at the **Sunport** by more than 500 people.

It is a time of celebration. We give the veterans the Homecoming they didn't get when they came home from the war!

It is long deserved. We recommend that folks get to the airport by 3:00 pm to "get a good spot!" We even provide flags!



6. Support our fundraising efforts. **Our big fundraiser is a golf tournament that will be held Sept 28 at Isleta Golf Course.**

Come play golf! If you don't golf, consider being a sponsor! Full

**New Mexico Veterans Memorial Show & Shine**  
**FREE Admission & Shine**  
 Donations to benefit  
 BRING THE FAMILY  
 DJ Rockin' Bob  
 Prizes & Face Painting  
 Food & Desserts Trucks  
 Bouncy Castles  
 Hot Air Balloon  
 www.HonorFlightNorthernNM.org  
**27 May 2017**  
**10am - 3pm**  
 Gates open at 8am  
 1800 Louisiana Blvd SE  
 On the corner of  
 Gibson and  
 Louisiana in  
 Albuquerque  
 Vote for your favorite  
 Classic  
 Modern  
 Import  
 Hot Rods  
 Truck  
 Motorcycle  
 Contact:  
 Joe Mascaneras  
 (505) 235-5900



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**MEMORIAL DAY**  
 REMEMBER AND HONOR  
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## QUIZ

“For love of country, they accepted death,  
and thus resolved all doubts, and made  
immortal their patriotism and their virtue.”

James A. Garfield

1. In what year did the Federal Government declare Memorial Day a holiday to honor our soldiers who fought and died to keep the United States of America safe and free?
  - a. 1914
  - b. 1882
  - c. 1860
  - d. 1868
2. Memorial Day was once called by a different name. What was it?
  - a. Soldier's D-Day
  - b. Veteran's Remembrance Day
  - c. Decoration Day
  - d. Veteran's Recognition Day
3. Which southern state first celebrated the federal holiday of Memorial Day?
  - a. Georgia
  - b. Mississippi
  - c. South Carolina
  - d. Alabama
4. In which city and state is the first to observe Memorial Day?
  - a. Richmond, Va
  - b. Charleston, SC
  - c. Waterloo, NY
  - d. Philadelphia, PA
5. What day in the month of May is Memorial Day observed?
  - a. The first Monday in the month
  - b. Last day of the month.
  - c. The last Monday of the month
  - d. May 30 of each year

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## Answers

1. 1868

2. At the beginning it was called “Decoration Day” because the purpose was to visit cemeteries to place flowers on the graves of fallen loved ones who had died in the Civil War. In 1882, many people began calling it “Memorial Day”. after World War I and II.

3. Mississippi. Because of hostile resentment towards the north after the end of the Civil War, many U.S. southern states decided not to celebrate Decoration Day in 1868. The only state to comply was Mississippi. In the small town of Columbus on April 25, 1866, the people embraced both the Union and Confederate casualties that were buried in its cemetery. This tradition is still carried on today in Mississippi; whether they wore blue or gray, they are all honored for their supreme sacrifice.

4. New York. The holiday officially became standard in New York in 1873. It became a symbol of growth in honoring those who gave their all by the remaining northern states by 1890.

5. On May 5, 1868, Army General John Logan is credited for starting this National holiday. Shortly after the American Civil War between the states, he set it to be observed May 30 of each year. It was not until 1971 that the United States recognized Memorial Day on the last Monday in May.



## EVENTS FOR MEMORIAL DAY AND THE WEEKEND

### **Albuquerque**

- [Memorial Day May 28th - New Mexico Veterans Memorial](#)
  - The ceremony will begin with a musical prelude at 9 a.m. followed by the memorial day ceremony at 10 a.m.
- [NM Veterans Memorial Show & Shine](#)
  - May 26 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- [NM Philharmonic Hooray for our Heroes](#)
  - May 26, doors open at 6:30 p.m. at the Albuquerque Biopark Zoo.
- [Cliff's Amusement Park](#)
  - Cliff's Country Picnic: May 27 & May 28
  - Heroes Weekend May 26-28. All military, veterans, law enforcement, firefighters and first responders ride free.

### **Rio Rancho**

- [Memorial Day Ceremony](#)
  - The ceremony begins at 11 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial Park.

“Freedom makes a huge requirement of every human being. With freedom comes responsibility”.

Eleanor Roosevelt