

Albuquerque a success – on to Pensacola in 2022.

Great hotel and meals, friends new and old, plus a super tour package!

Thursday tour took everyone along the TURQUOISE TRAIL and historic route 66. Historic buildings along the way and in SANTE FE. The tale of a mysterious wooden spiral staircase captivated everyone. Lunch in historic Santa Fe plus the Georgia O'Keefe museum and the Palace of the Governors. Groups gathered after for small dinner groups at several restaurants within walking distance of our hotel. Then back to our hospitality room for more stories.

Friday, our breakfast buffet was ready before heading out to tour the National Museum of Nuclear Science and History. Fascinating exhibits inside and a complete Air Museum outside. Members viewed a B-52, B-47 and B-29 bombers. Full scale rockets and actual casings of recovered A-bombs from "Broken Arrow" events. Lunch followed in historic Old Town Albuquerque. After lunch the group took time for remembrance and reflection at the New Mexico Veterans Memorial. New Mexico is a very respectful and patriotic state. This memorial, inside 7 acres of dedicated ground, celebrated every aspect of service from the call to duty to the home coming. A fitting end to our tours.

Dinner groups formed again for wine and food. Two restaurants across from our hotel provided fine food for all.

Saturday – we finished our annual business meeting knowing our finances remain the third week in September. [More information as our hotel search narrows down.] The annual white elephant auction netted a new record \$2400 for the treasury, including the drawing for the 4-day room prize.

Our final banquet included an annual tradition newly named for Piper Jim Healy who passed away in 2021. The tradition will continue – including the piper leading us into the banquet room. This banquet food and service will be hard to beat. Pictures before and after show how much everyone enjoys our reunions. New attendees echoed "I can't wait to sign up for Pensacola!"

