



Home of the Fighting Sea Lions

A Living Memorial to the Brave WWII Heroes of Bataan

## Bataan Military Academy™

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U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps

LCDR SHELBY DAWSON TALLCHIEF, NSCC  
Commodore & Founder of the Academy

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19 January 2010

Mayor Richard Berry  
Office of the Mayor  
P.O. Box 1293  
Albuquerque, NM 87103

Dear Mayor Berry:

I am writing to express my support for the City of Albuquerque to allow the Bataan Military Academy the opportunity to lease the former Armed Forces Reserve Center property located at 400 Wyoming Blvd NE, as a permanent home for the Bataan Military Academy.

Bataan Military Academy is a tuition-free, co-ed military charter high school, serving students anticipating college, military, and public service careers. Bataan Military Academy is fully authorized by the State of NM Public Education Department. The Academy develops leadership and citizenship through the implementation of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps program, and currently is the largest USNSCC Battalion in the world with over 175 active members. We are proud to announce that twenty (20) percent of our first graduating class has been accepted to national service academies. In addition to the Sea Cadet program, the Academy offers after-school and summer career-related activities, and has an active sports program.

Bataan Military Academy is currently located at 8001 Mountain Rd Pl NE (Wyoming & Lomas). This particular section of town allows the Academy to offer the students of this area an alternative choice, to be close to the military community, and still be centrally located enough for students to attend from all around the city.

What better use of this former training facility than to house an authorized public charter school? The administrative and classroom buildings are already in place. The Jenkins Armory building could serve as a gymnasium, and there is open land for the school to develop athletic and parade grounds.

Per New Mexico state statute specification that charter schools be located on public land, this would be a great way for the city to align with the state's emphasis for the support of charter schools in meeting this requirement.

Regards,

See Attached Petition & Signatures

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<b>Petition to the City of Albuquerque</b>
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We, the undersigned, petition the City of Albuquerque to allow the Bataan Military Academy the opportunity to lease the former Armed Forces Reserve Center property located at 400 Wyoming Blvd NE, as a permanent location for the Bataan Military Academy.

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