

# **SW CHAPTER'S SPACE and NUCLEAR RALLY**

## **Alamogordo, New Mexico**

### **4 to 8 April 2019**

This is going to be a different kind of rally, focused on education and touring.

Southern New Mexico was the birthplace of space exploration and of proving the effectiveness of the atomic bomb.

In 1930, Robert Goddard and his team of technicians moved to Roswell where they worked for a dozen years on rocket technology. This was the beginning of the space age. After World War II, many of the captured German scientists and engineers were re-located to White Sands Missile Range to help design and test the US rocket systems. Testing is still going on today at the Range.

Our coaches will be located in the parking lot of the New Mexico Museum of Space History, overlooking the city of Alamogordo and the Tularosa Basin. The mission of this State Museum is to educate the public in the history, science, and technology of space through collecting, preserving, and interpreting significant artifacts relevant to the history of space, stressing the significant role that the state of New Mexico has played in the development of the U.S. Space Program.

During the rally, the museum staff will provide guided tours of the museum and provide lectures on the history and technologies of space travel and invite you to enjoy a movie on the Museum's giant screen. Also, you will have the opportunity to build and launch your own rocket.

On Friday April 5<sup>th</sup>, there will be an evening BBQ buffet dinner in the Museum. During the dinner, Mr. Chris Orwoll will provide you with a presentation on "The Year of Apollo". Chris is the Executive Director of the Museum and frequently appears on the Science Channel's "NASA's Unexplained Files".

The highlight of the rally will be a tour of the Trinity Site. On July 16, 1945, the first atomic bomb was tested at this site on White Sands. The Site is only open to the public twice a year; the April 6<sup>th</sup> opening will include a trip to the Site during our rally. This is a rare opportunity to visit Ground Zero and its associated facilities and displays. The preferred way of getting there will be on a motorcoach tour from the Museum. The tour will include a continental breakfast, onboard historian, brown bag lunch, and onboard movie.

There's more: meals, happy hours, and local attractions. This will include wine tasting at the Heart of Desert Vineyards, a trip to the Sunspot Observatory, and a visit to the legendary Lodge in Cloudcroft.

The camping will be dry, no hookups, and the cost will be \$350 per coach, double occupancy (\$250 single occupancy). In addition, the price for the Friday dinner will be \$35 per person and for the motorcoach to the Trinity site, \$70 per person.

Attendance is limited.

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