



The Guardian

The monthly newsletter of the New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services
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Memorial Day Events 2026

The New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services (NMDVS) will join communities across New Mexico this Memorial Day to honor service members who gave their lives in defense of the nation. Among the observances is the annual Memorial Day Ceremony at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Angel Fire on Monday, May 25, beginning at 9 a.m.

Held each Memorial Day for more than five decades, the ceremony at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Angel Fire brings together Veterans, families, and visitors to remember those who lost their lives in military service and to reflect on the lasting impact of their sacrifice. This year's observance will feature the annual Flag March, musical honors by the 44th Army Band Ensemble, and keynote remarks from Capt. William A. Robinson, U.S. Air Force (Ret.), a ceremonial 21-gun salute conducted by the Tsidi Toii Veterans, a presentation by the Woman Veteran Warriors Honor Guard, and a static display of a New Mexico National Guard UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter.

NMDVS will also attend Albuquerque's annual Memorial Day ceremony at the New Mexico Veterans Memorial Park, 1100 Louisiana SE, Albuquerque, NM 87108, where Veterans, military families, and community members will gather to remember and honor those who gave their lives in service to the nation. The Memorial Day Parade will begin at 9 a.m. at USS Bullhead Memorial Park and travel east along Gibson Boulevard to the Veterans Memorial Park. The parade will feature Veterans, active-duty military personnel, and community organizations in a show of remembrance and unity. The ceremony will follow at 10:30 a.m. and includes the presentation of colors, the national anthem, and remarks from guest speakers paying tribute to fallen service members and their enduring legacy.

A listing of events around the state is below, and many event flyers are featured in the community bulletin board section of the newsletter. NMDVS encourages all New Mexicans to take time this Memorial Day weekend to attend a ceremony or remembrance event in their community and join in honoring the service members who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our nation.

City	Event	Venue	Time	Point of Contact	Phone #
Thursday, May 21st					
Farmington	ceremony	Three Rivers Estates Senior Home	1:00 pm	Mark Decker	(505) 947-5179
Friday, May 22nd					
Cuba	ceremony	Ojo Encino Chapter House	8:00 am	Sherilynne Juan	(505) 446-3397
Saturday, May 23rd					
Albuquerque	ceremony	Historic Fairview Cemetery	9:30 am	Karen Street	(410)-844-3397
Santa Fe	flag placements	Santa Fe National Cemetery	8:00 am	Sergio Briones	(505) 988-6400
Santa Rosa	ceremony	David J. Flores Veterans Center	11:00 am	Andrew Sanchez	(575) 472-0380
Sunday, May 24th					
Questa	ceremony	Questa Healing Field/Hwy 522	1:00 pm	Village of Questa	(575) 586-0694

Memorial Day Events 2026 Continued

Memorial Day, Monday, May 25th

Albuquerque	parade	USS Bullhead Memorial	9:00 am	Tom Tozier	(505) 768-4495
Albuquerque	ceremony	New Mexico Veterans Memorial	10:30 am	Tom Tozier	(505) 768-4495
Angel Fire	ceremony	Angel Fire Vietnam Veterans Memorial	9:00 am	Memorial Office	(575) 377-2293
Carlsbad	parade	P.R. Leyva School	9:00 am	Alberto Villegas	(575) 361-5848
Cloudcroft	ceremony	Zenith Park/Blue Star Memorial	9:00 am	Paul Benshoof	(702) 701-1691
Cloudcroft	ceremony	James Canyon Cemetery	10:30 am	Paul Benshoof	(702) 701-1691
Española	ceremony	Española Veterans Memorial Wall	11:00 am	Memorial Wall	(505)-747-9340
Estancia	ceremony	Estancia Cemetery	10:00 am	Amer. Legion Post 22	(910) 988-5098
Fort Bayard	ceremony	Fort Bayard National Cemetery	10:00 am	Phil Torres	(575) 537-3982
Ignacio (CO)	ceremony	Southern Ute Veterans Park	10:00 am	Southern Ute Vets	(970) 563-0100
Las Cruces	ceremony	Veterans Memorial Park	7:30 pm	City of Las Cruces	(575) 541-2000
Mayhill	ceremony	Mayhill Cemetery	10:00 am	Paul Benshoof	(702) 701-1691
Roswell	ceremony	Roswell City Hall	11:00 am	Jeremy Hurley	(575) 626-5888
Roswell	flag placements	Memory Lawn Cemetery	9:30 am	Don Weld	(575) 495-3325
Sacramento	ceremony	Weed Cemetery	12:00 pm	Paul Benshoof	(702) 701-1691
Santa Fe	ceremony	Santa Fe National Cemetery	10:00 am	Sergio Briones	(505) 988-6400
Shiprock	flag placements	Shiprock Cemetery	6:00 am	Mark Decker	(505) 947-5179
Shiprock	ceremony	Shiprock Cemetery	11:00 am	Mark Decker	(505) 947-5179
Zuni Pueblo	ceremony	Veterans Memorial Park	9:00 am	Angela Waseta-Rivera	(505) 728-1275
Monday, June 1st					
Window Rock	ceremony	Navajo Veterans Memorial Park (AZ)	7:30am	Bobbie Ann Baldwin	(928) 871-7307

May is National Military Appreciation Month

National Military Appreciation Month recognizes the service and sacrifice of those who have worn the uniform of the United States Armed Forces. In New Mexico, this month serves as a reminder of the state's strong military and Veteran community and the generations of service members and families who continue to support and strengthen communities across the state.

National Military Appreciation Month was officially established by Congress in 1999 to encourage Americans to recognize and honor those who serve in the military. May was selected because it includes several important military observances, including Military Spouse Appreciation Day, Armed Forces Day, and Memorial Day.



New Mexicans have proudly served in every branch of the military for generations and continue to support both federal missions and emergency response efforts here at home. Today, Veterans across the state continue serving their communities through leadership, volunteering, mentorship, and public service. The month also recognizes the important role military families play in supporting service members through deployments, training, and the challenges of military life.

The New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services remains committed to supporting Veterans and their families year-round by connecting them with benefits, health care resources, claims assistance, transportation services, and programs that ensure they receive the support they have earned through their service.

During National Military Appreciation Month, NMDVS extends its gratitude to all who have served and continue to serve our nation. Thank you for your service and sacrifice.

Veterans - Related & Memorial Day Weekend Programs

New Mexico PBS / KNME -- Ch. 5.1, Ch. 5.4, Ch. 5.3 (FNX) & Streaming
Memorial Day Related Programs May 2026

For Those Who Serve / Served and their Families, Friends & Communities



NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY CONCERT 2026

Ch. 5.1 - 7:00pm & 8:30pm - Sunday, May 24

America's national night of remembrance, hosted by Tony Award-winner Joe Mantegna and Emmy Award-winner Gary Sinise airs live from the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol and honors the courage and sacrifice of generations of our military men and women, their families, and pays tribute to all who have given their lives in service to our nation. The evening will feature powerful storytelling and musical salutes featuring world-renowned artists, with the National Symphony Orchestra, and a special commemoration of the country's 250th Anniversary, highlighting the all-volunteer force that won our independence in the American Revolution.

THROUGH HIS EYES: WWII PHOTOGRAPHER DICK KENT

Ch. 5.1 - 9:00pm - Monday, May 25

A New Mexico story - From the beaches of D-Day to the liberation of Dachau, photographer Dick Kent captured some of the most dramatic moments of WWII before dedicating his career to documenting Albuquerque's rapid post-war transformation. A COLORES! special.

INDEPENDENT LENS "Third Act"

Ch. 5.1 - 9:30pm - Monday, May 25

Filmmaker Tadashi Nakamura chronicles his father, Robert A. Nakamura's life from WWII incarceration to becoming a pioneer of Asian American cinema, while navigating his Parkinson's diagnosis in his final chapter.

1ST TO FIGHT: PACIFIC WAR MARINES

Ch. 5.4 - 2:00pm - Saturday, May 23

Experiences of the 1st Marine Division on the Pacific island of Guadalcanal in 1942.

THEY VOLUNTEERED FOR THIS: MERRILL'S MARAUDERS

Ch. 5.4 - 1:00pm - Monday, May 25

Merrill's Marauders, one of World War II's most heroic units, fought in Burma in 1944 to 1945.

TIMELESS PATRIOTISM: GUAM AND WORLD WAR II

Ch. 5.4 - 2:00pm - Monday, May 25

Get a look at how Guam dealt with the Japanese occupation of their island during WWII.

For complete programming details, please visit www.nmpbs.org

Upcoming NMDVS Veterans' Benefits Outreach Visits

NMDVS is scheduled to make the following outreach visits at the locations listed below.

Veterans and/or their eligible dependents are encouraged to stop by to file for or inquire about VA disability ratings, VA medical or mental health care, retiree pensions, military burials, and other VA benefits.

Staff can also help with applying for state Veterans' benefits such as discounted fishing and hunting licenses, Veterans' license plates, property tax exemptions, state park passes, and many more state Veterans' benefits.

Please bring a copy of your DD-214, NA 13038, NOAA 56-16, PHS 1867, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, which are necessary for filing all Veterans' benefits claims. VA award letter showing percentage of disability, NM Driver's License, ID, voter Registration card, and Widow/Widower copy of marriage and death certificates if applicable. NMDVS can help Veterans file for lost or misplaced DD 214s.

Artesia	5/20, 6/17, 7/15	United Veterans Hall, 402 W Hermosa Dr.	9am-4pm
Carlsbad	5/13, 5/27, 6/10	VFW Post 8703, 1919 San Jose Blvd.	10am-3pm
Carlsbad	5/28	Gerrells Center. 4012 National Parks Hwy.	9am-2pm
Cannon AFB	5/12, 6/2, 6/9, 7/7	TAP Seminar, MFRC, 1554 Spear Loop	11am-12pm
Capitan	7/29, 10/7, 11/4	Capitan Public Library, 101 E 2nd St.	10am-3pm
Deming	5/13, 6/10, 7/8	Old VFW Bldg., 4045 Overhill Dr. NW	10am-1pm
Deming	5/27, 6/24, 7/22	Luna County Senior Center, 800 Granite St.	10am-12:30pm
Gallup	5/12, 6/9, 6/14	Vets Helping Vets, 908 E. Buena Vista Ave.	10am-11am
Gallup	5/13	Vets Helping Vets, 908 E. Buena Vista Ave.	5:30pm-7:30pm
Holloman AFB	5/20, 5/27	TAP Seminar, MFRC , W NM Ave., Bldg. 788	8:30am-10am
Raton	5/20, 6/17, 7/15	Raton VA Clinic 1493 Whittier St.	10am-2pm
Ruidoso	7/1, 9/2, 11/4	Ruidoso Community Ctr/501 Sudderth Dr.	10am-3pm
Santa Rosa	5/13, 6/10, 7/8	Guadalupe County Veterans Ctr/720 Lake Dr.	10am-2pm
Socorro/Belen	5/12, 6/9, 7/8	Forget Me Not Veteran Ctr/705 N. California	9am-1pm

The following are weekly outreach visits:

T or C Vet Home	Wednesdays	State Veterans' Home, 922 S. Broadway	9am-3pm
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Veterans and their eligible dependents can contact any of the NMDVS field offices statewide listed on the last two pages of this newsletter. Each office is staffed by nationally accredited Veteran Service Officers (VSO's), who can also offer assistance by phone or email.

If you know of or are hosting a Veterans' or community event that would benefit from having a Veteran Service Officer on site to help answer questions on benefits available please contact DVS Field Services Director Robin Wilson at Robin.Wilson@dvs.nm.gov



Calling All Veterans and Family Members!
Community Veterans Outreach
Gallup, New Mexico

Wednesday, May 13th

5:30pm to 7:30pm

Veterans Helping Veterans Center

908 East Buena Vista Ave., Gallup, NM 87301

**Join the New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services
 for our Community Veterans Outreach and
 Governor's Veterans Advisory Council meeting.**

NMDVS benefits personnel will assist eligible Veterans and family members applying for property tax waivers, exemptions, and lifetime park passes. Certified Veteran Service Officers will be on-site to assist with VA benefits claims, healthcare eligibility, disability compensation, and other state benefits.

Documents needed to verify eligibility:

- A copy of DD-214, NA 13038, NOAA Form 56-16, or PHS Form 1867
 - VA Award Letter showing the percentage of disability
 - NM Driver's License, ID, voter registration card
or the most recent NM Personal Income Tax Return
- Surviving spouses— copy of marriage and death certificates

Claim the benefits you have earned and join us for this free event.

**To find an office near you, call NMDVS at 1-866-433-8387
 or visit our website: dvs.nm.gov**

New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services



Mobile Outreach Vehicle Coming to Your Community! Veterans – Get the Benefits You Earned!



The NMDVS Mobile Outreach Team will be on-site to help you access both
Federal and State Veterans' benefits.

What We Provide:

- Assistance with VA and State of New Mexico benefit applications
- Guidance on healthcare, compensation, pension, and education benefits
- Information on State programs and services for veterans and families

What to Bring:

- DD-214 or proof of military service
- Photo ID
- Relevant medical, financial, or service documents to support your application
- VA Letters

May 13	Portales/Clovis American Legion 117, 2800 W. Grand Ave, Clovis, NM 88101	8am-2pm
May 14	Tucumcari/American Legion Post 20, 801 West Rt. 66 Blvd, Tucumcari, NM 88401	8am-2pm
May 19	Silver City/Grant County Veterans Memorial Business and Conference Center, 3031 US Hwy 180 E, Silver City, NM 88061	8am-2pm

Don't miss this opportunity to meet with a Veteran Service Officer in person and get help with your benefits.

For more information and mobile outreach vehicle schedule updates, contact:

📞 NMDVS Central Office: (866) 433-8387 🌐 <https://www.dvs.nm.gov/>

The New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services is here to help Veterans and their families obtain state and federal benefits.

Property Tax Exemptions and Lifetime Veteran Park Passes

The New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services (NMDVS) State Benefits Division is accepting applications for the Veterans property tax exemptions and the NM State Park Lifetime Veterans Pass.



1. Property Tax Exemptions:

The standard Veteran property tax exemption is now \$10,000 and will adjust annually for inflation in 2026. Additionally, the Disabled Veteran Exemption allows eligible Veterans or their unmarried surviving spouses to apply for a tax exemption equal to the Veteran's federal disability rating.

Applications must be submitted to NMDVS and filed with your County Assessor.

2. New Mexico State Park Lifetime Veterans Pass:

Eligible New Mexico Veterans can apply for a free lifetime pass providing unlimited access to all state parks, including day-use and overnight camping. Standard entry and camping fees are waived; however, reservation and special facility fees still apply.

Documents needed to verify eligibility for the benefits

- A copy of DD-214, NA 13038, NOAA Form 56-16, or PHS Form 1867
- Proof of New Mexico residency (driver's license, voter registration, or state tax return)
- VA Award Letter showing percentage of disability (only for tax exemption)
- Widow/Widower copy of marriage and death certificates (only for tax exemption)

NMDVS schedules Veteran property tax exemption events that are held throughout the state to explain changes and issue certificates. Applications for the New Mexico State Park Lifetime Veterans Pass will also be accepted and issued on-site to qualified Veterans. Information and assistance on federal and state benefits, local Veterans' programs, and referral services are available at any of our field office locations.

If you have questions, please call NMDVS at 505-827-6300 or 505-383-2400. Visit any of our field offices or visit nmdvs.org for more details and property tax exemption or park pass applications.

June Tax Exemption Events

Tax Exemption and State Benefits Events Schedule

Grant County/Silver City

5/19 Global Resource Center ABC Rooms, 1000 W. College Ave., Silver City, NM 88062 9am-3pm

Sierra County/Truth or Consequences

5/20 New Mexico State Veterans Home, 922 South Broadway, T or C, NM 87901 9am-3pm

New Mexico State Cemeteries Receive Stewardship Awards

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' National Cemetery Administration recognized the Gallup, Fort Stanton, and Angel Fire State Veterans Cemeteries with the Stewardship Award for Excellence in Operations.

This recognition reflects the dedication and professionalism of New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services staff across the state.

The Stewardship Award is a national honor that recognizes cemeteries meeting the highest standards for operations, maintenance, and service to Veterans and their families. Recipients are selected through a rigorous, independent compliance review that evaluates performance in key areas including customer service, administration, and grounds management.

Fort Stanton State Veterans Cemetery achieved a 100 percent compliance audit score in both critical and noncritical categories and was also recognized for its overall operations, cleanliness, and appearance. Angel Fire and Gallup State Veterans Cemeteries each earned a compliance score of 100 percent in critical standards and 98 percent in noncritical standards. The awards were presented in person by Glenn R. Powers, Deputy Under Secretary for Field Programs and Cemetery Operations. Presentations took place at Angel Fire on April 29th, Fort Stanton on April 30th, and Gallup on May 1st.

This recognition reflects the work of leadership and frontline staff across the state, whose commitment ensures that New Mexico's Veterans and their families are served with care, respect, and professionalism.

"Together, these teams ensure New Mexico's Veterans and their families are served with the highest level of care," said Jamison Herrera, Cabinet Secretary of the New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services.

NMDVS leadership supporting this effort includes:

Jamison Herrera, Cabinet Secretary
 Eric James, Deputy Cabinet Secretary
 Ed Mendez, Director of Benefits
 David Walker, Bureau Chief of Cemeteries and Monuments

Angel Fire State Veterans Cemetery staff:

Randy Myklebust, Interment Supervisor
 Nicole Wilson, Interment Specialist II
 Andrew Taylor, Interment Specialist I

Fort Stanton State Veterans Cemetery staff:

Steve McConnell, Interment Supervisor
 Mark Sierra, Interment Specialist II
 Adam Mitchell, Interment Specialist I

Gallup State Veterans Cemetery staff:

Gilbert Lopez, Interment Supervisor
 Rocky Thompson, Interment Specialist II
 Anthony Jim, Interment Specialist I

The New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services (NMDVS) is proud of the teams behind this achievement, as it reflects the dedication of NMDVS staff statewide and affirms our commitment to honoring all veterans with dignity and respect.

Learn more about NMDVS cemeteries and memorials at www.dvs.nm.gov/cemetery

New Mexico State Cemeteries Receive Stewardship Awards



Fort Stanton (from left): Adam Mitchell; David Walker, Bureau Chief of Cemeteries and Monuments ; Steve McConnell, Interment Supervisor ; Glenn R. Powers, Deputy Under Secretary for Field Programs and Cemetery Operations; Ed Mendez, Director of Benefits ;



Angel Fire (from left): Eric James, NMDVS Deputy Cabinet Secretary; Nicole Wilson; Andrew Taylor; Randy Myklebust, Interment Supervisor; Glenn R. Powers, Deputy Under Secretary for Field Programs and Cemetery Operations; David Walker, Bureau Chief of Cemeteries and Monuments; Ed Mendez,



Gallup: (from left to right): Jamison Herrera, NMDVS Cabinet Secretary; Gilbert Lopez, Interment Supervisor; Rocky Thompson; Glenn R. Powers, Deputy Under Secretary for Field Programs and Cemetery Operations; David Walker, Bureau Chief of Cemeteries and Monuments.

New Mexico Cemeteries: (right from top to bottom): Gallup State Veterans Cemetery; Fort Stanton State Veterans Cemetery; Angel Fire State Veterans Cemetery.



Mental Health Awareness Month



May is Mental Health Awareness Month, a reminder that mental health is just as important as physical health. Veterans can face challenges such as stress, depression, anxiety, post-traumatic stress, isolation, and difficulties adjusting after military service. Reaching out for support is a sign of strength, and help is available before a situation becomes a crisis.

Mental Health Awareness Month was established to raise awareness, reduce stigma, and encourage people to seek support when needed. This year's national message from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), "See the Person. Support the Journey," encourages compassion, connection, and understanding.

Veterans often spend years caring for others and pushing through difficult situations without asking for help themselves. Mental health challenges can affect anyone, regardless of age, branch of service, combat experience, or time in uniform. Seeking support early can make a meaningful difference.

You do not have to wait until things feel overwhelming to talk to someone. Support is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Veterans in crisis, or anyone concerned about a Veteran, can call or text 988 and press 1 to connect with the Veterans Crisis Line. In New Mexico, individuals can also call 1-855-NMCRISIS (662-7474) for free, confidential support is available 24 hours a day.

Additional resources are available through:

[Veterans Crisis Line](#)

[VA Mental Health Resources](#)

The New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services Healthcare Coordination Division assists and advocates for Veterans and their families with healthcare-related needs, including housing, suicide prevention, transportation, outreach, and healthcare access. Learn more at the New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services Healthcare Coordination Division here: <https://www.dvs.nm.gov/healthcare-coordination/>

Isotopes Military Appreciation Day May 17th

Join the New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services for 2026 Military & Veterans Appreciation Day at Isotopes Park on Sunday, May 17, 2026, as we honor the service and sacrifice of New Mexico's Veterans, active-duty service members, and military families.

Enjoy an afternoon of baseball, family fun, and community as the Albuquerque Isotopes take on the Oklahoma City Comets on Sunday, May 17, 2026. Gates open at 12:30 p.m., with first pitch at 1:35 p.m. Fans can also enjoy a post game Kids Fun Run, weather permitting.



Military and Veterans Day 2025

The Isotopes are offering special discounted tickets for active duty service members, Veterans, and their families with ID.me verification from this site: <https://www.gofevo.com/event/2026ABQMilitary?ref=DSTORM>

Military ID holders can also receive the discount in person at the Isotopes Park Box Office, Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Accepted forms of identification include a Uniformed Services Retiree ID Card, a driver's license with a Veteran designation, a VA Veterans Health ID Card, or a DD-214 separation papers.



New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services Office Closures June 1 – June 5, 2026

Select New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services offices will be closed from Monday, June 1, through Friday, June 5, while our Veteran Services Officers attend mandatory training.

Offices will reopen and resume regular business hours on Monday, June 8, 2026.

For immediate assistance, please call 505-383-2400 or visit our website at dvs.nm.gov for information on benefits and services.

Field Office Location	Status
Alamogordo	Closed
Albuquerque/Good Will	Closed
Albuquerque/Pine Tree	Open
Albuquerque/VA Hospital	Closed
Albuquerque/VARO	Open
Belen	Closed
Clovis	Closed
Farmington	Closed
Gallup	Closed
Grants	Closed
Hobbs	Closed
Las Cruces	Closed
Las Vegas (Limited Services)	Open
Rio Rancho	Closed
Roswell	Closed
Santa Fe (State benefits services only)	Open
Silver City	Closed
Taos	Closed



Women Veterans Corner

“Connecting Women Veterans — One Story at a Time.”

Amberly Viner, Women Veteran Program Manager

Did you know:

May is recognized as Military Appreciation Month, a time dedicated to honoring all who have served, including the growing population of women Veterans. Today, women make up more than 12% of the Veteran population, and many continue their service beyond the military as mothers, leaders, and community advocates. Memorial Day, observed on the last Monday of May, also honors the men and women who gave their lives in service to our nation, including the countless women whose sacrifices helped shape our military history.

Topic of the Month:

“Honoring Service, Strength, and Sacrifice”

May is a month of reflection, recognition, and gratitude as we celebrate Military Appreciation Month and honor the many roles women Veterans carry both in and out of uniform. It is a time to acknowledge not only their service to our nation, but also the strength, resilience, and leadership they bring to their families and communities every day.

For many women Veterans, service does not end when the uniform comes off—it evolves. In May, we recognize the unique and powerful role of women who are also mothers, mentors, caregivers, and leaders. Mother’s Day offers an opportunity to celebrate the strength and compassion of women who have balanced the demands of military service with raising families, often navigating challenges with unwavering dedication and grace. Their ability to lead at home and in service is a testament to their resilience and commitment.

At the same time, Memorial Day calls us to pause and honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Women have served in every conflict, and many have given their lives in defense of our nation. This solemn day reminds us of the cost of freedom and the courage of those who stood in its defense. It is also a time to reflect on the bonds shared among service members and to honor the legacy of those we have lost.

Throughout this month, we recognize that women Veterans embody a legacy of service that extends far beyond their time in uniform. They continue to strengthen our communities through leadership, advocacy, and support for one another. By sharing their stories, lifting each other up, and staying connected, we honor not only their service but also their continued impact.

“There is no limit to what we, as women, can accomplish.” — Michelle Obama

The New Mexico Department of Veterans’ Services Women Veterans Program (WVP) is dedicated to serving women Veterans and their families with dignity, respect, and excellence. As a primary point of contact, WVP provides advocacy and individualized support to help women Veterans navigate challenges faced during and after military service.

Through partnerships with federal, state, and community organizations, the program connects women Veterans to earned benefits, health care, mentorship, education, employment resources, and peer support networks. Women Veterans seeking assistance or connection to resources are encouraged to visit dvs.nm.gov to learn more.



SAVE THE DATE

NEW MEXICO

CONFERENCE ON AGING

SEPTEMBER 23-24, 2026

Glorieta Conference Center

AGING.NM.GOV *Registration Opening Summer 2026*

Military Women's Memorial, Preserving Her Story



The New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services needs your support in honoring the lasting contribution of women in uniform by preserving their stories. Our state is home to thousands of incredible servicewomen, and their legacies and service deserve to be remembered.

For more than 30 years, the Military Women's Memorial has collected names, photos, service records, and personal experiences of women who answered the call to serve. This permanent archive is the only one of its kind, ensuring "HERstory" is recognized as an essential part of America's story.

Registration is free and easy. If you are a woman who has served, add your story to the Military Women's National Digital Repository. By sharing your experience, you help shine a light on women's service and inspire future generations of New Mexicans.

Your service matters. Your story inspires. Your legacy deserves to be remembered.

Visit [womensmemorial.org](https://www.womensmemorial.org) to share your story and help preserve the history of women Veterans.

Native American Training Institute Veterans Symposium

The New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services (NMDVS) was honored to participate in the Native American Training Institute (NATI) Veterans Symposium held on Friday, May 1, at Isleta Resort and Casino. The gathering brought together Native American Veterans, community leaders, advocates, and service providers from across the state for a time of connection and honoring military service.

The Navajo Nation Women Veterans opened the symposium with a traditional Posting of Colors, followed by a land acknowledgment, invocation, and recognition of fallen comrades. Speakers included The Honorable Alan Martinez, New Mexico State Representative for District 23; Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Jack Fox, former NMDVS Cabinet Secretary; Beverly Charley, NMDVS Tribal Liaison; Robin Wilson, NMDVS Director of Field Services; and Patrick Trujillo, CEO and President of NATI. Presentations covered topics including women's health, suicide prevention, legacy planning, and available Veterans benefits and services.

NMDVS staff and accredited Veterans Service Officers were on-site, providing information and assistance to Veterans and family members regarding state and federal benefits, health care, and other support services.

One of the most meaningful moments of the symposium was a Celebration of Life honoring Ramus Suina, former Governor of Cochiti Pueblo and a longtime advocate for Native American Veterans. Suina dedicated decades of service to advancing health, education, and support programs for Native communities and Veterans across New Mexico. During the ceremony, the Suina family was presented with a handmade Sioux Star Quilt on behalf of the NATI Board in recognition of his lasting impact and commitment to helping Veterans.

The symposium also featured a flag-folding demonstration by the New Mexico National Guard Military Funeral Honors Team and a screening of "Honor Song", presented by the film's director, U.S. Air Force Veteran Ryan Begay. The documentary highlights the long history of Native American military service, cultural identity and the strong tradition of service among Native American women. The event concluded with closing remarks, prayer, and the playing of Taps, reinforcing the symposium's message of remembrance, service, and community.

NMDVS is grateful for the opportunity to support those who served and strengthen outreach to Tribal communities across New Mexico.



Take Your First Step Toward Entrepreneurship



Offered through the New Mexico Veterans Business Outreach Center (VBOC), Boots to Business is a free, two-day foundational entrepreneurship course designed for transitioning service members, veterans, National Guard and Reserve members, and military spouses interested in starting or growing a small business.

Participants will gain essential knowledge on the core principles of business ownership, including how to evaluate the feasibility of a business idea and how to develop a strategic business plan—an indispensable tool for any new or expanding venture. The curriculum also covers key topics such as securing start-up or growth capital, accessing technical assistance, and exploring federal contracting opportunities.

Join us for one of our dynamic, full-day sessions, typically held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please note that on-base access is required for classes held at military installations.

Whether you're just beginning your entrepreneurial journey or looking to expand your business, we're here to help guide your next steps. For more information about the Boots to Business program or to register, please contact VBOC Advisor **Christina Stover** at christina.stover@dvs.nm.gov or call **(505) 469-8501**.

City	Dates	Location
*Albuquerque, NM	May 12th Boots to Business	Kirtland AFB Consolidated Services Bldg.
Albuquerque	May 14th & 15th Military Spouse Training	2000 Zearing Ave. NW, 87104
*Alamogordo, NM	May 28th & 29th	Holloman AFB M&FR building

** Participants will require base access*

Funded in part through a Cooperative Agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration.

We Would Love to Help Promote Your Business!

Register your veteran-owned business with VBOC today!

Scan the QR code to fill out the form.



U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION



VETERANS BUSINESS OUTREACH CENTERS



Spring Honor Guard Training Conference and Competition



Honor Guard teams from across New Mexico gathered in Las Cruces on April 24 for the New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services (NMDVS) 17th Semi-Annual Honor Guard Training Conference and Competition. Held at Sonoma Ranch Golf Course and sponsored by AARP, the event featured a day of hands-on training, teamwork, and competition, underscoring a continued commitment to ensuring that Veterans receive the honors they have earned.

Maj. Trevor Thompson emceed the event, guiding the day's program and setting a professional tone. Edward Mendez, NMDVS Director of State Benefits, opened the conference with remarks emphasizing the importance of precision and respect in rendering Military Funeral Honors. The New Mexico Army National Guard Military Funeral Honors Team program, led by Sgt. Ivan Cano Rubio with Spc. Dakota Lucero and Lt. Col. James Chavez followed with a live demonstration of proper honors and techniques, reinforcing the high standards expected of all participating teams.

After training, each team rendered honors at a mock funeral. Their performances were graded by a panel of judges on how the teams executed the flag fold, flag presentation, the playing of Taps, and, in the case of larger units, the firing of a rifle volley. NMDVS manages and supports 29 all-volunteer Honor Guard teams across New Mexico, each committed to ensuring Veterans receive the honors they have earned.

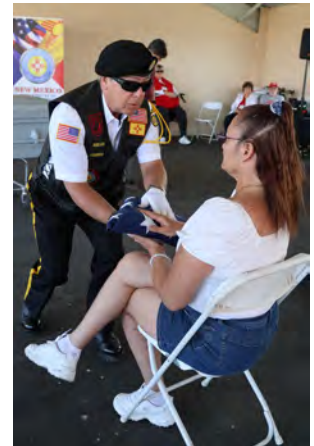


Congratulations to this year's first-place winners:

Small Division: Marine Corps League Detachment 478, El Pedro Diablo (Las Cruces)
 Medium Division: Marine Corps League Detachment 478, El Pedro Diablo (Las Cruces)
 Large Division: American Legion Post 13 (Albuquerque)
 Bugle Competition: Ralph Harris, Buglers Across America

Thank you to members of the Carlsbad, Silver City, Santa Fe Post 12 and Tse Alnaozti'i' honor guards for attending. Events like this ensure our Honor Guard teams remain prepared to carry out one of the most sacred duties in military service, honoring Veterans and their families with professionalism, respect, and care.

The fall training conference will be held in Albuquerque, with more information to follow on our website at dvs.nm.gov. Thank you to the New Mexico Army National Guard Military Funeral Honors Team and AARP for their support and collaboration.



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First place medium division: Marine Corps League Detachment 478, El Pedro Diablo/Las Cruces (from left to right): David Walker, NMDVS Cemetery and Memorials Bureau Chief; Bruce Kemper; Larry Rodriguez; Arthur Durante; Gilbert Terrin; Jeffrey Eakman; Frank Brennan; Richard Turk; Clemente Morales; Don Marquez; Joe Mendiola; Jeff George, NMDVS Benefits Bureau Chief.



First place large division: American Legion Post 13/Albuquerque (from left to right): David Walker, NMDVS Cemetery and Memorials Bureau Chief; Diana Wong; Jacob Rothstein; Peter Cortes; Dale Ballard; Valentina Garcia; Sean Kassebaum; Alfredo Gomez; Ramona Dongog; Jan Jourdain; Jeff George, NMDVS Benefits Bureau Chief.



Top "live" bugler honors went to Ralph Harris of Buglers Across America (from left to right): David Walker, NMDVS Cemetery and Memorials Bureau Chief; Ralph Harris, First Sergeant, U.S. Army (Ret.); Jeff George, NMDVS Benefits Bureau Chief.



Annual NMDVS Veteran Conference

Veterans, advocates, and service providers from across New Mexico gathered in Las Cruces on April 17–18 for the New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services' 2026 Annual Veterans Conference at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces.

The annual event focused on connecting Veterans and their families with the information, services, and organizations that help support New Mexico's Veteran community. This year's conference theme, "Empowering Every Veteran, Enriching Every Community," reflected the event's emphasis on expanding access to care, benefits, and community partnerships throughout the state.

Over the two-day conference, attendees heard updates on legislation affecting Veterans, available state and federal benefits, and programs offered by community organizations and partner agencies. Veterans also had opportunities to speak directly with accredited Veteran Service Officers and NMDVS staff about VA disability claims, health care enrollment, property tax exemptions, and other benefits.

Several presentations highlighted issues affecting specific Veteran populations and emerging support resources. Deborah O'Callaghan, Director of the Las Cruces Vet Center, led a discussion focused on women Veterans' mental health, while Katy Freytag of the New Mexico Department of Health presented information on the state's medical cannabis program and its use in treating PTSD and other mental health challenges. Additional sessions addressed VA tribal housing resources and support available to Native American Veterans and underserved communities across New Mexico.

The conference also included special recognition honoring Las Cruces resident Louis Massengale for his military service and lifelong contributions to his community. NMDVS Cabinet Secretary Jamison Herrera presented Massengale with an award of appreciation for his distinguished military career and his recent 100th birthday.

Massengale served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, then in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean and Vietnam Wars. As one of the Montford Point Marines, among the first African Americans to serve in the Marine Corps, he helped break racial barriers within the Armed Forces and later received the Congressional Gold Medal for his service and sacrifice.

NMDVS thanks the Veterans, families, exhibitors, and community organizations who participated in this year's conference and who continue to support Veterans throughout New Mexico.



Bataan Remembrance Ceremony Honors New Mexico's Legacy of Service and Sacrifice

The New Mexico National Guard (NMNG), in partnership with the New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services (NMDVS), welcomed Veterans, families, and community members at the Bataan Memorial Building in Santa Fe on April 9th to honor one of the most defining chapters in the state's military history.

Each year, New Mexicans gather to remember the Soldiers of the 200th and 515th Coast Artillery Regiments who deployed to the Philippines in 1941. After months of fierce fighting against Japanese forces, Allied troops surrendered on April 9, 1942. Thousands were taken prisoner and forced into the Bataan Death March. Nearly 1,800 of those captured were New Mexicans. Their courage, resilience, and sacrifice continue to shape the legacy of military service in our state.

This year's ceremony at the eternal flame recognized that legacy and reinforced the importance of remembrance for future generations. Speakers included The Honorable Michael Garcia, Mayor of Santa Fe; Brigadier General Nathaniel Carper, Deputy Adjutant General, NMNG; and Brigadier General (Ret.) Jamison Herrera, Cabinet Secretary of the New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services. Each reflected on the enduring impact of Bataan and the responsibility to carry forward the stories of those who served.

Following the ceremony, attendees were invited to view a special exhibition, *The Last of the 200th: Valdemar DeHerrera*, located in the breezeway outside the New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services at 407 Galisteo Street. The exhibition honors the life and legacy of Valdemar DeHerrera, New Mexico's last living Bataan Veteran.

DeHerrera, who passed away on July 15, 2025, at the age of 105, lived a life defined by service, family, and community. His story represents more than one individual experience. It reflects the strength, endurance, and sacrifice of an entire generation of Americans who answered the call during World War II.

A reception and lecture followed at the New Mexico Military Museum, offering attendees an opportunity to further reflect on DeHerrera's life and the broader history of Bataan.

Through ceremonies like this and exhibitions that preserve these stories, NMDVS continues its commitment to honoring New Mexico's Veterans and ensuring their legacy remains a lasting part of our state's history.





The New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services (NMDVS) recognizes Benefits Division Business Operations Specialist, Deja Rangel for her exceptional reliability, professionalism, and dedication to service. Deja consistently demonstrates strong follow-through, adaptability, and a commitment to supporting the Benefits Office, the Cemetery and Memorial programs team, and the Veterans we serve. Deja has provided top-notch service to our Honor Guard teams; she supports our Forgotten Heroes program as a committee member and is always willing to step up and volunteer to assist in our outreach efforts.

Ed Mendez, NMDVS Director of Veterans State Benefits, shared, "Deja's steady leadership, professionalism, and genuine care make a real difference in our daily operations. Her work ethic and positive spirit are invaluable to the department and to our agency's mission."

How long have you been with the agency?

I've been with NMDVS for just over one and a half years. I was previously the Deputy Director of Red Rock Park for the City of Gallup/McKinley County.

What do you enjoy most about your work with NMDVS?

I enjoy working with the Benefits division team here at NMDVS. We do a lot of work for veterans' cemeteries and honor guard teams, so there is never a slow day in the office, but coming to work doesn't feel like work when you work with a team that keeps the days light and fun.

What is your connection to the Veteran community?

I have many family members who have served in the Army & Marines; however, my closest connections are those of my grandfather, George Torres, who served in the Army during Vietnam, and my husband, who is an SSG in the AGR program for the NM National Guard.

Please tell us a little about yourself, and what you enjoy doing in your free time?

I am the middle child of three children, with an older brother and younger sister. I grew up in Gallup, NM, and attended college at NMSU. My husband and I have three cats (Ranger, Scout, and Tilly) and two dogs (Gunny and Cujo). I enjoy all the "grandma" hobbies! In my spare time, you can find me crocheting, doing embroidery, or reading if I'm at home. If we aren't at home, my husband and I are typically on the road to one of our favorite camping sites for a weekend of hiking and fishing or out crewing/flying with our favorite hot air balloons, Air Rocky Top & Princess Peach.

Three words to describe you?

Cool, Calm, and Chill. At work, I'm attentive, receptive, and knowledgeable.



NMDVS is hiring! View new job postings on the State of New Mexico careers page [here](#).





News from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Protecting Survivors from VA Benefits Scams

Scammers often target surviving family members shortly after a Veteran's death, when benefit payments are issued, and when grief can make some people more vulnerable to manipulation. The scammers may claim military authority or a shared service experience to gain trust, using high-pressure tactics to create a sense of urgency and forcing victims to make quick decisions. They often contact survivors via social media, email, text or phone.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) reminds families that many memorial and survivor benefits are provided **at no cost**, including burial in a VA national cemetery, military funeral honors, burial allowances, headstones or markers, Presidential Memorial Certificates, and survivor benefits. Always rely on official government sources for accurate information.

How to avoid scams:

- Use only official websites (look for "https://" and the U.S. government banner).
- Never share personal information with unverified individuals.
- Do not sign blank forms.
- Do not pay for benefits that VA provides for free.
- Learn more about burial benefits in the VA's "[Glad You Asked](#)" video.

Plan ahead:

Veterans can help protect their families from survivor-related fraud by applying in advance for burial in a VA national cemetery. This process, known as a pre-need determination of eligibility for burial, helps simplify burial planning for family members during a difficult time. Veterans can complete the VA [From 40-10007](#) and submit the required supporting documentation to VA by:

- Mail: NCA Intake Center, P.O. Box 5237, Janesville, WI 53547.
- Fax: National Cemetery Scheduling Office at 1-855-840-8299.

Report a Veteran's death promptly:

Family members should report a Veteran's death to VA as soon as possible to ensure VA stops benefits payments. If the death is not reported promptly, a survivor, fiduciary or executor of the Veteran's estate may be responsible for repaying any overpayments that are issued.

- Call: 1-800-827-1000 (Option 5)
- Mail: VA Claims Intake Center, PO Box 4444, Janesville, WI 53547-4444
- Or visit a VA regional office

Report on suspected fraud:

- VA: 1-800-827-1000
- FTC: reportfraud.ftc.gov
- Contact VSAFE: VSAFE.gov or 1-833-38V-SAFE

Staying informed and using official VA resources can help protect families and ensure they receive the benefits they have earned. For complete article: <https://news.va.gov/146288/scams-target-surviving-family-members/>

VA Travel Reimbursement Program Helps Veterans Access Health Care

Traveling to medical appointments can create financial challenges for many veterans, especially those who must drive long distances for specialty care or recurring treatment. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Beneficiary Travel program helps reduce that burden by reimbursing eligible veterans for mileage and approved travel-related expenses connected to VA health care appointments.

In addition to mileage reimbursement for privately owned vehicles, veterans may also qualify for payment or reimbursement of approved expenses such as parking fees, tolls, public transportation, meals, and lodging when medically necessary and authorized. Reimbursement rates are determined by the VA and may change periodically.

Veterans may qualify for Beneficiary Travel reimbursement if they meet one or more of the following conditions:

- Have a VA disability rating of 30% or higher
- Are traveling for treatment of a service-connected condition
- Receive a VA pension
- Meet VA financial hardship guidelines
- Are traveling for a scheduled compensation and pension (C&P) examination
- Are medically unable to travel by standard transportation methods and require special transportation arrangements approved by the VA

The program covers travel to:

- VA medical centers and clinics
- Community care appointments authorized by the VA
- VA-approved dental appointments
- Compensation and pension examinations
- Certain approved non-VA health care appointments

Veterans are encouraged to file travel claims within 30 days of their appointment date. Claims can be submitted online through the VA's Beneficiary Travel Self Service System (BTSSS), by mail, in person at a VA facility, or through the VA Health and Benefits mobile app. Direct deposit remains the fastest way for veterans to receive reimbursement payments.

The VA's online Beneficiary Travel Self Service System allows veterans to manage claims electronically, upload receipts, review claim status, and receive updates without visiting a VA office. Veterans using the system will need a Login.gov or ID.me account to sign in. More information on eligibility, filing, and managing travel reimbursement claims can be found here: <https://www.va.gov/health-care/file-travel-pay-reimbursement/>

Veterans are encouraged to review the additional guides and step-by-step resources on the following pages for more information on eligibility requirements, filing travel claims, using the Beneficiary Travel Self Service System, and accessing other VA travel reimbursement tools and services.

Veterans Travel Reimbursement Process—for travel eligible veterans Beneficiary Travel Self Service System

1 Getting Started

From a computer, tablet or smart phone go to:

<https://eauth.va.gov/accessva/>

Choose I am a Veteran

Then ~ In order to login to BTSSS

The Preferred method to Login to BTSSS is

Proceed to My Dashboard

3 Initiate a Claim

Select Profile Address (The profile address is what is currently on file with the VA)

Profile Address
 814 NE 185th Street Prescott AZ 86305

First Name: James
 Address Line 1: 1662 Village RV Park

Middle Name: Linus
 Address Line 2:

Last Name: Madison
 City: Prescott

Appointment: Vista-Pre Wound Care
 State: AZ

Zip/Postal Code: 86301

Create Claim and Add Expenses

Claim Details

Add and review your claim expenses and receipts

Claim Details
 Add and review your claim expenses and receipts for a claim record

The Veteran normally does not need to view claim detail information

Meals and Lodging must Be PRE-AUTHORIZED

Add Expenses

Select Expenses

Add the selected Expense

- Select Expense
- Air Travel Expense
- Common Carrier Expense
- Lodging Expense
- Meal Expense
- Mileage Expense**
- Parking Expense
- Toll Expense
- Other Expense

Date (*Required)
 Month: March Day: 21 Year: 2023

Mileage / Reimbursement

Trip Type: Round Trip

Mileage Requested: 7.54

Cost: 7.54

Challenge Mileage: No Yes

Save

Expense Line Items

Type	Date	Description	Requested	Submitted
Mileage	07/13/2023	Miles 18.18	\$7.54	\$7.54
			Total	\$754

2 My Dashboard

Claims Name	Claims Number	Status	Last Update	Facility
Claim Created by James Madison 7/11/23	TC202307114293576	Approved for Payment	7/13/23	Dr. Bones Chiropractic
Claim Created by Super User 7/16/23	TC202307116335611	In Manual Review	7/13/23	American Eye Clinic
Claim Created by Super User 6/30/23	TC202307115273584	Claim Paid	7/01/23	Freeseau Kidney Care

Appointments Shows Only last 90 days because of the Timely filing rule

Appt Name	Date/Time	Assoc Claim	Claim Status	Facility
Vista 649 Wound Care	06/29/23	Claim Created	Claim Created	Your VAMC
Community Care Cardiac care	7/14/23	Create	Needs Proof of Visit	The Rhythm Center
Community Care Other	7/24/23	Create	Needs Proof of Visit	

1 2 Don't See your Community Care Appointment Create ONE For Community Care Appointments
 SEE back side of this page for details

Community Care appointments — Create the Appointment and provide PROOF of Attendance

Claims will be denied if proper proof is not submitted! If a travel claim has been denied for no submitted proof, 1 year is given for the veteran to submit proper proof and request the claim be reprocessed — Claims will not be reprocessed unless the veteran contacts the local VMAC Beneficiary Travel office!

4 Submit Claim for Processing

Beneficiary Travel Agreement Notice
 Penalty Statement: There are severe criminal and civil penalties including fines or imprisonment, or both for knowingly submitting a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim

I agree to the terms

Submit Claim

***EFT (Direct Deposit) Is Required**
 Claims approved for payment within this system are designed to use electronic funds transfer to your checking/savings or VA debit card—You can confirm if your EFT information is on file by reviewing your Veteran Profile screen. If the information is missing or incorrect you must contact your local BT office to have it corrected the official form is a VA Form 10091 (VA-FSC Vendor File Request Form)

Beneficiary Travel Self Service System (BTSSS) VA Travel Pay Portal

Community Care Claims

When your doctor says, go to a NON-VA provider (DR. Bones Chiropractic Care)

Appointments

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(1 2) Don't See your Community Care Appointment **Create ONE**

Create Non-VA Appointment

Appointment Facility Name (*Required)

Dr Bones Chiropractic - Prescott - AZ

Date (*Required) Month: March Day: 29 Year: 2023 Time (*Required) 09:00 AM

Please enter a descriptive name.

CC-Chiro visit

Create New Appointment

Appointment Facility Name *

- Bob Stump Department VAMC Northern AZ VAHCS - Prescott - AZ
- Crystal Canyon Ear, Nose, Throat & Facial Plastic Surgery - Flagstaff - AZ
- Crystal Canyon ENT - Flagstaff - AZ
- Dahl Chiropractic Clinic -Tuba City - Tuba City - AZ
- Dahl Chiropractic Clinics & Balanced Nutrition Centers - Flagstaff - AZ
- Dentistry at Dove Valley - Cave Creek - AZ
- Desert Family Eye Center - Kingman - Kingman - AZ
- Desert Vein & Vascular Institute - Peoria - Peoria - AZ
- Dignity Health - Cancer - Phoenix - Phoenix - AZ
- Disc and Spine Center-PV - Prescott Valley - AZ
- Distinctive Dental Care - Prescott - Prescott - AZ
- Dr Bones Chiropractic - Prescott - AZ
- Dynamic Pain Rehabilitation - Henderson - NV
- Dysart Dental Lic - Litchfield Park - Litchfield Park - AZ
- Encompass Health Valley Of The Sun Rehab - Glendale - Glendale - AZ
- EntireCare Rehab & Sports Medicine - Cottonwood - Cottonwood - AZ
- EntireCare Rehab & Sports Medicine - Sedona - Sedona - AZ
- EntireCare Rehab & Sports Medicine - Village of Oak Creek - Sedona - AZ
- EntireCare Rehab & Sports Medicine -Flagstaff- Flagstaff - AZ
- Flagstaff Bone & Joint - Flagstaff - AZ
- Flagstaff Bone & Joint - Kingman - Kingman - AZ

30 Day Timely Filing Rule

Claims not properly filed within 30 days of the appointment will be denied

Important!!

Proof of Attendance is required WITH all community care claims
Claims may be denied if there is no Proof of Attendance
It is the veterans responsibility to provide the Proof of Attendance
(some Non-VA clinics do not return the Medical Record Chart Note to the VA in a timely manner)

3 Initiate a Claim

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814 NE 185th Street Prescott AZ 86305

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State: AZ

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Appointment: Dr Bones Chiropractic

Create Claim and Add Expenses

Add Expenses

Select an expense type

Select Expense

Add Selected Expense

Add Expenses

Select an expense type

- Air Travel Expense
- Common Carrier Expense
- Lodging Expense
- Meal Expense
- Mileage Expense
- Parking Expense
- Toll Expense
- Other Expense

Add an Attachment

View Appointment Details

Add an Attachment (*Required)

Upload an image, Word document, or PDF.

Upload File

Back

Save

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Bob Stump VA Medical Center
690 N Hwy 89, Prescott, AZ 86313

In Reply Refer to: Beneficiary Travel Reimbursements (136-HAS)

This letter serves as PROOF OF ATTENDANCE to any VA-approved appointments being submitted for Travel Pay.

VETERAN:
Full Legal Name: James Madison
Social Security: 867-90-3069
Last 4: [Redacted]

TREATING FACILITY: Dr Bones Chiropractic
Address: 1246 E Garley St
Prescott, AZ 86301

We hereby CERTIFY that the Veteran above was seen on 09/14/22 Date and Time

Verified by: [Signature] Facility Staff Signature and Title

How To Submit:
• Mail this form along with Bob Stump, Beneficiary Travel Reimbursement form and Fax this document to the VA
• Drop off forms to the VA

Sincerely,
Beneficiary Travel Team

AFTER VISIT SUMMARY

Instructions: From ROBERT CRISAL MD
REQUEST TO SURGERY SCHEDULER (ROBERT CRISAL, MD)
Submitted for: 767028261

What's Next
05/7/2021 Office Visit with Mark Johnson, DPT
Thursday October 7 2:10 PM

05/7/2021 Home Pickup with PMIC Clinic 2
Thursday October 7 2:30 PM James

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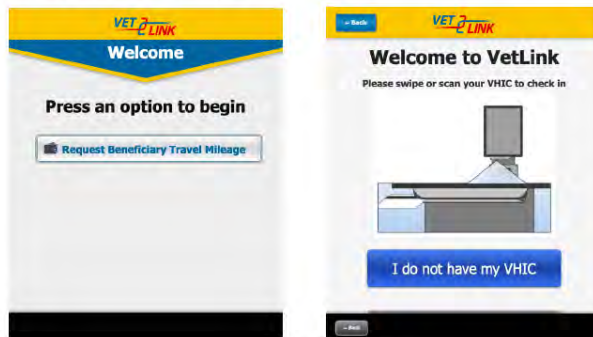
Submit Claim

Kiosk BTSSS Integration: Patient Workflow

The following screens show how a Veteran submits a Beneficiary Travel claim directly into BTSSS utilizing the integrated kiosk modality.

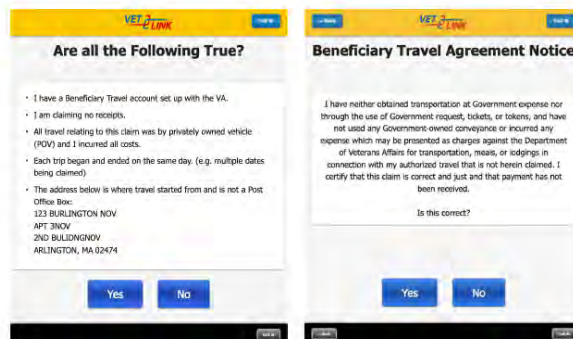
Patient Kiosk Workflow Screens

1. Patient selects the [Request Beneficiary Travel Mileage](#) button.
2. Patient authenticates with their Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC) or their Social Security number (SSN).
3. Patient selects their Birthdate



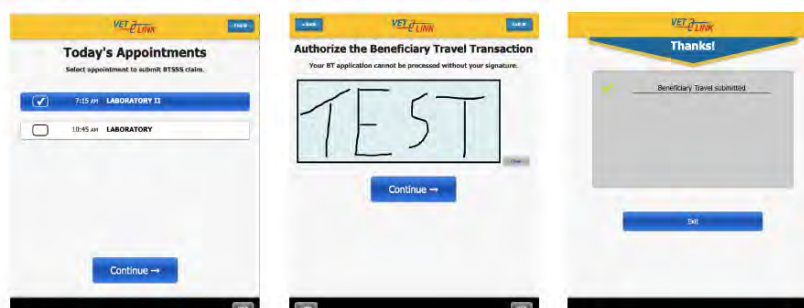
Patient Kiosk Workflow Screens

4. Patient indicates "Yes" that they are eligible to submit for mileage only beneficiary travel (BT).
5. Patient indicates "Yes" and agree to the BT agreement notice.



Patient Kiosk Workflow Screens

6. If the patient has more than one appointment, they will be asked to select the appointment they are filing a BT claim for and select [Continue](#).
7. Patient then digitally signs the authorization screen and selects [Continue](#).
8. BT claim submission confirmed and BT receipt prints from kiosk printer.



VA

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Health Administration
New Mexico VA Health Care System

KIRTLAND Air Force Base JAG

WILL CLINIC FOR VETERANS

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*Free will preparation for eligible Veterans of modest means.
Spouses may attend for support – only Veterans may execute wills.*

Free service • First-come, first-served • Basic wills only



Why Make a Will?

- Ensure your property and assets go to the people you choose.
- Provide care instructions for dependents.
- Name an executor to manage your estate.

FREE LEGAL SERVICE

- May 12, 2026
- August 11, 2026
- November 10, 2026

9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Walk-in only

No appointment needed

New Mexico VA Health Care System
1501 San Pedro Drive SE, Bldg. Annex
Albuquerque, NM 87108

BRING WITH YOU

- **Photo ID**
- **Beneficiary information**
- **Prior will (if any)**
- **Completed worksheets**
- **Please complete worksheets before arrival**
- **Please contact Ladonna Somers (contact information below) for the worksheets**

CONTACT US: Ladonna Somers LCSW, CCM
Veterans Justice Program Specialist
(505) 265-1711 ext. 6886



VA



U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

RAPID TMS STUDY FOR POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER (PTSD)

HRPO #23451; VA IRB #1784011; Version 7/29/24



ABOUT THIS STUDY



**LOOKING FOR VETERANS
AGES 18-80 DIAGNOSED
WITH POST TRAUMATIC
STRESS DISORDER (PTSD)**



WHAT IS TMS?

TMS stands for transcranial magnetic stimulation which is a **NON-INVASIVE** neural stimulation that targets specific areas of your brain and sends magnetic pulses to stimulate the region.



WILL I BE COMPENSATED?

This study is a RAPID TMS procedure that will have approximately 7 in person visits and 3 phone screens. All visits and 3 follow-up phone calls will be compensated.



STUDY PROCEDURES

This study will include behavioral testing, blood draw, brain scans, brain stimulation and completion of surveys

WE CARE ABOUT YOUR HEALTH

- Our long-term goal is to develop safe, acceptable treatments for military posttraumatic symptoms that address underlying physiological response, provide sustained relief, improve functioning and quality of life, and meet the needs and preferences of those with lived experiences



(505)-265-1711 Ext 3640



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Please send you submissions to DVS.PIO@dvs.nm.gov



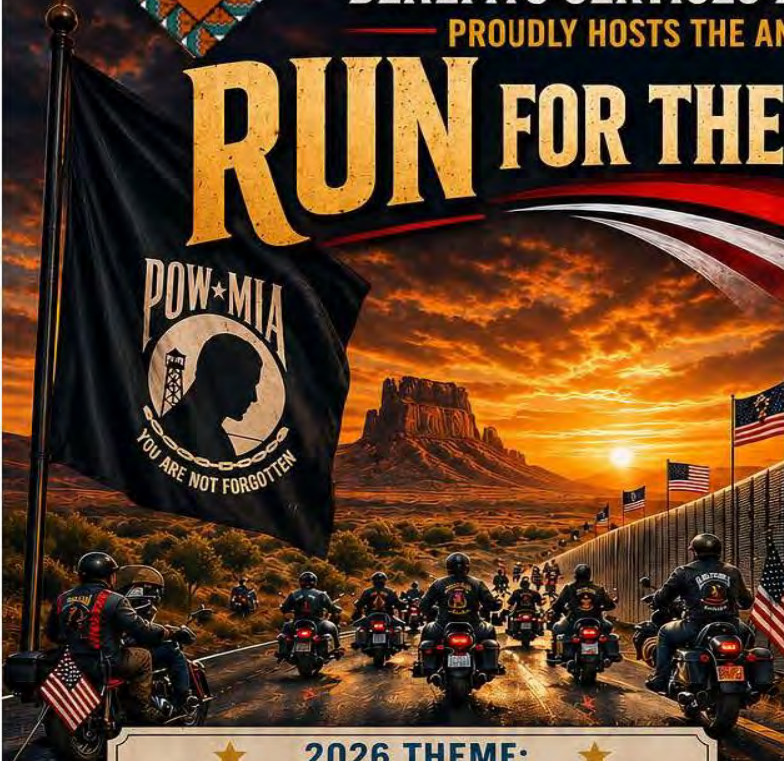


THE PUEBLO OF LAGUNA BENEFITS SERVICES PROGRAM

PROUDLY HOSTS THE ANNUAL

RUN FOR THE WALL

★ 2026 ★



★ 2026 THEME: ★
HONORING GULF WAR VETERANS

Run For The Wall is an annual cross-country motorcycle ride honoring our veterans, raising awareness for Prisoners of War (POW) and those Missing in Action (MIA), and promoting healing among all who have served.

 **FRIDAY,
MAY 15, 2026**

 **EVENT BEGINS AT
7:30 AM**

 **KHE SANH
HISTORICAL MARKER
NM Highway 124**

 **ADDITIONAL STOP:
PUEBLO OF LAGUNA
MIDDLE SCHOOL**

★ HONOR. HEALING. REMEMBRANCE. ★

COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND AND SHOW SUPPORT.

★ BRING YOUR FAMILIES AND JOIN US IN HONORING OUR VETERANS. ★



== ★ FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: ★ ==
PATRICK ARAGON | 📞 505-552-6513



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NMNGA SPRING GOLF TOURNAMENT 2026



★ BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS THAT STRENGTHEN THE GUARD ★



LOCATION
LOS ALTOS
GOLF COURSE
ALBUQUERQUE, NM



DATE
MAY 15, 2026



TIME
8:00 AM
SHOTGUN START



FORMAT
4-PERSON
SCRAMBLE



CONNECT WITH MILITARY & COMMUNITY LEADERS
WHILE SUPPORTING PROGRAMS THAT STRENGTHEN OUR GUARD.



GOLF PACKAGES

INDIVIDUAL GOLFER

\$125

TEAM (4 PLAYERS)

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Day-Long Veterans Meditation Retreat For Veterans, By Veterans



Every Veteran welcome regardless of discharge status, gender, race, LGBTQI+ and/or Two-Spirited identity

Register Now

Space is limited: contact us through this registration form.



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WHEN: May 16th, 2026

WHERE: Holy Cross Retreat Center, 600 Holy Cross Rd., Mesilla Park, NM 88047

9:00 am – 4:00 pm, noon lunch

WHY: Introduce Meditation techniques, improve Veterans' mental health

Free of Charge

All expenses sponsored by the McCune Foundation and Life Transition Meditation Center

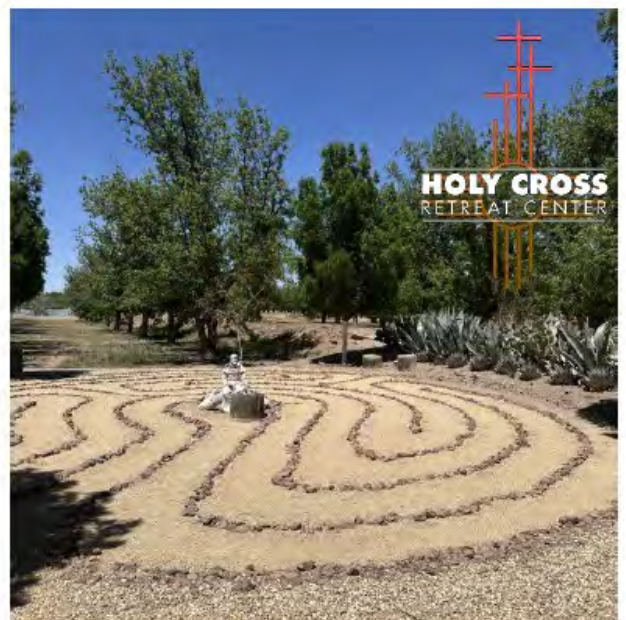


PayPal

\$50 refundable registration donation through PayPal or mailed check (info in registration)



A yoga session during a previous retreat.



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ATTENTION VETERANS

Greater Albuquerque Habitat for Humanity introduces our
Critical Systems Replacement Program (CSR)

This is a no cost program for Veterans

Eligible projects:

- Heating and cooling systems
 - Window Replacements
 - Roof Replacement
 - Bathroom modification

Low-income Veteran homeowners are encouraged to apply

Must be current on mortgage, homeowner insurance and taxes

For more information contact **Toye Adams** at **(505) 359-2436**

THIS IS NOT AN EMERGENCY PROGRAM. APPLICANT MUST COMPLETE APPLICATION AND MEET HUD INCOME GUIDELINES.

Veteran benefits are not counted as income for eligibility



Red River Visitor's Center

Memorial Weekend Schedule

Thursday, May 21st - Monday, May 25th

Food Vendor Times & Music

12pm-8pm Thursday

10am-8pm Friday, Saturday & Sunday

8am-12pm Monday



Friday 9am Wall of Honor Opening Ceremony

A separate Grief Counseling room has been made available to those who may need it.

Fri. thru Sun. 9am-8pm Wall of Honor

Fri. thru Sun. 9am-5pm Free Veteran Services Booths

FOREST SERVICE AND BLM- ISSUING PUBLIC LAND PASSES

PROJECT HEALING WATERS- FLY FISHING

SERVICE DOGS OF NEW MEXICO

NATIONAL VETERANS HEALING AND WELLNESS CENTER

HONOR FLIGHT- NATIONAL MEMORIALS

Fri. & Sat. 11am-1pm Patch & Challenge Coin Swap

Sunday 6pm Flag Retiring Ceremony *Weather permitting*

Donated flags will be used to honor fallen service members.

Bring flags to be donated to the Red River Visitor's Center Office.

If you would like to have the officiant honor a fallen service member or first responder on your behalf, please submit your honoree at Red River Visitor's Center Office or Online at: redriver.org

FLAG, LETTER AND NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DONATIONS

WILL BE COLLECTED THROUGHOUT

MEMORIAL WEEKEND

***** PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING *****



Veteran's Mental Health Panel & Resource Fair

Friday, May 22nd 9am-1pm

New Mexico Veteran's Memorial
1100 Louisiana Blvd SE
Albuquerque



National Alliance on Mental Illness

NAMI Albuquerque

Seeking vendors. No registration fee. For more info or
RSVP: 505-256-0288 or amy@namialbuquerque.org

OJO ENCINO VETERANS ORGANIZATION PRESENTS



MEMORIAL DAY EVENT

Ojo Encino Chapter House
MAY 22, 2026



- ◆ FLAG RAISING AT 8AM
- ◆ Unfolding & Refolding of Flag
- ◆ Remembrance of Community Deceased Veterans
- ◆ Lunch Provided
- ◆ Bike Run in Remembrance



Please contact Commander or Vice, notifying you will be bringing a flag to be unfolded are refolded.

★ HONORING ALL WHO SERVED ★

Commander Sherilynne Juan (505)446-3397

Vice Commander Shannon Toledo (575)385-1086



American Legion Section 1



100-Year Memorial Day Re-dedication

Hosted by American Legion Post 13 Carlisle Bennett



Saturday, May 23, 2026

9:30 am

@ Historic Fairview Cemetery

700 Yale Boulevard

Albuquerque, NM 87106



Reception to Follow

American Legion Post 13 Carlisle Bennett
1201 Legion Rd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87102

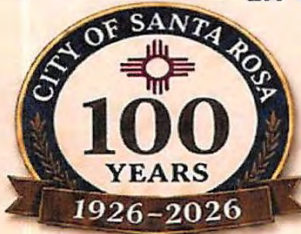


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 CELEBRATING
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★ **SATURDAY** ★
MAY 23, 2026

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
 THE 11:00 AM PARADE



GUADALUPE COUNTY
DAVID J. FLORES
VETERANS CENTER
 720 LAKE DRIVE
 SANTA ROSA, NEW MEXICO 88435



On behalf of the City of Santa Rosa and Guadalupe County,
 you are formally invited to attend this special collaborative event
 honoring the brave men and women who have served our nation.

Join us as we commemorate 100 years of history, community, and progress
 along Historic Route 66, while paying tribute to the service and sacrifice
 of our veterans.

THIS EVENT PROUDLY FEATURES:

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 (1926-2026)



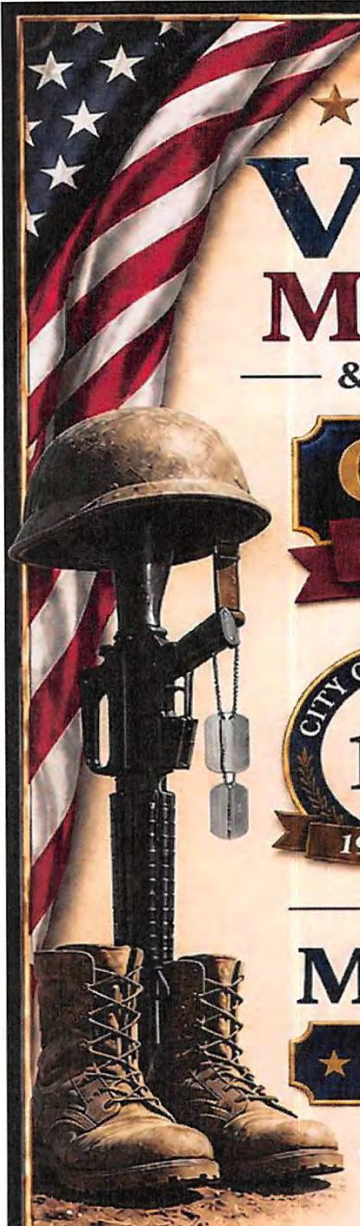
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New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services
Angel Fire Vietnam Veterans' Memorial
Memorial Day Weekend
2026

RUN FOR THE WALL RIDERS
Friday, May 15th at approximately 3:30 P.M.

Please join us as we salute, welcome, and honor approximately 350 "Run for the Wall" riders as they make their 14th stop on the ride from Ontario, CA to Washington, DC. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial is one of the most important stops on the ride due to the significance of its hallowed grounds and the meaning it holds for so many riders.

REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY
Sunday, May 24th, 6:00 P.M.

A remembrance vigil on the eve of Memorial Day for reflection and healing for families and friends of beloved veterans who have passed on. The ceremony highlights include a performance by the 44th Army Band Ensemble, the Woman Veterans Warriors Color Guard, a flag presentation by the Vietnam Veteran Legacy Vets Motorcycle Club, remarks by Kathleen Cardona from the Gold Star Spouses of America Inc., and a Missing Man Table and "Those Who Came Before Us" presentation by the Women Veteran Warriors Color Guard.

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY
Monday, May 25th, at 9:00 A.M.

For over 50 years, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Day Ceremony has been and continues to be an emotional yet, healing time for veterans and their families as we honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice to our nation. This year's activities include the Annual Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Flag March, a performance by the 44th Army Band Ensemble, the Woman Veteran Warriors Honor Guard, a 21 Gun Salute by the Tsidi Toii Veterans, a New Mexico National Guard UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter static display, and a keynote address by Capt. William A. Robinson, U.S. Air Force (Ret.)

Please Join Us!
 Angel Fire Vietnam Veterans' Memorial,
 34 Country Club Rd., Angel Fire, NM 87710 575-377-2293



MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Monday, May 25th, 2026

**9:00 AM - Start @ USS Bullhead Memorial Park
1606 San Pedro Dr SE, Albuquerque, NM 87108**

**10:00 AM - Finish @ NM Veterans Memorial Park
1100 Louisiana Blvd SE, Albuquerque, NM 87108**



To participate, email: ttozier@cabq.gov

For more information: (505) 768-4496



MEMORIAL ★ DAY ★



Remember & Honor

Join us this Memorial Day as we honor and remember the brave service members who gave their lives in service to our nation.

All are welcome to attend this special ceremony as we reflect, give thanks, and pay tribute to our fallen heroes.

May 25th 2026

Ceremony Begins at 10:30 AM

**NM Veterans Memorial Park
1100 Louisiana Blvd SE
Albuquerque, NM 87108**



For more information
and to be a vendor:
(505) 768-4495



27TH ANNUAL ROSWELL REMEMBERS

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

MONDAY, MAY 25

GROUNDS OPEN
10 AM

EVENT BEGINS
11 AM

ROSWELL
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HIGHLY DECORATED GUEST SPEAKER | MUSIC
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Carlsbad Veteran Resource Fair

05.28.2026

9:00 am-2:00 pm

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4012 National Parks Hwy
Carlsbad, NM 88220



For more information, contact Martine Hylton-Sanders

 (915) 246-7578



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Veteran and Family Members Public Reading



June 3, 2026 6:00 – 9:00 PM

Otero Artspace, 1118 Indiana Ave, Alamogordo, NM 88310

Join award-winning veteran and family members as they share their published readings and engage the audience with how writing has helped them heal and how to get started with publishing your work. Free. POC is Jim Tritten from SWW 505-453-6795 / jimtritten@comcast.net or Lori Arella, 845-797-3642 / drloria@gmail.com



Navajo Division of Behavioral & Mental Health Services

2026

Operation Veterans Wellness

Friday, July 17, 2026

9am-4pm

Gallup Sports Complex

SAVE THE DATE

VETERAN OR FIRST RESPONDER SEEKING GUIDANCE?

Enjoy a complimentary week filled with mindful education, body rejuvenation, and uplifting camaraderie alongside fellow veterans and their partners in the beautiful mountains of New Mexico. Discover valuable therapeutic and holistic tools while embracing Post Traumatic Growth.



NATIONAL VETERANS WELLNESS & HEALING CENTER UPCOMING RETREAT DATE:

June 7-14, 2026



Retreats offer complimentary lodging, meals, and a variety of activities such as massage therapy, acupuncture, yoga, horseback riding, and much more! Please note that travel



Eligibility Criteria for Attendance:
1. Veterans & First Responders diagnosed with PTS
2. A support partner must accompany you
3. Participants must have been free from drug or alcohol abuse for at least 12 months
Note: New Mexico participants will receive priority. Participants from other states will be accepted as funding permits.

505-501-8337
retreats@vethealingcenter.org

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Women Veterans Recognition Day

Friday, June 12,
5pm
American Legion
Post 99
4500 Silver Ave SE

Come on out and help support
Honoring and Recognizing our Women Veterans

MUST RSVP to Diana Wong 575.640.3042
(need name, Phn#, # of Women Veterans/#
of guests, dinner choice for each)



- Opening Ceremony
- Free Dinner for our Women Vets
- (Guests \$7) pay at door
- Choice of Pot roast, Baked Chicken, or Vegetarian (mashed potatoes, veggies roll, salad) prepared by Pop Smoke
- Cake provided by Women Veterans of New Mexico
- Door Prizes
- Gifts Bags for the first 100 Women Veterans
- Music and lots of fun!



THE CENTER FOR WOMEN VETERANS

Boots on the Ground for Boots on the Ground
FIVE REGIONAL SUMMITS

1ST STOP
THE SOUTHWEST

WOMEN VETERANS
ENROLLMENT INITIATIVE



The Center for Women Veterans is traveling across the United States bringing women Veterans together to connect, enroll in the VA, share resources and strengthen the women Veterans community.



HONORING SERVICE • EMPOWERING WOMEN VETERANS

Women Veterans Enrollment Initiative in the Southwest Friday, July 24, 2026, and Saturday, July 25, 2026. At the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, San Antonio, TX. No cost to register click [here](#) for more information:

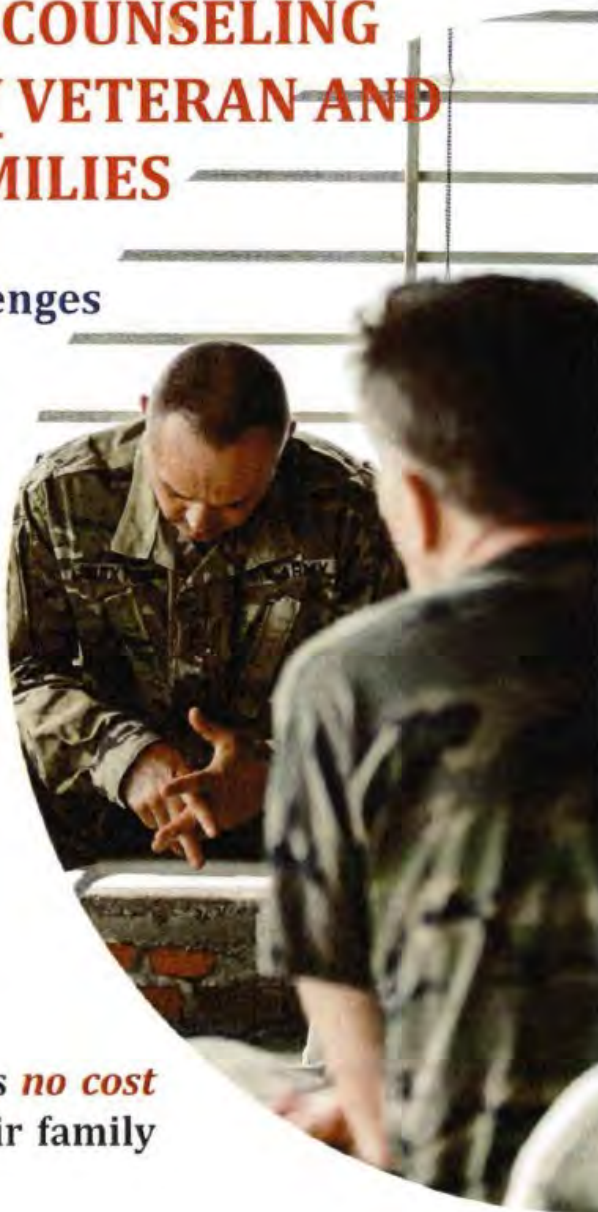
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PROGRAM FOR ANY VETERAN AND THEIR FAMILIES

Designed to Overcome Life's Challenges

- Individual, group, and family member counseling
- Individual Counseling to address conflict and communication problems
- Peer Support services to assist when challenging times are present
- Apply Trauma Informed Care to All Our Programs



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U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Health Administration
New Mexico VA Health Care System



IS YOUR FAMILY MEMBER ELIGIBLE? ASK YOUR VA CARE TEAM

A "home away from home" allowing families and loved ones to be close during an inpatient stay and to focus on what's important--the healing process.

A member of the inpatient Veterans Care Team must enter the request for bedside support of a veterans, a family member cannot call directly FISHER HOUSE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA (50 FAMILIA)

- 50 miles/from ABQ Fisher House
- Family member/caregiver of an inpatient Veteran at the VA
- Actively engaged in the inpatient's treatment plan
- Medically stable and capable of self-care (Guest must be)
- Independent and able to live in a shared space setting
- Living in stable, permanent housing (not homeless)
- Is free from communicable illness (flu, chicken pox, measles, C-Diff, COVID, etc.)
- Agrees to the Fisher House Guest Agreement and Rules



Raymond G. Murphy/NMVAHCS
Albuquerque Fisher House
1501 San Pedro Dr. SE, Building 85
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87108
(505) 265-1711 Ext. 3180 - ABQFisherHouse@va.gov

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is Good Medicine



NMDVS Field Offices in New Mexico

NMDVS has field offices throughout the state that are staffed with nationally accredited veterans service officers (VSOs) dedicated to helping Veterans with filing VA claims, applying for state Veterans benefits, or with anything else a Veteran or their family needs.

Office hours are Monday-Friday from 8am-5pm, (excluding holidays). Though this service is free, appointments are required and can be made by contacting the VSOs below. **Please note: VSOs can also provide help by phone or email for any Veteran or eligible dependent anywhere in New Mexico.**

Alamogordo/Southeast NM

David Henley

411 10th Street #107

(575) 937-5620

david.henley@dvs.nm.gov

Alamogordo/Southeast NM

Matthew Quinn (VSO I)

411 10th Street #107

(575) 546-8367

matthew.quinn@dvs.nm.gov

Albuquerque Metro Area

May Chavez (ABQ Metro Supervisor)

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helen.chavez@dvs.nm.gov

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