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New Mexico Honors the Fallen on Memorial Day

From Questa to Angel Fire, Albuquerque, Ojo Encino, and communities across New Mexico, Veterans, families, and community members gathered over Memorial Day weekend to honor the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to the nation. There were ceremonies, flag displays, memorial rides, and moments of reflection that reinforced the true meaning of Memorial Day.

In Questa, the New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services (NMDVS) joined community members, Veterans, and families at the 22nd Annual Veterans Healing Field, where a pasture owned by the Rael family was transformed into a sea of red, white, and blue as 1,000 American flags were displayed in tribute to fallen service members, Veterans, active-duty military personnel, and hometown heroes. Visitors walked among the rows of flags, each representing an individual story of service and sacrifice.

At the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Angel Fire, NMDVS joined Veterans, Gold Star families, active-duty service members, and visitors from across the country for the annual Memorial Day observance. For more than 50 years, the memorial has served as a place of healing and remembrance, drawing generations of Americans to honor the nation's fallen heroes.

The ceremony featured the annual Flag March to the memorial, military displays, music, and tributes recognizing those who gave their lives in service to the United States. Speakers included NMDVS Cabinet Secretary Jamison Herrera and keynote speaker Capt. William "Bill" A. Robinson, U.S. Air Force (Ret.), the longest-held enlisted Prisoner of War in American history. Robinson reflected on sacrifice, service, and the lasting impact of war on military families and fellow Veterans.

"Today is about those who gave everything. Those who did not return to their families, to their homes, or to the futures they deserved," Herrera said. "Here in Angel Fire, among these hills, we say their names not with words alone, but with our presence, our silence, and our commitment to honoring their legacy."

At the Ojo Encino Chapter House, members of the Ojo Encino Veterans Organization hosted a Memorial Day observance featuring a flag ceremony, recognition of deceased community Veterans, and a memorial motorcycle ride. NMDVS Tribal Liaison Beverly Charley attended the event, joining Veterans, families, and community members in honoring those who served and sacrificed. The gathering highlighted the deep tradition of military service within tribal communities and the importance of preserving the memory of those who gave their lives in defense of the nation.

In Albuquerque, hundreds gathered at the New Mexico Veterans Memorial for the city's annual Memorial Day ceremony. This year's event also marked the 30th anniversary of the memorial park, adding to a day dedicated to remembrance. The ceremony included military honors, a parade of flags, wreath presentations, musical tributes, and recognition of Gold Star and Blue Star families. NMDVS Deputy Secretary Eric James joined attendees in honoring New Mexico's fallen heroes.

Though each community observed Memorial Day in its own way, the message remained the same across New Mexico: honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice and preserving their legacy for future generations.

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Statewide Calendar Highlights of America 250 Celebrations



The NM Spirit calendar features a wide variety of America 250 events taking place across New Mexico. In addition to Independence Day celebrations, visitors can find heritage festivals, museum exhibits, educational programs, Route 66 Centennial events, cultural activities, and local history programs scheduled throughout the year.

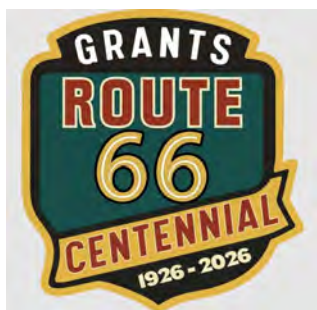
Among the many events highlighted are Independence Day celebrations in Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Rio Rancho, Portales, and other communities across the state. Residents can find information on parades, concerts, family festivals, patriotic ceremonies, firework displays, and community gatherings honoring both America's 250th anniversary and New Mexico's unique heritage.

Among the events featured on the NM Spirit calendar are:

- **Albuquerque**—Freedom 4th in Albuquerque, one of the state's largest Independence Day celebrations, featuring live entertainment, food vendors, family activities, and a fireworks finale at Balloon Fiesta Park.
- **Santa Fe Independence Day Celebration** —The City of Santa Fe will host the municipal fireworks and drone show at Franklin E. Miles Park, 1027 Camino Carlos Rey, Santa Fe, NM 87505 to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the United States on Saturday, July 4, 2026. The show will consist of 400 drones.
- **Rio Rancho** —The City of Rio Rancho will present a 4th of July Celebration featuring a parade, performance by NM Philharmonic, food trucks, and fireworks. The event takes place on Saturday, July 4 from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Campus Park, 2516 King Blvd, Rio Rancho, NM 87144.
- **Portales**—America 250 Freedom and Heritage Days in Portales, featuring local vendors, a car and motorcycle show, entertainment, and activities celebrating both Independence Day and the nation's 250th anniversary. City Park, E. 9th Street, Portales, NM 88130.
- **Grants**—Centennial Route 66 Fourth of July Festival honors Grants' proud legacy along the "Mother Road" while welcoming visitors to experience the culture, history, and hospitality of western New Mexico. Events will be held throughout the city to celebrate.
- **Museum Exhibits**— Cultural programs exploring New Mexico's role in the American story, hosted by museums and cultural institutions throughout the anniversary year.

These featured celebrations are just a glimpse of the many activities planned throughout New Mexico as part of the America 250 commemoration. The NM Spirit calendar is updated regularly with new events, and organizations are encouraged to submit their own programs to help tell New Mexico's story. To discover upcoming celebrations or add a community event, visit the NM Spirit Events Calendar at:

<https://www.newmexicospirit.nm.gov/events-calendar/>



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. In addition, your 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	6/17, 7/15, 8/19	United Veterans Hall, 402 W Hermosa Dr.	9am-4pm
Carlsbad	6/10, 6/24, 7/8	VFW Post 8703, 1919 San Jose Blvd.	10am-3pm
Cannon AFB	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	6/10, 7/8, 8/12	Old VFW Bldg., 4045 Overhill Dr. NW	10am-1pm
Deming	6/24, 7/22, 8/26	Luna County Senior Center, 800 Granite St.	10am-12:30pm
Gallup	6/9, 7/14, 8/11	Vets Helping Vets, 908 E. Buena Vista Ave.	10am-11am
Holloman AFB	6/10, 8/17, 7/1	TAP Seminar, MFRC , W NM Ave., Bldg. 788	8:30am-10am
Raton	6/17, 7/15, 8/19	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	6/10, 7/8, 8/12	Guadalupe County Veterans Ctr/720 Lake Dr.	10am-2pm
Socorro/Belen	6/9, 7/8, 8/11	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 may 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

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

Wednesday, June 10	Bloomfield Senior Center, 124 W Ash Ave., Bloomfield, NM 87413	8am-4pm
Thursday, June 11	Bloomfield Senior Center, 124 W Ash Ave., Bloomfield, NM 87413	8am-12pm
Wednesday, June 17	Artesia Senior Center, 202 W. Chisum Ave., Artesia, NM 88210	8am-3pm
Tuesday, June 23	Guadalupe Veteran Center, 720 Lake Dr., Santa Rosa, NM 88435	10am-2pm
Wednesday, June 24	Fort Sumner Senior Center, 812 1st. Street, Fort Sumner, NM 88119	9am-2pm
Monday, June 29	V.F.W. Post 1793, 106 Park Ave., Raton, NM 87740	11am-4pm
Tuesday, June 30	Springer City Hall, 36 Airport Road, Springer, NM 87747	9am-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.

NMDVS Launches New Website to Better Serve Veterans



The New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services (NMDVS) has launched a new website designed to better serve Veterans, their families, and the communities that support them. The updated site offers a cleaner layout, improved navigation, and easier access to information on state and federal benefits assistance, upcoming events, mobile outreach unit locations, and NMDVS programs.

Visitors can quickly find resources, connect with accredited Veteran Service Officers, and stay informed about outreach efforts across New Mexico. The new site will continue to evolve to make it easier for Veterans to access the benefits they have earned.

The website address has changed. Visit www.dvs.nm.gov (formerly www.nmdvs.org)

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 also be accepted and issued on-site to qualify for federal and state benefits, local Veterans' programs, and referral services are available at any of our field office locations.

New Mexico State Park Lifetime Veterans Pass will be issued 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 <https://www.dvs.nm.gov/> for more details and property tax exemption or park pass applications.



Legacy Planning is a Gift to Families

Legacy planning is one of the greatest gifts a Veteran can leave behind for their family. It is not only about paperwork or finances. It is about easing burdens, preserving dignity, and ensuring loved ones know the Veteran's wishes during one of the most difficult moments in life.

Many families are left searching for military discharge paperwork, benefit information, insurance policies, passwords, funeral wishes, and financial records while grieving. A little preparation today can provide enormous peace and clarity tomorrow.

Veterans have earned benefits and honors through their service, and discussing these matters openly with family members can help ensure those benefits are properly received and no opportunities are missed.



A Veteran's Legacy Planning Checklist

Families should know where the following important items are located:

- DD Form 214 or military discharge records
- VA disability rating decisions and award letters
- Social Security information
- Marriage certificates, divorce decrees, and birth certificates
- Life insurance policies
- Banking and retirement account information
- Wills, trusts, and powers of attorney
- Funeral and burial wishes
- Contact information for a Veteran Service Officer (VSO)
- Passwords or instructions for important digital accounts
- Mortgage, vehicle, and property documents
- Emergency contacts and next-of-kin information
- Medical records and medication lists

Important Family Conversations

While these discussions can be difficult, they are incredibly important. Veterans are encouraged to speak with their spouses, children, or trusted loved ones about:

- Burial preferences and funeral wishes
- Whether they prefer a state Veterans cemetery or national cemetery
- Who should notify the VA and military organizations
- Where important documents are stored
- Financial responsibilities and household accounts
- End-of-life healthcare wishes
- Survivor benefits that may be available

These conversations help families feel prepared rather than overwhelmed during a crisis.



Legacy Planning —Continued

Veteran Burial and Memorial Benefits

Eligible Veterans may qualify for burial benefits through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. These benefits may include:

- Burial in a national cemetery
- A government-furnished headstone or marker
- A burial flag
- A Presidential Memorial Certificate
- Military funeral honors

Families may also qualify for reimbursement of certain burial or funeral expenses depending on eligibility and circumstances.

National Cemeteries

The National Cemetery Administration operates two national cemeteries in New Mexico, located in Santa Fe and Fort Bayard, that provide burial services for eligible Veterans and family members. Burials in a national cemetery are generally provided at no cost to eligible Veterans.

State Veterans Cemeteries

The New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services operates four state Veterans cemeteries in Angel Fire, Fort Stanton, Gallup, and Taos, providing honorable burial options closer to home and family communities. These cemeteries partner with the VA and may also provide burial opportunities for eligible spouses and dependents.

A Final Act of Service

Veterans spent their lives protecting and caring for others. Legacy planning is another way to continue that service by protecting the family left behind from confusion, stress, and uncertainty.

Taking time now to organize records, discuss wishes, and understand earned benefits can bring peace of mind to everyone involved. It is never too early to begin the conversation.

NMDVS Veteran Service Officers

Veteran Service Officers can also play an important role in the legacy planning process. Accredited VSOs help Veterans and their families understand earned benefits, organize important records, and prepare for future needs before a crisis occurs. They can assist with obtaining military discharge documents, reviewing VA benefits and disability records, explaining survivor and burial benefits and helping families understand what steps to take when a Veteran passes away.

VSOs can also help Veterans complete pre-need burial eligibility applications for VA national cemeteries or provide information about New Mexico's state Veterans cemeteries and available burial honors. For surviving spouses and dependents, having an established connection with a VSO can make navigating benefits and paperwork far less overwhelming during a difficult time.

Legacy planning is not something Veterans and families have to do alone. Working with a Veteran Service Officer can help ensure important information is organized, benefits are understood, and loved ones are better prepared for the future.

To find an NMDVS office near you and meet with a Veteran Service Officer, visit:

<https://www.dvs.nm.gov/field-services/>



News from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

PTSD Awareness Month

June is PTSD Awareness Month, an opportunity to raise awareness about post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and remind Veterans that effective treatment is available.

According to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), about 1 out of every 20 adults in the United States, or 5% of Americans, experiences PTSD in any given year. PTSD can affect anyone who has experienced or witnessed a traumatic event, including combat, military sexual trauma, serious accidents, natural disasters, or other life-threatening situations.



**PTSD TREATMENT
WORKS**

JUNE IS PTSD AWARENESS MONTH

The VA's message this month is simple: PTSD treatment works. Even though effective treatments are available, many people living with PTSD never seek the help they need. Raising awareness helps Veterans and their families understand that treatment can reduce symptoms and improve quality of life.

The VA identifies trauma-focused therapies as the most effective treatment for PTSD. These therapies focus on the memory of the traumatic event and its meaning. Treatment options include Cognitive Processing Therapy (CPT), Prolonged Exposure (PE), and Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR). Antidepressant medications may also help reduce PTSD symptoms and improve daily functioning. Research cited by the VA shows that approximately 57 out of 100 people who receive trauma-focused therapy experience meaningful symptom improvement after about three months of treatment.

The VA continues to explore new treatment options through research. Earlier this year, the department announced a clinical trial studying MDMA assisted therapy for Veterans with PTSD and alcohol use disorder. The study will evaluate the safety and effectiveness of the treatment as part of the VA's ongoing effort to improve mental health care and expand treatment options for Veterans.

Veterans have access to a wide range of PTSD resources through the VA, including mental health services, PTSD treatment programs, Vet Centers, peer support programs, educational resources, and crisis intervention services. Veterans experiencing a crisis can call 988 and press 1, text 838255, or chat online through the Veterans Crisis Line.

PTSD Awareness Month serves as a reminder that seeking help is a sign of strength. Everyone with PTSD, whether they are Veterans or civilians who experienced sexual violence, a serious accident, a disaster event, or another traumatic event, needs to know that effective treatments can reduce symptoms and lead to a better quality of life.

For more information, visit the VA National Center for PTSD at https://www.ptsd.va.gov/understand/awareness/get_support.asp

HOW TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT PTSD TREATMENT FOR YOU



LEARN ABOUT PTSD TREATMENT

- **TRAUMA-FOCUSED THERAPIES** are the most effective PTSD treatment. They focus specifically on the memory of the traumatic event or its meaning.
- **ANTIDEPRESSANT MEDICATIONS** can also be used to treat PTSD. Though they may not cure the problem, they can reduce the symptoms.

✓ Learn more about these and other treatments:
https://www.ptsd.va.gov/understand_tx/tx_basics.asp



COMPARE TREATMENT OPTIONS

Think about your preferences when comparing treatment options. Consider:

- Is it effective?
- How long does treatment last?
- What are the risks?
- Group or individual?
- Will I talk about my trauma?
- Will I have homework?

✓ Create a personalized treatment chart to compare your options:
<https://www.ptsd.va.gov/decisionaid>



TAKE ACTION TO START TREATMENT

Talk with your provider about your treatment preferences. Ask questions. For example:

- Do you think the treatment is a good fit for me?
- What can I expect during therapy?
- How soon will I start to feel better?
- When can I start?

Print your customized summary from the PTSD Treatment Decision Aid and share it with your provider: <https://www.ptsd.va.gov/decisionaid>



U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs



Migraine & Headache Awareness

Headaches and migraines affect many Veterans and can significantly impact daily life. For some, these conditions are connected to military service, including traumatic brain injuries, blast exposure, sleep disorders, and other service-related health concerns.

The National Headache Foundation's Operation Brainstorm program was created to support Veterans, and service members, living with migraine disease and headache disorders. The program provides educational resources, treatment information, and guidance to help Veterans and their families better understand their symptoms and available care options.

Many Veterans living with chronic headaches or migraines also experience post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Research has shown a strong connection between PTSD, traumatic brain injuries, and headache disorders, particularly among combat Veterans. Symptoms such as anxiety, hypervigilance, sleep disturbances, and stress can worsen headache conditions, while chronic pain can increase the challenges associated with PTSD.

National PTSD Awareness Day on June 27th serves as a reminder that Veterans do not have to face these challenges alone. Veterans experiencing symptoms of PTSD, chronic headaches, migraines, or related conditions are encouraged to talk with a healthcare provider and take advantage of available treatment and support resources. Early intervention can improve both physical and mental well-being and help Veterans maintain a higher quality of life.

To learn more about Operation Brainstorm and Veteran-specific headache resources, visit OperationBrainstorm.org.

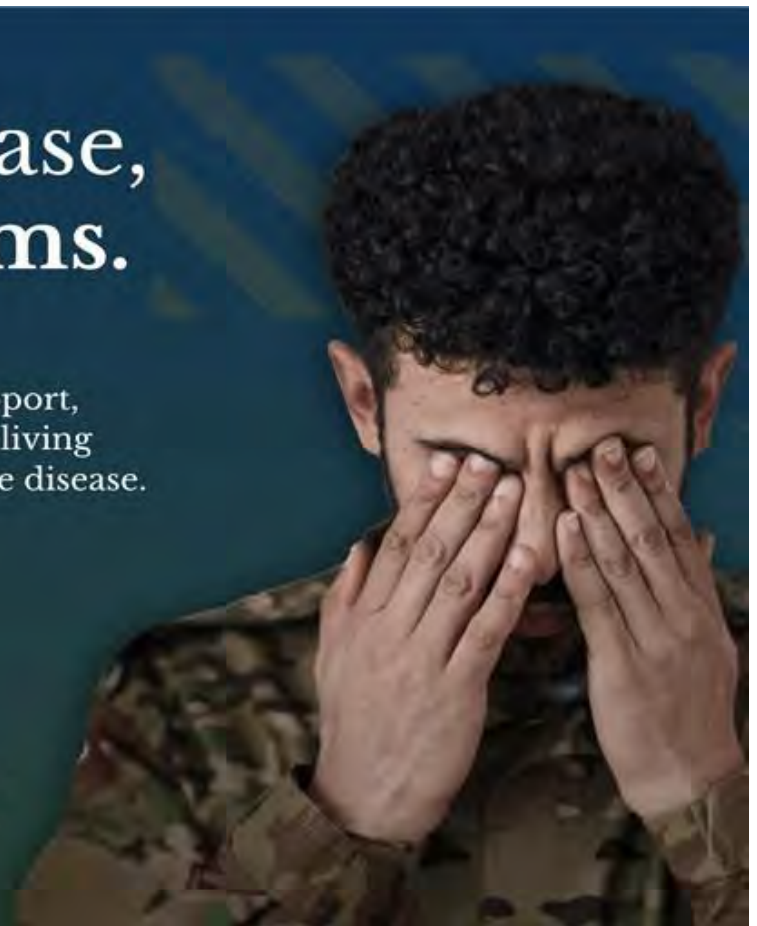
Invisible Disease, Real Symptoms.

Operation Brainstorm™ provides support, resources and education for veterans living with headache disorders and migraine disease.

You are not alone.



OPERATION BRAINSTORM
National Headache Foundation



VA Action Needed Email is Legitimate, Check Your Inbox

The Department of Veterans Affairs has confirmed that the recent email outreach titled “**Action needed: VA is missing one or more of your addresses**” is legitimate and was sent directly from the VA.

This communication is part of VA’s ongoing effort to ensure Veterans’ contact information is up to date, so they do not miss important notifications about their benefits, health care, and other services. An example of the generated email is below. Please contact the VA if you have any questions.

If you receive this email, take a moment to review and update your contact information if needed.

For more information, visit <https://www.va.gov/resources/managing-your-vagov-profile/> or your local VA office.



Update your VA profile so you don’t miss important benefits information

Dear *****,

Your VA profile is missing one or more of your addresses. Keeping your information up to date helps make sure you don’t miss important updates about your benefits, health care, and other services.

Please take a moment to visit [va.gov/profile/](https://www.va.gov/profile/) to add your home address, mailing address, or both. While you’re there, you may also want to confirm your other contact information is current:

- Home, mobile, and work phone number(s)
- Email address



[Update your Contact Information on VA.gov](#)

How we use your contact information

We use your contact information to send you updates about VA benefits and services, including:

- VA health care (prescriptions, appointment reminders, lab and test results, and messages from your VA medical center)
- Disability compensation
- Pension benefits
- Claims and appeals
- Veteran Readiness and Employment (VR&E)
- Community Care benefits
- Transportation benefits
- Education benefits
- CHAMPVA

Will this update all my VA Benefits?

Not all. Some departments maintain separate records. If your contact information has changed, you’ll need to contact the following departments directly:

- Home loan benefits
- Life insurance benefits
- The Foreign Medical Program

[Find the contact information for these benefits.](#)

Need Help?

Visit [va.gov/resources/managing-your-vagov-profile/](https://www.va.gov/resources/managing-your-vagov-profile/) for help updating your contact information.

You’re receiving this email because VA is missing one or more of your addresses. This is an automated message – please do not reply to this email.

82nd Anniversary of D-Day

On June 6, 2026, the world marks the 82nd anniversary of D-Day, one of the most significant military operations in history. On that day in 1944, Allied forces launched Operation Overlord, the invasion of Nazi-occupied France which helped change the course of World War II. More than 156,000 American, British, Canadian, and Allied troops crossed the English Channel and landed on the beaches of Normandy in the largest amphibious assault ever conducted.



Years of planning, training, and deception led to the operation. Thousands of ships and aircraft supported the invasion while Allied paratroopers dropped behind enemy lines during the early morning hours. Soldiers landed on five beaches known by their code names: Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno, and Sword. German forces heavily defended each landing area, and fierce fighting erupted across the coastline. At Omaha Beach, American troops faced some of the day's strongest resistance, yet their determination and sacrifice helped secure a foothold that enabled Allied forces to advance into Europe.

The success of D-Day marked the beginning of the liberation of Western Europe and accelerated the defeat of Nazi Germany. The courage displayed by the men who landed on the beaches of Normandy remains one of the defining examples of service, sacrifice, and commitment to freedom.



Today, the beaches, cemeteries, and memorials of Normandy stand as places of remembrance, honoring those who fought and those who never returned home. As the number of surviving D-Day Veterans continues to decline, preserving their stories becomes even more important. Books, documentaries, and films continue to introduce new generations to the events of June 6, 1944, helping keep this history alive.

For New Mexicans, the legacy of D-Day carries special meaning. During World War II, New Mexico recorded the highest per capita rate of military service in the nation. Tens of thousands of New Mexicans answered the call to serve, and many participated in the campaigns that helped secure victory in Europe and around the world. Their service reflects a tradition of duty and sacrifice that continues among New Mexico's Veterans and service members today.

As we commemorate the 82nd anniversary of D-Day, we honor the courage of the Allied forces who changed the course of history and remember the generations of Americans, including countless New Mexicans, who helped defend freedom during World War II.



Army Celebrates 251 Years of Service and Sacrifice



The New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services joins the nation in celebrating the 251st birthday of the United States Army. Established by the Continental Congress on June 14, 1775, to defend the colonies during the American Revolution, the Army became the nation's first military service under the leadership of General George Washington. This year's observance honors the Army's enduring motto, "This We'll Defend"—a phrase the Continental Army first adopted, and Soldiers still carry today.

For over two and a half centuries, the Army has defended the nation through war, peacekeeping operations, humanitarian missions, and disaster response at home and abroad. Generations of Americans have served with courage and determination on battlefields ranging from the American Revolution and Civil War to World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the Persian Gulf, Iraq, and Afghanistan. As warfare evolves, soldiers continue to uphold the core Army Values: loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage.

New Mexico shares a deep connection with Army history. New Mexicans have answered the nation's call in every major conflict since territorial days, and generations of Army Veterans have shaped communities across the state. Today, New Mexico remains closely tied to the service through White Sands Missile Range and Fort Bliss, which drive military operations and training throughout the southern region. Additionally, the New Mexico Army National Guard continues its proud tradition of supporting overseas missions, responding to state emergencies, and assisting local communities.

The Army's 251st birthday offers an opportunity to recognize the Soldiers, Veterans, and military families whose dedication strengthens both our nation and the State of New Mexico. Their service reflects an enduring mission and the values that have guided the Army since 1775.

Honoring the Flag

June 14, is also Flag Day honoring the adoption of the United States flag by the Continental Congress in 1777. For Veterans, Flag Day carries a deeper meaning. It represents the service members who sacrificed in defense of our nations' freedom.

The American flag has accompanied generations of service members through war and peace for nearly 250 years. For Veterans, it represents duty, courage, and service while recalling military service, deployments, and the bonds forged in uniform. It also honors those who never returned home and the families who shared in the sacrifices of military life.

On Flag Day, take a moment to reflect on what the flag represents and the values it embodies. Whether displayed at a home, business, cemetery, or community gathering, the American flag remains a powerful symbol of the nation and the men and women who have served under it.

As we observe Flag Day, the New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services encourages all New Mexicans to honor the flag with pride and remember the generations of Veterans whose service helped preserve the freedoms it represents.



Women Veterans Corner

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

Amberly Viner, Women Veteran Program Manager

Did you know:

June is a special month of recognition as we honor Women Veterans Day on June 12th, a day dedicated to recognizing the courage, sacrifice, and contributions of women who have served in the United States Armed Forces. This date commemorates the signing of the Women’s Armed Services Integration Act of 1948, which granted women the right to serve as permanent members of the military, a historic milestone that helped pave the way for generations of women in uniform.

Topic of the Month:

Honoring Women Veterans Day: Celebrating Service, Strength, and Legacy

Women Veterans have served our nation with strength and resilience throughout every era of military history. From combat zones and leadership roles to medical support and humanitarian missions, women have continually answered the call to serve with dedication and honor. Their impact extends far beyond military service, as they continue to lead within their families, workplaces, and communities.

Women Veterans Day is not only a time to recognize history, but also an opportunity to celebrate the growing community of women Veterans whose stories, experiences, and leadership continue to shape the future. It is a reminder of the importance of visibility, advocacy, and connection among women who served, and of the need to ensure every woman Veteran feels recognized, supported, and valued.

June is also recognized as LGBTQ+ Pride Month, providing an opportunity to acknowledge and honor the service of LGBTQ+ Veterans and servicemembers whose contributions to our military were often made despite significant challenges and barriers. For many years, LGBTQ+ individuals served in silence under policies that limited their ability to openly live as their authentic selves while in uniform. Despite these obstacles, they served honorably, courageously, and with unwavering commitment to their country.

Today, LGBTQ+ women Veterans continue to play an important role within the Veteran community, bringing diverse experiences, perspectives, and leadership that strengthen both the military and the communities they serve after service. Recognizing Pride Month alongside Women Veterans Day reinforces the importance of visibility, inclusion, dignity, and ensuring that every Veteran feels seen, respected, and valued for both their service and identity.

As we celebrate this month, we honor all women Veterans and reaffirm our commitment to building a supportive and inclusive community where every Veteran has a place, a voice, and the opportunity to thrive.

“Women belong in all places where decisions are being made.” — Ruth Bader Ginsburg

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. Women Veterans seeking assistance or connection to resources are encouraged to visit dvs.nm.gov to learn more.



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HONORING HER SERVICE.
CELEBRATING HER STRENGTH.

WOMEN VETERANS DAY *Celebration*

STRONGER TOGETHER.
UNITED IN SERVICE.
EMPOWERED FOR LIFE.

★ SHE SERVED. SHE SACRIFICED. SHE LEADS. SHE INSPIRES. ★

SHE IS STRONG.



DATE:
JUNE 12TH, 2026
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM



LOCATION:
SKY ROOM CAMPUS PARK –
RIO RANCHO PARKS & RECREATION
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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 to share your story and help preserve the history of women Veterans.



Women Airforce Service Pilots "Wings of Courage" Lecture



The New Mexico Museum of Space History invites everyone to a powerful Launch Pad Lecture on the WASP, Women Air Force Service Pilots, on Friday, July 3, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. in the New Horizons Dome Theater and Planetarium.

Veteran U.S. Marine Corps aviator and American Airlines First Officer Jacquelyne Nichols will spotlight the bravery and pioneering spirit of WASP. The lecture will feature the exploits of Dora Dougherty and Dorothea Moorman, two WASP pilots who tamed the troubled B-29 Superfortress at Alamogordo Army Airfield.

Guest speaker Jacquelyne Nichols, a Veteran U.S. Marine Corps aviator and American Airlines A320 First Officer, will spotlight the extraordinary bravery of the World War II Women Airforce Service Pilots. These pioneering women flew everything from trainers to heavy bombers and helped change the course of aviation history.

Nichols served 11 years on active duty in the U.S. Marine Corps, flying helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft, completing a combat deployment in Afghanistan where she earned a Strike Flight Air Medal, and serving in Japan and Qatar before transitioning to the Marine Corps Reserves as an instructor pilot and Marine Liaison Officer.

The Launch Pad Lecture Series is held on the first Friday of each month in the New Horizons Dome Theater and Planetarium at New Mexico Museum of Space History, 3198 State Route 2001, Alamogordo, NM. The program is free to attend, and museum staff, along with special guest speakers, present topics spanning from space history to the future of space exploration. For more information, visit: <https://nmspacemuseum.org/event/24043/>

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
*Santa Fe, NM	June 6th Boots to Business	New Mexico GSD Surplus Yard
Albuquerque	June 26th SBA Veteran Small Business Lenders Expo	WESST Enterprise Center
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Run For The Wall

The Pueblo of Laguna once again welcomed participants of the annual Run for the Wall (RFTW) motorcycle ride this spring, bringing together Veterans, students, tribal leaders, and community members to honor those who have served our nation.



Held on May 15, events took place at the Khe Sanh Historical Marker and Laguna Middle School as riders traveling the Central Route made their way through New Mexico. Run for the Wall is a nationwide motorcycle ride that honors Veterans, Prisoners of War (POWs), and service members who remain Missing in Action (MIA). After a brief welcome at the historical marker, a special assembly was held at Laguna Middle School, where students gathered to greet the riders and learn about the significance of the event. The program featured a Presentation of Colors by the Woman Warriors Color Guard, remarks from community leaders, and Run for the Wall representatives.



New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services (NMDVS) Cabinet Secretary Jamison Herrera spoke to students and encouraged them to recognize the sacrifices made by Veterans and military families. During the event, Herrera presented a warrior challenge coin to Petra Solimon, Superintendent of the Laguna Department of Education, in recognition of her leadership and support of the community.



Following the ceremony, NMDVS representatives met with members of the Guishdi Veterans group and the Pueblo of Laguna Benefits Services Program to discuss ongoing efforts supporting the Veterans Memorial Park in the village of Paguete. The meeting focused on preserving the legacy of local Veterans and ensuring future generations understand their service and sacrifice.

NMDVS is grateful to the Pueblo of Laguna community for honoring the sacrifices of Veterans, POWs, and those still unaccounted for, while recognizing the strong tradition of military service within Tribal communities across New Mexico.



WWII Veteran Rudy Chavez Honored

Eighty-two years after answering the call to serve during World War II, Lordsburg Veteran Rudy Chavez continues to represent a generation defined by service and sacrifice. The New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services (NMDVS) honored Chavez at his home in Lordsburg on Wednesday, May 27, as family members, community leaders, and state representatives gathered to recognize his military service and lifelong contributions to southern New Mexico. Chavez celebrated his 100th birthday on Jan. 5, 2026.

NMDVS Cabinet Secretary Jamison Herrera and Director of State Benefits Edward Mendez presented Chavez with a commemorative plaque honoring his military service and a New Mexico state flag flown over the State Capitol in recognition of his lifelong dedication to New Mexico and the nation.

During the visit, Secretary Herrera asked Rudy about the secret of reaching 100 years old. Mr. Chavez shared a simple answer: "Take care of yourself."

Born Jan. 5, 1926, in Valedon, New Mexico, near Lordsburg, Chavez grew up during the hardships of the Great Depression in a family rooted in the mining and ranching communities of Hidalgo County. Throughout his life, he witnessed major moments in American and New Mexico history, from the Great Depression through World War II and the decades that followed.

Chavez was drafted into the United States Army in 1944 during his senior year at Lordsburg High School. After training at Fort Bliss and Camp Wolters, Texas, he deployed to the European Theater, where he fought in major campaigns across France, Belgium, and Germany, including the Battle of the Bulge and the Allied advance through the Rhineland toward Berlin.

During combat in Germany, Chavez suffered serious wounds after enemy shellfire struck near his position. Despite those injuries, his service earned him the Silver Star, Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman Badge, and multiple campaign medals recognizing his courage under fire and dedicated service.



Chavez returned home after the war and continued serving his community. He married Virginia Flores in 1945, and together they raised five children: Lisa, Mario, Melinda, Rodolfo Jr., and Victoria. Chavez served the community as a Lordsburg police officer and as a member of the Lordsburg City Council in the late 1960's.

Even at 100 years old, Chavez remains a respected figure in Lordsburg and throughout Hidalgo County. His story reflects not only military courage but also a lifetime dedicated to public service, family, and community leadership. His nieces, Lordsburg City Councilwoman Margaret Chavez and Hidalgo County Manager Tisha Green, continue that family tradition of public service in the community.

For NMDVS, honoring Veterans like Rudy Chavez helps preserve the stories and sacrifices of a generation that shaped both New Mexico and the nation through military service.



Photo, left to right: NMDVS Cabinet Secretary Jamison Herrera; Rudy Chavez; District 32 State Representative Jenifer Jones; Bruce Ashburn, legislative aide for District 39 State Rep. Luis Terrazas.



Gallup Community Outreach and GVAC Meeting

Veterans, family members, and community partners gathered in Gallup May 13, for the Governor's Veterans Advisory Council (GVAC) quarterly meeting and Community Veterans Outreach event at the Veterans Helping Veterans Center. GVAC Chair Rudy Martinez welcomed attendees before council members shared updates on key priorities, including rural health care access, transportation services, and outreach to younger Veterans.

NMDVS Cabinet Secretary Jamison Herrera led a question-and-answer session on VA and state benefits, legislative updates, and available programs. Veterans and family members also had the opportunity to meet directly with agency leadership and staff to discuss concerns and access resources.

Throughout the event, NMDVS staff provided assistance with VA claims, benefits enrollment, disability compensation, property tax exemptions, State Parks Lifetime Veteran Pass applications, mental health resources, transportation assistance, and programs supporting Veteran-owned businesses, women Veterans, and Tribal communities.

The event strengthened connections between Veterans and the resources available to support them across New Mexico.



Military and Veterans Day at Isotopes Park



On Sunday, May 17, the New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services joined the Albuquerque Isotopes for Military & Veterans Appreciation Day at Isotopes Park, celebrating the service and sacrifice of Veterans, active-duty service members, and military families.

A highlight of the afternoon was the recognition of Vietnam Veteran Joel McHorse, who threw out the ceremonial first pitch. A member of Taos Pueblo, McHorse enlisted in the U.S. Army at age 17 and served as a combat medic with the 82nd Airborne Division and 173rd Airborne Brigade during the Vietnam War. For his actions in combat, he earned two Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart.

Following his military service, McHorse built a successful career as a general contractor and raised a family with his wife, acclaimed Navajo artist Christine Nofchissey McHorse. During the ceremony, NMDVS Cabinet Secretary Jamison Herrera presented McHorse with a challenge coin in recognition of his service and contributions.

The event also featured ceremonial first pitches by U.S. Navy Ensign Connor Miller and Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Amanda Martinez, while 95-year-old Korean War Veteran Jake Griego performed the national anthem on the harmonica.

NMDVS is proud to partner with the Albuquerque Isotopes in recognizing the men and women whose service continues to strengthen New Mexico and the nation.





The New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services (NMDVS) recognizes Veteran Service Officer Vince Tellez, who works in the Las Cruces field office. Vince approaches every claim with precision, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to doing what is right for Veterans and their families. His insight and input are always thoughtful, valuable, and spot on, helping to strengthen both his team and the services provided across the department. Whether stepping in to help where needed or going above and beyond for a Veteran, Vince simply gets the job done with flexibility, humility, and genuine care.

NMDVS Division Director of Field Services Robin Wilson shared, "Vince Tellez of the Las Cruces office is a proud U.S. Marine Corps Veteran whose quiet professionalism and dedication consistently make a lasting impact on the Veterans he serves."

How long have you been with the agency?

I have been with NMDVS since October 2021. Prior to coming to DVS, I worked as a Crime Scene Technician with the Las Cruces Police Department. Before that, I was as a Local Veterans' Employment Representative (LVER) with the New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions.



What do you enjoy most about your work with NMDVS?

What I enjoy most about working with NMDVS is the camaraderie I share with my coworkers, as well as the opportunity to continue learning and growing professionally. I also enjoy being able to assist Veterans in obtaining their benefits.



What is your connection to the Veteran community?

I am a Marine Corps Veteran. I also have many family members who have served in the military.



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

I grew up in Vado, New Mexico, and joined the Marine Corps in 2001. I was in boot camp during 9/11 and later deployed twice to Iraq. After my service, I lived in Southern California, where I obtained my degree in Media Arts. Then, I moved back to New Mexico in 2014.

Three words to describe you?

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Alto-100-211 – A Study for Adults with Bipolar Disorder Currently Experiencing a Major Depressive Episode

Alto Neuroscience, VA New Mexico, & Project NAVIGATOR have joined forces using new technology in a Clinical Trial examining the effectiveness of a unique investigational medication, ALTO-100.

Bipolar Disorder and Depression represents one of the greatest threats to our community from battlefield to home front. We are facing an inevitable truth: there is not one battle, but two. The first is defined by the ability to fight, survive, and accomplish the mission within the crucible of warfare and military service; the second, to survive the long-term physical and psychological injuries characteristic of these sacrifices and to thrive against the odds. The current study represents a new strategy in our fight on the second battlefield by exploring the effects of new medications and helping us learn the best match for what each individual's brain needs to succeed in treatment.

Participants will be asked to: Take the medication and wear a FitBit for 15 weeks, attend 12 study visits over 12-20 weeks that include EEG, labs, genetic testing, psychological and cognitive testing.

Participants will receive: Compensation for their time to complete the study + travel time.

LOCATION

- 5 of the 12 Visits will be on-site at VA New Mexico in Albuquerque, NM, and 7 will be via Telehealth (from your home).

You may be eligible if you are:

- 18-70 years old
 - Diagnosis of Bipolar Disorder and are experiencing an episode of Major Depression
- AND
- Are on a mood stabilizer

To hear more about this study, call or email a member of the study team:

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The Museum of the American Military Family

The Museum of the American Military Family (MAMF) has served New Mexico for 15 years, yet many residents remain unaware of it. MAMF is the only museum in the nation solely devoted to the stories and history of military families. We strengthen New Mexico's community by preserving stories, supporting Veteran families, educating the public, and representing the state locally and globally.

We curate and publish hundreds of firsthand accounts from New Mexican Veterans and family members in our anthologies, blogs, and podcasts. We teach about military service and history in New Mexico schools and public libraries, and connect individuals with local organizations through our network. Recently, one of our UNM interns interviewed New Mexico Veterans and families about issues important to them. MAMF board members advise organizations and state representatives on military family and museum issues. Our work informs decisions, shapes policies, and educates audiences locally, nationally, and internationally.

Our impact extends beyond New Mexico. We've partnered with international artists, completed a year-long internship with students and teachers in the Defense Department school system, and published several anthologies by military-connected authors worldwide. We help the public understand both the benefits and challenges of military service. When more people recognize the challenges military families face, all Veterans benefit.

Since 2023, we've hired ten college students, many with military ties for paid work-study programs. They receive practical experience in museum operations, marketing, and graphic design. Having New Mexico Veterans intern with us helps them understand military family issues and strengthens our connection with younger Veterans. These intergenerational relationships foster community and mutual understanding.

Our impact is extensive: An author who writes for both MAMF and her hospice newsletter noted her articles help her hospice maintain its high Level 5 Veterans rating. Our Canadian partner recently shared feedback from a Ukrainian soldier who appreciated the exhibit we created about Ukraine's citizen soldiers and their families. A New Mexico Vietnam Veteran's daughter thanked us for teaching her about the Vietnam War. Some New Mexico Veterans and their families who became U.S. citizens at our museum stay in touch. People still remember when the Bernalillo County Sheriff's helicopter landed on the VA hospital's parade grounds during our Heroes and Hueys event.

Our museum's work may not fit bureaucratic metrics or check boxes, but it resonates through tears and smiles. There is no way to measure the deep emotions and gratitude we evoke at home and abroad.

We're proud of our New Mexico roots. As a museum based in New Mexico, we represent the state at national and international events. We act as unofficial ambassadors for the United States abroad, using friendly diplomacy to build goodwill and strengthen international ties by working with citizens, elected leaders, and the international media. Our presence consistently reflects positively on New Mexico.

Our museum's vision states that MAMF is where people. "come together as community, inspiring a sense of place and history. As a repository for their stories, we shape the future by preserving our heritage, recording its evolution, and inviting dialogue by sharing our experiences with the world."

I think we fulfill this vision well. Story by Circe Olson Woessner, Director MAMF

To learn more, join our projects, or stay updated, follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/MuseumoftheAmericanMilitaryFamily.

The Museum of the American Military Family



Photo above: Display case for Host Nation Hospitality, Schonäich, Germany, 2025 Photo: courtesy MAMF



Photo above: POW/MIA table as part of Host Nation Hospitality in Schonäich, Germany, 2025 Photo: courtesy MAMF



MAMF in Tijeras. An ironing board separates the kitchen from the living room, circa 2018. Photo: courtesy MAMF

Some of the Dear America exhibit panels and artwork, Stuttgart Germany, 2026. Photos: MAMF



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<p align="center">Bluewater Location Classes on 5/24:</p> <p>*Money Management 9:30 am - 10:30 am</p> <p>*First Impressions 11:00 am - 12:30 pm</p> <p>*Interview Skills 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm</p> <p>*Internet Basics 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm</p>	
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<p align="center">LifeSkills</p> <p>MONEY MANAGEMENT@ Financial literacy class on paychecks, budgets, expenses & credit THINKING CRITICALLY@ Become better thinkers. Build analytical skills, learn to determine the validity of information.</p>
<p align="center">WellnessSkills</p> <p>STRESS MANAGEMENT @ A detailed look at the cause of stress and some strategies to overcome it. STRESS MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP @ Discover some meditative practices & other options to relieve stress</p>

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR VETERAN FAMILIES



We stabilize housing for very low-income New Mexican veterans and their families who are homeless or who risk losing their homes.

Get FREE help with...

- Move-in costs
- Rent and past due rent
- Security deposits
- Moving/storage
- Utilities, past-due utilities, and deposits
- Childcare
- Emergency supplies
- Case management
- Community referrals
- Navigating VA and other public benefits

Program Locations by County

Bernalillo • Catron • Chaves • Cibola • Colfax
Curry • De Baca • Eddy • Guadalupe • Harding
Lea • Los Alamos • McKinley • Mora • Quay
Rio Arriba • Roosevelt • San Juan • San Miguel
Santa Fe • Sandoval • Socorro • Taos •
Torrance • Union • Valencia

Learn more and apply:

GoodwillNM.org/veteran-housing

Or, call us at **505.881.6401** or visit our Opportunity Center at 5000 San Mateo Blvd. NE, Albuquerque.



Goodwill's Supportive Services for Veteran Families program is made possible by a grant from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

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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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NVWHC is a non-profit serving veterans and their families since 2009.

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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)

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- A black silhouette of a woman in a military uniform, including a garrison cap, saluting with her right hand to her forehead. She is standing against a background of a sunset or sunrise over mountains.
- 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!

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WOMEN VETERANS

CELEBRATION

Saturday, June 13

10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Albuquerque Concert Band will begin music at 9:45 a.m.

All are welcome to attend this free community event to honor the service and sacrifice of our women veterans.

New Mexico Veterans Memorial Park
1100 Louisiana SE, 87108

For more info, please call
505-768-4495



FETCHING FUTURES COMMUNITY EVENT

**FATHER'S DAY SUNDAY, JUNE 21ST
11AM TO 2PM
WINROCK TOWN CENTER**

JOIN US FOR A FAMILY-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY EVENT FOCUSED ON CONNECTING VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES WITH LOCAL RESOURCES AND SUPPORT SERVICES, ALONGSIDE A DOG ADOPTION FAIR FEATURING LOCAL SHELTERS AND RESCUES.

FREE ADMISSION!

RSVP ENCOURAGED FOR HEADCOUNT
VISIT: PAWSANDSTRIPES.ORG

- VETERAN RESOURCE FAIR
- DOG ADOPTIONS
- FOOD TRUCKS
- LIVE MUSIC
- DOG SHOW

THIS EVENT IS SUPPORTED IN PART BY THE
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June 26 & 27, 2026

11:00AM - 3:00 PM

A two day event to bring resources out to the Navajo Nation reservation for Veterans and Caregivers. Come out and get tools and resources that help veterans and caregivers. Information includes on how to strive in transition and post military life on the reservation.

<p>Honor Service Members & Caregivers</p>	
	<p>Equip Our Navajo Veterans & Caregivers</p>
<p>Support Our Warriors & Families</p>	

We will have various organizations that are dedicated in helping our military service member, & their caregivers through mental health, peer support, physical wellness and benefit help.

There will be door prizes throughout the two day event. Late lunch will be provided for those that are **registered**. A food truck and lemonade stand will be on site. We will have a panel of Purple Heart Recipients to talk about their experience and how they are succeeding daily

Register with Vivian Mitchell at (505) 249-3895 or vmitchell39@gmail.com




Location: Torreon, NM Follow the signs & flags from mile marker 26 on Hwy 197 West of Cuba, NM

Navajo Division of Behavioral & Mental Health Services



2026
Operation Veterans Wellness
 Friday, July 17, 2026
 9am-4pm
 Gallup Sports Complex

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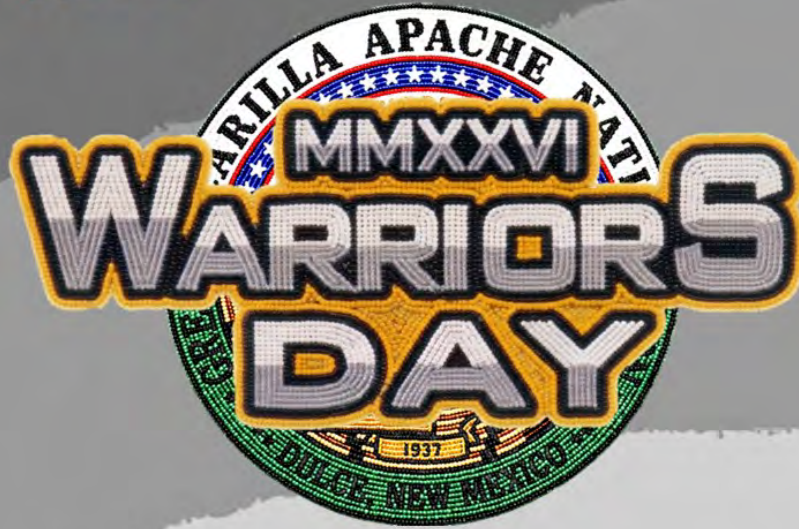


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CONFERENCE
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 SEPTEMBER 23-24, 2026
 Glorieta Conference Center

AGING.NM.GOV Registration Opening Summer 2026

Dulce Community Center
July 17, 2026

Dulce N.M.
1 p.m.



JICARILLAVETERANS@GMAIL.COM

The Jicarilla Apache Nation, Jicarilla Apache Nation Veterans Group and D.C.C. will not be held responsible for any injuries, accidents, loss or theft that may occur on the entire D.C.C. property.

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LINK \$5 WILL BE DONATED BACK TO
THE WOMEN VETERANS OF NEW
MEXICO.***



**2026
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ALBUQUERQUE FISHER HOUSE



VA



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.**

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Alamogordo/Southeast NM

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Albuquerque (VA Hospital)

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(no appointment needed)

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