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NMDVS Remembers Brigadier General Jack R. Fox



The New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services (NMDVS) mourns the passing of retired U.S. Army Brigadier General Jack R. Fox, a devoted servant to New Mexico and our nation whose life was defined by selfless service, leadership, and mentorship.

A Roswell native, Brig. Gen. Fox dedicated more than three decades to military service in the U.S. Army and the New Mexico National Guard, where he rose to become Deputy Adjutant General and Chief of Staff. Throughout his distinguished career, he earned the respect of fellow service members and leaders across New Mexico for his commitment to those in uniform and the communities they served.

Following his military retirement, Brig. Gen. Fox continued a lifetime of service in education and public service. He served as Commandant of Cadets at the New Mexico Military Institute, President of St. John's Military School, and Cabinet Secretary of NMDVS from 2015 to 2018.

During his tenure at NMDVS, Brig. Gen. Fox championed programs and services supporting New Mexico's Veterans and their families, helping advance the department's mission of ensuring that those who served receive the benefits, care, and recognition they earned.

"Brigadier General Fox was a true servant to New Mexico and our nation, someone who lived selfless service every day and lifted others through his mentorship and kindness," said Jamison Herrera, Cabinet Secretary of the New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services. "We are profoundly thankful for Brigadier General Fox's leadership and unwavering commitment to Veterans. His legacy will continue to guide and uplift our work."

A proud alumnus of New Mexico Military Institute and New Mexico State University, Brig. Gen. Fox was also a beloved coach, educator, and advocate for Veterans. He remained active in the Veterans community through his service on the Board of Directors of the David Westphall Foundation, supporting the New Mexico Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Angel Fire, managed by NMDVS.



His legacy will endure through the countless soldiers, Veterans, students, and families he inspired throughout his remarkable life of service. On behalf of the New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services, we extend our deepest condolences to his cherished wife, Marvine, and their family, honoring a partnership of more than 58 years dedicated to serving others.

Service arrangements and an opportunity to share memories or leave condolences are available on Retired U.S. Army Brigadier General Jack R. Fox's online memorial page [here](#).



New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services

Field Office Closures August 3 - 7, 2026

**The New Mexico Department of Veterans Services
Will Close all 16 field offices during the week of
August 3 - 7, 2026 for Veteran Service Officer training.**

Limited Services Available

- Albuquerque Office: 4801 Indian School Rd. NE
- Santa Fe Office: Bataan Memorial Building, 407 Galisteo St.

Please Note:

**Both Albuquerque and Santa Fe offices will also be closed on
Wednesday, August 5 for a department-wide training day.**

**All offices will reopen and resume regular business
hours on Monday, August 10.**

**We appreciate your patience as we work to improve services for
New Mexico's veterans through ongoing staff development and training.**

**For immediate assistance, please call 1-866-433-8387 or visit our website at
DVS.NM.GOV for information on benefits and services**

Upcoming NMDVS Veterans' Benefits Outreach Visits

The New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services (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

Artesia	8/19, 9/16	United Veterans Hall, 402 W. Hermosa Dr.	9am-4pm
Carlsbad	8/12, 8/26, 9/9	VFW Post 8703, 1919 San Jose Blvd.	10am-3pm
Cannon AFB	8/11, 8/25, 9/15	AP Seminar, MFRC, 1554 Spear Loop	11am-12pm
Capitan	10/7, 11/4	Capitan Public Library, 101 E 2nd St.	10am-3pm
Deming	8/26, 9/23, 10/28	Luna County Senior Center, 800 Granite St.	10am-12:30pm
Gallup	8/11, 9/8, 10/13	Vets Helping Vets, 908 E. Buena Vista Ave.	10am-11am
Holloman AFB	8/5, 8/19, 9/2, 9/9	TAP Seminar, MFRC, W NM Ave., Bldg. 788	8:30am-10am
Raton	8/19, 9/16, 10/21	Raton VA Clinic 1493 Whittier St.	10am-2pm
Ruidoso	9/2, 11/4	Ruidoso Community Ctr/501 Sudderth Dr.	10am-3pm
Santa Rosa	8/12, 9/9, 10/14	Guadalupe County Veterans Ctr/720 Lake Dr.	10am-2pm
Socorro/Belen	8/11, 9/8, 10/13	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 veteran or community event that would benefit from having NM on site to help answer questions on benefits available please contact NMDVS at DVS.PIO@dvs.nm.gov or visit our website at <https://www.dvs.nm.gov/>

Mobile Outreach Vehicle Nears 33-County Milestone



Left to right: TJ Anderson, Navajo spiritual leader; Vera John, Navajo Nation Behavioral Health Clinic Director; Ben Welch, Gallup event organizer; and Jason Liddell and Joel Herbert, NMDVS Mobile Unit VSOs

When the New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services (NMDVS) launched its Veterans Mobile Outreach Vehicle on January 30 with its first outreach event at Jemez Pueblo, it marked the beginning of a new way to connect Veterans with the benefits and services they earned through military service. On August 19, the Mobile Unit will reach another major milestone when it visits Dexter's Chaves County Joy Center, completing its first statewide tour of all 33 New Mexico counties.

In less than eight months, 47 communities have been visited, serving more than 300 Veterans and their family members. More importantly, it has made accredited Veteran Service Officers more accessible to Veterans in rural communities, small towns, and Tribal areas, making it easier to access benefits and services without traveling long distances.

Built specifically for outreach, the vehicle is a fully self-sufficient office on wheels. Equipped with onboard power, satellite internet connectivity, and a wheelchair lift, it can operate almost anywhere without relying on local utilities or internet service. The mobile office provides a private, fully accessible space where Veterans can meet one-on-one with an accredited Veteran Service Officer.

Veterans and eligible family members receive free assistance with VA disability compensation claims, health care enrollment, pensions, survivor benefits, military records requests, state Veterans' benefits, property tax exemptions, Lifetime Park Passes, and many other benefit-related services.

The Mobile Unit has also strengthened NMDVS' presence across New Mexico by building partnerships with local governments, Tribal leaders, Veteran organizations, and community partners. Those relationships have expanded awareness of available benefits and connected more Veterans with the benefits they earned. The response has been so positive that many communities have already requested future visits.



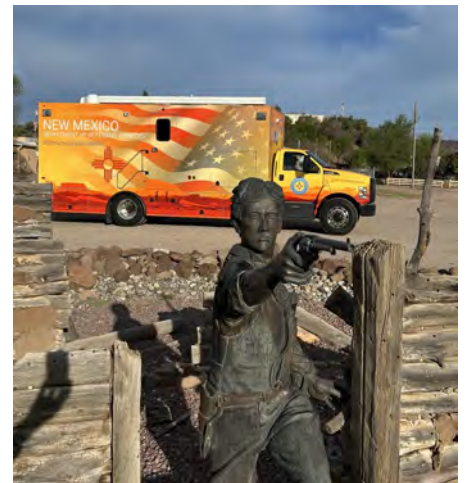
Completing all 33 counties before its first year in service demonstrates the commitment to making services more accessible for every New Mexico Veteran. As the Mobile Unit continues its statewide outreach, it will remain an important part of the Department's mission to ensure Veterans and their families have access to the benefits they earned.

The first statewide tour is only the beginning. The Mobile Outreach Vehicle will continue returning to communities across New Mexico, helping more Veterans connect with accredited Veterans Service Officers and the federal and state benefits available to them.

To learn where we will visit next, view the upcoming schedule on the Department's News & Events page: <https://www.dvs.nm.gov/news-and-events/>

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From Artesia to Thoreau and communities across New Mexico, every stop has created new opportunities to serve Veterans and strengthen connections. These photos capture just a few moments from the Veterans Mobile Outreach Vehicle's journey across the state.



NMDVS thanks the communities and partners whose collaboration has helped make the Veterans Mobile Outreach Vehicle a success. Together, we're bringing trusted benefits assistance closer to Veterans and their families.

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

Mon, Aug. 10	Taos Pueblo Veterans Memorial, 120 Veterans Hwy, Taos, NM 87571	9am-3pm
Tue, Aug. 11	Forget Me Not Veterans Center, 707 N. California St., Socorro, NM 87801	9am-2pm
Wed, Aug. 19	Dexter, Chavez County Joy Center, 126 Willard St., Dexter, NM 88230	9am-4pm
Wed, Aug. 26	Capitan Senior Center, 412 Tiger Dr., Capitan, NM 88316	9am-3pm

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/>

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Tue, Sept. 1	Isleta Pueblo Governor's Office, Tribal Road 40 B 117 A, Isleta, NM 87022	9am-3pm
Fri, Sept. 4	Zuni Community Center, 37 Harker Circle, Zuni, NM 87327	10am-4pm
Tue, Sept. 8	Santa Clara Library, 578 Kee St., Espanola, NM 87532	9am-3:30pm
Thu, Sept. 10	Questa Municipal Office, 2500 Old State Rd. # 3, Questa, NM 87556	10am-3pm
Tue, Sept. 15	New Mexico State Fair, 300 San Pedro Dr., Albuquerque, NM 87108	10am-3pm
Fri, Sept. 18	Pueblo of Laguna Administrative Office, 22 Capital Rd., Laguna, NM 87026	12pm-4pm
Wed, Sept. 23	Logan American Legion Post 77, 101 S. 8th St., Logan, NM 88426	9am-4pm

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Lifetime Veteran Park Passes and Property Tax Exemptions

Veterans: Apply for your property tax exemption and your New Mexico State Park Lifetime Veterans Pass through the New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services (NMDVS) State Benefits Division.

Property Tax Exemptions:

The standard Veteran property tax exemption is \$10,000 and will adjust annually for inflation. 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.

New Mexico State Park Lifetime Veterans Pass:

Eligible New Mexico Veterans can apply for a free lifetime pass providing unlimited access to all NM 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)
- Marriage certificate and the Veteran's death certificate for surviving spouses (required for the tax exemption).

Applications for the New Mexico State Park Lifetime Veterans Pass and Tax Exemptions are 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, visit <https://www.dvs.nm.gov/>, or call 1-866-433-8387 for more details and property tax exemption or park pass applications.

VSO Corner: Why an Intent to File Matters for your VA Benefits

One of the simplest tools available to Veterans is also one of the most overlooked: the Intent to File. This brief submission can protect a Veteran's effective date for benefits while providing up to one year to gather evidence and complete a formal claim. When the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) receives a valid Intent to File, it establishes a potential effective date for compensation. If the Veteran submits a completed claim within one year, VA may pay benefits retroactive to the date the Intent to File was received. For many Veterans, this can mean thousands of dollars in retroactive benefits.

Many Veterans delay filing because they are waiting for medical records, private treatment reports, or nexus opinions. Filing an Intent to File allows them to protect their effective date while continuing to gather the documentation needed to support their claim.

If you believe you may qualify for VA benefits but are not yet ready to submit a complete claim, speak with an accredited Veteran Service Officer (VSO). A VSO can help determine whether filing an Intent to File is the right first step for your situation.

To meet with a Veteran Service Officer near you, contact NMDVS to schedule an appointment. Office locations are listed at the end of this newsletter or online at www.dvs.nm.gov/field-services/.

Gulf War Marine Corps Veteran Honored at Isotopes Game

Saturday, July 18, the New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services (NMDVS) joined the Albuquerque Isotopes for Mariachis de Nuevo México Night at Isotopes Park to honor New Mexico Veteran Ibarra "Bar" Romero Jr. with a ceremonial first pitch.

A native of Las Vegas, New Mexico, Romero enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1988, following his two older brothers into the Corps. He served for 27 years, retiring in 2015 as a Master Gunnery Sergeant. As an Operations Chief, he supported combat and humanitarian missions worldwide, participating in Operation Desert Shield, Sea Angel, Iraqi Freedom, and Enduring Freedom while leading response and relief efforts during times of conflict and crisis.



Romero continues serving fellow Veterans as the New Mexico American Legion Department Service Officer, assisting Veterans and their families with disability claims and benefits. He also remains active with the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, and several other Veteran service organizations. Romero is the proud father of one son, Giovanni, who attends the University of New Mexico.

Before Romero took the field for the ceremonial first pitch, NMDVS Deputy Cabinet Secretary Eric James presented him with a challenge coin in recognition of his contributions to New Mexico and the nation. Through its partnership with the Albuquerque Isotopes, NMDVS continues to honor Veterans for their service, sacrifice, and enduring commitment to our communities.

Veteran Entrepreneur Receives BBB Recognition



Representing the New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services (NMDVS), Cabinet Secretary Jamison Herrera and Veterans Business Outreach Center (VBOC) Director Johnny Martinez attended the Better Business Bureau (BBB) New Mexico & Southwest Colorado Annual Meeting on July 23, where Secretary Herrera presented the 2026 Brian Baca Memorial Award to Navy Veteran Robert Mendez, owner of The Cornivore Popcorn Company.

Named in honor of former BBB President and CEO Colonel Brian Baca, the award recognizes a Veteran-owned business that demonstrates leadership, integrity, and a commitment to community impact.

"Colonel Brian Baca devoted his life to service, and those who knew him understand that his sense of duty didn't end with his military career," Herrera said. "Brian poured that same commitment, discipline, and compassion into his work with the Better Business Bureau."

The annual meeting also recognized local businesses through the BBB Ignite Awards for Entrepreneurship, celebrating innovation, ethical leadership, resilience, and community service.

Pictured (left to right): Spencer Hill, Business Development Manager, BBB; Robert Mendez, Navy Veteran and owner of The Cornivore Popcorn Company; Cabinet Secretary Jamison Herrera; and David Swoop, President and CEO, BBB.

NMDVS congratulates Robert Mendez and all of this year's award recipients for their achievements and continued contributions to New Mexico.

NMDVS Director Receives Lifetime Achievement Award



The New Mexico Department of Veterans Services (NMDVS) proudly congratulates Katherine Snyder, Director of the New Mexico State Approving Agency (NMSAA), on receiving the Bill Pearson Outstanding Lifetime Achievement Award during the Western Association of Veterans Education Specialists (WAVES) 2026 Conference banquet and awards ceremony on Wednesday, July 22, 2026, in Hollywood, California.

Presented by WAVES President Jason Garcia and Vice President Darcy Schnuth, the award is one of the association's highest honors. Each year, the WAVES Board select recipients whose careers reflect exceptional leadership and dedication to improving educational opportunities for Veterans.

The Bill Pearson Outstanding Lifetime Achievement Award honors the legacy of Bill Pearson, former Deputy Under Secretary for Benefits with the Veterans Benefits Administration. It recognizes individuals who have made exceptional contributions through leadership and active participation in organizations serving Veterans, reflecting the commitment and compassion that defined Pearson's distinguished career.

As Director of the New Mexico State Approving Agency, Snyder dedicates herself to ensuring eligible Veterans, service members, and family members have the opportunity to reach their fullest potential through access to the GI Bill® in approved education and training programs. The agency works with colleges, universities, technical schools, apprenticeship programs, and on-the-job training providers throughout New Mexico to ensure Veterans have access to quality educational opportunities.

Snyder's leadership has strengthened educational opportunities for New Mexico's Veterans while helping maintain the high standards required for approved GI Bill® programs. Her dedication, professionalism, and collaborative leadership have earned the respect of colleagues throughout the Veterans education community and contributed to advancing best practices among State Approving Agencies across the western United States.



The New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services proudly joins Snyder's colleagues in celebrating this well-deserved honor. Her selection for the Bill Pearson Outstanding Lifetime Achievement Award reflects a career dedicated to expanding educational opportunities and helping New Mexico's Veterans, service members, and their families achieve their goals through the benefits they have earned.

Congratulations, Kathy, on this outstanding achievement and thank you for your continued service to New Mexico's Veterans and their families.

GI Bill® is a Registered Trademark of the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs (VA). More information about education benefits offered by VA is available at the U.S. government website <https://benefits.va.gov/gibill/>

Purple Heart Day: A Month of Honor and Remembrance

August 7 marks Purple Heart Day, a time to recognize the courage and sacrifice of America's combat-wounded Veterans and remember those who never came home. The observance began in 1782, when General George Washington established the Badge of Military Merit, the predecessor to today's Purple Heart Medal.



Washington designed the original award as a purple, heart-shaped silk badge edged in silver and presented it to only three Revolutionary War soldiers. In 1932, General Douglas MacArthur revived the decoration to commemorate Washington's 200th birthday and established the modern Purple Heart. Today, the Purple Heart remains America's oldest military award for sacrifice in combat.

In 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt expanded eligibility for the Purple Heart to all branches of the U.S. military, including the Coast Guard. During World War II, military leaders established the award's current criteria to recognize service members wounded or killed in combat. Purple Heart recipients often refer to it as "the medal that nobody wants" because it represents the true cost of war.

Approximately 1.8 million Americans have received the Purple Heart, and the New Mexico Military Order of the Purple Heart carries that legacy forward through advocacy, outreach, and recognition programs that honor combat-wounded Veterans and support their families across the state.

As we observe Purple Heart Day, we honor all Purple Heart recipients and their families. Their courage and sacrifice stand as enduring reminders that the freedoms we enjoy always come at a price.

Fall Honor Guard Training August 28



The New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services (NMDVS) will host the 17th Annual Military Honors Fall Training Conference & Competition on Friday, August 28, 2026, beginning at 8 a.m. at the Albuquerque Veterans Memorial, 1100 Louisiana Blvd. NE in Albuquerque.

The annual event brings together volunteer Honor Guard teams from across New Mexico for a day of training, skill development, and friendly competition centered on a shared mission: ensuring every Veteran receives the dignified military honors they have earned.

Since the New Mexico Legislature established the Honors Burial Program in partnership with NMDVS in 2005, volunteer Honor Guard teams have been trained and equipped to meet active-duty military standards. These dedicated volunteers provide military funeral honors, including the presentation of the U.S. flag, a rifle volley, and the sounding of Taps.

Participants receive hands-on instruction from active-duty Honor Guard personnel before competing in events that showcase precision, professionalism, and teamwork. The conference also serves as an opportunity to recognize the men and women who give their time to honor fellow Veterans and their families.

NMDVS, the New Mexico National Guard, and the New Mexico Chapter of AARP proudly support these volunteers and their commitment to ensuring that every Veteran in New Mexico is laid to rest with honor and respect.



NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

**17TH ANNUAL
MILITARY HONORS FALL TRAINING
CONFERENCE & COMPETITION**



FRIDAY, AUGUST 28TH, 2026

8AM – 4PM

NEW MEXICO VETERANS MEMORIAL

1100 LOUISIANA BLVD. SE, ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87108

HOSTED BY:



AARP®



August 14 is Navajo Code Talkers Day

August 14, New Mexico joins the nation in honoring the extraordinary legacy of the Navajo Code Talkers, whose unbreakable code helped the United States achieve victory in the Pacific during World War II. Their courage, ingenuity, and service saved countless lives and secured a permanent place in American military history. For New Mexicans, this day of remembrance carries special meaning because many of these heroes came from the Navajo Nation in the northwestern corner of our state.

In 1942, the U.S. Marine Corps recruited 29 Navajo men, who became known as the First Twenty-Nine, to create a secure battlefield communications code based on the Navajo language. They carried that code into some of the war's fiercest battles, including Iwo Jima, Saipan, and Okinawa. The enemy never broke the code, giving American forces a critical advantage throughout the Pacific theater.

For decades, the Code Talkers' mission remained classified. In 1982, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed August 14 as National Navajo Code Talkers Day in recognition of their invaluable contributions. In 2001, Congress awarded the original 29 Navajo Code Talkers the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest civilian honor.

Only two of the original 29 Navajo Code Talkers remain: Thomas Begay, 101, and Peter MacDonald, 97. Begay enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps at just 16 years old and served as a Navajo Code Talker with the 5th Marine Division during the Battle of Iwo Jima. After World War II, he continued serving his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, including the Battle of Chosin Reservoir.



MacDonald joined the U.S. Marine Corps in 1944 when he was 15 years old. He served with the 1st Marine Brigade on Guam and later with the 6th Marine Division in North China from 1944 to 1946. His military service spanned the final campaigns of World War II and the transition to peace in the Pacific.

As the last surviving original Navajo Code Talkers, Begay and MacDonald continue to share their experiences with new generations. Both men advocate for the recognition of all Native American Veterans, ensuring that the memory of the Code Talkers endures for future generations.

The New Mexico Department of Veterans Services (NMDVS) honors the service and sacrifice of the Navajo Code Talkers while supporting Native American Veterans throughout the state. Through partnerships with New Mexico's Pueblos, Nations, and Tribes, NMDVS works to improve access to benefits and services and address the unique challenges Native American Veterans face.

The NMDVS Tribal Liaison Program serves as the primary point of contact for Tribal communities and Native American Veterans, strengthening communication, collaboration, and helping connect Veterans with the benefits and resources they have earned. For more information, contact Beverly Charley, NMDVS Tribal Liaison, at Vetdvs.tribaliaison@dvs.nm.gov.



NAVAJO NATION CODE TALKER DAY

STAND DOWN

FRIDAY AUGUST 14, 2026



**LOCATION: WINDOW ROCK FAIRGROUNDS
ADDRESS: AZ-264, WINDOW ROCK, AZ 86515**

9AM-12PM STAND DOWN | 1PM-3PM GOURD DANCE

*** LUNCH INCLUDED ***



ALL VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES INVITED

- VETERAN AFFAIRS HEALTH
- VETERAN AFFAIRS BENEFITS
- EMPLOYMENT
- EDUCATION

- NAVAJO NATION DEPARTMENTS
- RECRUITING STATIONS (BRANCHES)

- FREE HAIRCUTS
- LOCAL VENDORS (JEWELRY, DRINKS, FOOD)



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**MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
EMAIL: FALLYN.BEGAY@NAVAJO-NSN.GOV PHONE: (928) 871-7307**



Save the Dates: **SEPTEMBER EVENTS**

As we look ahead to September, we honor the men and women who serve and have served our nation. Here's a preview of upcoming ceremonies, special events, and activities. For updates and details on these and future events, <https://www.dvs.nm.gov/news-and-events/> and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

Angel Fire Memorial Walkway Brick Installation



Hosted by the David Westphall Foundation in partnership with the New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services, join us for this annual Labor Day weekend ceremony bringing together families, friends, volunteers, and supporters to place engraved commemorative bricks honoring Veterans and active-duty service members along the Veterans Memorial Walkway. The public is invited to attend.

Details: Saturday, September 5, 2026, at 8:00 a.m., at the Angel Fire Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Angel Fire, New Mexico.

Military and Veterans Day at the New Mexico State Fair



Join the New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services and the New Mexico National Guard for Military & Veterans Day at the New Mexico State Fair. Veterans, active-duty service members, National Guard, and Reserve members receive free admission and can connect with military and Veteran organizations, access resources and services, and file for benefits throughout the event, which concludes at 3 p.m.

Details: Tuesday, September 15, 2026. Gates open at 10:00 a.m. at Expo New Mexico in Albuquerque. A special ceremony begins at 11:00 a.m. at the Pavilion Stage.

Forgotten Heroes Burial Ceremony



Join the New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services, Bernalillo County, the New Mexico National Guard, and numerous community partners as we honor 51 unclaimed Veterans during the annual Forgotten Heroes Burial Ceremony. This solemn event ensures that honorably discharged Veterans without family receive a final resting place with the dignity, respect, and full military honors they deserve.

Details: Thursday, September 17, 2026. Memorial service at 9:00 a.m. at Legacy Church, Albuquerque, followed by the burial ceremony at 11:00 a.m. at Santa Fe National Cemetery.



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**.

Check the VBOC training calendar for upcoming classes and events: <https://sba-vboc.ecenterdirect.com/>

City	Dates	Location
*Alamogordo, NM	August 6 & 7 Boots to Business	Holloman AFB M&FR Center
*Albuquerque, NM	August 13 & 14	Kirtland AFB Consolidated Support Building
Virtual	August 27 Boots to Business	Click here for training registration

- Participants will require base access
- Funded in part through a Cooperative Agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration.



WHY CHOOSE VBOC?

✓ No Cost Business Mentoring ✓ Strengthening Veteran Businesses ✓ Veteran-Focused Expertise ✓ Statewide Support ✓ Military Spouse Assistance

LEARN



Boots to Business Training

- Entrepreneurship Education
- Business Planning Assistance
- Government Contracting Guidance
- Financial Readiness Training
- Military Spouse Pathway to Business Training

GROW



One-on-One Business Counseling

- Access to Capital Resources
- Marketing & Growth Strategies
- Business Expansion Support
- Strategic Planning Assistance

CONNECT



Lender Introductions

- SBA Resource Partners
- Veteran Business Networks
- Procurement Opportunities
- Community Partnerships
- Quarterly Lender Expo

SUCCEED



Veteran-Owned Small Business Certification Guidance

- Federal, State & Local Resource Navigation
- Long-Term Business Advising
- Veteran Surplus Program
- Sustainable Business Growth

Serving Veterans • Transitioning Service Members • National Guard • Reservists • Military Spouses



Women Veterans Corner

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

Amberly Viner, Women Veteran Program Manager

Did you know:

Many women Veterans are eligible for a wide range of benefits beyond disability compensation, including education benefits, career assistance, mental health services, preventive healthcare, home loan programs, caregiver support, and life insurance. Understanding and utilizing these earned benefits can improve your overall well-being and help you prepare for every stage of life.

Topic of the Month: Investing in Yourself — Wellness, Growth, and Preparing for Tomorrow

August is a month that encourages us to pause, refocus, and invest in our future. It is essential to maintaining the strength and resilience military service instilled. For women Veterans, wellness extends beyond physical health. It includes emotional well-being, financial stability, meaningful relationships, and having the resources needed to thrive throughout every stage of life.

Military service teaches us to care for others, accomplish the mission, and persevere through adversity. Yet many women Veterans often place their own needs last. Whether balancing careers, education, caregiving, or community service, taking time to focus on personal wellness is an investment that benefits not only us, but also our families and communities.

From pursuing higher education and career advancement to understanding VA benefits, estate planning, and financial readiness, every step we take today helps build a stronger tomorrow.

The New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services Women Veterans Program encourages every woman Veteran to take advantage of the resources available. Whether scheduling a wellness appointment, exploring educational opportunities, updating your VA records, connecting with a Veterans Service Officer, or attending a local women Veteran event, every action is a step toward continued success.

Your military service demonstrated your commitment to serving others. This month, remember that investing in yourself is one of the most important missions you will ever undertake.

Stay Connected:

Take time this month to schedule your annual wellness appointments, review your VA benefits, connect with a fellow woman Veteran, or attend a local event. Investing in your health and future today helps build a stronger tomorrow for yourself, your family, and the women Veterans who will follow in your footsteps.

"Success isn't about how much money you make. It's about the difference you make in people's lives."

- 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. Women Veterans seeking assistance or connection to resources are encouraged to visit:

<https://www.dvs.nm.gov/womens-veteran-program/> to learn more.

Help Preserve Military Women's History

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

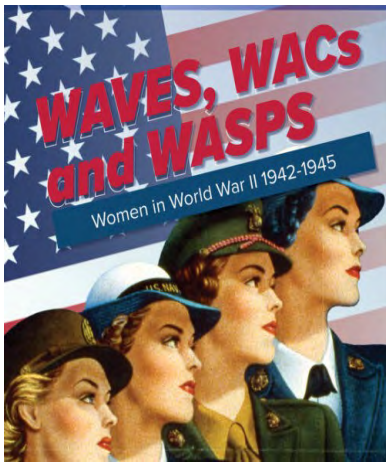
The NMDVS "Strive for 500" Campaign continues to gain momentum as we work toward our goal of registering 500 women Veterans with the Military Women's Memorial. We still need more women Veterans to be counted and recognized for their military service.



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.

Exhibit Features New Mexico Women Veterans of World War II



WAVES, WACs, and WASPs: Women in World War II, is now on display at the National Museum of Nuclear Science & History in Albuquerque. The exhibit explores the contributions of women who served during World War II and features several New Mexico Veterans whose service helped shape military history.

Among the New Mexico Veterans featured is Dorothy Jensen Blanchard, a member of the U.S. Navy's Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES). Blanchard served from 1943 to 1952, rising to the rank of Yeoman Chief Petty Officer, and worked at the Pentagon, where she witnessed the signing of the National Security Act of 1947. After settling in Albuquerque following her military service, Blanchard's legacy was honored in October 2025 when the City renamed High Desert Park in her memory.

The exhibit also highlights the service of the Women's Army Corps (WACs), Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASPs) and WAVES. Through artifacts, uniforms, photographs, personal stories, and interactive displays, visitors can learn how these trailblazing women strengthened the nation's military during World War II and helped pave the way for future generations of women in uniform.

The exhibit offers New Mexico Veterans, military families, and history enthusiasts an opportunity to learn more about these pioneering women and their lasting contributions to our nation's military history.

More information is available at the museum website: https://www.nuclearmuseum.org/see/exhibits/waves_wacs_wasps

Remembering Victory Against Japan Day



On September 2, 1945, World War II officially ended when representatives of Japan signed the Instrument of Surrender aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay. The signing brought an end to nearly six years of global conflict and secured victory for the Allied nations.

For the more than 16 million Americans who served in uniform during World War II, Victory against Japan Day (V-J Day) represented far more than a military victory. It reflected years of sacrifice and an unwavering commitment to freedom and democracy. Americans served on battlefields across Europe, Africa, and the Pacific, while millions more supported the war effort on the home front.

More than 49,000 New Mexicans served during World War II, giving the state the highest per-capita service rate in the nation. Thousands served in the Pacific, where they faced some of the war's most difficult campaigns and suffered heavy losses.

New Mexico's connection to V-J Day runs deep. Soldiers from the 200th and 515th Coast Artillery units were among the first Americans to engage Japanese forces following the attack on Pearl Harbor. They defended the Philippines until the enemy forced their surrender, and many endured the Bataan Death March and years of captivity as prisoners of war.

Throughout the world and here in New Mexico, Japan's surrender brought relief and celebration, but also a moment of reflection. Communities gathered in town plazas and churches as bells rang and radios broadcast the news that the war was over. Even amid the celebrations, many remembered those who never returned home, as well as the Veterans who endured captivity, injury, and the lasting effects of war.



V-J Day also marked the beginning of a new chapter for millions of Americans returning home from military service. For New Mexico Veterans who survived Bataan, Okinawa, Iwo Jima, and countless other campaigns, the challenges of war did not end on September 2, 1945. Many faced the difficult task of rebuilding their lives after years of combat, captivity, and separation from their families.

As we mark the 81st anniversary of V-J Day, the New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services extends its gratitude to all who served during World War II and to every Veteran who answered the nation's call. The number of World War II Veterans among us continues to decline with each passing year, making it even more important to preserve their stories and honor their service.

The New Mexico Military Museum preserves the history of military service in the Land of Enchantment through exhibitions, collections, archives, artwork, and public programs. Its work helps ensure that future generations understand the contributions of New Mexicans, including the soldiers of the 200th and 515th Coast Artillery, and the role they played in shaping our state's history. Learn more at <https://www.nmng.nm.gov/military-museum/>



Employee Spotlight Correction: Ben Padilla

In our April issue, we had the privilege of highlighting Ben Padilla, who serves as a Veteran Service Officer with the New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services (NMDVS) in Clovis, New Mexico. Unfortunately, the spotlight included inaccurate information about Ben's military branch of service and omitted portions of his responses about what inspired him to join the agency. We sincerely apologize to Ben Padilla, his family, and our readers for these errors. I want to personally apologize for the errors that appeared in the Employee Spotlight featuring VSO Ben Padilla. During the editing process, I incorrectly identified his branch of service. We are grateful for the opportunity to correct the record. - Sam Newton, Public Relations Coordinator, NMDVS.

Ben has become a trusted advocate for the Veterans in his community through his unwavering dedication, compassion, and commitment to helping those who served.

As we previously shared, Ben approaches every Veteran with determination and empathy, ensuring they receive the benefits and support they have earned. His resilience and professional growth have strengthened his ability to navigate complex claims, making him a dependable resource for Veterans and a reflection of the mission-driven work happening at NMDVS.

What is your connection to the Veteran community?

I have three great-grandparents who served in World War II and a grandfather who served in Vietnam. I joined the Air Force straight out of high school and served eight years in Vehicle Operations, now known as Ground Transportation, as a Trainer, Dispatcher, and Operator.

What brought you to NMDVS?

My amazing supervisor, Matt Barela. After leaving the service and managing a movie theater, I was looking for a way to serve my Veteran community. I have helped so many Veterans over the years that it would be very difficult for me to pin down one specific story, but I am so thankful I have been able to help every single one and listen to their amazing histories.

Our Veterans have amazing stories to share, so if you get the opportunity to have a conversation with one, take advantage. They have taught me so much, and I will be forever grateful.



Discover the resources and services available through the New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services. Read current and past editions of The Guardian newsletter, explore upcoming events, access Veterans benefits information and forms, connect with your nearest Veteran Service Officer, and learn about New Mexico's state Veterans cemeteries and memorials. Find it all at <https://www.dvs.nm.gov/>



The New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services (NMDVS) is proud to shine this month's spotlight on Patrick Joshua "Josh" Suazo, Supervisor of the Taos State Veterans Cemetery, who has quickly distinguished himself as one of the Cemeteries Division's most dependable team members. Originally hired as an Interment Specialist II, Josh earned a well-deserved promotion to Supervisor through his strong work ethic, can-do attitude, and unwavering commitment to service.

NMDVS Benefits Division Director Edward Mendez commended his contributions, noting, "He is consistently the first to volunteer for extra duties, assisting fellow employees, or stepping in wherever support is needed. His deep roots in the Taos community have made him an invaluable asset to the cemetery's mission that every Veteran and family receives the respect they deserve."

How long have you been with the agency?

I have been with NMDVS for just over eight months. I'm honored to serve those who served. I have spent most of my career working as a maintenance technician, with experience in grounds maintenance, construction, and heavy equipment operation. I was employed with Taos County Facilities Management for over 12 years.



What do you enjoy most about your work with NMDVS?

The people I have met and the duties are what I enjoy most. My responsibilities include overseeing the facility, grounds, equipment, and personnel. However, the number one thing for me is the honor of serving our Veterans and interacting with the families we serve. My goal is to make the Taos State Veterans Cemetery one that everyone can be proud of.



What is your connection to the Veteran community?

My wife, Carmella, and I served as mayordomos (elders) for the San Francisco de Asís Church. Through that role, we had the privilege of meeting many Veterans and their families. Living in Taos, you get to know everyone, and they get to know you. My son Jude is currently serving in the Army.



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

I was born in Embudo, New Mexico, and raised in Taos. Today, I reside in Pilar, New Mexico, where my wife and I have made our home. We have two sons and are blessed with grandchildren who bring great joy to our lives. Family is very important to me, and the time we spend together is something I truly cherish. In my free time, I enjoy hunting, cooking, riding my Harley-Davidson on the open road, and camping with family and friends.

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





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News from the U.S. Department of **Veterans Affairs**

VA Health and Benefits App Adds New Features for Veterans



The VA Health and Benefits mobile app now offers two new features that make it even easier to stay informed and manage important VA services from your smartphone.

Veterans can now view lab results as soon as they become available by selecting Medical Records under the Health section and then choosing Labs and Tests. The app also allows Veterans to manage VA benefit overpayment debts related to disability compensation, pension, and education benefits. Through the Payments section, users can view balances, see why debt exists, make payments, request financial assistance, or dispute a debt.

In addition to these new tools, the app lets Veterans schedule and manage appointments, message their VA care team, refill prescriptions, check claims and appeals, upload documents, view payment history, update contact information, display digital proof of Veteran status, find VA facilities, and quickly access the Veterans Crisis Line.

If you already have the VA Health and Benefits app, these new features are available automatically. If you haven't downloaded it yet, it's available free through the Apple App Store and Google Play Store and at:

<https://mobile.va.gov/app/va-health-and-benefits>

VA MOVE! Program Helps Veterans Build Healthier Lives

The VA's MOVE! Weight Management Program is helping Veterans improve their health through personalized support, nutrition education, physical activity, and healthy lifestyle changes. The evidence-based program is designed to help eligible Veterans achieve long-term success by focusing on sustainable habits rather than quick fixes.



MOVE! offers a variety of participation options, including in-person classes, virtual appointments through VA Video Connect, telephone-based TeleMOVE!, educational materials, and the MOVE! Coach mobile app. Veterans work with a care team that may include dietitians and health coaches who provide guidance, accountability, and encouragement throughout the program.

How to Get Started

Eligible Veterans enrolled in VA health care can begin by attending a MOVE! information session or speaking with their VA primary care team about enrolling. During the orientation, Veterans learn about the program, available participation options, and the resources that best fit their individual goals.

Whether the goal is weight management, reducing health risks, increasing energy, or improving overall wellness, the MOVE! Program provides Veterans with the tools and support needed to build healthier habits that last. For more information on the MOVE app, questionnaire, and workbook, visit the VA MOVE site here: <https://www.move.va.gov/move11.asp>

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S.A.V.E. RUN

New Mexico Veterans' Bike Run

Saturday, August 29, 2026

7:30 a.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Please join us as we ride from NMVAHCS to Angel Fire Veterans Memorial. There will be several stops along the way that will outline how you can help SAVE a Veteran's life.

*Vehicles may follow, open to all community members.



Robert E. Nolen Jr. WWII Veteran Veteran Dedication

Bob was a remarkable World War II Veteran, living a life of resilience from 5/18/23 to 10/9/2025 (Age 102). He enlisted in the Army Reserves at Texas A&M in 1942, answering the call to serve in May 1943. After a valiant journey, he was discharged in February 1946. Bob was awarded the Purple Heart for his bravery and sacrifices while serving in combat with "I" Co., 405th Regiment, 102nd Infantry Division of the 9th Army in Germany, November 1944. His legacy embodies courage and dedication.



For more information about this annual events,
please contact Christina.Camacho@va.gov

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American Legion Post 17

314 Hunter St.

Espanola, NM 87532



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Validate

Arrive 1:15 p.m.

Rio Grande Gorge Bridge Rest Area

25924 Highway 64

Taos NM 87571



STOP Stop 4

Expedite/Encourage Care

Arrive 2:30 p.m.

Sinclair Gas Station

2374 NM 522

Questa, NM 87556



STOP Stop 5

Remembrance Ceremony

Arrive 3:45 p.m.

Vietnam Memorial

34 Country Club Road

Angel Fire, NM 87710



STOP Stop 6

Hotel Check In, Rest and Comradarie at Night

Arrive 5:15 p.m.

Laguna Visat ta Lodge

51 E. Thermal St.

Eagle Nest, NM 87718



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NMDVS invites government agencies and non-profit service organizations to send flyers for publication in *The Guardian* announcing an upcoming or ongoing Veteran-related event. NMDVS will run these flyers as a public service courtesy to the Veteran community.

Please note:

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



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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

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SEPT 5TH, LABOR DAY WEEKEND

VETERANS BRICK LAYING CEREMONY

Organizer: David Westphall Veterans Foundation
at Vietnam Veterans Memorial
34 Country Club Rd
Angel Fire, NM
Sept 5th, 2026 • 8:30-3:00

Join us in this heartfelt occasion as we lay engraved bricks that will become a permanent part of the memorial's pathways, symbolizing gratitude and remembrance.

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NVWHC 2026 5K



Sunday
Sept. 6, 2026



8:00 am



**Angel Fire
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**EVERY STEP MAKES A
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RUN OR WALK
All paces welcome!



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SAVE LIVES**



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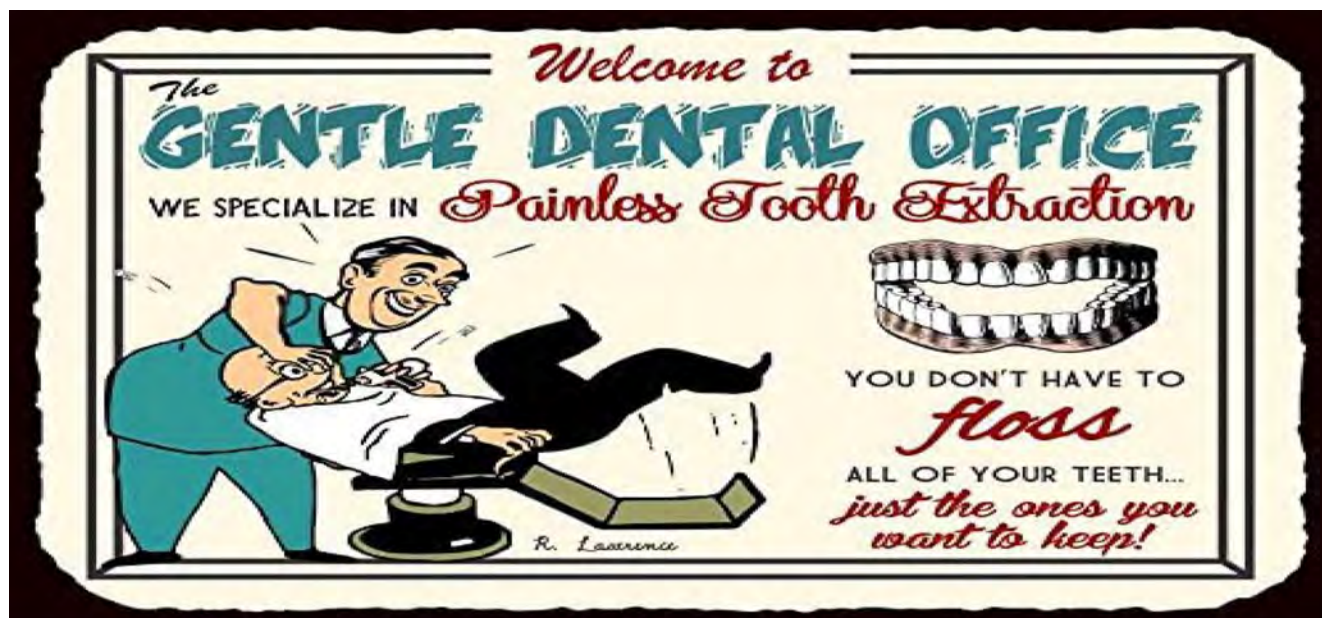
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Veterans and Law Enforcement Free Dental Stand Down

August 29th, 2026

Space is Limited

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2026
ISLETA EAGLE GOLF COURSE

8:00 AM – Breakfast & Registration

9:00 AM – Shotgun Start

Lunch Immediately Following

PLAYER REGISTRATION
\$165
PER GOLFER
\$660
PER TEAM OF FOUR

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 Help send New Mexico veterans on no-cost trips to Washington, D.C. to visit the memorials built in their honor.

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2026
8AM SHOTGUN START

SANTA ANA GOLF CLUB

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End all Suicide Coalition 2026 Veteran Stand Down

**The Rock Christian Fellowship
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Time: 1000 - 1400

Date: October 24, 2026

**Are you a veteran experiencing homelessness or
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**Join us to connect with free resources and support,
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- Actively engaged in the inpatient's treatment plan
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- Living in stable, permanent housing (not homeless)
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