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Governor's Veterans Advisory Council quarterly meeting

LAS VEGAS, N.M. — Veterans, their families and community members in northeastern New Mexico can share their concerns and priorities during the Governor's Veterans Advisory Council (GVAC) quarterly meeting Oct. 29 in Las Vegas.

The GVAC comprises veterans and individuals with expertise in veterans affairs who provide recommendations to the New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services (NMDVS). The council works to identify gaps in services, address areas for improvement and develop strategies to better serve New Mexico's veterans and their families.

NMDVS leadership will be available to answer questions during the meeting, and department staff will be on-site to assist veterans and their families with state and federal veterans benefits.

WHO: Veterans, family members and the public

WHAT: Governor's Veterans Advisory Council meeting

WHEN: Thursday, October 29, 2026, 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m.

WHERE: VFW Post 1547, 148 Mills Ave., Las Vegas, NM 87701

NMDVS benefits personnel will assist eligible veterans and surviving spouses with applications for property tax waivers and exemptions, and lifetime veteran park passes. Accredited veterans service officers will provide on-site assistance with VA claims, health care eligibility, disability compensation and other state and federal veterans benefits.

Veterans seeking benefits assistance should bring a DD-214, photo ID, VA award letter if applicable, proof of New Mexico residency and any relevant dependent or medical

documentation. Surviving spouses should also bring death and marriage certificates.

The event is free and open to the public. Media should RSVP to Sam Newton at dvs.pio@dvs.nm.gov.

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The New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services

The New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services provides support and services to New Mexico's 148,000 Veterans and their families. NMDVS treats every veteran, regardless of their rank achieved during military service, with the respect and gratitude befitting someone who has served our country. We strive every day to live up to our agency's official motto: Serving Those Who Served. Connect with us on FB [@NMDVS](#) or Instagram [@NMVETERANS](#).