



# The Guardian

The monthly newsletter of the New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services  
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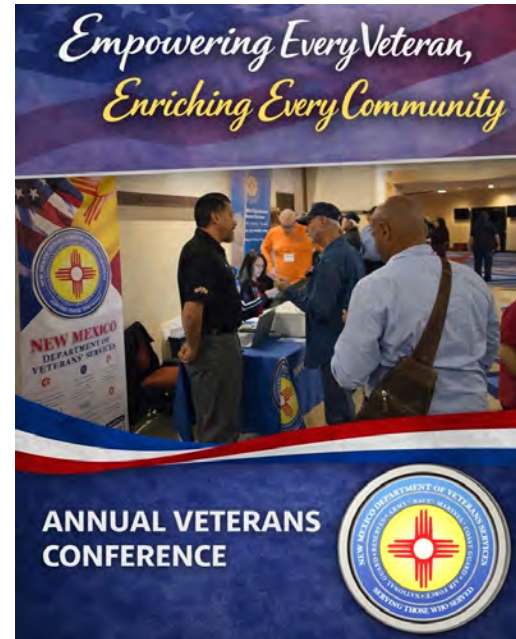
## Attend the NMDVS Annual Veterans Conference in Las Cruces

The New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services (NMDVS) invites you to our 2026 Veterans Conference, taking place at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces on April 17th from 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. and April 18th from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Space is limited, and registration is free. Visit [nmdvs.org](http://nmdvs.org) to register and learn more.

Veterans, family members, service providers, and community partners will gather for connection, information, and support under the theme, "Empowering Every Veteran, Enriching Every Community."

Attendees will receive legislative updates, program briefings, and information on state and federal benefits and services. Sessions will address Women Veteran mental health and service needs, Tribal Veteran issues and resources, and new medical treatments for PTSD and other mental health conditions. In addition, information on opportunities for Veterans starting or growing a business, along with education and workforce programs.

To apply for benefits, Veterans and family members should bring documents to verify eligibility, including a DD-214 or equivalent, VA award letters, proof of New Mexico residency, and, if applicable, marriage and death



## Bataan Remembrance Ceremony April 9th



On April 9th, join the New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services and New Mexico National Guard to remember one of our state's most defining moments of military service at the Bataan Remembrance Ceremony.

The ceremony honors the 1,800 members of the New Mexico National Guard's 200th and 515th Coast Artillery Regiments who were stationed in the Philippines on Dec. 8, 1941, when Japanese forces launched an attack just hours after Pearl Harbor. What began as a training deployment quickly turned into a fight for survival as these soldiers joined American and Filipino forces defending the Bataan Peninsula.

After months of heavy combat, Allied troops, overwhelmed and low on supplies, were forced to surrender on April 9, 1942. Many were captured and endured the brutal Bataan Death March.

The ceremony will be held on Thursday, April 9, at 11 a.m. in front of the Eternal Flame at the Bataan Memorial Building, 407 Galisteo St., Santa Fe, NM 87501.



## New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services

# VETERANS CONFERENCE 2026

**Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, Las Cruces, NM**  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2026, 8:00 AM – 4:15 PM**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026, 8:00 AM – 12:30 PM**

**“Empowering Every Veteran, Enriching Every Community”**

Join the New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services for two days of **connection, resources, and recognition** at the 2026 Veterans' Conference. The event brings together Veterans, their families, service providers, and advocates from across the state for an inspiring and informative experience.

- Program briefings from state, federal, and community partners that support Veterans
- State and federal benefits and resource information
- On-site assistance with benefits applications and claims questions - Bring your **DD-214** and, if applicable, your **VA Award Letter** for application assistance
- Networking opportunities with Veteran-friendly organizations

**Limited to  
205  
Attendees**

**Free Registration**  
All Veterans & Families

**REGISTER**



**Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces**  
705 S Telshor Blvd, Las Cruces, NM 88011

**For more information, visit [nmdvs.org](http://nmdvs.org) or call 505-383-2400**

## Upcoming NMDVS Veterans' Benefits Outreach Visits

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

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

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

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

Artesia	4/15, 5/20	United Veterans Hall, 402 W Hermosa Dr.	9am-4pm
Carlsbad	4/8,	VFW Post 8703, 1919 San Jose Blvd.	10am-3pm
Cannon AFB	4/21, 5/5, 5/12	TAP Seminar, MFRC, 1554 Spear Loop	11am-12pm
Capitan	6/3, 8/5, 10/7	Capitan Public Library, 101 E 2nd St.	10am-3pm
Deming	4/8, 5/13	Old VFW Bldg., 4045 Overhill Dr. NW	10am-1pm
Deming	4/22, 5/27	Luna County Senior Center, 800 Granite St.	10am-12:30pm
Farmington	4/14	National Guard Armory, 1101 W. Navajo St.	10am-12pm
Gallup	4/14, 5/12, 6/9	Vets Helping Vets, 908 E. Buena Vista Ave.	10am-11am
Holloman AFB	4/15, 4/22, 5/6	TAP Seminar, MFRC , W NM Ave., Bldg. 788	8:30am-10am
Raton	4/15, 5/20	Raton VA Clinic 1493 Whittier St.	10am-2pm
Rio Rancho	4/27	Sandoval County , 1500 Idalia Rd. Bldg. D	1pm-4pm
Ruidoso	5/6, 7/1, 9/2, 11/4	Ruidoso Community Ctr/501 Sudderth Dr.	10am-3pm
Santa Rosa	4/8, 5/13	Guadalupe County Veterans Ctr/720 Lake Dr.	10am-2pm
Socorro/Belen	4/14, 5/12, 6/9, 7/14	Forget Me Not Veteran Ctr/705 N. California	9am-1pm

### The following are weekly outreach visits:

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

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

Date	Location	Time
April 9	Chama Senior Center, 2449 Hwy 64/84, Chama, NM, 87520	10am-2pm
April 10	Los Alamos American Legion Post 90, 1325 Trinity Dr., Los Alamos, NM 87544	9am-2pm
April 14	Socorro/Forget Me Not Vet Center, 707 N. California St., Socorro, NM 87801	9am-3pm
April 15	Estancia/Torrance County Assessor, 205 S. 9th Ave., Estancia, NM 87016	9am-3pm
April 16	Mountainair/Saul Rec. Ctr, 109 N Roosevelt Ave., Mountainair, NM 87036	9am-3pm
April 29	Reserve/Across from Catron Co. Courthouse, 100 Main St., Reserve, NM 87830	8am-2pm
April 30	Grants Recreation Center, 551 Washington Ave., Grants, NM 87020	8am-3pm

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

For more information, contact:

 NMDVS Central Office: (866) 433-8387

 [www.nmdvs.org](http://www.nmdvs.org)

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

# Property Tax Exemptions and Lifetime Veteran Park Passes

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

## 1. Property Tax Exemptions:

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

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

## 2. New Mexico State Park Lifetime Veterans Pass:

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

### Documents needed to verify eligibility for the benefits

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

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

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



## Tax Exemption and State Benefits Events Schedule

Los Alamos	4/10	County Assessor's Office, 1000 Central Ave., Los Alamos, NM 87544	9am-3pm
Albuquerque	4/21	Bernco, Alvarado Square, 415 Silver Ave SW, Albuquerque, NM 87102	9am-3pm
Albuquerque	4/21	Bernco, Andalucia Shopping Ctr., 5600 Coors Blvd. NW, Abq., NM 87120	9am-3pm
Albuquerque	4/21	Bernco, The Shoppes, 6001 San Mateo Blvd., NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109	9am-3pm
Las Cruces	4/23	Doña Ana County Assessor's, 845 N Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, NM 88007	9am-3pm
Ruidoso	5/7	Downs Senior Center, 26337 US Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346	9am-3pm
Socorro	5/8	Forget-Me-Not Vet Adin. Bldg., 705 N., California St. Socorro, NM 87801	9am-3pm

# Disabled Veteran Property Tax Exemption HB285

## Fact Sheet

### What HB 285 does

HB 285 clarifies and streamlines New Mexico's Disabled Veteran Property Tax Exemption—covering eligibility, how to claim and keep the exemption, rules for surviving spouses, multi-owner properties, and protest procedures. HB 285 included an emergency clause, which took effect on February 25th, 2026.

### Who Qualifies?

- A disabled veteran is someone honorably discharged from the U.S. Uniformed Services (or recognized civilian service), and determined under federal law to have a permanent service-connected disability
- The exemption applies to property owned by the veteran, including joint/community property with a spouse, and to property held in certain grantor trusts created by the veteran or the veteran's surviving spouse.
- Surviving spouses qualify if they were married to the veteran at the time of death and continue to occupy the home as their principal residence. If the surviving spouse remarries at any time, the benefit is forfeited and cannot be reestablished.

### What Is the Exemption?

- The exemption reduces property taxes by an amount equal to the veteran's VA disability percentage multiplied by the property's taxable value (after other standard exemptions).
- To receive the exemption, the veteran must continuously occupy the property as their principal residence.

### If You Move Homes

- The veteran and unmarried surviving spouse may keep the exemption on the old home for the remainder of the year or apply it immediately to a new principal residence—even if outside the usual 30-day application window.

### Multiple Disabled Veteran Owners

If more than one qualifying disabled veteran owns and resides at the same property, the exemption applied is the highest disability rating among them.

### How To Claim (and Keep) the Exemption

Initial claim requirements:

- A Department-prescribed form certifying that the veteran/survivor owns and occupies the property as their principal residence.
- A Certificate of Eligibility from the New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services.
- If your VA disability claim is pending and your certificate isn't issued within 30 days of the county assessor's notice of valuation, you may file a protest and attach a copy of the VA claim receipt (per 38 U.S.C. § 5103 notice).
- If you become ineligible (e.g., status or ownership change), you must notify the county assessor by the last day of February of the following tax year.
- Once approved, your exemption automatically continues each year unless eligibility or ownership changes.

### Oversight & Penalties

- County assessors must verify eligibility and prevent multiple exemptions across counties or multiple properties. The New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services assists with verification and may charge \$5 for a duplicate eligibility certificate.
- Intentional misuse of the exemption is a misdemeanor punishable by up to a \$1,000 fine. Assessors/employees who knowingly allow ineligible claims face the same penalty and automatic removal from office.

### Need Help?

Contact the New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services (NMDVS), which can issue Certificates of Eligibility and assist with questions. Contact NMDVS: [Vet.Benefits@dvs.nm.gov](mailto:Vet.Benefits@dvs.nm.gov), [NMDVS.org](http://NMDVS.org), or call 1-866-433-8387

Reference HB285 by clicking [here](#). **(Deadline to file a Veteran protest is April 30th, 2026)**



**NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES**

**17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
MILITARY HONORS SPRING TRAINING  
CONFERENCE & COMPETITION**



**FRIDAY APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**

**SONOMA RANCH GOLF COURSE**

**1274 GOLF CLUB RD. LAS CRUCES, NM 88011**

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# State Honors Tuskegee Airman James C. Flowers



The New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services honored one of our nation's most remarkable Veterans, James C. Flowers, with the New Mexico Medal of Merit in his Las Cruces home on March 20, 2026.

Cabinet Secretary Jamison Herrera and State Benefits Director Ed Mendez presented the award on behalf of Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham, recognizing a lifetime of service, sacrifice, and dedication. At 110 years old, Mr. Flowers is recognized as the oldest living Veteran in the United States, according to the Gerontology Research Group, a leading authority on human longevity and age validation.

The New Mexico National Guard Medal of Merit honors individuals who demonstrate exceptional service and dedication to the state. It is awarded to individuals who render prolonged and meritorious service, reflecting a sustained commitment to serving New Mexico and its people.



Mr. Flowers served with distinction as a member of the Tuskegee Airmen during World War II from 1940 to 1945. As a first lieutenant and pilot with the 99th Fighter Squadron, part of the 332nd Fighter Group. Flowers flew with the famous Red Tails, whose success in escorting bombers over European war zones has inspired books and Hollywood films. While the Red Tails took losses, they never lost a bomber. He helped break barriers as one of the nation's first Black military aviators, opening the door for generations of service members who followed.

After returning home, Mr. Flowers continued to serve others through education, working as a schoolteacher in New York City. Following his retirement, he and his wife, Evelyn, made New Mexico their home. His legacy lives on through his family, including six doctors among his children and grandchildren, reflecting a continued commitment to service and excellence.



Born on Christmas Day, December 25, 1915, Mr. Flowers has lived through more than a century of American history. Today, he stands as a living testament to the Greatest Generation, inspiring pride and respect through his resilience, purpose, and lifelong commitment to serving others.

"Mr. Flowers has dedicated his life to serving our nation and educating young people, ensuring that his sacrifices and resilience are appreciated and respected by future generations," said Cabinet Secretary Jamison Herrera.

NMDVS also recognized Lydia Macias, Mr. Flowers' longtime caregiver, along with his neighbor, Retired Sgt. 1st Class Darryl Greenfield, and his wife, Diane Ferrales-Greenfield, for their continued care and support.

Mr. Flowers' life reflects a legacy of service that continues to shape his community and inspire those who follow. His story stands as a powerful reminder of the impact one individual can have through a lifetime of dedication to both country and community.



# Tribal Liaison Program



**“Recognizing the Unique Challenges and Sacrifices made by our Native American Veterans”**  
Beverly Charley, Tribal Liaison

There are 24 federally recognized Pueblos, Nations, and Tribes within New Mexico...

- 19 Pueblos: Acoma, Cochiti, Isleta, Jemez, Laguna, Nambé, Ohkay Owingeh, Picuris, Pojoaque, Sandia, San Felipe, San Ildefonso, Santa Ana, Santa Clara, Santo Domingo, Taos, Tesuque, Zia, and Zuni
- Navajo Nation (Diné)
- Apache Nations: Jicarilla Apache Nation in the north, the Mescalero Apache Tribe in the south, the Fort Sill Apache Tribe, and the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe

**American Indians / Alaskan Natives (AI/AN) serve in the Armed Forces at five times the national average with distinction in every major conflict for over 200 years.**

**As of 2024, the percentage of AI/AN Veterans in New Mexico is 7.5%**

The U.S. Military is 1.7%  
Native American

Native American Servicemembers  
are 20% Female

**The New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services (NMDVS) Tribal Liaison Program** is dedicated to collaborating with and addressing any shared Veterans' Issues and concerns for the State's Pueblos, Nations, and Tribes. Recognizing the unique challenges and sacrifices made by our Native American Veterans, NMDVS remains committed to fostering a strong partnership with the State's Pueblos, Nations, and Tribes. By working together, we can ensure that the voices and needs are heard and respected.

## Tribal Liaison Focus:

- Conduct NM Native American Veterans Collaboration Meetings (monthly virtual) and Quarterly (in-person)
- Establish a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between (NMDVS) and all Pueblos, Nations, and Tribes
- Advocate for involvement and training for Native American Tribal Veteran Service Officers (VSOs) to ensure effective representation and efficient claims processing
- Provide assistance to support major events with the Pueblos, Nations, and Tribes
- Serve as the Point of Contact between the State and Indian Pueblos, Nations, and Tribes

Tribal Veterans seeking assistance for State and Federal Benefits are encouraged to visit [nmdvs.org](https://nmdvs.org)

To learn more about the Tribal Liaison Program, Please Contact Beverly Charley, Tribal Liaison at  
Ph:(575) 241.3322 Email: [Beverly.charley@dvs.nm.gov](mailto:Beverly.charley@dvs.nm.gov)

# Honoring Navajo Women Warriors

The New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services (NMDVS) proudly participated in the Navajo Nation's Navajo Women Warriors Day of Recognition on March 19, 2026, at Twin Arrows Navajo Casino & Resort in Flagstaff, Arizona. Representing NMDVS were Tribal Liaison Beverly Charley and Women Veteran Program Manager Amberly Viner, who connected with women Veterans and service providers throughout the day.

Hosted annually by the Navajo Nation and the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration, the event honors the service and sacrifices of Navajo Women Warriors while providing access to critical Veteran services and resources. This year's event expanded its reach to include women Veterans from diverse Tribal communities, such as the Pueblo of Zuni, the Hopi Tribe, and the Navajo Nation.

NMDVS joined more than 25 service providers and two mobile health care units offering on-site services. The team provided information on state and federal benefits, connected with Veterans navigating the VA claims process, and strengthened partnerships with Tribal and regional organizations. Conversations with women Veterans highlighted both the progress made and the continued challenges many face in accessing earned benefits.

The event also created opportunities for meaningful collaboration. NMDVS engaged with leaders from the Center for Women Veterans, Tribal Veteran agencies, and community partners to explore future outreach, including participation in upcoming initiatives and the expansion of mobile unit services in Tribal communities.

Each honoree received a Certificate of Honor and a Navajo Nation coin in recognition of her service. The event also welcomed Executive Director for the VA Center for Women Veterans, Jacquelyn Hayes-Byrd, Navajo Nation Vice President Richelle Montoya, and remarks delivered via video from the Navajo Nation President, Dr. Buu Nygren.

The Navajo Women Veterans Conference showcases the strength of Navajo women warriors and reinforces the Nation's commitment to honoring their legacy. By bringing Veterans together, expanding access to care, and amplifying their voices, the event recognizes their service and the leadership they carry forward for future generations.

NMDVS remains committed to strengthening outreach to women Veterans across New Mexico's Pueblos, Nations, and Tribal communities. Events like this reinforce the importance of meeting Veterans where they are, ensuring access to benefits, and honoring the legacy of service carried on by women who have served.



## Birthday of the Air Force Reserve

On April 14th, the Air Force Reserve marks its 78th birthday, honoring decades of service, commitment, and patriotism. Established in 1948, the Reserve was created to ensure the nation maintains a ready and reliable force of trained personnel prepared to support military operations at a moment's notice.

For decades, Air Force Reserve members, known as citizen airmen, have answered that call. Balancing civilian careers with military service, they bring critical skills and experience to missions at home and abroad, playing a vital role in every major U.S. conflict since its founding.



Here in New Mexico, that mission is reflected across key installations including Kirtland Air Force Base, Holloman Air Force Base, and Cannon Air Force Base. Together, these bases support a wide range of operations, from research and national security missions at Kirtland to advanced pilot training at Holloman to special operations conducted out of Cannon. At each installation, active-duty, Guard, and Reserve forces work side by side, demonstrating the strength of the Total Force partnership.

As the Air Force continues to evolve, the Reserve remains an essential part of its strength, adapting to new technologies and mission demands while maintaining the highest standards of professionalism.

This milestone serves as a reminder of the dedication and sacrifice of Air Force Reserve Veterans and those currently serving. Their continued service strengthens our national defense and reflects an enduring commitment to protecting our nation.

## Honoring the Army Reserve Birthday



April 23, 2026 marks the birthday of the United States Army Reserve and honors 118 years of service. This Medical Reserve Corps grew into a critical force providing trained, ready Soldiers to support missions at home and around the world.

While its formal beginnings date to 1908, the Army Reserve traces its legacy even further back to the concept of the citizen-soldier, dating to the 18th century. The force was officially established in 1916 with the passage of the National Defense Act of 1916, solidifying its role as a permanent part of the nation's military structure. Since then, more than 1 million Army Reserve Soldiers have served in defense of the United States, contributing to every major conflict and military operation.

Army Reserve soldiers provide specialized expertise across a wide range of fields, including medical care, engineering, logistics, and cyber operations. These citizen Soldiers balance military service with civilian careers, education, and family life while staying connected to the communities they serve.

Across New Mexico, the Army Reserve maintains a strong presence, with 18 units, 3 facilities, and more than 800 Soldiers serving statewide. Army Reserve Soldiers train, serve, and support missions throughout the region, often working alongside active-duty forces and the New Mexico National Guard.

The New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services honors the enduring commitment of Army Reserve Soldiers and Veterans who serve, and thanks them for their continued dedication to our state and nation.

## Honoring Women Veterans and Servicemembers' Stories

The New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services (NMDVS) invites you to participate in a nationwide effort to honor women who have served by sharing their stories. By taking part, you help recognize the lasting contributions of our state's remarkable women in uniform and ensure their experiences are preserved.

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

Our Strive for 500 campaign continues to add names to the Women's National Digital Repository, expanding recognition of the women who have served and ensuring their contributions are not forgotten.

Registration is free and simple. Women who have served are encouraged to add their stories to the Military Women's National Digital Repository. By sharing your experience, you help highlight the impact of 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](http://womensmemorial.org) to share your story and help preserve the history of women Veterans.



## Annual Memorial Day Events Calendar



As New Mexico prepares to honor the service and sacrifice of our nation's fallen heroes this Memorial Day, the New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services (NMDVS) invites communities across the state to come together in remembrance and ensure those events are shared with Veterans and families statewide.

The May edition of The Guardian Veterans Newsletter will feature a statewide Memorial Day events calendar highlighting ceremonies, commemorations, and community gatherings throughout New Mexico. This calendar serves as a central resource for Veterans, families, and community members looking to participate in meaningful observances.

To ensure your event is included, NMDVS encourages organizations, local governments, Veterans groups, and community partners to submit their Memorial Day events as soon as possible.

Submit your Memorial Day event details to: [DVS.PIO@dvs.nm.gov](mailto:DVS.PIO@dvs.nm.gov). Be sure to include:

- Event name
- Date and time
- Location, description
- Point of contact with email and phone number

Submit your event, spread the word, and take part in honoring those who gave everything in service to our state and nation.



## Women Veterans Corner

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

**Amberly Viner, Women Veteran Program Manager**

### **Did you know:**

April is a time of awareness and renewal. As we recognize Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Stress Awareness Month, we are reminded of the importance of supporting women Veterans through healing, connection, and access to care. These observances highlight not only the challenges many women Veterans have faced but also the strength and resilience they carry forward every day.

### **Topic of the Month:**

#### **“Healing, Awareness, and Strength”**

For many women who have served, experiences during and after military service can include both visible and invisible stressors. Military Sexual Trauma (MST), high operational demands, and the lasting effects of service-related stress can impact overall well-being long after leaving the uniform. Acknowledging these experiences is an important step toward breaking down stigma and creating space for open, supportive conversations.

Healing does not look the same for everyone, and it is not a linear process. It may involve seeking professional care, building trusted support networks, reconnecting with a sense of purpose, or simply allowing time and space for rest and reflection. What matters most is knowing that support is available and that no one has to navigate their journey alone.

Connection plays a vital role in that process through peer support, community events, mentorship, or simply reaching out to another woman Veteran. Building relationships rooted in shared experience can provide understanding, strength, and encouragement. These connections help foster a sense of belonging and remind us that we are stronger together.

As we move through this month of awareness, we reaffirm our commitment to creating a community that uplifts, empowers, and supports women Veterans at every stage of their journey. By continuing to raise awareness, expand access to care, and strengthen connections, we help ensure that every woman Veteran feels seen, heard, and valued—not just in April, but every day.

**“You may not control all the events that happen to you, but you can decide not to be reduced by them.”**

— Maya Angelou

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

Through partnerships with federal, state, and community organizations, the program connects women Veterans to earned benefits, health care, mentorship, education, employment resources, and peer support networks. Women Veterans seeking assistance or connection to resources are encouraged to visit [nmdvs.org](http://nmdvs.org) to learn more.

New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services

# WOMEN VETERANS PROGRAM

## Meet & Greet

### CARLSBAD, NM

Wednesday, April 15th, 2026, 5:00pm-7:00pm

Location: Veteran of Foreign Wars, VFW Post- 8703  
1916 San Jose Blvd. Carlsbad, NM 88220

## JOIN US

Join us for an informal networking event with the Women Veterans Program Manager and fellow veterans to foster collaboration and engagement.

Guests will receive a brief program overview, followed by an opportunity for open discussion and questions.

Your feedback and perspectives are invaluable in guiding future initiatives and advancing our mission to serve the Women Veterans population in New Mexico.



HOSTED BY: WOMEN VETERANS PROGRAM MANAGER

**Amberly Viner**

U.S. Air Force OIF & OEF Veteran



For more information or assistance, contact the Woman Veterans Program Manager at 505-372-9106 or [Amberly.Viner@dvs.nm.gov](mailto:Amberly.Viner@dvs.nm.gov). NMDVS programs and services can also be found at [nmdvs.org](http://nmdvs.org)

## 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](mailto:christina.stover@dvs.nm.gov) or call **(505) 469-8501**.

City	Dates	Location
Albuquerque	April 24th-25th/Gathering of Nations	Expo New Mexico
*Clovis, NM	April 30th	Cannon AFB, MF&R Center
*Albuquerque, NM	May 11th & 12th	Kirtland AFB Consolidated Services Bldg.
*Alamogordo, NM	May 28th & 29th	Holloman AFB

*\* Participants will require base access*

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VETERANS BUSINESS OUTREACH CENTERS





The New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services (NMDVS) recognizes Ben Padilla, Veteran Service Officer at the NMDVS Clovis office. Ben has become a trusted advocate for the Veterans in his community. Through consistent dedication and a strong sense of purpose, he has demonstrated meaningful professional growth and a deep commitment to service.

Robin Wilson, NMDVS Director of Field Services, shared, "Ben approaches each Veteran with compassion and determination, ensuring they receive the benefits and support they have earned. His resilience and focus have strengthened his ability to navigate complex claims and deliver results. Today, Ben stands as a dependable resource and a reflection of the mission-driven work happening across New Mexico in support of those who served."

#### **How long have you been with the agency?**

I have been with the NMDVS for over 4 years now. I previously worked as a Manager of a Movie Theater for a couple of years.

#### **What do you enjoy most about your work with NMDVS?**

Solving the cases of the Veterans, family members, and the military community. Guiding fellow Veterans through the fog and confusion of obtaining the benefits they have earned. 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.

#### **What is your connection to the Veteran community?**

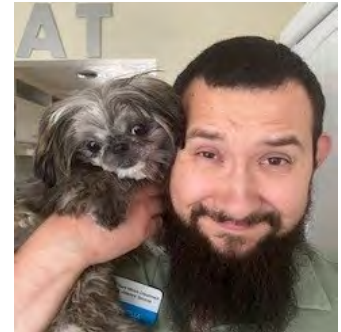
I am a Marine Corps Veteran and understand the need for advocacy and representation, as well as for navigating the resources earned by our service to this country.

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

All my time is taken up by my amazing family, whom I love hanging out with. I coach my kids in soccer, and I've recently gotten into gardening. Oh, I'm also a fantasy football fan. The Rams are winning it all in 2027.

#### **Three words to describe you?**

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



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





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

## VA Virtual Care and Telehealth

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs is leading telehealth innovation to ensure Veterans can access care when and where they need it. VA Telehealth Services is transforming how Veterans receive high-quality care, making it easier to connect with providers without traveling long distances.



Veterans can attend appointments from home, a clinic, or another convenient location via secure video or phone visits and remote monitoring tools. These services improve access to primary care, mental health, and specialty care while keeping Veterans connected to their VA care teams.

Telehealth is especially important for rural and underserved communities across New Mexico. By reducing travel and removing geographic barriers, Veterans can receive timely care while staying closer to home. It also expands access to mental health services, offering a more private and comfortable way to connect with providers.

Veterans enrolled in VA health care can ask their providers about telehealth options or learn more at [telehealth.va.gov](https://telehealth.va.gov). With continued advancements, telehealth remains a critical tool in ensuring every Veteran can access the care they have earned.

## Native American Direct Loan Program



The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Native American Direct Loan (NADL) program helps eligible Veterans buy, build, improve, or refinance a home on federal trust land.

The program is available to Native American Veterans and non-Native American Veterans married to a Native American spouse. To qualify, Veterans must have a VA home loan Certificate of Eligibility, meet credit and income requirements, plan to live in the home, and be part of a tribe with a VA agreement in place.

NADL offers strong benefits, including no down payment in most cases, no private mortgage insurance, limited closing costs, and a low-interest 30-year fixed mortgage. The benefit can also be reused, and current NADL loans may be refinanced to lower interest rates.

To get started, Veterans should request a Certificate of Eligibility and connect with an NADL coordinator for guidance through the process.

For more information, visit: <https://www.va.gov/housing-assistance/home-loans/loan-types/native-american-direct-loan/>

# VA Telehealth and Your Care

## What is Telehealth?

Telehealth uses technology and data to improve the way VA delivers care to you. VA Telehealth Services gives you remote access to the care you need, when and where you need it.

Any Veteran who qualifies to receive VA health care and lives in the United States or a U.S. territory is eligible to connect with their VA providers through telehealth. Your VA care team can work with you to develop the care plan that is best for you.

## Why Should I Use Telehealth?

### Nationwide Access

Telehealth is a modern way to deliver and receive patient-centered health care. It connects you with your provider, no matter the distance. VA Telehealth Services can reduce travel and bring care closer to you through:

- Real-time, interactive video visits
- In-home and mobile health remote monitoring
- Technologies that gather and store health data

### More Data, Better Care

Telehealth technologies let providers collect more health data — like your blood pressure — more often. This data will only be collected with your consent. But it can help your provider get a clearer picture of your health and develop a care plan that is tailored to your needs.

## Where Do I Use Telehealth?



### At Home

Home telehealth services work with your current care plan, allow you to avoid traveling to clinics, fit your lifestyle, and help you stay healthy and independent. You can get home telehealth care through video appointments on VA Video Connect, remote monitoring with devices that send data to your care team, secure messaging on My Health eVet, and more.



### In the Clinic

Telehealth enables you to access the quality care you need in more than 50 specialty areas from your local VA clinic. Through telehealth video technology, you can connect to VA specialists or to a VA care team located in other VA medical centers - hundreds of miles away.



### In the Hospital

Telehealth technologies in hospitals help VA providers around the country collaborate to improve your care. One example of this is Tele-ICU units that use video technology to bring a critical care team and specialists from across the nation together to consult on a case.

## Talk to Your Doctor

Talk to your doctor to see if telehealth is right for you. Here are some questions you may want to ask:

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> What is telehealth?  | <input type="checkbox"/> What technology do I need to get started? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> What types of telehealth services are available to me, based on my condition and location? | <input type="checkbox"/> How secure is my health information?      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> How do I start the process?  | <input type="checkbox"/> How do I schedule a telehealth visit?     |

VA continues to develop and test new programs every day. If telehealth care for your condition is not currently available, your doctor can update you about new programs.

[www.telehealth.va.gov](http://www.telehealth.va.gov)



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

**KIRTLAND Air Force Base JAG**

# WILL CLINIC FOR VETERANS

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

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



### Why Make a Will?

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

## FREE LEGAL SERVICE

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

9 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Walk-in only  
No appointment needed

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

### BRING WITH YOU

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

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



**If you can't attend in person...**  
**Watch the Town Hall on Facebook**  
**Go to our New Mexico VA Facebook Page:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/VANewMexico>



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

## IN-PERSON VETERAN DISCUSSION **New Mexico VA Health Care System**

### TOWN HALL

Tuesday, April 14  
5 p.m.-7 p.m.

### Information fair

Tuesday, April 14  
4 p.m.-5 p.m.

1501 San Pedro Drive SE  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87108  
Auditorium Building #39



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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.

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

**This is a no cost program for Veterans**

**Eligible projects:**

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

**Low-income Veteran homeowners are encouraged to apply**

**Must be current on mortgage, homeowner insurance and taxes**

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

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

**Veteran benefits are not counted as income for eligibility**

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***Upcoming events***

- Thursday, April 9, 2026, **Heroes HIRING Heroes** Event at the Elks Lodge, ***Farmington, NM***
- Wednesday, April 15, 2026, **Heroes HIRING Heroes** Event at the Tays Event Center, NMSU, ***Alamogordo, NM***
- Wednesday, April 22, 2026, **Heroes HIRING Heroes** Event at the American Legion Post 28 in ***Roswell, NM***
- Wednesday, April 29, 2026, **Heroes HIRING Heroes** Event at American Legion Post 13 in ***Albuquerque, NM***

Details at <https://www.dws.state.nm.us/HeroesHiringHeroes>

Heroes Hiring Heroes is an annual veteran employment event centered around military veterans, active-duty service members nearing separation, and military spouses, ensuring that the support, resources, and employers are aligned with their unique experiences and needs.

This event reflects the long-term commitment and partnership of American Legion and the America's Job Center New Mexico connecting veterans with meaningful employment opportunities.

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For program funding visit <https://www.dws.state.nm.us/funding>

Roswell Honda Classic



# CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY – SUNDAY

**APRIL 18TH – 19TH**

Nancy Lopez Golf Course at Spring River | 1612 W 8th St,  
Roswell, NM 88201

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**GOLF BALL DROP – SUNDAY 9AM**

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## QUESTIONS?

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**Sponsorship:** Lidia Dunlap ☎ (575)624-5520 ✉ ldunlap@kagnm.com

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**New Mexico Ramp Project**

*Building Freedom for the Homebound*

## OUR STORY

The few front steps that most of us take for granted are prison walls for people who must use a wheelchair. Our vision is that every New Mexican who needs a ramp should have one to give them the freedom they need.

The New Mexico Ramp Project is a nonprofit corporation whose mission is to provide the tools, materials, training, communication infrastructure and management for teams around the state who build those ramps for people who need them and can not afford them.

IF YOU NEED A RAMP  
 OR KNOW SOMEONE  
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 REQUEST FORM OR  
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 THE BACK.



**HORSES FOR HEROES -NEW MEXICO, INC.**  
**COWBOY UP! & WISDOM WAY FOR WARRIORS**  
 WWW.HORSESFORHEROES.ORG

**VETERANS TELLING YOUR STORY**

As part of our 2026 Resilient Warrior Program we invite Veterans, Active Duty, National Guard and Reserves to these workshops:

**What:** Saturday, April 11 & Sun. April 12<sup>th</sup>

Telling your Story: with *Matthew Hanson* for Screenwriters and Indie Film Producers.

Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Screenwriting for TV and Movies with *Mike Bercham*

Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>  
 Telling your Story with *Anne Hillerman*

**Time:** All Workshops begin at: 0900 sharp! -1600  
 (Lunch will be provided)

**Where:** Crossed Arrows Ranch  
 3774 NM-14  
 Santa Fe, NM 87508

How to participate:

If interested, send an email to us at:

[info@horsesforheroes.org](mailto:info@horsesforheroes.org)

Please provide your name, phone number and attach a copy of your DD 214 or a copy of your NM Drivers License with **VETERAN** certification on it. *Space is limited.*

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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:

**April 12-19, 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](mailto:retreats@vethealingcenter.org)

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# How to do business with the NM Air/Army National Guard and NM Department of Military Affairs along with General Services Department

## Date & Time:

Friday, April 17, 2026

0800 – 1130

## Location:

National Guard Regional Training Institute

27A Bataan Blvd, Santa Fe NM 87508

0800–1100 – Industry Day training hosted by  
NM APEX Accelerator

- Overview of NM APEX Accelerator
- How to do Business with NMARNG, NM National Guard, and the NM General Services Department

1100–1130 – Meet and greet between industry and directors of various departments within the NM National Guard

Register: <https://nmapex.ecenterdirect.com/events/14094>



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Featuring *John Trentacosta*



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## SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026

5:30PM - 8:30PM

THE CLYDE HOTEL

330 Tijeras Ave NW

Albuquerque, NM 87102

**RSVP Here**



John Trentacosta is a New York-born jazz drummer and bandleader whose work has shaped the Southwest jazz scene for decades. A longtime KSFR host, his performances blend mastery, warmth, and swing.



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# VETERANS SERVICES FAIR

**APRIL 27, 2026 (MONDAY)**

**13:00 - 16:00**

**SANDOVAL COUNTY  
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**1500 IDALIA RD, BLDG D  
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For a reasonable ADA accommodation, please contact Tonja by April 23



U.S. Department  
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# Bringing VA Benefits Home

**Mescalero Community Center**  
108 Central Avenue; Mescalero, NM 88340

April 29, 2026 (Wednesday)  
8:30 am to 4 pm (MDT)



## DURING THE EVENT - YOU CAN

- Obtain a Medical Disability Exam, if eligible
- File your claim with VBA
- Get answers to VA claim and benefits questions
- Talk with NM Veteran Services
- Enroll in VA health care
- Apply for Tribal Veteran Copayment Exemption
- Access VA Native American Direct Loan at 2.5%

## CONTACT

- **KELTON STARR 575-464-4500** or **ANGEL PONCE 505-XXX-XXXX** or **LORAE HOMANA PAWIKI 928-308-3615**



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# 2026 Veterans Symposium



**Veterans, Service Members and Dependents are invited and encouraged to attend this symposium to ensure veterans have access to the many benefits, entitlements and services provided by NM Department of Veterans Services, Veterans Administration and Indian Health Services. Veterans will have the opportunity to voice their issues, concerns and needs directly to government officials, agencies and service providers to make certain their questions are adequately addressed, including:**

- NM Department of Veterans' Services, Department of Veterans Affairs, NM Department of Military Affairs
- On-site assistance in filing for VA and State benefits
- Program and service opportunities to Women Veterans
- Flag Folding Ceremony
- Medical and Healthcare Services: PACT ACT, PTSD, Suicide Prevention
- Legacy Plan
- Honor Song Documentary
- Promote and provide adequate healthcare needs and transportation services in rural communities.
- Training and certification information for Veteran Service Officers

Friday May 1st, 2026

8 AM - 5 PM

Isleta Resort & Casino

## Contact

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# ★ 10TH ANNUAL ★ HONOR FLIGHT CAR SHOW

**SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026**  
**NEW MEXICO VETERANS MEMORIAL**  
**1100 LOUISIANA BLVD SE ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87108**

**9AM -2PM**

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New Mexico

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Retiree Activities Office



# 2026 Military Retiree Appreciation Week

May 04 - MAY 08 2026

Contact Retiree Activities Office  
at (505) 846-1536 for more information.



# Day-Long Veterans Meditation Retreat For Veterans, By Veterans



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

## Register Now

Space is limited: contact us through this registration form.



Scan to register

**WHEN:** May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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

9:00 am – 4:00 pm, noon lunch

**WHY:** Introduce Meditation techniques, improve Veterans' mental health

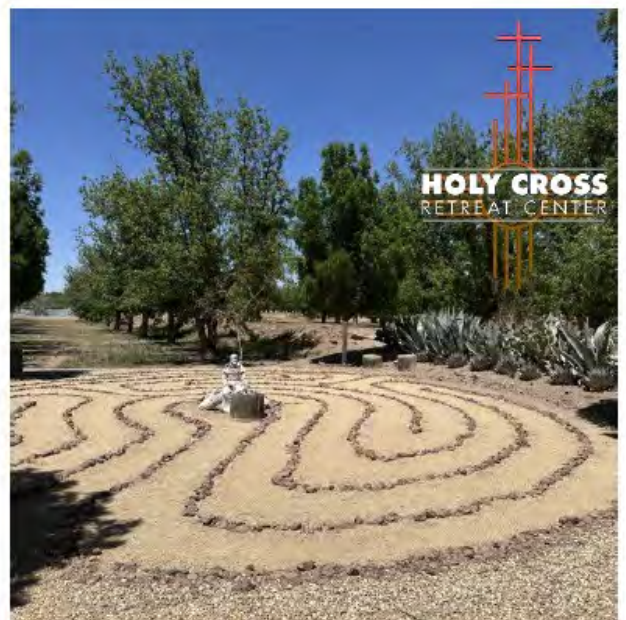
## Free of Charge

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



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



A yoga session during a previous retreat.



# MEMORIAL ★ DAY ★



*Remember & Honor*

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

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

**May 25<sup>th</sup> 2026**

**Ceremony Begins at 10:30 AM**

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



For more information  
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# MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOPS:

*COMING SOON!*

Mental health workshops are interactive group sessions that help people learn practical skills for improving emotional wellbeing. Led by trained facilitators, they often include discussions, activities, and simple techniques for managing stress, building resilience, and supporting mental health.





## UPCOMING WORKSHOPS:


-  **COG SMART**
-  **HEALTHY MASCULINITY**
-  **GRIEF AND LOSS**

## BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- Learning practical coping skills
- Building self-awareness
- Reducing stress
- Connecting with others

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## Project Patriot – Chaplain’s Closet

Jacob Bennett Chapter, NSDAR  
Silver City, New Mexico

### Comfort. Dignity. Support.

Serving wounded U.S. service members at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center (Germany)

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### What Is Chaplain’s Closet?

Landstuhl Regional Medical Center is the primary hospital where wounded U.S. service members are evacuated from combat zones. Many arrive with only the clothes they were wearing when injured.

**Chaplain’s Closet** is a *non-funded humanitarian program under the Department of War* that provides clean clothing and essential comfort items during this critical time. The program does **not accept money**, only specific donated items.

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### How You Can Help

Any financial contribution—**large or small**—helps us continue this important work. Donations will allow us to purchase bags and essential items.

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### The Heart of Project Patriot

More than clothing—this project provides **comfort, dignity, and emotional support** when it is needed most. It honors sacrifice and reflects DAR’s highest values of **patriotism and service**.

Thank you for supporting  
Project Patriot: Chaplain’s Closet



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## 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)
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- Living in stable, permanent housing (not homeless)
- Is free from communicable illness (flu, chicken pox, measles, C-Diff, COVID, etc.)
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## 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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