

**2009 APPROVED
WORK PLAN AND MEETING SCHEDULE
for the
MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

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Work Plan

The Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee was created by statute for the 2009 interim only. The committee was given various statutory duties. The committee shall conduct meetings in several geographically dispersed areas of the state and shall conduct hearings relating to military issues and veterans' issues. The committee shall make a report and recommend any necessary legislation to the next session of the legislature and make legislative recommendations to Congress and regulatory recommendations to the United States Department of Veterans' Affairs and the United States Department of Defense.

A. The Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee proposes to explore and discuss the following topics during the 2009 interim:

1. federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 impacts on the Department of Military Affairs and Veterans' Services Department, including sustainment, restoration and modernization of military installations, veterans' hospitals and national cemeteries;
2. the interface of Native American veterans and the military;
3. the interface of veterans in the judicial system (SM 74);
4. the commemoration of veterans, including veterans' museums, memorials and monuments;
5. health care delivery systems for military personnel, veterans and those in

transition, such as expansion of emergency room treatment to primary care, Fisher House in Albuquerque and establishment of a holistic wellness center;

6. family support centers, support for family operations and community, and veteran business and entrepreneur programs;

7. the missions and functions of military bases and the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission's assessments and possible reports;

8. the assurance of adequate resources for military women and women veterans, such as sexual assault prevention and response programs and a clinic for women veterans;

9. educational opportunities for veterans and their families;

10. increased outreach to veterans, in particular to Native American veterans, women veterans and veterans who have served in the conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq;

11. long-term care for aging veterans;

12. the integration of homeless veterans back into stable homes;

13. the deployment and mission of the New Mexico National Guard at the state and federal level;

14. the interface of New Mexico National Guard personnel and the federal government during active duty and as veterans, including hazardous pay and other benefit requirements and employer support of the guard and reserve programs; and

15. the establishment of missions and operations in support of foreign conflicts that can be carried out in New Mexico, such as cyber-defense command and endurance category unmanned aerial vehicles.

B. The committee will coordinate, as needed, with other committees regarding presentations of subject matter of common concern.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Dates

May 29, 2009
July 17, 2009
September 2, 2009
October 15-16, 2009
November 30, 2009

Location

Santa Fe
Angel Fire
Albuquerque
Alamogordo and Las Cruces
Santa Fe, State Capitol