



NEW MEXICO
DEPARTMENT OF
VETERANS' SERVICES

“Serving Those Who Served”

NMDVS Programs & Services Overview

Jamison A. Herrera
Cabinet Secretary



“Every day is Veterans’ Day”



Mission: Build healthier communities by connecting all Veterans and their families to the highest quality care, services, and eligible benefits through advocacy and collaboration.

Vision: All Veterans and their families in this state will be educated about and the have an opportunity to attain all earned benefits through collaborative and synchronized efforts of all community service organizations.

NMDVS Locations

Veteran Services Locations

- Alamogordo
- Albuquerque (4)
- Belen
- Clovis
- Farmington
- Gallup
- Grants
- Hobbs
- Las Cruces
- Las Vegas
- Rio Rancho
- Roswell
- Santa Fe
- Silver City
- Taos

* Mobile Outreach Vehicle



25 DVS Locations 1 mobile unit, 4 state veterans cemeteries, and 1 memorial



State Veterans Cemeteries and Memorial locations

- Angel Fire Cemetery
- Angel Fire Memorial
- Gallup Cemetery
- Ft. Stanton Cemetery
 - Historic Merchant Marine Cemetery
- Taos Cemetery
- *Carlsbad Cemetery, Est. 2028



State Benefits, Cemetery and Memorial Programs

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VETERAN SERVICES STATE BENEFITS



1. Veteran & Active-Duty Military Discounted **Hunting and Fishing License.**
2. Disabled Veteran Hunting & Fishing License
3. **NM Park Passes** (VETERANS LIFETIME PASS)
4. Veteran Property **Tax Exemption**
5. **100%** Disabled Veterans' Property Tax Waiver
6. **10% - 90%** Disabled Veterans' Property Tax Waiver (EFFECTIVE 2026)
7. Veteran **License Plates**
8. Education **Scholarships**

To show **proof of Veterans status or disability**, bring one of the following:

- DD-214
- National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Form 56-16
- US Public Health Service (PHS) form 1867
- If filing for the disabled property tax waiver: Letter from the VA declaring service-connected disabled rating

To show **proof of NM residency**, bring one of the following:

- Valid NM driver's license
- Voter registration card
- Latest NM income tax return

VETERAN SERVICES STATE BENEFITS



- **HB 161 (2025)** The bill has extended the **Veterans Lifetime Pass benefit to all Veterans** and not limit to 50% and higher disabled Veterans. It also extend the usage for the camping pass, changing it from one 3-day pass per year to unlimited use pass for all veterans.
- **HB 47 (2025)** and **HB 285 as amended (2026)** was an amendment of property taxation owned by a veteran. The constitutional change increased the property tax exemption veterans will receive. The amount has increased from **\$4,000 to \$10,000 in 2026**.
 - **Percentage of the veteran's disability rating as determined by federal law.**



“New” Veteran Property Tax Exemption Sample Certificates



NEW MEXICO



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES
TAX EXEMPTION

Certificate of Eligibility
C410-B924-0792

THIS CERTIFIES THAT VETERAN: Donald Fauntleroy Duck

who is living, acquired legal residence in the State of New Mexico on 03/02/2025,
and served in the military forces of the United States from 05/01/1942 to 06/09/1984,
and that APPLICANT: Donald Fauntleroy Duck
(Veteran)

whose address is 407 Galisteo St., 134, Santa Fe, NM 87501-2646
is entitled to tax exemption benefits in the State of New Mexico under the
provisions of Section 7-37-5, NMSA 1978, as amended by Chapter 104 of 1986.

NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT
OF VETERANS' SERVICES

Signature of Applicant: _____

Signed By: Jeff George
Bureau Chief State Benefits

NEW MEXICO



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES
TAX WAIVER

Certificate of Eligibility
75A6-7DD1-FBE1

THIS CERTIFIES THAT VETERAN: Donald Fauntleroy Duck

who is living, acquired legal residence in the State of New Mexico on 01/01/2025,
and served in the military forces of the United States from 05/01/1942 to 06/09/1984,
and has been rated 80% service-connected disabled and whose address is
407 Galisteo St., 134, Santa Fe, NM 87501-2646 and that the
APPLICANT: Donald Fauntleroy Duck is entitled to the Disabled Veteran
(Veteran)

Property Tax Exemption in the State of New Mexico under the provisions of
Article 8, Section 15 of the State Constitution.

NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT
OF VETERANS' SERVICES

Signature of Applicant: _____

Signed By: Jeff George
Bureau Chief State Benefits

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES
TAX WAIVER

Certificate of Eligibility
121224900

THIS CERTIFIES THAT VETERAN: Donald Fauntleroy Duck

who is living, acquired legal residence in the State of New Mexico on 12/12/2024,
and served in the military forces of the United States from 05/01/1942 to 06/09/1984,
and has been rated 100% service-connected disabled and whose address is
1900 Goofy Court, A-1500, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88003 and that the
APPLICANT: Donald Fauntleroy Duck is entitled to the Disabled Veteran
(Veteran)

Property Tax Exemption in the State of New Mexico under the provisions of
Article 8, Section 15 of the State Constitution.

NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT
OF VETERANS' SERVICES

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NEW MEXICO STATE VETERAN CEMETERIES

PROVIDING AN HONORABLE RESTING PLACE

CLOSE TO HOME

- Fort Stanton State Veteran Cemetery (505) 205-6707
- Gallup State Veteran Cemetery (505) 905-9771
- Angel Fire State Veteran Cemetery (505) 225-4341
- Merchant Marine Historical Cemetery (505) 205-6707
- Taos State Veterans Cemetery (505) 470-3065
- Carlsbad State Veteran Cemetery (Construction TBD)



Public Law 117-103

Burial Equity Act for National Guard and Reservist (2022)



- This law allows NMDVS to inter National Guard, Reservists and their qualified dependents in a state veterans cemetery
- The NM requirement to be considered a veteran for interment is 6 continuous years of service in the National Guard or Reserve duty
- This is for National Guard and Reserve members “who do not meet” the requirement to be buried in a national cemetery
- The 1st interment for a qualified spouse was conducted on April 28, 2025, at the Ft. Stanton State Veterans Cemetery

Veterans Burial Allowance and Transportation Benefits



VA burial allowance for burial and funeral costs

- VA plot or interment allowance for the cost of the plot (gravesite) or interment
- VA transportation reimbursement for the cost of transporting the Veteran's remains to the final resting place
- Claims must be submitted within **2 years** after the veteran's burial
- Burial allowance can be up to **\$2,000**
- VA provides a headstone or marker allowance for private headstones in private cemeteries, or a government headstone or marker

<https://www.va.gov/burials-memorials/veterans-burial-allowance/>

NMDVS can provide assistance completing these forms

State Veteran Honors Program

Funeral Honors / Honor Guard Burial Program



- DVS ensures that all eligible discharged veterans receive proper Honors during burial ceremonies
- Statewide, there are **33 all-volunteer** trained and uniformed Honor Guard Teams who provide a Final Salute, **26** of them have active PO with the state: Completed **914 services** at an expended amount **\$197,200.00 (FY26)**
- DVS provides a financial stipend for these honors:
 - **Flag Fold and Presentation of American Flag to Next of Kin**
 - **Ceremonial Rifle Volley Salute**
 - **Sounding of Taps**
- NMDVS holds a bi-annual training conference and competition for all honor guard teams across the state. Las Cruces (Spring) and Albuquerque (Fall)

NEW MEXICO VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL



The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Facility in Angel Fire is recognized by Congress as a “Memorial of National Significance”

Approximately 50,000 individuals visit the Memorial each year

The Memorial features a **half-scale (½) replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall** on the facility grounds. The \$1.8M construction project was completed in June 2024 and funded through our ICIP and VVA Chapter 996 funding efforts



NMDVS EVENTS AND CEREMONIES



- Military and Veterans Day at the New Mexico Legislature
- Honor Guard Training Conferences and Competitions twice a year
- Memorial Day Ceremonies Across the State
- Labor Day Brick Laying at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial
- Military and Veterans Day New Mexico Expo (State Fair)
- Forgotten Heroes Burial Ceremony
- Veterans Day Events Across the State
- Veterans Benefits Outreach Events Across the State





Field Services Division

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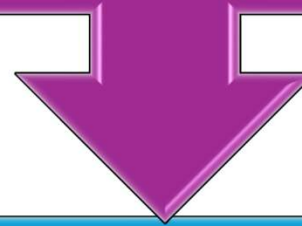
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Field Services Division

The Field Services Division is comprised of Veteran Services Officers (VSOs) operating in 18 field offices across the state.



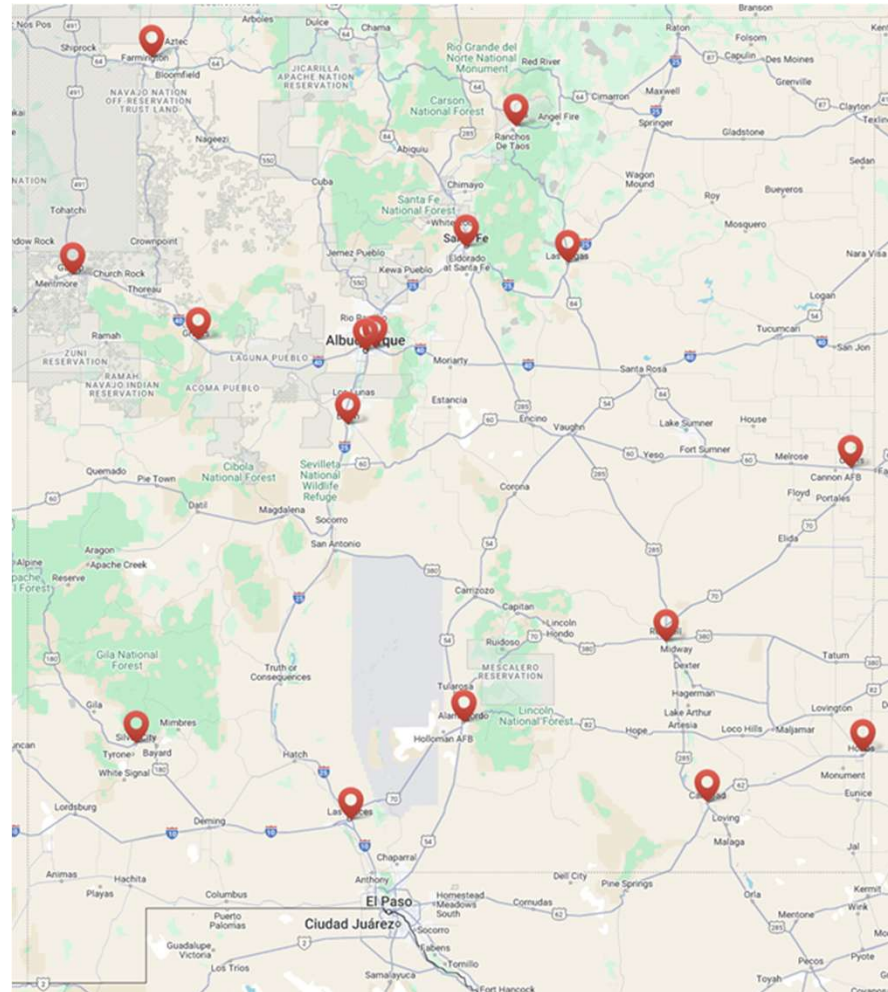
Their primary mission is to connect veterans with federal benefits, and assist with state benefits and community referrals

ensuring that every veteran and their families receive the benefits and services they have earned through their military service



VSO Office Locations

- Alamogordo
- Albuquerque
 - Pine Tree
 - VA Hospital
 - VARO
 - Good Will
- Belen
- Clovis
- Farmington
- Gallup
- Grants
- Hobbs
- Las Cruces
- Las Vegas
- Rio Rancho
- Roswell
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- Silver City
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- * Mobile Outreach Vehicle



Mobile Outreach Vehicle

The New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services (NMDVS) Mobile Outreach Vehicle reached all 33 counties and 55 communities; serving more than 400 veterans and family members since its launch on January 30th, 2026.



What is a VSO Veteran Service Officer



- VSOs are trained and accredited by the Department of Veterans' Affairs to provide **free** assistance to Veterans and their dependents and survivors. This includes not only applying for federal and state benefits but also providing resources.

VSOs can assist
with the following
benefits or services

Compensation

Pension

Aid and
Attendance or
Homebound

Disability
Housing Grants

Life insurance
options

VAH
enrollment

Preneed burial
determination

Military records
retrieval

Appeals or
Supplemental
claims

Debt
Management
issues

Discharge
Upgrades

Burial Benefits





VA Benefits

- **BDD- Benefits Due at Discharge**

- Known Discharge Date
- 180 day/ 90 day

- **Compensation**

- DD 214
- Marriage Certificate
- Birth Certificates for minor children
- Social Security numbers for dependents
- Service Treatment records
- Private treatment records (or address to request)
- List of conditions you want to claim and 1 sentence on how it relates to your service



VA Benefits

- **Pension**

- **Veterans**: Needs based for wartime Veterans 65 years old or older OR have a permanent and total non-service connected disability and have limited or no income
- **Survivors**: Spouses and dependent children of deceased wartime Veterans monthly pension if they meet net worth and income requirements
- **Enhanced or Special Monthly Pension**: Veterans and certain survivors who are more seriously disabled may qualify for Aid and Attendance or house bound status

All Pension recipients must have a total family income that is
under the limit set by Congress

VA Benefits



- **DIC: Dependency and Indemnity Compensation**

- Service Member passes away on active duty or Veteran passes away from a service-connected condition or the connection contributed
- Surviving spouse or child or possibly parents
- Marriage certificate, birth certificate for children, death certificate

VA Health Care Enrollment



APPLY !!!

- Many changes in the law for eligibility even if you have been denied previously

Summary- Claims



Gather your documents



Make a list of ALL medical conditions



Ask about secondary conditions



Be prepared with statements



Be honest and clear:
Your VSO is your advocate

Legacy Planning



Talk to your family about your wishes

- **Where and what kind of burial**

Ensure these documents are easy to find:

- **DD 214**
- **Marriage Certificate**
- **Death Certificate**
- **VA Award Letter**
- **Life Insurance Policy**
- **Will/ Trust documents**

Legacy Planning



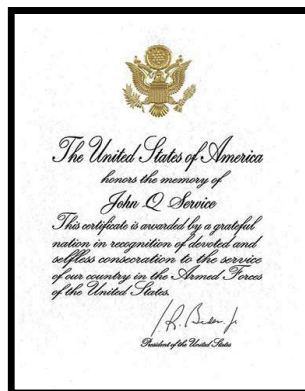
- **Pre-Need Eligibility for National Cemetery Burial or Memorialization**
 - final resting place for eligible Veterans, spouses, and their eligible dependents, as well as a headstone or marker,
- **Memorial or Burial Flag**
 - A United States flag is provided at no cost, to drape the casket or accompany the urn for each family of an eligible deceased Veteran in the U. S. Armed Forces. U.S. Post Offices are the primary issuing point for burial flags. Each family of a decedent is entitled to one flag.
- **Government Headstones or Markers**
 - VA can provide a single headstone, columbarium niche cover, or a flat marker for a Veteran's final resting place (private, state, or national cemeteries).
- **Cemetery Medallions**
 - VA can provide a medallion for use on a headstone or other memorial in a private cemetery to signify a decedent's status as Veteran. Multiple sizes are available.
- **Presidential Certificates**
 - VA can provide a Presidential Memorial Certificate (PMC) to the family of the deceased Veteran. A PMC is an engraved paper certificate signed by the current President.



Burial Flags



Markers and Medallions



Presidential Certificate



Bronze Flat Marker



Upright Marble or Upright Granite



Bronze Niche Plaque

Head Stones, Markers and Niche Covers

Legacy Planning



Burial Benefits and Burial Payments

- Burial benefits are paid to a spouse, designated family member, or executor to partially offset the cost of burial expenses, plot costs, and transportation costs for a Veteran's remains. These benefits are paid at different rates based on whether the Veteran's death was service-connected or non-service connected.

DIC

- Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) is a monthly tax-free benefit provided to an eligible surviving spouse, dependent child/children, and/or the parent/parents of a Service member who died while on active duty, active duty for training, inactive duty training, or to survivors of Veterans who died from service-connected disability/disabilities.

Dependent's Education Assistance Program

- The Dependents' Educational Assistance Program offers education and training opportunities to eligible dependents, including dependents of Veterans who are permanently and totally disabled due to a service-related condition, dependents of Service members who died during active military service, or dependents of Veterans who died as a result of a service-related condition

Legacy Planning



Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship

- The Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship provides eligible beneficiaries with financial support for tuition and fees, books and supplies, and housing. You may be eligible for up to 36 months of Fry Scholarship benefits if you are the surviving spouse or child of a Service member who died during active duty after September 10, 2001.

Survivors Pension

- A tax-free monetary benefit payment to a low-income, un-remarried surviving spouse and/or eligible unmarried child/children of a deceased wartime Veteran, whose death is not service-related.

Civilian Health and Medical Program of Department of Veterans Affairs

- A program that provides reimbursement for some medical expenses to certain surviving spouses or children of deceased Veterans, or spouses or children of Veterans with permanent and total service-connected disabilities who are not eligible for TRICARE.

Legacy Planning



Home Loans

- VA can help eligible unmarried surviving spouses (or those remarried after reaching age 57) become homeowners. This benefit may be used to help you buy, build, refinance, repair, and retain a home for your own personal occupancy. You must be in receipt of Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC)

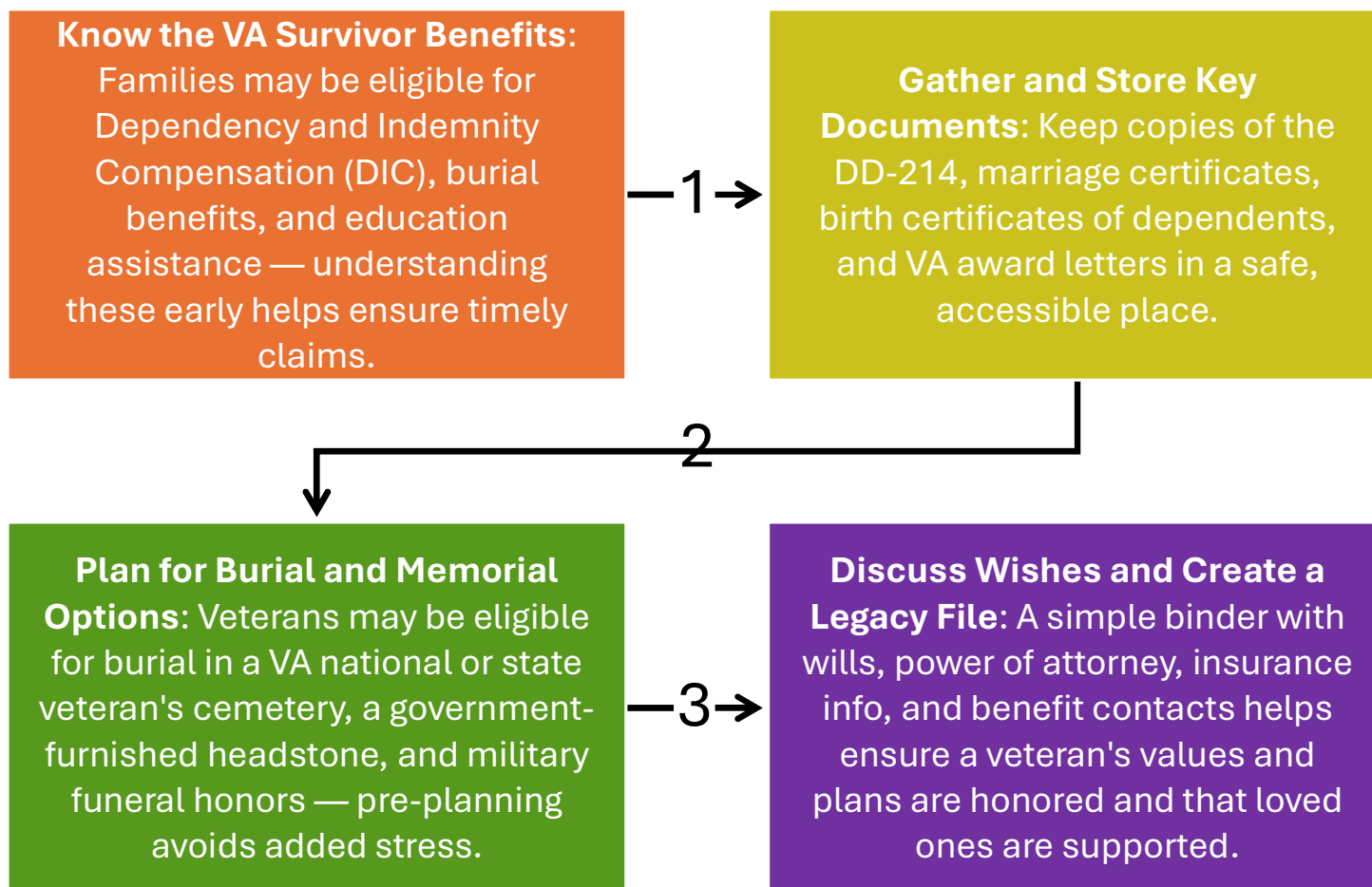
Veterans Month of Death Benefits

- If a Veteran who is receiving VA compensation or pension benefits passes away, their last month of benefits can be paid to their surviving spouse.

VA Life Insurance

- VA provides valuable life insurance benefits to give you the peace of mind that comes with knowing your family is protected. VA's life insurance programs were developed to provide financial security for your family given the extraordinary risks involved in military service.

Summary- Legacy Planning





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Veteran Housing Insecurity

DVS supports registered non-profit organizations throughout the state that specifically address veteran homelessness

DVS participates in statewide stand downs to provide access to available supportive services





Behavioral Health

- **Liaison for veterans navigating VA healthcare enrollment and benefits**
- **Coordinate access to VA and non-VA medical services**
- **Advocate for veterans with complex medical or social needs**
- **Support families and caregivers**
- **Collaborate with federal, state, and local partners**



Suicide Prevention

➤ HOUSE BILL 298

New Mexico House Bill 298, the Service Members and Veterans Suicide Prevention Act, was enacted on February 29, 2024, establishing a dedicated suicide prevention program within the Veterans' Services Department.

➤ Governor's Challenge to Prevent Suicide Among Service Members, Veterans, and their Families

- Identify and Screen for Suicide Risk
- Promoting Connectedness and Improving Care Transitions
- Increasing Lethal Means to Safety and Safety Planning

Healthcare Coordination Community Partners

GD Psych Services, LLC

505-218-6383

gdpsychservices.com

National Veterans Wellness & Healing Center

575-377-2536

veteranswellnessandhealing.org

Veterans Integration Center

505-296-0800

nmvic.org

New Mexico Crisis Counseling

Telehealth

505-225-2996

NMCrisis.org

Synergy Behavioral Health Center

505-879-0404

Paws & Stripes

505-999-1201

pawsandstripes.org



Gd psych services, llc
LET'S TALK

Veterans Crisis Line



VA Medical Center

505-265-1711

Or dial

9-8-8
and press 1



HEALTH CARE
AUTHORITY



24/7 Lifeline for Emotional,
Mental or Substance Use Distress

Governor's Challenge to Prevent Suicide Among Service Members, Veterans, and their Families (SMVF)



- The Healthcare Coordination Division purchased billboards throughout the state, and placed them in areas identified with the highest suicide rates per capita, to encourage anyone in a crisis to reach out for help
- Billboards started going up in June 2026 and will remain until the end of September, National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

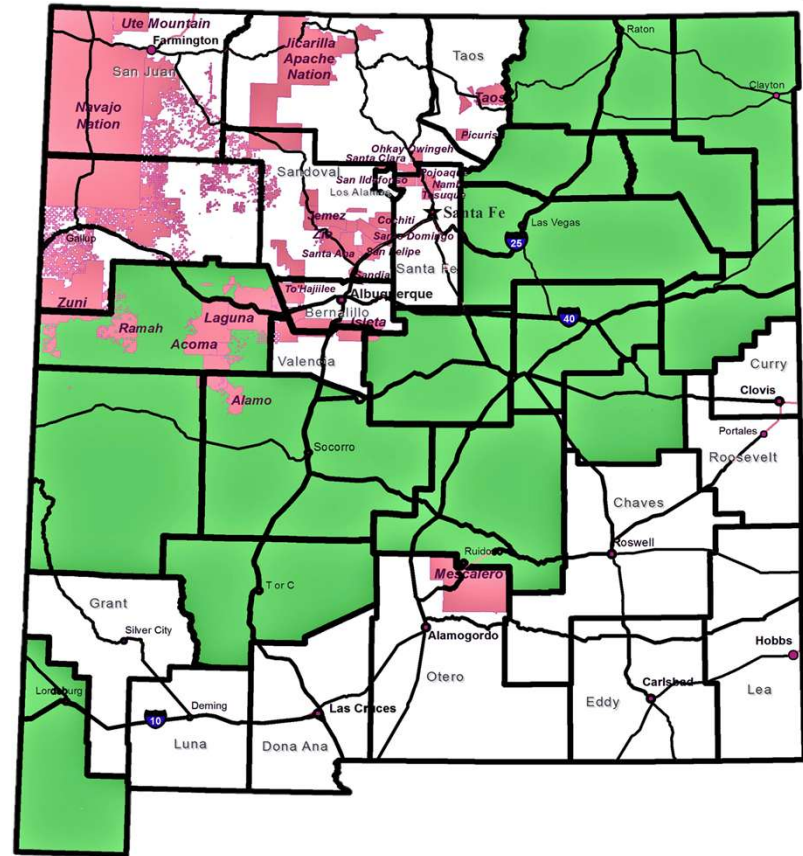


Veteran Transportation

Highly Rural Transportation Program (H RTP)



- The H RTP funding for free roundtrip, non-emergency, medical transportation for veterans to VA authorized appointments
- H RTP is funded by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs' Highly Rural Transportation Grant (HRTG)
- Focus is transportation in **15 "HIGHLY RURAL"** counties: **Catron, Cibola, Colfax, De Baca, Guadalupe, Harding, Hidalgo, Lincoln, Mora, Quay, San Miguel, Sierra, Socorro, Torrance, and Union.**
- Services are available to any areas within Native or Tribal Lands.

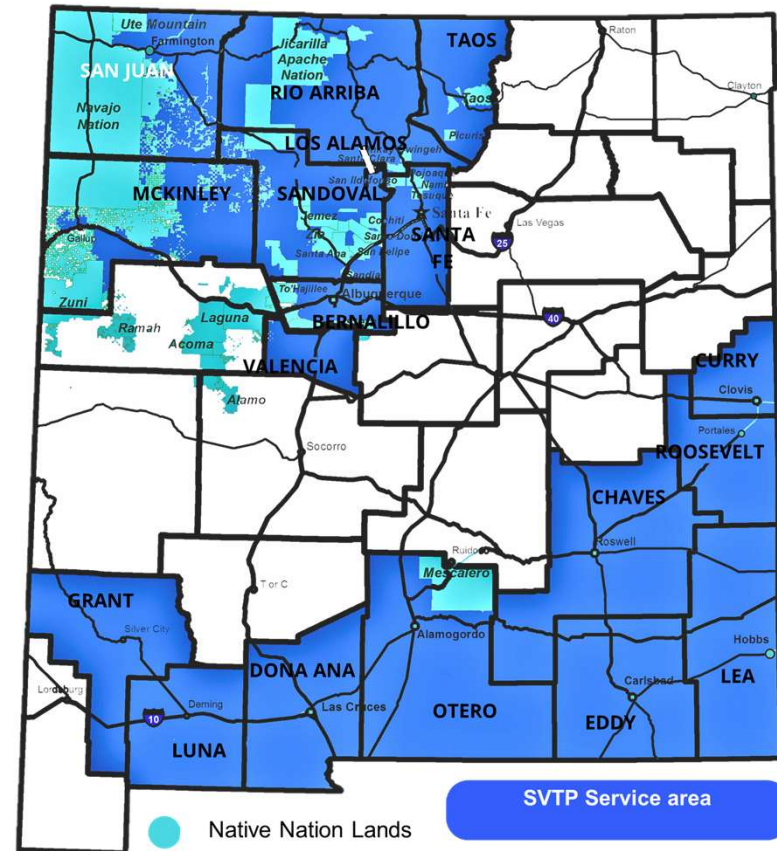


Veteran Transportation

Statewide Veterans Transportation Program



- To ensure all New Mexico veterans have access to medical care, we expanded our transportation program to include 18 additional counties that are not classified as “highly rural.”
- Statewide Veterans Transportation Program Counties: **Bernalillo, Chaves, Curry, Doña Ana, Eddy, Grant, Lea, Los Alamos, Luna, McKinley, Otero, Rio Arriba, Roosevelt, San Juan, Sandoval, Santa Fe, Taos, Valencia** .



**Free roundtrip, non- emergency, medical transportation
for veterans to VA authorized appointments**



Call: 505-429-5906





State Approving Agency

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About the State Approving Agency (SAA)...

Responsible for:

- Review
- Evaluation
- Approval
- Oversight



Ensuring federal & state criteria are met at institutions

- So eligible Veterans and other GI Bill® beneficiaries may use their VA education benefits

Program approval determination for VA education & training benefits at:

- Public and private degree-granting institutions
- Public and private non-degree granting (certificate) institutions
- On-the-job training (OJT) and Apprenticeship facilities
- Flight schools (parts 141 & 142)
- Licensing & Certification organizations

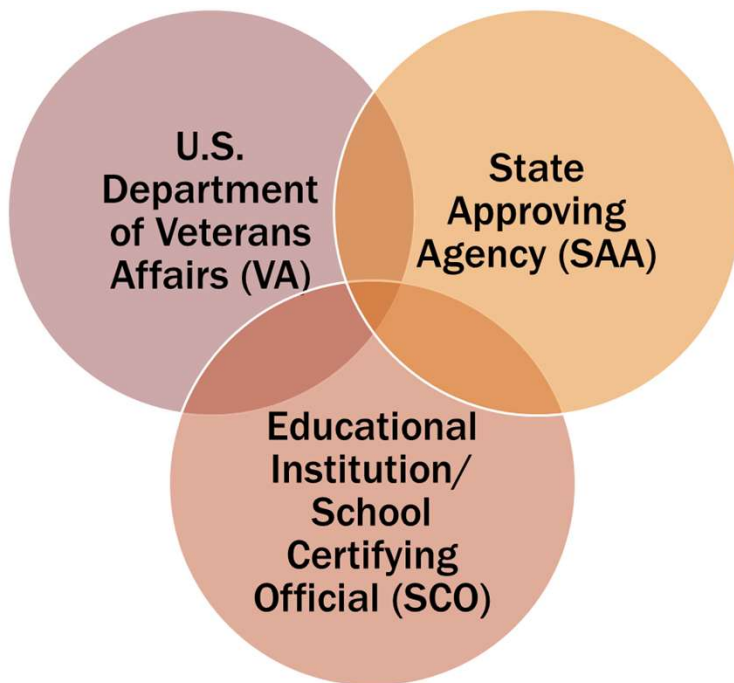


GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). More information about education benefits offered by VA is available at the official U.S. government website at <https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill>.

The Stakeholders...



The Triad



Other Primary Players

- NM Higher Education Department (HED)
- U.S. Department of Education (ED)
- Accrediting Agencies
- State Apprenticeship Agency (DWS) and Department of Labor (DOL)
- State Licensing and Certification Agencies
- Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
- Last, but not least... the GI Bill® eligible beneficiaries

The SAA's Focus...



- **Continue** to make approval determinations of programs at existing and new educational institutions and training establishments
- **Conduct** supervisory visits and risk-based surveys of educational institutions and training establishments; report; take appropriate action
- **Provide** technical assistance to school certifying officials
- **Meet** cooperative agreement requirements



Remaining Entitlement?

- Rudisill Decision
- About GI Bill® benefits
- GI Bill® Comparison Tool
- Apply for education benefits

VA Education Benefits

Beneficiaries' benefits questions should be directed to VA's Education Call Center at 888-442-4551 or www.ask.va.gov

- Otherwise, no recourse
- VA maintains transcripts of phone conversations
 - Track date/time of call and name of VA rep

May apply to VA via

- Online
- By Mail
- In Person

<https://www.va.gov/education/gi-bill-comparison-tool/>

The **GI Bill® Comparison Tool** provides a link to search for approved programs at...

GI Bill® Comparison Tool

Discover how your GI Bill benefits can support your education. Search and compare approved schools, employers, exams, licenses, and certifications to see how much your VA benefits can help cover.

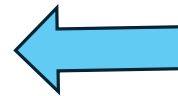


Comparison Tool

Schools and employers

Search and compare public and private schools. Filter by on-the-job training, apprenticeships, and more.

[Go to schools and employers](#)



Licenses, certifications, and prep courses

Search for licenses, certifications, and prep courses. You can submit a form to get reimbursed.

[Go to licenses, certifications, and prep courses](#)

National exams

Take national exams such as SAT, ACT, GRE, GMAT, and more. You can submit a form to get reimbursed.

[Go to national exams](#)



Search by Name or Location

GI Bill® Comparison Tool

Learn about and compare your GI Bill benefits at approved schools and employers.

Search by name

Search by location

City, state, or postal code (*Required)

Use my location

Las Cruces, New Mexico, United States

within 50 miles

Search

Filter your results

School types

☒ Public ☒ For-profit ☒ Private ☒ Foreign ☒ Flight ☒ Correspondence ☒ High School

About the school

☐ Has no cautionary warnings ☐ Is accredited ☐ Has a Student Veteran Group ☐ Offers Yellow Ribbon Program

Other

☒ On-the-job training and apprenticeships

Comparison Tool



Results

- Yielded 72
- 50-mile radius
- Includes other states
- All categories

Showing 72 search results for "Las Cruces, New Mexico, United States"

Update tuition, housing, and monthly benefit estimates +

Filter your results +

☐ Compare

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On-the-job training / Apprenticeship

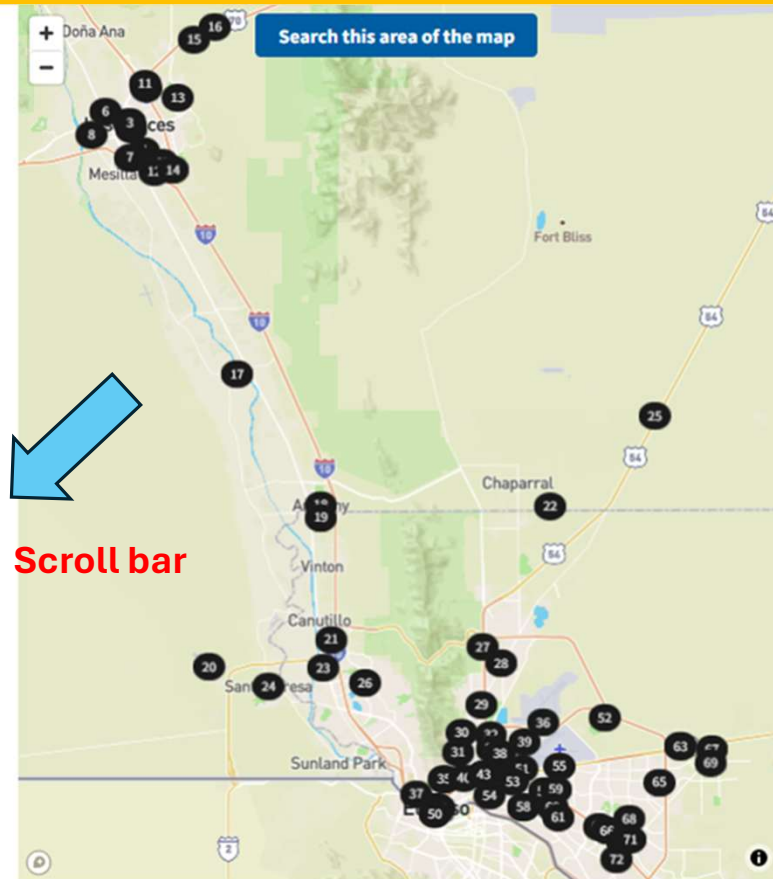
[LAS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT](#)

LAS CRUCES, NM

You may be eligible for up to:

Tuition benefit:	Housing benefit:
N/A	\$1,752 /mo*

* Housing rate and the amount of entitlement used decrease every 6 months as training progresses



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Comparison Tool

Results

Showing 72 search results for "Las Cruces, New Mexico, United States"

Update tuition, housing,
and monthly benefit
estimates +

Filter your results +

School: Hispanic-serving
institutions

[NEW MEXICO STATE
UNIVERSITY-MAIN
CAMPUS](#)

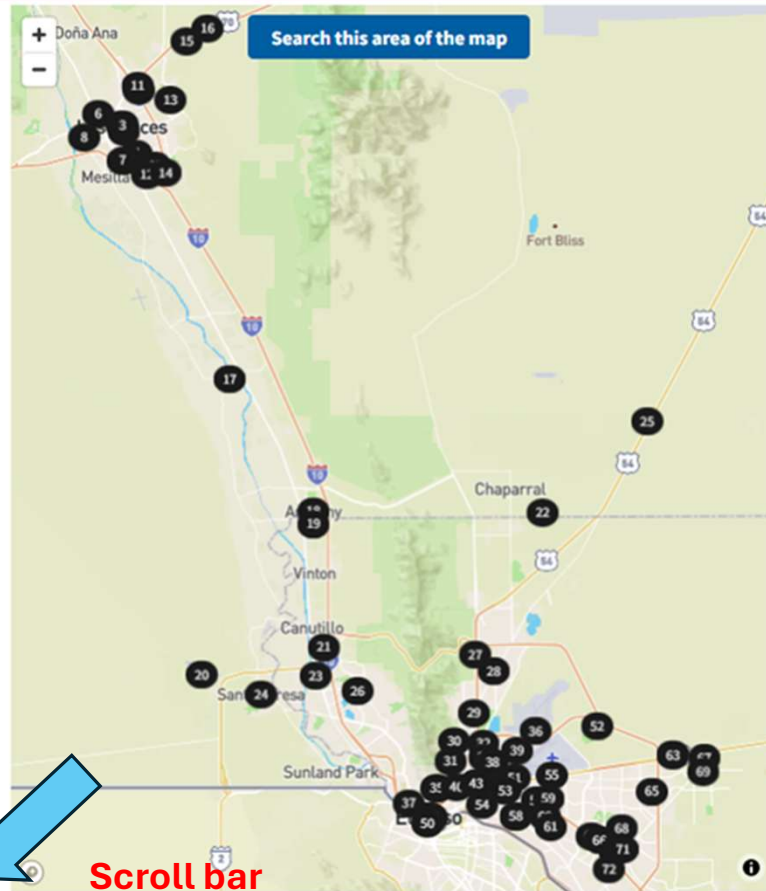
LAS CRUCES, NM

You may be eligible for up to:

Tuition benefit: Housing benefit:
100% in-state \$1,752 /mo

Accreditation: GI Bill students:
Yes 788

☐ Compare



Comparison Tool

GI Bill® Comparison Tool



SCAN ME



QUESTIONS?



Because all of us believe and understand in the fabric of the common bond of why we call ourselves American is to care for the men and women who wear the uniform; and when they take off the uniform, we care for them when they are Veterans.”

— Steve Buyer



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Woman Veteran's Program

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Mission & Purpose



The Women Veterans Program (WVP) mission is to ensure that Women Veterans, and their eligible dependents have equitable access to federal and state benefits throughout New Mexico.

We are committed to reaching out to Women Veterans to increase awareness and accessibility.

***Approx. 20,142 Women Veterans in New Mexico.**



Women Veteran Program Priorities

- Educate and inform women veterans of the benefits they are eligible for.
- Identify the needs, issues and concerns throughout the state.
- Ensure the needs and care are met.
- Provide resources, information, and assistance to all needs.
- Help in navigating through benefits and programs.
- Develop, coordinate, and implement programs for DVS.





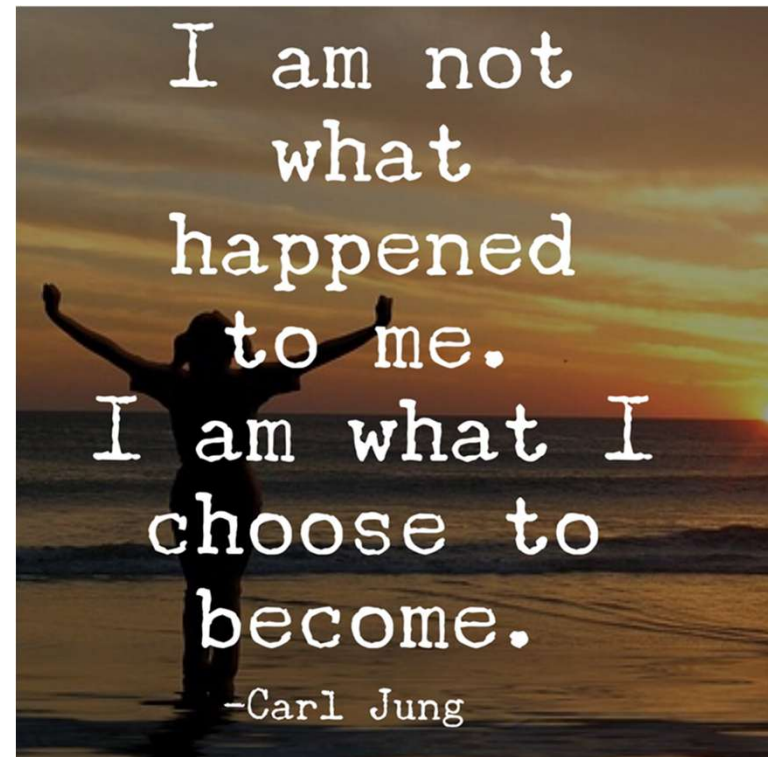
Issues for Women Veterans:

- Healthcare needs - require specific care.
- Mental health - women are higher risk for mental health conditions such as PTSD, anxiety, and depression.
- Military sexual trauma to include sexual harassment are more common in women than men. Also, women are more likely to report the incident.
- PTSD looks different for women because we tend to put ourselves last on the care list or put our focus on other things.
- Transition challenges - unemployed or underemployed due to childcare or hiring bias and are higher risk of homelessness.
- Underrecognized for military service, more likely to not state their veteran status or identify as a women veteran.
- Suicide rate is higher for veteran women than non-veteran women.



How do we get this done:

- Advocate on the behalf of women veterans
- Participate in state and national forums
- Conduct outreach throughout the state to include rural areas
- Maintain partnerships with the local VA facilities for care
- Work with state and private agencies to determine trends
- Assist women veterans through benefits and resources.



Most Common VA Disability Claims for Women



- Mental Health- Especially PTSD related to MST
 - MST- sexual assault, sexual harassment, and/or threatening one or both
- Musculoskeletal Injuries- Chronic Pain Conditions
- Gender-Specific & Stress-Related Conditions
 - Migraines, reproductive health, and sleep disorders
- *Gynecological & Reproductive Health Conditions
 - Endometriosis
 - Pelvic pain
 - Infertility issues
 - Conditions related to MST or service exposures





How to address issues:

1. Talk about it - "**It's okay to not be okay!**"
2. Ask for help, reach out, connect with others.
3. Self-care!
 - Physical Self-Care: Exercise, Healthy Eating, Sleep Hygiene, Pampering.
 - Mental & Emotional Self-Care: Therapy or Counseling, Creative outlets, Journaling.
 - Social & Personal Growth: Spending time with loved ones, Setting Boundaries, Learning Something New, Solo Adventures.

LASTLY, YOU ARE NOT ALONE!



Military Women's Memorial

The Military Women's Memorial is located at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery, honors and tells the stories of women, past and present, who serve our nation.

Without **HER**story our nation's history is incomplete

The Military Women's Memorial is the only historical repository documenting all military women's service, we educate and inspire through innovative and interactive exhibitions, our world-class collections, and engaging programs and events for all generations. We honor the commitment, contributions and experiences of every woman who serves in, or with, the Armed Forces.

www.womensmemorial.org

Take your rightful place in history.
Scan the QR Code with your
cell phone to

Register **HER**story



REGISTER
**HER
STORY**
today!



Join the thousands
of women who
have registered
their **HER**story
with the Military
Women's Memorial





*** Remember June 12th,
Women Veteran's Day!**

We Can Do It!





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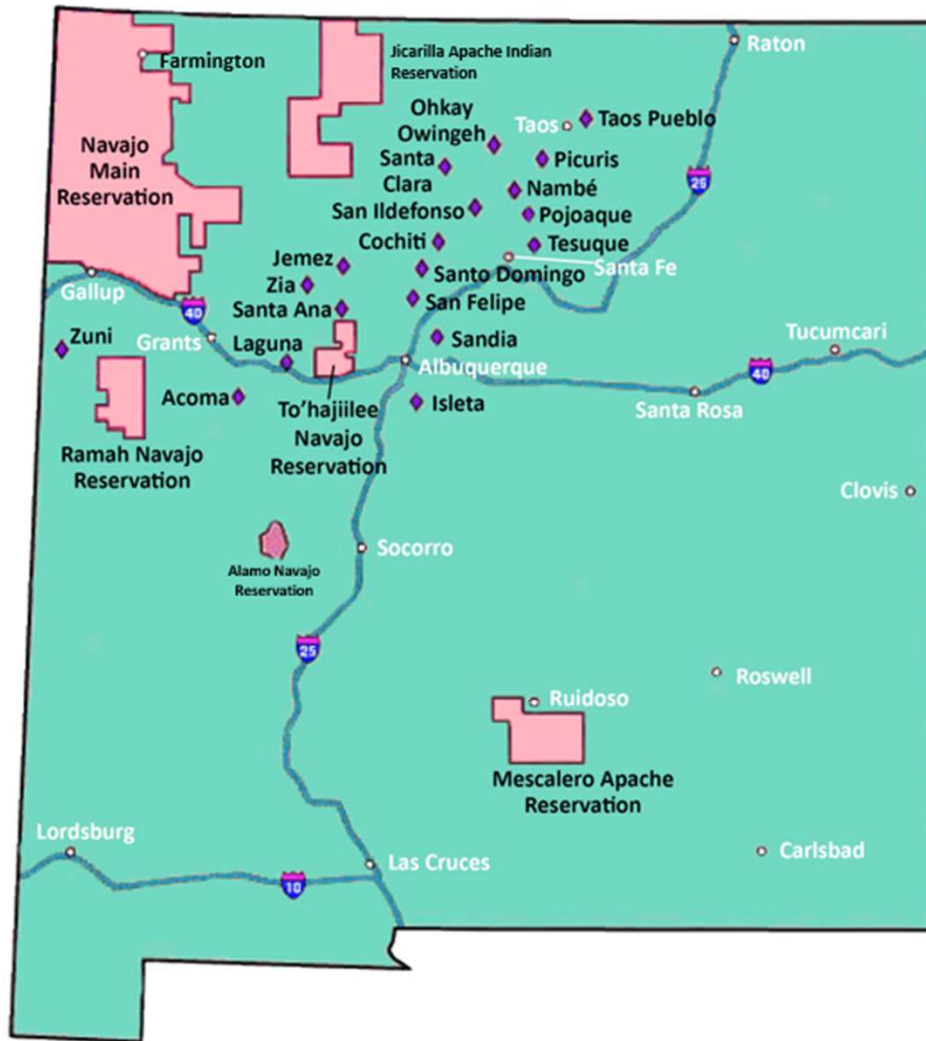


Tribal Liaison

Mission

The New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services (NMDVS) 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 of our Native American Veterans are heard and respected.



(19) Pueblos
(1) Navajo Nation
(3) Apache Tribes and Nations



Key Activities



- Monthly (Virtual) N.M. Native American Veteran Collaboration meetings / Quarterly (in person) Meetings
- Establish an MOU between NMDVS Departments 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 Pueblos, Nations, and Tribes
- Serve as Point of Contact between State and Indian Pueblos, Nations, and Tribes

Veteran Business Outreach Center (VBOC)

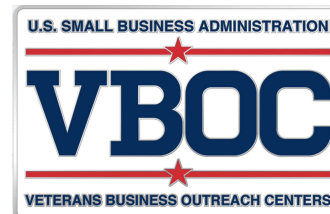
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31 VETERANS BUSINESS OUTREACH CENTERS

(ALL 50 STATES COVERED)



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VBOC currently covers 3 military installations and 33 Counties :

- ✓ Cannon AFB – Clovis, NM
- ✓ Kirtland AFB – Albuquerque, NM
- ✓ Holloman AFB – Alamogordo, NM

CANNON AFB

27TH Special Operations
WING



KIRTLAND AFB

377TH AIR BASE
WING

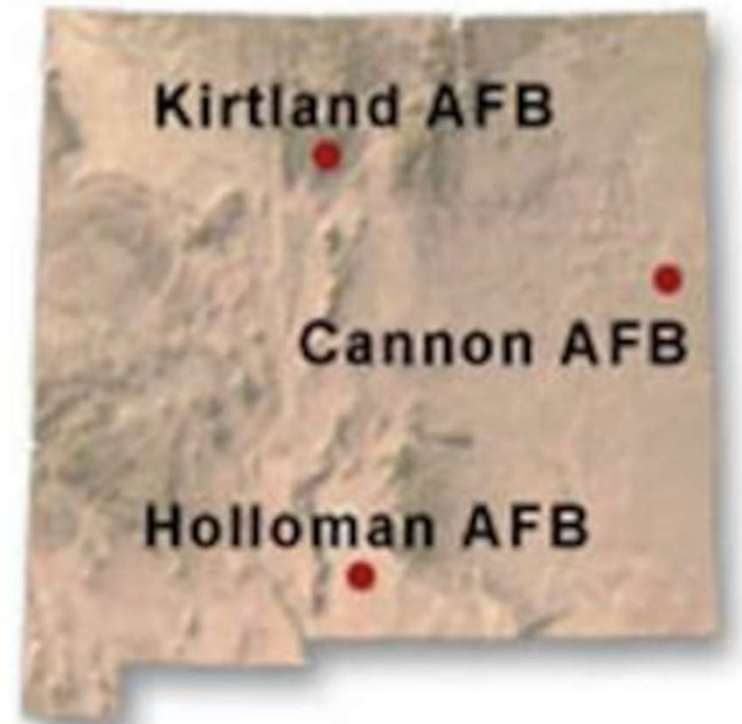


NM National Guard



HOLLOMAN AFB

377TH AIR BASE
WING



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Business Modules Trained

- Module 1 - Introduction to Business Ownership
- Module 2- Basics of Opportunity Recognition
- Module 3- Understanding Markets and Your Competitive Space
- Module 4 - The Economics of Small Business Start-Up
- Module 5 - Legal Considerations for Veteran-Owned Small Businesses
- Module 6 - Introduction to Business Planning
- Module 7 - Financing Your Venture
- Module 8 - Resources to Support Your Efforts



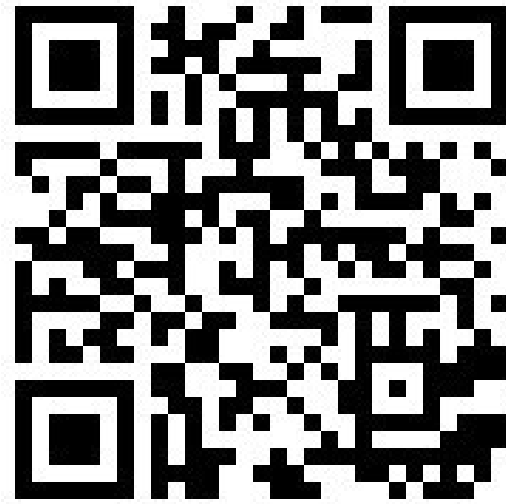
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