

**2018 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 first created by statute for the 2009 interim. The committee was permanently reauthorized by statute during the 2010 regular legislative session. The committee has various statutory duties, including making an annual report; recommending any necessary legislation to the next session of the legislature; and requesting necessary action to the United States Congress, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and the United States Department of Defense. The committee is required to conduct meetings in several geographically dispersed areas of the state and to conduct hearings relating to military issues and veterans' issues.

During the 2018 interim, as time permits, the Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee will:

1. receive updates from New Mexico's military installations;
2. receive an update on the military base realignment and closure process;
3. study issues related to female veterans;
4. receive updates regarding college credit for military service from the Higher Education Department and Veterans' Services Department;
5. receive testimony regarding jobs and business opportunities for veterans;
6. study long-term care options for veterans;

7. study transportation to and from medical providers for veterans, particularly veterans living in rural areas of the state;
8. receive testimony pertaining to education opportunities and outreach to veteran students offered by state educational institutions and public community colleges;
9. examine options for the prevention of homelessness and provide support for homeless veterans in areas throughout the state;
10. study the transportability of the property tax credit offered to veterans; and
11. study the establishment of veterans' resource centers at New Mexico colleges and universities.

**Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee  
2018 Approved Meeting Schedule**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
June 11	Santa Fe
July 17	Taos
August 6	Albuquerque
October 4-5	Las Cruces/Alamogordo
October 30	Truth or Consequences
November 19	Santa Fe