

**2019 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 2019 interim, as time permits, the Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee will:

1. receive updates from New Mexico's military installations;
2. study issues related to female veterans;
3. receive updates regarding college credit for military service from the Higher Education Department and Veterans' Services Department;
4. receive testimony regarding jobs and business opportunities for veterans;
5. study long-term care options for veterans;
6. study transportation to and from medical providers for veterans, particularly veterans living in rural areas of the state;

7. receive testimony pertaining to educational opportunities and outreach to veteran students offered by state educational institutions and public community colleges;
8. examine options for the prevention of homelessness and support for homeless veterans in areas throughout the state;
9. receive testimony pertaining to development of rules and policies by the Gaming Control Board regarding recent changes to statutes permitting the sale of pull-tabs by veterans' and fraternal organizations;
10. receive testimony regarding litigation between the State of New Mexico and military bases;
11. examine the effect of the federal VA MISSION Act of 2018 on health care benefits for veterans;
12. receive testimony regarding health care options both within the United States Department of Veterans Affairs system and outside of it;
13. continue to examine professional license reciprocity for spouses of military personnel stationed in New Mexico;
14. receive testimony regarding the potential effect of an income tax credit for military retirement pay;
15. receive testimony regarding proposed locations for future veterans' cemeteries; and
16. examine requirements for federally issued identification cards and access to military installations for issuance of identification cards.

**Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee
2019 Approved Meeting Schedule**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
June 5	Santa Fe
July 22	Ruidoso
August 1	Gallup
September 9-10	Clovis
October 10	Roswell
November 19	Santa Fe