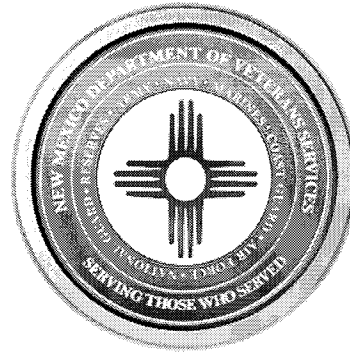


# THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICES



Matt Barela, NACVSO  
Southeast Region Supervisor  
***"Serving Those Who Served."***

# **The New Mexico Department of Veterans Services**

## ***OUR MISSION***

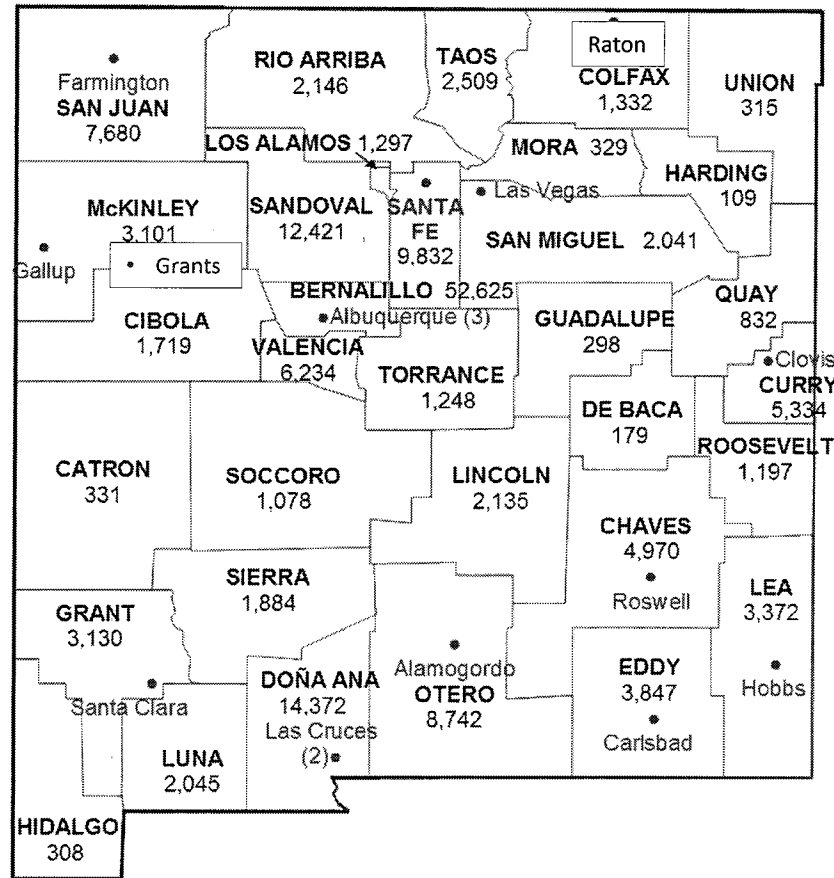
To provide the highest quality service and advocacy for New Mexico's 158,994 veterans and their families.

## ***OUR VISION***

To be recognized as a premier agency that anticipates and meets the changing needs of New Mexico's veterans and their families.

# Total Veteran Population: 158,994

●=Location of 14 NMDVS Field Offices



# **NEW MEXICO'S VETERANS**

## **Population of Veterans and Active Military Service Members that are serviced in our area.**

- Cannon AFB Population: 4,643
- Curry County Veterans: 5334
- Roosevelt County Veterans: 1197
- Quay County Veterans: 832
- De Baca County Veterans: 179
- 1 out of 12 New Mexicans is a veteran
- Factor in spouses, parents, siblings, relatives--this "veteran connection" is much deeper.

# VETERAN SERVICE OFFICERS

- 20 Veteran Service Officers (VSO) Positions
  - Larry J. Campos – Albuquerque
  - Tracie Brasier – Albuquerque – Women’s Veterans Program Manager
  - George Vargas – Albuquerque VARO (Supervisor)
  - **Vacant** – Albuquerque VARO
  - Gordon Schei – Albuquerque
  - Martin Marquez – Albuquerque
  - Beverly Charley – Farmington
  - **Vacant** – Gallup
  - **Vacant** – Las Cruces (Supervisor)
  - Rosa Bycenski – Las Cruces (VSO – not accredited)
  - **Vacant** – Silver City
  - Larry Weatherwax – Alamogordo
  - George D. Boyd – Hobbs
  - Dagmar Youngberg – Carlsbad
  - Danielle Thompson – Roswell
  - Matthew Barela – Clovis (Supervisor)
  - Karen Abeyta – Las Vegas (Supervisor)
  - **Vacant** – Las Vegas
  - Jeff George – Santa Fe
  - **Vacant** – Grants

## **FY20 PROGRAM INITIATIVES**

- MOU with the Navajo Nation
- Native American VSO training
- VSO software upgrades
- Pilot MOA with the Pueblo of Laguna
- Grand re-opening of the Grants office
- Statewide outreach initiatives

## FY20 PROGRAM NEEDS

- Additional VSO staff needed in:
  - Albuquerque (2)
  - Las Cruces (2)
  - Santa Fe (1)
- Estimate cost:
  - \$300K
  - \$50K training cost

## NATIVE AMERICAN VSO's

- Adrian N. Julian – Jicarilla Apache Tribe
- Ambrose Coriz – KEWA Pueblo
- Angela M. Salas – Pueblo of Zia
- Avelino J. Calabaza – Pueblo of Santo Domingo
- Heidi L. Barlow – KEWA Pueblo Health Corporation
- Jeannette Jagles - Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo – Tesuque Pueblo
- Jeremy W. Chino – Albuquerque Regional VAMC
- Johnny Shack – Pueblo of Zuni
- Judy Griego – Secretary, NMDVS
- Kathy Natachu – Pueblo of Zuni
- Kelton C. Starr – Mescalero Apache Tribe
- Lorae HoMana Pawiki - VA Office of Tribal Government Relations
- Mark F. Kasehagen - Rocking J Reawakenings Veterans Ranch
- Sam Lovato – KEWA Pueblo
- Patrick Aragon – Pueblo of Laguna



# **ANNUAL FIELD REPORT**

## **July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019 (FY19)**

- **TOTAL OFFICE VISITS:** 22,859
- **New Power of Attorney (POA) assignments:**
- NMDVS 1091
- American Legion 100
- AMVETS 3
- DAV 233
- MOPH 13
- PVA 2
- VFW 120
- **Total:** 1562

## ANNUAL FIELD REPORT (Cont.)

### July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019 (FY19)

|                               |  |               |
|-------------------------------|--|---------------|
| <b>• Non-POA Claims:</b>      |  | <b>1,159</b>  |
| <b>• Federal Benefits:</b>    |  |               |
| • E-Benefits                  |  | 864           |
| • Service Connected           |  | 2,989         |
| • Non-Service Connected (NSC) |  | 476           |
| • Death Benefits              |  | 583           |
| • VARO                        |  | 3,789         |
| • VAMC                        |  | 793           |
| • Home Loans                  |  | 119           |
| • Education                   |  | 98            |
| • Referrals                   |  | 471           |
| • Misc.                       |  | <u>9159</u>   |
| <br>                          |  |               |
| <b>• Total:</b>               |  | <b>19,341</b> |

**ANNUAL FIELD REPORT (Cont.)  
July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019 (FY19)**

State Benefits process by VSO's

- |                               |            |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| • Property Tax Exemption      | 1673       |
| • 100% Property Tax Exemption | 530        |
| • Veteran License Plates      | 1478       |
| • State Parks Pass            | 409        |
| • Dept. of Game and Fish      | 283        |
| • Combat Veteran Scholarships | <u>414</u> |

**Totals:** **4,787**

**Total Outreach by VSO's:** **2,214**

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