Revised: October 16, 2026

TENTATIVE AGENDA
for the
FIFTH MEETING
of the
MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

October 16, 2026
Central New Mexico Community College
Smith Brasher Hall, Room 209
717 University Boulevard SE
Albuquerque

Friday, October 16

9:00 a.m. **Call to Order and Introductions**
—Senator Harold Pope, Chair
—Representative Debra M. Sariñana, Vice Chair

9:10 a.m. (1) **Welcome to Central New Mexico Community College (CNM)**
—Annette Chavez y De La Cruz, Chair, Governing Board, CNM
—Matthew Fuentes, Manager, Veteran Resource Center, CNM

9:30 a.m. (2) **Update from Kirtland Air Force Base (KAFB)**
—Colonel Jonathan Walker, Deputy Commander, 377th Air Base Wing, KAFB

10:00 a.m. (3) **KAFB and the Community**
—Megan DeLaRosa, Executive Director, Kirtland Partnership Committee

10:30 a.m. (4) **Veterans' Services Department (VSD) Update**
—Brigadier General Jamison Hererra, Secretary, VSD

11:15 a.m. (5) **Purple Star Schools**
—Yvonne Garcia, Deputy Secretary of Student Support Services, Public Education Department (PED)
—Simone Vann, Manager, At-Risk Intervention Response Bureau, PED

11:45 a.m. **Public Comment***

12:00 noon **Lunch**

1:00 p.m. (6) **Update on New Mexico Food Banks and Veterans**
—Jill Dixon, Executive Director, The Food Depot
—Katy Anderson, Vice President of Strategy, Partnerships and Advocacy, Roadrunner Food Bank

1:45 p.m. (7) **New Mexico Veteran Chamber of Commerce (NMVCC)**
—John Garcia, President, NMVCC
—Chris Sweetin, Secretary, NMVCC
—Cornelius Smith, Treasurer, NMVCC

2:15 p.m. (8) **eTMS: A Federal Food and Drug Administration-Cleared Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Treatment for Veterans and First Responders**
—Scott Lopez, Founder, Vida Mejor Services
—Joe Charles, President, JLC Services
—Brandon Soileau, Vice President, JLC Services

3:15 p.m. (9) **Consideration of Legislation for Endorsement**

3:30 p.m. **Tour of the Veterans Integration Center (Committee Members and Committee Staff Only)**

4:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

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