

2016 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 2016 interim, as time permits, the Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee proposes to:

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. study funding for veterans' scholarships;
5. receive updates regarding college credit for military service from the Higher Education Department and Veterans' Services Department;
6. receive testimony regarding jobs and business opportunities for veterans;

7. study long-term care options for veterans;
8. study transportation to and from medical providers for veterans, particularly those living in rural areas of the state;
9. receive an update on new regulations for veterans' service organizations that rely on "pull tabs" for fundraising;
10. receive testimony pertaining to educational opportunities and outreach to veteran students offered by state educational institutions and public community colleges;
11. examine options for the prevention of homelessness and for support for homeless veterans in areas throughout the state;
12. receive testimony regarding the SunZia Southwest Transmission project;
13. examine requirements for veterans' cemeteries;
14. receive testimony regarding the Museum of the American Military Family;
15. receive testimony regarding the Army OneSource program; and
16. study potential legislation regarding land use and development that may affect the operation of New Mexico's military installations.

**Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee
2016 Approved Meeting Schedule**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
June 2	Santa Fe
July 21-22	Farmington
August 31	Albuquerque
September 19	Carlsbad
October 6	Santa Rosa
November 1	Santa Fe