

MILITARY AND VETERAN
INTERIM COMMITTEE
JUNE 17, 2015

New Mexico
Department of

VETERANS

Services



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- ▣ Introductions**
- ▣ Secretary Fox**
- ▣ Leadership Team**

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- ▣ **New Mexico Department of Veterans Services
New Initiatives and Programs**
- ▣ **Healthcare Coordinator**
- ▣ **RVCP**
- ▣ **State Veteran Cemetery Program**

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▣ Healthcare Coordinator

- Mitchell Lawrence
- Dedicated solely to supervise and help us grow our VA, state and private veterans' health care alliances
- Will work directly with the New Mexico VA Health Care System in Albuquerque and the El Paso VA Health Care System (for our southern New Mexico veterans)
- Working to develop a database of all medical and mental health partners serving veterans in New Mexico.

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- ▣ **RVCP Grant**
- ▣ **We have been awarded a \$2 million Rural Veterans Coordination Pilot (RVCP) Grant**
 - **a two-year VA-funded program which was only awarded to five recipients nationwide**
 - **to aid rural-area and underserved veterans in the adjustment to civilian life in one or more of the following areas:**
 - ▣ **Increasing coordination of health care and benefits for Veterans**
 - ▣ **Increasing availability of high quality medical and mental health services**
 - ▣ **Providing assistance to families of transitioning Veterans**
 - ▣ **Outreach to Veterans and families**

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- ▣ **State Cemetery Program**
- ▣ **\$6 million grant from VA**
- ▣ **\$600,000 match from the state**
 - **Will break ground in Ft. Stanton on Veteran's Day 2015**
 - **Gallup will break ground in 2016**
 - **Two more in the cue, Angel Fire, Carlsbad**

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- ▣ 2015 Agency Goals**
- ▣ Transportation**
- ▣ Long Term Care**
- ▣ Women Veteran Issues**

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▣ **Transportation**

- **Partnerships, DOT, USDVA, Veteran Organizations**
- **Assets**
 - ▣ **Vehicles located around the state, local transportation networks, VA Vans, DAV Vans**
 - ▣ **Filling the GAPS**

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- ▣ Long Term Care**
- ▣ Partners - ALTCD, DOH, VA**
 - Aging Population, WWII, Korea, Vietnam Veterans**
 - NM Currently has two long term care facilities focused on veterans, T or C Veteran Home and Ft. Bayard.**
 - Total number of beds available - 192**
 - VA estimate of beds needed - 417**
 - NM Veterans over the age of 60 - 95,309**

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- ▣ **Women Veterans**
- ▣ **Partners - Women Veterans of NM Org, VA**
 - **Total Number of NM Women Veterans - 16,743**
 - **Women Veteran face unique issues**
 - ▣ **Medical**
 - ▣ **Identity**
 - ▣ **Child Care**
 - ▣ **Housing**
 - ▣ **Education**
 - ▣ **Military Sexual Trauma**
 - ▣ **7,000 Women Combat Veterans in Vietnam**
 - ▣ **200,000 Women Combat Veterans in OEF/OIF**

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- ▣ Questions