

# New Mexico Department Veterans' Service

MVAC Meeting

Secretary Sonya Smith

Thursday, 7/14/22



*Every Day is Veterans Day!*

# Updates

- CBOCs Closure Reversal & Next Steps
- VA Secretary Denis McDonough's Visit: June 26-27
- Homelessness Prevention and Outreach
- Governor's Challenge to Prevent Suicide Among Service Members & Veterans
- Tribal & Pueblo Engagement
- Agency Staffing
- Veterans Home Groundbreaking: Tuesday, July 26, 2022



# How Can MVAC Assist DVS?

- NMDVS will have to explore the implications of the Passage of Public Law 117-103 related to burial equity for the state's Guard and Reservists.
- NMDVS will continue to explore the need for consistent legal definitions of veteran and discharge status as it applies to criteria for state benefits and preferences.



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