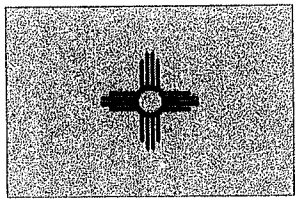

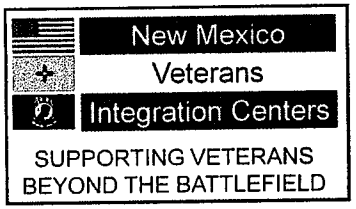

New Mexico Military and Veterans Affairs Committee

5 July 2011

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New Mexico Veterans Integration Centers
SUPPORTING VETERANS BEYOND THE BATTLEFIELD

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Vision & Mission Statement

New Mexico Veterans Integration Centers
SUPPORTING VETERANS BEYOND THE BATTLEFIELD

- **Vision:**
  - Supporting Veterans Beyond the Battlefield
- **Mission Statement:**
  - To respond to the needs of veterans, with focus on those who are homeless or experiencing a housing crisis, through the provision of quality employment training, housing and supportive services based on a Continuum of Care.

Board of Directors

New Mexico Veterans Integration Centers
SUPPORTING VETERANS BEYOND THE BATTLEFIELD

President – Larry Campos

Vice President – Elise Wheeler

Treasurer – Pending

Secretary – Margie Maestas-Flores

Member – Mark Isserman

Member – Chris Jerman

Attorney to the Board – Michael Anderson

Key Personnel

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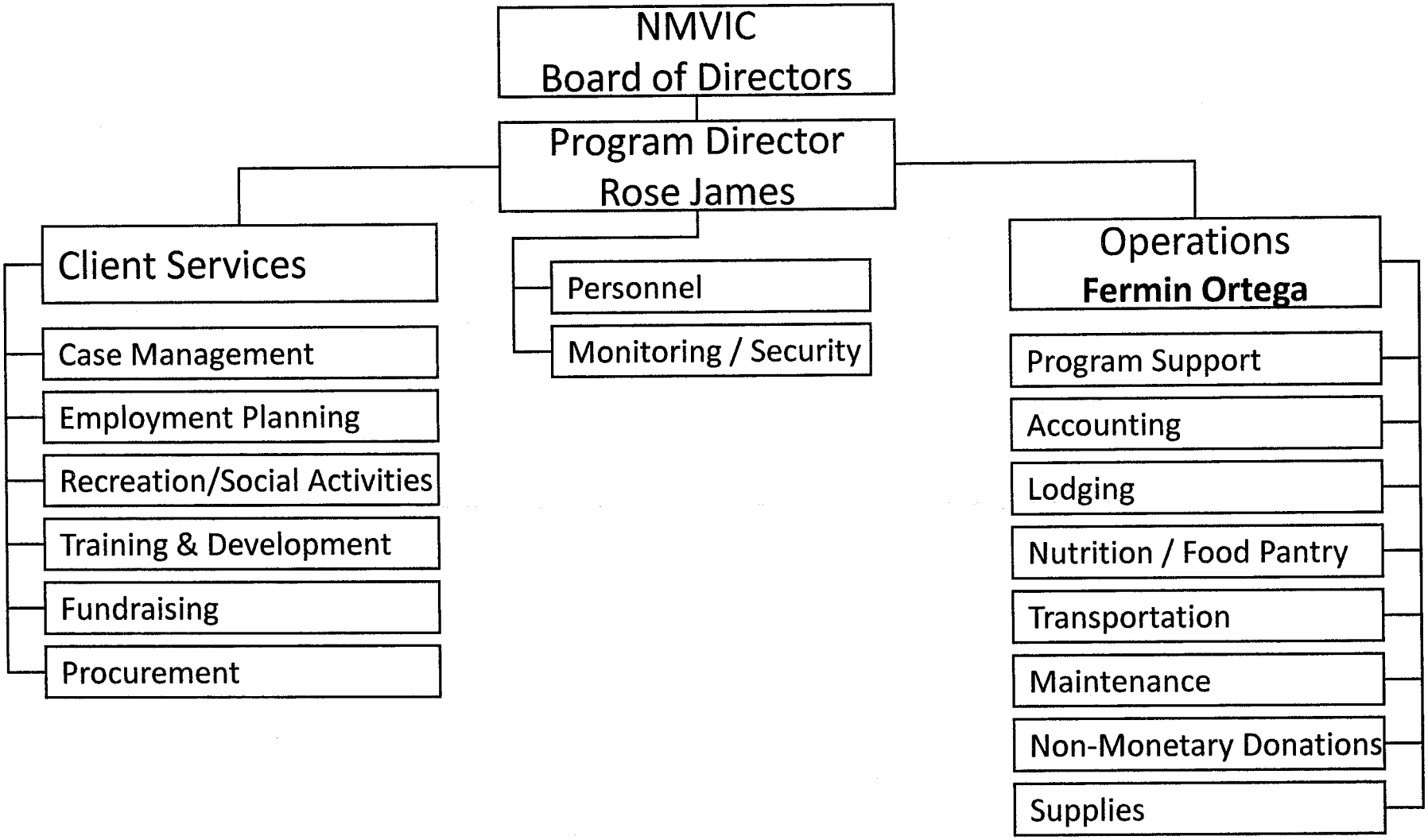

Who is a NMVIC Resident

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- Male or female (no couples or families admitted)
- Honorable Discharge
- Clean and Sober for 28 days
- Have a support plan in place at the VA
- Medically and mentally stable enough to live in a community living setting
- Willing to follow program goal and rules
- Willing to actively search for employment or engage in constructive daily activities
- Willing to submit to random drug & alcohol testing
- NMVIC is an alcohol and drug free environment. No exceptions.

Services Provided

New Mexico Veterans Integration Centers
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- The New Mexico Veterans Integrations Centers is a two (2) year transitional program that assists homeless Veterans or those facing homelessness to integrate back into community life. NMVIC is committed to providing adequate supportive services to ensure a successful transition. In 2009-2010 NMVIC successfully transitioned 82% of the program participants and met or exceeded national standards.

Services include:

- Transitional Housing
- Case Management
- Employment Assistance
- Weekly Food Baskets & Cooking Classes
- Transportation
- Referral to Medical, Legal, Veteran Service Organizations
- Advocacy
- Building Communication and Social Skills

Activities

New Mexico Veterans Integration Centers
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- **Activities planned for NMVIC residents include:**
  - Memorial Day ceremony attendance
  - Bar-b-Ques
  - New Mexico State Fair
  - 4th of July Celebration
  - Albuquerque Isotopes Baseball Games
  - Kirtland Civitan Monthly Dinners
  - Monthly All Hands Information Meetings
  - Movie nights
  - Bingo
  - Planned Overnight Camp Out
  - Air National Guard Picnic at Kirtland AFB

Stand Down

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- Stand Down is an annual event held in October to provide services and assistance to the homeless Veteran population in the Albuquerque metropolitan area. Last year 35 federal, county, city, civic, community agencies/groups, and military units participated. In one day, over 500 homeless veterans were provided clothing, sleeping bags, backpacks, food, haircuts, showers, medical attention, legal assistance, financial resources, spiritual and housing assistance.
- 200 Volunteers provided security, logistical support, food preparation and distribution and a hand up.
- Stand Down will be held October 13-14, 2011.

Community Partners

New Mexico Veterans Integration Centers
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- New Mexico Department of Veteran's Services
- Veterans Administration & Medical Center
- City of Albuquerque
- New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions
- University of New Mexico Veterans Services & Medical Centers
- Community College of New Mexico
- Roadrunner Food Bank
- Sunflower Grocers
- The American Legion and Auxiliary
- Urns by Heavenly Design
- Sharp Business Systems
- Air National Guard
- Many small businesses, churches, financial organizations
- Private individuals
- Many more

Future Efforts

New Mexico Veterans Integration Centers
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- To secure a permanent structure to house the New Mexico Veterans Integration Centers offices and residents
- To develop quality employment training programs for Veterans within the community
- To increase the number of Grant Per Diem beds available to homeless Veterans from 50 to 100

How You Can Help

New Mexico Veterans Integration Centers
SUPPORTING VETERANS BEYOND THE BATTLEFIELD

- The New Mexico Veterans Integration Centers welcomes monetary donations, grant opportunities, and the donations of goods and services.
- NMVIC is a 501 (c)(3) organization and donations are tax deductable to the extent under the law.
- Online contributions may be made at www.nmvic.org
- Gently used furniture is given to Veterans transitioning into permanent housing.
- Food and clothing donations will assist Stand Down.

Questions

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VALUE PLACE

Criteria for admission includes:

Must be an Honorably Discharged Veteran of any branch of the Armed Services of the United States of America.

Applicants must be clean and sober for at least 28 days and may be required to submit to a pre-placement drug screen. They should also have a recovery plan in place that includes weekly attendance at, drug / alcohol outpatient support groups either through the VA, HCH Outreach Program, Alcoholics Anonymous, or mental health program.

Applicants must lack fixed and regular permanent housing.

Applicants should be medically and mentally stable enough to live safely in a community living setting.

Applicant should be willing to follow program goals and requirements, and be willing to work cooperatively with staff and other residents.

Applicants must be willing to actively search for employment within the first 30 days of residency, or if on a disability be willing to engage in constructive daily activities. All residents must be willing to transition to an independent living situation within two years.

NMVIC is an Alcohol and Drug Free Environment. No Exceptions

Must be willing to submit to random drug & alcohol testing.

Must have proof of Insurance, registration & valid drivers license to bring personal vehicle on to the Campus.

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING FOR HOMELESS VETERANS

Veterans serving veterans "Beyond the battlefield"

Daily Living Skills include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Learning to budget
- Job Finding
- Interviewing Skills
- Using Transportation Services
- Obtaining a Driver's License
- Using a Bank Account/Banking & Financing
- Registering to Vote/Civic Awareness
- Personal Grooming & Hygiene
- Setting Goals/Making Lists
- Finding a Place to Live and Paying Rent/Mortgage

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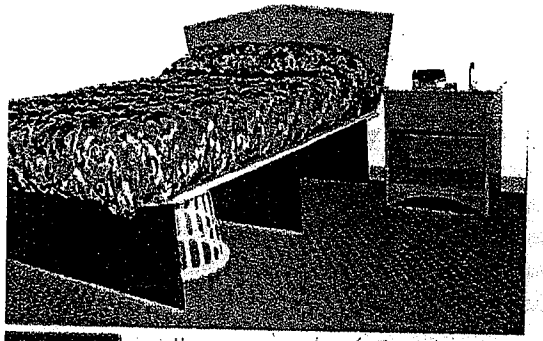
To this...

How did that happen!!!???



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PROGRAM POLICY

It is the policy of the NMVIC to provide services to veterans on a voluntary basis and in a caring environment with structure and discipline to encourage continued success. Services are provided with respect, consideration and dignity for the individual veteran and their rights.

The New Mexico Veterans Integration Centers (NMVIC) is a 2 year transitional program that will assist homeless veterans or those at risk of becoming homeless to integrate back into community life.

NMVIC is committed to providing adequate supportive services to make the transition successful. The facility emphasizes values such as trust, dignity, honor, self worth and respect for other people.

No Smoking allowed in Rooms or inside any part of the facility

NMVIC is a Non Profit Organization and we need Community support. Help us Help a Veteran.

Please send your contributions to:
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Housing – Rooms will accommodate two residents and must be kept in a clean condition at all times.

Case Management - Assist the veteran in identifying appropriate community resources to meet or address his/her individual needs. Depending on the individual's needs, the staff will make referrals to other agencies.

Employment - Veterans in the program are required to work unless a medical condition prevents them from working. The Special issues related to homelessness, substance abuse, and employment, are addressed on an individual basis.

Food Baskets & Cooking Classes—Food baskets are provided once a week, and we provide on-going cooking classes to help the veteran become more independent.

Other supportive services provided include the following:

* Referrals to medical, social, and legal services or other veteran service organizations.
* Housing – Clean and safe housing that provides a stable living environment
* Security for the protection of the residents
* Transportation
* Advocacy
* Assistance in accessing other Federal, State, and local resources
* Case Management

Commemorative Coin Fundraising Campaign
Minimum donation $20.00

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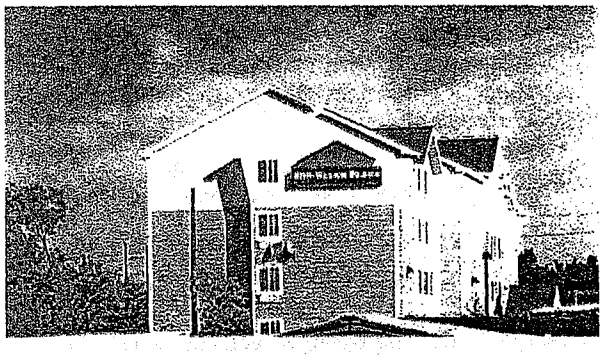

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Partners

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Goodwill Industries
National Indian Council on Aging

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