

The New Mexico Department of Veterans Services

“Serving Those Who Served”



Number of Veterans in New Mexico: 170,000

Number of Office Contacts by Veterans in FY2017: 50,623
(slightly more than 30,000 in 2011)



Rural Veteran Outreach

DVS one of five recipients in 2015 to receive a Rural Outreach Grant by the VA to help rural-area veterans with their VA/state veterans benefits needs

7,900 “new” rural-area veterans helped by NMDVS since 2015

The New Mexico Veterans Business Outreach Center (VBOC)

This Business Development Division of the DVS helps entrepreneurial-minded veterans start/expand small businesses. It was named the #1 VBOC in the nation by the U.S. Small Business Administration *(based on veterans served; client feedback)*.

199 veteran-owned business created w/VBOC assistance since 2011



Homeless Veterans Assistance

DVS helps fund the *New Mexico Veterans Integration Center (VIC)*—which helps homeless/near-homeless veterans re-integrate into society.

3,000+ clients assisted since 2011

Veterans Treatment Court

DVS helped create the 2nd Judicial District Veterans Treatment Court in 2011 to provide an alternative counseling-based treatment program for veterans convicted of non-violent felonies. **55 veterans have successfully completed the program since 2011**



Notable Veteran-Related Accomplishments Since 2011

- Established DVS Women Veterans Program
- Established DVS Health Care Coordination Program
- Established DVS State Veterans Cemetery Program
- Defining National Guard/Reserve Members as veterans *(for State Veterans Benefits)*
- Expediting of Law Enforcement/Transportation/Medical Technician State Licensure for Qualified Veterans
- Child Custody Matters Protection for Deployed Active-Duty/National Guard/Reserve Members
- Transfer Management of Vietnam Veterans Memorial from State Parks to DVS
- Transfer Management of State Veterans Home from Dept. of Health to DVS