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Honoring Our Brave Warriors

To A Journey for a Healthy and Quality life

Friday, April 21, and Saturday, April 22, 2023



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New Mexico Dept. of Veterans Services
&
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Start time	End time	EVENT	LOCATION
8:00 AM	5:00 PM	Registration	
9:00 AM	10:50 AM	GENERAL SESSION	Ballrooms B & C
		Master of Ceremony	Ron Solimon , Vice-Chairman, Laguna Development Corporation
		Posting of Colors	Fred Lujan , Former Governor, Pueblo of Isleta; Commander Isleta Pueblo Veterans Association
			Judy Quintana , US Air Force; Women Veterans Warriors
		Flag Song, Veteran & Memorial Song	Malcolm Yepa & Black Eagle Drum Group , Pueblo of Jemez Grammy Award winner, 2004; Best Native American Music Album
		Entry of Colors	Men: Angel Montoya , US Army, Ysleta del Sur Women: Beverly Charley , US Army, Tribal Liaison, NM DVS
		Invocation	Max Zuni , Governor, Pueblo of Isleta
		Pledge of Allegiance & New Mexico Pledge	J. Joe Martinez , Agent, Senior Health Resource Center
		Welcome Address	Robert "Mac" McKenrick , Executive Director, NM VA Healthcare System
		Introduction of Honored Guests	Donnie Quintana , Cabinet Secretary, NMDVS Retired National Guard Col.
		Keynote Address	"Leave no Man Behind. Include Ourselves." "Preserving Our Honor from Active Duty to Civilian Life." Dr. Alta Defoo , Chief Medical Officer, Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation
10:50 AM	11:00 AM	BREAK	
11:00 AM	11:50 AM	State Benefits for Veterans and Eligible Dependents Cemetaries and Memorial Programs for Veterans	
			Jeff George , Bureau Chief, State Benefits Division, DVS
12:00 PM	1:50 PM	LUNCHEON Sponsored by Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation	Ballrooms B & C
		PACT ACT - PowerPoint Presentation	Claims taken in the Board Room
			Robert "Mac" McKenrick , Veteran Health Administration Cesar Romero , Veterans Benefits Association Donnie Quintana , Cabinet Secretary, NMDVS





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2:00 PM	2:50 PM	BREAKOUT SESSIONS	
		1 VA Suicide Prevention Program and Initiatives	Ballroom C
		Dr. Brenda Mayne, Director, VA Behavioral Health, Veteran Health Administration	
		2 Rural Transportation Services for Veterans	Rio Grande
		Diane Mourning Brown, Director, Health Care Coordination Division, NMDVS	
		Hugo Rodriguez, Mobility Manager, VA	
		3 Program Initiatives for Women Veterans	Bosque
		Theresa Figueroa, Women Veterans, Program Coordinator, NMDVS	
2:50 PM	3:00 PM	TRANSITION BREAK	
3:00 PM	3:50 PM	BREAKOUT SESSIONS	
		1 Veterans Business Outreach and Entrepreneur Training	Ballroom C
		Johnny Martinez, Business Counselor, VBOC, NMDVS	
		2 VA Loans the Best Loan in America	Rio Grande
		Drake LeMaster, President, Veterans Loan Service Center	
		3 Employment Opportunities - Recruitment and Hire	Bosque
		Charles Walters, Human Services Director, Isleta Casino & Resort	
3:50 PM	4:00 PM	TRANSITION BREAK	
4:00 PM	4:50 PM	BREAKOUT SESSIONS	
		1 VA Native American Home Direct Loan/ VA Home Loan	Rio Grande
		James Lewis, Coordinator, VA Regional Loan Center	
		2 VA Educational Benefits: Career Counseling, Vocational Exploration, Veterans Readiness and Employment	Ballroom C
		Mia Pasquier, VetSuccess on Campus Counselor and Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, VA	
		3 DVS Native American VSO Support Initiatives	Bosque
		Robin Wilson, Director, Field Services Division, NMDVS	
4:50 PM		ADJOURN	





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Saturday, April 22, 2023

Start time	End time	EVENT	LOCATION
8:00 AM	12:00 PM	Registration	
9:00 AM	9:50 AM	GENERAL SESSION	Ballrooms B & C
		Master of Ceremony Ron Solimon , Vice-Chairman, Laguna Development Corporation	
		Invocation Fred Lujan , Former Governor, Pueblo of Isleta Commander, Isleta Pueblo Veterans Association	
		Pledge of Allegiance & New Mexico Pledge J. Joe Martinez , Agent, Senior Health Resource Center	
		Welcome Ramus Suina , Former Governor, Pueblo of Cochiti Vice-President, Native American Training Institute	
		Keynote Address A Warrior's Experiences Lt. Col. Jacob "Jake" Hoskin , Battalion Commander of 4th Law Enforcement, Kirtland Air Force Base	
9:50 AM	10:00 AM	TRANSITION BREAK	
10:00 AM	10:50 AM	BREAKOUT SESSION	
		1 AARP Veterans, Programs and Services: "Veterans, Military and Their Families Program"	Rio Grande
		Gary Williams , NM AARP, Associate State Director, Community Outreach	
		2 The Need to Provide Healing & Support Systems for America's Heroes	Ballroom C
		Sonya Klippert , Raven Heart Wellness LLC	
		Horses, Nature and Fishing – How do they Help	
		Eddie Crain , Healing America's Heroes	
		3 Transitioning from Service; Working with Sandia	Bosque
		Tony Lona , Diversity Recruiter, Sandia National Laboratories, Talent Acquisition	
10:50 AM	11:00 AM	TRANSITION BREAK	
11:00 AM	11:45 AM	SPECIAL PRESENTATION	Seminar Room-Outside Gate Area
		"Wholeness Through Horses"	
		Jered Lee , Equine Specialist in Mental Health Learning	
12:00 PM	12:30 PM	CLOSING CEREMONY	Ballrooms B & C
		Wrap-up Ron Solimon , Vice-Chairman, Laguna Development Corporation Ramus Suina , Vice-President, Native American Training Institute Beverly Charley , Tribal Liaison, NM Department of Veterans Services	
		Closing & Prayer Patrick Trujillo , President, Native American Training Institute	
		Taps Marcus Lujan , Isleta Pueblo Veterans Association	
		Retire Colors Isleta Pueblo Veterans Association , and Judy Quintana , Women Veterans Warriors	
		Adjourn Safe travels as you return to your homes	



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1:00 PM - 7:00 PM VETERANS SYMPOSIUM GOURD DANCING

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