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Retired NM Air National Guard BG Judy Griego Confirmed as DVS Cabinet Secretary



Judy M. Griego
DVS Cabinet Secretary

Retired New Mexico Air National Guard Brigadier General Judy M. Griego was unanimously confirmed by the New Mexico Senate on February 6 as Secretary of the New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services (DVS). She was appointed to the position by Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham on December 27.

"I am thrilled that the Senate agreed with me that General Griego has the management experience and leadership skills necessary to lead the Department of Veterans Services," said Governor Lujan Grisham after being informed of the Secretary Griego's confirmation. "She has a passion for helping the men and women who have served our country. She has a way of connecting with them. I am confident she will do an excellent job leading DVS."

Secretary Griego had a distinguished 36-year military career, retiring in August of 2016 at the rank of Brigadier General—the first woman to be promoted to the rank of General in the history of the New Mexico National Guard. She began her military service in 1979 by enlisting in the New Mexico Air National Guard. She worked her way through the enlisted ranks—attaining the rank of Master Sergeant. In 1991, she was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant upon graduation from the Academy of Military Science at McGhee-Tyson Air Force Base in Knoxville, TN. In 2007, then-Lt. Col. Griego was deployed to Balad Air Base Iraq to serve in key leadership positions in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Her rise through the officer ranks culminated with her historic promotion to Brigadier General on December 1, 2011.

During her military service, Secretary Griego earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Professional Aeronautics and a Master of Science Degree in Aeronautical Sciences from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

"As a native New Mexican, I am humbled to be given this chance to serve my state's veterans and their families," said Secretary Griego. "I have seen the incredible sacrifice they've made to serve our country. This is a persona mission for me. The DVS staff and I will work hard to help veterans receive every VA and state veterans' benefit to which they're entitled—and will work to find ways to further improve their lives."



Retired NM Air National Guard Brig. General Judy Griego (top/center) is congratulated by Senate President/Lt. Governor Howie Morales after her unanimous confirmation by the Senate as DVS Cabinet Secretary.

DVS Staff Make Outreach Visits to Roswell, Moriarty

It's been a busy start to the new year for DVS staff. In addition to assisting veterans with filing for their federal VA and state veterans benefits during normal business hours, many DVS staffer have been on the road reaching out to veterans at outreach visits throughout the state—answering questions and urging veterans to register with the New Mexico VA Health Care System.



On February 9, DVS Women Veterans Program Manager Amanda Somerville (Above Left Photo) and Roswell-based Veterans Service Officer (VSO) Danielle Thompson (Above Right Photo) provided assistance at the request of the New Mexico National Guard for its Wellness Fair at the Roswell Readiness Center.

Guard Personnel were able to obtain information mental health services, women's health programs, service member services & benefits, health clubs, nutrition, and other Health Clubs, nutrition advice, and VA and state veterans benefits available for them in the Chaves County area.

RIGHT PHOTO: On February 11, DVS Albuquerque-based Veterans Service Officer Martin Márquez (at right, standing), Deputy Health Care Director John Griego (middle/seated), and Veterans Business Outreach Center Director Rich Coffel (seated at left) were in Moriarty at the invitation of Congresswoman Deb Haaland—the first veterans outreach for the newly elected Congresswoman from New Mexico's First Congressional District.

DVS Outreach Availability

DVS has 17 VSO's to assist veterans at 13 offices throughout the state. The locations and contact information for these offices and regularly scheduled outreach visits can be found on the back two pages of *The Guardian*.



DVS staff are also available for outreach visits to any community or event by contacting DVS Director of Field Operations Larry Campos at larry.campos@state.nm.us or (505) 383-2417.

DVS SAA Director Participates in Veteran Education-Related Conference in Washington, D.C.

DVS State Approving Agency Director for Veterans Education and Training Marilyn Dykman participated in the 2019 Mid-Winter National Association of State Approving Agencies (NASAA) Meeting and Training February 8-14 in Washington, D.C. *(at left, with VA Undersecretary for Benefits Paul R. Lawrence, one of the main speakers at the conference)*

Each state has a VA State Approving Agency Director to ensure that colleges and training programs adhere to strict standards set by the VA for education and training programs available for veterans through the GI Bill®.

The annual conference provides the NASAA with the opportunity to inform Congress and other national leaders of its goals and concerns related to its mission of protecting the Education Benefits Bill—more commonly known as the GI Bill®.

One of the most recent landmark achievements of the NASAA and its members was its work in helping Congress pass the Colmery Act—or the “forever” GI Bill®. President Donald Trump signed the bill into law in 2017—which, foremost among other new changes, removed the time limit veterans have to use their GI Bill®. Recent veterans and new service members will be able to use their GI Bill® forever.



NMVBA, American Legion Post 49 to Host *Tribute to Women in the Military*



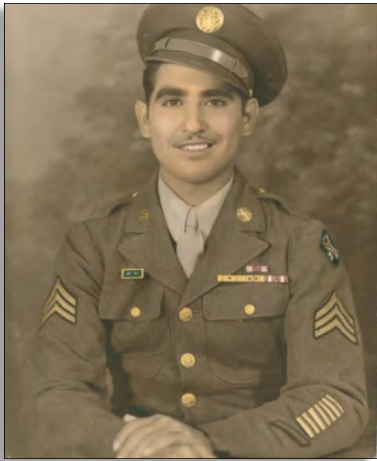
The New Mexico Veterans Business Advocates (NMVBA) is presenting its 34th *Tribute to Women in the Military* on March 1 in Albuquerque at the American Legion Post 49, located at 11005 Central Ave NE.

The tribute honors the service and sacrifice of our nation's women military veterans, which according to the VA makes up the fastest-growing segment of our military and veteran population.

Registration begins at 8am. Morning/breakfast refreshments will be provided—as well as an excellent networking opportunity with the expected annual large turnout. The program begins at 9am with the Opening Ceremony, followed by presentations about and tributes for women veterans and active-service members.

A luncheon at 11:30am wraps up the day, with the Keynote Address given by USAF Master Sgt. Allison Encarnación, the Intelligence Flight Superintendent for the 58th Operations Support Squadron at Kirtland Air Force Base. There is no charge for this celebration of women veterans, which is open to the public. Door prizes will be given away and a silent auction will be ongoing throughout the morning. Businesses and veterans or community service organizations are also invited to set up tables or booths. For more information, contact Maj. Kelly Aldrich (USAF/Ret.) at (505) 286-0692.

Bataan Death March Survivor Joe Romero Passes Away



Joe S. Romero
*September 26, 1920-
January 26, 2019*

World War II Bataan Death March Survivor Joe S. Romero passed away on January 26 in Albuquerque. He was 98 years old. Mr. Romero was laid to rest with full military honors at Sunset Memorial Park.

The Las Cruces native was 19 years old when he enlisted in the New Mexico National Guard in 1941. He was one of 1,800 Guard members of the 200th Coast Artillery Unit in the middle of a training exercise in the Philippines when Japan launched a surprise attack on that country on December 8, 1941—just hours after its Pearl Harbor attack. The men were immediately activated for combat, and became part of a small force of existing American and Filipino service members waging a defense against the much larger and better equipped Japanese force.

Four months later and facing what he deemed a certain defeat, U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Edward King, the Commanding General of the Philippine-American forces on the Bataan Peninsula, ordered his 75,000 Allied soldiers to surrender on April 9, 1942.

Mr. Romero and most of the prisoners were forced by their Japanese captors to march more than 60 miles to prison camps in what has come to be known as the Bataan Death March. An estimated 10,000 died during the march. Mr. Romero was initially held at the Cabanatuan Prison Camp, where many prisoners were worked to death making a runway that was eventually bombed by American planes. He and a thousand other prisoners were then crammed aboard the *Hokusen Maru* “hell ship” to brutal prison labor camps in Formosa and Japan—forced to work in dangerous lead and zinc mines.

In September of 1945, Mr. Romero was freed after Japan surrendered to the United States. Though weighing a mere 110 pounds, he was still very strong in spirit and desire to come home to New Mexico. Settling in Albuquerque, Mr. Romero and wife Josephine started a family. He went on to work for many years in the menswear department at Levine's Department Store.

Mr. Romero is survived by daughter Ana Marie Gonzales of Albuquerque. With his passing, only seven remain from the original 1,800 New Mexico National Guard's Defenders of the Bataan Peninsula.

RIGHT PHOTO: *The New Mexico Army National Guard Honor Guard rendered Military Honors at the funeral of Bataan Death March Survivor Joe S. Romero on February 2 at Sunset Memorial Park in Albuquerque.*

The folded flag used to drape the casket...along with a Condolence Letter from Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham...were presented by New Mexico Deputy Adjutant General Miguel Aguilar to Mr. Romero's daughter Ana Marie Gonzales.



Service Members, Veterans to be Honored on Military & Veterans Day at the Legislature on March 11



Veterans and active-service personnel will be honored on March 11 at the State Capitol in Santa Fe on *Military and Veterans Day at the 2019 Legislature*.

There will be informational tables staffed by the New Mexico National Guard, the New Mexico Department of Veterans Services, veterans service organizations, and community service organizations from 8am-1pm in the east and west wings of the Capitol Rotunda.

Every year at this special day during the Legislature, a segment of the military is also highlighted at a 12 p.m. ceremony in the Rotunda. This year, the spotlight will be on veterans who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom in Iraq.

The public is invited to join in this annual special celebration of New Mexico's service members and veterans. DVS Secretary Judy Griego and New Mexico National Guard Adjutant General Ken Nava are scheduled to lead the tributes to veterans from all service eras—and again, in particular OEF/OIF veterans.



Military & Veterans' Day at the Legislature is the annual day during the legislative session presented by the New Mexico National Guard and DVS to honor active-duty service members and veterans for their sacrifice and service for our country.

In addition to attending the ceremony, veterans and active-service personnel are also encouraged to meet their local legislators and watch the legislative process in action in the state Senate or House of Representatives chambers.

For more information, contact DVS Event Coordinator Joseph Dorn at josephM.Dorn@state.nm.us or (505) 383-2414.

Number of OEF/OIF Veterans in New Mexico

(according to 2019 VA Data)

Vietnam War Era, Gulf War, & Post-9/11	794
Gulf War & Post 9/11	13,413
Post 9/11 Only	21,812
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>36,019</i>

New Mexico's Total Veteran Population	156,595
Percentage of Veterans that are OEF/OIF	23%

2019 Military Winterfest to Honor Veterans & Active-Duty Personnel; Offer Snow-Related Family Fun



There is still time to pre-register for the Fifth Annual Military Winterfest—a celebration of veterans, active-duty service members, and their families—at Angel Fire Ski Resort from February 21-24. The four-day festival features skiing, snowboarding, tubing, snowshoeing, lessons for the entire family, sleigh rides, an adaptive athlete program for veterans with disabilities, inter-service races, daily Twilight Colors Retirement Mountain Parades, and many more fun-filled snow activities.

Military Winterfest is hosted and organized by the National Veterans Wellness & Healing Center in Angel

Fire. For registration and more information, go to www.veteranswellnessandhealing.org/military-winterfest.

American Legion Commemorating Centennial This Year

The American Legion/Department of New Mexico is leading a statewide effort to celebrate the nationwide 100th anniversary of our nation's largest wartime service organization. The state's American Legion Centennial Committee has announced the following events to commemorate the Legion's centennial:



Barbeque: Friday March 15, 2019 at the American Legion Post 13.

Parade: Saturday March 16, 2019 in Rio Rancho at 10 am. Line-up for the 8am parade begins on Country Club road north of Southern Blvd., proceeds east on to Pine Tree, then north to Veterans Memorial Park.

Banquet: The Inn at Rio Rancho host a Centennial dinner for up to 250 people on Saturday night with special invited guests. Banquet will include live and DJ'ed music for dancing and guest speakers.

Golf: An outing is scheduled for the Saturday at 2 pm. More information on the golf outing will follow.

Breakfast: Sunday March 17, 2018 at the American Legion Post 118 as a way to say farewell to one another.

The Inn at Rio Rancho & Event Center has been contracted to support the Centennial Celebration and provide discounted rooms for the Rio Rancho events. Contact the hotel at (505) 892-1700 for reservations. Business and individuals are welcome to be a part of the celebration as well, and can help with donations to help defer event costs. Any remaining funds will support Department of New Mexico charities and operating expenses. For more information, contact NM VFW Centennial Chairman Paul Espinoza at paul64espi@yahoo.com.

Purple Heart Recipients to be Honored at the Mar. 23 *Duke City Gladiators* Football Season Opener



The Duke City Gladiators of Albuquerque--last year's champions of the eight-team Champion Indoor Football (CIF) League--will honor Purple Heart recipients at its 2019 CIF season opener on March 23 at 6pm.

Adding to the special night will be an appearance by New Mexico's own Chevel Shepherd--winner of the recently concluded season 15 of the popular TV show *The Voice*. The 16-year old Farmington resident will sing the national anthem and perform a mini-concert at halftime.

Another special guest for the evening is the NFL's Baltimore Ravens Head Coach John Harbaugh. The winning coach of Super Bowl XLVII (2013) will be available to meet the public throughout the day. The Ravens and Gladiators are the only teams in the nation officially designated as "Purple Heart Teams" dedicated to honor veterans who've been killed in action or wounded in combat while serving our country.



The Gladiators play their home games at Tingley Coliseum, located at 300 San Pedro Drive NE. at 4pm for family-friendly tailgating. General admission tickets are \$8, with special advanced-purchase \$3 seats also available by calling Steve Pacheco at (505) 480-6604.



Baltimore Ravens Head Coach John Harbaugh



"The Voice" Season 15 winner Chevel Shepherd (left) with singing coach Kelly Clarkson.

VA to Launch Major Overhaul of Claims Appeals Process

(story courtesy of Stars & Stripes)



**VA Secretary
Robert Wilkie**

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albuquerque](http://www.benefits.va.gov/albuquerque)*

*For information about VA
health care, visit the
New Mexico VA
Health Care System
website at:
www.albuquerque.va.gov*

Hundreds of thousands of veterans, some of them trapped indefinitely in a complex system of trying to obtain benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs, will get new options next week promised to deliver decisions in days or months, instead of years.

The VA is set to implement a new process Tuesday for veterans to appeal their claims for VA disability compensation - a system devised by the VA, veterans organizations and lawmakers and approved by Congress in 2017. Under the current system, veterans wait three to seven years to reconcile their appeals. The new one could get veterans through the process in as little as 125 days, VA officials vowed.

"This is the biggest change to appeals for decades," said Cheryl Mason, chairman of the Board of Veterans' Appeals. "It was designed to give veterans choice and control over their process instead of getting stuck like they do now. VA realized that veterans were confused by the process, that it was a complex system and that it simply took too long."

The new system involves multiple avenues for veterans, including an option to appeal their claims with a higher-level adjudicator or directly with the Board of Veterans' Appeals. Another option is to add information to their claim and appeal it with the same adjudicator who reviewed it.

David McLenachen, director of the VA's appeals management office, said the VA will track the amount of time it takes veterans to get through each option. The agency will make that information public to help veterans decide which route to take, he said. With the new process, VA officials have the goal of cutting down the backlog of appeals, which stands at 402,000 cases.

The VA has hired 605 new employees in the past four months to help with claims. For over a year, the VA has operated a pilot program to test the new system. Through the program, titled the Rapid Appeals Modernization Plan, or RAMP, veterans with appeals stuck in the old system were allowed to opt into the new one. Over that time period, about 70,000 veterans with 84,000 claims opted in. The VA had granted decisions on 70 percent of those claims as of Thursday and gave out nearly \$250 million in retroactive benefits, McLenachen said. On average, it took 130 days to get veterans their decisions.

The RAMP pilot program ended on February 15, ahead of the new system launching nationwide next week. In a statement on February 14, VA Secretary Robert Wilkie encouraged veterans with appeals stuck in the old process to opt in by the 15th. Otherwise, they must wait to opt in to the new system until the VA sends them a statement of their pending claim.

The VA is expected to hold an event on February 19 to launch the system.

VA, DoD Working to Create Single E-Record System

The Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs are still trying to figure out how to best align their agencies' respective plans to create a common Cerner electronic health record system.

Speaking February 13 at the HIMSS19 conference in Orlando, DoD and VA program officials said coordinating their activities to ensure interoperable EHR systems is a work in progress, emphasizing that the agencies continue to discuss an optimal organizational design that will facilitate coordinated decision-making and oversight when it comes to governance. Toward that end, the DoD and VA Interagency Program Office is working to establish joint EHR modernization governance bodies to foster coordination and improve communication between the departments.

"We can't talk enough about the work that the Interagency Program Office has done to ensure that the DoD and VA are aligning around commercial standards and to also be able to provide a consolidated input between basically the two largest federal healthcare providers," Stacy Cummings, program executive officer for Defense Healthcare Management Systems, told a HIMSS audience.

Cummings noted that late last year Defense Secretary James Mattis and VA Secretary Robert Wilkie signed a joint statement committing to the implementation of a single, seamlessly integrated EHR that "maximizes commercial health record interoperability" by sharing data between the two agencies as well as community healthcare providers. The purpose of the document signed by Secretaries Mattis and Wilkie was to "demonstrate the commitment of both the DoD and the VA to the success of this electronic health record deployment," according to Cummings. To make decisions and execute them jointly, she added that the agencies have put together a working group to create synergies and efficiencies.

"We're making great progress—we're looking at risk and technical and programmatic functions," she said. "Having greater synergy will reduce the risk to both of our programs."

Last year, the VA awarded Cerner a \$10 billion EHR modernization contract—one of the largest IT contracts in the federal government—to replace the agency's decades-old Veterans Health Information Systems and Technology Architecture. In 2015, DoD awarded a \$4.3 billion contract to prime contractor Leidos to modernize the military's EHR system with Cerner's Millennium platform. According to Cummings, the two agencies will share a data center hosted at Cerner's Kansas City headquarters in a "single instance" enclave, with the VA taking advantage of investments DoD has already made in that commercial data center.

"DoD has already gone live at facilities—we are still educating our clinicians, and that's a tough chore," said John Windom, executive director of the VA's Office of EHR Modernization, at the HIMSS19 conference. "We want to make sure we're judicious in the way we move forward such that our change management strategies that we're both employing will take hold as appropriate. This is about the end user—the person that's required to use Cerner Millennium."

"It's a hard sell because people are used to what they're used to, regardless of how arduous it may be to use or how cumbersome," added Windom, referring the VA's legacy VistA system which is popular with the agency's clinicians.

At the same time, Windom pointed out that DoD and VA have "two different patient populations" that the agencies are trying to both serve using a single, seamlessly integrated EHR. "That's a tremendous challenge that we don't take lightly," he concluded.

NMDVS FIELD OFFICES

The New Mexico Department of Veterans Services has thirteen field offices to assist veterans and their eligible dependents with filing for VA and state veterans benefits. Each office is managed by a nationally certified Veterans Service Officer (VSO)—who are also veterans themselves.

Below are the 14 DVS main field offices and the contact information for each managing VSO—followed on the next page with locations for outreach visits by each VSO. Walk-ins are welcome, but DVS encourages veterans to make an appointment to avoid long wait-times.

ALAMOGORDO	ALBUQUERQUE #1	ALBUQUERQUE #2
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ALBUQUERQUE #3	ALBUQUERQUE #4	CARLSBAD
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CLOVIS	FARMINGTON	GALLUP
Matthew Barela 904 W. 6th Street (575) 762-6185 matthew.barela@state.nm.us	Beverly Charley 101 West Animas/Room 104 (505) 327-2861 beverly.charley@state.nm.us	Raymie Hurley 908 Buena Vista Ave./Room 1A (505) 863-7457 raymie.hurley@state.nm.us
HOBBS	LAS CRUCES #1	LAS CRUCES #2
Dalton Boyd 2120 N. Alto Street (575) 397-5290 dalton.boyd@state.nm.us	J.R. Turner 2024 E. Griggs Ave. (575) 524-6220 jr.turner@state.nm.us	Lazaro "Larry" Ramos 2024 E. Griggs Ave. (575) 524-6124 lazaro.ramos@state.nm.us
LAS VEGAS (NM) #1	LAS VEGAS (NM) #2	ROSWELL
Karen Abeyta 917 Douglas Avenue (505) 454-0068 karen.abeyta@state.nm.us	<i>(temporarily vacant)</i> 917 Douglas Avenue <i>(see Las Vegas #1 for help)</i>	Danielle Thompson 1600 SE Main St./Suite A (575) 624-6086 Danielle.thompson@state.nm.us
SANTA CLARA (Grant County)	SANTA FE	WOMEN VETERANS
Chris Teran 11990 U.S. Hwy 180 East (575) 912-3166 chris.teran@state.nm.us	Jeff George 301 W. DeVargas St/Suite 2A (505) 476-7903 jeff.george@state.nm.us	<i>(available option for women vets)</i> Amanda Somerville (505) 383-2431 amandaL.somerville@state.nm.us

DVS VSO's also make regularly-scheduled outreach visits to the Navajo Nation (*right*)—and other communities in New Mexico listed on the following page.

Navajo Nation*
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<i>Holloman AFB*</i> (Alamogordo Office Outreach) Larry Weatherwax (575) 437-4635 larry.weatherwax@state.nm.us	<i>Los Alamos*</i> (Santa Fe Office Outreach) Jeff George (505) 476-7903 jeff.george@state.nm.us	<i>Lordsburg*</i> (Santa Clara Office Outreach) Chris Teran (575) 912-3166 chris.teran@state.nm.us
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