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Counties Served: Guadalupe, Mora, San Miguel, Colfax, Catron, Harding, & Taos

Karen Abeyta is a NMDVS Veteran Service Officer based at the Las Vegas location and is accredited by the NACVSO. She has extensive experience advocating for veterans and their family members. She worked for the NM Workforce Connection as a Local Veterans Employment Representative. She was born and raised in Las Vegas, NM and served in the U.S. Navy from 07/1997 to 08/2000. She was deployed to Spain, Guam, and several U.S. locations. She attained a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from NM Highlands University. Her grandfather Nicholas Abeyta was a WWII Army Veteran, and has several uncles that served during Vietnam, Desert Storm, and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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Counties Served: Anthony, Chaparral, Deming, Santa Clara/Grant County

George Vargas is a NMDVS Veterans' Service Officer based at the Albuquerque downtown location and is accredited by the NACVSO. He

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worked at the Clovis location and was a homeless veterans advocate. He served in Operation Desert Storm with the U.S. Navy. He comes from a strong military family; a cousin who served with the U.S. Marines, and two others who served in the U.S. Army.

Matt Barela

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Counties Served: Curry, Quay, Roosevelt, & De Baca

Matt Barela is a NMDVS Veterans' Service Officer based at the Clovis location, and is accredited by the NACVSO. He served in the U.S. Army in Desert Shield and Desert Storm with the 24th Infantry Division 101st Airborne. He was born and raised in Clovis, NM and has a BCIS degree. He is very involved within the Clovis community with resources that include Goodwill, Lighthouse, Matt25, United Way, Chamber, JVC, VFW, American Legion, and local colleges. He also conducts workshops at Cannon AFB for filing claims and working with e-benefits.

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Counties Served: Bernalillo, Sandoval

Gordon Schei is a NMDVS Veterans' Service Officer based at the Albuquerque NE Heights location since 2008 and is accredited by the NACVSO. He served with the U.S. Army as an Engineer from 1979-1988 stationed in Germany. He's the proud father of two sons Erik and Deven, who followed his footsteps and are both Purple Heart recipients. Erik served as a U.S. Army Engineer in Iraq, and Deven served as a U.S. Army Engineer in Afghanistan

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Martin Marquez is a NMDVS Veterans' Service Officer based at the Albuquerque NE Heights location and is accredited by the NACVSO. Martin served with the U.S. Army as a Finance/Accounting Specialist from 1972-1979 stationed in Germany and Hawaii. He served with the 25th Infantry Division and the 100th MTC. He served as a Local Veterans Employment Representative for the NM Workforce Connection, and is a retired Education Administrator from El Paso, Texas.

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Raymie Hurley is a NMDVS Veterans' Service Officer based at the Gallup location and is accredited by the NACVSO. He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in October 1999 and served until 2003. He was stationed at Marine Security Guard Battalion, Marine Corps Base Quantico, VA. He is a member of the Navajo Nation. After his enlistment, he attended the Navajo Law Enforcement Training Academy and became a Navajo Nation Police Officer for eight years. He was a Patrol, Tactical, and Substation Officer. He attained an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of New Mexico, and a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Western New

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Mexico University. He comes from a family with strong military and law enforcement ties.

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Counties Served: San Juan & Rio Arriba

Beverly Charley is a NMDVS Veterans' Service Officer at the Farmington/Four Corners location and is accredited by the NACVSO. She is a proud member of the Navajo Nation and serves as a Tribal Liaison. She worked for nine years as a Local Veterans Employment Representative for the New Mexico Workforce Connection's Farmington/Four Corners office. She served in the U. S. Army for 14 years and was deployed to Somalia, Africa, Haiti (twice) and Iraq.

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Counties Served: Chaves & Lincoln

Danielle Thompson is a NMDVS Veterans' Service Officer based at the Roswell location and accredited by the NACVSO. She has been a resident of New Mexico since 1999, where she graduated from Ruidoso High School. She resides in Dexter, NM with her husband and family. She joined the U.S. Navy in 2007 as an Operational Specialist. She completed two deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom with her first command at COMPHIBRON TWO, better known as Amphibious Squadron Two, and the USS Carter Hall. She completed

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four years with the U.S. Navy and left as a Third Class Petty Officer Surface Warfare/Air Warfare.

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Counties Served: Santa Fe, Los Alamos, Rio Arriba, and Taos

Jeff George is a NMDVS Veterans' Service Officer based at the Santa Fe location and is accredited by the NACVSO. Jeff is a member of the San Juan Chapter of the DAV and Los Alamos VFW 8874. He has been a lifetime resident of New Mexico and has lived in Farmington, Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Espanola and Portales. Jeff was born in Farmington, NM where his father Eugene "Skip" George, a Vietnam veteran, still resides. Jeff enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1993 and served as a 19K (M1A1 Armor Crewman) before his honorable discharge with a service-related disability as a Corporal.

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Counties Served: Otero & Lincoln

Larry Weatherwax is a NMDVS Veterans' Service Officer based at the Alamogordo location and is accredited by the NACVSO. He enlisted in the Army National Guard in May of 1995 and completed Basic Training at Ft. Jackson South Carolina. He completed AIT at Ft. Lee, Virginia as an Automated Logistics Specialist, 92A MOS. In March of 2003, Larry was activated to serve as a Force Protection Specialist under Operation Noble Eagle for two years. Larry has completed a Network

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Specialist Certificate in May 2015 and an Associate's Degree in Information Technology in May 2016, both from NMSU-A. Larry is currently pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Information Communication Technology from NMSU.

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The native of Mexicali, Mexico served 14-years in the United States Air Force shortly after graduating from high school in Calexico, CA. Her USAF career took her to Offutt AFB in Omaha, NE, Kadena AB in Okinawa, Japan...overseas to Guam and Qatar...and a final transfer to Holloman AFB here in Alamogordo. She primarily worked in Logistics and Aircraft Maintenance in support of RC-135, F-16, and F-15 aircraft. At Holloman AFB, Ms. Bycenski was tasked with establishing a new supply section for a newly-relocated training squadron before ending her military service as a Technical Sergeant. While at Offutt AFB, Ms. Bycenski earned a Bachelor's Degree in Human Resources at Bellevue University in Bellevue, NE. She recently earned an Associate's Degree in Health Information Technology and a Certificate in Insurance Billing & Coding from Dona Ana Community College.

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Dalton Boyd is a NMDVS Veterans' Service Officer based at the Hobbs location, and is accredited by the NACVSO. He was born and raised in Lea County and has four children and three grandchildren. He is a U.S. Army veteran serving from 1967 thru 1970, and remains active in several community organizations.

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Counties Served: Eddy

Dagmar Youngberg is a NMDVS Veterans' Service Officer based at the Carlsbad location and is accredited by the NACVSO. She worked for three years at the Carlsbad office of the New Mexico Workforce Connection, as a Local Veterans Employment Representative advocating for the hiring of veterans for jobs in Eddy County. She is a U.S. Army veteran and daughter of an Army retiree, with 24 years of service.