

**The New Mexico Department of Veterans Services**

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**DVS Resumes Veterans Benefits Outreach Visits**

The New Mexico Department of Veterans Services (DVS) has resumed in-office veterans benefits outreach visits and veterans property tax exemption/waiver service days in communities throughout the state.

These outreaches had been halted due to a winter surge in the number of positive COVID-19 pandemic cases. The positivity rate has dropped, and the state Department of Health has lifted its safety mask public health order for most public locations.

Below is a list of DVS veterans benefits outreaches scheduled to begin in March. Additional community outreaches throughout the year will be announced when plans have been finalized:

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| ***Date*** | ***City/Venue*** | ***Address*** | ***Time*** |
| Mar. 4 | **Rio Rancho**/Loma Colorado Public Library | 755 Loma Colorado Bl. | 10am-2pm |
| Mar. 8 | **Bernalillo**/ Dell Webb at Alegria | 901 Cottonwood Circle | 9am-11am |
|  | *\*for gated community residents only* |  |  |
| Mar. 17\* | **Artesia**/United Veterans Hall | 402 W. Hermosa | 9am-4pm |
|  |  *\*by appointment only. (575) 988-5900* |  |  |
| Mar. 21 | **Los Lunas/**Valencia County Sheriff’s Office | *(for deputies/staff only)* | 10am-4p, |
| Mar. 22 | **Zuni**/DY Springs Mountain | parking area. | 11am-2pm |
| Mar. 25 | **Los Alamos**/Police Department  | *(for PD staff only)* | 9am-4pm |
| Mar. 28 | **Bernalillo/**Bernalillo County Senior Ctr. | 801 Rotary Park Dr. | 10am-4pm |
| Mar. 31\* | **Artesia**/United Veterans Hall | 402 W. Hermosa | 9am-4pm |
|  |  *\*by appointment only. (575) 988-5900* |  |  |
| Mar. 31 | **Tijeras/**Los Vecinos Community Center | 478 Hwy 333 | 10am-3pm |
| Apr. 7\* | **Artesia**/United Veterans Hall | 402 W. Hermosa | 9am-4pm |
|  |  *\*by appointment only. (575) 988-5900* |  |  |
| Apr. 7 | **Capitan**/Public Library | 101 East 2nd St. | 10am-3pm |

Below are scheduled Veterans Property Tax Exemption/Waiver outreaches. DVS and county assessor staff will help veterans or unmarried widows of veterans file for the *veterans property tax exemption*—which is a $4,000 reduction off the taxable value of a primary residence. Veterans rated by the VA as 100% permanent-and-total,

service-connected disabled can file for the *veterans property tax waiver*, which eliminates the entire property tax bill.

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| Mar. 1 | **Los Lunas**/Valencia County Assessor's Office | 444 Luna Ave. | 10am-2pm |
| Mar. 10 | **Aztec**/San Juan County Assessor's Office | 100 S. Oliver | 10am-730pm |
| Mar. 16 | **Los Alamos**/County Assessor's Office | 1000 Central Ave. | 10am-2pm |
| Mar. 17 | **Las Vegas/**DVS Las Vegas Office | 917 Douglas Ave. | 10am-4pm |
| Mar. 22 | **Raton**/Colfax County Assessor's Office  | 230 North 3rd St. | 9am-noon |
| Mar. 24 | **Albuquerque**/DVS NE Heights Office | 5201 Eagle Rock Blvd. | 9am-5pm |
| Mar. 28 | **Ruidoso**/Senior Community Center | 501 Sudderth Dr. | 9am-4pm |
| Mar. 29 | **Roswell**/NM Nat’l Guard Armory | 1 W. Earl Cummings Loop | 9am-4pm |

**Proof veteran status and NM residency required**

Proof of veteran status must be provided when filing for the veterans property tax exemption—and can be done by bringing either a copy of a veteran’s DD-214 separation form, a National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Form 56-16, or a U.S. Public Health Service (PHS) Form 1867.

If filing for the property tax waiver, please bring a copy of the letter from VA declaring a 100% permanent-and-total, service-connected disability rating.

Proof of residency must also be provided, and can be one by bringing either a valid New Mexico driver’s license, voter registration card, or your latest state income tax return.

For further questions, please contact DVS Event Planner Joseph Dorn at josephM.dorn@state.nm.us or (505) 861-9117.

As a reminder, veterans from anywhere in the state can also contact any DVS veterans service officer with in-person office assistance…or through remote assistance by phone or email. For a list of all DVS field offices, please go to:

<https://www.nmdvs.org/new-mexico-offices/>

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**The New Mexico Department of Veterans Services**

The New Mexico Department of Veterans Services (DVS) provides support and services to New Mexico’s 151,000 veterans and their families. DVS treats every veteran, regardless of their rank achieved during military service, with the respect and gratitude befitting someone who has served our country. We strive every day to live up to our agency’s official motto: *Serving Those Who Served*