

## The New Mexico Department of Veterans Services

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## DVS Scheduled to Make Veterans Benefits Outreach Visits and Property tax Exemption/Waiver Service Day Next Week/July

The New Mexico Department of Veterans Services (DVS) has scheduled in-office veterans benefits outreaches next week and in July at the locations listed below.

Veterans or their eligible dependents can drop by to get information about or help with filing VA claims, applying for state veterans benefits, or assistance with any other issues a veteran needs help with.

<u>Date</u>	<u>City/Venue</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Time</u>
Jun. 28	Albuquerque/VA Hospital Lobby	1501 San Pedro Drive SE	10am-2pm
Jun. 29	Los Alamos Senior Center	1101 Bathtub Row	10am-2pm
Jul. 7	Albuquerque/Barelas Senior Center	714 7th Street SW	10am-2pm
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Jul. 8	Cimarron/Cimmaron Village Hall	356 9th Street	10am-2pm
Jul. 13	Ruidoso/Ruidoso Community Center	501 Sudderth Drive	10am-3pm
Jul. 15	Socorro/Socorro Senior Center	1410 Ake Avenue	10am-2pm
Jul. 18	Albuquerque/South Valley Multipurpose Sr. Center	2008 Larrazolo Road SW	10am-2pm
Jul. 26	Albuquerque/VA Hospital Lobby	1501 San Pedro Drive SE	10am-2pm
Jul. 27	Grants/Grants Senior Center	590 Jurassic Court	10am-2pm
Jul. 29	Rio Rancho/Loma Colorado Main Library	755 Loma Colorado Blvd. SE	10am-2pm

DVS has also scheduled three Veterans Property Tax Exemption/Waiver outreaches listed below. 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. Unmarried widows of veterans can also apply for this waiver.

<u>Date</u>	<u>City/Venue</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Time</u>
Jun. 27	Tucumcari/Quay County Assessor's Office	300 South 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street	10am-2pm
Jul. 6	Los Lunas/Valencia County Assessor's Office	444 Luna Avenue	10am-2pm
Jul. 14	Estancia/Torrance County Assessor's Office	205 South 9th Street	10am-2pm

## 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 <u>josephM.dorn@state.nm.us</u> 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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