

**2017 APPROVED  
WORK PLAN AND MEETING SCHEDULE  
for the  
MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

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**Work Plan**

The Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee was first created by statute for the 2009 interim. The committee was permanently reauthorized by statute during the 2010 regular legislative session. The committee has various statutory duties, including making an annual report; recommending any necessary legislation to the next session of the legislature; and requesting necessary action to the United States Congress, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and the United States Department of Defense. The committee is required to conduct meetings in several geographically dispersed areas of the state and to conduct hearings relating to military and veterans' issues.

During the 2017 interim, as time permits, the Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee proposes to:

1. receive updates from New Mexico's military installations;
2. receive an update on the military base realignment and closure process;
3. study issues related to female veterans;
4. study funding for veterans' scholarships;
5. receive updates regarding college credit for military service from the Higher Education Department and Veterans' Services Department;
6. receive testimony regarding jobs and business opportunities for veterans;

7. study long-term care options for veterans;
8. study transportation to and from medical providers for veterans, particularly those living in rural areas of the state;
9. receive testimony pertaining to education opportunities and outreach to veteran students offered by state educational institutions and public community colleges;
10. examine options for the prevention of homelessness and support for homeless veterans in areas throughout the state;
11. examine issues related to issuance of hunting and fishing licenses to veterans;
12. receive testimony from various posttraumatic stress disorder treatment programs;
13. receive testimony regarding transfer of the New Mexico State Veterans' Home to the Veterans' Services Department; and
14. receive testimony regarding the Department of Defense's Building Healthy Military Communities pilot program.

**Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee  
2017 Approved Meeting Schedule**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
June 16	Santa Fe
July 13	Silver City
August 25	Thoreau
September 22	Angel Fire
October 17	Santa Rosa
November 20-21	Santa Fe