

**2024 APPROVED  
WORK PLAN AND MEETING SCHEDULE  
for the  
MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**Members**

Rep. Harry Garcia, Chair  
Sen. Harold Pope, Vice Chair  
Rep. Eliseo Lee Alcon  
Rep. Art De La Cruz

Sen. Brenda G. McKenna  
Sen. Shannon D. Pinto  
Sen. Joshua A. Sanchez  
Rep. Luis M. Terrazas

**Advisory Members**

Rep. John Block  
Sen. Craig W. Brandt  
Sen. William F. Burt  
Rep. Meredith A. Dixon  
Rep. D. Wonda Johnson  
Rep. Stefani Lord

Rep. Alan T. Martinez  
Sen. Michael Padilla  
Rep. Andrea Reeb  
Rep. Debra M. Sariñana  
Rep. Harlan Vincent

**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 issues and veterans' issues.

During the 2024 interim, as time permits, the Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee will:

- A. receive updates from New Mexico's military installations;
- B. study issues relating to female veterans;
- C. receive updates regarding college credit for military service from the Higher Education Department and the Veterans' Services Department;
- D. receive testimony regarding jobs and business opportunities for veterans;
- E. study long-term care options for veterans;
- F. study transportation to and from medical providers for veterans, particularly those living in rural areas of the state;

G. receive testimony pertaining to education opportunities and outreach offered by state educational institutions and public community colleges to veteran students;

H. examine options for the prevention of homelessness and support for homeless veterans in areas throughout the state;

I. receive testimony regarding health care options both within the Veterans Administration system and outside of it, including behavioral health care, suicide prevention and treatment for posttraumatic stress disorder;

J. examine actions New Mexico can take to improve quality of life for military and veteran families;

K. examine issues related to fees for veteran admission to state parks;

L. examine issues relating to New Mexico's active duty, reserve and National Guard military personnel, veterans and military families;

M. examine various issues relating to veterans and taxes; and

N. examine housing issues near New Mexico's military installations.

**Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee  
2024 Approved Meeting Schedule**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
June 17	Santa Fe
July 23	Santa Rosa
September 3	Las Vegas
October 7	Alamogordo
November 8	Santa Fe