

MILITARY AND VETERAN INTERIM COMMITTEE 31 AUGUST 2016



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- ▣ **New Mexico Department of Veterans Services Program Update**
 - SAMHSA/Transportation Update
 - Women Veteran Program
 - Cemetery Program
 - Budget

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- ▣ **SAMHSA/Transportation**
 - **Mr. Mitchell Lawrence**
 - **SAMHSA**
 - ▣ Warm hand-off with Corrections
 - ▣ Big data analysis with NMSU
 - ▣ Building peer network
 - **Transportation**
 - ▣ Placement of VA vehicles
 - ▣ Advertisement & Synchronization of existing routes/times

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- ▣ **Women Veteran Program**
- ▣ Review all related women veteran related data
- ▣ Working with existing state programs (AZ, PA, ND)
- ▣ Meeting with women veterans groups and individual women
- ▣ **Child Care for VA Patients/Employees**
 - No program presently at the NMVAHCS
 - Working with National VA Child Care Manager

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- ▣ **Women Veteran Program cont.**

- ▣ **Coordination with Army and Air Guard and Reserve Components**
 - Obtain all separation information
 - Add female veteran component to separation briefings
 - Currently working with Active Duty NG/RC as well as NM bases to make New Mexico resource availability presentation to female service members.

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▣ **Cemetery Program**

■ **Mr. Thomas Wagner**

■ **Ft. Stanton**

- ▣ Sept 2015, VA awards \$5.7 for construction of the first State Veteran Cemetery
- ▣ Aug 2016, Construction 70% complete
- ▣ July 2017, DVS will have direct oversight of Ft. Stanton Veteran Cemetery
- ▣ Veteran's Day 2017, Estimated Grand Opening

■ **Gallup**

- ▣ Nov 2015, land transfer to GSD approved by BoF
- ▣ Sept 30, 2016, award of the Architect and Design Contact
- ▣ Aug 2017, VA approval of design and construction
- ▣ Sept 2017 VA award of construction funding
- ▣ Nov 2017 Estimated plan to proceed to construction
- ▣ Mar 2019 Estimated completion of construction
- ▣ Nov 2019 Estimated Grand Opening

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- **Angel Fire/Carlsbad**
 - Both proposed cemetery projects have been approved by VA
 - Continue to coordinate with Facilities Management Division, GSD, to complete required actions to donate the land to the State
 - Continue to coordinate with VA to get grant funding approved for both projects during the pending VA Fiscal Year 19 Budget

- **Long Term State Cemetery Plan**

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- ▣ NMDVS Budget Update

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▣ Questions