

Veteran Resource Center



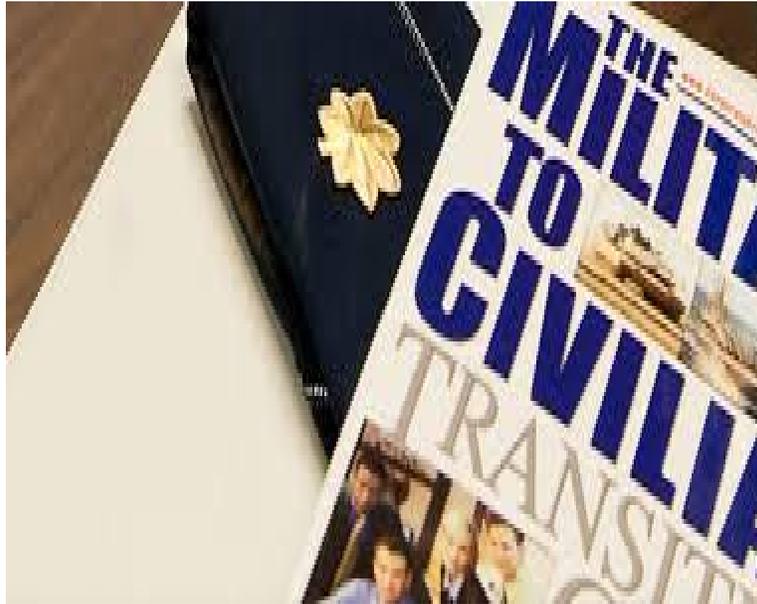
- 2015 Academic Year – 2228 Veterans used the VRC
- Veterans and dependents who call in for services
- Veterans using and not using any VA Benefits
- Administration, staff, and faculty referrals

Veterans Resource Center



- The goal of the center is to provide a location at CNM where Veterans and their dependents can receive personal and academic support while attending CNM.
- The center provides a supportive on-campus environment assisting Veteran students in making a smooth transition to college life and to successfully completing their educational programs.
- The center is a lifeline for all Veterans transitioning from military life and/or war.

CNM Veterans Resource Center



- 2015 Academic Year – 2228 Veterans used the VRC
- 2016 Spring, Summer - 2478 Veterans used the VRC (1884 males, 594 females)
- 80% of Veterans utilizing Center are unemployed. (Summer 2016)

Transition Difficulties

- The survey of 1,845 post-9/11 Veterans found that 22 percent were unemployed, much higher than the numbers typically reported by the Bureau of Labor and Statistics
- 23% of homeless population are Veterans; 33% of male homeless population are veterans; 47% Vietnam Era; 17% post-Vietnam; 15% pre-Vietnam; 67% served three or more years; 33% stationed in war zone
- 76% experience alcohol, drug, or mental health problems
- Female homeless Veterans represent an estimated 3% of homeless Veterans.

(<http://www.military.com/veteran-jobs/career-advice/job-hunting/vets-facing-difficult-transition-to-civilian-jobs.html>)

Services Provided



- Academic and student support location for tutoring and mentoring by Veterans for Vets
- Counseling services
- Conference/meeting room for Veteran study groups.
- Computer lab with Wifi access
- Peer-to-peer mentoring program
- Active duty and Veteran family support site
- Location that can provide a secure space where Veterans can de-escalate
- Location that provides confidential offices for one-on-one meetings with Vets



Services Provided

- Accessing, understanding, and applying for VA benefits including vocational rehabilitation and employment, disability compensation, life insurance, home loan guaranty and other benefits and services
- Assisting with accommodations with CNM's Disability Resource Center
- Assisting with vocational exploration, selecting a suitable major, and career counseling services coordination with the Veteran Administration
VetSuccess on-campus counselor
- Obtaining referrals for medical and mental health care

Services Provided



- Job placement assistance and coordinate with Local Veterans Employment Representatives (LVER) and Disabled Veterans Outreach Programs (DVOP), and CNM's Job Center along with referrals to the CNM Job Lab
- Apply for educational benefits using VONAPP
- Transition support services (Red Carpet treatment for new students)
- Assistance with eBenefits and obtaining premium account
- Volunteer Tutoring and Peer Mentoring services provided by veterans
- Assistance in obtaining Scholarships, (UNM TAOS Veterans Upward Bound, book scholarships, and CNM scholarships, State of New Mexico, Vietnam and Wartime Scholarships.)
- Notary Public Services
- Fax and Copier Services



Support Programs

- Sky Warriors
- Reading Circle
- LeadershipPlenty
- Upward Bound
- Peer Mentoring
- Sky Scholar Mentoring
- First employment site for veterans transitioning out of the military
- VA Work-study Site / Site Referrals
- Monthly CNM Community Food Pantry
- On – Site Emergency Food Locker



Support Programs

- School Supply Donations
- Develop academic planning
- New Mexico Vietnam Scholarships
- New Mexico Wartime Scholarships
- Community outreach at Veterans Meetings, Ie. Department of Veterans Services Quarterly Meeting
- Emergency food locker
- Book loan program
- Personal Fitness Volunteer Trainer



We Salute Our Veterans

