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DVS Resumes Veterans Benefits Outreach Visits

The New Mexico Department of Veterans Services (DVS) has resumed in-office veterans benefits outreach visits and veterans property tax exemption/waiver service days in communities throughout the state.

These outreaches had been halted due to a winter surge in the number of positive COVID-19 pandemic cases. The positivity rate has dropped, and the state Department of Health has lifted its safety mask public health order for most public locations.

Below is a list of DVS veterans benefits outreaches scheduled to begin in March. Additional community outreaches throughout the year will be announced when plans have been finalized:

<u>Date</u>	<u>City/Venue</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Time</u>
Mar. 4	Rio Rancho /Loma Colorado Public Library	755 Loma Colorado Bl.	10am-2pm
Mar. 8	Bernalillo / Dell Webb at Alegria <i>*for gated community residents only</i>	901 Cottonwood Circle	9am-11am
Mar. 17*	Artesia /United Veterans Hall <i>*by appointment only. (575) 988-5900</i>	402 W. Hermosa	9am-4pm
Mar. 21	Los Lunas /Valencia County Sheriff's Office	<i>(for deputies/staff only)</i>	10am-4p,

Mar. 22	Zuni /Youth Enrichment Project Park	DY Springs Rd/parking area.	11am-2pm
Mar. 25	Los Alamos /Police Department	(for PD staff only)	9am-4pm
Mar. 28	Bernalillo /Bernalillo County Senior Ctr.	801 Rotary Park Dr.	10am-4pm
Mar. 31*	Artesia /United Veterans Hall <i>*by appointment only. (575) 988-5900</i>	402 W. Hermosa	9am-4pm
Mar. 31	Tijeras /Los Vecinos Community Center	478 Hwy 333	10am-3pm
Apr. 7*	Artesia /United Veterans Hall <i>*by appointment only. (575) 988-5900</i>	402 W. Hermosa	9am-4pm
Apr. 7	Capitan /Public Library	101 East 2nd St.	10am-3pm

Below are scheduled Veterans Property Tax Exemption/Waiver outreaches. 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.

Mar. 1	Los Lunas /Valencia County Assessor's Office	444 Luna Ave.	10am-2pm
Mar. 10	Aztec /San Juan County Assessor's Office	101 S. Oliver	10am-730pm
Mar. 16	Los Alamos /County Assessor's Office	1000 Central Ave.	10am-2pm
Mar. 17	Las Vegas /DVS Las Vegas Office	917 Douglas Ave.	10am-4pm
Mar. 22	Raton /Colfax County Assessor's Office	230 North 3rd St.	10am-2pm
Mar. 24	Albuquerque /DVS NE Heights Office	5201 Eagle Rock Blvd.	9am-5pm

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 done 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 josephM.dorn@state.nm.us 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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The New Mexico Department of Veterans Services

The New Mexico Department of Veterans Services (DVS) provides support and services to New Mexico's veterans and their families. DVS treats every veteran, regardless of their rank achieved during military service, with the respect and gratitude befitting someone who has honorably served our country. We strive every day to live up to our agency's official motto: *Serving Those Who Served.*