

## The New Mexico Department of Veterans Services

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## Registration Extended for the 2022 New Mexico Women Veterans Conference

Free breakfast & lunch provided

Saturday, June 11 (8:30a.m.-3:30pm)

Albuquerque
Central New Mexico Community College (CNM)
Workforce Training Center (5600 Eagle Rock Ave. NE)

(ALBUQUERQUE)— Due to continuing interest past an expired deadline, registration will remain open for the 2022 New Mexico Women Veterans Conference in Albuquerque on Saturday, on June 11, from 8:30a.m.-3:30p.m. at the Central New Mexico Community College (CNM) Workforce Training Center, at 5600 Eagle Rock Avenue NE.

Women veterans and transitioning active-duty women service members can also register on site when doors open at 8a.m. for a free breakfast featuring breakfast burritos, pastries, fresh fruit, coffee/tea, and orange juice.

The conference is presented by the New Mexico Department of Veterans Services (DVS). Representatives from DVS, the New Mexico VA Health Care System, the Albuquerque VA Regional Office, and thirty other agencies will have information about VA, state and other veterans' benefits—including benefits specifically for women veterans.

According to the latest VA data, almost 11% (2,045,000) of our nation's 19.1 million veterans are women. Here in New Mexico, 16,600 of our state's 148,300 veterans are women—also 11% of the veteran population.

But many women who have served in the military are not signing up for the benefits they've earned through their military service because they <u>incorrectly</u> believe:

- they don't qualify because they didn't serve in combat\
- they didn't make a career out of the military/serve for 20-years
- they are not male/benefits are only for males who've served
- and other incorrect reasons

A free buffet-style lunch will be provided featuring traditional New Mexican cuisine catered by Garcia's Kitchen of Albuquerque.

For pre-registration or more information, contact DVS Women Veterans Program Manager Robin Wilson at robin.wilson@state.nm.us or (505) 372-9106.

## The New Mexico Department of Veterans Services

The New Mexico Department of Veterans Services (DVS) provides support and services to New Mexico's 148,000 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 served our country. We strive every day to live up to our agency's official motto: Serving Those Who Served

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