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SALUTES OUR VETERANS

Celebrating Healthy and Quality Life for Veterans

Saturday, June 16 and Sunday, June 17, 2018



Co-hosted by the

Southwest Native American Veterans Association





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Start Time	End Time	Event	Location
8:00 am	5:00 pm	Registration	Pavilion Court
9:00 am	9:50 am	OPENING GENERAL SESSION	Pavilion IV-V
		Master of Ceremony	Ramus Suina (Cochiti), Vice-President, Native American Training Institute
		Posting of Colors	Women Veteran Warriors accompanied by Black Eagle Singers singing the Flag Song, Veterans Song, followed by a Memorial Song
		Invocation	E. Paul Torres (Isleta), Chairman, All Pueblo Council of Governors and former Governor of Isleta Pueblo
		Welcome Address	Patrick Trujillo (Cochiti), President, Native American Training Institute Joe Rosetta (Santo Domingo), Chairman, Southwest Native American Veterans Association
		Introduction of Honored Guests	Jack Fox , Cabinet Secretary, New Mexico Department of Veteran Services Suzette Shije (Zia), Acting Cabinet Secretary, New Mexico Department of Indian Affairs Joseph Baca , Congressional Liaison, Veteran Affairs Sonya Brown , Acting Director, Veteran Affairs Health Services Center Tim Love , Veteran Services Center Manager, Albuquerque Regional Veteran Affairs Benefits Office Pueblo Governors and Tribal Leaders Tribal Veterans Associations
		Keynote Address	U.S. Congressman Steve Pearce , New Mexico 2 nd District and Founder of the Veterans' Advisory Council (NM 2 nd District)
10:00 am	11:00 am	Transitioning Back Into Civilian Life for Women Veterans Panel: Suzette Shije (Zia), New Mexico Department of Indian Affairs Judy Quintana (Jicarilla Apache), Veteran Riders for Wounded Warriors Michelle Tirado , Veteran Affairs New Mexico Hospital Carleen Aragon (Laguna), Military Order of the Purple Heart	Pavilion IV-V
11:00 am	11:45 am	Building a Network of Women Veterans Panel: Marita Roth (Navajo), Bureau of Indian Affairs, Southern Pueblos Agency Demetria A. Vasquez (Laguna), Program 377 th Med Group Kirtland Air Force Base Kathy Natachu (Zuni), Zuni Pueblo Veterans Association	Pavilion IV-V
12:00 pm	1:00 pm	Luncheon Guest Speaker: Jack Fox , Cabinet Secretary, New Mexico Department of Veteran Services	Pavilion VI



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1:00 pm	2:00 pm	BREAKOUT SESSIONS	
		<i>Counseling Military Veterans and Clients with PTSD - "Advocating for Culturally Competent and Holistic Interventions"</i> Speaker: Don Elverd , Hazeldon Betty Ford Foundation	Pavilion I
		<i>A-Pro Active Approach to Meet Healthcare and Transportation Needs for Veterans Living in Rural Communities</i> Speaker: Michael Jiron , Rio Metro Regional Transit District	Pavilion II-III
		<i>Equine Assisted Therapy - A Process to Healing Women Veterans Experiencing Trauma or Related Health Issues through Connecting and Interrelationship with Horses</i> Speaker: Win Simon , Southwest Horsepower	Pavilion IV-V
1:00 pm	4:30 pm	<i>Equine and Fly Fishing: A Therapeutic Approach to Re-acclimate Veterans Experiencing PTSD and TBI</i> Speakers: Eddie Crain , Healing America's Hero Dan Gandee , Healing America's Heros	Expo New Mexico
2:00 pm	2:15 pm	Break / Session Transition	
2:15 pm	3:15 pm	BREAKOUT SESSIONS	
		<i>Access to Spiritual Healing and Traditional Medicine to Counter Health Issues Related to PTSD and TBI</i> Speakers: John Tsosie (Navajo), Tsehootsooi Medical Center Sharmaine Benally ACU, LISW (Navajo), Tsehootsooi Medical Center	Pavilion I
		<i>Building Partnerships between Client and Dogs to Open up Doors for New Opportunities</i> Speaker: Jill Felice , Assistance Dogs of the West	Pavilion II-III
		<i>Interacting Therapeutic Methods and Counseling to Assist Veterans and Family Members for Safe and Healthy Recovery</i> Speaker: Michelle Tirado , Veteran Affairs New Mexico Hospital	Pavilion IV-V
3:15 pm	3:30 pm	Break / Session Transition	
3:30 pm	4:30 pm	BREAKOUT SESSIONS	
		<i>Incarcerated Veterans and Transition to VA Healthcare System</i> Speaker: Tyler Lastiyano (Zuni), Zuni Department of Correction	Pavilion I
		<i>Benefits and Entitlements for all New Mexico Veterans with Honorable Discharge</i> Speakers: Beverly Charley , New Mexico Department of Veterans Services Raymie Hurley (Navajo), New Mexico Department of Veteran Services	Pavilion II-III
		<i>Round Table: Establishing a Native American Women's Veterans Association</i> Facilitators: Carleen Aragon (Laguna), Military Order of the Purple Heart Gail Romero (Jemez), Walatowa Veterans Association Demetria Vasquez (Laguna), Program 377 th Med Group Kirtland Air Force Base	Pavilion IV-V



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8:00 am	4:00 pm	Registration	Pavilion Court
9:00 am	9:30 am	GENERAL SESSION	Pavilion IV-V
		Master of Ceremony Joe Rosetta (Santo Domingo), Chairman, Southwest Native American Veterans Association	
		Invocation Leonard Armijo (Santa Ana), former Governor, Pueblo of Santa Ana	
		Keynote Address <i>A Native Warrior Re-acclimating and Transitioning to Community Life</i> Speaker: Hayes Lewis , Ashiwi College and Career Readiness Center	
9:30 am	9:45 am	Break / Session Transition	
9:45 am	10:45 am	BREAKOUT SESSIONS	
		<i>The Benefits of Establishing a Tribal Veterans Organization and Tribal Veterans Associations</i>	Pavilion I
		Panel: Fred Lujan (Isleta), Pueblo of Isleta Veterans Association Joseph Toledo (Jemez) Tyler Lastiyano (Zuni), Zuni Department of Correction Avelino Calabaza (Santo Domingo) Kewa Veterans Association	
		<i>Women Veterans Behavioral Health and Treatment Options</i>	Pavilion II-III
		Speaker: Dr. Christine Chee (Navajo), Veteran Affairs Health Services Center	
		<i>Resilience, Biological, Mental, Emotional, Spiritual, and Behavioral Components of Individuals that Successfully Handle High Levels of Stress</i>	Pavilion IV-V
		Speaker: Don Elverd , Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation	
10:45 am	11:00 am	Break / Session Transition	
11:00 am	12:00 pm	BREAKOUT SESSIONS	
		<i>Mind/Body Approaches to Healing of Trauma – A Multi-Cultural Approach Western Counseling vs Traditional Healing</i>	Pavilion IV-V
		Speaker: Don Elverd , Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation	
		<i>Availability of Essential Program Services and Benefits for Women Veterans</i>	Pavilion II-III
		Speaker: Judy Quintana (Jicarilla Apache), Veteran Riders for Wounded Warriors	
12:15 pm	12:30 pm	CLOSING GENERAL SESSION	Pavilion IV-V
		Summary and Wrap-up Ramus Suina (Cochiti), Vice-President, Native American Training Institute Joe Rosetta (Santo Domingo), Chairman, Southwest Native American Veterans Association	
		Closing Prayer Fred Lujan (Isleta), Commander, Pueblo of Isleta Veterans Association and Former Governor, Pueblo of Isleta	