Sisters for Success

January 2025

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR MEMBERS

Our Board of Directors sincerely hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season. We hope that you all had time with family and friends, enjoyed delicious food and really hope that Santa gave you all you were wishing for. Welcome to our new edition of "Sisterhood for Success". Our intent on our newsletter is to change our methods of information up a bit and our hope is to ensure that new events and happenings are getting to our members in enough time to either attend an event, Board meeting, membership meeting and some fun get togethers.

As we welcome in the New Year, we are excited to welcome new bord members on our team. The deadline to apply for a board position is 11 January 2025. Further information on how to apply are in our newsletter, please read on.

Our board anticipates another busy year. To start our year off, our board will host our monthly board meeting on Thursday January 9th at 6:00 PM via Zoom. Our Membership Meeting and Elections are scheduled for Saturday January 18th at our normal hangout – Paws and Stripes located at 617 Truman Street NE, Albuquerque, NM. We are encouraging all our members to please renew their memberships, so your vote counts during elections. WE REALLY WOULD LIKE TO SEE YOU at our membership meetings. Not only do we provide an update on what we are working on, but it is a great time to re-connect, network and spend a little time with us. Our meeting normally last about an hour to an hour and a half, but it is a great time. We are a lively group.

In your first edition of "Sisters for Success" we invite you to continue to check our website, Facebook Page and Instagram as we frequently send information or a shout out to places and faces of our Women Veterans. If you have some recommendations for your newsletter, please email us at WVofNM@gmail.com with your information and ideas.

Remember, this is your newsletter, we are just the scribes.

Dates to Remember

11 January **Board Applications Due**

18 January ***Membership Meeting & Elections***

18 January **Board Meeting w/new Board Members**

Don't like "Sisters for Success" as a newsletter name, give us some ideas—we would love to hear them

Women Veterans of New Mexico

P.O. Box 36648

Albuquerque, NM 87176

Email: WVofNM@gmail.com

Website: WWW.WomenVteransofNew Mexico.org

Have you renewed your membership? Now is the PERFECT time to renew your membership? In order to vote for our new board members you must be a current member. All it takes is a few pecks at the keyboard.

Log on to our website and JOIN US….. It is free !!

www.WOMENVETERANSOFNEWMEXICO.org

ARE YOU READY ?

National Veterans Golden Age Games

May 31–June 5, 2025

Memphis, Tennessee

January 28th, 2025 Registration Opens for Wheelchair and Visually Impaired Divisions

January 29th, 2025 Registration opens for all other eligible participants

Meeting at the Albuquerque VA Recreation Hall in Jan 23 at 2:00 PM

If you are thinking of joining, please attend this meeting

The National Veterans Golden Age Games is 39 years strong and the only multi-sport competition in the world designed to improve the quality of life for all older veterans, including those with a wide range of abilities. There are 19 sports to compete in…..

If you would like more information: reach out to Judy Goering who has represented NM hooah !!

Goering1951@yahoo.com or 505-313-5990

Would you like to serve on our Board of Directors ?

Board positions will be open on 18 January 2025.

Now is your chance… our Board Election will be held on Saturday January 18, 2025 at our Membership meeting. Voting can also be done on-line if you cannot attend our Membership meeting,

If you are interested, our voting process is simple. Take a moment to review our By-Laws and if you are still interested - Submit your application on the LINK provided.

Currently Taking Applications…..

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS:

11 January 2025

Interested in applying… here is our link for the WVNM By-Laws, just to give you an idea of what we do and how we do it

Link for the bylaws: https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/f0b45e8f-2744-4f73-8498-50b78fdedb0e/downloads/Bylaws%20revision%20dated%20July%202024.pdf?ver=1729606818313

Online form for candidate application: https://forms.gle/cjeRW1N26DjwdXYv7

I am a Woman Veteran

When my country called, I answered.

When there was no road ahead, I paved one.

When there was no ladder to climb, I built one.

When the challenge was daring, I conquered it.

I served the mission. I aimed for a higher purpose.

I sacrificed for my nation. I blazed trails for others.

I am a Woman Veteran

WOMEN VETERANS
INTERACTIVE FOUNDATION

Our Women Veterans are...

"TO LOVE WHAT YOU DO AND FEEL THAT IT MATERS—HOW COULD ANYTHING BE MORE FUN ?"

-Katherine Graham

and ALL VETERANS

How would you like an opportunity to do some woodwork ?? Wellllllll here is your chance. NOTE: This is open to ALL VETERANS !!! Pass the word, share this with your veteran friends.

Currently, the group is creating Flag Cases... great opportunity to try your hand at an awesome craft. Our Treasurer Linda may be in your class—give them a call—have a great time !! This is a great community project !

On behalf of our board members, we wanted to take the opportunity to thank everyone for coming out to our Christmas/Holiday Party held in Albuquerque, New Mexico on December 15th. We had great time, the food was delicious, the gift exchange was awesome, but most of all the laughter, conversation and visiting that we did was so awesome. We would also like to welcome Ms. Amerberly Viner our new Women Veterans Program Manager with the Department of Veterans Services. She took time out of her busy schedule to attend our Annual Holiday Party— *WELCOME ABOARD AMERBERLY—PROUD TO HAVE YOU ON BOARD !!*

I want to personally thank Sara & Dave, Linda, Mae, Jan, Gloria, Marita, Mary Cox, Mary Van

Beautiful Women Sisters In Arms Beautiful Women

Special thanks to BJ Woolsey for working with her supplier Ben E. Keith in providing the delicious ham, turkey and pies for our festivities. You always come thru for us THANK YOU !!!

We hope you have enjoyed our first edition of "Sisters for Success". As we mentioned before, if you have something you would like to see featured, please let us know. If you have a different name, send it over we would love to hear your feedback.

AND FINALLY—A big shout out to Mary Van Scyoc our former editor for working so hard on our digital newsletter you ROCK !!!!

WVNM Mission Statement

A forum committed to serving she who served, through education and advocacy.

An advocate for the rights, issues, and benefits of women veterans.

ATTENTION IN THE AREA !!!!

Are you looking for an opportunity to volunteer a few hours on a Sunday morning ? If you would like to help our community, specifically, the New Mexico Veterans' Memorial located in Albuquerque, New Mexico—then we need you.

We understand that Sunday mornings are special to our members, but if anyone has a few hours to help our memorial, it would be greatly appreciated. The Veteran's Memorial allows us to use their facility for our Christmas/ Holiday events free of charge in return for our time at their front desk.

Interested volunteers can email **Gloria, our NM Veterans Memorial Volunteer Coordinator at gloria09876523@gmail.com**

If you plan to volunteer, the city of Albuquerque has a new process where background checks must be accomplished on all volunteers. Go to the link: One Albuquerque Volunteers (oneabqvolunteers.com) to get the process started.

Volunteer times are every third Sunday of the month

from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Thank you GiGi for doing an outstanding job on this… you Rock Sister !!

Healing America's Heroes Healing America's Heroes (HAH) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that helps reconnect veterans, first responders, and their families to their inherent state of health and vitality through a balance of privacy and therapeutic excellence at no cost to them.

Our instructors are experts in horsemanship, fly tying and fly fishing.

They are located at 115 Ft. Stanton Rd, Fort Stanton, New Mexico I

If you are interested in volunteering contact Bernie Davila: 575-386-9949 See their Website: http://www.healingamericasheroes.org or call Debbie Smith: 575-693-3328

A few of our Women Veterans have participated in this program. Liz, Gigi, Pearl, Diana, Jane, Natalie, Bea, Chastidy, Lalita just to name a few.

The program is a week long adventure, free of charge to our Veterans. Great food, comradery, bon fires, horse therapy, piscatorial therapy, arts and crafts, a couple of field trips into San Patricio and a few other activities. Just a quick note, HAH offers Women only groups, Men only groups and couples groups.

If you are not sure if this is for you, give Mr. Crain and his team a call they are amazing.

Accommodations are 5 star, hot strong coffee every morning and beautiful surroundings to heal your soul.