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OCTOBER NEWS

**ELECTIONS ARE COMING - BE SURE TO ATTEND
SO YOU CAN LEARN MORE AND RUN FOR A
BOARD POSITION IF YOU'D LIKE TO!**



13 OCTOBER 2025

Happy Birthday US Navy!

We wish all our Navy
Veteran members a great
celebration - and we thank you for
your service!

October Meeting:

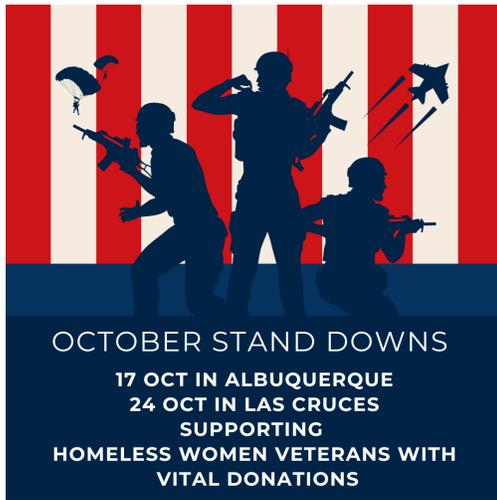
If you'd like to run for a
position on the board, you can
learn more about it at this
meeting.

Our Election Committee Chair
is Tracy Tillerson



Sat, 18 Oct 1000-Noon At [Paws & Stripes](#)

**BOARD MEMBERS: OUR MONTHLY MEETING
IS THURSDAY 2 OCTOBER AT 6:00 PM**



October Stand Downs

October 17th. Location: The Rock at Noon Day 2400 2nd Street. Albuquerque, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

October 24th Location: Las Cruces at VFW POST 10124 709 South Valley Dr. 7:30 to 1:30 PM

POC: Mae Locket (803) 361-6106



Congratulations to Stella Lavadie for being awarded the Military Women's Memorial Living Legend medal. Read the full article [here](#).

Thanks to everyone who attended our 19th Birthday Painting Party. We had a lovely time getting to know each other and laughing. We even had birthday cake!



NM BUSINESS COALITION VETERAN OF THE YEAR WINNER:

PAT GASTON

Pat is one of our past WVNM Board Members/President and we're so thrilled to announce that she won this award!

We're looking to have a group of us attend this event to cheer her on. If you'd like to attend, please email Liz via the button below.

2025
HEROES BANQUET
SOME GAVE A LOT - SOME GAVE IT ALL

October 23, 2025 | 6:00pm-8:00pm
Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1901 University Blvd NE, ABQ, NM 87102

Join us for an unforgettable evening:
Honor fallen Deputy Aleman and Officer Ontiveros and celebrate a Veteran of the Year along with other community heroes.

Special Guests:


MASTER OF CEREMONY
Greg Zanetti


KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Sheriff David Clarke

Don't miss the Special VIP Pre-Event with Sheriff Clarke!

A touching tribute in support of Officer Ontiveros and Officer Antonio Aleman's family and celebration of our military, law enforcement, and other heroes.

A portion of the proceeds will fund scholarships for the children of Officer Ontiveros and Deputy Aleman, and provide gifts for the families.

Have questions? Contact us!
(505) 836-4223
nmbc@nmbc.biz

Buy tickets here. 

Email Liz to attend here - with
PAT G in the subject line



In attendance at the pictured event: Jane Fuller, Gigi Gutierrez, Linda Hughes and Liz Bryant

Your WVNM Board has been hard at work.

From cross-state veteran-related events to the 19th birthday celebration, your WVNM Board has been working to improve:

- Our reach.
- Our message.
- Our communications.
- Our knowledge.
- Our mission.

We have experienced an uptick in membership and event attendance as a result. And the Board isn't done yet! During monthly meetings, the Board discusses results of recent activities, plans for future opportunities and ways to improve via educational opportunities related to the work at hand.

2026 is already shaping up to be a banner year! Stay tuned.

See more pics from other events on our [new Facebook page here](#).

Email any upcoming veteran-related events and/or ideas we may be interested in here. Put IDEAS in the subject line



Kirsten R	Shar M	Patricia B
Tamara S	Oriana S	Brenda B
Gail R	Dolores V	Liliana R
Marianne B	Barbara L	Lois W
Maria O	Melissa B	Debra O
Connie D		Tara G

We're growing!

Welcome to our newest Members

We look forward to seeing you at
our next meeting if you can attend.

 We'd love to share
your amazing news too!

Click the button on the right to email your news.
Please put "member news" in the subject line. *Don't
forget to include a pic and all the important details!*

Email
Member
News here

OTHER IMPORTANT WVNM NEWS:

We Sponsor Wreaths Across America



Share our link on your social media and with your friends / family

**ALL proceeds go to Wreaths Across America. Link to our page:

<https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/186136/Overview/?...>

We're proud to help the mission of WAA!

AS A GROUP, we'll be attending the wreath laying at the Sante Fe Veteran's Cemetary on Saturday, 13 December. All the details will be shared soon!

To attend the ceremony, email Liz with your interest here. Please put WREATHS in the subject line

WVNM 20th BIRTHDAY!



WVNM TURNS 20 IN 2026!

To celebrate, we're forming a 20th Birthday Committee, and we'd love you to be on it.

Our Members Are Our Past, Present, and Future!

In this committee, you can share ideas on how to celebrate all year long. You can bring your talents and skills. You can be a part of WVNM HERstory!

Here are some *ideas* already brewing:

Note: these are just ideas - nothing has been confirmed yet

- A celebration Gala in Sept 2026
- A time capsule to be opened 20 years from now
- A HERstorical Time-Line (honoring all of our state's women who served!)
- Our Sister Stories in a "women are Veteran's too" campaign
- Vision for the future statement
- Honoring our founders
- And more

All that's missing is your ideas if you have some. AND YOU! Come be an active part of our awesome past, present, and future.

Email your interest to join this committee by clicking here.
Put 20th Birthday in the subject line

Did you know that you can make a donation to the WVNM? It's true! Click the button if you'd like to help our cause.

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Women Veterans of New Mexico
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