



Appendix 1 to Veteran's Advisory Board Strategic Plan 2026-2028

Goal 1: Strengthen Veteran Community Collaboration

Objective 1.1: Meet with and build collaboration among the veteran organizations in Northern New Mexico

Initiatives

1.1.1 Assign Veteran's Advisory Board (VAB) members to serve as liaisons with local veteran organizations. Liaisons will report back to VAB on activities and events of interest to VAB and share with them info on VAB activities. **Completed**

- Department of Veteran Services: Chair Donato and Vice Chair Brinegar
- MOAA: Chair Donato and Jim Williams
- Veteran's Alliance: Chair Donato
- VFW: Chair Donato
- American Legion Post 1: Stephen Kapin
- American Legion Post 12: Chair Donato
- Vietnam Veterans of America: Larry Hinkle
- Veteran's Center: Chair Donato and Vice Chair Brinegar

1.1.2 Strengthen partnership with Veteran's Alliance board by having VAB Chair serve as ex-officio member of Veteran's Alliance board. **Completed**

1.1.3 Invite representatives of other veteran organizations to attend VAB meetings and make short presentations on their activities in support of local veterans. **Ongoing**

Objective 1.2: Assist in synchronizing support and services to veterans among the veteran organizations in northern New Mexico

Initiatives

1.2.1 Ensure consistent contractual and funding support for Santa Fe Veteran's Navigator. **Ongoing**

1.2.2 Assist Veteran's Navigator by serving as a clearing house of information on services available from other organizations, both veteran-specific and local charitable activities. **Ongoing**

1.2.3 Where appropriate, coordinate directly with local organizations such as Agape House, The Life Link and Chaplain Joe's Street Outreach, all of which provide support to homeless veterans as part of their overall community service. **Ongoing**

Objective 1.3: Participate in all veteran-related community events in Santa Fe

Initiatives

- 1.3.1 Lead and coordinate the city's annual Veteran's Day ceremony on November 11. Reinstitute the parade on Veterans Day. **Ongoing**
- 1.3.2 Participate in annual veteran's events including Memorial Day, Vietnam Veteran's Day, and dedication and award ceremonies involving local veterans. **Ongoing**
- 1.3.3 Encourage and assist, where appropriate, local junior ROTC organizations, which are run by military veterans, and their activities. **Ongoing**