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**“Stand Downs” in Albuquerque and Las Cruces for Homeless & Low-Income Military Veterans and Their Families**

**Albuquerque: October 20 (9 a.m. - 2 p.m.)  
The Rock at Noon Day (2400 2nd Street NW)**

**Las Cruces: October 21 (9 a.m. – 1 p.m.)  
VFW Post 10124 (709 Valley Dr.)**

**(Albuquerque & Las Cruces)**— New Mexico Department of Veterans Services (DVS) staff will be providing benefits assistance at “stand downs” for homeless and low-income veterans in Albuquerque on Thursday, October 20; and in Las Cruces on Friday, October 21.

Thursday’s Albuquerque *Stand Down & Project Hands Up for Homeless Veterans* is from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Rock at Noon Day, at 2400 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NW near downtown. Friday’s *Las Cruces Stand Down for Veterans 2022* is from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at VFW Post 10124, at 709 South Valley Drive.

Numerous other veterans and community service organizations will offer assistance with securing immediate and long-term housing, employment; and providing health care screening, clothing, toiletries, hot meals, and many more services and programs.

For more information about Thursday’s Albuquerque stand down, contact New Mexico Veterans Integration Center Community Development Coordinator Jessica DeLuna at (505) 296-0800 ext. 903.

For more information about Friday's Las Cruces stand down, please contact VFW Post 10124 Commander Chris Kelley at (915) 760-7139, or VFW Past State Commander Len Hampton at (575) 405-9001.

**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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