



## The New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services

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### **DVS to Welcome Author of Book About Ongoing Search to Find His PTSD-Afflicted Homeless Son**

**(Santa Fe)** –DVS Cabinet Secretary Donnie Quintana will be on hand to welcome Patrick Smithwick on Tuesday, July 11, for a discussion in Santa Fe about Smithwick's book *“War's Over, Come Home: A Father's Search for His Son, A Two-Tour Marine Veteran of the Iraq War.”*

The public is invited to join in this discussion hosted by the Collected Works Bookstore & Coffeehouse from 6-7 p.m. in downtown Santa Fe at 202 Galisteo Street.

The book is an upfront, raw, and very intimate account of Smithwick and his family's ongoing multi-year quest to find his son, Marine Corps Pfc. Andrew. Smithwick.

Upon returning from a second tour of duty in Iraq, Andrew developed a severe case of PTSD. He drifted from job to job, became homeless, and

eventually disconnected from his tight-knit family and friends. He has been wandering around the country ever since—always a few steps ahead of searching family members, and desperately in need of mental health assistance for the many mental demons Patrick Smithwick said Andrew is battling.

Patrick Smithwick has remained upbeat and positive. He will talk in depth about how the ordeal has affected him and his family. He welcomes questions from the audience—especially those from families of veterans who are also affected by PTSD.

The discussion will also be livestreamed via zoom. [Please click here to register](#) to receive link information.

### **The New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services**

The New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services (DVS) provides support and services to New Mexico's 144,134 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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