



Southwest Native American Veterans Association
718 Central Avenue SW
Albuquerque, NM 87102

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2016 Agenda

Theme: "Using technology to navigate our Native Warriors through the VA System."

Thursday, September 22, 2016

0800- 1400	Veterans Golf Tournament Location: Arroyo Del Oso Golf Course, 7001 Osuna NE Albuquerque NM 87123
1800-2100	Native American Veterans Gourd Dance Location: New Mexico Army National Guard Armory, 600 Wyoming NE Albuquerque NM 87123
All Day	Registration and Check in to Hotel Location: Sheraton Albuquerque Uptown, 2600 Louisiana Blvd NE Albuquerque NM 87110

Friday, September 23, 2016

0730- All Day	Registration - Veterans and all Attendees New Mexico Army National Guard Armory, 600 Wyoming NE Albuquerque NM 87123
0800 - 0815	Opening and Welcome: Marvin Trujillo Jr., Swnava Chairman <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Posting of Colors: New Mexico Army National Guard - Invocation - Governor Rick Vigil, Pueblo of Tesuque - Warrior's Blessing: Jesus Padilla Sr., Pueblo of Ysleta Del Sur
0815 - 0830	1 st Keynote Address: Congressman Stevan Pearce, 2 nd District New Mexico
0830-0900	Traditional Dances
0900-1100	Swnava Veterans Town Hall Meeting - Facilitated by Earl Newsome, Center for Minority Veterans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Southwest Native American Veterans Association Board of Directors - Director of Albuquerque VA Regional Office - Christopher Norton - Director of Albuquerque Veterans Hospital - Andrew Welch - Director of National Cemetery, Santa Fe - James P. Sanders - Cabinet Secretary, New Mexico Department of Indian Affairs - Kelly Zunie - Cabinet Secretary, New Mexico Department of Veterans Services - Jack Fox
1100-1130	Veterans Expo & Break
1145-1300	Keynote Luncheon: Steven Bowers, Seminole Tribe of Florida Presentation on the Vietnam Education Center in Washington DC
1315 - 1400	BREAKOUT SESSION NUMBER 1 Series (see page 3 for sessions and locations)
1400 - 1415	Veterans Expo & Break

1415 - 1500	BREAKOUT SESSION NUMBER 2 series (See page 3 for sessions and locations)
1500 - 1515	Veterans Expo & Break
1545–1600	Summary of Events and Closing Prayer
1900-2200	SWNAVA Veterans Ball/Reception and Dance Sheraton Albuquerque Uptown, 2600 Louisiana Blvd NE, Albuquerque NM 87110to Need ticket to enter event.

BREAKOUT SESSION 1 - 1315 TO 1400

Location	Topics: VBA/NCA/VETBIZ	Presenter
Room 1	National Work Que	Albuquerque VA Regional Office
Room 2	Signing up for EBenefits	Robert Kunkel, Team CALIBRE
Room 3	National Cemetery Administration Benefits	Santa Fe National Cemetery
Room 4	Veterans Employment Opportunities	ESGR
Room 5	Veterans Business Opportunities	Richard Coffel & Adolpho Vasquez
Room 6	Tribal Leadership Workshop	Veterans Health Administration & Veterans Housing

BREAKOUT SESSION 2 - 1415 TO 1500

Location	Topics: VHA/VETHSE	Presenter
Room 1	My Healthevet	VA Medical Center
Room 2	Telehealth/Veterans Choice Program	VA Medical Center
Room 3	PTSD Healing and Tribal Sweat Lodges	Warren Gohl
Room 4	Native American Direct Loan	VARO Phoenix
Room 5	Office of Tribal Government Relations	OTGR - Homana Pawiki
Room 6	Tribal Leadership Workshop	Veterans Business Administration, National Cemetery Administration, Vet Business Opportunities