

Legislative Liaison Report

For

DECEMBER 2020

- The New Mexico Military/Veterans Leadership Council (MVLC) conducted a general Meeting on 11/19/20. Purpose of the meeting was to agree on the Legislative Initiatives for the 2021 session.
 - The MVLC will continue to advocate for a Uniformed Services Retirees Income Tax Deduction. Senator Burt is fully supportive of this initiative. The Arrowhead Center at the NMSU is working a proposal for funding to update the study conducted in 2009. Some possible strategy approaches for the 2021 session include introduction as an economic development bill and changing the title of the bill.
 - There was discussion to advocate for a State Veterans Advisory Board similar to Colorado. That initiative is on hold pending further analysis.
 - The initiative to expand transportation for veterans, especially in the rural areas, will continue to be advocated. Discussions are ongoing with the Department of Veterans Affairs to determine their approach to this initiative.
- The format for the 2021 legislative session is still under discussion. It is likely this session will be a virtual session. Committee hearings may be in the Roundhouse or the Santa Fe Convention Center. Details are being worked and more information will be available, as the start time gets closer. Film at eleven.