The VMRC started a New Student Orientation for military-affiliated students this summer! The VMRC holds a two-hour NSO where we discuss VMRC resources, on-campus resources, VA education benefits, and the process to certify VA education benefits. Students must go through this NSO before certifying their VA benefits for the first time at UNM.

The VMRC serves light refreshments during the VMRC NSO, students are given time to ask questions and are able to print out their schedules to get them certified immediately following the NSO. The VMRC is holding them three times per week, every other week throughout the summer and into the fall semester.

We want to thank Jose Villar for supplying us with the names and contact information for students who have gone through the UNM NSO who indicated they will be using VA education benefits, or expressed interest in learning more about VMRC services.

For more information regarding the VMRC NSO, including specific dates, please contact Jesse Preciado, VMRC Student Success Specialist, Sr., at jpreciado@unm.edu. Space is limited to 20 students per session, so make sure to contact us and reserve your spot! Need more VMRC NSO info? Contact Jesse Preciado, VMRC Student Support Specialist, jpreciado@unm.edu.

The VMRC would like to highlight the work that Jesse Preciado (Veteran, U.S. Marine Corps), Student Success Specialist, Sr., and Matt McDonald (Veteran, U.S. Marine Corps), Student Success Specialist, have done in helping our students achieve greatness. Kudos to them both for their hard work and diligence in making UNM a premier destination for military-affiliated students!

Jesse has worked diligently to make the Peer Advisor for Veteran Education (PAVE) mentoring program a success, and has increased the mentors from 2 to 7 and the mentees from 10 to over 200 in the last 2 years.

Matt started with the office in September 2021, and has been instrumental in ensuring the VMRC’s outreach program reaches not only the UNM community, but the state of New Mexico as a whole.