

## Retired NM AIR National Guard General Judy Griego confirmed as DVS Cabinet Secretary

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SANTA FE - Retired New Mexico Air National Guard Brigadier General Judy M. Griego was unanimously confirmed by the New Mexico Senate Feb. 6 as Secretary of the New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services.

The native of Carnuel in eastern Bernalillo County was appointed to the position by Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham on Dec. 27. The confirmation makes the appointment permanent.

"I am thrilled that the Senate agreed with me that General Griego has the management experience and leadership skills necessary to lead the Department of Veterans Services," said Governor Lujan Grisham after being informed of Secretary Griego's confirmation. "She has a passion for helping the men and women who have served our country. She has a way of connecting with them. I am confident she will do an excellent job leading DVS."

Secretary Griego had a distinguished and decorated 36-year military career, retiring in August of 2016 at the rank of Brigadier General. She is the first woman to be promoted to the rank of General in the history of the New Mexico National Guard.

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“As a native New Mexican, I am honored and humbled to be given this chance to serve my state’s veterans and their families,” said Secretary Griego. “I have firsthand knowledge of the sacrifices they’ve made to serve our country. The DVS staff and I will help veterans receive every VA and state veterans’ benefit to which they’re entitled—and will work to find ways to further improve their post-service lives.”

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