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## **The New Mexico Film Office Joins the New Mexico Department of Veterans Affairs at a Lunch and Learn Series to Discuss How New Mexico Veterans Can Get Involved in the Film and Television Industry**

**SANTA FE, N.M.** - New Mexico Film Office (NMFO) representatives will join the New Mexico Department of Veterans Affairs (NMDVS) to discuss ways New Mexico veterans can get involved in the state's film and television industry, during a lunch and learn session on Nov. 5, 2021.

During the online session, representatives from NMFO will provide an overview of [Operation Soundstage \(OSS\)](#). OSS is a workforce development program that is part of the Film Crew Advancement Program (FCAP), but with some extra perks for qualifying New Mexican veterans. OSS provides a fast track to film industry union membership, offering waived joining fees and required hours for IATSE Local 480, as well as waived fees for joining Teamsters 492. New Mexico veterans who are interested in a career in the film and television industry and possess transferrable skills, or are interested in advancing their career in a specific craft department, may participate.

"Operation Soundstage is a peerless, forward-thinking workforce development program for New Mexico veterans to utilize transferrable skills and kickstart their career in the state's film and television industry. As demand for crew continues to increase, the time is now for New Mexico Veterans to be a part of this thriving industry, helping to scale up our workforce, and launch new life-long careers," Amber Dodson, director, New Mexico Film Office, said.

The New Mexico Film Office will also be announcing training opportunities this month for entry-level film industry positions.

**WHO:** New Mexico Veterans / New Mexico Film Office / New Mexico Department of Veterans Affairs

**WHAT:** Digital Lunch and Learn Series, Topic: New Mexico film industry – Operation Soundstage

**WHEN:** Friday, Nov. 5, 2021, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. MST

**WHERE:** Zoom <https://nmdvs-org.zoom.us/j/98103253190>

The lunch and learn series organized by [NMDVS](#) is an opportunity for New Mexican veterans to learn about innovative programs and services available to them and their families. For more information on the series contact [Joseph Dorn](#).

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