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Military Winterfest Promos Schedule, Opens Registration Features American Flag Jump-in, KidFest & Inter-Service Races

ANGEL FIRE, N.M. (Oct. 18, 2016) – Angel Fire’s 3rd Annual *Military Winterfest* Feb. 9 – 13, 2017 is a Rocky Mountain celebration for veterans, working military and their families.

A five-day schedule features skiing, snowboarding, tubing, snowshoeing, a daily Twilight Colors Retirement Parade and a *KidFest*. The festival highlight occurs when Dana Bowman, a retired U.S. Army Golden Knight and double amputee, dazzles audiences with his signature *American Flag Jump In* Saturday, February 11. Skydiving from an airplane, he’ll make a precision landing onto the base of Angel Fire Resort’s ski mountain while an enormous American flag soars above him. Bowman lost both legs in a parachuting accident and has two custom-made prosthetic limbs.

Military Winterfest has added several new offerings, including a Meet & Greet Social, a Donor Reception, a Military Family Expo and a reunion for past wellness center* Retreat participants. Returning in 2017: Ski and snowboard lessons *for* vets, *by* vets, and an adaptive athlete program for vets with disabilities. Recognizing the family nature of the festival, organizers will again feature a *KidFest* with several new activities, including: a Snow Dog Show, photo ops with a “Snow Bear,” Skijoring, a Snow Ball Corn Hole Toss, a Snowman Contest, an attempt to establish a Snow Angel Record, and a s’mores and cocoa party. As well, there will be a Celebratory Dinner beginning with a live musical welcome, a multi-media presentation by Dana Bowman and one-on-one photo ops with him. For those with a competitive spirit, organizers have again slated an Inter-service Fun Race with a prize-giving ceremony.

REGISTER TO GO!

Exclusive military discounts and access to all *Winterfest* activities are offered to all registered participants. Registration includes: VIP access to all outdoor and indoor events; a Gift Bag; a collectable Military Challenge Coin, half-price lift tickets, equipment rentals

and lessons. Additionally, many Angel Fire restaurants and shops are also giving military discounts to *Winterfest* attendees.

Advanced Online Registration: \$25 individuals; \$35 families (up to 5 dependents, including spouse); and free for 100% Disabled Veterans. Register at <https://mwf2017.eventbrite.com>

Onsite Registration during the festival in the Angel Fire Resort hotel lobby or *Online* Registration *after* Winterfest starts: \$35 individuals; \$50 families - families (up to 5 dependents, including spouse); and 100% Disabled Veterans free.

The Celebratory Dinner may be added on with *Advanced Online* purchase: \$5/adult; and free for 100% Disabled Veterans and kids under 12. After January 28 *Online* or *Onsite*: \$10/adult; \$5/kids under 12; and 100% Disabled Veterans still free.

To book lodging, lessons and equipment go to angelfireresort.com or call Cen Res at 575-377-4320. Use Promotional Code: VETS.

To book a Vet2Vet lesson or schedule a Veteran Adaptive session call 575-377-4320. (Veteran Adaptive sessions are by prior arrangement only. The Angel Fire Ski & Snowboard School requires *at least* 2 weeks to secure appropriate adaptive sports equipment & certified instructors.)

For festival details and updates see MilitaryWinterfest.com, [Facebook.com/MilitaryWinterfest](https://www.facebook.com/MilitaryWinterfest) or follow Twitter @AFWinterfest or Pinterest.

Active Duty, National Guard, Reserve, veterans, retirees, dependent families and Gold Star families are eligible to participate but must have a valid identification card or other proof of service.

Winterfest, which attracted more than 500 veterans, active military and their families last year, helps raise funds and awareness for the *National Veterans Wellness & Healing Center of Angel Fire. The Center is nationally known for using creative therapies in its weeklong *Retreat Programs* to help veterans with Post Traumatic Stress.

Military Winterfest 2017 partner: Angel Fire Resort, a 5-Star corporate sponsor.

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The registration fees paid when attending *Military Winterfest 2017* are tax-deductible and directly support the National Veterans Wellness & Healing Center. The Center provides treatment for military individuals and families that suffer with Post Traumatic Stress. Its creative therapies have been nationally recognized for their effectiveness in treating the “Invisible Wounds of War.” The natural setting of Angel Fire in the Sangre de Cristo mountains is the perfect location to bring couples to a place where healing in nature is optimal. The Veteran couples experience Native American hand washing ceremony and storytelling of the warrior culture and many more therapeutic techniques. These retreats are only possible with the help from donors & grant funding. For more, see [National Veterans Wellness & Healing Center Angel Fire](#).

Military Winterfest Feb. 9-13, 2017

EVENT SCHEDULE



National Veterans Wellness & Healing Center of Angel Fire, host & organizer

Thursday, February 9

Activity	Time	Location
Registration, Dinner Wait List Signup, Inter-Service Race signup, Gift Bag distribution	8:30 – 4:30 p.m.	Resort Lodge Lobby
Skiing/Snowboarding	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Ski Mountain
*Veteran Adaptive Session	10 - 11:45 a.m.	Ski School
Tubing	1 – 5:30 p.m.	Tubing Hill
*Veteran Adaptive Session	2 - 3:45 p.m.	Ski School

Friday, February 10

Activity	Time	Location
Service Flag Parade	8:30 - 8:45 a.m.	Exhibition
Registration, Dinner Wait List Signup, Inter-Service Race signup, Gift Bag distribution	8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Resort Lodge Lobby
Skiing/Snowboarding	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Ski Mountain
Snowshoeing	9:30 a.m.	TBA
Ski Mountain Orientation	9:30 – 10:30 a.m.	Meet at Map at Base of Chile Express Lift
Sledding & X/C Skiing	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Country Club Nordic Center
*Veteran Adaptive Session	10 - 11:45 a.m.	Ski School
Hot Chocolate	10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Upper Middle Deck
Tubing	1 – 5:30 p.m.	Tubing Hill
Vet2Vet Lessons	2 - 3:45 p.m.	Ski School
*Veteran Adaptive Session	2- 3:45 p.m.	Ski School
Service Flag Parade	4:30 - 4:45 p.m.	Exhibition
Meet & Greet Social (NEW)	5 – 6:30 p.m.	TBD
Donor Reception (NEW)	5 – 8 p.m.	Angel Fire RV Resort Clubhouse

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Saturday, February 11

Activity	Time	Location
Service Flag Parade	8:30 - 8:45 a.m.	Exhibition
Registration, Dinner Wait List Signup, Inter-Service Race signup, Gift Bag distribution	8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Resort Lodge Lobby
Military Family Expo (NEW)	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	TBD
Skiing/Snowboarding	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Ski Mountain
Snowshoeing	9:30 a.m.	TBA
Ski Mountain Orientation	9:30– 10:30 a.m.	Meet at Map at Base of Chile Express Lift
Sledding & X/C Skiing	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Country Club Nordic Center
Hot Chocolate	10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Upper Middle Deck
Vet2Vet Lessons	10 - 11:45 a.m.	Ski School
*Veteran Adaptive Session	10 - 11:45 a.m.	Ski School
American Flag Jump-In	10 a.m.	Base Area
Meet Sgt. 1 st Class Dana Bowman	10:45 - 11:45 a.m.	Upper Deck
Group Photo #1 with Dana Bowman	Noon	Upper Deck Base Area
National Veterans Wellness & Healing Center Retreat Reunion (NEW)	Noon	TBD
Tubing	1 – 5:30 p.m.	Tubing Hill
Ski/Snowboard with a Local Host	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	Meet at Summit Map
Flag Run	2- 2:30 p.m.	Meet at Summit Map, Ski down <u>Headin' Home</u>
Group Photo #2 with Dana Bowman & Flag Run	2:30 p.m.	Top of Exhibition Run & Lift #2
Visit Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park & Veterans Cemetery Site	2 -3:30 p.m.	Meet in Resort Lodge Lobby
Vet2Vet Lessons	2 - 3:45 p.m.	Ski School
*Veteran Adaptive Session	2- 3:45 p.m.	Ski School
KIDFEST Snow Dog Show with Snow Bear, Skijoring, The Juggling Sheriff, Meet a Real Cowgirl, Snow Ball Corn Hole Toss, Snowman Contest & NM Snow Angel Record Attempt, Prizes!	1 – 4 p.m.	Olympic Park
Service Flag Parade	4:30 - 4:45 p.m.	Exhibition
Celebratory Dinner – Live musical welcome, multi-media presentation, photos w/ Sgt. First Class Dana Bowman. Must register to attend.	5 – 8:30 p.m.	Garden Court

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Sunday, February 12

Activity	Time	Location
Service Flag Parade	8:30 - 8:45 a.m.	Exhibition
Registration, Dinner Wait List Signup, Inter-Service Race signup, Gift Bag distribution	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Resort Lodge Lobby
Skiing/Snowboarding	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Ski Mountain
Snowshoeing	9:30 a.m.	Meet in Resort Lodge Lobby
Ski Mountain Orientation	9:30 – 10:30 a.m.	Meet at Map at Base of Chile Express Lift
Sledding & X/C Skiing	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Country Club Nordic Center
*Veteran Adaptive Session	10 - 11:45 a.m.	Ski School
Hot Chocolate	10 a.m. – Noon	Upper Middle Deck
Inter-Service Fun Race	10 a.m. – Noon	Exhibition Race Course
Inter-Service Fun Race Awards Ceremony	12:30 p.m.	Top Deck
Tubing	1:30 – 5:30 p.m.	Tubing Hill
*Veteran Adaptive Session	2- 3:45 p.m.	Ski School
Service Flag Parade	4:30 - 4:45 p.m.	Exhibition

Monday, February 13

Activity	Time	Location
Service Flag Parade	8:30 - 8:45 a.m.	Exhibition
Event Registration & Gift Bag distribution	9 – 10 a.m.	Resort Lodge Lobby
Skiing/Snowboarding	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Ski Mountain
*Veteran Adaptive Session	10 - 11:45 a.m.	Ski School
Tubing	1 – 5:30 p.m.	Tubing Hill

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FESTIVAL DETAILS: MilitaryWinterfest.com. To register: <https://mwf2017.eventbrite.com>.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE. As of Oct. 18, 2016