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## Newsletter

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### **This Memorial Day, Remember.....**

In this Member Newsletter issue, rather than addressing or discussing electric cooperative items, I would like to recommend that each of us take time to reflect on our American freedoms that we are fortunate to be able to live among due to those that fought for and many that lost their lives in the process. In doing so from my perspective, I will share a story:

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A young man recently visited a Veteran Cemetery. He noticed an elderly gentleman, hunched over on his knees. As he drew near, he also observed the gentleman's shoulders shaking from the intense sobbing. The young man slowly approached the gentlemen. He kindly inquired, "are you okay sir?" The elderly gentlemen peered up at the young man through his wet lashes and tear-streaked face. It was then the young man felt much compassion for the other gentlemen and noticed that he, too, was wearing the attire of a Veteran. "Thank you for your service sir. I am sorry for your loss." The Veteran replied, "I do not mourn only for those that lost their lives fighting for our freedoms but for those that aren't."

Please remember family, friends, neighbors that played or play a role directly or indirectly for their service so that those of us back home on American soil, may live the American Dream freely.

*Alena Br*

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### NM Emergency Rental Assistance Program

[www.RentHelpNM.org](http://www.RentHelpNM.org)

In 2020, the U.S. Congress appropriated funding to the U.S. Department of Treasury to provide emergency rental assistance to households experiencing financial hardship as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak. Funding was allocated to states, Indian tribes or their Tribally Designated Housing Entities, and territories to provide Emergency Rental Assistance in the form of rental, utilities, and home energy costs assistance to eligible renters. The Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) will administer approximately \$170 million appropriated for the Emergency Rental Assistance program for both the State of New Mexico and the City of Albuquerque.

This assistance is available for those in a lease agreement with a landlord or those who have entered into a lease-purchase agreement. Funding is also available for utility assistance and other expenses related to housing costs (i.e. hotel/motel costs) incurred directly or indirectly, due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Apply through the following method beginning April 5th, 2021:

- Web portal at [www.RentHelpNM.org](http://www.RentHelpNM.org); or
- Download and submit the application via email at [Info@RentHelpNM.org](mailto:Info@RentHelpNM.org) or mail to DFA:  
407 Galisteo, Santa Fe, NM 87501, Attention: ERAP.

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(505) 832-4483 – Out of Area 1-800-339-2521

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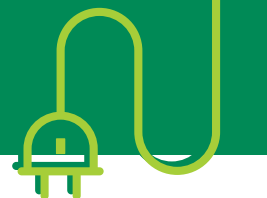
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### Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Avoid placing items like lamps and televisions near your thermostat.

The thermostat senses heat from these appliances, which can cause your air conditioner to run longer than necessary.



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