



FEAB Partner Spotlight

Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico

<https://www.kirtland.af.mil/>

The KAFB Tax Center has operated for more than 30 years supporting military and military-retired clients with tax preparation assistance.

SERVICES

KAFB Tax Center provides free tax preparation services under the oversight of the KAFB Legal Office and the Internal Revenue Service VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) program. The team provides face-to-face return preparation for eligible clients including Active Duty, National Guard and Reserve military members, military retirees and their surviving spouses. Due to resource constraints, services are limited to lower ranking military members and retirees below a specific income threshold.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

KAFB's financial services are informal and directed to the needs of individual clients. For example, they augment the military's financial readiness training with guidance and advice for younger members who are new to the working world. This includes assistance with banking, investing, retirement planning, tax withholding and home ownership. For retirees, they assist with retirement income, Social Security and withholding issues.

TAXES

KAFB Tax Center operates on an appointment basis, and is the only Military VITA site remaining in New Mexico. Volunteers are all military retirees and apply their experience to the unique tax situations of military members and retirees. In addition to preparing returns, they review returns prepared by the taxpayer for accuracy and compliance with tax law. As a military site, KAFB prepares returns for all states that have an income tax and is familiar with the tax laws of those states.

During COVID, they stayed open when many sites were closed by establishing a virtual tax preparation program under the guidance of the IRS. This successful program helped hundreds of clients complete their taxes during a period of uncertainty and stress.

Over the past 4 years, the IRS estimated clients of KAFB Tax Center have saved an average of \$162,000 in tax preparation fees.