

Veteran Heroes of the American Southwest “Forgotten Stories from Forgotten Places”



2023 Run for the Wall Gourd Procession
Red Rocks State Park,

Veteran Heroes of the American Southwest “Forgotten Stories from Forgotten Places”

Project Goals

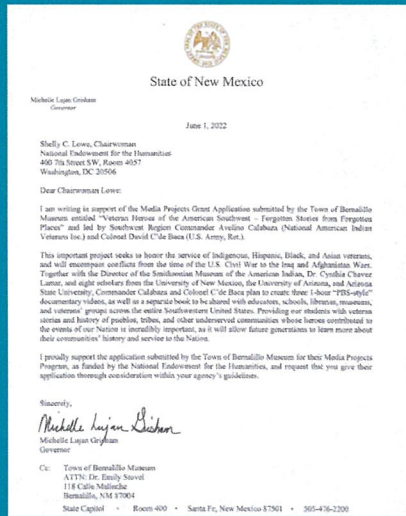
Honor the service and life journeys of veterans (Anglo, Indigenous, Hispanic, Black, Asian, etc) from the time of the U.S. Civil to Iraq and Afghanistan Wars ...

Create three 1-hour “PBS-style” videos, a book, and database ...

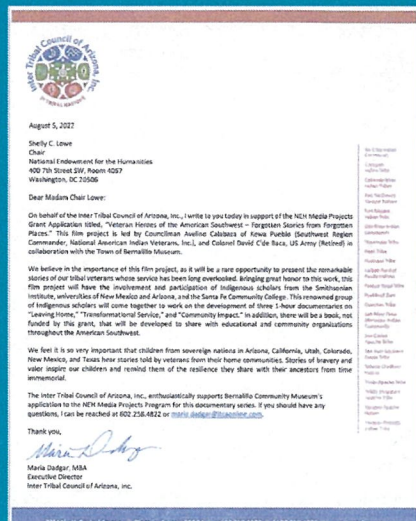
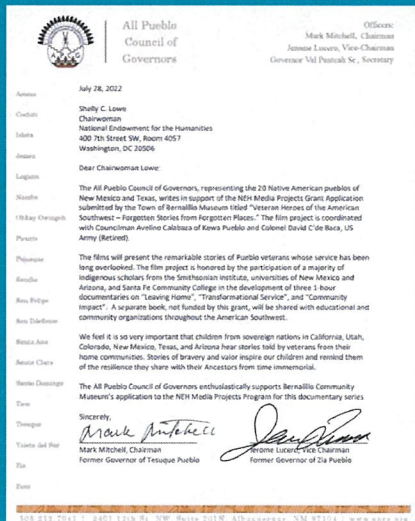
Provide to our schools so students learn about local veteran stories, to include history of pueblos, tribes, and other underserved communities whose heroes contributed to the events of our Nation.

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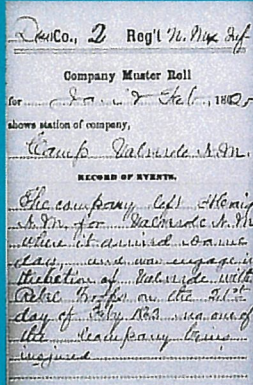
- Over 65 oral histories compiled so far.
- Goal of 1-2,000 stories for book from across Southwest.
- Numerous letters of support include the governor & key cabinet secretaries



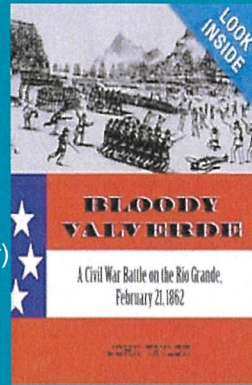
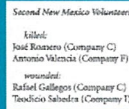
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CPT Manuel Baca, Co D (left)
LTC Nasio Gonzalez (center)



Books such as **BLOODY VALVERDE – A Civil War Battle on the Rio Grande February 21, 1862** rely on "official accounts" that were "doctored" to fit US Colonel Canby's bias. Colonel Canby reported only 8 Hispanic casualties.

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The principally Hispanic Company D, 2nd Regiment New Mexico Volunteers from La Cienega NM had 79 replacements after Battle of Valverde; unit taken Off-the-Line and RECONSTITUED. **Average was 15-20** casualties for units engaged that day. Company D bore the brunt of the Confederate attack, yet Colonel Canby had the record state "no one being injured" on previous slide: **stolen valor**.

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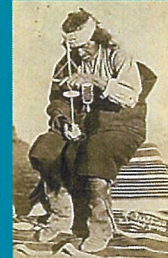
Jose H Montoya
Gov Cochiti 1880



Governor Kewa
Pueblo 1883



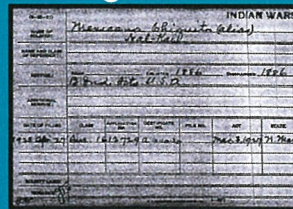
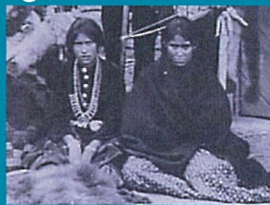
Lupe Tortalita
Kewa Pueblo 1896



Jose Quivera Gov
San Felipe 1879

Pueblos of San Felipe, Kewa, and Cochiti, learning of the Confederate plundering to the south, join forces to protect their pueblos. They deploy a “covering force” to shadow Confederate troops from Algodones to La Bajada, prepare ambushes, counter attacks & conduct a Show of Force. They attack and destroy the Confederate Rear Guard.

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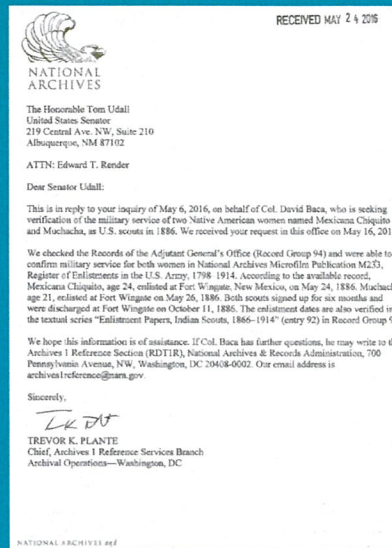
Records show two Navajo **women** known as “Mexicana Chiquito” and “Muchacha” serving as US Army Scouts in 1886. Note assimilation of names.

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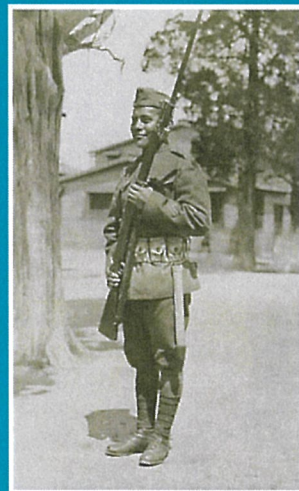
U.S. Senator Tom Udall asked the U.S. National Archives to review the finding. They certified them as the 1st known women soldiers.

As scouts they are Special Forces; America's 1st GI Jane's. A landmark in Women's History.



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REGISTRATION CARD	
1	Name in full <i>Amado Garcia</i>
2	Home address <i>Acama Pueblo, N. Mex.</i>
3	Date of birth <i>1916</i>
4	Are you (1) a natural born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention to become a citizen?
5	Where born <i>Acama Pueblo, N. Mex.</i>
6	Place of birth of father and mother (if known)
7	When in your service <i>From release</i>
8	By what regiment <i>W.B. Co. Machine Troop</i>
9	Where engaged <i>Acama Pueblo, N. Mex.</i>
10	When you were discharged <i>1918</i>
11	What military service have you had? Rank
12	Signature of registrant <i>Amado Garcia</i>



WW I veteran Amado Garcia of Acama Pueblo, under heavy enemy fire would lead two other soldiers on a mission that destroyed multiple enemy machine gun positions.

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John W Stanhope
USS Tennessee



Eluterio Cordero left
with Ramon Lucero



Monte Bolles
Jemez Springs



Robert Cook
Rio Rancho



Five residents: Eluterio Cordero of Cochiti Pueblo, John Stanhope and Monte Bolles of Jemez Springs, Robert Cook and Elmo J Whitmore Sr of Rio Rancho would witness the disaster at Pearl Harbor.

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WW II veteran **Virgil Wyaco of Zuni Pueblo**, as machine gunner broke multiple Nazi counter attacks in Battle of the Bulge. Relieved 101st AB Div Bastogne Dec 26, 1944.

Rescued accredited Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute (SIPI) from closure. Graduated 1,000's of skilled Indigenous since. SIPI celebrating it's 50th Anniversary.



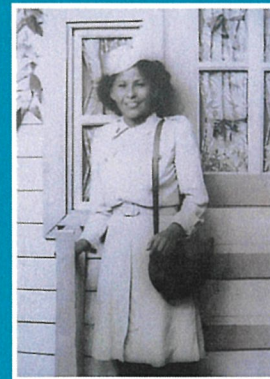
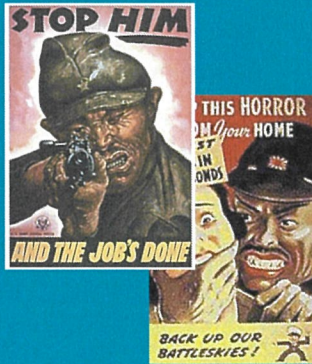
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Vidal Velarde
Cuba

Earned the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism in aerial flight, and 5 Air Medals as a Gunner with Stinson Crew, 835th Bomb Squadron, “Green Hornets”, flying over 34 B-17 missions in Europe. Shot down over France; rescued by French Resistance. Shot down over Germany; POW until liberated.

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Lucinda Moquino of Zia & Kewa Pueblo was credited with creating many of the War Posters used by the War Department during WW II.

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Carolyn Sandoval
Corrales



Ruth Avila
Algodones



Dora C'de Baca
Canon de Jemez



Florence Chewiwí
Jemez Pueblo



Katherine Toya
Jemez Pueblo



Ramona Gutierrez
Corrales



Marion DeLavy
Rio Rancho



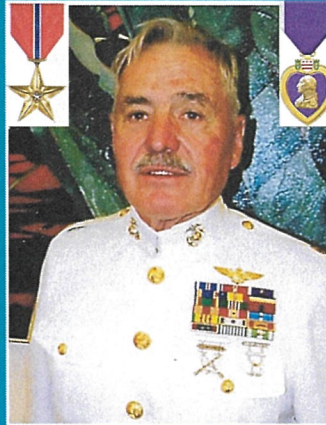
Alvanita Sanchez
Santa Ana Pueblo

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Hiroshi H. Miyamura of Gallup would distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty in action against the enemy. He killed more than 50 of the enemy before his ammunition was depleted and he was severely wounded. He maintained his magnificent stand despite his painful wounds, continuing to repel the attack until his position was overrun. When last seen he was fighting ferociously against an overwhelming number of enemy soldiers.

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Under heavy anti-aircraft fire and blizzard conditions, under took 6 to 8 C-47 missions daily air evacuating Marine and allied battle casualties during the brutal fighting/breakout from Chosin Reservoir, earning the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism in aerial flight, and the Purple Heart for wounds sustained. Served in Korea and Vietnam.

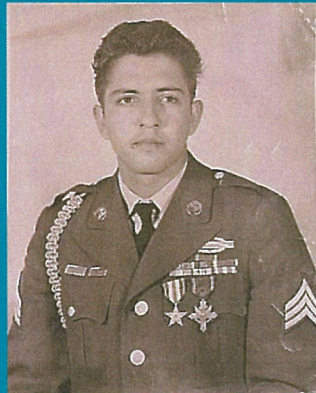
Robert Himmerich
Pena Blanca

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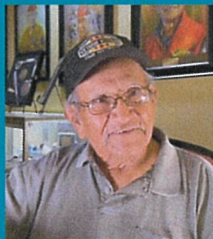
Isaac Camacho, Fabens, TX

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Fred Ogas, El Paso, TX

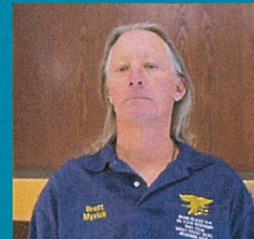
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Arthur Hood
US Army
Brimhall, NM



Rebecca Cobos
US Air Force
Roswell, NM



Brett Myrick,
US Navy Seal
Gila, NM

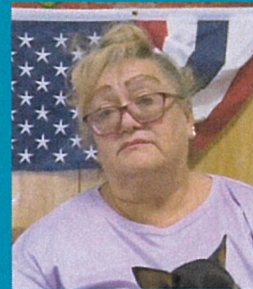
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Carla McCann
US Marine
Albuquerque,
NM



John Washington
US Air Force
Clovis, NM



Shirley Martinez
US Army
Española, NM

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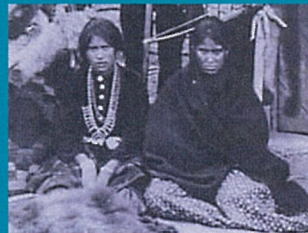
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Project Request

- Request \$100,000 through the NM Department of Veterans’ Services as Fiscal Agent for Phase I
- Joint Memorial Bill petitioning the US Congress to dedicate the new Albuquerque National Cemetery to our US Army Scouts/Native American and Women Veterans – Requires an Act of Congress

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Dedicate new US National Cemetery in Albuquerque in their honor as America’s 1st GI Jane’s.



And Admiral Joseph J. Clark, America’s 1st Native American 4-Star Officer; the “Patton of the Pacific”

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March 16th, 2017

The Honorable David J. Shaikin
United States Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20420

Dear Secretary Shaikin:

The New Mexico Delegation is pleased to support Sandoval County's proposed to locate a new Veterans National Cemetery in Sandoval County. Sandoval County's proposal, submitted in cooperation with the New Mexico State Land Office and the City of Rio Rancho, meets all of the site location requirements requested by the Veterans Administration in its January 17th notice.

According to the NM Workforce Solutions 2015 report, 14.5% of all New Mexican Veterans reside in Sandoval County and was the only New Mexico County with more than 100,000 people, 18 and older, that had a veteran population representing more than 11 percent of the total population. The proposed cemetery site, located within the Albuquerque - Rio Rancho metropolitan area, has excellent access to I-25 and US 550 and can be served by public transportation. In addition, the 285 acre site provides an idyllic setting that is conducive to honoring those who have served their country with distinction and provides ample land to accommodate future burial demands.

The site will also complement other Veteran services and memorials in the Sandoval County. For example, in May 2016, the Sandoval County Historical Society and the Sandoval County Commission dedicated a Federal Memorial to all Sandoval County civilians who served from the U.S. Civil War through the Vietnam era. The memorial features more than 5,700 names and 1,500 photos. Some of the photos are accompanied by stories of particularly heroic acts carried out by some of these brave individuals. One story of great historical significance is that of Mexicanas Chiquito and Machacha, two Native American women who in 1856 served openly as women in the U.S. Army Scouts, thus becoming America's first GI James.

Sandoval County recognizes the sacrifices and contributions made by our Veterans and their families. Locating the new VA Cemetery in Sandoval County will not only provide enough land to accommodate current demand, but can also serve as the final resting place for generations of Veterans. The New Mexico Delegation supports Sandoval County's proposal to locate a new Veterans National Cemetery within Sandoval County. We thank you for your consideration and request a thorough consideration of that application in strict accordance with existing rules, regulations, and ethical guidelines.

Sincerely,


Tom Udall
United States Senator


Martin Heinrich
United States Senator


Steve Pearce
United States Representative


Ben Ray Lujan
United States Representative


Michelle Lujan Grisham
United States Representative

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Title 38 - VETERANS' BENEFITS
PART 1 - GENERAL PROVISIONS
CHAPTER 5 - AUTHORITY AND DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY
SUBCHAPTER II - SPECIFIED FUNCTIONS
Sec. 531 - Requirement relating to naming of Department property
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§531. Requirement relating to naming of Department property

Except as expressly provided by law, a facility, structure, or real property of the Department, and a major portion (such as a wing or floor) of any such facility, structure, or real property, may be named only for the geographic area in which the facility, structure, or real property is located.

(Added Pub. L. 105-368, title X, §1001(a)(1), Nov. 11, 1998, 112 Stat. 3363.)

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 105-368, title X, §1001(b), Nov. 11, 1998, 112 Stat. 3363, provided that: "Section 531 of title 38, United States Code, as added by subsection (a)(1), shall apply with respect to the assignment or designation of the name of a facility, structure, or real property of the Department of Veterans Affairs (or of a major portion thereof) after the date of the enactment of this Act [Nov. 11, 1998]."

H.R.3392 - To name the national cemetery in Saratoga, New York, as the Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery, and for other purposes.

107th Congress (2001-2002)

Need Joint Memorial Bill requesting the new Albuquerque National Cemetery be dedicated to Admiral Clark and the Navajo Scouts.

