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# New Mexico



## Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve

# New Mexico National Guard Commemorates 100 Years

This year, 2016, the New Mexico National Guard commemorates the 100th anniversary of its first federal activation as a militarized unit when the first “citizen soldiers” were sent to the Mexican border to pursue Pancho Villa after he and his men raided the town of Columbus in southwest New Mexico.

Military & Veterans’ Day at the New Mexico Legislature in February might be considered the official start of the commemoration.

The legislative day honors service members and veterans for their sacrifice and service for our country.

Guest speakers at a special ceremony in the capitol rotunda included Lt Gov John Sanchez, New Mexico Department of Veterans’ Services Secretary Jack Fox, and New Mexico Adjutant General Andrew Salas.

The speakers discussed the history of New Mexico’s National Guard among other things.

A short history of the New Mexico National Guard taken from the New Mexico National Guard Museum website says the Guard traces its origin back to 1598 as Spanish militia.

In the same tradition of the colonial Minuteman, New Mexico citizen-soldiers plied their civilian trades until called to duty, reporting with their own arms, mounts,

## **Ashley Nguyen Serving As NM ESGR Support Specialist**

Ashley Nguyen is the new Program Support Specialist in counterpart with MAJ Wilbert “Ricky” Archuleta for the New Mexico Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) team.

Nguyen joined the team in October 2015. She will work with ESGR Area Chairs in Northwest New Mexico.

She is a 70B for the 1209th Area Support Medical Company. She received her commission in May 2015 from the University of New Mexico. She is an honors graduate from UNM and has a Bachelors Degree in Psychology with a minor in Military Science.



*This motorcycle is among the extensive collection open to the public at the New Mexico National Guard Museum in Santa Fe at 1050 Old Pecos Trail.*

and other equipment. Life for them and their descendants continued in this fashion when the area became a territory of Mexico in 1821 and a U.S. territory in 1846.

New Mexico’s citizen-soldiers participated in the Indian campaigns as the Old West was settled and in the Civil War, notably the 1862 battles of Valverde and Glorieta Pass. New Mexicans answered the call in the Spanish-American War, joining Theodore Roosevelt’s Rough Riders.

After 1912 statehood, New Mexico’s sons spent an arduous year on the border from 1916 to 1917. Out of federal service for only three weeks, they were mustered for duty in France during World War I.

### **World War II and Beyond**

During World War II the 200th and 515th Coast Artillery regiments fought at Bataan and Corregidor until ordered to surrender to the overwhelming force of the Japanese army. They then endured the infamous Bataan Death March and subsequent hardships aboard the “hell ships” which transported them to Japanese prisoner-of-war camps and forced labor.

New Mexico’s involvement in World War II went beyond the Philippines. The state’s 120th Engineers

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and 804th Tank Destroyer Battalion both fought with distinction in the European theater.

Although New Mexico National Guard units were not deployed to the Korean War, individual volunteers left home to fight. The 188th Tactical Fighter Squadron of the New Mexico Air National Guard spent a year in Vietnam during the war there, as did individual replacements from both Army and Air units.

Both the New Mexico Army and Air National Guards sent units to operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm, 1990-1991. Since 9/11, our Army and Air units have completed combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan - some more than once.

### **Federal and State Missions**

In addition to fighting our nation's wars, members

of the New Mexico National Guard have deployed all over the globe performing federal missions. These missions have taken them to Cuba, Egypt, Kosovo and Kuwait and many other places

Our National Guard also has a long tradition of service to the State of New Mexico. Whenever the Governor calls, the Guard stands ready to respond to state missions ranging from natural disasters to civil unrest, including the 1980 prison riot.

In quieter times, Guard members stay involved with their local communities while continuing to train for full-spectrum operations. More than just a slogan, the New Mexico National Guard is "Always Ready, Always There."

## **Patriot Award Given at Verizon Wireless**



Mathew Gutierrez from Verizon Wireless, 7000 Central Ave SW, Albuquerque, received a Patriot Award from New Mexico ESGR in February 2016. His employee, SSG Jesus A. Silva, is a member of the New Mexico Army National Guard, 1209th ASMC and submitted Gutierrez for this award, saying, "My supervisor and company allow me to go on any mission that my unit has been assigned. I recently went on state duty and with just a phone call I was able to go on task without any repercussions for not being at work. I always get acknowledged for being a soldier and treated with respect and dignity."

## **Lovelace Medical Center Receives Award**

Rita Matteucci from Lovelace Medical Center in Albuquerque received a Patriot Award in January 2016. Her employee, Rafael Fields, is a member of the U.S. Army Reserve, 2291st USAH, Det. 1 and submitted Rita for this award. Rita also signed a Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve pledging support to our military forces.



# Alamogordo Area Employers and Civic Leaders Witness Refueling Mission and Military Training

Employers and civic leaders from Alamogordo and surrounding areas experienced a sample of military training and received a mission briefing from members of the National Guard and U.S. Air Force Reserve at a Boss Lift event hosted on March 2, 2016 by NM ESGR at Holloman Air Force Base.

The mission gave participants the opportunity to fly on a KC-135 aerial refueling tanker from the 161st (ARW) Arizona Air National Guard and witness the refueling of F-16 fighter jets from the 54th Fighter Wing stationed at Holloman AFB. This was a routine training mission that ensures air crews remain proficient with training requirements.

The event went flawlessly and provided employers and civic leaders an amazing opportunity to witness the training conducted by National Guard and Reserve military members. It also provided employers with a good understanding of what their employees do when they go off to training during drill weekends, annual training and deployments. The support

of employers and civic leaders for military members of the Guard and Reserve has been tremendous and is truly appreciated.



*New Mexico Adjutant General Andrew Salas and State Rep. John Zimmerman stand with members of the Arizona Air National Guard flight crew that helped make the Alamogordo Boss Lift a success.*

## Farmington Company Receives Patriot Award

Joe Rixon and Phil Reed of the American Fence Company in Farmington were presented the Patriot Award after being nominated by SSG Ron Simpson (DET 1, 1116th Trans Co). Both signed a Statement of Support also.



**Pictured at the presentation at the Farmington Family Readiness Center are CPT Winston Holyan of the 226th MP BN, Simpson, Rixon (above) and Reed (left) with Jamie Wagoner, NM ESGR Volunteer, Farmington.**



# Patriotic Employers Presented Awards



Katrina Bressler, assistant director for the New Mexico VA Health Care System, was nominated for the Patriotic Employer Award by her employee, MAJ Nicole Chilson.

Chilson is a member of the U.S. Army Reserve, 807th Medical Command Deployment Support.

“Katrina Bressler is very supportive of my military career and demonstrated her commitment when I received mobilization orders with less than two months’ notice,” said Chilson. “She ensured the department I run, Logistics, is staffed to continue operations in my absence. I received enough time off to prepare and see my family prior to departure. Katrina makes my ability to serve possible by understanding the time requirements and enabling me to pursue both careers.”

Pictured above left to right are Joseph Mendoza (assistant chief of Logistics), Ashley Nguyen (ESGR), Katrina Bressler (assistant director for the NM VA Health Care System), MAJ Wilbert “Ricky” Archuleta (ESGR), and MAJ Nicole Chilson.

Sergeant David Portis and Sergeant Ray Alderete, Rio Rancho Police Department supervisors pictured below, received the Patriotic Employer Award, in January 2016 following nomination by SrA Joshua Everett.

Everett is a member of the New Mexico Air National Guard, 250th Intelligence Squadron.

“Even though it can be difficult because of scheduling challenges, Sergeant Portis is always helpful in allowing time off when I have military orders or obligations,” said Everett. “Sergeant Alderete has encouraged my military duties and has commented on the value and relevance my training brings to the department.”



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# *Gallup Clinic Dedicated to Myamura; Award Presented to Gallup Medical Center*



The Northwest New Mexico ESGR Committee attended the dedication of the Gallup Community Based Outpatient Clinic / Veterans Affairs Clinic to Medal of Honor recipient Hiroshi Myamura, a resident of Gallup. Pictured left to right in the photo at left are Andrew Welch, VA director from Albuquerque; Ken Riege representing NM ESGR Employer Outreach; and Medal of Honor recipient Hiroshi Myamura.

Carmelita Yazzie, right, of the Gallup Indian Medical Center Administrative and General Services Department, accepts a Patriotic Employer Award in the picture below. She was nominated by her staff member/service member SGT Stuart Francisco, 1116th Trans Co., who is at left.



## *Branch Teller Supervisor Receives Patriotic Award*

Brenda Gabaldon, branch teller supervisor for Kirtland Federal Credit Union in Albuquerque, was nominated for the Patriotic Employer Award by her employee Jason Dowdy.

SPC Jason Dowdy is a member of the Army National Guard, 1115th Transportation Company.

“My supervisor, Brenda, always takes time to make sure that my work schedule fits around my drill schedule even when I am unsure of the correct dates,” said Jason. “She also makes sure to give me a day off after I return to work from duty so I don’t have to work an overly extended work week. She comes from a military family and understands the lifestyle and she applies that knowledge and experience to work with me. She recognizes that my drill and training events



aren’t an annoyance but rather a major aspect of my life and of great importance to the Army National Guard.”

# Breakfast at Sadie's for Supporters

A holiday breakfast at Sadie's Restaurant on Albuquerque's North Fourth Street brought New Mexico ESGR Supporters as well as Guard and Reserve together on a chilly December morning.

Both New Mexico TAG Andrew Salas and Secretary of New Mexico Veterans' Services Jack Fox spoke about the good will created by those involved with New Mexico ESGR.

Salas pointed out what a good job ESGR does making sure employers of Guard and Reserve know what is involved in their military jobs.

Fox said that as long as there is evil in the world then there will be members of the Guard and Reserve to fight that evil.

Chair Ray Battaglini pointed out that New Mexico ESGR has 179 volunteers on 14 committees across the state who donated 5,200 hours in 2014.

Only one percent of the nation has served in the military which reflects the necessity for an organization such as ESGR.

New Mexico ESGR Vice Chair and Public Information Officer Sandy Schauer was presented with the National ESGR Public Relations Volunteer of the Year (2014) trophy by Battaglini and TAG Salas.

The following were presented with Seven Seals Awards for all the work they do with and for ESGR:

George Riedel, U.S. Department of Labor/DVET  
Debra Roane, Military One Source



## Red Marked the Day

*This is a black and white picture, but if it were printed in color you would see these New Mexico ESGR staffers all wearing red to mark December 11 honoring deployed service members. Left to right are Gary Kaiser, Ernest Rodriguez, Ashley Nguyen and Brad Lakin.*



*Spirit of Volunteerism awards were presented to COL Ken Nava, bottom, and members of the 171st Aviation, LTC Michael Rieske, First Lt James Raschel and Sergeant First Class (SFC) Noah Berg at the Sadie's breakfast. At left is NM Chair Ray Battaglini and at right is TAG Andrew Salas.*



Joseph Vigil, Public Affairs, National Guard Headquarters and Roger Newell, Veterans Liaison to Albuquerque Mayor Richard Berry.

ESGR Staff Members Cynthia Estrada, Gary Kaiser and Ernest Rodriguez also received Seven Seals awards for their extraordinary work with ESGR.

Spirit of Volunteerism awards were presented to COL Ken Nava and members of the 171st Aviation, LTC Michael Rieske, First Lt James Raschel and Sergeant First Class (SFC) Noah Berg.

Also receiving awards for supporting the Guard and Reserve:  
Josh McDonald, T-Mobile  
Russell Alberti, Albuquerque Police Department  
Captain Brian Rafael, 150TH SOW  
CW5 Lawrence Jiron, JFHQ  
Shane Mitchell, Command Chief, U.S. Naval Reserve  
1SG Julian Chino, Director of Family Programs  
MSG George Lucero, U.S. Army Reserve, Readiness NCO  
Richard Coffel, Department of Veterans Services  
Victor Baca and Chris Zafra, Department of Workforce Solutions  
Chuck Crister and Judy Ruiz, Kirtland Federal Credit Union  
David Lucero, Admiral Beverage Company

# Job Connection held at KAFB

New Mexico ESGR staff conducted the first ever “Job Connection” at the New Mexico Air National Guard facility located at Kirtland Air Force Base on Dec. 4, 2015.

Participants included representatives from 23 major New Mexico companies and 45 unemployed or underemployed Guard and Reserve members.

Brad Lakin, employment specialist with NM ESGR, said the event was done at zero cost to the State of New Mexico, ESGR, and the New Mexico Air Guard.

“This is a great concept,” said Lakin, “because companies do not have to pay enormous fees that can range from \$200 to \$500 for a table at a Job Fair to employ Guard and Reserve.”

The event was conducted at the site on the request of the Wing Commander and State Command Chief.



*Job Connection means conversation between those seeking employment and employers.*

## Lowe's Accepts Patriotic Employer Award



Walter Cordova from the Lowe's Home Improvement Center, 6200 Paseo Del Norte Blvd NE, Albuquerque, accepted a Patriotic Employer Award from New Mexico ESGR in December 2015.

Lowe's employee, SSG Nathan Walters, is a member of the New Mexico Army National Guard, 613 FSC, 1st 200th INF Battalion, and submitted Cordova

for this award.

Walter Cordova also signed a Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve pledging his support to our military forces. .

Pictured above left to right are Amy Walters, Steven Capetta, SSG Nathan Walters, Store Manager Walter Cordova, Chris McCann, and Ashley Nguyen, NM ESGR staff.

# Luncheon Honors Patriotic Employers

Twenty Patriotic New Mexico employers received eagle trophies for hiring unemployed or underemployed members of the Guard and Reserve at a special October 2015 luncheon.

Special guests at the event were New Mexico Lt Gov John Sanchez, New Mexico Secretary of Workforce Solutions Celina Bussey, Secretary of Veterans' Services Jack Fox, and BG Thomas Bump, land component commander.

Through the efforts of the employers the unemployment rate of the National Guard force units has decreased from a high of 22% in 2012 just over 3% in 2015.

Employers recognized at the luncheon were:

- 377th ABW/SAR Kirtland Air Force Base (KAFB)
- 377th ABW/Community Support, KAFB
- 377th ABW/FSS/FSK/, KAFB
- Albuquerque Police Department (third award)
- Anderson-Brown In.
- Albuquerque Public Schools ROTC
- Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office
- Convergys Call & Support Center
- Defined Fitness of Albuquerque
- Enterprise Holdings (second award)
- Galactic Network Integrators Inc.
- G4S



*Marine Major Rudyard Olmstead and First Sergeant John Finney stand by New Mexico Lt Gov John Sanchez following his appearance at the October 2015 luncheon honoring New Mexico patriotic employers.*

- Goodwill Industries of Albuquerque
- Hyatt Tamaya Resort
- Isleta Resort (second award)
- Sandia Aerospace
- Sprint (second award)
- T-Mobile (sixth award)
- Verizon Wireless (third award)
- Wells Fargo Bank on Lomas in Albuquerque

## *United Healthcare Employee Accepts Patriotic Employer Award*

Crystal Pirritano of United Health Care, Albuquerque, is pictured at center with her Patriotic Employer Award.

Jordan Pratz, Army National Guard member of the HHC 1/200th IN, submitted his supervisor Crystal Pirritano for this award.

“My supervisor is highly supportive of ensuring that the team that I lead at work is recognized and supported when I am absent and on orders,” said Pratz. “I am never worried about my job security or my team of 22 members because I know they are being taken care of and I am able to focus all my efforts on the mission of my unit.”

The presentation was conducted in the office lobby so Crystal's co-workers had the opportunity to witness her being recognized for her outstanding support



to the Guard and Reserve.

Additionally, Crystal accepted a Statement of Support that she proudly signed and said she would display for others to see her support for our military forces.

# What's Happening in Santa Fe?



Donald Aire, a supervisor with the Communications Workers of America in Santa Fe, was presented a Patriotic Employer Award in December 2015, after being nominated for the award by employee SPC Toby Tafoya.



The award was made by NM ESGR Santa Fe Committee Chair Roseanne Swoboda and Committee Member Carmen Rodriguez along with LTC Patrick Campos. Aire signed a Statement of Support.



*Santa Fe County Sheriff Robert Garcia accepts a Seven Seals Award from Santa Fe ESGR Committee Chair Roseanne Swoboda for his support of the Guard and Reserve. Committee member Anna Vigil looks on. Garcia signed a Statement of Support.*



*COL Steven Garcia, LTC Patrick Campos and ESGR volunteer Rosanne Swoboda presented Patriotic Employer Award to Santa Fe Public Schools. SSGT Paula Gorman from the Air National Guard nominated the school for award for recognition of their outstanding support.*

# ESGR Supporters and Patriots

New Mexico ESGR staff member Ashley Nguyen presented the Patriotic Employer Award to Jim Allday, chief flight nurse of the University of New Mexico Hospitals,



on Dec. 7, 2015. 1LT Falko Schoeneweiss, Army Reserve member of the 491st MC AS in Santa Fe, NM, submitted Allday for this award. "UNM Hospitals is very supportive of their service members," said Schoeneweiss. The presentation was conducted in the Atlantic Aviation break room, where Kathryn Gerber and Carrie Rael (both flight nurses) and Doug Dixon (medical director) witnessed their supervisor being recognized for his outstanding support of the Guard and Reserve. Pictured above, left to right: 1LT Falko Schoeneweiss, Clinical Supervisor Jim Allday, and Medical Director Doug Dixon.

Erika Wilson, Emergency Communications Center Manager for the Albuquerque Police Department accepts her second Patriotic Employer Award. Denise Broussard has been with the Communications Center for three



years now as a First Responder and is also an Air National Guard member of the 250th Intelligence Squadron. SrA Broussard submitted Wilson for this award for her continual support.

Alvino Madueno from The Home Depot, 200 Eubank Blvd SE, Albuquerque, accepted a Patriot Award December 1, 2015. His employee, John A. Sanchez, is a member of the New Mexico Army National Guard, 720th Transportation Co. Det 3 and submitted Alvino for this award. "I have deployed to Iraq, NM State missions, and worked with the Counter Drug Task Force since 2012 and Alvino has always worked with me, being patient and understanding of my military obligations as a soldier," said Sanchez. "The management staff is very professional about things that come up and are great about working with my schedule. The Home Depot also grants me military pay while I'm on orders which is really nice of the company. I love working at the Home Depot and have been working there for 22 years and I don't plan on retiring any



time soon. Thanks again, Alvino and his management staff, they are truly professionals!"

## The ESGR Patriot Award

An employee serving in the National Guard or Reserve, or the spouse of a Guard or Reserve member, may nominate individual supervisors and bosses for support provided directly to the nominating Service member and his or her family. The Patriot Award reflects the efforts made to support Citizen Warriors through a wide-range of measures including flexible schedules, time off prior to and after deployment, caring for families and granting leaves of absence if needed.

Dan Heavner, manager of Albertsons, received a Patriotic Employer Award for his support of Airman Sydney Wright, Air National Guard member of the 150th Special Operations Wing. Heaver and Wright are pictured above.



# ESGR Supporters and Patriots



*Brian Hounshell, Wendy's staff and ESGR staff.*

*Brian Hounshell, manager, and his staff, from Wendy's Restaurant, 2203 Wyoming Blvd, Albuquerque, accepted a Certificate of Appreciation from NM ESGR on November 16, 2015, for their outstanding support of our National Guard and military personnel. When Brian is on shift he gives 50% off to all military in uniform as a courtesy. He is a prior Army soldier who understands the military and goes "Above and Beyond" to give back to our soldiers!!*

*Raine Paulk from Southwest Wines & Spirits, 8901 Washington St NE, Albuquerque, accepted a Patriot Award on December 1, 2015. Her employee Ashley Nguyen is a member of the New Mexico Army National Guard, 1209th ASMC and submitted Raine for the award.*



*Pictured left to right Sylvia Alspach, Raine Paulk, 2LT Ashley Nguyen and Robert Roeloffs.*

*Neil Rodriguez, manager of Securitas Critical Infrastructure Services (SCIS), accepts the Patriotic Employer Award from New Mexico ESGR on December 30, 2015.*

*Rodriguez's employee, SSG Robert Hopkins, is a member of the Army National Guard 919th Military Police Co. and submitted his supervisor for this award.*

*"My supervisor supports my decision to serve in the Army National Guard," said Hopkins. "He is understanding when I have to take off to go to drill and adapts quickly upon short notice. Neil helps me by covering my hours when I am gone as well as the team. They are all very supportive of the military."*

*Rodriguez also signed a Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve,.*



*Pictured left to right are Vikki McCormack of NM ESGR, Neil Rodriguez, MAJ Wilbert "Ricky" Archuleta and Ashley Nguyen, both of NM ESGR, SSG Robert Hopkins, and Ruby Estella Rodriguez.*

# Southwest New Mexico Boss Lift

Employers from Las Cruces and Southwest New Mexico participated in a November 2015 Boss Lift that taught them what their employee who is a member of the Guard and Reserve do.

Lunch was included along with awards for those who support the Guard and Reserve.



Clockwise from top left

Getting ready to head out on the convoy are, from left to right, Senator Lee Cotter, Ana Berrun, Mike Hales, Robert Herrera, Rick Lucero, Javier Beltran, and Ben Woods.

Robert Herrera, branch manager of Wells Fargo, received the Patriotic Employer Award, nominated by Luis Armendariz (ANG) while in student flight. From left to right are Wilbert Archuleta, Robert Herrera, LTC Thomas Gonzales, and Richard Lutz.

Teo Regalado tries out the M110 while at the weapons display table.

Jorge Ortiz, store manager of Pic Quik, enjoying his first helicopter ride. Ortiz was nominated for a Patriotic Employer Award by Kristin Hahn (ARNG) prior to leaving for basic training

# More Northern NM Supporters and Patriots



James Sanchez of O'Reilly's Auto Parts in Santa Fe received a Patriotic Employer Award for his support of Guard and Reserve presented by New Mexico ESGR Santa Fe Committee Chair Roseanne Swoboda.



Joe Norrell, Deputy Forest Supervisor with the Santa Fe National Forest, accepted the Patriotic Employer Award on behalf of Ms. Maria T. Garcia, from New Mexico ESGR on November 19, 2015. Garcia's employee, Major Bruce Hill, is in the New Mexico Air National Guard. Carmen Rodriguez, Santa Fe ESGR committee member, presented the award.



Los Alamos Police Chief Dino Sgambellone accepts a Patriot Award for his support of the Guard and Reserve after being nominated for the award by Officer Leandro Gallegos.

## ***Longtime ESGR Volunteer Dies***

Longtime ESGR Volunteer Dorothy Canon passed away in April with funeral services held in Roswell where she once served as chairman of the local committee.

She was also active on a statewide level for ESGR.

New Mexico ESGR Chair Ray Battaglini extended the organization's sympathy to Dorothy's family.



New Mexico ESGR staff and volunteers manned an information center during Military and Veterans' Day sponsored by the New Mexico Legislature and held in the Capitol Rotunda in Santa Fe in February 2016.

***Check out Heroes2HiredNM on Facebook for NM ESGR News***

# Santa Fe Area Employers on Boss Lift

An October 2015 Boss Lift hosted by NM ESGR and the 93rd Brigade at the Regional Training Institute in Santa Fe recognized employers of Guard and Reserve.

The Boss Lift is designed to give employers an appreciation of what Guardsmen and Reservists do during drill weekends, on annual training and when called out to conduct missions.

Employers experienced a flight in the UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter flown by Charlie Co., 1-171st Aviation Regiment, learned the important role maintainers at the Combined Support Maintenance Shop play on keeping Guard equipment mission ready, experienced shooting military weapons on the Engagement Skills Trainer 2000, and enjoyed a Whole Hog BBQ lunch while visiting with Guard and Reserve.

Statements of Support were presented to the following (with the people scheduled to receive the statement): Bernalillo County Metro Detention Center, Donald Vigil

Department of Veteran Services, Josetta Rodriguez

Discount Tire of Santa Fe, Orlando Dominguez and Steve Willis

Farmington High School, Principal, Tim Kienitz

Hi-Country Auto Group, James Swoboda

IT Connect, Joe Garcia

Los Alamos National Laboratory, Gus Sinnis and Fredrick Tovesson

Santa Fe Chamber of Commerce, Simon Brackley and Bridget Dixon

Santa Fe Community College, Veterans Resource Center, Gregory Scargall

Santa Rosa High School, Principal Martin Madrid

SER – Jobs for Progress, Suzette Lucero, Maggie Lujan and Andrea Herrera

Northern Area Local Workforce Board, Suzette Lucero, Maggie Lujan, and Andrea Herrera

Smith Veterinary Hospital, Dr. Kathy Dobesh and Dr. Vianey Sanchez



***Santa Fe Boss Lift participants buckle themselves in before taking off in the Black Hawk helicopter.***

Toyota of Santa Fe, Maria Espinosa and Buddy Espinosa  
Wells Fargo Bank, Modette Madrid and Jomar Raffael  
Seven Seals awards were presented to for supporting the Guard and Reserve and the local activities of the ESGR Santa Fe Volunteer Committee in the community:

Admiral Beverage Company, Joe Gomez  
Children, Youth, and Families Department, Deputy Cabinet Secretary Jennifer Saavedra, Deputy Director of Operations Lancing Adams, and ARNG Anna Vigil,  
City of Santa Fe Police Department, Police Chief Patrick Gallagher

Department of Workforce Solutions, Northern District Manager Larry Campos, and Sheryl Trail, and Veronica Purell from Cabinet Secretary Celina Bussey's Office

Santa Fe Harley Davidson Motorcycles, Wayne Pugh, Murray Haynes and Rudy Baca

The Club at Las Campanas, Olga Santamaria and Tom Eilhoff.

# Socorro Barber Receives Patriot Award



*James McNeil, owner of McNeil's Barber Shop on the plaza in Socorro, received a Patriot Award and signed a Statement of Support for his support of his employees, Sgt. Manuel Lopez and Pvt. Adam Paz Jr. He is shown at left with his employees and Socorro City Councilor Peter Romero and Socorro County Commissioner Martha Salas, active members of the Mid-Rio Grande ESGR Committee.*

# Clovis Boss Lift A Success

The October 2015 Clovis Boss Lift supported the local unit A-Co 717th BSB and was the first boss lift in Clovis in almost five years.

ESGR staff and volunteers welcomed everyone with coffee and donuts at the Clovis Civic Center.

The goal of a boss lift is providing employers and civic leaders with personal experiences by showing military training and conducting mission briefings.

Clovis area employers flew in a National Guard Black Hawk helicopter.

A-Co 717th BSB unit provided a detailed demonstration of a tactical water purification system on site.

Nearly 100 people attended the luncheon including a working group of New Mexico legislators. Guest speaker COL Donnie Quintana thanked employers and legislators for their support.

The New Mexico Medal of Merit was presented to ESGR Area Chairman John Montano by Quintana for his many years of outstanding volunteer support to the New Mexico ESGR Committee and to all local Guardsmen and Reservists.

Seven Seals awards were presented to:

Sandy Chancey, Eastern Plains Council of Governments  
Kevin Duncan, Clovis Steel Inc.

Derek Cockrell, Clovis/Curry County Chamber of Commerce  
Stacey Marin, Western States Insurance

Rhonda Bargeman, Paradise Market  
Tommy Knight, retired

CW4 Charlie Day, New Mexico Army National Guard

Outstanding Performance Certificates were presented to Ray Mondragon, John and Robin Montano, Claire Burroughes, Captain Nils Stansen, and ISG Scott Moles.

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to the Clovis Civic Center and Misty Bertrand.



*Camaraderie is the order of the day for the Clovis boss lift.*



## U.S. Forest Service's Torres Receives Patriotic Employer Award

Anthony Torres from the Financial Compliance Oversight Branch, Forest Service Department, signs a Statement of Support after receiving a Patriotic Employer Award from ESGR. Looking on is SSG Thomas C. Boldon, a member of the New Mexico Army National Guard, 93rd Brigade-S1, who submitted Torres for the award.

Boldon said "My supervisor (Boldon) always maintains contact with me while I'm on annual training. As a traveling auditor my supervisor has rescheduled and reassigned audits to accommodate my drill schedule. He has made himself available to my family members to provide them information on my benefits and status as a mobilized soldier."



## Bataan Memorial Death March



*New Mexico ESGR Chair Ray Battaglini works the booth at registration for the 2016 Bataan Memorial Death March. ESGR volunteers and staff welcomed thousands during the weekend of the Memorial Death March.*



*New Mexico Adjutant General Andrew Salas was there when Louis Herrera from Indian Motorcycle of Albuquerque was presented with a Patriot Award by NM ESGR. Herrera employs Guard and Reservists and is a member of the New Mexico National Guard. See inside for more on New Mexico Guard, Reserve and ESGR supporters.*

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