

New Mexico Veterans Memorial Honor Roll

12 July 2002

With the dedication of the Visitor's Center and Museum on Memorial Day 2001 and our certificate of occupancy and Grand opening on Memorial Day 2002 the dream for a Memorial to honor all veterans and share New Mexico's rich veteran heritage of service to this nation is half way complete. We gratefully acknowledge the dedication of the many people who shared our vision, believed in our dream, and are helping to make it come true.

The Board of Governors and Advisors wish to thank you all!

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.....The Early Years

“They Had a Dream”

**Don Baker
Gordon Church
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Ray Quintana
Pat Romanich
Muriel Stepenson
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“They Shared the Dream”

City of Albuquerque Parks & Recreation Department

Planning and Design Division

**Janet Saiers - Phase I Project Manager
Sandy Zuschlag - Phase I Project Manager
David Flores - Project Manager
Colleen Frenz - Project Manager
Deborah Hilyard - Project Coordinator
Ed Stang - Senior Planner**

“They Helped Fund the Dream”

Mayor Martin Chavez - City of Albuquerque

Tom Rutherford - Bernalillo County

Shannon Robinson - State of New Mexico

Wally Jones - Sunwest Bank

The Veterans themselves

“They Created the Dream”

Cherry See Architects

Edith Cherry

James See

Tina Reames

“ They Built the Dream”

Enterprise Builders

Ralph Baldwin, President

Jim Martin

David Barreras

Pioneer Electric Power, Inc.

Vern H. Kilfoy, President

SCI Security Systems

Sue Benson - Operations Manager

Floyd Wells - Service Manager

Robert Moore - Installer

.....The Middle Years & Today.....

“They Take Care of our Dream”

***City of Albuquerque Parks & Recreation Department
Ms. Blanca Hise, Director***

***Park Management
Dale Sokkary - Superintendent
Richard Trujillo - Assistant Superintendent***

Carpentry, Electrical, Paint, Welders, etc.

***Leroy Lucero
Pete Atenico
Ernest Gallegos
Orlando Garcia
Dave Morehead
Mike Nelson
Ray Sanchez***

***Paul Saavedra
Chris Baca
Lorenzo Garcia
Richard Maestas
Mike Muller
Andy Nieto***

***Los Altos Satellite
Irrigation, Mowing, Weeds, etc.***

***Mike Martinez
Brian Barela
Ernest Duran
Lawrence Olguin
Diana Savage***

***David Archuleta
Joseph Castillo
Amanda Martinez
Joseph Padilla***

City Greenhouse

***Mike Doyle
Janet Mitchusson***

Nickie Jerome

Memorial Gifts

Patricia Sena

Capital Improvement

John Casados

Street Maintenance Division

Public Works Department

Bill Pedigo - Supervisor

Andre Houle - Section Chief

Raymond Gallegos - Sweeper Operator

John Kluncyk - Sweeper Operator

P.J. Sanchez - Sweeper Operator

Albuquerque Rose Society

Rosarian

Caroll Sue Wagoner

***“They Help Us Share Our Dream with the
Community”***

***New Mexico State Highway Transportation Department
District 3***

Steve Harris

Eddie Baca

Dominique Gallegos

Paul Lopez

Kathy Trujillo

***City of Albuquerque Street Maintenance Division
Public Works Department***

Edward A. Toledo

Eugene Bell

Ernest Crespin

Stephen Eberhard

Albert Ortiz

Albuquerque Business Alliance

Web site Host & Design

Bill Walters, President

Amanda Valencia

Virginia Stubella

Albuquerque Convention & Visitor's Bureau

Ms. Mary Kay Kline, President

ARGUS Designworks

Graphic Artist

Ms. Tracy Clark

D & K Enterprises
Art Work, Name Tags, Mailing Labels, Membership Cards, etc.
Darrell & Kay Elmore

The Print Stop
Letterhead, Business Cards , Misc. Printing & Design
Bob & Mary Ann White
Robert Christopher

Kirtland AFB 377th ABW Director of Public Affairs
Ralph Francis

Kirtland AFB 377th ABW Chief of Media Relations
2nd Lt. Kelly Jeter

Kirtland AFB Nucleus
Terry Walker, Editor

Albuquerque Journal
Miguel Navrot

City of Albuquerque Special Events
Linda Hubley
Craig Riveria

“They Help Us Teach Our Dream”

KNME

Ms. Colleen Keane

***Ms. Yvonne Jordan - Librarian
Col. USAF/Ret. Gil Martinez - Educator
Ms. Lynn Baird - Computer Trainer***

Atomic Museum

Arlene Lucero, Collection Registry

***Mary Cox - Artifact & Exhibit Expert
George Salas - Exhibits Expert
“Tex” Stone - Exhibits Expert***

“They Honor Our Dream Through Ceremony”

Kirtland AFB 377th Air Base Wing

Colonel Kathleen Close, Commander

CMSGT Audrey Thompson, Command Chief Master Sergeant

Mr. Jim Hale, Deputy Chief 377th Services Squadron

CMS Robert Bates - Kirtland AFB Chief’s Group

Kirtland AFB 58th Special Operations Wing

CCMS Robert Benbrook

*Dukes of Albuquerque Band
Franz Springer*

*New Mexico Territorial Brass Band
Ralph Harris*

*Col USA/Ret Craig Chamberlain - Bag Piper
Major General USAF/Ret. Donald J. Harlin
SMA USA/Ret. J. W. Bill Gates*

*“They Gave the Dream Wings with Their
Donations”*

*Kirtland Federal Credit Union
Computers Softwear, Printer, & Digital Camera
David Seely. CEO*

*Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 318
Large Donation of Money Used For:
Periscope Transportation, Outdoor Flags & Hardware,
Vacuum Cleaner, Answering Machine, Plants, etc.
Bob Ulibarri, President*

*Ignatius De Cicco Veterans Charitable Trust
Refrigerator / Freezer
Ed Holbrook, President*

*New Mexico Veterans Assistance Foundation
Gestetner Copy Machine
Ed Holbrook, President*

*Kirtland AFB Base Exchange
Sony Corporation - VCR
JVC Corporation - 20 inch TV
Ms. Christine Woodward, General Manager*

*Albuquerque Duplicator Supply
Copy Machine Supplies
Mr. Jerry Smith, Owner*

*Wells Fargo Bank - Franklin Plaza
Large 30 Cup Coffee Pot
Sherrie Simek - Pamela Chavez*

*Marine Corps League, Detachment 381 - Outdoor USMC Flags
Navy League - Outdoor USN Service Flags
Association of United States Army - Outdoor USA Service Flags
Air Force Association - Outdoor USAF Service Flags
Order of the Daedalions, Flight 17 - Outdoor USAF Service Flags
8th Air Force Historical Society - Outdoor USAF Service Flags
New Mexico AARP - Outdoor New Mexico State Flags
TROA Council of Chapters - Outdoor POW/MIA Flags
Dan Telfair - Outdoor National Colors Flags
Frances Schwab - Outdoor National Colors Flags
Fred Moore - Outdoor National Colors Flags
United Veterans Council - Outdoor National Colors Flags*

*Theo Yeitrakis - GE Microwave
Col USA/Ret. Irene Barthelemy - Coffee Pot
Paralyzed Veterans of America - Coffee Pot
Bill Cox - Takes care of all the flags
Mr. Ed Foster - Foster's Upholstery
Teresa Sanchez - Mayor's Advisory Board
Suzanne Wasson - City of Albuquerque Treasury Department
and
All our Charter Members who also "Believed in the Dream",
recognized our potential and supported our fledgling efforts!*

"They Also Gave the Dream Wings with A Commitment of Their Time and Other Resources"

We could not operate the Visitor's Center and Museum and bring the Veterans history, legacy and stories to the public without the dedication of our many veterans organizations and their individual members.

The park would not look as nice as it does without the many volunteer hours spent by individual veterans and representatives of veterans organizations to help the Parks and Recreation Department with the maintenance since their operational budget has sustained large cuts in personnel.

Following is a list of individuals and organizations who maintain a piece of the real estate outside to help the Parks Department with their maintenance:

*82d Airborne, Lobo Chapter
Gold Star Wives - Minnie Ross
Marine Corps League Detachment 381
National League of Families of Prisoners & Missing in SEA
Surviving Spouses Society - France Schwab
TROA Council of Chapters
TROA Farmington Chapter
U.S. Army Ranger Association - Roger Knight
U.S. Sub Vets
Veterans for Equal Rights
Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 318 - Albuquerque
Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 358 - Silver City
Roger Knight
Sarah Langley
Bill Mitchell
Lou Bernasconi
Lauretta Dickey*

The following organizations help keep the Visitors Center and Museum open for the Public.

Veterans Organizations and their Volunteer Chair

Bonifacio Lopez - American Legion Post #99

George Cherolis - Association of United States Army (AUSA)

Jane Clement - DAV Auxiliary Unit #32

David Townsend - 8th Air Force Historical Society

Bill Mitchell - 82d Airborne Association, Lobo Chapter

Larry Fenimore - Military Order of the Purple Heart #1966

Larry Blair - Military Order of the Purple Heart #2484

*Sara Gist-Bernasconi - National League of Families of Prisoners
And Missing in Southeast Asia*

Stan White - Pearl Harbor Survivors

Vito Miera - Reserve Officers Association (ROA)

Dee Taylor - Society of Military Widows

Rick Detrick - Special Forces Association, Zia Chapter LVI

Roger Knight - U.S. Army Ranger Association

Henry Espinosa - U.S. Sub Vets

*Don Gibson - Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 318
Betty Brooks - Waves, Roadrunner Unit #4*

Last, but certainly not least, are those who “Believed in the Dream”, “Shared in the Building of the Dream”, “Helped Raise Funds for the Dream” and continue to be committed to making the “Dream Come True.” We owe a special thanks to them.

*Charlie Brown - U.S. Sub Vets
O.L. Davis - U. S. Sub Vets WWII
Sub Vets and Sub Vets WWII*

We could not conclude this Honor Roll without a salute to the Board of Governors and Advisors and the family members who support them, who “Believed in the Dream”. They gave up every Sunday afternoon including Super Bowl Sunday, Mothers Day and other significant holidays to meet and work out all the details needed to to keep the New Mexico Veterans Memorial operating, teaching the veterans story to the public, and keeping the dream alive! We salute you!!!

***“They Helped Us Thank Those Who “Believed in
Our Dream, Built Our Dream, Took Care of Our
Dream, and Are Making It Come True”***

***Professional Catering
Bill Keller***

***Tumbleweed Restaurant
Tony Bilotto***

***Premier Distributing Company
Edward Dobbs, President
Martin Chavez***

***Jubilation Wine & Spirits
John Zonski***

Joe Loisel