

Veterans Cemeteries: A NM Need/A Constituent Issue

- CURRENT STATUS
 - 2 Federal Cemeteries
 - Santa Fe: Current Estimated End of Use: 2025-35
 - Includes a Tribal Burial area
 - Ft Bayard: No estimates due to relatively low burial rates/distances from populations
 - Ft Bliss: Primarily services Las Cruces region only;
 - Est Life: 2025-2035
 - Approximately 45000 NM Veterans live within 75 miles of existing facilities
 - Approximately 131,000 veterans and eligible families live outside the 75 mile VA standard
- Numerous municipal groups asking for help/to help
 - Carlsbad; Roswell; Ruidoso; Taos; Gallup/Native Groups



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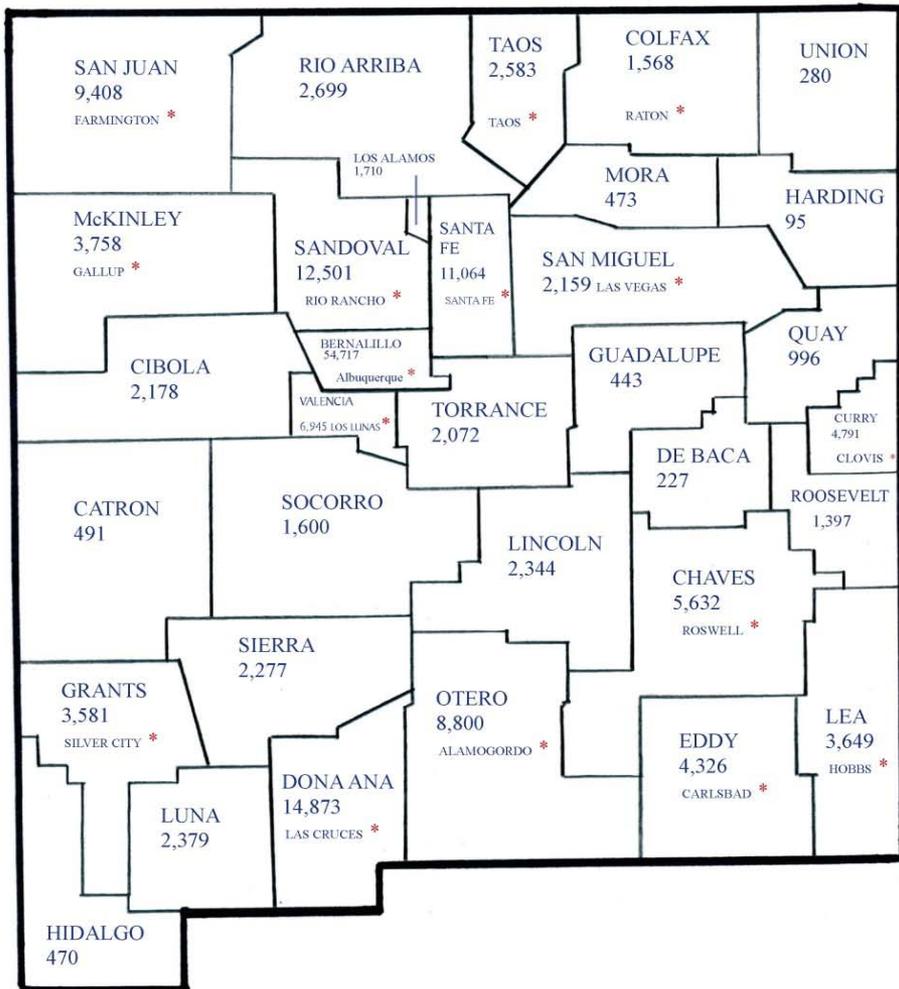
- Ft Stanton State Veterans Cemetery Plans:
 - Previously Approved by VA
 - Granted Funds returned by previous administration (Approx \$3.5M)
 - Part of 2013 Executive and Legislative \$650k state matching fund request (\$6.5M project...state regains matching funds)
 - Stalled in Senate Finance

2012 Veteran Population of New Mexico

172,595

(including 21,324 Women Veterans)

Ten Largest Veteran-Populated Counties



1. **Bernalillo** 54,717
2. **Doña Ana** 14,783
3. **Sandoval** 12,501
4. **Santa Fe** 11,064
5. **San Juan** 9,408
6. **Otero** 8,800
7. **Valencia** 6,945
8. **Chaves** 5,362
9. **Curry** 4,791
10. **Eddy** 4,326

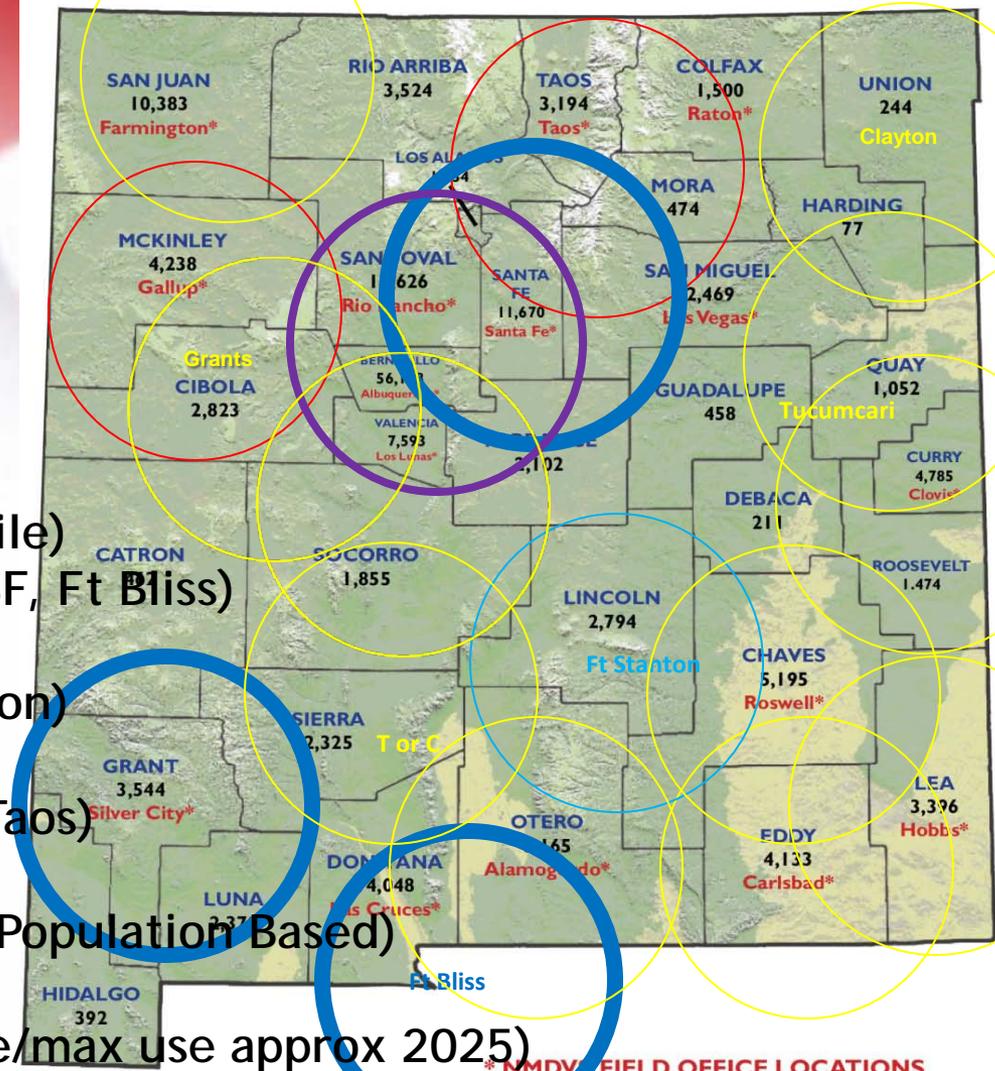
ROUGH COST: 3 ACRE DEVELOPED SITE W/1 Acre of CRYPTS 500 Columbarium Niches

Construction Item	Qty.	Units	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Burial (3' x 8' Pre-Placed Crypts) (1 Acre)	1,800	EA	\$500.00	\$900,000
Site Work, Demolition, Clearing and Grubbing	3	acres	\$15,000.00	\$45,000
Site Furnishings/ Receptacles/ Signage Replacement	1	LS	\$20,000.00	\$20,000
Site Improvements (utilities and landscaping)	3	acres	\$30,000.00	\$90,000
Roadways (24' wide, w/curb and gutter)	1,000	LF	\$100.00	\$100,000
Irrigation system	3	acres	\$50,000.00	\$150,000
TOTAL:				\$1,305,000

REQUIRED FUNDING: “Good Faith Funding”

- 10 state cemeteries
 - Estimate cost: \$13M (\$1.3M/per)
- Ft Stanton: \$6.5M
- *State Appropriation: \$1.3-1.9M*
 - If approved by VA, appropriated funds return to GF (or to DVS to fund 4x FTE and long term state maintenance fund)
 - If not approved by VA, appropriated funds return to GF

**TOTAL VETERAN POPULATION BY COUNTY
IN NEW MEXICO: 176,566**



Present and Possible State

Cemetery Sites (Circles approx 75 mile)

- Existing federal (VA: Ft Bayard, SF, Ft Bliss)
- Current Proposed State (Ft Stanton)
- Possible Tribal (Eastern Navajo, Taos)
- Possible Future Rural Initiative (Population Based)
- Rio Rancho (Following SF closure/max use approx 2025)



QUESTIONS?