

NEW MEXICO
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS'
SERVICES

“Serving those who served”

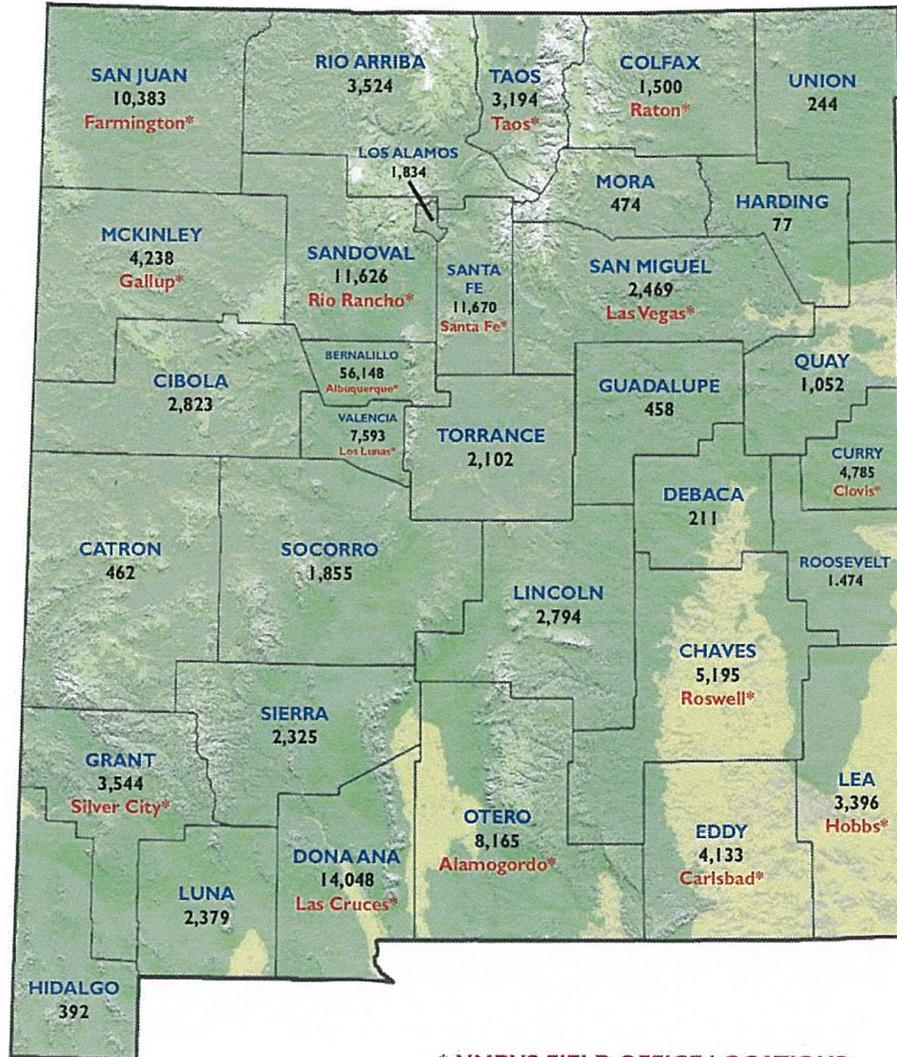
*“We are not just the beneficiaries of their
bravery....we are the stewards of their
sacrifice...” Sec Tim Hale*

BIG SIX: RULES FOR SUPPORTING SERVICE MEMBERS, VETERANS, MILITARY FAMILIES, AND FAMILIES OF THE FALLEN

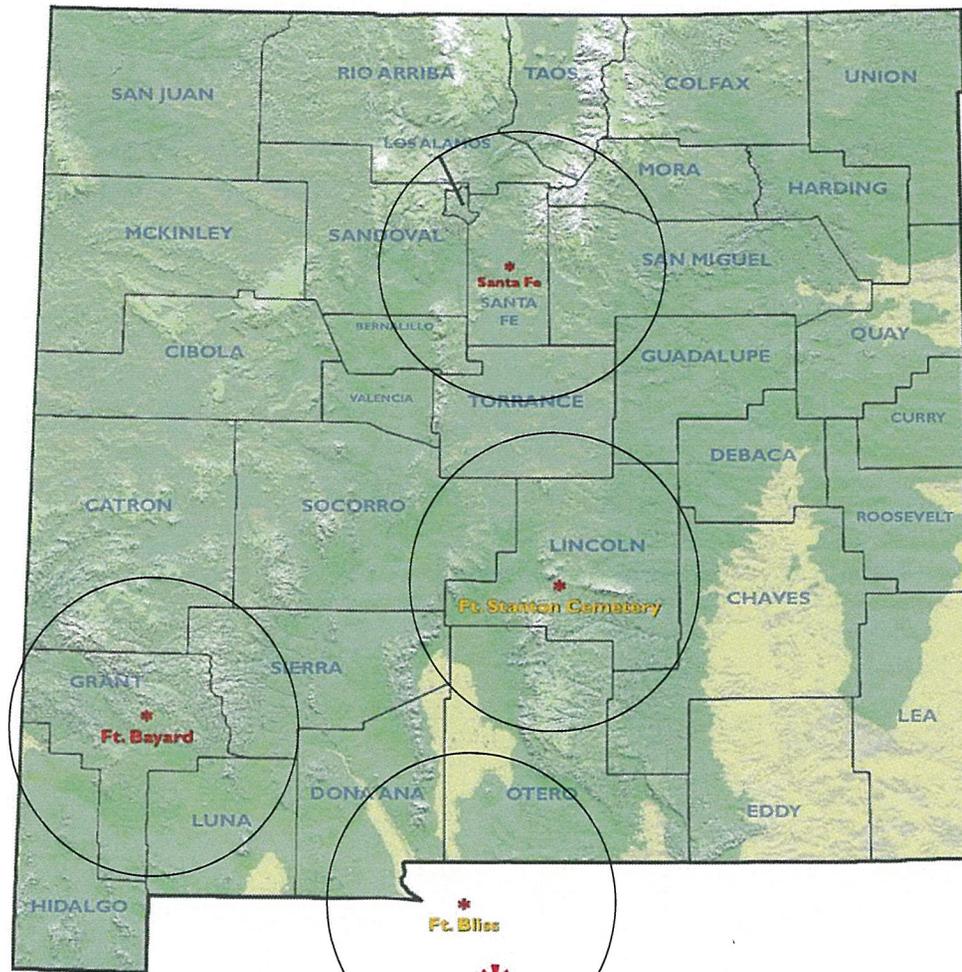
1. Actions and discussions are about THEIR needs, never about what you do
2. Realize that each individual is unique and therefore has unique needs
3. If you think you're doing it better than anyone else or the only one doing it, someone else is doing it and doing it better
4. Never make a commitment you cannot, do not, or will not keep
5. Build for the long run and have a meaningful and personal impact
6. If you start to think it's about you, that's when it's time to get out



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IN NEW MEXICO: 176,566**



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NATIONAL CEMETERIES

SANTA FE
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501 NORTH GUADALUPE STREET
SANTA FE, NM 87501
(505) 988-6400

FT. BAYARD
200 CAMINO DE PAZ
FORT BAYARD, NM 88036
(915) 564-0201

FT. STANTON CEMETERY
(NEAR RUIDOSO)

FT. BLISS
EL PASO, TX



ELIGIBILITY

Veterans with a discharge issued under conditions other than dishonorable, their spouses and eligible dependent children can be buried in a VA national cemetery. Other burial benefits available for all eligible Veterans, regardless of whether they are buried in a national cemetery or a private cemetery, include a burial flag, a Presidential Memorial Certificate and a government headstone, grave marker or medallion.

National Cemetery Administration (USDVA)

- VA: operates 131 national cemeteries
- 39 states and Puerto Rico
- 33 soldiers' lots and monument sites
- Nearly four million Americans, including Veterans of every war and conflict -- from the Revolutionary War to the current conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan -- are buried in VA's national cemeteries on more than 19,000 acres.

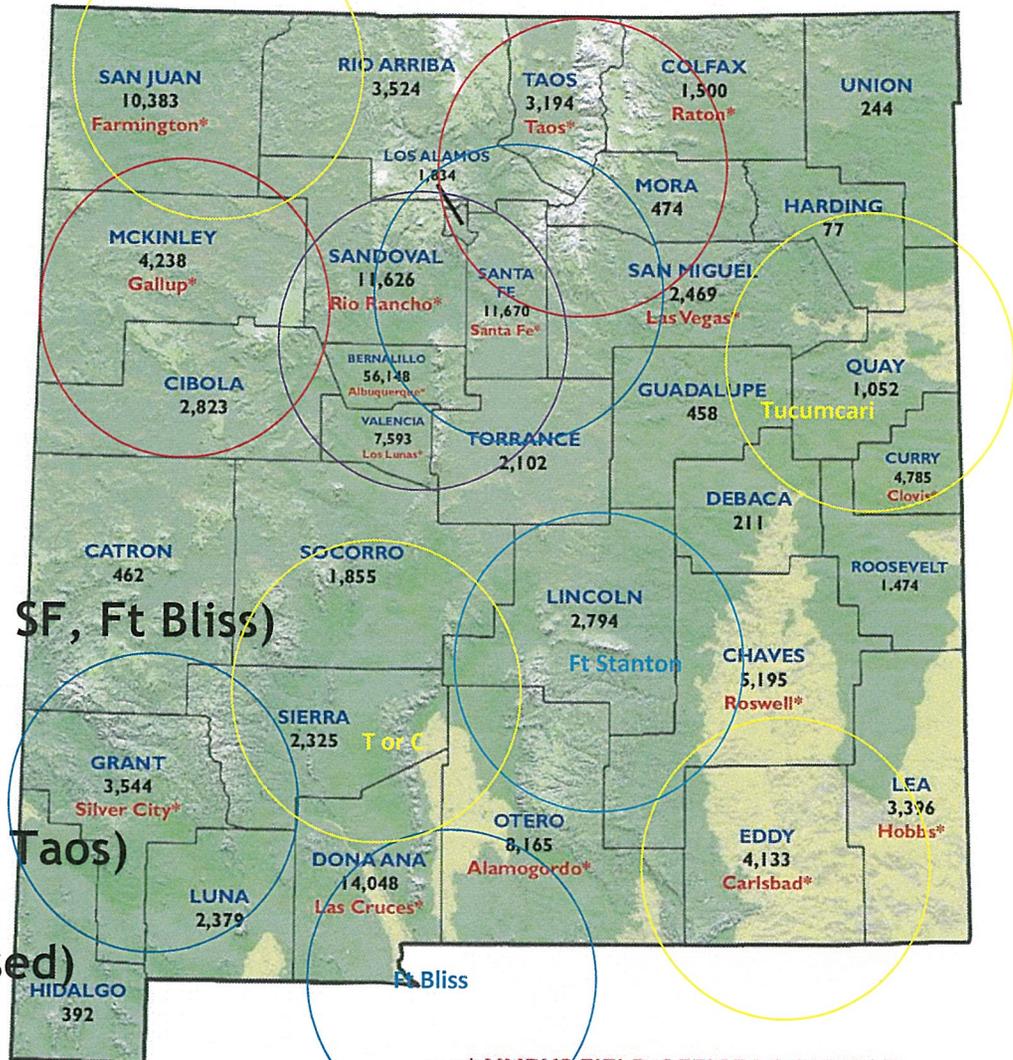
VA Rural Initiative Plan

- **VA** will build small National Veterans Burial Grounds within existing public or private cemeteries in rural areas where the unserved Veteran population is **25,000 or less within a 75-mile radius**.
- Small, **VA-managed** section of three to five acres within an existing public or private cemetery.
 - VA will provide a full range of burial options
 - VA controls the operation and maintenance
 - These sections will be held to the same “national shrine” standards as VA-run national cemeteries
- **NEW MEXICO NOT ELIGIBLE UNDER CURRENT VA RULES**—per phone conversation w/National Cemetery Administration Director Muro and Sec Hale, Oct 2013

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**Present NCA and Possible State
Cemetery Sites**

- Existing Federal (VA: Ft Bayard, SF, Ft Bliss)
- Current Proposed (Ft Stanton)
- Possible Tribal (Eastern Navajo, Taos)
- Possible Future (Population Based)
- Rio Rancho (Following SF closure/max use approx 2025-2035)



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