

**FINAL SENT TO NMDOT** (March 16, 2009)

# Official Scenic Historic Marker Program



**CPRC meeting: February 20, 2009**

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**Name of Marker: Women Veterans of New Mexico**

**Review:**  Original Text/Replacement Marker  
 Move of Existing Marker

Revised Text  
x  New Marker

**NMDOT District:** Sandoval County

**NMDOT Highway:**

**Suggested Site for Installation:**

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**Proposed Text:** (two sides)

Side one:

New Mexico has a proud history of military service. We are a state of culturally diverse citizens who are willing to defend our freedom and rights. Over 15,000 women in New Mexico have volunteered to serve in our military. These women have taken up arms throughout our history, and New Mexico honors them for their considerable contributions and sacrifice.

**Word Count:** 59

Side two:

These three women, who lost their lives in military service, are representative of the region.

1st Lt. Tamara Archuleta  
United States Air Force  
Los Lunas, New Mexico  
Died 23 March 2003

Specialist Lori Piestewa  
United States Army  
Tuba City, Arizona  
Died 23 March 2003

Captain Christel Chávez  
United States Air Force  
Albuquerque, New Mexico  
Died 7 August 2002

**Word Count: 56**

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**Previous Title and Text:**  None

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**Source(s):** New Mexico Department of Veterans Services;  
<http://www1.va.gov/vetdata/page.cfm?pg=15> . (This breaks out veterans data state by state.)

**Supporting Information Attached:**

**Text Approved by CPRC on Date:** 2-20-09

**CPRC Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

**For Referral to:** NMHWMI; Rhonda Lopez, NMDOT GO

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