



## New Mexico National Guard

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### **New Mexico National Guardsmen to be inducted into Hall of Honor Class of 2023**

SANTA FE, N.M --- The New Mexico National Guard is honored to announce the inductees for their Hall of Honor Class of 2023.

The following honorees are selected as the Class of 2023 Hall of Honor inductees:

Major Antoinette Baca, New Mexico Army National Guard, Assistant Adjutant General, and first female commissioned officer in the National Guard in 1921, 35 years before the formal recognition of women's service.

Retired Brigadier General Judy Griego, New Mexico Air National Guard, Chief of the Joint Staff, with over 36 years of service, and first female promoted to Brigadier General in the New Mexico National Guard in 2011.

We are also honoring the 1<sup>st</sup> New Mexico Cavalry, formed May of 1862, one of the founding units in the New Mexico Army National Guard, and the 188th Fighter Squadron, federally recognized July of 1947, as the inaugural unit in the New Mexico Air National Guard. Both units marked the beginning of historic involvement in both state and worldwide missions for years to come.

“In this class of inductees, we honor the richness of our culture and remarkable contributions of servicemembers who have broken barriers throughout our history,” said Maj. Gen. Miguel Aguilar, the Adjutant General of New Mexico. “The courage found in these women’s stories and the stories of our inaugural units are the foundation for the character present in our Soldiers and Airmen serving today.”

We celebrate these inductees, their families, and their contributions to our state and the nation.

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The story of their accomplishments while in uniform, service to their communities throughout their lives, as well as the lineage and heraldry of the 1<sup>st</sup> New Mexico Cavalry and the 188<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron will be presented at a ceremony November 11, 2023, at the Clyde Hotel in downtown Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Media interested in attending the event should RSVP with Mr. Hank Minitrez, NMNG Public Affairs Director at [henry.c.minitrez.civ@army.mil](mailto:henry.c.minitrez.civ@army.mil) or (505) 469-9563.

To see criteria for Hall of Honor inductees or to nominate a former New Mexico National Guard Soldier or Airman for consideration visit [www.newmexicomilitarymuseum.com](http://www.newmexicomilitarymuseum.com). To view past inductees, and this year's class, visit the New Mexico National Guard Hall of Honor located at the New Mexico Military Museum, 1050 Old Pecos Trail, Santa Fe, N.M.

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