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TOWN OF BERNALILLO SALUTES COMMUNITY VETERANS

Commemoration Event Honors Area Service Members and their Families

Bernalillo, NM – November 6, 2008 – The Town of Bernalillo will salute community veterans in a public ceremony Saturday, November 8, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. Mayor Patricia A. Chávez, the Town Council and the Veterans Advisory Committee invite all citizens to join them in honoring service veterans from the community. The commemoration event will be held at the Bernalillo Recreation Center at 370 Rotary Park Road.

“It is an honor and a privilege to acknowledge all service members from our community – living and deceased,” said Mayor Chávez. “We salute our veterans and the families who have sacrificed so much to protect and defend our country to ensure our freedom.”

Participating in the Veterans Commemoration Ceremony will be Colonel James P. Ross, USAF, currently serving on the Joint Staff in the Pentagon as the Executive Assistant to the Director of Operations. Bernalillo native David Lovato, 1st Sgt., 877 Quarter Master Company, U.S. Army Reserve will also speak at the ceremony. Bernalillo Boy Scout Troop #707 will lead the pledge of allegiance, and First Baptist Church Pastor Kenneth Clair will lead a community prayer. New Mexico National Guard Bagpiper Evan Larson will play during the ceremony.

A call for participation is extended to all active military service personnel, veterans and their families who reside or have resided in Bernalillo or within a three-mile radius of town limits. Contact the Office of the Mayor at 771-7129 to submit information about the veteran to be honored.

The Veterans Advisory Committee assisted in shaping plans for the event. The advisory committee includes Bernalillo veterans Loretta Archibeque, Vern Kilfoy, Carl Fitzgerald, Nick Mora, David Serbin and Stephen Jerge.

The public is invited to attend. For more information about the Veterans Commemoration Ceremony contact Mayor Chávez at 505-771-7129 or mayorchavez@townofbernalillo.org.

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