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Unveiling Of Historic Marker Honors Veterans

Seama, NM – Transportation officials were joined by members of Khe Sanh Veterans, Inc., the National American Indian Veterans Organization and local officials today to pay tribute to veterans at a historic marker unveiling ceremony.

The official scenic historic marker is dedicated to honor and preserve the memory of nine New Mexico servicemen who were killed in action while fighting at the Battle of Khe Sanh, Vietnam. The Battle of Khe Sanh claimed the lives of 2,097 United States servicemen.

“Many New Mexicans from all walks of life served in war torn countries and many paid with their lives so we can remain free,” said District Six Transportation Commissioner Jackson Gibson. “Like many, I am proud to be a Vietnam Veteran, but we need to recognize and remember all those who served, not only in Vietnam, but elsewhere in the world at different times and in different conflicts and wars.”

“The ultimate sacrifice of these nine servicemen will remain in our hearts forever,” said Transportation Secretary Gary L.J. Girón. “This historic marker will remind us of the sacrifices our veterans have given and the sacrifices our military continues to give while defending our country.”

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