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New Mexico National Guard to transfer Espanola Readiness Center back to City

Espanola, N.M. - The New Mexico National Guard will transfer the readiness center at 2011 Industrial Park Rd, Española, NM 87532 to the City of Espanola at a “transfer ceremony” to be held Friday, January 14, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. Brig. Gen. Miguel Aguilar, the interim adjutant general of New Mexico, will sign over the ceremonial property deed to Mayor Javier Sanchez. Attendance is by invitation only due the high rise in COVID positive cases and current restrictions.

The armory was built in 1992 for the Soldiers of Detachment 1, Battery B, 6th Battalion (Chaparral), 200th Air Defense Artillery and was reorganized as Detachment 1, 4th Platoon, 3631st Heavy Equipment Maintenance in November 1996 until the 3631st Heavy Equipment Maintenance Company was inactivated in September 2005.

Under Force modernization, it became the home for the Soldiers of Delta Company, 1st Battalion, 217th Infantry Regiment in October 2005 until the unit was inactivated in November 2007.

Detachment 3, 1115th Transportation Company was organized and assigned to the Espanola Readiness Center on August 2012 and is the last unit to occupy the Espanola Readiness Center.

“The armory and surrounding property provided a great military purpose over many years, a place for Soldiers to train and do a very important mission - to keep this great nation safe and secure,” said Aguilar. “Thank you to the citizens of Espanola and the surrounding communities for your support of our Soldiers over the years. I assure you that if an emergency arises in the area and the New Mexico National Guard is called upon to assist, we will be here for you.”

The transfer signifies the end of a training era filled with many memories for the New Mexico Army National Guard and a new beginning and purpose for the citizens of Espanola.

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