



111TH SUSTAINMENT BRIGADE
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111th Sustainment Brigade Hosts Centennial Celebration

RIO RANCHO, N.M. – The 111th Sustainment Brigade is scheduled to host a celebration for the unit’s centennial anniversary at the Rio Rancho Readiness Center on May 14. The event is free and open to the public.

Activities are scheduled to begin with a memorial walk/run with the unit at 7:30 a.m. An open house in the armory will begin at 10:00 a.m. There will be food trucks and a history display including artifacts from the New Mexico Military Museum. A brief ceremony will follow at 1:00 p.m.

The 111th began in 1921 as the 111th Cavalry Regiment, which served across the state of New Mexico. In 1940, the unit was redesignated as the 200th Coast Artillery which served in the Philippines during WWII. The unit was surrendered on April 9, 1942, and forced to endure the Bataan Death March. Of the 1,800 New Mexicans who deployed to the Philippines, 829 returned.

The unit was organized as the 111th Air Defense Artillery Brigade in 1972 and remained in Air Defense until 2005 when it became the 111th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade. The brigade again changed to become the 111th Sustainment Brigade in 2016.

Since its inception, the unit has deployed in response to almost all state emergencies, including the COVID-19 pandemic, and in support of major national emergencies like Hurricane Katrina in Louisiana and Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico. Major overseas deployments include Poland, Kuwait, Kosovo, and Egypt in support of Operation Spartan Shield, Operation Atlantic Resolve, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Kosovo Force.

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