

# *After Action Report for Oñate Event 6/13/1610*

## *Premise*

The event was the 15<sup>th</sup> annual “Massing of the Colors” in Santa Fe – a celebration of Flag Day. We were invited to attend by Cpt. Robert Mallin.

## *Muster*

We mustered four people: Roberto Valdez, Mike Bilbo, Sam Ulibarri, and Tim Wilson. Dr. Mallin announced the color teams as they approached the stage.

## *The Ceremony*

The ceremony was very well conducted, featuring the Santa Fe Concert Band and Bugler Vic Perry, the Santa Fe Chapter of MOWW, and greeting by its commander Major Bill Fiedman. The Invocation was made by LTC Bill Shrecengost. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by MG Franklin Miles. The Colors were posted by the NM National Guard with a rifle salute by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The Master of Ceremonies was John Garcia. The Buffalo Soldiers were well-represented by 10<sup>th</sup> Cav/E Troop and the Buffalo Society of NM. They performed a parade, drill, and color guard. Then the Parade of massed Color began with the Santa Fe Scottish Rite. The National Anthem was played followed by more chin music. The Boy Scouts folded the National Flag while the bugler played Tattoo followed by more bagpipe music and God Bless America. Then there was lunch at the VFW Hall. It was a one day event.



L-R: Roberto, Mike, Sam, and Tim.

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## Conclusion

It is a good event for us. The short notice made it difficult for us to gather people. We hope to get more attendance next year.

Mike

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