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## Woman Warrior Tour Announced

A new "Woman Warrior" bronze sculpture was revealed of Master Sergeant Judy Quintana, a native New Mexican. The artists were Matthew Quintana (brother) and Master Sculptor, and Brett Chomer, Santa Fe sculptor. The sculpture is 5'11" 360 lbs.

Artist Matthew Quintana is a member of the Jicarilla Apache tribe. He has been a sculptor for 30 years. He started with bronze and mold casting with Gino Miles doing cast relief and molds for local artistry. His clay work started with Glenna Goodacre on the "Stephen F. Austin" sculpture. After that he went to work with Doug Hyde doing finish work of grinding and polishing. The "Buffalo Dancer" sculpture at the New Mexico State Capital building was a piece that Matthew helped Doug complete. He continued to do finish work with Evelyn Fredericks, Presley and Sage La Fountain. White Horse Sculpting is the business that Matthew now has doing his own bronze and stone sculpting.

Artist Brett Chomer is an artist whose body of work ranges from figurative and architectural to modern and abstract. From wall panels to large-scale outdoor public sculptures, Brett's works have been exhibited and collected throughout the US with emphasis on the southwestern states. Continuing to be a creative force in the Santa Fe community, Brett works out of his own studio on his own projects as well as helping others fulfill their dreams.

Master Sergeant Quintana served 23 years in the United States Air Force Security Forces. She served during four wars: the Cold War, Desert Storm, Iraq War and Afghanistan War.

Quintana traveled around the world in her Air Force career and had only seen one sculpture in Washington DC of women in the military. She decided to self fund from her savings a sculpture of herself in uniform and travel around the country displaying it with other monuments of war to honor women in the military.

Quintana said, "This has been a long time dream of mine and I am looking forward to sharing this with other women warriors, as well as other military veterans and the public."

The first public viewing of "Woman Warrior" was on March 10, 2018 in Las Cruces, NM.

The sculpture of Quintana was at the Vietnam Veteran Memorial in Angel Fire, NM in May 2018. For the 4<sup>th</sup> of July it was in the Farmington Freedom Parade. It was at the Jicarilla Apache Nation tribal building in Dulce, NM from July 5 – July 31, 2018. Then during Little Beaver feast the sculpture was at the Wild Horse Casino. From August 13 to September 6 it was at Central NM College (CNM) main campus in Albuquerque, NM. Museum of Indian Arts & Culture will have the sculpture on display from September 26<sup>th</sup> to November 5<sup>th</sup>. Then on November 11<sup>th</sup>, it was at the New Mexico Veteran Memorial in Albuquerque, NM.

The sculpture will eventually go for to the Air Force Security Forces Museum in San Antonio, Texas. Then it will go to the Women in Military Service for America Memorial in Arlington, Virginia and the Smithsonian Native American Museum in Washington D.C.

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