New Mexico Department of Veterans’ Services Deputy Secretary Eric James presented a special framed American flag to Bernalillo County District 3 Commissioner Adriann Barboa at the May 14 county commission meeting *(bottom photos)*.

This is the flag that was raised, lowered, and folded by the American Legion Post 13 Honor Guard during the April 2 rededication ceremony of the city’s Historic Fairview Cemetery.

DVS presented the flag to Commissioner Barboa for her role in helping to facilitate a multi-agency effort to restore the city’s oldest cemetery, where about 500 veterans are believed be buried—some in unmarked graves dating back to our nation’s Civil War.

Looking on from behind in the commissioner’s seating are are, from L to R: commissioners Walt Benson, Eric Olivas, Barbara Baca, and County Clerk Linda Stover. Commissioner Steven Michael Quezada attended the meeting online.

A person and person shaking hands

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