

# Creative Arts Division 13 Patriotic/Historic Exhibits

**New Mexico State Fair  
September 10 – 20, 2026**

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## **Entry Dates**

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2026  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2026**

**9:00 AM to 5:00 PM**

**ENTRY FEE: \$5.00  
Fees are Non-Refundable**

## **Special Rules**

1. Entries must be of patriotic or historical interest and pertain to events, deeds or actions that contributed to the Independence of American Colonies from England or Spain.
2. Items may concern past events or be part of some historical period in American history.
3. Entries may relate to a later development in American or New Mexican history.
4. All printed single sheets must be framed or encased in plastic. Entries must be entered in specific class otherwise; it will be entered in a miscellaneous class.
5. Items previously entered will not be accepted.
6. All entries must be of a size that will fit in the show cases, 18" x 30".
7. Precautions are taken for the safety of all entries, but in no case, will the New Mexico State Fair, the state of New Mexico, employees, contractors or volunteers be held liable for the loss or damages to any entry while in the Fair's possession. Participants are encouraged to carry their own insurance.
11. Participant recognizes that marketing of the Fair and its grounds requires use of photography and video. Participant hereby expressly grants to the Fair the irrevocable, assignable right and license to take, use and publish participant images and work without the need for any other approval. Images and work will not be used for profit.
12. Participants are responsible for picking up their own work or providing written authorization for pick-up by another individual.
13. **NEW:** Work must be picked up Tuesday, September 22, 2026, from 9:00am – 4:00pm. Any work remaining on the Fairgrounds after this date will be considered abandoned and shall become the property of the NM State Fair to be disposed of at its discretion.

# **Patriotic/Historic Section 478**

## **Ribbon Awards**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place 2<sup>nd</sup> Place 3<sup>rd</sup> Place**

### **Best of Show – Rosette**

**Note:** Best of Show will be awarded only in classes where there are three (3) or more entries.

## **Paper**

### **Class 1-6**

1. Historical books, Bibles.
2. Legal documents, wills, decrees, notes, bonds, affidavits.
3. Letters, journals, diaries, postcards.
4. Newspapers, pamphlets, magazines, articles.
5. Paper miscellaneous.
6. Photographs/albums, pictures, historical brochures/posters.

## **Military**

### **Class 7-13**

7. All non-US Military articles of foreign origin.
8. All varieties of rifles, handguns, shotguns, muskets, flintlocks, matchlocks and accessories.
9. Displays of buttons, ribbons and medals, chevrons, insignias, etc.
10. Military miscellaneous.
11. Military weapons including knives, swords, bayonets, ammunition, bugles, hand grenades, powder horns, powder flasks, etc.

12. Paper: Discharges, promotions, death notices, awards, commendations, etc.: Under glass or plastic preferred.
13. Uniforms of U.S. up to and including the Viet Nam War, helmets, flight gear, boots, shoes, etc.: First come-space available.

## **Household/Personal**

### **Class 14-19**

14. Coins, paper money and tokens.
15. Flags, banners, pennants, maps.
16. Home instruments: Clocks, compasses, binoculars, telescopes, sextants, savings banks, toys, stable tools, tack, etc.
17. Household items: Cooking utensils, silverware, glassware, china, flatirons, sewing items, cross-stitch samplers, etc.
18. Household: Personal
19. Personal items: Watches, razors, jewelry, items of dress, eyeglasses, toilet articles, dresser sets, etc.

## **New Mexico History**

Must Pertain to a Definite Period in  
New Mexico History

### **Class 20-25**

20. Documents
21. Flags, banners, posters.
22. Historic Dress: Men and women uniforms, and accessories.
23. Household, Farm and ranch items.
24. Medals, insignia, maps.
25. Miscellaneous: Any items of New Mexico historical or patriotic value.