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General Montoya to be guest speaker at 2012 LCC Graduation

The following is a biography on Major General Kenny Montoya who will be the guest speaker at the 2012 Luna Community College graduation. This year’s graduation will take place at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 12.

Kenny Montoya was born and raised in Raton, N.M. Like so many northern New Mexicans, he believed it was his duty to serve his country. He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps after his sophomore year in college and was later commissioned an Army 2LT for the New Mexico National Guard.

Major General Montoya served in several leadership and staff positions in each rank. Until September 11, 2001, he served as a traditional guardsman and worked as a senior trial prosecutor in the 2nd Judicial District.



Major General Kenny Montoya

He was selected and appointed as the Adjutant General for the New Mexico National Guard in March, 2003 and held this position until April 2012. During this time New Mexico Guardsmen and women distinguished themselves in numerous deployments to Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait, Qatar, Cuba, Kosovo, Egypt and Columbia.

At the same time the New Mexico Guard helped in hurricanes Katrina and Rita and numerous fires, snowstorms, and rescues here at home. His education includes a BA from Parks College, MA from the U.S. Army war College in Strategic Studies, an LLM from the Judge Advocates School, and a JD from UNM School of Law. He has recently opened a private law practice in Albuquerque.



Rio Rancho High School senior Gabriella Negreiros recently signed a national letter of intent to play softball at Luna Community College. Negreiros, who intends on majoring in engineering, is a pitcher and a first baseman. Pictured with her from (l-r) are: her brother Emanuel, her mom Doris, LCC Softball Coach Meredith Gilpin, her brother Dominic, her dad Gino and her brother Joaquin.

Softball ends season

The Luna Community College softball team ended its season with a 3-1 and 10-2 loss to Otero Community College on Tuesday.

A double header scheduled at home on Sunday with Trinidad Junior College was cancelled. The Lady Rough Riders finished the season at 10-34.

“I think we ended the year on a strong note and we are looking forward to next season,” said LCC Coach Meredith Gilpin. “We have commitments for next year.”