

Kirtland Air Force Base - New Mexico - Manzano Archery Range

Rehabilitation Project

Goal: Rehabilitate the neglected Kirtland AFB archery range to provide a world class outdoor archery range experience to 28,000 Kirtland military and civilian personnel.



History

The Manzano Archery Range on Kirtland AFB was established by a private organization in the 1980s. The range is made up of 8 lanes from 10 – 80 yards, a 14 Target 3D course through various hills, and a pavilion picnic area. The previous owner of the range became too old to maintain the range. It was unfortunately neglected and has deteriorated over the last 10 years. Much of the infrastructure is now falling apart and unusable. The hay bale targets need to be replaced and repairs to the range are required for its future use.

Way forward

Currently a team of military and civilian personnel have been inspired to bring the range back to life while honoring its long history. The Kirtland BHA Armed Forces Initiative chapter has assumed stewardship of the range and is working hard to make the space usable for Kirtland AFB personnel. The range area is an ideal space with the potential and opportunity to be an outdoor highlight for the installation.

The Rehabilitation Plan

The rehabilitation plan is broken up in 3 phases to strategically improved the facility in order of priority.

Phase I

Replace the 8 hay bales used as target backstops on the practice range that are unusable and destroy arrow fletchings. They will be replaced with hard foam backstops that are able to last for years. Replace

the weathered archery range welcome sign to update and symbolize the new initiative. Replenish the stock of 3D targets to allow the 3D course to operate while also expanding the course to 20 total targets.

Phase II

Purchase foam bale targets to be placed around the 3D course to allow use when 3D targets are in storage. Additionally, rebuild the benches and bow hangers along the 3D course.

Phase III

Phase III will focus on long range infrastructure sustainment and maintenance. Improvements will be identified as the rehabilitation plan moves forward.

Sponsorship Opportunities

This rehabilitation plan will not be possible without a hard-working team of volunteers, fundraising opportunities, and sponsorships.

Sponsor a range target (\$600) – As a sponsor of a range target you will replace a target lane hay bale with a long-lasting foam target. Your brand name and logo will be permanently affixed to the target.

Current Target



Upgraded Target



<https://bbatargets.com/>

Donate Supplies – You can also sponsor our range by donating products, examples include donating 3D Targets, bale targets or any merchandise that could be raffled at range events.

Donate Funds – Any monetary donations for this effort will 100% go towards the range rehabilitation.

Benefits of being a sponsor

- Your contributions will directly support Kirtland AFB military and civilian families ensuring their access to a low-cost archery experience.
- Your brand will be recognized by the base personnel as a major contributor to the archery range revitalization.

Any business that donates product, funds or services that equal a minimum of \$500 would be eligible for the BHA corporate sponsorship program and benefits. These include:

- Business name listing will appear in 3 issues of the Backcountry Journal (published quarterly to 43,000 readers)
- Corporate logo & link on the NM BHA section of the website
- Business feature, logo and website link inclusion in at least one NM BHA quarterly e-newsletter
- Two mentions/tags in chapter social posts on Facebook & Instagram on both AFI and NM BHA social channels

Additional Note: The Kirtland AFB Manzano Archery range is looking to host our first 3D archery challenge in August of 2023.

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