What to expect from Tour of Bosque Redondo Memorial
Fly over....
A brief history of Fort Sumner

- As a consequence of the war against them, Mescalero Apache and Navajo were interned from 1863-1868
- Fort didn’t exist when Apache and Navajo were brought to the area
- Native Americans began farming, building of the fort, building their own structures and tending to livestock
- Disease, hunger, bad water, injuries and Comanche attacks led to many deaths. Estimate of 1 in 3 Navajo died
Apache Escaped

- Apache escaped on the night of November 3, 1865.
- It was reported: “some 350 – 82 men, 147 women, 112 children, and 9 infants – stole away.”
- 9 left behind kept their camps’ fires burning through the night to trick the military into thinking they were still present.
Navajo Peace

- Reservation cost millions to operate, many lives lost and caused inflation in the entire state.
- Indian Peace Commission with General Sherman made peace with the Navajo
- Signed peace treaty in 1868 and returned to the four corners area
Fort property sold to Lucien Maxwell
Billy was a participant in the Lincoln County War
Billy escaped Lincoln County Jail on April 28, 1881
Shot by Sherriff Pat Garrett on July 14, 1881
Buried in the Old Fort Cemetery