Sheriff Manuel Gonzales III Deputized Ralph C. Wendorf today, April 11, 2020, which is also Ralph’s 100th birthday. Ralph served in the United States Army as a T5 Corporal Technician and as a First Aid Field Medic, assigned to the 597th SAW BN Aircraft Warning Radar Unit. Ralph is now the oldest Deputy in the History of BCSO, and possibly the oldest in the United States.

“As a fellow veteran, I want to personally thank Corporal Technician Wendorf for his sacrifice and dedication to our nation, and for his continued service to our children, families and businesses in Bernalillo County,” said Sheriff Gonzales. “I also want to thank all of our first responders who participated today to honor Ralph and remind the community the importance of social distancing, but also for their hard work every day during this pandemic.”

The Bernalillo County Sheriff’s Office, Bernalillo County Fire Rescue, and numerous groups throughout our community joined together to celebrate Ralph by having a Social Distancing Parade in his honor.

If you would like to see additional pictures and video of the event, or if you have pictures you’d like to share from the event, please use #Happy100thRalph in your social media posts.