## Vzpomínka (10)

## ALAMOGORDO ("Tlustý topol"), STÁT New Meixo, USA

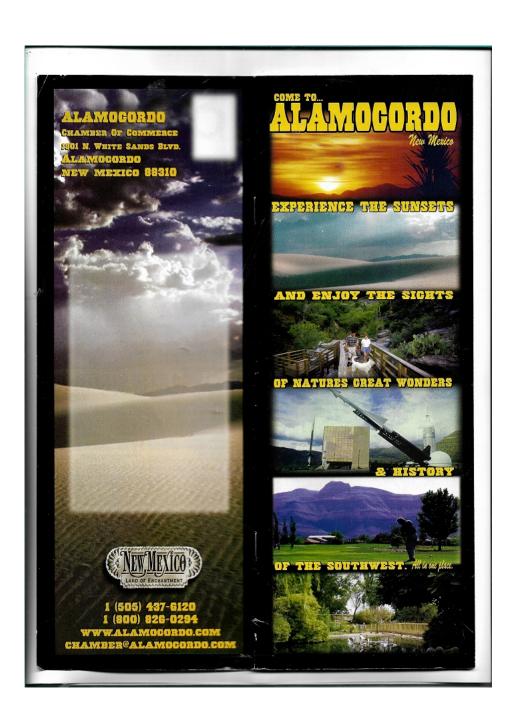
Město založeno v roce 1898 staviteli železnice El Paso & Northeastern Railway, od roku 1912 město se samosprávou.

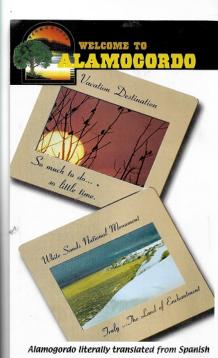
Město leží u Čivavské pouště na úpatí pohoří Sacramento Mountains.

## proslavené:

- Národním parkem White Sands (Bílé písky),
- Muzeem vesmírné historie,
- Holloman Air Force Base založené v roce 1942,
- prvním testem jaderné zbraně Trinity na světě (16. 7. 1945),
- skalními kresbami domorodých Meskalerů (lokalita Three Rivers).

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Alamogordo literally translated from Spanish means "fat Cottonwood." The name hardly does justice to the town and surrounding area even though the trees that give its name grow to huge proportions along the main road into town. Alamogordo is a place of sunsets so beautiful they inspire silent reverence, of landscapes so diverse they continually intrigue, of the histories of peoples so deep they open the way to the past, and of technologies so new they create the promise of the future.

The fact that Alamogordo is part of a state that has been dubbed the "Land of Enchantment" is quite appropriate. There is very little that can rival the sight of the sun rising over the nearby Sacramento Mountains, turning

the sky a delicate, then robust pink or that same sun setting on the western horizon painting a picture consisting of incredible hues and colors that only Mother Nature could orchestrate. Imagine the full moon reflected on the endless white sand dunes of White Sands National Monument or the peaceful quiet of the night in the Lincoln National Forest.

The town itself is nestled at the base of the Sacramento Mountains on the eastern side of the Tularosa Basin. The San Andres Mountains rise up on the opposite side and both ranges seem to reach up into the sky to protect the basin



