

After Action Report for Oñate Event 4/19/1608

Event

The event was Albuquerque Founders Day at Old Town Albuquerque. It was a Saturday, one day only event and visitor attendance mostly limited to participants. The event is sponsored by Albuquerque Founder's Day, Inc., which was formed to commemorate the founding of Albuquerque in 1706. The organization has made banners of the original founding families.

Muster

Our own group mustered five people to participate in the ceremonies: Samuel Ulibarri, Anthony Campisi, Dave and Bennett Poulin, and recruit Daniel Lopez. We were joined by James Chaves. We were asked to carry banners bearing the family names. The ceremony started at the statue of Jose Cuervo y Valdes. Proceedings began with a proclamation and invocation by Monsignor Lucero. After that the group sang Las Mananitas.



L-R: Bennett Poulin, Sam Ulibarri, Toy Campisi, Dave Poulin, Daniel Lopez, and James Chaves in front of the statues of Don Fransisco Cuervo y Valdez.

*P*resentation

We then proceeded to march to the Gazebo in the center of Old Town Plaza where we listened to several speakers including District Councilor Debbie O'Malley, Representative Rick Miera, Dr. Joseph Sanchez, Dr. Pelayo Ferandez, Ms. Maclovia Zamaora, and Mayor Martin Chaves. Most of the speakers honored Mille Santillanes who organized or participated in organizing many events and facilities in Albuquerque including Founder's Day, the statue of don Juan de Onate, the Albuquerque Museum, the Natural History Museum, and a host of other functions.

*C*onclusion

Great fun as usual.
Dave