

After Action Report for Oñate Event 4/26/1608

Premise

Our purpose was to represent a generic infantry company of the day, approximately 1580 to 1610, who were traveling on the Jornada del Muerto. The event was the Dia de los Ninos celebration at El Camino Real International Heritage Center. It was a Saturday, one day only event and visitor attendance was low. It seems that the event wasn't advertised enough. For more info on the center go to:
<http://www.caminorealheritage.org/>

Muster

We mustered four people: Austin Dimick, Mike and Barbara Bilbo, and Dave Poulin. There was a author/lecturer, a lady who had walked the Camino Real from El Paso to Santa Fe, a weaving exhibit, an excellent presentation of the Buffalo Soldiers, and a Folklorico dance group of Junior High school kids from T or C. It was quite windy and we decided to spend the day indoors. Smoke from forest fires and dust tinted the sky brown.



L-R: Austin and Mike

Comida

Barbara set up her wonderful display of Spanish Colonial foods. Inside the museum near their exhibit of an interior view of a colonial home.



Barbara's living history exhibit.

Museum exhibit

Presentation

After the Buffalo Soldier presentation we set up on the balcony of the museum's second floor and Mike talked to people about the time period we represented. Dave talked about field music of the day and played a few tunes for the people.

Conclusion

Great fun as usual. The museum staff are very gracious and appreciative of our support.
Mike and Dave