

La Sociedad de la Entrada

After Action Report for Oñate Event 6/2-3/08

Event

The event was the Spring Festival at Rancho de las Golondrinas Living History Museum (<http://www.golondrinas.org/>). This is an annual event for the museum with a theme centered on agriculture and the season to plant. It is also an animal fair with llamas, wolves, horses, mules, donkeys, birds, and snakes, etc. Visitor attendance was very high, about 1,000 people per day. We set up a Spanish encampment under the cottonwoods as our base of operations. Many thanks to Sam and Tony who helped Mike and Dave set up. We set up some tents and a fly, but due to fire restrictions we couldn't have a fire pit.

Muster

On Saturday six soldados were mustered in: Mike Bilbo, Tony Campisi, Austin Dimick, Sam Ulibarri, David Poulin, and Bennett Poulin. On Sunday we had eight: Roberto Valdez, Mike, Tony, Sam, Dwight Thompson, Tony Campisi, Dave and Bennett. Mike Vigil visited us both days in his gentleman outfit and Tim Wilson wore his rodero three-quarter armor and burgonet for the procession on Sunday. Barbara Bilbo also attended both days and Dwight's two girls, Indiana and Libertad, came on Sunday. It was beautiful weather, Saturday hit ninety degrees. Sunday felt a little cooler.



Capitan Roberto Valdez "El Lobo"



Cabo Samuel Ulibarri “El Basco”



Sargento Campisi “El Siciliano”



Alferez, Mike Bilbo "El Bibolero"



Dwight Thompson "El Ingles"

The Procession

Sunday was a little cooler than Saturday – very sunny and comfortable. In the morning, after Mass, the annual procession to bless the fields made its way to the shrine of San Isidro on top of the hill. They stopped along the way to bless the various fields and buildings. This is a long standing ritual in many farming communities of New Mexico.



Lead by Samuel Delgado and other members of the Caballeros de la Conquistadora the procession approaches our camp. The Sociedad follows them. We were joined by Mike Vigil and Tim Wilson of the Golondrinas staff who fell in with us.

(photo courtesy of Mike Bilbo)



Another shot of Los Caballeros de la Conquistadora and La Sociedad de la Entrada.





L-R: Rodero Tim Wilson and Alferez El Bibolero.
(photo courtesy of Sam Ulibarri)



L-R: Dave, Indiana, Dwight, Libertad and Tony.
(photo courtesy of Sam Ullibarri)

Show and Tell



Barbara and the Thompson girls.



A new recruit?

Afternoon Patrol

In the afternoon was mustered for drill and patrol. Notice we are strategically standing in the shade. Very clever.



L-R: Sam, Mike, Dwight, Bennett, Roberto (behind Ben), Dave, and Tony.



Off at route step.



Heading towards the main plaza.



Approaching the Mountain Village

Conclusion

Good stuff! Again and again!

Dave

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