

After Action Report for Oñate Event 11/15/1609

Premise

Our purpose was to represent Spanish colonists in 1598, who came to settle New Mexico. The event was the Multicultural Fair at Coronado Monument which is located on the west side of Bernalillo, NM. There were many vendors and displays attending and it turned out to be much better than last year. It was a Saturday, one day only event, and visitor attendance was quite good. The event was separate from the monument itself, being outside the building, though the staff were very helpful and loaned us their harquebus.

For more info on the center go to:

<http://www.nmmonuments.org/inst.php?inst=4>

Muster

We mustered four people: Mike and Barbara Bilbo, Dave Poulin, and Tony Campisi.

Living History

Barbara set up her display of Spanish foods and we stood nearby and talked to visitors.



Barbara discourses on the fine points of Spanish Colonial food to el Mariachis.



Sampling the food; Dave and Tony (in the background) listen to the blacksmith.



Tony talks with a visitor.

Patrol

At one point the three soldados went on patrol around the compound. The staff offered us a storehouse within a small stockade to use for setup next. We think it will work very well. It would look nice with a tent set up, some conspicuous flags, and Barbara's display inside. The storehouse can be used to store boxes and extra gear, or, for a cramped HQ.



"I think I know that one."

Conclusion

Things went very well. It's a nice event with a lot of potential. Photos courtesy of Mike Bilbo.

Dave

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