

La Sociedad de la Entrada

After Action Report for Fiesta Cultures 10/19/14

The Event

The event was the Fiesta of Cultures at Coronado Monument. It was a Saturday one day event. Many vendors and performers also attended. The weather was very nice this year, not too hot and not too cold. Visitor attendance to our camp was very excellent. I was able to display Roberto Valdez' poster of the original Entrada.

Muster

We mustered Tony Campisi, Blaine Bachman, Dave Poulin, David Kubica, and Jim Cruzan. Jim's girlfriend Jacqueline also attended but did not dress. They drove all the way up from Silver City for this event.



We started the day with a pike drill. L-R: Tony Campisi, David Kubica, James Cruzan, and Blaine Bachman.



¡Carguen las Picas!



Then we moved on to demonstrating firearms.



At first James had trouble with his powder, but the last shot made a really good cracking sound. We were all struck by James' easygoing and instructive manner with the crowds and his knowledge of weapons, tactics and clothing of the period. It felt as if he had been with us for a long time, rather than this being his first event.



Blaine talks with visitors.



James demonstrates sword techniques to Boy Scouts.



The boys wanted to wear this stuff home.



Tony demonstrates loading a matchlock.



James goes through the evolutions of loading a musket with another crowd.



Blaine and David discuss pikes and half-pikes with a visitor.

Afternoon

In the afternoon our numbers dropped off drastically, one by one, until James and I were the only ones left; he talked to crowds while I kept our equipment from wandering off.



The boys didn't like me at all, which was OK with me. We didn't lose anything and no one got hurt.





Ramming the ball home.

Conclusion

The people that come to this event are inquisitive and interested. It is our best venue for demonstrating Living History. The sponsors and the museum really appreciate our participation. What else could you ask for?

Dave



La Bandera Real, bearing the Escudo de Felipe III.



Pabellón Real de los Reyes Católicos" (Royal Colors of the Catholic Kings) from 1492-1506.



Dave with the banner.

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