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ANNUAL MEETING



Annual meeting attendees included (back row from left) Jack Bennett, Stan Smith, Tisha Bennett, Darlene Hansen, MaryLou Jimenez, and Don Coates. Front row from left, Shirley Buskirk, Ron Hinrichs, Jody Hansen, Gisela Koestner, and Dave Herbert.

photograph courtesy of Tom Vilicich

President's Message:



by Tom Vilicich

The SPBVA annual meeting for the general membership was held October 13, 2018 in the meeting room at the park. Order of business included voting for board members for a three-year term. The nominees were Shirley Buskirk, Randy Hamud, Darlene Hansen, Ron Hinrichs, and Tom Vilicich. All are incumbents. Congratulations to all on their reelection.

Our **Battle Day** celebration at San Pasqual is fast approaching on **Sunday, December 2, 2018**. Planning for it has been ongoing for a few months and everything is falling into place. I am looking forward to that day.

Other than that, it is business as usual. We have had a tour group from Temecula Historical Society and a military group. We also have a group of Marines coming from Camp Pendleton, the USMC Academy in mid-November.

I hope you all have a Happy Thanksgiving and I hope to see you on **Sunday, December 2**.

**SPBVA 2018
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SAN PASQUAL BATTLEFIELD STATE HISTORIC PARK'S

BATTLE DAY!



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2018.
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM.

Join us to commemorate the 1846 Battle of San Pasqual. Learn about the bloodiest battle fought in California during the Mexican-American War. This free event includes living history activities, a military encampment, period demonstrations, and entertainment.

The park is located at 15808 San Pasqual Valley Road, Escondido, CA. (1.5 miles east of the San Diego Zoo Safari Park on Highway 78).

For information, please call 760-737-2201 (Weekends).
 Thank you to the San Pasqual Battlefield Volunteer Association.



In the News:

Dateline: September 19, 2018 from the *San Diego Union-Tribune*

The Rincon del Diablo Chapter of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution “scrubbed and polished the marker denoting the San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park where the bloodiest California battle occurred during the Mexican-American War in 1846.” According to the article, the DAR donated the plaque in 1993, and placed it in the original 1924 marker.

Dec 6, 1846: A Mini Review

(REPRINTED FROM 2017)

Every year on the first Sunday in December, the San Pasqual Battlefield volunteers and California State Park staff present a community event to commemorate December 6, 1846. This year the event will be held Sunday, December 3, 2017 from 11 am to 3 pm.

WHO: the Californios led by Andrés Pico; the US 1st Dragoons led by General Stephen Watts Kearny; the San Pasqual Kumeyaay Indians

WHAT: a short-lived, deadly battle between US Dragoons and Mexican Californio rancheros

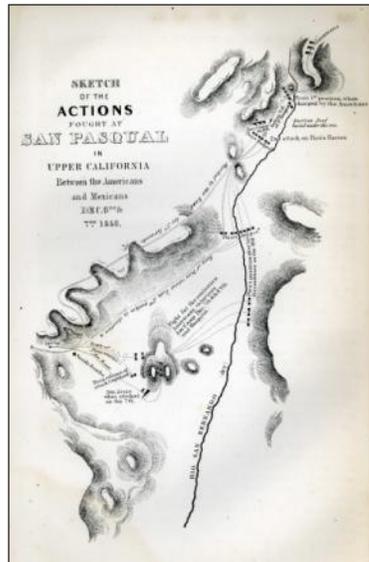
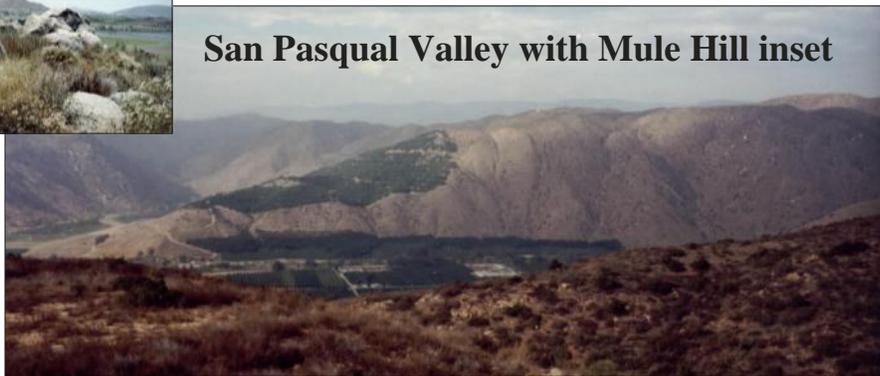
WHERE: the San Pasqual Indian Pueblo, which is now near the site of the park visitor center

WHEN: a rainy Sunday morning, December 6, 1846

WHY: the Mexican Californios protecting “their” lands from the invading US Army of the West. The Americans on a mission to take California. Of course, all the land originally belonged to the Native Peoples, who were caught in the midst of the struggle. This is a story of three cultures in conflict.



San Pasqual Valley with Mule Hill inset



Emory’s map of the battle



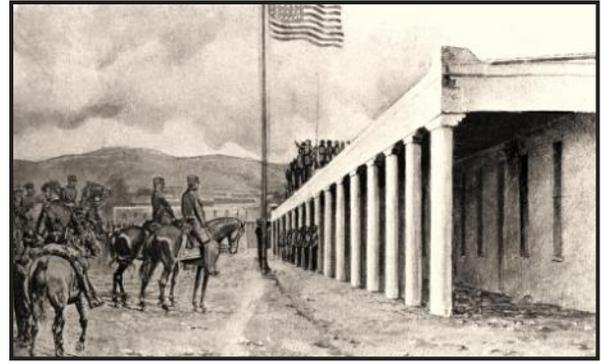
Felicita, daughter of Chief Panto

The Road to San Pasqual

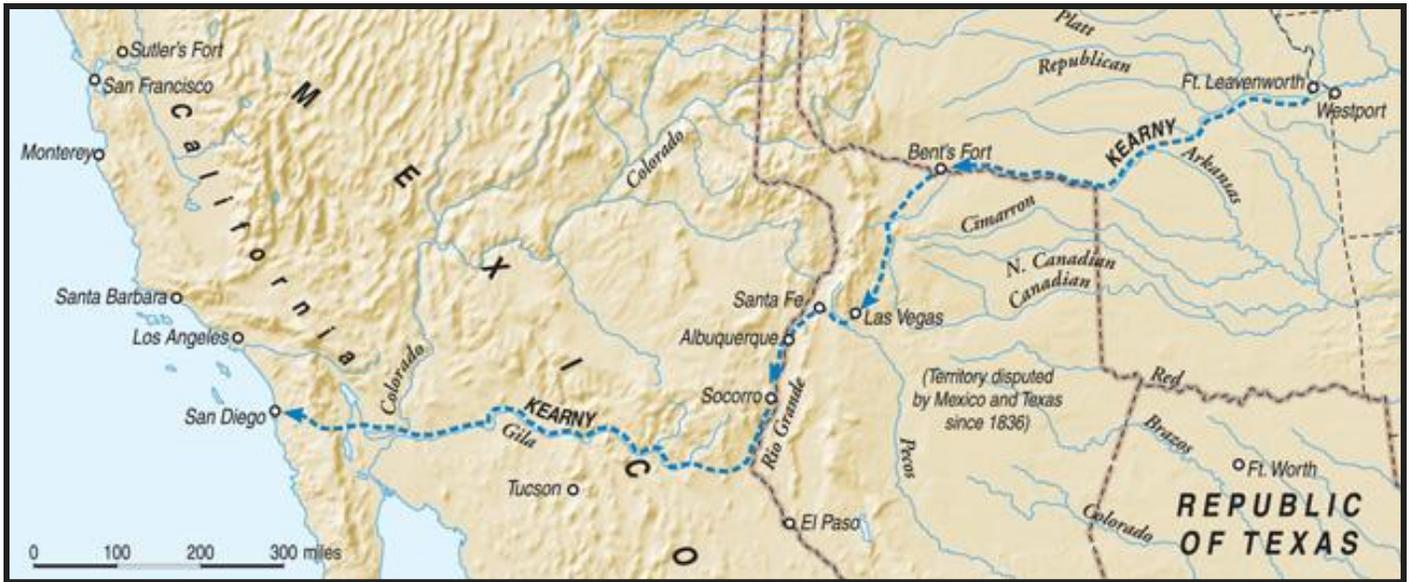
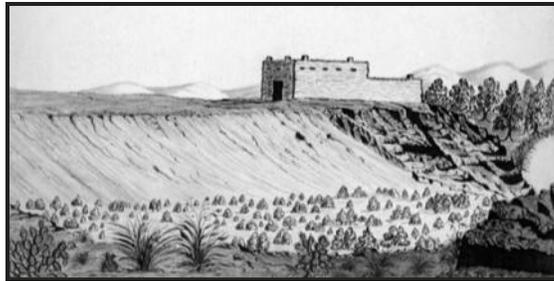


**FORT LEAVENWORTH
JUNE 1846**

BENT'S FORT JULY 1846



SANTA FE AUGUST 1846



KEARNY'S ROUTE WITH THE ARMY OF THE WEST



SAN PASQUAL: DECEMBER 6, 1846

First Sergeant's Corner

School of the Squadron, Mounted

To form line on the left.

632.—The squadron being in column, with distance, right in front, to form it in line on its left flank, the first Captain commands:

1. *Left into line wheel.*
2. MARCH.
3. HALT.
4. *Right*—DRESS.
5. FRONT.

At the first command, the particular guide of the right moves upon the prolongation of the direction of the guides of the column, at the distance of the front of a platoon, facing the side towards which the line will be formed.

At the command MARCH, the squadron wheels into line, the trooper on the left wing of each platoon serving as pivot, and turning upon his own ground.

The first Captain commands HALT the moment the marching flanks have nearly completed their movement, and then *Right*—DRESS.

At this command all the platoons align themselves.

The squadron being aligned, the first Captain commands FRONT.

During the wheel, the particular guide of the left resumes his place in line.

633.—The first Captain, after having commanded *left into line wheel*, assures himself before commanding MARCH, that the particular guide on the right is exactly upon the direction of the guides of the column.

Immediately after commanding HALT, he moves rapidly to the right to the right flank of the squadron, to observe that the pivots execute their movements properly, and that the officers and troopers align themselves correctly.

The particular guide, who moves upon the prolongation of the guides of the column, should take rather too much ground than not enough. The con-

submitted by Tom Vilicich

ductor of the marching flank of the leading platoon should align himself upon their guide, without endeavoring to approach him.

634.—To form the squadron in column with distance, left in front, the first Captain commands: 1. *Platoons left wheel*; 2. MARCH; 3. HALT; which is executed and prescribed, No. 603, but by inverse means.

To march in column with distance, left in front, the first Captain commands: 1. *Column forward*; 2. MARCH; 3. *Guide right*; which is executed as prescribed, when the column has the right in front.

The change of direction by successive wheels, and individual oblique march, when the column has the left in front, are executed on the same principles as the right is in front; except that in the changes of direction it is the principal guide of the left who marks the point of the wheel, placing himself as has been prescribed in the principal guide of the right when the right is in front.

The squadron marching in column with distance, left in front is made to break *by fours*, *by twos*, and *by file*, *to form twos*, *fours*, and *platoons* at the same gait, or in doubling the gait, following the principles prescribed when the right is in front, but by inverse means.

To break by fours, twos, &c., the first Captain commands: 1. *By fours* (or *by twos*, or *by file*) from the left; 2. MARCH.

The squadron marching in column with distance, left in front, to face in the opposite direction, the same principles are followed as when the right is in front, but by inverse means.

The squadron marching in column with distance, left in front, to halt it, conform to the principles prescribed when the right is in front.

The squadron being in column with distance, left in front to form it in line on the right, the first Captain commands: 1. *Right into line wheel*; 2. MARCH; 3. HALT; 4. *Left*-DRESS; 5. FRONT; which is executed as prescribed, No. 632, but by inverse means.

JOIN NOW! Our non-profit organization supports the activities of the San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park. All members receive *BATTLELINES*, a 10% discount on all bookstore items, special programs, field trips, history discussions, and opportunities to participate in our Living History Sundays and in our annual December re-enactment of the Battle.

SAN PASQUAL BATTLEFIELD VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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This is my/our membership application & dues for the following category:

- ___ Student (\$5) ___ Sustaining (\$50) ___ Dragoon (\$100 or more)
- ___ Individual (\$15) ___ Organization (\$25) ___ Benefactor (\$1,000 or more)
- ___ Family (\$20) ___ Corporate (\$100) Please make checks payable to: SPBVA

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

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OCCUPATION _____ INTEREST/SKILLS _____

2018 CALENDAR

Sunday, Nov 4
Living History, Park

Friday, Nov 16
Battle Day planning 10 am
Board Meeting, 11 am-1 pm

SUNDAY, DEC 2
BATTLE DAY. Park
11am to 3 pm, see flyer

Friday, Dec 21
Board Meeting, 11 am-1 pm

Park Phone:
(760) 737-2201 weekends
or (619) 220-5422
www.parks.ca.gov
www.spbva.org

Park Hours:
Saturdays & Sundays,
10 am to 4 pm
Oct — Mar;
10 am to 5 pm
Apr—Sep



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