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Fort Moore Pioneer Memorial, Los Angeles, dedicated 1958

This monument, in a hard-to-reach location between Downtown LA and Chinatown, commemorates the Mormon Battalion, the NY Volunteer American military forces as they raised the US flag over the recently conquered California territory on July 4, 1847. Fort Moore Hill was named for Capt. Benjamin D. Moore, who fought and died at San Pasqual.

In Memory of . . .

Día de los Muertos and Veterans' Day seem an appropriate time to consider the finally resting place for those who died in battle at San Pasqual in December 1846 and those others who fought on both sides.

Those casualties were first buried at Mule Hill and later removed to Old Town San Diego. When District Judge Benjamin Hayes visited San Diego in 1856, he wrote in his diary on September 18: "The Government graveyard here is an enclosure—so called—where lie the remains of Capt. Ben Moore, Lt. Thos. Hammond, and others who were killed in the Battle of San Pascual on the 6th day of December, 1846. Capt. Johnson (sic), who also fell, was buried here, but his body has been removed, I believe to be sent to his relatives. . . At the head of Capt. Moore's grave is a board on which originally his name was painted. The paint has all washed off, but looking closer I could still trace the outlines of the word MOORE in the grain of the wood. The same as to the word Hammond, this board was merely lying on a mound. Alongside was another grave, without any headstone. . . For more than three years I have been visiting San Diego and with pain have seen the neglect I have referred to. To my great satisfaction, within a few days past, Lieut. Kellogg, Quartermaster, has employed a carpenter to put it in complete repair, and now, newly painted, it is more creditable to the Government."

Hayes personally knew both Moore and Hammond, who married sisters in Platte County, Missouri. He reminisced about Hammond's "runaway wedding, one summer afternoon, on horseback (parson included) on the very top of the highest of the hills of Fort Leavenworth." (*Pioneer Notes from the Diaries of Judge Benjamin Hayes*, pp 123-124.)

OT & SP Parks News

By Megan Suster, Historic Interpreter II

Hi Everyone,

My name is Megan Suster and I am the Historic Interpreter II for Old Town San Diego State Historic Park and San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park. I've been with State Parks for nearly a decade and am happy to be back in my hometown! I have a Ph.D. in Public History and an M.A. in Historic Preservation from the University of California, Riverside. I spent the last five years at California Citrus State Historic Park, where I served as the Relevancy and History Project Coordinator providing equitable and culturally responsive interpretive exhibits, programming, preservation, and engagement practices to diverse and underrepresented communities. I'm thrilled to join the San Diego Coast District to build on the strong foundation already in place at San Pasqual.



Interpretive staff members Gil Garcia, Maddie Meyer, Lucy Chalgren, and I are working very hard in the park to create digital programs, and we hope to be debuting some of these materials soon. They'll include videos relating to the park, youth educational materials, and more. We've also submitted a grant partnering with the Safari Park on family outdoor education programs, so keep your fingers crossed that we are selected! We're getting closer and closer to welcoming volunteers back, too, so I hope to be able to update you on that soon. For now, thanks for the opportunity to collaborate, and I look forward to working with you.

SP Battlefield News ...More Updates from Megan Suster

I am pleased to be able to announce the reopening of San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park. During the gradual reopening, identified areas in front of the entrance to the museum and near the amphitheater will be open from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Please note, if San Diego County remains in the purple tier, we will only be staffing the outdoor spaces listed above. Indoor spaces are restricted while in the purple tier. If we go back to the red tier, we can open the museum to one household at a time. In the red tier, one staff member will be outside doing a living history demonstration (while practicing social distancing) and one staff member will be inside the museum.

Maintenance teams were out last week and this week to ensure the facilities and trails are in top condition for our reopening. Hopefully visitors will enjoy getting outdoors and exploring the park in this way, while we wait to open the museum. Though we can't completely reopen the park at the time of this writing because of the tier we are in, it is my main priority to give volunteers the opportunity to come in—in whatever form that takes. I'm not sure if there is interest in coming back, but in these difficult and limiting times, we'll need to work together to ensure we are taking manageable, cautious steps forward. This is a temporary storm we are weathering together, so I appreciate your flexibility and understanding as we work towards the same goal—a safe, gradual reopening plan that fulfills the mission of the park.

On a related note, there will be no in person Battle Day event this year. Instead, we are working on a virtual celebration similar to what we did for Fiestas Patrias in Old Town San Diego State Historic Park. There will be a video detailing the events of the battle, and related educational materials for both youth and adults to explore and learn more about this event. All resources will be posted on the park's website, so please stay tuned for more information.

Thank you for your commitment to the park, and I look forward to working with you!

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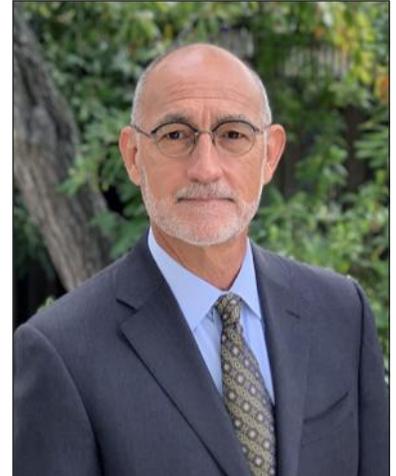
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More State Parks News

On August 18, 2020, a new State Parks Director was named—Armando Quintero, 64, of San Rafael. Quintero has a background in National Park Service from 1976 to 1998. Park ranger and supervisory positions he held included Point Reyes National Seashore, Sequoia National Park, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, and John Muir Historic Site. From 1998 to 2008 he was an independent environmental educator.

More recently, Mr. Quintero has been executive director of the Sierra Nevada Research Institute at the University of California, Merced, and served as a member of the California Water Commission and the Marin Municipal Water District Board of Directors.

Quintero's position requires State Senate confirmation.



Director Armando Quintero

First Sergeant's Corner

submitted by Tom Vilicich

Of the Charge continued

960.—The field officers, Captains commanding, and officers should recollect that it is very important to keep the squadrons united and to rally them promptly when necessary, to be ready to oppose the enemy or to charge the new lines which may show themselves.

It is always advantageous to attack the enemy; or, if he should attack, to anticipate him in charge.

961.—The charge in oblique order is executed after the same principles and by the same means as the charge in parallel order. It is used in preference when the enemy's line is longest, so as to counterbalance this advantage by keeping back a wing, or even to pass beyond one of his.

962.—To attack with only a part of the regiment at a time, parallel and successive attacks by echelons are made, starting from the line of battle.

The charge by echelons gives the means of renewing it at several points, of passing beyond the enemy's line, and of falling on one of his flanks with a part of the force.

These successive charges may also be used with success against a line of infantry; they disturb the soldiers and induce them to fire with precipitation.

In Memory of . . .



Marker honoring Stephen Watts Kearny, Bellefontaine Cemetery, St. Louis

The Government graveyard that Judge Hayes described (see page 1) was on land that Alcalde Thomas Sutherland deeded March 23, 1850, to Brevet Major William Emory and others.

Before the deceased were moved to Fort Rosecrans, they were exhumed in 1874 from Old Town lot 540 and transferred to Hill 80 “in a swale near the present intersection of Midway and West Point Loma boulevards.” They were not transferred to Fort Rosecrans until 1889. (David Caterino thesis, 2005, SDSU, *Cemeteries and Gravestones of San Diego County*.)



Fort Rosecrans group marker for San Pasqual



Dr. John Strother Griffin, assistant surgeon, made Los Angeles his home. He was buried at Evergreen Cemetery in that city. The lengthy inscription relates the role he played at San Pasqual



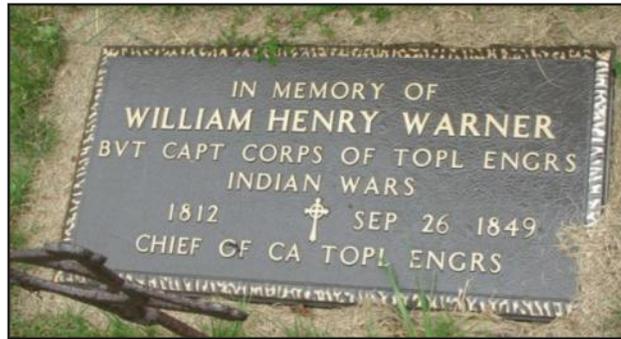
Captain Abraham Robinson Johnston’s remains were lost for a time. This marker at the left is in Ohio

At right is the family marker for quartermaster Thomas Swords, who died in New York but is buried at St. James Episcopal Church Cemetery, Edison, NJ



In Memory of ...

Topographical engineers William Henry Warner and William H. Emory have these grave markers. The Warner grave is in Canaan Cemetery, NY. The Emory one is in the Congressional Cemetery in Washington, DC



Edward F. Beale's monument is in Chester, PA

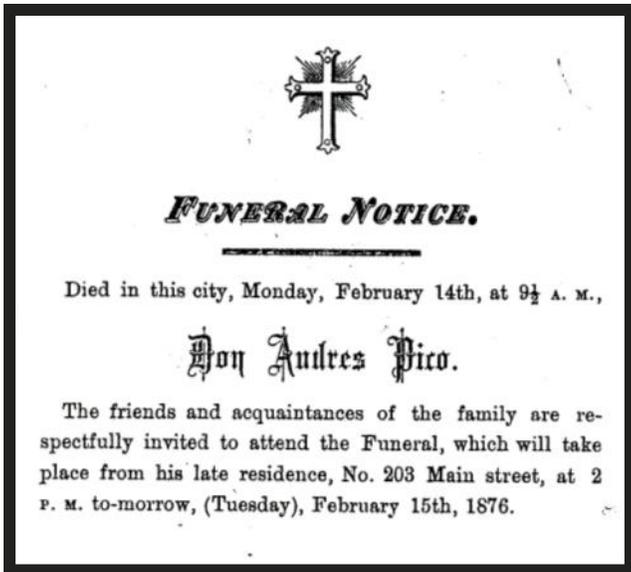


Archibald Gillespie was originally buried in the Masonic Cemetery in San Francisco. Most of the burials in San Francisco were relocated to Colma outside the city. This is a group marker.

Kit Carson was buried in Taos, NM



In Memory of Californios



Andrés Pico’s marker is in Calvary Cemetery, Los Angeles. This funeral notice has been preserved at the Seaver Center in Los Angeles. His brother Gov. Pío Pico was originally buried in Old Calvary Cemetery in downtown Los Angeles. That cemetery was dismantled for a Catholic high school in the 1920s. Other Californios like Tomás Sanchez were also in that cemetery. Pío Pico’s remains were reinterred in a private mausoleum when Old Calvary was disturbed. His grave is in El Campo Santo Cemetery in the City of Industry.

José Ramón Carrillo was buried in the Palomares family cemetery in Pomona.



Leonardo Cota was buried in Wood-lawn Cemetery in Santa Monica



Silvestre Marron’s grave is in the cemetery at Mission San Luis Rey

In Memory of . . .



Felicita LaChappa, daughter of San Pasqual leader Panto, is shown in a rare photo with her companion Morales. Felicita's grave is in the San Pasqual Indian Cemetery adjacent to the San Diego Archaeological Center and the State Park extension. The cemetery may date back to the Pueblo of San Pasqual which began in 1835. An adobe chapel was located nearby.



A SPBVA field trip to the San Pasqual Pioneer Cemetery from 1997. Early pioneer families buried their deceased here. The land was donated by the Trussell and Rockwood families.

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.

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