Centennial Commemoration of Pancho Villa’s 1916 Raid on Columbus, New Mexico to be held on Saturday, March 12, 2016

13th Annual Camp Furlong Day

Events at Pancho Villa State Park

8:30 a.m. In the Exhibit Hall, the unveiling and dedication of a bronze plaque donated by the 16th Infantry Regiment Association.

9 a.m. – 10 a.m. U.S. Army encampment with period re-enactors and tent encampment with camp H.Q. tent, a camp commander, reveille, officers call, formation with unit report, flag raising, parade ground drill of infantry, mounted cavalry and retreat.

10 a.m. Helen Patton, General Patton’s granddaughter, will read a statement from Mrs. Sandra Pershing, widow of General Pershing’s late grandson, Col. John Warren Pershing, in the Rec Hall building.

10:10 a.m. speaker: Ric Lambart,

1st Aero Squadron Foundation, president
Title: History of the 1st Aero Squadron—Past to Present
Talk and slide show about the history of the 1st Aero Squadron then and now. Yes, there still is a 1st Aero Squadron.

1:00 speaker: Dr. Robert Bouilly, U.S. Army historian
Title: The Truck Train System in Support of the Pershing Expedition
Dr. Bouilly will talk about logistic support for the Pershing Expedition, primarily about the truck train system.

2:00 speaker: Ron Bridgemon, historian and author
Title: San Joaquin Canyon and the 1916 Punitive Expedition
The talk involves the activities of the 17th infantry who were conducting archaeological excavations in the Canyon while maintaining trucks for the Expedition.

3:00 speaker: Heribert Von Feilitzsch, historian and author
Title: The Columbus Raid: Theories and Fact 100 Years Later
The presentation will give known details of the raid, the results of government investigation including intelligence gained from the Pershing Expedition. The talk will also include a summarization of the different theses, findings, and explanations that historians have published over the years. The presentation will focus on Villa’s motivation from revenge to political calculations to German government agitation.

4:30: The day’s final ceremony at Pancho Villa State Park will include remarks about the 1916 Army and Cavalry, remarks from the 13th Cavalry C.O., reading of the names of the eight soldiers killed, remarks by the chaplain, 21 gun salute and taps.

Info: http://PanchoVillaStateParkFriendsGroup.org/
Pancho Villa State Park Exhibit Hall open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Customs House: Art Exhibit by local artists—all day

17th Annual Cabalgata Binacional

Events at the Village of Columbus Plaza

9 a.m. – 9:55 a.m. U.S. riders at the US/Mexico border crossing
10:00 Cleansing Mimbreño Rancheria Gil Aguiler
All Riders depart from POE headed to Columbus, NM
10:45 Formation Camp Furlong 2016
11:00 Joinder of Cabalgantes & Camp Furlong 2016
11:05 Parade of participants NM 11 to end in Village Plaza
11:15 Raising of flags and presentation of colors 2nd Squadron, 13th Cavalry Regiment, Commander Deming High School Marching Band playing national anthems for U.S.A. and Mexico
11:25 Welcome by Columbus Mayor Phillip Skinner and C of C President J. Salomon Gutierrez Maloof; Recognition of Dignitaries present by Robert Gutierrez
11:30 Mexican Revolution & Pancho Villa, Dr. Gil Arturo Ferrer Vicario
11:35 Binational efforts to promote goodwill, build alliances & economic development, Winn Mott & President J. Salomon Gutierrez Maloof
11:40 Presentation of Certificates, Roberto Gutierrez Restoring relationships music by July McClure, Dev Olliver, Alfredo and Andres Flores
12:00 noon Lunch for participants, Glenda Sanchez hosting

Entertainment throughout the day: Luis Mario Baeza, Cantante de Musica Classica; Ballet Folkloricos “Ceilitos” Director Lola Cisneros; Mariachi Encanto; El Paso performer Jorge Porras; Korimi Grupo de Danza Director Dalila Gutierrez; July McClure, Dev Olliver, Bud & Jeane Canfield; Border Avenue Band’s Frank Gomez; Escuela Secundaria Palomas Chih Director Gerardo Sanchez Gonzales; Los Hermanos Flores: Alfredo y Andres; Elders of the Four Directions of Southwest New Mexico Council

1:00 Camp Furlong 2016 & 2nd Squadron, 13th Cavalry
1:30 Pershing & Villa look-a-like Contest Tumbleweed Theater

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Columbus Historical Society Museum Walking tour of landmark areas and watch a documentary film in American Legion Post 1916

ALL DAY: Food vendors and more!

17th Cabalgata Binacional Event Organizer: 575-343-0147