



# News Release

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## Pueblo Day at the Sonoma Barracks

*Sonoma, Calif.-*

Pueblo - a Spanish word for town.

Sonoma State Historic Park hosts **Pueblo Day** at the historic Sonoma Barracks Courtyard on Saturday, June 25, 2016, from 1-4pm. The event is free.

Pueblo Day offers a look at the establishment of Sonoma as a town -- following the Mission period and before the Bear Flag Revolt. Joleen Ossello, California State Park Interpreter I, shares, "The goal of Pueblo Day is to inspire the public of all ages to learn about and commemorate the people who made up the newly established Sonoma Pueblo in June of 1835."

Mariano G. Vallejo, a lieutenant serving in the Mexican military, was sent to Sonoma to secularize Mission San Francisco Solano. His next duty was to establish the town of Sonoma as a means of securing California's northern frontier through settlement.

Vallejo created the Sonoma Plaza as the center of our town, mapped our streets, and surveyed the lots we live on today. He promoted settlement to family, friends, and soldiers, strengthening the colonizing efforts in Sonoma.

Pueblo Day is a family-friendly event where you may talk with costumed soldiers, settlers, and servants; design your own Pueblo Flag; make salsa and tortillas; and celebrate the founding of the town of Sonoma.

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