

Hello Everyone!

We would like to welcome all of you to a brand new living history event called the **1st Annual Kern County Living History & Military Festival 2019!** This event will take place coming up on this July 6th & 7th, 2019, at the Kern County Fair & Event Center at 1142 South P Street, Bakersfield, California 93307. Everything is proceeding full speed ahead for this great new exciting event!

We are Ivan Workman and Roger Freely, co-owners of Freely Historical Events. I, Ivan Workman along with Roger Freely, will be the main event/reenactor coordinators for this event. Also, co-hosting this wonderful new timeline event with us is Doug Carroll (Our Main Safety Officer & Artillery Coordinator) & Col. Mike Collins (Overall Confederate States Forces ACW Commander) of the Washington Artillery of New Orleans/3rd US Artillery, Battery B, Co. F. (So. California). The Overall Union Forces ACW Commander Position is still open at this time (we are looking for a volunteer with experience). PACWR – Pacific Area Civil War Reenactors & UAOW/CAOW safety rules apply for all American Civil War reenactors. Event Organizers/coordinators/Safety Officers: Ivan Workman 714-473-7272 cell, Roger Freely 714-797-2236 cell, Safety Officer Doug Carroll 805-233-1773 cell / 805-482-5764 home (before July 3rd)

The 1st Annual Kern County Living History & Military Festival is a new living history timeline event to replace a former popular living history timeline event in San Pedro, CA, called Old Fort MacArthur Days, which was severely cut back this year to 20th Century US Forces only, by the City of Los Angeles and the museum. We are continuing the living history timeline event that event founder Lou Lopez grew into the Old Fort MacArthur Days event which encompassed Vikings & Romans all the way to today but we are making it even bigger and better, with a much larger site, and on a much larger scale! We have groups coming from all over the Western United States. Where else can you learn Real History hands on instead of out of a Book! We teach the Real History that they don't teach in school while having fun doing it!

Schools, Families, and the general public are more than welcome to attend this great new event! So please pass the information along to everyone!

We are looking for folks that want to volunteer as well as to participate in the event:

We are looking for Living Historians & Reenactors from all Eras to Participate. No Steampunk Impressions Allowed. We have a 7 acre central parade ground/battlefield area/demonstration area, over 20 acres of grassy acres for encampments, period vendors, etc. Plus another 3 acres of dirt areas for encampments, etc. **Unit leaders, please advise me of your unit's attendance, space requirements, and preference for your encampments/display areas (Available First Come, First Served).** We also need to know who is coming to plan things out. All reenactors need to have a minimum of liability insurance coverage either individually or through their living history/reenactment group. Those reenactors that don't, can get it through: www.reenactorsinsurance.com for \$48 for the year for any time period. Period Dancing will be provided by the Occasional Strings, a Popular Period Civil War String Band and Popular American Civil War Dance Caller Tom Atkins.

Also, let us know if you want your group or era of groups to portray a demonstration, a battle reenactment, historical lecture, ideas, or anything else, etc. so we can make sure you get into the event schedule for the weekend and make any improvements, etc. We will have 2 Civil War battles on Saturday and 1 Civil War battle on Sunday, take hits and make it look realistic. **We have a total of 10 to 12 Cannon/Gun positions available for the Civil War Battles. We already have 5 guns positions filled and the rest are filling up fast, so please**

inquire with Ivan Workman. I am also looking for a unit with one or two Civil War or Spanish American War Gatling guns for either battle reenactments or demonstrations as well as anything else unique like a 24 or 30 pounder cannon, etc.

We are also looking for any Pre-1960 Antique Vehicles/ Groups to come to our event and display any antique vehicles they got. With over 800 parking spots in our main antique vehicle display lot plus several other areas around the fairgrounds, we would like to have groups that want to display: Pre-1960 Antique cars & pickups, Pre-1985 Antique Commercial Trucks & Buses, Pre-1985 Fire Trucks, & Emergency Vehicles, Pre-1975 Antique Military Vehicles including Armored Vehicles and Tanks, Antique Steam & Gas Engines, Antique Tractors & Farming Equipment, etc. The Older, the better. **Note: Vehicles will not be allowed to move about the site during public hours unless they are involved with a parade of vehicles, being used on the battlefield for a battle reenactment (tracked & armor vehicles only use dirt roads), or being used with the parade of troops/history groups.** There is no charge for the antique vehicles themselves but it is \$10 per person to attend including drivers and passengers/family members. One person needs to be watching over your vehicle during public hours and your vehicle needs to be in its parking spot at 9AM each day, so plan to arrive early.

We are also looking for nonprofit groups that want to set up a free outdoor booth of any size or an indoor booth for \$50 for a 10' x 10' or can inquire for a larger size. Organizations that are history based, heritage based, Veteran based, local historical societies, local & regional museums, etc. are more than welcomed to come and set up. Participants that are manning your booth will need to pay \$10 per person and sign an event waiver.

We are also looking for Militaria Vendors, Period Sutlers, local & regional companies that want to set up and pay for a booth to sell their wares or advertise their company.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with checking reenactors, participants, antique vehicle groups in; driving golf cart shuttles; getting cold water & ice to reenactors/volunteers; checking the public in at the main gate; etc.

Public Impression: You are now an educator. Be on your best behavior when answering questions from the general public. Know your unit history, historical uniforms, historical equipment, historical vehicles, etc. and be polite and articulate. Know your history, it is not being taught in school. Don't be afraid to engage with the public, they have paid good money to see you folks. Also, this event is a great time to recruit new members and to ask for donations.

Everyone including vendors must Pre-Register Online as an individual or as part of a group under TICKETS, as well as the public. We also will be doing onsite registration as well but we prefer to know who is coming by having as many people register online. Group leaders, if you create a group for your members to register on, please give them the Group Name to sign up on. Folks can type their group name in and then register with their group with the **Reenactor/Antique Vehicle Owner/Participant Ticket (\$10+processing fees)**, and pay for their own tickets/registration without having the group leader pay for all of it unless the group leader wants to do all the work and collect payment from their members. If you are not part of a group or organization, you can do the same under the Individual after you hit the TICKETS Button. For Tickets/Registration go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1st-annual-kern-county-living-history-military-festival-2019-tickets-60687525021> **Also, those who don't pre-register online, have to register when they get onsite, pay \$15, and will be given sites for encampments/antique vehicle parking on a first come/first serve basis. Folks can pick up their pre-paid wristbands once they get onsite inside Building 4 (next to Gate 26) and can also register.**

Also, see separate attachments for Site Pictures & Directions. See Site Pictures for visual references and more detailed information about the site. Thanks!

We are expecting an absolutely terrific battlefield and encampment area as the fairgrounds keeps the grassy & tree areas well-watered. We have plenty of room for military maneuvers on the field along with a total of 10 to 12 gun positions.

Lots of TV, Radio, Newspaper commercials will be running in Bakersfield and in the surround counties leading up to the event over the next few weeks, along with paid Facebook advertising, flyers, emails, word of mouth, etc. so we're hoping to have a great deal of exposure to both history lovers and the general public at large.

Online ticket purchases by both the public & pre-registration by reenactors have already begun. As a result, we believe that we can expect excellent spectator attendance. I am particularly pleased that so many living history & reenactment units have announced that they will be attending the event as well as various antique vehicle groups, period sutlers, vendors, food vendors, various non-profit organizations, local museums, etc.

We also have a few modern tent camping areas and even over 50 sites for RVs with water & electric hookups (\$35 a night, paid to the fair) but we would recommend as many people to be in period tents as possible. Just let Ivan Workman know if you need an RV site. Also, bring your tent flies, canopies, umbrellas, sunscreen, etc. if you want to keep the warm sun off of you during the day.

A few rules: Above Ground Campfires Only and every campfire needs one buck of water, one bucket of sand, and a minimum of one fire extinguisher nearby. Have every member that is a current or retired Paramedic or EMT bring their medical jump kit and bag with them to the event just in case. We will have Hall Ambulance with event EMTs onsite during the event. **Also, No Public Handling of Weaponry, especially Guns & Edged Swords.** **Additional Event Rules will be coming forth over the next few days. Everyone's Safety is Priority Number One with this event and Please Use Your Common Sense, or you'll be asked to leave. Please be safe and have a fun time! Anyone caught violating rules will be kicked out of the event and banned and/or subject to state laws as we are on state property and law enforcement will be present during the event.**

Alcohol Rules: Alcoholic drinks have a 2 drink limit for everyone onsite, period. Reenactors/Vendors/Antique Vehicle Owners/Participants have to wait until after public hours to consume any alcoholic drinks onsite. Multiple Food & Drink Vendors will be available onsite after public hours.

Also, there will be 24/7 professional security on site throughout the event as well as local law enforcement.

Starting July 5th, Please enter through the north Gate 31 on Belle Terrace Street or South Gate 40 on Ming Ave. **If coming July 3rd or 4th,** please enter through gate 26 on South P Street, which will be on your right, just past the Administration Office and the Main Entrance. Please Notify Ivan Workman/Roger Freely/Doug Carrol ahead of time so we can make sure the gate is open. We can be reached at 714-473-7272 / 714-797-2236 Please check in first to find out where you need to go.

On June 15th, 2019 at 12 Noon, we will be having an onsite event walk thru for unit & group leaders & group representatives to nail down where everyone is going to be set up at. **Please enter through gate 26 on South P Street**, which will be on your right, just past the Administration Office and the Main Entrance.

We are expecting to have an EXCELLENT reenactor turnout, especially for this first time event! So, come join us on July 6th & 7th 2019 at this great new event and have a great weekend with your friends and family! **We have a lot of exciting things already set up as well as a lot of other things in the works being set up for this EXCITING event!**

For more information, look below or go to www.kerncountylivinghistoryfestival.com

Thank You and We Look Forward to Seeing You There!

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Experience the Newest, Coolest, and Largest Living History & Military Timeline Event On the West Coast Of the USA!

Have A Love History Or All Things Military? Then This Is the Event For You!

Come See & Learn About What Our Veterans, Both Past & Present Have Gone Through To Protect Our Freedoms & Help Shape the World We Live In Today!

Things People Will See & Do At this Family-Friendly Event:

- Learn History Like It Had Never Been Taught In School!
- Interact with over 2,000+ Living Historian Reenactors Representing Many Historical Eras from Around The World! From the Vikings, Romans, Medieval Knights, to WWI & II to Today's Present Day Military.
- Explore Period Encampments & Historical Displays from Many Historical Time Periods & Much, Much More!
- Experience What Life Was Like For Both Soldiers & Civilians Alike, During Wartime & Peace time.
- See Training Exercises, Weapons, Living History Demonstrations, Period Trades, Battle Reenactments, & Gun Fights All Weekend!
- Watch Our Climatic Battle Reenactments with the Loud Roar of Cannons, Guns, & Armor Firing Off from All Eras All Weekend Long!
- Watch Our Mighty Civil War Battles with over 10 Cannons Firing on the Field!

- Watch the Medieval Knights Fight It Out With Medieval Swordfights & Medieval Jousting All Weekend! Performed by Imperial Knights Productions of former Medieval Times Fame!
- See Vintage Vehicles on Display: Military Vehicles & Tanks, Emergency Vehicles, Trucks, Buses, Cars, Tractors, Antique Gas & Steam Engines, etc.
- Meet Many Prominent Historical Figures from the Past including: General George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Civil War Generals Ulysses S. Grant, Robert E. Lee, George Pickett, as well as Colonel Teddy Roosevelt, and Many, Many, Many More!
- Stroll Thru our (Indoor & Outdoor) Marketplace of Period Vendors, Militaria Vendors, Period Artisans, & So Much More!
- Listen To Period Music Being Played By Period Instruments & Musicians From All Eras!
- Attend Our Mini History Lecture Series (Inside an Air Conditioned Bldg.).
- Enjoy Dinner & Meet with Our Living Historian Reenactors as well as Join in on the Fun of Participating in a Period Civil War Evening Dance with Popular Period Dance Caller Tom Akins & the Popular Period String Band: Occasional Strings Playing Period Dance Music (Lasting 3 Hours inside an Air Conditioned Bldg. #3).

Public Admission, Parking, Food, & Drinks:

Public Admission Starts at: \$20 for Adults & \$15 for Children Ages 7-18, Children Ages 6 & Under are Free with a Paid Adult Admission. Parking is \$5 per vehicle per day. **(Cash Only For Parking)**.

Multiple Food Vendors will be onsite serving Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Authentic Mexican Food, BBQ, Hamburgers, Corn Dogs, and Much, Much More!

Multiple Drink Vendors will be onsite serving Water, Soda, Craft Soda , Shaved Ice, Cider, Beer, Mead, Wine, Hard Cider, etc. (2 Drink Limit for Alcoholic Drinks). Alcoholic drinks have a 2 drink limit.

The Main Public Event Hours: Saturday 9AM to 6PM Except for Paid Dinner & Period Dance till 10:30PM. Sunday Public Hours: 9AM to 4PM. Parking Opens at 8AM & Main Gates Open at 9AM Both Days. Event Starts at 9:30AM Both Days.

Soldiers Dinner & Dance: For an Extra Fee on Sat. Only Ticket or VIP Ticket, Folks Can Meet & Have Dinner With the Living Historians and Participate in the Period Dance From 6:15 PM Till 10:30 PM on Saturday Evening Only. Dinner is from 6:15PM till 8:00PM. Dance starts at 7:30PM

Event Location: the Kern County Fair & Event Center, 1142 South P Street, Bakersfield, CA 93307.

Organizers: Freely Historical Events & the 3rd US Artillery/Washington Artillery of New Orleans (a 501c3 So. California Living History Group).

Proceeds From the Event Go To:

Proceeds raise funds for future events, selected area museums, selected living history groups & nonprofits, & initial funding for the Western States Living History Park & Resort Project.

The Organizers have the right to cancel or amend the event without a refund.

For More Information Please Visit: www.kerncountylivinghistoryfestival.com for complete event information and an-up-to-date schedule of events.

Reenactors, Participants, Antique Vehicle Owners, Presenters, & Vendors Pre-Registration: You can Pre-Register Online on Eventbrite under Reenactors/Antique Vehicle Owners/Participants Tickets or Vendors Ticket or contact event coordinator Ivan Workman at 714-473-7272 or ivanworkman@gmail.com for questions. **Note: Please put what group you are a member of and are coming with. You can also register as a group. Thank You.**

RV & Tent Camping (Only for Staff, Volunteers, Reenactors, & Participants)

Also, we would prefer period tents but we do have a few modern tent camping areas as well as a limited number of RV Camping spots (50) with water & electrical hookups (no dumping) for \$35 a night, available directly from the Fair but Please contact event coordinator Ivan Workman directly at 714-473-7272 or ivanworkman@gmail.com for more information. RV Spots are available only to those assisting with the event such as staff, reenactors, antique vehicle owners, nonprofit participants, performers, and only with the permission of the event coordinator on first come first serve basis. Thank You.

Prospective & Committed Bands & Performers: Please contact event coordinator Ivan Workman directly at 714-473-7272 or ivanworkman@gmail.com for questions.

Prospective Food & Retail Vendors:

Retail Vendors need to have a Current Business License/Resale License/Tax ID Number and Food Vendors need to have both a Current Health Department Permit and a Current/Temporary Food Vendors License from the Kern County Health Department as well as a business license. Vendor selling sodas and bottle water must use Pepsi Products and must contact Ivan Workman for the contact for Pepsi for discounted product to sell at the event. Craft Soda exempted. Retail Vendors can Pre-Register under the Tickets tab for the size of their setup. Please contact event coordinator Ivan Workman directly first at 714-473-7272 or ivanworkman@gmail.com for questions. Also, please send a copy of current health permit to Ivan.

Sponsors: We would like folks to please thank and patronize our sponsors:

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