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Pancho Villa State Park celebrates Camp Furlong Day!

Las Cruces, NM – The State Parks Division of the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD), invites the public to attend the annual Camp Furlong Day at [Pancho Villa State Park](#) as a part of the greater Fiesta de Amistad in the [Village of Columbus](#).

A series of historic events will be hosted inside the featuring three special guest speakers, providing historical presentations and slide shows at the park's Exhibit Hall on Saturday, March 11th.

Pancho Villa State Park is located on the historic Camp Furlong in New Mexico's bootheel region. The public can take tours of the park exhibit hall along with a guided historical tour of the village of Columbus. The State Park will offer three special guest speakers providing historical presentations & slide shows in the Park's Exhibit Hall.

WHAT: Camp Furlong Day

WHEN: Saturday, March 11th, 2023, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Featuring:

- 9:00 a.m. – guided historical tour of the village of Columbus.
- 1:00 p.m. – Professor Glenn Minuth presentation: “One Raid and Two Battles of the Mexican Expedition.”

- 2:00 p.m. – Dr. Robert Bouilly, retired historian at Fort Bliss in El Paso, TX, will give a talk entitled “24th Infantry: Buffalo Soldiers at Columbus 1916-1922.”
- 3:00 p.m. - Ric Lambert, President of the 1st Aero Squadron Foundation, will give a presentation and slideshow about the use of airplanes in General Pershing’s Punitive Expedition into Mexico and the “re-birth” of American civil aviation in 1917.

WHERE: Pancho Villa State Park, 400 West Highway 9, Columbus, NM 88029
The park is located approximately 35 miles south of Deming, NM and 80 miles west of El Paso, TX.

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Camp Furlong Days, Pancho Villa State Park. Photo: NM State Parks.

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