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## **Pancho Villa State Park Commemorates 14th Annual Camp Furlong Day Saturday, March 11, 2017**

**Columbus, NM** - Situated near the bootheel of New Mexico and in the southernmost part of the state, Pancho Villa State Park is located on the former site of Camp Furlong. Camp Furlong is a National Historic Landmark located in the Village of Columbus, NM. Camp Furlong Day will be observed on Saturday, March 11th. Historical presentations and educational activities are scheduled at Pancho Villa State Park, the Village of Columbus Plaza and the Columbus Train Depot Museum on that day.

The public is invited to attend Pancho Villa State Park's 14th Annual Camp Furlong Day. The State Park will offer three special guest speakers providing historical presentations & slide-shows in the park's Recreation Hall building.

1 p.m. - U.S. Army Historian Dr. Robert Bouilly will provide a pictorial history of the Camp at Columbus/Camp Furlong from 1908 to its close in 1924. These historic photos will bring the story of the U.S. military camp in Columbus to life.

2 p.m. - The President of the 1st Aero Squadron Foundation, Ric Lambart, will give a presentation and slide-show about the "re-birth" of American civil aviation in 1917

3 p.m. - Mr. Florian L. Waitl is a military historian and leadership development specialist with Human Dimension Leadership Consulting (HDLC) based out of Kansas City, Missouri. He will discuss some of the timeless leadership lessons and insights that can be gained from the study of Pancho Villa's Raid on Columbus and the subsequent "Punitive Expedition" into Mexico.

"Camp Furlong Day honors the strong ties between Mexico and the United States," said John Read, Pancho Villa State Park Manager. "Residents of both countries and visitors will join in the sharing of our common heritage."

At Pancho Villa State Park, regular day-use and camping fees apply. For more information about Camp Furlong Day, call 575-531-2711, or visit [www.PanchoVillaStateParkFriendsGroup.org](http://www.PanchoVillaStateParkFriendsGroup.org) or [www.nmparks.com](http://www.nmparks.com)



*People gather in the Camp Furlong Recreation Hall to listen to historical presentations, March, 2016*

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