

MILITARY PERSONNEL OF THE PRESIDIO AT SAN DIEGO AND FORT GUIJARROS

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Recently, while working at the San Diego Historical Society, I came across a partial list of military personnel who served in San Diego at the Presidio and Fort Guijarros. The initial find was in the Greene Scrapbooks, but this was only a partial listing from the original source (Carl H. Heilbron's History of San Diego County, published in 1936). These listings are known to be incomplete and to contain some inaccuracies.

It is the intent of the Fort Guijarros Museum Foundation to work from this list to generate a comprehensive roster of the various military personnel who served in San Diego and to expand the information base regarding their marriages and children.

The editor would greatly appreciate any information that members or friends of the Foundation can furnish that will correct errors or update the information in the following lists:

The Comandantes at the Presidio of San Diego were:

Lieutenant Manuel Rodriguez, acting comandante of the company from August 23, 1799 until 1803, when he became comandante of the post. He continued serving in this capacity until late 1806.

Lieutenant Francisco Maria Ruiz, acting comandante from late in 1806 until 1807.

Lieutenant Jose de la Guerra y Noriega, who served for a short time in 1806-7.

Captain Jose Raimundo Carrillo, who served late in 1807 until 1809.

Lieutenant Francisco Maria Ruiz, acting comandante from 1809 until 1821. Later served as captain and comandante.

Captain Ignacio del Corral, nominally comandante from 1810 to 1820, but never coming to California.

Lieutenant Jose Maria Estudillo, October 23, 1820 to September, 1821.



The following partial list gives the names of officers and soldiers of the companies of Leather Jackets and their wives:

Jose Albino	Maria Conception Verdugo
Sgt. Francisco Azavedo	Maria Nicholasa Olivas
Macedonio Barreras	Juana Maria
Juan Canedo	Maria Reyes Ybanez
Don Cristobal Doinguez	Maria Francisca Briones
Leandro Duarte	Maria Encarnacion Perez
Pedro Elisalde (Lizalde)	Maria Antonia Sandoval
Juan Josef Garcia	Maria Rafael Serrano
Juan German	
Josef Antonio Gongora (Retired Lieut.)	Maria Dolores Valencia
Don Pablo Grijalva	Juliana Alanis
Luis Manriquez	Maria de la Asuncion Rosas
Anastasio Leiva	Maria de la Luz Ruiz
Juan Maria Marron	Domina (Indian)
Juan Maria Miranda	Maria Rita Villalobos
Josef Monroy	Maria Antonia Rodriguez
Patricio Ontiveros	Ana Gertrudis Arce
Juan Peralta	Maria Eustaquia Guiterrez-Lopez
Corporal Jose Maria Pico	Cathalina Romero
Feliciano Rios	Gertrudis Perez
Vicente Rodriguez	Gertrudis Flores
Anselmo Romero	Maria Dolores
Carlos Rosas	Maria Gorgona Valenzuela
Ygnacio Ruiz	Maria Encarnacion Varela
Jose Miguel Saenz (Saez)	Maria Ramona Theodora Serrano
Francisco Sepulveda	
Rafael Sepulveda	Maria Luisa Botilles
Sebastian Sepulveda	Maria Valenzuela (Silvas?)
*Corporal Francisco Serrano	Maria Gertrudis Camacho
Josef Manuel Silva (Silvas)	Felicians Arballo
Mariano Tenorio	Maria Luisa Varela
Ygnacio Valencia	
Juan Antoio Varela	Ana Geronima Felix
Corp. Joaquin (Juan?) Verdugo	
Pedro Villalobos	
Albino Ybarra	
Antonio Ybarra	Maria de los Angeles
Francisco Xavier Yorba	
Don Jose Antonio Yorba	Dona Josefa Grijalva
(Retired Sergeant)	

*(Invalid, formerly mayordomo at Mission San Diego)



Catalan volunteers with wives:

Corporal Felipe Aro
Josef Caballero
Josef Felix
Victor Fernandez
Josef Rafael Fragozo
Josef Antonio Gomez
Antonio Llamas
Josef Lugo
Juan Ortel (Ortiz?)
Jacinto Padilla
Josef Manuel Perez
Juan Bautista Perez
Josef Servin
Francisco Antonio Sotelo
Jose Servin
Francisco Antonio Sotelo
Jose Truxillo
Francisco Valdez
Corporal Onofre Villalva

Maria Miranda
Maria Guadalupe Valenzuela
Manuel Galvez
Maria Magdalena Alvarez
Juana Josefa Ortel (Ortiz?)

Margarita Lopez
Maria Loreta Leiva
Maria Ygnacia Luna
Maria Gertrudis Ontiveros
Maria Simona Ortega
Maria Gabriela Silvas
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Maria Gabriela Silvas
Gertrudis Vasquez
Josefa Leiva
Maria Francisca Osuna

Artillerymen (and wives) stationed at the Presidio and Fort Guijarros were:

Jose Ygnacio Aguilar
Sebastian Armas
Corporal Francisco Arguello
Francisco Castro
Corporal Mariano Fernandez
Antonio Guillen
Don Juan Mariner y Salvat
Corporal de Plaza, Mariano Mercado
Francisco Monteverde
Josef Medina
Josef de la Pena
Lt. Jose Maria Velasquez

Candelaria Machado
Maria Luisa Garcia

Maria Antonia Arriola
*Maria Eulalia Perez
Dona Maria Antonia Sepulveda
Dona Maria Fosefa Sal

Petra Nava
Maria Luisa Romero

*(Later became famous as the oldest woman in California.)

