

Milicia de San Carlos

Reenacting the Spanish militia in the District del Misuri of Upper Louisiana,
1769 to -1804

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The Milicia de San Carlos is based in Saint Charles, Missouri and portrays the Spanish military and the local militia that served with the Spanish. The group is a family oriented group. We have men, women, and children reenacting military and civilian life of the late Eighteenth Century. The military contingent consists of a small infantry company portraying regular Spanish soldiers and militia men. We also have a 4-pounder smoothbore cannon which is manned by an artillery crew. Besides Lewis and Clark Heritage Days in May, the militia participates in a Memorial Day Weekend ceremony in St. Louis commemorating the Battle of Fort San Carlos. We have also participated in military encampments at Fort de Chartres and Fort Massac in Illinois and Fort Madison in Iowa. The members participate in many activities demonstrating the life of the Spanish soldier and the citizen militia in the Saint Charles and surrounding area during the time that Spain controlled the western side of the Mississippi River.

The Spanish controlled Upper Louisiana, as it was known, for four decades. With orders originating in Nueva Orleans (New Orleans) by the Spanish governor, Ste. Genevoa (Ste. Genevieve), San Luis (St. Louis) and San Carlos (St. Charles) became important fur trading outposts for Spain. The Spanish used a benevolent style in ruling the area and worked with the mostly French population to encourage population growth, good Native American relations, and profit for the King of Spain.

Upcoming events Milicia de San Carlos will participate in:

- ❖ Veterans Festival at Forest Park on September 3, 4 and 5
- ❖ Pioneer Days at the Daniel Boone Home on September 17 and 18
- ❖ Flags Over the Mississippi at Hartford, Illinois on October 8 and 9
- ❖ Fort Massac Encampment at Metropolis, Illinois on October 15 and 16