

# THE WARPATH TO CAHUENGA

## Native American Participation in the Conquest of California

During the Mexican-American War (1846-1848), Native Americans made important contributions during the conquest of California

The *Naval Battalion of Mounted Volunteer Riflemen*, or *California Battalion*, was one of the most ethnically diverse military formations in American history. The battalion was commanded by John C. Fremont, future candidate for President of the United States. When at full strength in November 1846, the battalion consisted of some 428 men, about 60 of which were Native Americans from half a dozen different tribes.

The *California Battalion*, as a whole, never fought a battle but on January 13th, 1847, it was the California Battalion that accepted the capitulation of the last Mexican troops in what is now the United States at Campo de Cahuenga in the San Fernando Valley.

Our speaker for this program is **Al Knight**. Al has over 40 years experience in archaeological, anthropological, and historic fieldwork, research and writing. He has lived in the San Fernando Valley for most of his life and received his BA in Anthropology from UC Santa Barbara. Al has participated in over 250 projects in Southern California and is the author of numerous published and unpublished reports.



**Saturday, February 11th, 2023**

**1:00 PM**

**Bolton Hall Museum**

10110 Commerce Avenue in Tujunga  
(corner of Commerce Avenue & Valmont Street)

Parking available uphill at the Elks Lodge

**Everyone is Welcome**

**Free Admission**

*Suggested Donation: \$5 per person*

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