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**Media Availability**  
**Vizcaino actors to recreate historic milestone:**  
**400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of discovery, naming of**  
**Monterey**

A landing party of four historical re-enactors will hold a media availability then recreate the December 1602 arrival of Spanish explorer Sebastian Vizcaino. The availability will begin at 11 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 13 at the Maritime Museum of Monterey.

Vizcaino and his crew developed detailed navigational and bathymetric charts of the coastline and bays along the Pacific Coast from Acapulco to Mendocino during this expedition of 1602-1603 and many sites, including Monterey, still bear the names given to them by Vizcaino. The name Monterey was given in honor of the Viceroy of Monterey, who financed the exploration and mapping voyage. Vizcaino's navigational maps were of such high quality that they became the standard charts for Spanish ships sailing the Pacific coast of North and Central America for nearly 200 years.

The Quadricentennial reenactment will be conducted by Spanish naval officer Lt. Cmdr. Juan Ruiz, a student at the Naval Postgraduate School; John Sanders and Javier Chagoya, NPS staff members; and, Cheryl Carter, a docent at the Monterey Maritime Museum.

The media availability will begin in the captain's cabin at the Maritime Museum, followed by an opportunity for close up shots of important period artifacts on display in the museum, and finishing with a trip to Fisherman's Wharf with a reenactment of the landing -- weather and harbor conditions permitting. Photographers and videographers wishing to obtain photos and video from the bay can ride in a boat with the City of Monterey harbormaster.

### **ABOUT THE MONTEREY QUADRICENTENNIAL**

Several events will be held December 13-15 to commemorate Monterey's Quadricentennial and 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the landing of Spanish explorer Sebastian Vizcaino. Principal partners for the Quadricentennial events are: City of Monterey, Monterey County Convention & Visitors Bureau, Monterey History and Art Association, California State Parks, and Old Monterey Business Association. Key sponsors include: Kiwanis Club of Monterey, Pebble Beach Company, First National Bank of Central California, and Cultural Council of Monterey County. Donors include Cafe Fina, Aquanaut/Sea Life Cruises, Monterey Bay Scenic Tours, and Youth Music Monterey.

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#### **Date/Time:**

Friday, December 13  
11 a.m.

#### **Location:**

Maritime Museum of  
Monterey

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