



**CELEBRATE THE BICENTENNIAL OF
LOUISIANA'S FINAL FRONTIER**

Friday, February 15th, 2019

Fort Jesup State Historic Site

32 Geoghagan Road, Many, Louisiana 71449

ten o'clock in the morning

Remarks by Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser at ten-thirty

ENTERTAINMENT AND LUNCH FOLLOWING CEREMONY

**RSVP TO THE SABINE PARISH TOURIST COMMISSION
1-800-358-7802**

The No Man's Land Bicentennial Celebration is a collaboration between the Desoto Parish Tourist Bureau, Sabine Parish Tourist Commission, Natchitoches Parish Tourist Commission, Vernon Parish Tourism, Beauregard Tourist Commission, Allen Parish Tourist Commission, Lake Charles/Southwest Louisiana CVB and Cane River National Heritage Area.

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THE BICENTENNIAL OF LOUISIANA'S NO MAN'S LAND

The Neutral Strip region, (a.k.a. No Man's Land) draws its name from the area's brief stint as an official buffer zone between Spain and the United States following the Louisiana Purchase. When the United States purchased the territory from France, Spain and the U.S. were in conflict over the boundary south of Natchitoches. The region's use as an official buffer between Louisiana and Spanish Texas lasted roughly from 1806 until the 1819 Adams-Onis Treaty that established the Sabine River as the territory's western boundary.

Sometimes described as a place filled with an outlaw culture or as a region with a reputation for a tough and isolated place, the region is better understood as a bastion for those cultural groups who wished to find a home where they could preserve a way of life they cherished in Louisiana's No Man's Land.

Today, Louisiana's No Man's Land is the place where the pirate met the cowboy, and where Native Americans, French, Spanish, Africans, Creoles, Cajuns, and American pioneers from the South and West met to build communities and a culture like no other. Uncover the legends, experience the places and food, and celebrate the culture of Louisiana's Final Frontier.

The No Man's Land - Becoming Louisiana Bicentennial Celebration is a collaborative effort between the seven parishes who are historically tied to the geographic area of Louisiana's Final Frontier. Beginning in the Fall of 2018 and continuing into the Fall of 2021, the No Man's Land Bicentennial Committee will jointly promote the culture, history, art, folklife, natural resources, cuisine, attractions and events of No Man's Land.

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