

# Cibolo Creek Brewing Co.™

## 48ers Porter

Boerne, TX  
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At the time of the American Revolution, the concept of revolting against an oppressive government to create a new and independent republic was nothing new. In fact, revolutions have been occurring for as long as humans have walked the Earth. But the American Revolution was different. It was a unique and powerful movement that was focused on bringing the power to the people and caused many other countries to follow suit, ultimately leading to great change around the world. The colonists' successful (and absolutely remarkable) accomplishment of casting off the tyranny of the most powerful empire in the world in order to develop a nation where everyone was considered equal caused it to stand out and to become a point of inspiration for many others, especially in European countries that had seen millennia of non-democratic monarchs. Following America's quest for democracy, revolutions or similar rebellions began to take

Union Army during the Civil War and made up as much as 10% of the North's entire fighting force. In addition, they worked as laborers, created businesses, supported many industries and often became highly educated and influential Americans. Some notable 48ers include Carl Schurz who became a U.S. Senator from Missouri as well as the Secretary of the Interior under President Rutherford B. Hayes; his wife, Margarethe Schurz, who founded America's first kindergarten (a German word that means "garden of children") and Lorenz Brentano who represented Illinois in the House of Representatives.

The large influx Germans also brought a strong cultural influence into the already diverse American society, further mixing the melting pot that is the United States, and in addition to all of their business, educational, political, medical and artistic expertise, they also brought their love for alcoholic drinks. 48ers became dominant in the beer and wine industry and many German beer-makers used their skills to forever change American beer, and definitely for the better. Breweries run by 48ers began to pop up all around the country and their masterfully made beers became very popular. By the turn of the century, many of the largest breweries in the country were owned by German Americans and just like the cultural blend that is the United States of America, the evolution of American beer followed suit.

Lagers were a German invention and they became very popular due to their lengthy shelf-life. "Lager" is actually derived from the German word "lagern" which means "to store" and the German brewers created a particularly unique mixture that could still taste fresh after long train rides. As modern refrigeration didn't become commonplace until the 1930s, these brews were some of the best on the market and became a staple of American culture, much like they still are today. Influenced by all sides (Germanic, Hispanic and other Anglo settlers), German brewers in Texas and Mexico also helped to develop the blend that we now lovingly call the Mexican lager.

Although they weren't all technically 48ers like Frederick Pabst, some of the German brewers that migrated to America around this time had names that have left a lasting impression in the beer industry; like Eberhard Anheuser (immigrated in 1842); his son-in-law Adolphus Busch (1857); Frederick Miller (born Friedrich Müller, 1855); Adolph Coors (1868); Joseph Schlitz (1850); David Yuengling (born David Jüngling, 1828); and Gottlieb Brekle (1852) whose brewery eventually became Anchor Brewing Company in San Francisco.

The city of Boerne, TX, the home of Cibolo Creek Brewing Co., was created by 48ers who came to the U.S. wishing to establish a utopia where all people would be treated equally. The town was named after Karl Ludwig Börne, a famous German writer and satirist.



Carl and Margarethe Schurz

place all around the world including in France, Haiti, Ireland, Greece, Italy, Spain, Portugal and then across Eastern Europe, Latin America and more. In fact, the time period between 1774 and 1849 is often called the Age of Revolution.

One of the later revolutions from that era not only had a big impact on a particular European country but also on Texas. In 1848, a wave of revolutions started in France and swept through Europe resulting in many attempts to establish democratic governments. The results were mixed at best and led to many Europeans abandoning their homes either because they were frustrated with the newly established governments or because they were now targeted for their roles in the revolution. Many of those Europeans, including the Germans of 1848, also known as "48ers", came to the United States of America.

Immigrants have always had a tendency to settle in certain areas of the U.S. together. For example, Italian immigrants were (and still are) known to occupy New York City, Scandinavians frequently moved to the logging areas of the Midwest, many Chinese people settled in the West and, in the case of the German immigrants of 1848, many of them moved to Texas. No one can argue the positive influence that immigrants have had on the United States of America, especially since every person of non-native blood could be considered an immigrant (even though some people were brought to America against their will), but the German immigrants that moved to Texas were one group that left a very distinct legacy.

Most 48ers arrived via the ports of Galveston, TX and then made their way across the state and into the rest of the country, settling major communities as far north as Cincinnati and Milwaukee. As a population, they were generally outspoken in favor of individual rights, equality and were adamantly opposed to slavery and secession from the Union, even in Texas. About 200,000 48ers joined the



Adolphus Buch and his wife, Elise "Lily" Anheuser Busch

*From the Brewer: After the failed German Revolution of 1848, thousands of German revolutionaries fled Europe and immigrated to the United States. 48ers was named after those German settlers to Hill Country area. Boerne is named after 48er, Ludwig Boerne, he being a German satirist. Our cooler weather porter is a dark beer drinkers joy. Loads of roasty and coffee flavors on the pallet and nose. ABV 6%, IBU 31*

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