

THE CANNON'S MOUTH

newsletter of the
California Historical Artillery Society

"Mike Johnson Chronicles"



January 2018



Annual Meeting
Sunday January 14th
10AM,
California Auto Museum,
2200 Front St, Sacramento
10am

Bring a side dish;
meat provided by CHAS
All members and guests are
welcome to attend.

See page 3 for a message from the
President

Dispatches from the Dog Tent

As 2017 comes to a close, we have a lot to reflect upon this past year. An end of an era at Camp Warhorse as our headquarters. A new beginning at Camp Caisson gets underway. The challenges of a decreasing membership and the looming financial situation stares at us. The 20th anniversary of CHAS as a corporation this past October. These will all be issues to review at our annual membership meeting. We look forward to conversations that cover these areas. The year has been full of events and work parties. A lot of people have contributed and worked hard in CHAS's behalf. I and the board wish to extend our appreciation and heartfelt thank you's to all that have helped to make CHAS the great organization that it is.

Happy holidays to all.

The next CHAS board meeting will be Sunday February 25th 10:00 am Denny's restaurant in Modesto. As always, all members in good standing are welcome to attend. You may also send any suggestions or comments through a member at large.

Thank you to all members.

El Duce



CHAS horses will in the Pasadena Rose Parade with The New Buffalo Soldiers on January 1st, 2018. Parade starts at 8 am, and their position is number 74 out of about 100, so near the end.

Tune in and look for Buster, Brutal, Brodie, Badger, Goodlooking and Grasshopper along with Big Guy and Alan.



CHAS Elections for 2018

Candidate Statements

Dear CHAS members,

We are about halfway there with the online voting! Both with completed elections and time remaining. If you have not voted yet, please do so today. If you have not gotten your emailed ballot link from Election Buddy, please check both your spam box and your email trash box to see if it is there. In a few days, I will be having Election Buddy send out one more reminder with your ballot link.

If you have any questions, please contact me carolyncork@gmail.com or (530) 410-3585
Voting closes on January 8, 2018.

Thank you,
Carolyn Faubel

Treasurer

Now that I have a better handle on CHAS finances, would like to continue as Treasurer for the coming year. There are a lot of challenges in front of us.

Thank You,
Alan Ginos

Recording Secretary

I am running again for Recording Secretary. I have served in this position for many years and would like to continue. This is one of the ways that I contribute to many tasks necessary to running CHAS. I would appreciate your vote.

Scott Foster

Corresponding Secretary

I am seeking re-election as your Corresponding Secretary. I have enjoyed serving in this office since 2012, and welcome the opportunity to continue to serve the CHAS membership in this capacity.

Best Regards,
Judith A. Boling

Unit Commander

I am running for commander again next year. My plan is for the unit to go to 5 large events with team and gun. These are Mariposa, Gibson Ranch, Roaring Camp, DM and Fresno. Roaring Camp will be a gun only of course. I have not yet seen an RACW event list but would like to try for one of theirs too.

I am looking forward to next year.
William Entriken

President

Members of CHAS. To mark our 20th anniversary of CHAS being a 501c3. I would ask your support to be your president again. We have some big challenges ahead of us regarding moving our headquarters from Salinas to DM. We have some very pressing financial issues along with the ever shrinking membership issue to the reenacting hobby as a whole. With your support, I am willing to continue as your president.

Thank you
Ted Miljevich

Vice President

Members of CHAS, I have served as your vice president this past year and would like to continue to be a voice as the many changes still to take place, take place. I have been actively serving this club by attending events, board meetings and work parties. I have also donated toward the horse rescue fund. I am committed to helping CHAS through this transition and into the future.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Thompson

Member at Large—2

I've proudly served you on the board as Member at Large for 2 years. I'd like to continue serving you at this position in the coming year. Thank you for your vote of confidence.

Evelyn Owens

CHAS members

Well, it's election time again. I humbly ask for your vote to fill the position of member at large on the board. CHAS faces some changes this year as we complete the relocation of our club assets, up north, to Camp Cason. I believe my experience and knowledge make me well qualified to assist in these efforts.

I again ask for your support.
Thank you
Roger Boling





Annual Meeting, Old Town Sacramento. January 14th, 2018

CHAS's annual meeting will again take place at the historic California Auto Museum in Sacramento. This central location has served us well over the last several years. The location has ample free close parking. Our reserved meeting room is quiet, spacious and warm. The format for the day is as follows - 10:00 am sharpish meeting will start with officer and committee reports. General membership session and discussion will follow. This time is reserved for member ideas, advisement, etc. Members in good standing will be given there chance to address the board and members in attendance in these areas. This will be enforced as far as members in good standing having the opportunity to address the audience. Our Corresponding secretary will be confirming members in good standing. As overseer of the meeting, I reserve the right to keep the meeting moving with

time limits on topics. I failed to enforce this last year and will do better this time around. The general session should take us to noonish time or so. We will break for lunch and social time. Lunch will be our usual pot luck style with CHAS suppling the BBQ main food dish. If everybody else can bring something (side dish, drinks, dessert etc) it will work out well. It has worked well in the past leaving to each person to do as they see fit to bring something. After lunch and social time, we will reconvene for elections and awards - acknowledgement sessions. We're looking to wrap up the day around 3:00 pm or sooner. The annual meeting has become a well attended event over the years. A time of food, social gathering, relaxing and unit business all under one roof. Your CHAS leadership is looking forward to seeing as many members as possible in attendance. A good time will be had by all, that is for sure!!

Ted Miljevich
President, CHAS

Next Board Meeting
Sunday Feb 25th
10AM,
Denny's
1525 McHenry Ave
Modesto
All members in good
standing are welcome to
attend.

Pyro Guy Wanted

Chris Horn wants to retire. He will come to the 20th Annual Civil War Days with the plan to train up a new ground charge guru.

If you are interested in blowing stuff up, please let Ted know as soon as possible.



Rescued from the Fires

Fire evacuated horses shared quarters with 3rd US herd. There were 11 plus Uno the mini Jackass. All from Chalk Hill Ranch northeast of Santa Rosa, which was directly in the path of the fire. They were evacuated to Camp Cassion by several trailers including Katie with a small ranch trailer from here. They spent about 10 days here until mandatory evacuations were lifted in their area.

Katie making the feeding rounds on her trusty steed, EZ GO.



Big Guy's Mane detangled, and all of the horses had their hooves trimmed as 1st step to get ready for Pasadena. Up to eight Buffalo Soldier troopers will use dark CHAS horses in the parade along with their own stock.

Trooper Ginos



Ready for the Tournament of Roses



Materials and Acquisitions Update from Alan Ginos

In the last five years there has been a definite lack of maintenance and record keeping regarding our truck and trailer fleet. To correct that and to ensure CHAS has safe and reliable transport that can be counted on to perform getting horses and equipment to events, no matter how far the distance, I've volunteered to step back in to the role.

First steps underway are to get all the Isuzu trucks serviced, wiring fixed, and safety/brake inspections completed by a professional shop. To date the Red and Blue trucks have been completed. Both required complete rear brake replacements/drums/axle seals, and minor fixes to wiring to ensure the 6 and 7 pin electrical connectors for trailers are wired completely and correctly.

Concurrent with the trucks going to Chuck's Brake in Santa Rosa, each horse trailer is going in also for the same type of work on brakes and wiring. To date the red trailer is complete, but there is a story worth telling about getting it to the shop, and what was found. Remember the song "Why did you leave me loose wheel" of Mike Johnson fame? Well the same thing almost happened to me when a trailer wheel locked up on the way to the shop and had to be pulled off on the side of the highway, making this trailer once again a 3-wheeled monster. Ah, if Mike and Red could only be here to laugh about it from past occurrences.



A completely messed up backing plate and what was left of the shoe. All 4 sets of brakes were in bad shape so were completely replaced. Wiring was also a mess with a conduit carrying brake wiring across the axle having been hit so hard it was crushed snapping the wiring off. Ah Ha, no wonder the brakes did not work!

It just so happened when the trailer was pulled out to go for a test ride, leaving the shop a loud noise coming from the suspension was heard by a shop bystander. Upon investigation, a hard to detect problem became apparent that could have been disastrous. The equalizer bars, new one shown in next picture to give you a reference of where they are located to connect the front and rear axle springs, were completely worn out with bolts holding them on either broken or nearly cut in two. A complete failure would drop the springs and lead to the axles coming loose.



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Yes, there is more.



Here is what is left of the old bars and bolts. Note the center hole in the bar was meant to be round with no slop from the bolt going through it, and that the one bolt shown is nearly cut in two. The bolt on the other side had already broken and a piece of it was just hanging on holding the bar in place.



The trailer now about 3"-4" higher off the ground without the slop in the suspension. It travels practically level now behind the truck, and tracks very well.

All of this is costing real money, but it is the only way to ensure safe travels, and having a shop do it professionally provides documentation that we pay attention to safety. Next in to the shop is the blue trailer for brake and suspension inspection, but we need to completely re-wire it this winter and don't want to have to pay the shop to do that which we are capable of. My thought going forward is we will need an adopt a vehicle program, just like adopt a horse, to bring in money to pay to keep this equipment on the road.



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Ball Cap



\$15.00

"Pedes" pin



\$5.00

CWD tee



\$15.00

"Pedes" tee



\$15.00



T-shirts available in the Ray Ahrenholz design.



3rd US Roster Assignments 2017

Role	Name	Report To	Role	Name	Report To
Commanding Officer	Entriiken, William		Quartermaster Sgt	Hasslinger, Garrett	Captain
1st Lieutenant			Stable Sgt.	Winfrey, Dennis	1st Sgt.
1st Sergeant	Foster, Scott	Captain	Teamster	Newton, Melinda	Stable Sgt.
Company Clerk	Owens, Evelyn	1st Sgt.			

Guns & Teams

Chief of Piece	O'Connell, Chris	1st Sgt.		2017 Non Re-enlist
Gun Corporal		Gun Sgt.		Amari, Gary
Cannoneer	Thelan, Carl	Gun Sgt.		Boyd, John
Cannoneer	Bettencourt, Austin	Gun Sgt.		Bradford, Bryan
Cannoneer	Murphy, Brooke	Gun Sgt.		Carlisi, Debbie
Cannoneer	Hales, Natalie	Gun Sgt.		Casini, Paul
Cannoneer	Gillich, Mabel	Gun Sgt.		D'Agostino, Mary
Cannoneer	Murphy, Sierra	Gun Sgt.		Ebert, Robert
Cannoneer	Duncan, George	Gun Sgt.		Gumbley, Ben
Cannoneer	Hayes, Austin	Gun Sgt.		Gumbley, Nancy
Cannoneer	Hayes, Heather	Gun Sgt.		Krshul, Steven
Cannoneer	Hayes, Parker	Gun Sgt.		Lavrischeff, Paul
Cannoneer	Graham, Demetrius	Gun Sgt.		Martinez Jr., Thomas
				Mayer, Robert
				Merritt, Susan
Team Corporal	Berry, Michael	Gun Sgt.		Palmer, Ray
Driver	Faubel, Wes	Team Cpl.		Rogers, Keith
Driver	Miljevich, Ted	Team Cpl.		Rogers, Laurie
Driver	Murphy, Dee	Team Cpl.		Sullivan, Lisa
Driver	Fischer, Peter	Team Cpl.		Thelan, Rose
Driver	Ginos, Alan	Team Cpl.		Weston, Mark
Driver	Gillich, John	Team Cpl.		

Artificers

Artificer	Boling, Roger	1st Sgt.	Signalman	Dombroski, Ken	Captain
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Signal Corps

Medical

Physician			Civilian Coordinator	Boling, Judith	
Nurse			Soldier Aid	Thompson, Donna	Civ Coordinator
				Entriiken, Kecia	
				Entriiken, Meagan	
				Entriiken, Kaiya	
				Rejaian, Katie	

Civilians

Reserves

Horton, James	Faubel, Carolyn	Moretti, Teri	Hawkins, Virginia	Morgan, Jeannine
Byrne, Jeannie	Foster, Karen	Moretti, Scott	Johnson, William D	Thompson, Terry
Burtz, Daniel	Hawkins, Bill	Navarro, Angelina	Thompson, Gary	Rejaian, Katie



2018 Schedule of Events*

Planned strong showing at events in red

January 2018

14 Annual Meeting
California Auto Museum, Sacramento

NPS Living History
Fort Point San Francisco, CA

February

CWRS Live Fire
Orosi, CA
Contact: Scott Foster

March

CWRS Battles & Encampments
Mooney Grove Park, Visalia, CA

Celtic Festival Living History
Motherlode Fairgrounds, Sonora, CA
Contact: William Entriiken

NPS Living History
Alcatraz Island, San Francisco, CA

17-18 Blue & Gray Civil War Reenactment
Moorpark, CA

April

ACWA Battles & Encampments
Mariposa, CA
1 Cannon, 1 Team
Contact: William Entriiken

NCWA Gibson Ranch
Sacramento, CA
1 Cannon, 1 Team
Contact: William Entriiken

May

26-28 ACWA Battles & Encampment
Roaring Camp, Felton, CA
1 Cannon, NO Horses
Contact: William Entriiken

June

NCWA Battles & Encampment
Angel Island, San Francisco, CA

July

7-13 CHAS Civil War Days Set Up Work Week
Duncans Mills, CA
Contact: William Entriiken

14-15 CHAS Civil War Days Battles & Encampments

Duncans Mills, CA
2 Cannon, 2 Teams, Ambulance, Forge
Contact: William Entriiken

16 CHAS Civil War Days Clean up Work Party
Duncans Mills, CA
Contact: Ted Miljevich

21-22 CHAS Civil War Days Put Away Work Party (if needed)
Duncans Mills, CA
Contact: Ted Miljevich

August

NPS Living History
Fort Point San Francisco, CA

September

NCWA Battles & Encampment
San Benito Historic Park, Tres Pinos, CA
1 Cannon
Contact: Scott Foster

FOCWA Alcatraz Living History Day
San Francisco, CA

October

Ft. Mervine Civil War Living History & Encampment
Lower Presidio Historic Park, Monterey, CA
1 Cannon
Contact: Scott Foster

ACWA Civil War Revisited Battles & Encampments
Kearney Park, Fresno, CA
1 Cannon, 1 Team
Contact: William Entriiken

November

Work party Duncan Mills

December

Mission Statement

The California Historical Artillery Society is dedicated to preserving and celebrating the life and times of the military horse with emphasis on horse drawn artillery and complementary impressions.

* Dates are tentative and subject to change



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