

THE CANNON'S MOUTH

*newsletter of the
California Historical Artillery Society*

"Mike Johnson Chronicles"



February 2018

Next Board Meeting
Sunday Feb 25th
10AM,

Denny's

1525 McHenry Ave
Modesto

All members in good
standing are welcome to
attend.

Dispatches from the Dog Tent

CHAS is asking all members for financial help.

If you have been keeping up with my president messages or were at the annual meeting, this comes as no new news. As of today, for a variety of reasons, CHAS is in a desperate financial situation. We need operating funds to 'keep the lights on' as they say. The short story is we need funds now to cover the organizations up coming expenses. The best collective idea is to go directly to our membership and supporters for these funds. To accomplish this plan, yours truly has been tasked. My plan is to call, or see in person, all members and supporters of our organization and make a direct plea for direct sponsorship. Be it to sponsor a horse, in part or partial, or to sponsor a direct unit expense such as an insurance bill or a DM expense. I am fully aware some members may not be able to help as much as others. My hope is that those who are able will balance out those that can not do as much. This is an extreme measure to undertake and not one I am happy with doing but our backs are against the wall and we see no other short term way to generate funds to keep us going. I intend for this article to prepare everybody in advance of my contacting you. Thank you in advance for your understanding on this difficult task.

Ted Miljevich
President, CHAS

**Cannon's Mouth
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Due by the 26th of each month

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Rose Parade with The New Buffalo Soldiers (TNBS)

This year TNBS needed six CHAS horses for the parade. With Princess from our stock now belonging to a TNBS member, and Big Guy under me, eight of the ten horses that started the parade were of CHAS origin.



So why does a mounted unit in So Cal use our horses for the parade?

1. Many of the riders come from all over the country and don't bring a horse with them
2. CHAS horses have proven over and over they are bullet proof in the parade
3. Because our horses are herded up and know each other, there is practically no drama with them being together
4. As any of you know that work with them, our horses are easy to be around and groom. They take well to cleaning and look great when they are
5. Trailering our horses is easy load and unload
6. Some of the local troopers have horses, but ours are better in the parade. Enough said.



You might ask what is in it for CHAS to let others use our horses?

1. \$250/horse rental fee
2. A month's worth of care on TNBS dime
3. Grooming, riding and use of the horses that they would not get otherwise at this time of year
4. AJ picking up and returning the horses to the ranch

All of our horses did well and looked good especially in front of the TV cameras. About half way through the parade Brutal had had

enough of being in the back row next to horses he was bothered by. As he was acting up I brought Big Guy to him, grabbed his halter and led him off the parade route on to a side street. How many times over the years has Big Guy helped me lead a horse or team that was acting up in our everyday work at reenactments or training? A whole lot of times.

Once the rider dismounted, I had the best moment of any of the many parades I have participated in.

The parade officials allowed me to reenter the parade route to catch up to TNBS. When we reentered the parade route we got cheers from those who saw what happened. Of course we had to go faster than walk to be able to catch up so trotting/cantering was in order to catch up with the unit. Past two floats and the Salvation army band with about a 3' wide lane down the right side of the band while they were playing/marching. BG never faltered and either did the band members that I could tell. Had to excuse myself a couple of times to get the band master to move out of my way at head of band, but he seemed to be OK with it. Told the crowd in flying by that we weren't done for the day yet.



As always it takes a lot of helpers before, during and after the parade to get things ready, clean up the pit staging area after the horses depart for the parade, drive the vehicles to the end of the parade route and wait 4 hours or more for us to get there. Lt. Dan and Janine McCluskey have been faithful helpers many of the years we have done the parade, and at time Lt Dan rides as well. The McCluskey's also stable Big Guy for me so we hang out and have a lot of fun together.

A successful parade and fun week, looking forward to being invited back again next year.



Materials and Acquisitions Update:

Progress since my last report is that the white haul truck has now been through the shop. While the rear brakes were good on this truck, the front brakes and rotors were shot and replaced. A 7-pin trailer connector was added to rear bumper, 6-pin on bed fixed, and all lights now working. So all three haul trucks are ready for action. Teri Moretti helped me get to Salinas recently to pick up and return the hay truck with its load of gates to DM.

John (Sparky) Boyd and his cousin Bill who attended annual meeting with John are getting involved to bring trailer wiring up to snuff starting with the blue horse trailer. Once John is doing his work on the trailer and it is in the shop area, I will pull the wheels to inspect the brakes and confirm how they are working. With a March completion date, that will give us two solid horse trailers to go to events with.

Submitted by Alan Ginos

Same great address with a new look!

The new website is live! Please take some time to get to know your new website at www.warhorse.org! If you have any comments or suggestions, or notice anything that needs to be changed please let Katie know at admin@warhorse.org. Enjoy!

WORD OF THE WEEK

COFFIN: wooden overcoat.

OFFICER'S SHOULDER BARS: pumpkin rinds.

COWARD: A Confederate expression used, " He developed a case of Yankee Chills."

SLIPPERY BACON: Bacon that is so rotten, it's only use would be to start a fire with.

Reenactor Parking ➡

By Brian Pettit

**MISS THE SMELLS
OF REENACTING
AT HOME?**

Available in:
Campfire



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Uncle Andie's
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those scents home!



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.



Annual Meeting—January 14th

About 20 attended the annual meeting at the California Auto Museum. Treasurer's Report: Alan gave a detailed review of Duncans Mills income/expense—only \$669 more than the year prior. Good news, public attendance and reenactors were up. A budget was presented with almost \$17,000 shortfall. Budget, DM income/expense, annual profit & loss, and balance sheet are on the next pages. As a club, we are feeling the loss of Dennis' generosity. (See page 6 for income and page 7 for expenses.)

Safety: Good year.

Fund Raising: Need a chairman. The grant writer has not gotten any grants as yet. He has had some health problems so is giving us 6 months free consultation.

Material, Acquisition, Maintenance: Everything has been moved from Salinas

except one truck. A third container has been put in place at Paul's but the ground is too slick to get to it at this time. Ted got two heavy duty tarps for the other two containers and they are keeping the cargo dry. All three Usuzi's are road worthy. The truck at Salinas has gates on it, which can be sold. We are still waiting for an agreement with Dennis on the stuff he donated before we start selling it off.

Recruitment: 2017—47 voting members. Most all clubs are down especially with the political issues. Discussion to reach out to the James River group as they have lost their cannons.

Public Relations: New website is up.

Bylaws: Mission Statement was adopted last October. The revised bylaws are on the new website.

Historical/Educational: Original Army Supply Wagon that was at the Woodland Museum needs a new home.

Events: Goal is to participate in 5 events. Mariposa, Gibson Ranch, Roaring Camp, Duncans Mills, and Fresno. Other events are scheduled but not pushed.

Open Session

The Move: We were in hurry to get everything out as the property in Salinas was in escrow. That has since fell through but we are still out. New home is now Camp Caisson at Duncans Mills. There are 3 containers on

the hill in the pasture (to the right as you come into property). One container has all the tack in it. Another has rolling stock (cannon, limber, etc.) The 3rd container will be filled with stuff currently on or in trailers. A 4th container is at the bottom of the hill to be moving when weather permits. There is no power at the site. Paul is working with the county as to what they will allow as permanent. For the time being, we are in a time of flux.

Finances: In the short term, we will not be selling the donations from Dennis. There is not much income from going to events.

Membership is down so dues are short. We relied heavily on Dennis in the past but

now we need to find new revenue. If we had 16 horse sponsors for this next year, our revenue would be covered for this year. Be ready for a personal call from Ted.

Duncans Mills reset: We need to have it this year as our 20th year. But we need the CHAS manpower to put it on or other outside helpers.

Lunch break—potluck and pie!



Annual Meeting—January 14th—con't

Elections results

29 of 48 members voted

President: Ted Miljevich (2 votes for non members)

VP: Terry Thompson (2 votes for non members)

Treasurer: Alan Ginos (1 vote for Brimstone (deceased horse))

Recording Secretary: Scott Foster (1 vote for Good Looking)

Corresponding Secretary: Judith Boling (1 vote for Brandy (deceased horse) and one for Donna Thompson)

Member At Large: Evelyn Owens and Roger Boling (1 for Gumdrop, 1 for Princess (no longer CHAS horse), 1 for Mike Berry & 1 for Gary Thompson)

Captain: William Entriiken (1 for Grasshopper)

Roster was voted as presented

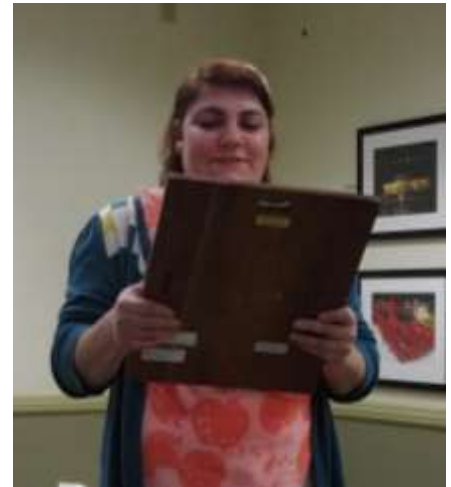
Atta boy for Duncans Mills—William Entriiken

Ed Pico Memorial Award—John Gillich

Larry Schnieder Memorial Award—John Gillich

Life Membership Award—Paul Casini

(Charlie Tarbox & Dennis Winfrey other members)



Evelyn admiring her name on the Ed Pico Memorial Award before presenting it to John Gillich



Terry presenting the Larry Schnieder Memorial Award to John.



Sadly, three more names were added to the Artillery Horse Roll.

Brother suffered a broken leg.

Buttercup passed of old age.

Brimstone was fine in the morning and gone that afternoon. Unknown causes.



As Ted mentioned in his Dispatch, CHAS is in need of funds. Horse sponsorship is \$100 per month. Currently, there are several members able to make that contribution. Could you sponsor half a horse (\$50 /mo)? How about one leg (\$25/mo)? The new website has a Paypal option to set up a monthly contribution—easy! Or can you donate a set of tires for a truck or trailer?

Income statement is below and the expenses are on the next page.

Please consider a monthly financial donation to support the club and/or find others that would be interested.

And be ready for Ted's personal 'reach out and touch' to each member.

California Historical Artillery Society
Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison
 January through December 2017

	Jan - Dec 17	Jan - Dec 16
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Direct Public Support		
Contributions	2,143.86	0.00
Donations for Horse Rescue	6,819.95	15,771.05
Refunds from Prior Fiscal Year	10.00	0.00
Uncategorized Income	244.24	15.00
Total Direct Public Support	9,218.05	15,786.05
Direct Public Support-Other	0.00	1,000.00
Fundraising	461.70	309.29
Membership Dues and Assessments		
Membership Dues	1,252.00	2,445.00
Rations	515.00	1,460.00
Membership Dues and Assessments - Other	390.00	0.00
Total Membership Dues and Assessments	2,157.00	3,905.00
Program Service Revenue		
Duncan's Mills Donations		
Concessions	5,608.80	5,570.65
Donation Boxes	1,152.18	174.50
Gate Donations	16,759.31	14,354.25
Horse Rescue Donations	125.00	85.00
Parking	3,335.00	2,480.00
Pre-Event Donations	3,807.57	3,933.66
Public donations	0.00	2,632.50
Reenactor Registration	3,165.00	2,844.00
Tshirt & Merchandise sales	1,930.00	2,359.00
Total Duncan's Mills Donations	35,882.86	34,433.56
Merchandise Sales		
Horse Cookies	0.00	1,368.00
Merchandise Sales - Other	20.00	159.00
Total Merchandise Sales	20.00	1,527.00
Powder Reimbursements	0.00	200.00
Program Service Revenue - Other	24.00	2,818.75
Total Program Service Revenue	35,926.86	38,979.31
Promotional Sales	49.00	0.00
Sale of Assets	3,067.00	2,075.00
Total Income	50,879.61	62,054.65
Gross Profit	50,879.61	62,054.65



Expenses
Management and General Expenses

	Jan - Dec 17	Jan - Dec 16
Bank Service Charges	160.56	90.14
Corporate Taxes & Fees	970.00	0.00
Insurance	6,211.87	7,600.75
Postage-Gen'l	13.86	0.00
Supplies	0.00	241.01
Telephone	204.93	207.63
Website Expenses	3,015.00	0.00
Management & General Expenses - Other	305.00	226.04
Total Management & General Expenses	10,881.22	8,365.57
Program Service Expenses		
Corporate Fundraising	4,744.33	4,250.00
DMV Licenses	1,448.00	1,233.66
Duncan's Mills Expenses		
DM Advertising	577.50	455.00
DM Concessions Supplies	1,546.54	1,535.59
DM Fees	5,000.00	5,000.00
DM Ground Charges	850.90	1,000.00
DM Mounted Cav Reimb	700.00	750.00
DM Permits	1,977.00	2,036.00
DM Powder Reimb	600.00	600.00
DM Printing	5,509.97	913.43
DM Services	10,489.40	10,516.40
DM Supplies	2,855.03	3,104.72
DM Teshirts	0.00	2,947.43
Total Duncan's Mills Expenses	30,306.34	28,858.57
Equipment-Repair&Replace		
All Other	60.00	332.49
Horse Related	261.77	0.00
Vehicle Related	5,164.93	4,010.47
Equipment-Repair&Replace - Other	0.00	339.38
Total Equipment-Repair&Replace	5,486.70	4,682.34
Event Rations	995.16	2,299.25
Event fees	140.00	0.00
Horse Care		
Farrier	4,000.00	3,005.00
Feed	9,731.68	7,503.21
Supplies	54.13	105.80
Veterinary Expense	1,986.19	5,609.36
Horse Care - Other	158.99	13,127.65
Total Horse Care	15,930.99	29,351.02
Merchandise Sales	134.00	0.00
Powder & Primer Expense	757.50	898.50
Transportation Expense	246.68	679.70
Program Service Expenses - Other	0.00	250.44
Total Program Service Expenses	60,189.70	72,503.48
Total Expense	71,070.92	80,869.05
Net Ordinary Income	-20,191.31	-18,814.40
Net Income	-20,191.31	-18,814.40





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\$15.00

"Pedes" pin



\$5.00

CWD tee



\$15.00

"Pedes" tee



\$15.00



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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—2019 Schedule of Events*

Planned strong showing at events in red

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

21-22 **ACWA Battles & Encampments**
Mariposa, CA
1 Cannon, 1 Team
Contact: William Entriiken

28-29 **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

July

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

20-21 **ACWA Civil War Revisited Battles & Encampments**
Kearney Park, Fresno, CA
1 Cannon, 1 Team
Contact: William Entriiken

November

Work party Duncan Mills

December

Happy Holidays

January 2019

20 **Annual Meeting**
California Auto Museum, Sacramento

NPS Living History
Fort Point San Francisco, CA

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* Dates are tentative and subject to change



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