

The Cannon's Mouth



NEWSLETTER OF THE CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL ARTILLERY SOCIETY
APRIL 2009

Commander's Call

Alan Ginos

Driver and Cannoneer training the weekend of March 28th provided a good learning opportunity for the entire command staff to work on perfecting prolonge drill. Thanks to Mike Foley and Steve Landefield, new prolonge ropes were put to good use. This same training will be repeated April 18th for those of you that missed it. And much work remains to be done on the 18th and 19th to get our equipment prep finished and all going to Mariposa loaded on trailers. Please let your NCO know if can attend either or both days the 18th or 19th.

Thanks are in order to Carolyn Faubel for keeping us well fed during the training/work party weekend.

As you will read later in this issue, CHAS leadership is requesting we evaluate our spending practices and reduce expenditures wherever we can. To that end, all 8 of our small trailers had wheel bearings greased, brakes adjusted, and wiring checked at the last work party by CHAS membership. Don't be surprised this year when you are asked at events to participate in leather repairs and cleaning, wood working, painting and other period correct duties during the day for public consumption. We are behind in maintenance for lack of attendance at work parties, so the alternative is to ensure everyone has things to do at events.

We have a new event that promises to be a lot of fun similar to what we used to experience at the McCloud event. See the Graeagle website at <http://www.graeagle.com/events/mvid/2009/> for information on the July 4th weekend event. It begins with a night battle on Friday night and a fireworks show, and then all kinds of action for the weekend ending with a parade on Sunday afternoon. Graeagle is in the Sierra north of Truckee, and while a haul for most of us, it sure looks like fun. And to boot CHAS will be paid to attend and be a featured act of the event.

Our first public event at Mariposa is right around the corner April 24th-26th. School day on Friday is growing and we have a rotation to man in the

Dispatches from the Dog Tent

Ted Milgovich

Spring is in the air and that means once again it's time to start gearing up for the season. The Captain is hard at work running the work parties and needs help from the members as we have lost, for the time being, the Country work program helpers at Camp Warhorse. Please respond in kind to his calls so we can get our equipment in running shape for the season.

Spring is also the time we start putting into second gear work and plans for our biggest fundraiser of the year - *Civil War Days at Duncans Mills*. This is our 10th year for this excellent event. For the last several years my trusted manpower coordinator Bob Lee has helped in planning the work and manpower roster for the event. As usual, Bob will be contacting ALL members in the unit to help with the event in some way. Please keep in mind Bob is the messenger in the process. He is helping me as event coordinator in getting the manpower supply set up. So when he comes calling please respond to his list of questions as it is all for a reason. Duncans Mills is a big event, known on the west coast as one of the best and biggest events for both public and reenactor attendance. It takes a lot of work and money to make it all happen. So keep in mind that we are looking for help from 100% of our members. That means help with several of the work parties, pre-event setup, the event itself and clean-up time afterwards. We know everybody cannot do it all and we are not asking for that. We are asking for *some* time at a work party and at the event itself. Remember, we need to run the event as its hosts as well as portraying our unit impression. If you cannot help with work parties and or the event itself. CHAS will for sure put your kind and generous monetary donation for the event to good use toward the event. So everyone can help in some way. Whether muscle help or monetary.

The next board meeting will be on Thursday May 21st, 6:00 pm at Marie Callender's in Concord. As always, any member in good standing may attend or contact your member at large to send along any message or input.

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schedule. The call to arms will come out soon along with the April 18th training weekend, so please respond to your NCO or other person you report your intentions to.

The roster has been updated to remove all those not current in dues as of April 1st. We hope many that are left off the list will be returning and have just not kept up with their paperwork. Also note in the roster that Scott Alto has been promoted to Gun Corporal on Gun 1 under Sgt. Hawkins. Congratulations are in order to Scott for recognition of his diligent work on good drill and excellent attendance at both events and work parties for the unit. Thanks are in order to Dave Hall for his years of leadership at events as an NCO, and we know Dave will continue to lend guidance and assistance to make sure we do things by the book at events.

CHAS Economy Measures

Board of Directors

As everyone who follows the local and national news is aware, our state and nation are going through hard economic times.

CHAS is not immune. Our membership has declined slightly over the past two years and our operating expenses have increased; especially the horse care expenses. This trend has been accompanied by a reduction in the number or paying events and less money per event as event sponsor's budgets tighten.

While there is no immediate financial crisis threatening, the CHAS Board has begun investigating alternatives to reduce expenses and/or increase revenue. These actions are undertaken periodically by every prudent organization and are especially appropriate in these troubled economic times.

Some of the alternatives under review involve the sale of some of our unused equipment and potentially the adoption of some of our horse herd. Others include repairing and reconditioning equipment ourselves rather than paying others to do it. The Board will inform the membership as measures are identified so that there is no confusion as to what is happening.

Other ideas will be investigated as warranted. Contact your Member at Large if you have a revenue generating or cost cutting idea.

Help Wanted!

**Organized, Dedicated, & Talented
Individual for unique career
opportunities!**

Two immediate positions open!

Expand your skills! Show off your stuff!

CHAS has openings for two positions very important to our club and our overall impression.

Event Coordinator:

We have an opening for an event coordinator for our Old Sacramento Gold Rush Days event. This event is our second largest moneymaker of the year and is generally looked forward to by many in the unit.

Duties would include scheduling staff over the four-day period and coordinating with the Railroad and California Military Museums as our host. This event does not require starting from scratch! Business arrangements are separately handled and you will have a seasoned prior event coordinator on call to help with your questions or dilemmas. Event checklists and timelines are available as well as pre-event help with coordination issues if you live outside the area.

Do you have what it takes to be an event coordinator? Contact Capt Ginos or Lt Faubel if interested for more details.

Fundraising Committee Chair:

This important position is a "back room" position that oversees our horse rescue and various fundraising efforts.

Duties include working closely with the Board of Directors to supervise and monitor existing fundraising efforts. The position is also involved in investigating new fundraising ideas put forth by the board or membership.

Contact Capt Ginos or Pvt Miljevich for more details.

Board Meeting Minutes

PLEASE NOTE! Since the meeting that produced these minutes, dates for events may have changed. See the Event Calendar for correct dates.

Minutes of the California Historical Artillery Society Board Meeting: February 4, 2009

Present: Teri Moretti, Mike Johnson, John Boyd, Norm Roger, Alan Ginos, Ted Miljevich, Scott Foster

Absent: Roger Boling, Judith Boling

Guests: Chip Langman

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM

Minutes of the November 18, 2008 meeting were read and corrected as necessary. There was discussion about making corrections to event dates that have changed from the original meeting date by the time the minutes are published in the Cannon's Mouth. As the minutes are the record of what is stated at the meeting, it was decided to add a disclaimer before the minutes published in the CM as to the accuracy of dates reported therein.

Officer Reports:

Vice President: John Boyd

John presented images of Artillery US Unit flags. Has not received quotes back from other vendors. The flag would be primarily for parades.

Treasurer: Mike Johnson

Reviewed the Checking and Disbursements.

There was discussion about the cost of the PACWR website and getting reimbursed from other member clubs. Mike will get the costing information to Ted and Norm.

Fundraising:

Chip Langman gave a presentation on a proposal for a fundraising dinner, with the following highlights:

- ☆ Need to get local sponsors, such as Vets, trailer repair, and other businesses. Chip had a tentative list.
- ☆ Would have to get Bar liability coverage
- ☆ Have a silent auction
- ☆ Have a living history school day at Warhorse to get teacher involvement, and establish a History teacher of the year award to have a purpose for an annual dinner.

The Save Mart/Food for Less grocery chain has a program if you sign up will give back 3% of your purchases to your designated non-profit.

Chip also recommended we put in an application for the 2012 inaugural parade..

Materials and Acquisitions:

Alan showed the new, wheeled support fixture for moving around the forge and battery wagon.

The pressure washer pump was damaged by hard water. Alan will get a new pump. John B. is investigating a portable water softening unit.

M/S/P to spend up to \$300.00 for a portable water softening unit.

There will be a work party this Saturday and Sunday.

Waiting for Jeanne Byrne to prepare plans and a bill of materials for a lean-to at Warhorse.

Lisa Bradford has volunteered to work with the Salinas area High Schools to get student volunteers wanting to fulfill their community service hours requirements. The parental permission slip needs to be modified.

Public Relations and Recruitment:

Discussion about ways of retaining members from year to year.

Historical Educational:

Need to see more history articles in the Cannon's Mouth.

It may be possible to work with the Woodlands Ag Museum to allow CHAS members to act as docents for the Escort Wagon. Al Plocher will check with their Board.

Events:

Roaring Camp: Rafferty has been asked to be event coordinator.

Fortuna: Scott Alto will be event coordinator. Most horse people will be going to the National Cavalry competition that weekend. The RACW waiver is not compliant with the PACWR standards.

Alan is proposing having joint Cannoneer and Driver training days on Sunday, March 29 and Saturday, April 18.

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Will take Knight's Ferry off of the event calendar.

Duncan's Mills this year will be the 10th anniversary for the event.

Need to have a new event coordinator for Gold Rush Days. Alan will contact Wes requesting an article for the Cannon's Mouth.

Old Business:

M/S/P to accept the PACWR safety rules as published August 2008'

John brought up the idea of volunteering the use of our equipment for use in the rescue and emergency evacuation of animals during fire or other similar emergencies. Questions as to who do you contact and who would be available to operate the vehicles.

Discussion about events and ideas expressed at the annual meeting. Need more details regarding the idea of sending a team to the East Coast.

The insurance on the trucks will be coming due in the spring. John B. will get information from his amateur radio club, as they have insurance on their truck, building and equipment.

Teri M. is going to check if the equestrian program at Santa Rosa Junior College could utilize and board a team during the week and we would have use of them on weekends as necessary.

Ted will be chairman of PACWR this year.

Next meeting will be on Thursday, March 26.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 PM.



The President at Roaring Camp

The Recruiting Desk

Wes Faubel

It has begun! The 2009 campaign season has officially arrived! The battery park and equipment depots are a bustle. Rumor has it that the army is preparing to march into action at the end of this month.

Seventy-seven hardy patriots have volunteered to once again pit themselves against the foe. This total leaves us a bit thinner in the ranks compared to other years, but the troopers reenlisting are some of the cream of the crop. I am sure they will form an undefeatable cadre not only on the battlefield, but also on the dance floor and in the taverns. The roster and assignments have been updated accordingly.

Still, it is not too late. Get the spring planting done and join up before the hoeing starts at the upcoming Mariposa Campaign. Remember we can always find a spot on a cannon or horse for a good trooper.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Yr Obedient Sv't

Lt Casualty

Co. A

Greg Sweatt



"Ah hare them Yanks is diggin' thar trenches closer n' closer ever day!"



Charlie Company 1-185th Armor

On behalf of the Company, We would like to express our gratitude and appreciation for the kindness expressed from the care packages and many other items sent to us here in a place so far from home. As we are unable to spend time with our families during this deployment, just knowing that there are people back home that care and support us brings great warmth to our hearts. Please remember that all of you have touched 130 soldier's hearts, gave them a piece of home and love to remember, and most of all you put a smile on these soldiers face. Once again on behalf of, Charlie Company, 1-185th Armor Battalion, thank you for expression of goodwill and thank you for all you have done and continue to do!

Sincerely,

Soldiers from
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AND THE
CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL ARTILLERY SOCIETY
(a non-profit educational organization)
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CIVIL WAR DAYS

10TH YEAR!

DUNCANS MILLS, CA



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JULY 18TH & 19TH, 2009

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Encampments food & Beverages Twice Daily Battles

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Featuring reenactors from the ACWA, NCWA and groups from the Greater Western United States.

For More Information, visit www.civilwardays.net

Call (707) 922-5901 or (831) 751-6978

Last year at the Sacramento Jazz festival, Mike Johnson met a mounted police officer who's horse entertained the crowd by "dancing" to the music. That June the officer, LuAnne Holmsen, was seriously injured during a training session in San Francisco when her horse fell on her. The last news was that she was listed in stable condition. There was no more news about her... until a few weeks ago when Melinda Faubel was on an endurance ride.



LuAnne with her horse, Ted

"I was riding next to a women during last weekend's 65 at 20 Muleteam, held in Ridgecrest. We got to talking (there's a lot of talking that takes place on a 65 mile ride) and it turns out that this was her first ride back since being seriously hurt by a horse. She was from the Auburn area and mentioned that she was hurt on the job, as she was a police officer..... all of a sudden the pieces of the puzzle clicked and

I asked her if she was the officer whose horse "danced"! What a small world! I asked her if she would mind me forwarding an update to CHAS as we had heard about her accident and many of us would like to know that she was doing OK.

She wanted me to add a few details to the article that was published in the paper.

1. She wants everyone to know that it was NOT the dancing horse that flipped over on her. It was a mount that had some issues that she was schooling (but had never reared before). She doesn't remember anything past the horse rearing. She had extensive injuries (I won't go into them here but they were INCREDIBLE! I can't believe she's on a horse....) and was in a coma a week. During that time she also had a stroke.
2. She will probably be medically retired after an evaluation by a doctor, but is hoping that the dancing horse, who will also be retired in a few years, will be able to go to her after he is retired. She was the one the picked him out and did all his police training, and so feels a real connection.

Melinda

Check out my blog - Boots and Saddles!
www.bootsandsaddles4mel.blogspot.com

So there we were.....

Walking the mules after a very short and successful first test canter in the chariot. The mules are coming along very nicely and I am complimenting ourselves for a job well done. When quite unexpectedly, some pit bulls came raging up on our 8 o'clock. I didn't think much of it, but was still ready for action. And I got it.... 30-year-old and fairly dead to the world Mr. Jasper Mule took off like a jackrabbit that had been lit-up on fire... we are talking an instantaneous conflagration! Hot Damn, I mean that mule rocketed off like the very fire and brimstone from hell was tied to his tail.

He dragged Josie along with him before I could get any effective steering and we were already up and over a three foot bank and running cross-country. (Do they make brush guards for chariots)??? I had the choice of running them into a propane tank or a juniper bush. My highly honed survival instinct, (so what am I doing in a chariot you ask?), told me to take the previously proven mule stopping device of the juniper bush. Problem was, unbeknownst to me, in our path there was an ancient juniper stump camouflaged and obscured underneath some sneaky bushes.

Upon impact it was like a scene from "Ben Hur" and we got some really awesome air. I must report the chariot has some excellent flight characteristics. The impact really should have shattered the chariot, but the only harm done is a really cool dent that would make the village idiot proud and the swamper and I had great difficulties in trying to catch our breath from laughing so hard.

Here's a photo taken previous to the above incident. so you can see how really nice the chariot is.. Er, ah, was....

Blonde Mule



WANTED!

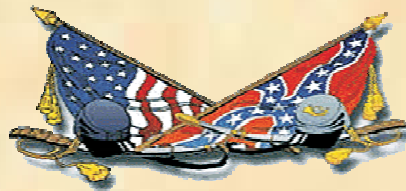
FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Do you like to be in charge and are you the type of person that can get things done? CHAS is looking for a Fundraising Committee Chairman. Raising funds is crucial to help keep our unit events and horse rescue program running.

The Fundraising Chairman should:

- ★ Lead and organize the fundraising committee
- ★ Appoint committee members to direct projects.
- ★ Inform the Board of all planning and organizing details.
- ★ Motivate and inspire all members to promote and participate in the events.
- ★ Direct the planning processes in cooperation with the Board and the Fundraising Committee.
- ★ Delegate the implementation of decisions

If you are interested in finding out more about this important position, contact any member of the Board! You can find contact information on the website and Cannon's Mouth.



MIKE JOHNSON
TREASURER



Please put this in a Conspicuous place.

Call to Arms! - Roaring Camp

Rafferty Lincoln

Gentlemen, and those who play one.

This coming Memorial Day weekend, May 23rd-25th, the ACWA will host the annual Roaring Camp Civil War Battles & Encampment in the Santa Cruz redwoods. This event is spread out over three days of "livin' history up!" The event site, Roaring Camp, was started by Isaac Graham in the 1830's and the saw mill opened in 1842, although the local forest was spared thanks to his wife who did not want the trees to be logged. Some time later, Mr. Graham started a tourist business hauling people up and down the mountain in the narrow-gauge railroad he built for the mill that never opened. Today, Roaring Camp is a year-round tourist destination, with numerous events from Easter to Christmas. But the Civil War event surpasses even Thomas the Tank Engine!



We'll have one gun. As for food; if you want to eat, bring some.... we might try a potluck on Saturday, like Tres Pinos. This event is great for skirmishing, so bring your side arms and rifles! I've heard that, so far, we're camped on the hill. In past years, arrival on Friday, the 22nd, is allowed past 2:00-2:30ish, after the school days are over. During the event, train battles go on throughout the day. The event has a dance on Sunday night, after the FREE re-enactor train ride up the hill and back. There is only one battle on Monday, after the Memorial Day ceremonies and Monday stay over is allowed. There are 3 school days preceding the event (20th-22nd), for questions contact me at raff.the.robinhood@comcast.net.

By my opinion, the three best events on the west coast are Duncans Mills, Roaring Camp and Moorpark. Now that's saying something.

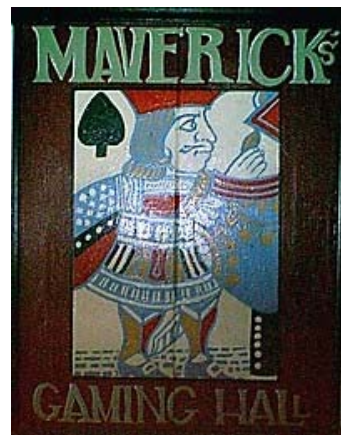
Cock & Pullet / Maverick's Returns to Mariposa



We got the word from "Maverick" Miller himself that the Cock & Pullet Pub and Maverick's Gaming Hall will be open for your pleasure at the Las Mariposas Civil War Days on April 24 -25!

For a very reasonable \$10 donation you can have all the homebrew you can hold and gamble for a chance to win some really nice prizes. Several members of the 3rd have partaken of their unique hospitality at Mariposa, Gibson Ranch and Tres Pinos.

Besides being great friends and supporters of CHAS, the "gaming hall" is a fundraiser set up by the WABSHA to help fund the preservation of Camp Moore Confederate Cemetery and Museum in Tangipahoa, LA, about 4 hours outside New Orleans.



You can read all about it at their website - <http://www.wbsha.org/mavericks.htm>. For more information on Camp Moore and the museum, go to http://personal.atl.bellsouth.net/c/o/cosby_w/.



Cpl (?) Roberts and Teamster Faubel try their luck at the Blackjack table

Driver and Cannon Training

More photos will be posted when received!



Get your cool CHAS Gear!

We now have hats (as modeled by Bethany Faubel) and pins. And don't forget the *Civil War Days* t-shirts and CHAS mugs. Contact Mike Johnson at 3rdusmounted@warhorse.org for your purchases!



\$15.00



\$5.00



\$15.00

Safety First!

Mike Johnson

Not a lot of space this month, so short and sweet.

Mariposa is famously unpredictable for its April weather. Chilly and damp? Hot and sweltering? And whatever it is early in the day can change quickly! Be prepared for either extreme. Wear layers that can easily removed or added between battles, after dinner and before heading over the Cock & Pullet.

And don't forget to keep hydrated. Drinking plenty of water is critical no matter where we are. And "NO", just because beer and spirits are made with water doesn't mean they are substitutes!

LAS MARIPOSAS CIVIL WAR DAYS

The Civil War West of the Mississippi?

www.thecivilwardays.com

Perhaps not in the 1800's, but *MOST DEFINITELY* every spring on the last weekend in April, in beautiful Mariposa, CA, only 40 minutes outside of Yosemite National Park!



Taking its name from the historical landmark of John C. Fremont's 44000 plus acre Las Mariposas Land Grant, the Las Mariposas Civil War Days event draws importance from this as well as Fremont's settling in the town of Mariposa, CA, where many of the streets and buildings bear his family's name. The grant, purchased shortly after the Civil War, ran through the Sierra's mountains and fully encompassed Long's Mariposa Ranch, site of the event.

Each year, the Las Mariposas Civil War Days reenactment takes place on over 50 acres of Long's 3500 acre Williamson Act ranch. With its rolling hills, tree studded with every variety of Oak trees imaginable, this location has been flatteringly hailed by past participants as the best west coast site most resembling any actual historical battlefield.

What makes for a great Civil War Reenactment?

Let's start with the first commandment of a superior Civil War event: LOCATION. The Longs' Mariposa Ranch, with its open expanses for the cavalry, gullies and tree lines for foot soldiers, and majestic hilltops for cannon placement, provides the ultimate resemblance to actual historical battlefields of anywhere in the western United States. This is what makes the Las Mariposas Civil War Days site truly inspiring. By not being physically bound by any city or town restraints, the Las Mariposas Civil War Days is a reenactors' dream come true, and a more inviting venue on the west coast cannot be found.



Most importantly, this site promotes the freedom of its reenactors to fulfill their "living historical ambitions" any way they see fit. You can feel the "living history" aura all around. Each year, as the event grows, the LMCWG will continue to add to the site in order to improve the reenactors' experience. All of this, with an abundance of the standard accoutrements, makes it easy to see how this event is destined for success and perpetuity. With groups from all over the Western United States in attendance, this event is blossoming into the premier reenactment of its kind out west!

The next commandment of a superior Civil War Reenactment: SINCERITY. The Las Mariposas Civil War Group (LMCWG) whom presents the event is truly dedicated to educating the public about this critical era in our nations' history. More specifically, is the groups' desire in providing the attending reenactors the opportunity to bring to life their "living historic perspective". The LMCWG believes that these two go hand in hand: When the reenactor experience is successful, then BOTH parties have a mutually better experience.



Further proof of the LMCWG's desire to promote and preserve the general historical cognizance of this era is the group's unanimous decision to donate a portion of the proceeds of the event to the Conservation Fund's Civil War Battlefield Campaign. The group's goal is that as the event grows, so does their ability to further help in preserving those sites with historical significance.



CIVIL WAR PRESERVATION TRUST
Saving America's Threatened Civil War Battlefields

More Than 25,000 Acres Saved

Additionally, the group is committed to sponsoring an annual academic Scholarship Fund in the hope of promoting our nation's history from an educational viewpoint.

The last commandment of a successful Civil War reenactment: GOALS. This is an easy one as the group wants to improve and expand in order to become the premier event based on its authenticity, its educational value, and its overall promotion of this incredibly important part of our history. There are many reenactments held annually, but perhaps the most important fact of this one is that it is all done via volunteers and from a non profit status. All monies generated go toward sponsoring the next year's event, charitable contributions, and helping the overall reenactor cause.



The Las Mariposas Civil War Days is presented by the Las Mariposas Civil War Group (L.M.C.W.G.) and in association with the N.C.W.A. This spectacular AND authentic weekend includes all of the standard fare you love when participating or just observing and MORE. In its 3rd year at this location, the attendance has practically doubled each year and as word gets out, the momentum is gaining.

This year, Education Day is April 24th, with over 1000 students and 125 or so teachers registered to attend and traveling all the way from Oregon, Colorado, Northern and Southern California, Arizona, and Nevada. Private schools, home schools, charter schools, and public schools are all encouraged to come, and the day is at NO COST to these attendee's. Sponsored by local businesses and the L.M.C.W.G., and presented by the N.C.W.A. and others, this day has proven to be an experience overwhelmingly popular with all parties, for its depth of education, organization, and overall informational value. The Education Day ends with a feast on site for all reenactors and sutlers; in gratitude for helping us start the weekend off on the right foot.

Saturday and Sunday, April 25th and 26th, contain the main programs this year and are already slated to be bigger and better than before. Since the event has such an incredible venue on the Longs' Mariposa Ranch, the only limit to the reenactors program is their imagination.

Visit our website at www.thecivilwardays.com for further information about this event and the local area.

We look forward to seeing you there.



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HELP SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

BRING YOUR DONATIONS!

Thanks again to all of you who brought items for the Troops! Many of them have expressed thanks for all we've done. We will be collecting items throughout the year. We will be shipping to them soon, so if you have any donations please bring them with you to any work party or event so we can get them out to the troops as soon as possible. Also, shipping is pretty expensive so if you can't contribute items, monetary donations are accepted and will be marked specifically for the troops!

The troops have let us know that they really appreciate your items because it lets them know someone cares about them being where they are deployed. The packages and letters they receive help make the days pass and give them something to look forward to. Here is a list of things they most enjoyed:

Iraq

- Gatorade powder and the single packages of those drink powders that you put into a bottle of water
- Gift cards for AAFES - <http://www.aafes.com/>
- Beef jerky
- Good sun block (45 spf or higher)

Afghanistan

- Warm socks/gloves and undergarments - it gets extremely cold in Afghanistan
- Mosquito repellant (the lotion kind)
- Good coffee for those cold mornings - coffee mugs and travel cups also.

General items for any soldier in both countries

- Candies, spicy foods (rice crackers, spicy peanuts, etc. - foods with flavor) The Dining Facilities (DFACs) serve rather bland foods.
- Word puzzle games - there's dozens of little pocket book game books.
- Name brand shampoos and soaps - the BX/PX, if there's one near you, only sells a few generic brand toiletries.
- Fingernail clippers, Q-tips, chap stick, etc are good things to send as well.

www.treatsfortroops.com is also a very good site to purchase from. They always have good stuff to send to the troops. From this site, you can foster a soldier deployed. I got packages from quite a few people that I didn't know and you have no idea how good it makes you feel to hear from people that support you. It's an uplifting experience and keeps the troops moral as high as can be expected.

Thanks again and support those deployed! They deserve it!"

If you prefer, you can still send your items and donations to:

Mike & Roz Johnson
334 Kevin Ct.
Auburn, CA 95603

History of the 3rd U.S.

Al Placher

THE THIRD REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY

By LIEUT. WM. E. BIRKHIMER, ADJUTANT

Part V

In 1827 the stations of the Third were changed to the New England coast, headquarters, Ft. Independence, Massachusetts. Existence was tranquil, duties merely routine. The early thirties, however, brought more excitement. In 1831, B, E, H, took station at Fortress Monroe, whence, next year, B and H were sent to Charleston, S. C., to put down the nullificationists; proceeding thence to the disturbed Seminole and Creek Indian districts of Florida and Alabama. When the Florida War broke out C and I were also in the hostile country. This was precipitated by a tragic event familiarly known as Dade's massacre. On December 28, 1835, Brevet Major and Captain Francis L. Dade, 4th Infantry, with one company of the Second and B of the Third, was ambushed near the crossing of the Withlacoochee River, Florida, and all but 4 privates killed, one of whom belonged to B. Captain Upton S. Fraser, 2d Lieut. R. R. Mudge, Brevet 2d Lieut. John L. Keais, and thirty-one enlisted men of the Third fell on the field.

Upon receipt of this intelligence, the steps of the whole regiment were at once bent towards the theatre of hostilities—where A, D, E, F, G arrived in June, 1836. Meanwhile the companies in Florida were actively engaged. On December 31, 1835, C, H were with General Clinch when he defeated the Seminoles near Withlacoochee ford. On March 29, 1836, C, H, I, part of the force under General Clinch, were again engaged near the Withlacoochee. The same companies met the Indians again on June 9 and 19, 1836, the former near Macinope, the latter between that place and Ft. Drane. Later in the year, A, C, H, I encountered the Indians at Ft. Drane, August 21st; on the Withlacoochee River, October 13th; and in the Wahoo swamp, on November 21, 1836. At this time the other companies of the regiment, except B, were in

Alabama assisting to overawe the Creeks. B, after its annihilation, was reorganized in Massachusetts, and joined the regiment in the field in January, 1837, being engaged with the enemy at Camp Munroe, Fla, February 8th, following.

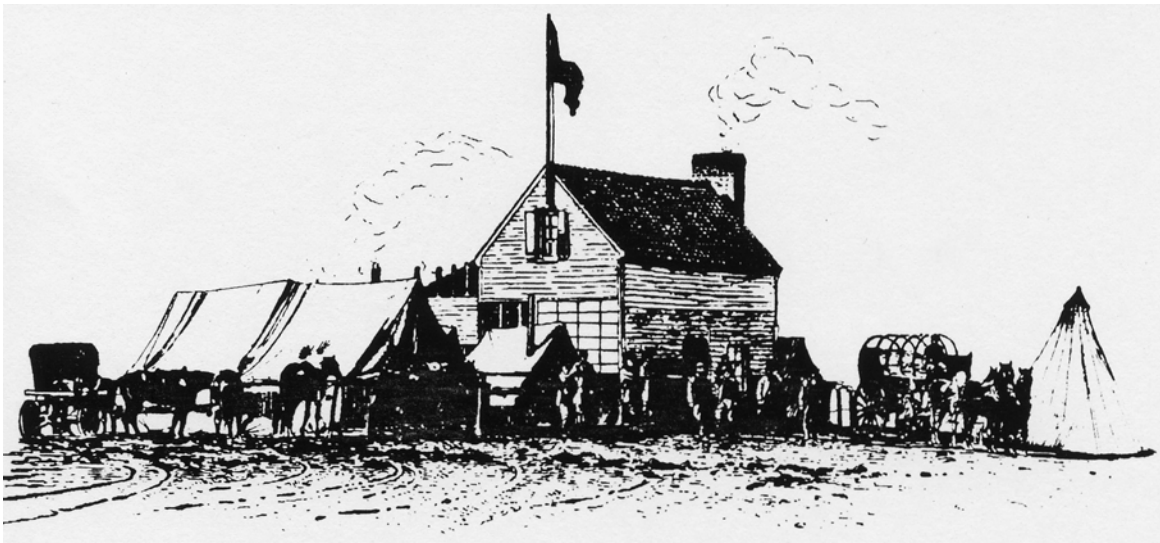
During 1837 all the companies were actively employed against the enemy, driving them from one fastness to another, yet rarely seeing them. The service was distressing beyond description. It was almost impossible to bring the Indians to bay except they wished it. Besides, the bullets of a concealed savage foe were less destructive to life than the reptiles abounding and diseases contracted under a vertical sun in the almost boundless and impenetrable swamps. The year 1837 was the season of General Jessup's advent upon the theatre of operations. It was tedious and unprofitable to follow the companies of the Third in all their wanderings through the everglades. Suffice it to say they were constantly on the move, drawing tighter the cordon about the Indians who gradually were being made prisoners or exterminated. All the companies were in the field, traversing the hostile district in every direction. In May, 1837, C was mounted, and with B, 4th Artillery, performed the duty of scouts until the 12th of the following December when the horses were turned in.

The termination of this year was signalized by an event of great interest to the regiment. For the first time since its organization all the companies were united; they were mustered together December 31, 1837, at Fort Christmas, Florida.

The next day the regiment, under Lieut.-Colonel Gates, marched, in Brevet Brigadier Eustis' brigade, against the hostiles, who were defeated, January 24th, at the Locheehatchie. The Indians were now coming in rapidly. But the Cherokees, in the northern part of Georgia, were now to be removed west of the Mississippi, and troops were needed to start them. Accordingly, in April, 1838, A, F, H, I, under Lieut.-Colonel Gates, followed, May 7th, by D, C, E, G, under Brevet Major McClintock, 4th Artillery, and later by B, marched across the peninsula from Fort Jupiter to Tampa Bay, and proceeded via New Orleans and Tuscumbia, Ala., to Chattanooga, Tenn., where the regiment was again, and, so far as known, for the last time united; for, although K was authorized at this time, it was not yet organized. Here the Third remained, camped on the sites of subsequent famous battle-fields, until the Cherokees started west, when it returned, piecemeal, via Augusta, Georgia, to the theatre of active operations in Florida. On November 19, 1838, C was broken up, the men transferred to other companies, and the lieutenants ordered to Carlisle, Pa., where the company, as will hereafter be narrated, was being reorganized as horse-artillery. To keep up the equilibrium in Florida, however, K, the newly authorized company, joined December 24, 1838.



The Forlorn Hope of Fort King Road
by Jackson Walker depicting Dade's battle.



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3rd US Roster Assignments 2009

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Commanding Officer	Ginos, Alan		Stable Sgt.	Winfrey, Dennis	XO
Executive Officer	Faubel, Wes	Captain	Teamster	Faubel, Melinda	XO
1st Sergeant	Foster, Scott	Captain	Teamster	Casini, Paul	XO
			Commissary Sgt.	Moretti, Scott	1st. Sgt.
Gun/Team 1			Gun/Team 2		
Chief of Piece	Hawkins, Bill	1st. Sgt.	Chief of Piece	Duncan, George	1st. Sgt.
Gun Cpl	Alto, Scott	Gun Sgt.	Gun Cpl	Boyd, John	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Ahrenholz, Ray	Gun Sgt.	Cannoneer	Dunne, Cary	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Hall, David	Gun Sgt.	Cannoneer	Ebert, Bob	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Lemasters, Michael	Gun Sgt.	Cannoneer	Lincoln, Barbara	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Lincoln, Rafferty	Gun Sgt.	Cannoneer	Sablan, Mike	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Sablan, Scott	Gun Sgt.	Cannoneer	Thompson, Terry	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Thompson, Karla	Gun Sgt.			
Team Corporal	Johnson, Mike	Gun Sgt.	Team Corporal	Moretti, Teri	Gun Sgt.
Driver	Berry, Mike	Team Cpl.	Driver	Gilliland, John	Team Cpl.
Driver	Burtz, Dan	Team Cpl.	Driver	Horton, Jim	Team Cpl.
Driver	Faubel, Loreleigh	Team Cpl.	Driver	Sullivan, Lisa	Team Cpl.
Driver	Miljevich, Ted	Team Cpl.	Driver	Thompson, Doug	Team Cpl.
Driver	Virga, Tony	Team Cpl.			
Artificers			Unassigned		
Chief Artificer	Boling, Roger	1st. Sgt.	Unassigned	Amari, Gary	1st. Sgt.
Artificer	Blair, Michael	Chief Art.	Unassigned	Bradford, Bryan	1st. Sgt.
Artificer	Faubel, Tristan	Chief Art.	Unassigned	Bradford, Lisa	1st. Sgt.
Artificer	Griffith, Loren	Chief Art.	Unassigned	Byrne, Jeanne	1st. Sgt.
Artificer	Johnson, Dave	Chief Art.	Unassigned	Claytor, Kermit	1st. Sgt.
Artificer	Lee, Robert	Chief Art.	Unassigned	Ensign, Sue	1st. Sgt.
Artificer	Ruther, Justin	Chief Art.	Unassigned	Foster, Matt	1st. Sgt.
Artificer	Weston, Mark	Chief Art.	Unassigned	Foley, Mike	1st. Sgt.
			Unassigned	Foley, Shirley	1st. Sgt.
			Unassigned	Fulks, Andy	1st. Sgt.
			Unassigned	Justiniano, Joe	1st. Sgt.
			Unassigned	Langman, Chip	1st. Sgt.
			Unassigned	Maciver, Al	1st. Sgt.
			Unassigned	Martinez, Thomas	1st. Sgt.
			Unassigned	Rogers, Keith	1st. Sgt.
			Unassigned	Rogers, Laurie	1st. Sgt.
			Unassigned	Sims, Ed	1st. Sgt.
Signal Corps					
Private	Mosher, Chris	Signal Sgt.			
Private	Roger, Norm	Signal Sgt.			

“There's two theories to arguing with a woman. Neither one works.”

~ Will Rogers

2009 Schedule of Events

April

- April 4 Alcatraz Living History Day. Hosted by the Friends of Civil War Alcatraz and the National Park Service. San Francisco.
- April 3 - 5 SCCWA Battles & Encampment. Prado Regional Park, Chino.
- April 18 CHAS team driver practice, unit safety training and Mariposa Equipment Load-out. Camp Warhorse, Salinas. Contact Alan Ginos.
- April 19 CHAS optional day for those wishing to stay overnight Saturday. Camp Warhorse, Salinas. Contact Alan Ginos
- April 24 - 26 Las Mariposas Civil War Days. Mariposa. NCWA Battles & Encampment. 2 teams & guns, ambulance and wagon. Support units. School day Friday. Contact Alan Ginos.

May

- May 15 - 17 Gibson Ranch, Sacramento. NCWA Battles & Encampment. 2 teams & guns, Support units. School day Friday. Contact Alan Ginos.
- May 23 - 25 Roaring Camp. ACWA. 1 gun, no horses. Contact Rafferty Lincoln

June

- June 27 - 28 Duncans Mills. Weekend work party. CHAS. Contact Ted Miljevich.

July

- July 3 - 5 37th Mohawk Valley Independence Day Celebration. Graeagle, CA. CCWR Battles & Encampment. \$\$\$. Contact Alan Ginos. *Includes 8:00 PM Dusk Battle!* www.graeagle.com/events/mvid/2009/
- July 4 4th of July Parades. \$. CHAS. Contact Alan Ginos.
- July 11 - 12 Duncans Mills. CHAS weekend work party. Contact Ted Miljevich.

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July 18 - 19

Civil War Days at Duncans Mills.

CHAS Invitational. Battles & encamp. 2 teams, guns & support. \$\$\$\$.

Maximum effort Contact Ted Miljevich. *One of the largest annual events west of the Mississippi.*

July 25 - 26

Duncans Mills. CHAS after event clean up work party. Contact Ted Miljevich.

August

N/A

September

- Sept. 3 - 7 Eighth Annual Gold Rush Days. Old Sacramento. CHAS living history & encampment. 1 team/gun, support unit. \$\$\$. Rotating attendance needed. Contact TBD.
- Sept 18 - 20 Tres Pinos. NCWA Battles & Encampment. 1 gun, no horses.
- Sept 19 - 20 Fortuna. RACW Battles & Encampment. 1 gun, no horses. Contact TBA
- Sept 26 Alcatraz Living History Day. Hosted by the Friends of Civil War Alcatraz and the National Park Service. San Francisco.

October

- Oct. 2 - 4 Kearny Park, Fresno. NCWA Invitational. Battles & encampment . 2 teams & guns, support units. School Day Friday. Contact Alan Ginos. *One of the largest annual events west of the Mississippi.*

November

- Nov 6 - 8 Moorpark Farm, Moorpark. Richmond Howitzers. 2 teams & guns. Battles & encampment. School Day Friday. \$. Contact Alan Ginos. *One of the largest annual events west of the Mississippi.*
- Nov 14 CHAS Weekend "Put-Away" Work Party. Contact Alan Ginos.
- Nov 19 CHAS Dinner Fundraising Event. Monterey County. Contact Ted Miljevich.

December

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