

The Cannon's Mouth

NEWSLETTER OF THE CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL ARTILLERY SOCIETY
MAY 2009

Commander's Call

Alan Ginos

As promised, cannoneers fired more rounds at Mariposa than at any recent event. This came about because of the leeway given the Artillery Reserve to move and fire independent of Brigade command. Drivers were treated to moving saddle time and did good work getting the team around in style. Believe it fair to say that all enjoyed the event, and we picked up at least one recruit with some other possibilities.

Winter training allowed the use of prolonge drill to good effect in a battle, and a lesson learned in an arty demo about hills, cannons and subsequent lack of rolling resistance of a cannon in prolonge. Horse artillery was successfully practiced with members of the 1st Nevada and 7th Michigan Cavalry. This practice confirmed we could do this at future events as the opportunity arises, and may well be the only unit in the country that does this.

Now on to Gibson Ranch, where several treats await those that attend. First, three cannons will be there and depending upon crew turnout all can be used. Second, two teams will be working on maneuver skills in practice time. Then for a special treat with old friends, the James River Squadron is invited to Saturday dinner, where the Fort Point Garrison Brass Band will serenade us all.

Looking past Gibson, Roaring Camp comes up Memorial Day weekend in Santa Cruz. Let Rafferty Lincoln know if you plan on attending to be on the gun crew that is going there. Then a bit farther out on 4th of July weekend, we are to be featured performers in Graeagle with a civic-minded reenactment and parade. So once again we will be busy on 4th of July weekend. This will be a fun weekend for those that attend.

For the first event of the year, our equipment looked and performed well. Thanks to all who attended winter work parties to make it so. No truck or trailer problems were reported, so a good start to a busy season.

Dispatches from the Dog Tent

Ted Milgovich

Spring and the reenacting season is upon us! Good weather and great events are on the schedule for sure. Also on the schedule, put there unwantingly, is this ongoing, slow downturn in our economic situation. As stated before, CHAS is deeply feeling this and for sure have issues we will have to deal with as a volunteer organization. We are soon looking forward to another great fundraising event with Duncans Mills. But we will need more than this usual great fundraising event to cover all our organizational costs this year. Your board is working on ideas in responding to these issues. Stay tuned for more information in this area.

The next board meeting will be on Thursday May 21st, 6:00pm 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 messages or input.

EL DUCE



CASINI RANCH FAMILY CAMPGROUND
AND THE
CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL ARTILLERY SOCIETY
(a non-profit educational organization)
PRESENT

CIVIL WAR DAYS

10TH YEAR!

DUNCANS MILLS, CA



Photo by Michael Sharps

JULY 18TH & 19TH, 2009

SATURDAY: 9am - 5pm • SUNDAY: 9am - 3pm

Adults: \$10 • Kids: \$5 • Parking: \$5

Encampments food & Beverages Twice Daily Battles

Battle Times - Sat: 1pm & 4pm - Sun: 11am & 2pm

Sorry, we are unable to accept bank cards of any kind.

Performance features gunfire, explosions and other loud noise. Small children and pets not recommended.

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

The Recruiting Desk

Wes Faubel

As I predicted, our brave boys in blue did not disappoint and turned out in relative droves for the recent campaign.

What a campaign it was! The union forces did not always cover themselves in glory, but the artillery was in the forefront of battle and took many casualties. Consequently, we still need more troops to fill the gaps in the line. Rally to the Flag!

Current membership stands at 80 souls. No applications were submitted for approval at the April Board of Directors meeting. One application will be submitted for approval at the May meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Yr Obedient Svt

Lt Casualty

American Anti-Slavery Society Visits Mariposa

It was great to see our friends from the AA-SS once again! They travelled from the southland to educate and entertain the units as well as the public visitors on slavery in the time of the WBTS.

They also took time to write letters to the soldiers. This editor received a very nice letter from Ms. Ashcroft that brightened the day greatly. I thank them for remembering, and look forward to seeing them more in the coming months!



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Abolitionists sing the gospel hymn - "Do Lord"

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.

WANTED!

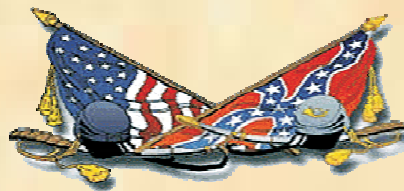
FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

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.

Member News

Most of you know Terry Thompson. But did you know:

1. She is Wes Faubel's sister?
2. She is a Chief Warrant Officer in the U.S. Navy Reserve?
3. She is the President of the Kiwanis Club of Woodlake, a veteran Member of the Woodlake Memorial District Board and member of the Woodlake High School Foundation Board?
4. Is the mother of Cannoneer Karla Thompson?
5. Grows Iris flowers?
6. Can cook and sew?
7. Likes to read?

Well, now you know!



Picture of CWO4 Terry Thompson in front of the "Turtle Ship."

This ship is a refurbished model that is famous in South Korea. The ship is part of the Republic of Korea Naval Academy Museum which I had the opportunity to tour. Admiral Yi held off invading Japanese in the 1500's with a fleet of less than 10% of the advancing Japanese fleet. These ships are forerunners to the Civil War Ironclads. They had a metal top deck with spikes to deter unwanted boardings. Each ship had 11 cannons per side compared to 1 or 2 per Japanese ship. Yi is honored throughout South Korea as a very wise Naval strategist.

This was my last trip to South Korea in uniform - retirement is knocking on the door. It's been a great career. This unit doesn't pay anywhere close in money but does a great job with friendships.

Terry - Pvt and loving it

Co. A

Greg Sweatt



"Ol' Joe never was much good with names."

Event Notice -

OCTOBER 10th and 11th - Fort Mervine Civil War Encampment on the Presidio of Monterey, on the grounds surrounding the Presidio Museum & Sloat monument, Cannery row, wharf, and Customs House Historic Plaza area in 10 minute walking distance. Encampment over looks Monterey Bay. 8th and 9th available for tent set up and arrival. Contact is : SUVCW's: Dept. JVC: Timothy Reeseat - Lincoln_10tpr@emaiol.com, (831)422-3619



The 1st Maine Cavalry's Colonel Gary Fradella demonstrates his interpretation of "How Not to Dismount" at the Prado event

WORK PARTY AND DRIVER TRAINING





SPECIAL
School Program
May 15th, 2009
Call for
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May 16th and 17th, 2009
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- California Militia
- Civil War Gaming
- Horse Drawn Artillery
- President Abraham Lincoln
- Harriet Tubman
- Sojourner Truth

Presented by: The National Civil War
Association, Gibson Ranch
Equestrian Service and the County of
Sacramento

Living History Camps Open:

- 11:00am – 6:00pm Sat
- 9:00am – 3:00pm Sun

Battle Re-Enactments:

- 12:00pm and 4:00pm Sat
- 11:00am and 2:00pm Sun

Civil War Music & Dancing

Educational Lectures

1860's Crafts • Fashion Show

Speeches by Historical Figures

General Admission: \$6/each

Kids (9 and under): FREE

PARKING: \$5/car

*Ask about our special Saturday dinner
package in celebration of Lincoln's birthday*

8556 Gibson Ranch Road
Elverta, California 95626
(916) 991-2686 • gibson-ranch.com
Call for information!!!

New (Old) Event ~ Fortuna Civil War Days

Scott Alto

After a number of years on hiatus, Fortuna's Civil War Days returned last year. The event is located behind the Redwood Curtain in my home county of Humboldt. With a large open field, Fortuna's site is excellent for an event of its size. With Humboldt's mild weather, the event is an excellent respite from the weather intensive events CHAS usually attends.



*From Fortuna 2003 ~
A very young Royal Magnell*

we can bring our equine unit members. If you are interested in going, please contact me as soon as possible.

It should be a great weekend with lots of rounds fired! While the drive may be a bit longer than some might like, it will mostly be through the beautiful redwood forests of Mendocino and Humboldt counties, worth a trip in themselves. I hope that this will be the first of many trips back to the North Coast for our unit. If you want to come, call me at (707) 832-8211 or (preferably) email me at scottalto@gmail.com.



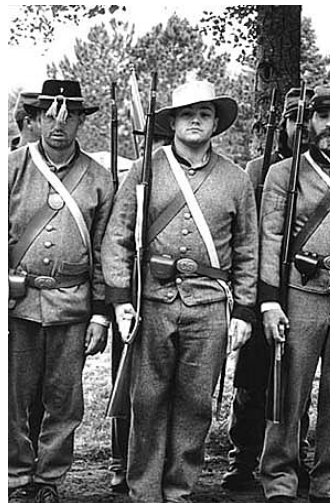
*Also from Fortuna 2003 ~
A somewhat younger
Corporal Casualty*

This year the reenactment is scheduled for September 19-20. If we attend we will be attached to Major LaPorta's batteries of the RACW as a fixed gun. The coordinators of the event are excited to have us there, and our participation this year will hopefully mean that we will be able to have a little input as to the date for future events so

Call to Arms - Roaring Camp

To all whom it may concern

Now, as we enter the month of May, the threat of Rebels taking the logging town of Roaring Camp and nearby Felton is growing close. Reports from Lt. Col. Bispo have stated that their advance will be some time around the 23rd - 25th of this month. Battery L of the Third is requested to aid in the defense of the Railroad and the MANY local stores and eating establishments around the area, as well as the many local pro-Union supporters.



Same as last month, our attendance will be one Gun, no horses and as many members (and friends of) that want to come are welcome. Bring your small arms, rifles and anything else you might want to present as a scenario. Friday set-up is allowed before the school groups gets there (cars out by 8:30AM, ask me if you want to do this) or a better time would be after 2:00 - 2:30 when they've left.

Union has the hillside this year, so lots of space, but you'll fall off your cot most likely. Having the hill also gives us first crack at 85% of the public coming in. As for food; if you want to eat, bring some. I was thinking we might want to try to do a Pot Luck on Saturday Night (anyone interested?). There's a free train ride on Sunday followed by the dance. There is also a few site-run eating joints (burgers, fries, ice cream, but \$\$\$), and you're a semi-short distance to Felton and a bit of a drive to Santa Cruz.

Monday night stay-over is allowed (the event is Sat-Mon, you can stay to Tues)

For question's or if you actually want to come, contact me

raff.the.robinhood@comcast.net

I'll be up there the Tuesday before the event for the School Days, if there is any problem during that time wit your attendance, call me AND leave a message at (831)- 334-1863.

PS for those of you who were at Mariposa, I'm alive, but on crutches for the next week and a half. Thank you to all you well-wishers, you know who you are!

After Action Report ~ Las Mariposas

Mel Faubel



Friday night was predicted to be CRISP - as in frosty, cold, blow clouds with your breath - "crisp". As a "local event" for me (1 hour 10 minute drive) I decided to spend Friday night in a warm bed with warm fuzzy kitty cats. My family and friends did not appreciate the sheer comfort of this when I pulled up to the Mariposa civil war event Saturday morning. My brother especially was eyeing one of my gum blankets as I put together my bed roll for Saturday night. It DID seem unfair that I should have TWO gum blankets (and a thermarest pad, and a modern 15 degree sleeping bag, and a wool blanket....) so I *generously* allowed him the use of ONE of my gum blankets.



This being the first event of the year, it's always interesting to see who shows up, both equine and human. In this case there were WAY too many horses on the line for just one artillery team and the ambulance team, plus the normal amount of outriders, but who am I, a lowly private, to question to the great wisdom of those above

me? It ended up working out OK and most of the time we could leave 2 horses on the line to keep each other company while the rest of the horses were working. Everyone just needs to remember this simple formula: One horse + one picket line made of rope and metal stakes = loose horse in short amount of time.

The first and second battles on Saturday went uneventfully. In fact, I was starting to get a little worried I would have nothing to share with you -

my devoted reader. Even the maiden attempt at flying artillery (cannoneers mounted on horses as well as the usual artillery team) went well! Only "feel-good" stuff was happening. That - my dear reader - as heartwarming as it may be, is not the kind of entertainment that you secretly crave.



Saturday evening started amiably. A run down to the Cock and Pullet was in order. I think there may be some misconceptions about the Cock and Pullet. Homebrewers brew beer and serve it at an establishment called *The Cock and Pullet* at various reenactments. They sell a mug, with free refills of either their beer, or sarsaparilla. Additionally there are civil war era gambling games played with period cards and period rules. Any money won in the games is given back to the patrons as raffle tickets that go into a drawing the next day for donated prizes. The establishment is run by volunteers. All proceeds from the beer and games is given to a historical monument, Camp Moore. For more information, including the amount of funds being raised for Camp Moore, check out their site at <http://www.wbsha.org/mavericks.htm>



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After doing my part to support this fine establishment (and cause), the group headed back down to camp. People with lanterns lined the dirt roads in order to light the way for the incoming fire trucks and ambulances. Wendy, who had just been with our group at the Cock and Pullet had been found, unconscious on the ground, by my brother and cousin. She was moaning and unresponsive. She had apparently fallen off her horse when she hopped on it bareback to take it to water. One of those accidents that could happen to anyone, anytime. She was kept at the hospital and was not able to return to the event. (Update: she is doing fine!)



I have a wonderful ambulance team. I can go at a full gallop, towards home, behind another team, and still stop on a dime and stand. This becomes very useful when various implements fall off the cannon while the artillery team is moving out over rough ground. (yes, sometimes I follow the team just for this purpose - to clean up after them!) Sometimes I choose to gallop on, ahead of the team after a battle. I may do this for a couple of reasons. I think most of the drivers are of the opinion that I do just so I can race past and thumb my nose at them. Here's the real story! Reason 1: I like to get the cannoneers back to camp before the team so that they can be on location to help unlimber the gun or act as horse holders when the team comes in. Reason 2: If cannoneers are mounted on the limber behind the team, the team will not go above a trot. Albeit it is a fast, racing trot, but a trot nevertheless. Sometimes a girl needs to gallop!

On Sunday morning, after the first battle I went ahead of the team for reasons #1 and #2 as listed above. After getting back to camp and dumping the cannoneers, I looked back at the team. To my horror I saw the drive wheel horse caught up in the traces and the limber pole. Something similar had happened the day before on Saturday's battle (pictured - FYI the horse is fine).



I feel so helpless sitting on the ambulance in these situations. Before I was a teamster I would have been one of the key people that could have helped the situation. I know the tack, I know the horses. Now, as a teamster, I can only sit with my ambulance and watch the situation unfold. I am one of two certified teamsters in the unit, (the other one was not present at this event). There is no one I can hand the team off to. Another (real) ambulance showed up, which meant human injury was involved. One of the cannoneers had gotten kicked during the situation. Thank goodness the decision was made to keep the horses barefoot this year! It could have been much more serious with shod hooves.

Dan, an outrider for the team, came over and let me know what was happening (thank you Dan). Shortly after he left, my Mother and Roz came over and asked what was going on. I explained that the horse was over the limber pole and tangled, but was OK. They still looked concerned. Oops - I had forgotten the human part.....So I told them the person who got kicked was doing fine. They looked murderous at this point. That's right..... both women had husbands on horse back in the middle of this fiasco!..... so I told them that Dad and Mike were absolutely fine. I was later accused of being a true heartless horse lover for keeping them in suspense so long.





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Photos by Karla Thompson

*Mariposa School Day
1st Sgt. Foster with a class from Silverton, Colorado*



"Friction Primer Away!"



The Extended Faubel Clan

Las Mariposas Report from the Brigade Commander

I want to thank all officers of the Brigade for their hard work and professionalism at Mariposa. It was the first event that my staff and I commanded and I was pleased with the outcome. The Union Brigade operated under complete command and control, unlike our Confederate counterparts who lost control of their men during 2 of the 4 battles, which caused those scenarios's to go awry. I can never understand how that can be as we have always worked as one unified command.

I want to give special thanks to the following units:

3rd US Artillery – Special Order 63202 gave the Artillery greater freedom of movement on the battlefield. The 3rd prepared for the new role with extra training days and Captain Ginos and his men performed brilliantly. Lt. Colonel and I felt that the battles were freer flowing and it was reported that they expended more ammunition than normal. The freedom of command worked as I hoped it would and the 3rd did a great job.

7th Cavalry - They were given the job of protecting our flanks. Lt McCluskey also had the freedom of movement on the battlefield. From my vantage point the Cav seemed to be in one skirmish after another. They did a great job and it looked good for the crowd.

1st USSS – They were given the opportunity for a long range shot and took down a Confederate Officer at long distance. It certainly was a crowd pleaser.

Infantry Officers – Lt. Polder, Keehan and Henderson had good control of their men and performed professionally on the field. I welcome Lt Henderson to the ranks of the officer corps and he did a good job as this was his first time leading men into battle.



"Lt. Dan - Captured!"

Medical Staff – Hospital scenario was a success and I thank you for your hard work in pulling it off. I enjoyed working with the civilian doctor and getting her letters.

I would also like to thank my Chief of Staff, Lt. Colonel Mike Sanders for all the hard work and the long nights he spent getting ready for this event. His brilliant and funny letters to the Company Officers made the event memorable to us all.

I hope everyone enjoyed the added living history to the event. The Civilian's thoroughly enjoyed the interaction with the Union Brigade.

Finally, without the gallant efforts of the Brigade as a whole, I couldn't have earned my nickname as the "Butcher of Leftville". Keep up the good work and let's see if we can get the reward money for my head form \$1000.00 to \$5000.00.

Colonel, Joe Fiffick, Commanding

Thanks from The NCWA

Ladies and Gentlemen of CHAS,

I wish to thank you for your support of the NCWA Mariposa event. Your presence helped make the event a success. I hope you all had a great time and will come again. We have fun things planned for each event. I hope also that you will enjoy and support other NCWA events this year. Our next event is Gibson Ranch May 16-17, hope to see you all there. I look forward to hearing any comments or suggestion you might have to improve our events. Thank you again for your participation.

Respectfully,
Midirise Arnold
NCWA Vice President

Mariposa Report from Trooper Bailey

Note: For those of you who don't know, Wendy has been a longtime member and supporter of the Third

Saturday evening, as most of you know, I awoke strapped to a back board and in a neck brace being transferred from an ambulance into an Emergency Room looking up at a paramedic. I asked out of curiosity what I was doing there. He replied he wasn't sure, but that they thought I had taken a nasty fall from my horse and had been found face down on the ground in the dark at the Mariposa Civil War Re-enactment. I laughed and calmly assured him that **I** wasn't in the habit of falling off my horse, and besides wasn't I the only Union trooper that had taken the Confederate Cavalry Commander off of his horse in saber melee in the last battle? (What a fine southern gentleman he was to even allow that).....

Sitting alone in an ER for hours strapped most uncomfortably to a back board awaiting CAT scan results etc. really makes one think over ones life. With no regrets, I smiled and realized I how grateful I was and that I had lived an awesome and adventurous life and hadn't missed out on much with only a few exceptions. I Reflected upon my dear friends, amazing horses and creatures. Then my commanding officer, 2nd Lieutenant Colonel Dan was kind enough to visit me in my imprisonment and much to the disapproval of the ER Dr. we laughed and joked and told tall tales of the battles and personalities involved. I told him he probably even had my permission to keep my wandering self tethered on a long leash to the front of my tent to keep me from socializing with other Units next time after hours, and especially those damn Reb's to keep this from ever happening again!

It was only **after** I gave him my permission that he told me that I had been found when my horse Saber galloped back to the picket line alone and

how I had been found. It then came back to me I actually **had** jumped on Saber bareback with only a halter to take him to water. And coming back the dirty rotten white bugger sees a "boogey in the night", spooks, snorts and spins like an unruly Brahma in a bull riding contest. And me with no rigging! It right there and then I realized with abject horror that not **only** had I fallen off my gallant and majestic white beast...there was no hiding it, as for the first time in my life, I didn't walk away from it...and every body knew about it. #@\$%!!!!!! I now hang my head in shame for the woeful fall from glory...



Long story short, after two days and two ER's I made it out of the hospital somewhat unscathed, with only a nasty scrap over my left eye and my left hip so bruised and swollen that I now walk with a really sexy limp and swagger (and NO damn it, no pictures of my bruises as I keep getting requests)! Even more humbling were the results of the two CAT scan findings..."The cerebral hemispheres, brainstem and cerebellum **are unremarkable.**" Ouch. Let me guess, the field of Astrophysics or being a blonde Einstein isn't in my future..... Yet this wasn't the stupidest thing I have ever done by far, can't say it was the smartest either. But I will tell you that I discovered the happiness and joy of just being alive and the incredible benevolence of the human spirit in all of the re-enactors that rallied around me, called me, made me feel like a million bucks and helped to break me out of hospital confinement and get my rig and my "white shedding wonder Saber beast" safely back down to Southern California. Thanks Beckley! Retired CHP Sergeants are quite nice to know.

Oh and thanks to our Trooper Casteel too, I don't remember being an immobile lawn dart as they found me,,, but having a stinkin' fire captain in the unit come does come in handy I suppose... they tell me you did a remarkable job.

Trooper "Putitski" Bailey
7th Michigan Volunteer Cavalry



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Escort Wagon Finds a Home!

"The Wagon is now placed in a very nice location and can be viewed by our patrons at the Heidrick Ag History Center."

Regards, Al Plocher

The Agricultural History Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing people's education, understanding and appreciation of the rich heritage of agriculture and transportation.

First opened in 1997, the Ag Museum exhibits farm implements, tractors and harvesting machinery from the late 1800s through the middle of the last century. Mr. Heidrick collected rare, unusual, and historic farm machinery over the course of his lifetime and built the Center to make it available to the public.

The Hays Antique Truck Museum was established 25 years ago by Wayne "Pop" Hays, a pioneer in the commercial trucking industry in California. Mr. Hays and Mr. Heidrick were friends and when Mr. Hays retired, Mr. Heidrick suggested that he begin to collect and restore trucks, as Mr. Heidrick had done with tractors and farm implements.

The Heidrick Ag History Center introduces visitors to the marvels of agriculture, and commercial trucking through 90,000 square feet of interactive, one-of-a-kind exhibits featuring the latest in museum and attraction technologies. The cornerstones of these exhibits are the Fred C. Heidrick Antique Ag Collection, the world's largest and most unique collection of one-of-a-kind antique agricultural equipment and the Hays Antique Truck Museum, also recognized as the largest of its kind in the world.

Website: <http://www.aghistory.org>

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



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

RUSSIAN RIVER RODEO ASSOCIATION, INC.

SUSAN CASINI MEMORIAL RIDE

**Mother's Day Weekend
May 9-10, 2009**

The RUSSIAN RIVER RODEO ASSOCIATION welcomes you and appreciates your support in joining us on our annual trail ride. Beginning in 2005, the association has decided to dedicate this ride to the memory of my dear wife, Susan, who passed on in October of 2004. Susan played a key part so many years ago in the dream which became our Mother's Day trail ride. I am grateful that so many of her friends enjoy this ride and hope that each of you remember her warm and friendly company as you ride the trails that she loved. She is following a new trail now and I'm sure she is riding along with each of us.

Your support of our ride is very helpful in providing funds for promoting and producing our rodeo, helping to fund our playdays and improving the facilities so that you and your family can enjoy a truly hometown rodeo for years to come. I'd like to personally invite you to an enjoyable ride through the deep timber and scenic green meadows of Freeze Out valley.

Paul Casini
Member

Entry deadline: May 1, 2009

**All pre-entry phone calls or e-mails must be made by this date in
order to purchase food and supplies.**

120 riders maximum

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Please check the box that describes what you would like to sign up for:

\$100 Full ride Family (whether you attend for one or two days)

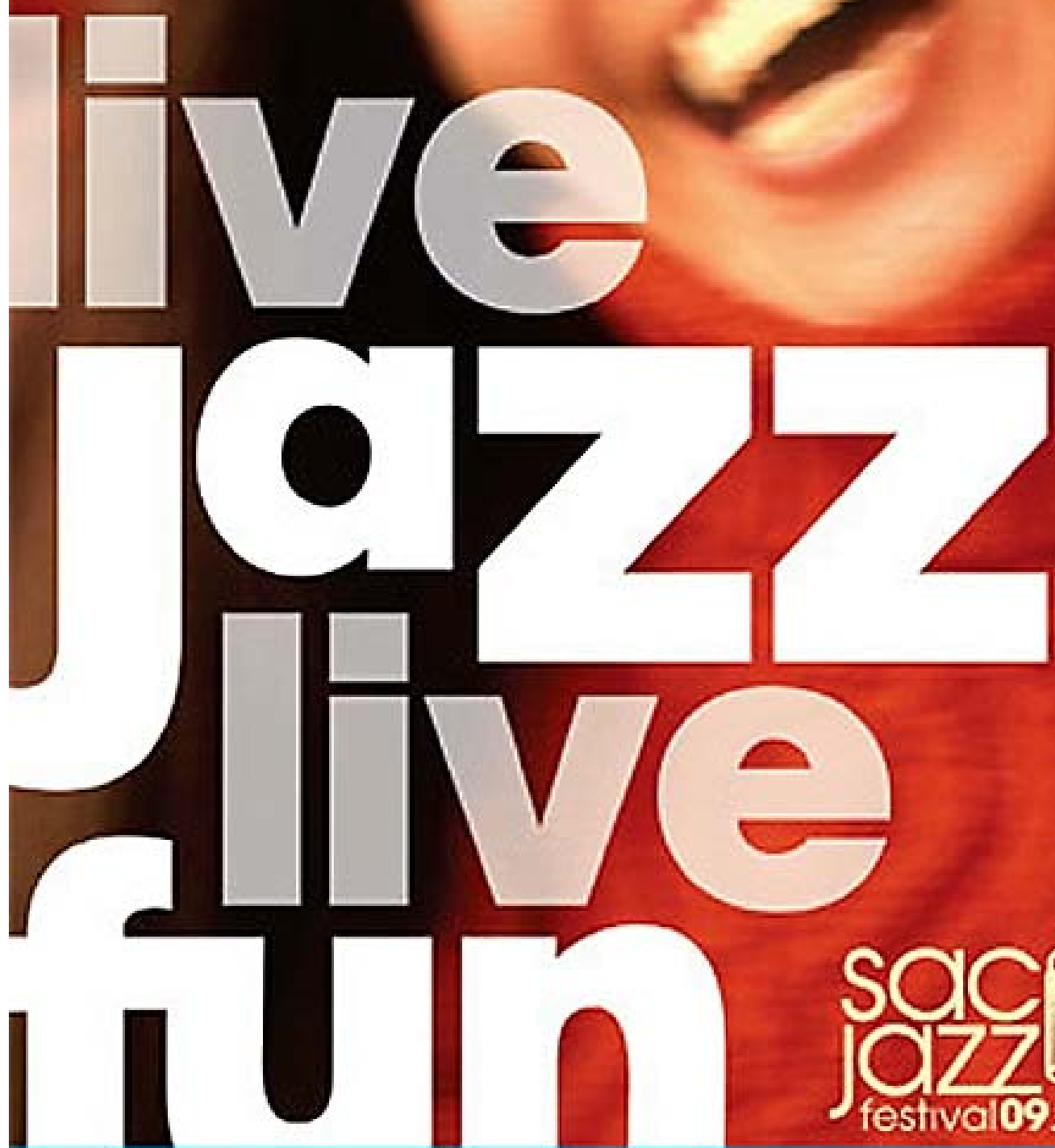
\$50 Full ride Single (whether you attend for one or two days)

\$25 Dinner/Dancing (includes Saturday dinner, & dance)

PLEASE USE ONE FORM FOR PER PERSON

Confirmation must be made before the deadline date of May 1, 2008
IMPORTANT INFORMATION

BECAUSE OF THE SHORT TIME FRAME FOR SIGN UP, WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU CALL OR E-MAIL PRIOR TO SENDING IN THE REGISTRATION FORM.
YOU CAN CONTACT Christine Canelis at 707-632-5600 OR E-MAIL AT bsani@earthlink.net

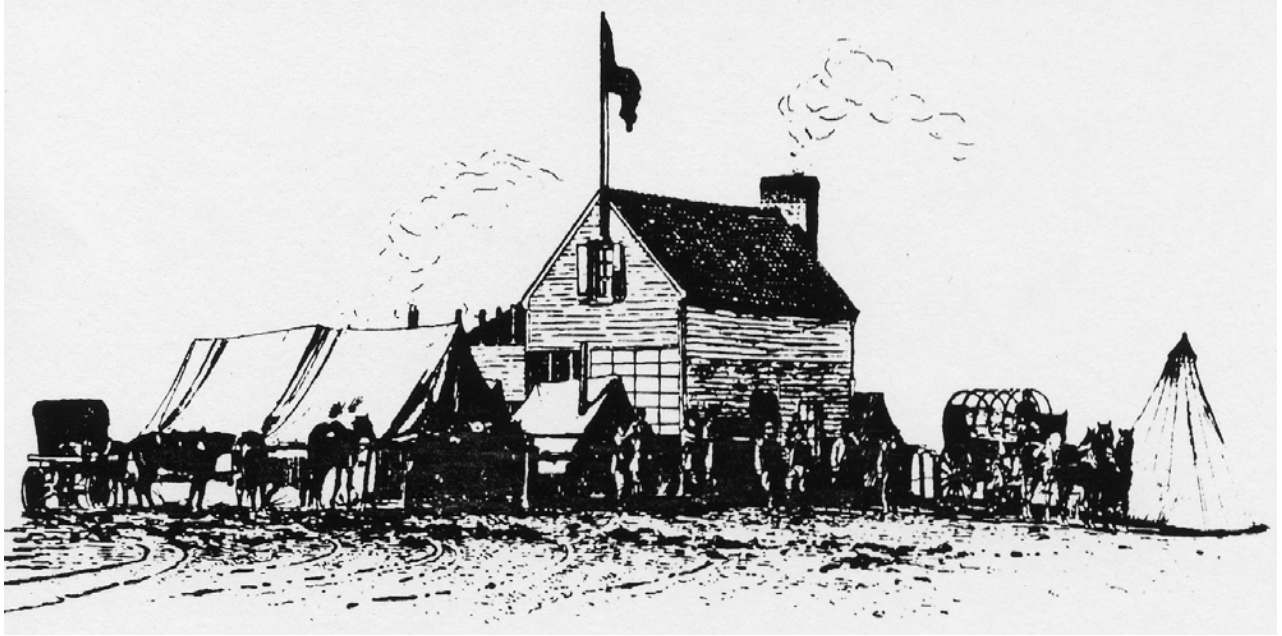


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Ladies and Gentlemen of the First Division Union and Confederate Forces, Southern California,

On behalf of the City of Chino, San Bernardino County Regional Parks Department, Host Boy Scout Troop 202 and California Inland Empire Council Boy Scouts of America, thanks for making this annual Scholarship Fundraiser such an overwhelming success, it was a grand weekend in deed. Finally, in the past 6 years, the weather was perfect and the overall event turned out the same. Since the event this past weekend, I have been told by the media, general public, local and county officials and fellow re-enactors this was our best effort yet. Great job everybody! As I have stated many times in the past, the re-enactors are the back-bone of any event and you definitely came through this time for the Scouts. My sincerest and heart felt thanks. Special accommodations go to the 3rd Confederate Engineers for their help and influence with the Scouts in building the Signal Tower on the hill top and to the US Sharp Shooters for their help in providing and erecting the Split Rail Fence on the battlefield. I consider both efforts as going over and above the cause and are very much appreciated.

I would like to give a special thanks to Colonel Reed Settle and the staff, officers and men in the ranks of the 1st Division, Confederate Forces, Army of Northern Virginia for an outstanding job once again. I would also like to acknowledge the dedication and many contributions of our own staff officers and men in the ranks of the 1st Division, Union Forces, Army of the Potomac, Western Department. Keep an eye out on the SCCWA.com website for updates on the new slide show representing the 2009 event, there were some exceptional photos taken of everybody there.

I would also like to acknowledge the winners of the annual Prado Park Event “Most Authentic Camp Award” for 2009: For Best Civilian Camp impression (Winston Town), for Best Confederate Camp impression (Company E 3rd Engineers), and for Best Union Camp

impression (5th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, 1st Division Color Guard). Congratulations everyone, the gauntlet has definitely been thrown down for next years challenge.

Officers Luncheon and Calls were very professionally attended, thanks to California State Assemblyman Curt Hagmen, San Bernardino County Supervisor Gary Ovitt and City of Chino Council Member Tom Haughey for your attendance and help with the best camp awards.

The \$1.00 Musket Raffle went to another re-enactor this year making for a 6 year sweep. Can the re-enactors make it 7 for 7 in 2010, will see!

The Civilian functions such as the Dance and Tea were phenomenal as well I am told. Thanks to everyone who provided support in making such enjoyable venues possible for everyone.

A couple of things I can release to you as a heads-up for next years event in 2010: the 7th Annual Prado Regional Park Event will be held on the 2nd weekend of April or the 10th and 11th. Please mark your calendars! It would appear from the growing interest from the surrounding communities and school districts regarding extra credit for history classes that Friday April 9th will be added as a 3rd or additional day for school tours. Re-enactors wishing to provide living history for the kids may arrive Thursday to set up. The last battle on Sunday will be scheduled for 3:00 p.m. instead of 2:00 p.m. giving the re-enactors more time between engagements. And finally, during the course of the weekend, I was introduced to several individuals that represent Civil War re-enacting in the State of Arizona that wish to participate in our 2010 event. Welcome to our neighbors from the fine state of Arizona.

Reminder, only Civil War related membership cards with your organization, club or units identification including your signature and current date will be acknowledged to waive the fee for free entry by all re-enactors attending the event in 2010. If you wish to save yourselves \$7.00 at the entrance gate to the park, have some cards printed up and available to present next year. I am told by the parks department there will be no exceptions for out of date membership cards or non Civil War affiliated identification. You have one year to get this taken care of and by April of each year, there is no reason for the park to think you shouldn't have your current membership cards with you by then, I would have to agree! Otherwise, all aspects of the event went extremely well and Kim and I are already planning for next year's event, hope you are too.

Until Huntington Beach Ford where the 1st Division Confederate Forces, Army of Northern Virginia meets up with the 1st Division, Army of the Potomac, Western Department, I look forward to seeing you all there. Have a great spring campaign.

Sincerely,

Colonel Gary Fradella
Commanding First Division, Union Forces
Army of the Potomac, Western Department
SCCWA.com (909) 590-1764

3rd US Roster Assignments 2009

Role	Name	Report To	Role	Name	Report To
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

Chief of Piece	Open	1st. Sgt.
Gun Cpl	Alto, Scott	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Ahrenholz, Ray	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Hall, David	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Lemasters, Michael	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Lincoln, Rafferty	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Sablan, Scott	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Thompson, Karla	Gun Sgt.

Team Corporal	Johnson, Mike	Gun Sgt.
Driver	Berry, Mike	Team Cpl.
Driver	Burtz, Dan	Team Cpl.
Driver	Faubel, Loreleigh	Team Cpl.
Driver	Miljevich, Ted	Team Cpl.
Driver	Virga, Tony	Team Cpl.

Artificers

Chief Artificer	Boling, Roger	1st. Sgt.
Artificer	Blair, Michael	Chief Art.
Artificer	Faubel, Tristan	Chief Art.
Artificer	Griffith, Loren	Chief Art.
Artificer	Johnson, Dave	Chief Art.
Artificer	Lee, Robert	Chief Art.
Artificer	Ruther, Justin	Chief Art.
Artificer	Weston, Mark	Chief Art.

Signal Corps

Private	Mosher, Chris	Signal Sgt.
Private	Roger, Norm	Signal Sgt.

Gun/Team 2

Chief of Piece	Duncan, George	1st. Sgt.
Gun Cpl	Boyd, John	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Dunne, Cary	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Ebert, Bob	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Lincoln, Barbara	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Sablan, Mike	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Thompson, Terry	Gun Sgt.

Team Corporal	Moretti, Teri	Gun Sgt.
Driver	Gilliland, John	Team Cpl.
Driver	Horton, Jim	Team Cpl.
Driver	Sullivan, Lisa	Team Cpl.
Driver	Thompson, Doug	Team Cpl.

Unassigned

Unassigned	Amari, Gary	1st. Sgt.
Unassigned	Bradford, Bryan	1st. Sgt.
Unassigned	Bradford, Lisa	1st. Sgt.
Unassigned	Byrne, Jeanne	1st. Sgt.
Unassigned	Claytor, Kermit	1st. Sgt.
Unassigned	Ensign, Sue	1st. Sgt.
Unassigned	Foster, Matt	1st. Sgt.
Unassigned	Foley, Mike	1st. Sgt.
Unassigned	Foley, Shirley	1st. Sgt.
Unassigned	Fulks, Andy	1st. Sgt.
Unassigned	Hawkins, Bill	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.

Don't forget to
visit the
Cock & Pullet
and
Maverick's Gaming
Hall
at
Gibson Ranch!



*"There are three kinds of men: The ones that learn
by reading. The few who learn by observation.
The rest of them have to pee on the electric fence."*

~ Will Rogers

2009 Schedule of Events

Note: "\$" & "\$\$" denotes revenue producing events for CHAS

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 11 - 12 Duncans Mills. CHAS weekend work party. Contact Ted Miljevich.

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 Mike Sablan.

Sept 18 - 20 Tres Pinos. NCWA Battles & Encampment. 1 gun, no horses.

Sept 19 - 20 **Tentative** Fortuna. RACW Battles & Encampment. 1 gun, no horses. Contact Scott Alto.

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 **DATE CHANGE!** 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

Happy Holidays!

2010!

April

April 10 - 11 SCCWA Battles & Encampment. Prado Reg, Park, Chino.



*"Mariposa Morning ~
32 Degrees"*

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