

THE CANNON'S MOUTH

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"Mike Johnson Chronicles"



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Commander's Call

Capt. Terry Thompson

Salutations to my troops~

Prado and Mariposa are behind us. My learning curve as your Captain is steep. Only yesterday I was but a happy gun Sergeant and today I lead (sort of) this rag tag group of misfits. Thankfully I have the capable help of 1st Lieutenant Scott Foster and 1st Sergeant George Duncan, both fine specimens of military bearing. A change for this year is the addition of Quartermaster Sergeant William Entriiken who is charged with tracking unit gear. Our first two events went well. At Prado, the 3rd US was referred to as "Flying Artillery" and I realized the crowd loves us because we move. We utilized the swing driver as powder monkey as we were shorthanded in cannoners. At Mariposa, we moved, but not as much, as we had one team and two guns. Members of the 3rd US, be prepared to mount the limber or shuffle quickly as our guns are not stationary. We will be moving around.

A couple of other goals: 1) use Saturday morning as a mini work party time to fix minor issues. We normally roll rounds so why not also fix hinges, minor stitching, etc. 2) Training on shells. We have a box of different types of shells that stays in the unit trailer. I want that out for cannoner training. If you have been a re-enactor for a while, you have your character and have plenty of great information to use when talking to the public. Many of our newbie's don't have that knowledge or comfort zone. We need to train the newbies so they are comfortable talking to the public. 3) Recruiting more members is always a goal. We need different talents within the unit. Just as our body is not four right hands without feet, our unit needs different people that have different skills. By focusing on individual capabilities rather than on short comings, we will build the 3rd US into a massive fighting unit.

In humble service,
Capt Terry Thompson

Dispatches from the Dog Tent

El Duce Ted Mijevich

The reenacting year is off to a great start with good events in Southern California at Prado Regional Park and in the Gold Country of Mariposa. Those that attended had a great time and everybody is saying they are looking for more! Well, if more is what you want, we have it for you. Just check the event calendar and the Digital Bugler for a complete listing of the events that CHAS has coming up.

It is also that time of the year to gear up for our biggest fund raising event of the year in Duncan Mills. Yes, only 12 weeks away! Work parties will be coming up and requests for help will be in the Digital Bugler. So keep looking for the updates and respond in kind. As has been stated in my past writings, and at our annual meetings, regarding the DM event – we need a team to help set up prior to the event. We are also hard at work on sponsors for the event. A lead that is showing promise is a grant donation for the event. In order to take the next step, we need to compile a COMPLETE financial list of the cost of doing the event. We have all the costs and numbers for what we write the checks for of course, but we need to include the items that get donated or our members' expenses which were not reimbursed. We would like the recap the event expenses from last year in order to set up a template for this year's expenses. Please send me an email if you have things to add to this list. Examples would be as follows: reenactor water tanks, water hook up work, work party mileage for people going on site work before event, road side event placing advertising banners, etc.

Next board meeting will be April 27 the 10:00 am San Ramon Marriott hotel. Any member in good standing may attend and or send along any ideas of issues with a member at large. Thank you,

El Duce



Letters from Home

By Private Phil

Dearest Mother,

My fears at joining the Union Camp were unfounded, they are a group of amiable lads and good comrades. The first day as a new recruit found me not knowing what to do, but my comrades in arms soon showed me the routine of camp. That first night we put up the cook tent, the Quartermaster Sgt barked orders but took a moment here and again to explain what we were doing and why. It then fell to us to put up our own tents, even the Capt pitched in with a command or two here and there. That first night at evening mess the Capt informed us that there would be no flogging of the soldiers, something that was dear to me as I often get confused and make mistakes. And a good thing it was too, for the next day we did gun drills. I was assigned to the Parrot gun, and after many mistakes I finally started to understand the working and firing of our gun. That afternoon the secessionists (Confederates) attacked! We fought them off and fired our gun at least a dozen times, needing to use canister and shot to save our battery from capture. Our gun Sgt is an experienced soldier and seemed quite happy with our performance. I had to share my tent with another soldier, but even though he snored I slept well as being tired from the afternoon battle. The following night we had Apple Pie for supper, I had several portions and slept very well. I have learned much these first few days - to fire the gun, harness the horses, pitch the tents and the routine of camp life. But most of all I have found some great new friends and comrades that I am proud to serve with. Please write soon.

Your Loving Son,
Private Phil

Ed. Note: This private suffered grievous wounds after this letter was written and was sent up North to recuperate.



Camp in the wee morning hours. Thank you Pvt. Bud and Pvt. Phil for this and other photos you see in this edition of the CM.

Below, a small break in the action lends itself to camaraderie and good cheer amongst the soldiers.



WANTED!

Lincoln Jokes & Quotes

When you have got an elephant by the hind leg, and he is trying to run away, it is best to let him run..



TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE 3RD US:

Let me introduce myself. For those who don't know me, I'm George Duncan and have been with the unit since 2001. I have been appointed to be your First Sergeant this year. I'm really excited and I hope you will be also. If you haven't participated in a while, maybe now is a good time to come out and get involved again. The sounds and smell of the gun powder, hanging around the campfire at night, it all adds up to really good time. So everyone, lets limber up and come on out.

Ed. Note: Yay! Super sergeant is BACK!



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We are just being rather ridiculous after arduous HOURS of posing for innumerable photo hounds. We just had to be weird. Our apologies to actual Civil War soldiers. We took MANY grim pictures.... To the right...that's what they really looked like



3rd US Roster Assignments 2014

Role	Name	Report To	Role	Name	Report To
Commanding Officer	Thompson, Terry		Qtr Master Sgt.	Entriken, William	1st Sgt.
1st Lieutenant	Foster, Scott	Captain	Stable Sgt.	Winfrey, Dennis	1st Sgt.
1st Sergeant	Duncan, George	Captain	Teamster	Bailey, Wendy	Stable Sgt.
Company Clerk	Neikirk, Janice	1st Sgt.	Teamster	Casini, Paul	Stable Sgt.
Provisioner	Gumbly, Nancy	1st Sgt.	Teamster	Martinez, Tom	Stable Sgt.
Assistant Provisioner	Lisa Sullivan	Provisioner	Teamster	Mettler, Jon	Stable Sgt.

Gun/Team 1

Chief of Piece	<i>Vacant</i>	1st Sgt.
Gun Corporal	Scott Alto	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Creager, Mike	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Gillich, Mabel	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Johnson, Wm D	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Murphy, Brooke	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Murphy, Sierra	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Thorne, Phillip	Gun Sgt.

Gun/Team 2

Chief of Piece	<i>Vacant</i>	1st Sgt.
Gun Corporal	John Boyd	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Ahrenholz, Ray	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Ebert, Robert	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Gillich, John	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Gumbley, Ben	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Krsh, Steve	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Lenz, Dennis	Gun Sgt.

Team Corporal

Driver	Bradford, Bryan	Team Cpl.
Driver	Burtz, Dan	Team Cpl.
Driver	Carlisi, Deb	Team Cpl.
Driver	Czarnowski, Pete	Team Cpl.
Driver	Fischer, Pete	Team Cpl.
Driver	Horton, Jim	Team Cpl.
Driver	Miljevich, Ted	Team Cpl.
Driver	Virga, Tony	Team Cpl.

Team Corporal

Driver	Berry, Mike	Team Cpl.
Driver	Czarnowski, Jill	Team Cpl.
Driver	Hewitt, Norm	Team Cpl.
Driver	Moretti, Teri	Team Cpl.
Driver	Murphy, Dee	Team Cpl.
Driver	Neikirk, Garth	Team Cpl.
Driver	Thompson, Karla	Team Cpl.
Driver	Young, Karyn	Team Cpl.

Artificers

Artificer	Ahrenholz, Ray	1st Sgt.
Artificer	Boling, Roger	1st Sgt.
Artificer	Little, Rylan	1st Sgt.
Artificer	Weston, Mark	1st Sgt.

Soldier's Aid

Allen, Patricia (Kay)
Boling, Judith
Herrold, Alison
Johnson, Rosalyn
Owens, Evelyn
Rogers, Keith
Rogers, Laurie
Thompson, Donna
Thompson, Gary

Supporting

Bowles, Keith
Byrne, Jeanne
Dombroski, Ken
Ensign, Susan
Lewis, Thomas
Morgan, Jeannine
Pico, Sharon

Unassigned

Unassigned	Burnham, Nancy
Unassigned	Faubel, Carolyn
Unassigned	Foster, Karen
Unassigned	Hawkins, Bill
Unassigned	Hawkins, Virginia
Unassigned	Johnson, William



NEW!! 2014 Schedule of Events

May

- 03 - 04 NCWA Battles & Encampment
Gibson Ranch Park, Sacramento, CA
2 Cannons, 1 Team
Contact George Duncan
- 03 Fort Ord Warhorse Day Living History
City of Marina Equestrian Center, Marina, CA
1 Cannon & 1 Team
Contact Katie Rejaian

- 24 - 26 ACWA Battles & Encampment
Roaring Camp, Felton, CA
1 Cannon, No Horses
Contact Scott Foster

- TBD Cal Expo Fundraising
Cal Expo, Sacramento, CA
1 Cannon, No Horses
Contact Katie Rejaian

June

- 21 - 22 NCWA Battles & Encampment
150th Anniversary
Angel Island, San Francisco, CA
Equipment TBD
Contact TBD

- TBD Russian River Rodeo & Living History
Russian River Rodeo Grounds, Duncans Mills, CA
Contact TBD

- 28 - 29 CHAS Civil War Days Work Party
Duncans Mills, CA
Contact Ted Miljevich

July

- 12 - 18 CHAS Civil War Days Work Party
Duncans Mills, CA
Contact Ted Miljevich

- 19 - 21 CHAS Battles & Encampment 'Civil War Days'
Duncans Mills, CA
2 Cannons, 2 Teams, Ambulance, Wagon, & Forge
Contact Ted Miljevich

August

- 16 NPS Living History
Fort Point, San Francisco, CA
Contact John Boyd

September

- 06 - 07 NCWA Battles & Encampment
San Benito Historic Park, Tres Pinos, CA
1 Cannon & 3-5 Horses for Wagon/Hearse
Contact TBD

- TBD RACW Battles & Encampment
Hawes Ranch, Anderson, CA
1 Cannon, 1 Team
Contact Terry Thompson

October

- 04 FOCWA Alcatraz Living History Day
San Francisco, CA
Contact John Boyd

- 04 - 05 Fort Mervine Living History & Encampment
Lower Presidio Historic Park, Monterey, CA
1 Cannon, 1 Team, & 1 Wagon/Ambulance
Contact Katie Rejaian

- 18 - 19 FHS & ACWA Battles & Encampment
Kearney Park, Fresno, CA
Equipment TBD
Contact Roger Boling

- 24 Bass Bowl Football Game
Lakeport, CA
1 Cannon, 1 Team
Contact Alan Ginos

November

- 15 - 16 Equipment Put Away Work Part
Camp Warhorse, Salinas, CA
Contact William Entriiken

December

HAPPY HANUKAH, HAPPY CHRISTMAS
& MERRY NEW YEAR



MORE EVENTS COMING SOON!!!





Ball Cap



\$15.00

"Pedes" pin



\$5.00

CWD tee



\$15.00

"Pedes" tee



\$15.00

The CAFÉ PRESS stuff is REALLY cool. You can get license plate frames, tote bags and other CHAS accouterments. Who knew!

CHECK IT OUT!!!!

P.S. New RAY A. designed T-shirts will be available at CWD this

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Hopefully we'll have a real editor as well!

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