THE CANNON'S MOUTH

newsletter of the California Kistorical Artillery Society

"Mike Johnson Chronicles"



June 2016

Commander's Call

Terry Thempsen

To my troops,

The US Revenue Cutter Service mission went very well. Former soldier Karla Thompson is doing well. The crew on the cutter trained throughout the cruise. Their rations were enjoyable and plentiful. If you send prayers, please ask God to be with the crew as they are on an extended mission in the Pacific. I here tell of an island country, Japan, that they are sailing toward. I hope to have pictures and we will surely have stories for future campfires.

Our summer campaign is upon us. We have much to do to prepare and will need all members. Please heed to call to arms with availability post haste. We will have working parties, pre-event prep, and post event clean up. We really need everybody July 16—17.

Additionally, we need more recruits. We need battlefield soldiers and for Civil War Days, we need support personnel, set up personnel, and clean up personnel.

Finally, thank you to all of you. I am only as strong as your support. You are the unit. I lead with your strength.

Humbly,

Capt Terry Thompson

Dispatches from the Dog Tent

Ted Miljevich

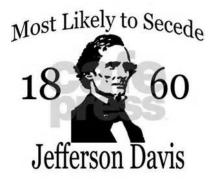
Civil War Days Duncan Mills 2016 is the main focus now. We will need all hands on deck to help with our biggest fund raiser of the year. As stated, we need members to do our usual living history impression for the public and we need members to help with the operations of the event itself. We are the host organization and lots of prep and on site work needs to be done. Stay tune for digital updates as to work party projects and specific things to do. There are many kinds of things all members can do. We need help with work parties. We need members at the event itself. We need members to help with post event take down. If you can not help in any of those areas, you can always send in a donation and we can use that to help in our needs. So there is something for everybody to do, one way or another. 100 percent member involvement is what we need in some form or another.

Thank you in advance for your help and support of this great event going on its 17th year now.

Ted Miljevich

Event coordinator. DM 2016

EL DUCE







Casini Ranch Family Campground and the California Historical Artillery Society

(a nonprofit educational organization)







JULY 16TH & 17TH, 2016

Arrival begins Friday the 15th at Noon!

Battle Times: Saturday 1PM and 4PM Sunday 11AM and 2PM Event Coordinator Ted Miljevich chaselduce@aol.com 650-969-6569

Duncans mills 2016

Good location, no visible vehicles, telephone, or power cables. Mild weather. Midday food available for purchase. Sutlers on site close to camps. Saturday night dance

Proceeds go towards supporting CHAS retired racehorse program!

All reenactors MUST review safety rules provided on the website:

www.civilwardays.net/reenactors.html

Renactors with a current club membership card from a recognized club will pay a flat fee at registration of \$10. Families with current cards for all members registering at once will pay \$15. Those without current membership cards at the time of registration will pay \$20 per individual or \$30 for all family members registering at one time.

(Family members must live in the same household)



Reconstor fees are due to lack of adequate eponsorships. If you or someon you know would like to sponsor the event please let us know at

information@civilwardays.net





Go to www.goodsearch.com put in your info and choose us for your charity. Then, start searching!



Fundraising Chairman still needed.

Reprinted to encourage members to have a backyard BBQ and involve your friends.

Horse Cookies

According to Alan Ginos, Cassini Ranch Campground sold about 2,000 bags of horse cookies last year. That is an easy \$2,000 for the club. Our cost is around \$20 for a 20 pound bag which then makes 125 to 135 smaller bags for \$1 each. So be ready on Saturday evening around the campfire to count out 7 cookies per Ziplock bag to resupply the campground and make a few dollars for the horses.

Fundraising

SHARES Cards

Each year, Save Mart Supermarkets donates over \$5 million and several thousand tons of food in support of the communities they serve. Through the SHARES program, they donate a portion of their profits back to schools and non-profits.

Your old SHARES card will no longer work after March 31, 2016. They are going digital! Enroll with your 10 digit telephone number at savemart.com/shares or escript.com/shares.

This is a very simple and painless fundraiser for CHAS. We all go to the grocery store so even if you don't shop regularly at a Save Mart affiliate, you probably end up there every once in a while. Sign up and sign up family and friends. CHAS nets several hundred dollars a year without really trying.



During the Civil War, Some Heroes Had Hooves

Excepts from Kate Kelly, for full story: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/kate-kelly/during-the-civil-war-some_b_536187.html

At the start of the war, the North had about 3.4 million horses; the Confederacy had about 1.7 million, and there were distinctions in their suitability for service. The horses in the North were primarily farm animals and were better suited for moving equipment; those in the South were bred for riding and racing, so the Confederacy was better prepared to build a cavalry.

The horses and mules were a vital part of all military operations, and as a result, more than one million horses and mules died during the course of the war. Like their human counterparts, battle wounds were only part of the problem. Lack of food, illness, and actual war injuries all contributed to the death toll of the animals.

Care was far from ideal. Veterinary medicine was in its infancy. There were thought to be fifty veterinarians in the U.S., and only six veterinarians were in the military.

"Most of the animal care was either performed by the soldiers themselves or by farriers who provided everything from horse shoes to whatever medical care they learned from working around animals," says Walter Heiss, author of Veterinary Service during the American Civil War.



Feeding the Animals

Today's military officers would marvel at the thought of having to provide 26 pounds of fuel per day to their "modes of transportation" but that was the reality of the 1860s. Horses needed 14 pounds of hay and 12 pounds of grain each day.

When instructing his troops. Major General William T. Sherman said: "Every opportunity at a halt during a march should be taken advantage of to cut grass, wheat, or oats and extraordinary care should be taken of the horses upon which everything depends."

While staying in one location might have provided the soldiers with the time to gather food for the animals, the truth was that the armies frequently picked an area clean, and wagons that should have been traveling back and forth carrying additional provisions were frequently seized to be used for other purposes. By 1864, Union artillery horses in some locations were living on only five pounds of grain per day.

Something as simple as providing water for the animals also took planning. If there was no source of water nearby, the soldiers would take half the horses to a river or stream, leaving the other half available to help move the army in case of a surprise attack.

Battlefield Injuries

Horses on the battlefield were important to soldiers for both attacking and escaping. Those that were trained for battle were taught to lie down and stay down on command. This lessened the chances of them being hit but also created cover for the soldier.

New ammunition in the form of the minié ball was beginning to be used, and these bullets were much more damaging to the human body but still could not bring down a horse. It often took five to seven shots before a horse was killed, but any shot could inflict a serious, if not fatal, wound.

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At the start of any skirmish, horses were often targeted first. Both sides understood that picking off horses left the opposing side with no way to move artillery and supplies. At Ream's Station (Virginia) in August 1864, the Tenth Massachusetts Battery had positioned themselves behind a temporary barricade, but they left their thirty horses exposed. Within moments, only two of these horses were still standing.

"Both north and south built reserve camps behind their lines, and these served as infirmaries for the

horses," says Robert A. Burton, director of education at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine. Though the animals could be fed and become rested there, the dearth of veterinarians and the lack of medical knowledge of farriers and soldiers meant that there was not much that could do be done for horses with serious wounds.



65 horses of the 9th Massachusetts Battery of Light Artillery killed during the Battle of Gettysburg

Fatigue and Illness

Horses were frequently ridden until they could go no further; the reality was that without a mount, a courier or a cavalry member was useless.

In addition, a viral illness known as glanders spread through the horse population. Symptoms involved an increase in mucus and swelling of the glands. The disease was highly contagious, so once one horse was sick, it was a real problem for the army.

The Confederate Quartermaster at Lynchburg was concerned about the spread of glanders, and asked two physicians to investigate. John Jay Terrell and John R. Page established a stable where the horses could be quarantined, and as a result of their work, the two doctors saw that good ventilation, proper diet, and clean water made a difference in resistance to disease. Infected animals needed to be destroyed as the disease was terminal so that was the best way to reduce exposure. These were advanced concepts for a time when little was fully understood about the spread of any type of disease.

Tragedy for Both Man and Beast

A letter written by Massachusetts soldier Charles Francis Adams to his mother on May 12, 1863. It describes the magnitude of what was happening to the animals:

"The air of Virginia is literally burdened today with the stench of dead horses, federal and confederate. You pass them on every road and find them in every field, while from their carrions you can follow the march of every army that moves."

The "work horses" of 150 years ago deserved much better care than they got, and they should be remembered along with their human counterparts for their contributions to both sides of the War Between the States.

The National Museum of Civil War Medicine is located in Frederick, Maryland.



Two hundred forty-one years ago, our nation's leaders established the Continental Army. Today, the Army is the strategic land power of the joint force; called upon to prevent, shape, and win against our adversaries.

The U.S. Army's 241st Birthday is June 14, 2016, a day we celebrate the Total Army Force comprised of multicomponent Soldiers and Department of the Army Civilians and their contributions to national defense. The American Soldier trains, deploys, engages, and destroys enemies of the United States in combat operations as the world's premier land force.

Minutes for the February 28, 2016 Meeting of the California Historical Artillery Society Board of Directors

Present: Ted Miljevich, Scott Foster, Roger Boling, Judith Boling, Terry Thompson, William Entriken, Katie

Rejaian, Evelyn Owens

Guests: John Boyd, Wes Faubel

Meeting was called to order at 2:15 PM

Minutes of the December 6, 2015 meeting were approved as read.

Officer's Reports:

Treasurer: Katie

Reviewed the checks, disbursements and deposits.

Dennis has asked that the gun loan in his name be removed.

Wes asked about how our financial information is backed up, suggesting that we use something like Dropbox.

Ted suggested we have the information backed up once a year on a memory stick. This is already done when the information is given to the tax preparer.

Member at Large:

Evelyn: Got an e-mail about Facebook not being updated. She will update it.

Safety:

Roger: The safety tests are being turned in with many missing the question about the distance of the gun from the public. Discussion about whether it should be 30 or 60 feet. Need to clarify.

Ted questioned if the tests are too difficult, requiring too much interpretation of written answers.

Should we change the format to multiple choice? He suggested that we have a working group to come up with a new test ready for next year by September.

Fundraising:

Still do not have a chairperson.

Judith will check into the professional fundraiser that has been mentioned before.

Materials and Acquisitions:

There was a request for picnic tables at Warhorse. We will not supply them at this time.

Need to build six picnic tables for Duncan's Mills. Terry will buy the wood.

Katie provided an update from Garrett. The worm has been fixed by Daniel Smith, and he is working on the ambulance. Gun and Limber still need painting, and the blue trailer needs a new floor.

Wes: The haul trucks should meet the CARB exemption based on low mileage. Trucks are still in Matranga's name.

The three axle horse trailer was sold to AJ.

Roger will have an update on building new donation boxes by the next meeting.

The DM weenie shack is dry inside, but the field is too wet to get in.

Need to move the bleachers from the Rodeo grounds, remove the backs and perform some refurbishment.

Where is the spare rammer? Do we need a new one?

Recruitment:

Approved the following new members:

Carl Thelan: Cannoneer, Rose, daughter, and wife Mary as Civilians.

Mark Weston: Driver and Artificer.

Ted expressed concern over the loss of members. Would lower dues help?. He would like to see a list of who has renewed.

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Continue Minutes for the February 28, 2016 Board Meeting

Public Relations:

Should remove the small arms safety test from the SOPs as it is covered under the PACWR tests.

Katie is meeting with a web designer for assistance in building a new Warhorse.org website. She will get an estimate of cost.

Ted will check with his web designer.

Evelyn is now the gatekeeper for the Facebook page.

By Laws:

Wes is still working on separating the Bylaws from the SOPs.

Current cannon safety zones are in conflict with PACWR. Wes will clarify and correct.

Events:

Katie is issuing a call to arms for driver training on three weekends. March 12 & 13, April 2 & 3, and April 9 & 10.

Need to be sure that the event lists in the Cannon's Mouth and the website are matching.

March 11-13: Celtic Fair in Sonora. William is coordinator.

Live Fire: March 12

School of the Horse Soldier: 3/19-20. Work party as well.

Mariposa: 4/16-17

Gibson Ranch: 4/30 - 5/1Fort Ord Horse Day: 5/7

Luther Burbank parade, Santa Rosa: 5/14

Roaring Camp: 5/27-30 Angel Island: 6/11-12 Duncan's Mills: July 18-19 Ft. Mervine: 10/14-16

Katie is trying to get information on Cal Expo.

Move the Boat trip to 3/8/17

Old Business:

We will make the George Casini award a perpetual plaque.

New Business:

Need to remove the references to the NCWA from the camp safety rules

Ted: Dennis is concerned about the future of horses at Salinas. He met with Paul and Ted regarding moving most of the horses and equipment to Paul's. It was recommended that the process be started.

There was an executive session.

The next meeting will be May 15. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

Next Board Meeting Sunday August 14th , Modesto 2:00 pm at the Denny's 1525 McHenry Ave, Modesto. 95350. Private meeting room at 2:00 pm



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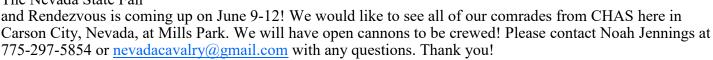
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Santa Rosa Luther Burbank Parade—May 21st

From the East side of the Sierras

The Nevada State Fair



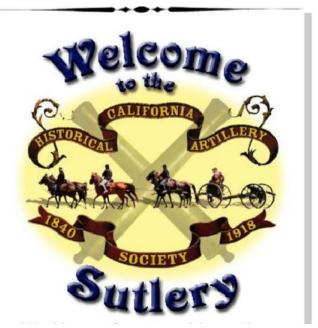
Company F, 7th Michigan Cavalry

(Troop D, 1st Nevada Cavalry)

1st Sergeant Noah L. Jennings Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Company F, 7th Michigan Cavalry American Civil War Association 775-297-5854 - Cell

http://nevadacavalry.webs.com/nevada-state-fair

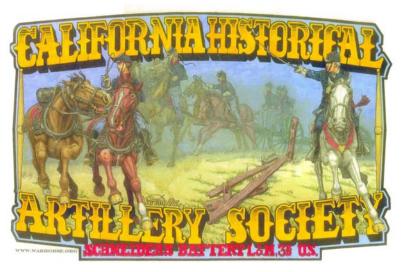




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3rd US Roster Assignments 2016

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Role	Name	Report To	Role	Name	Report To
Commanding Officer	Thompson, Terry		Quartermaster Sgt	Entriken, William	Captain
1st Lieutenant	Foster, Scott	Captain	Stable Sgt.	Winfrey, Dennis	1st Sgt.
1st Sergeant	Duncan, George	Captain	Teamster	Bailey, Wendy	Stable Sgt.
Company Clerk	Owens, Evelyn	1st Sgt.	Teamster	Casini, Paul	Stable Sgt.
Provisioner	Gumbly, Nancy	1st Sgt.	Teamster	Newton, Melinda	Stable Sgt.
Assistant Provisioner	Sullivan, Lisa	Provisioner			
Guns & Teams					
Chief of Piece		1st Sgt.	Chief of Piece		1st Sgt.
Gun Corporal		Gun Sgt.	Gun Corporal	Boyd, John	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Caligiuri, Chase	Gun Sgt.	Cannoneer	McConnell, Dennis	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Dunne, Cary	Gun Sgt.	Cannoneer	Murphy, Brooke	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Ebert, Bob	Gun Sgt.	Cannoneer	Murphy, Sierra	Gun Sgt.
			Cannoneer	O'Connell, Chris	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Gillich, Mabel	Gun Sgt.	Cannoneer	Palmer, Ray	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Gumbley, Ben	Gun Sgt.	Cannoneer	Thorne, Philip	Gun Sgt.
					Gun Sgt.
Team Corporal	Faubel, Wes	Gun Sgt.	Team Corporal	Rejaian, Katie	Gun Sgt.
Driver	Appiano, Terri	Team Cpl.	Driver	Hasslinger, Garrett	Team Cpl.
Driver	Berry, Michael	Team Cpl.	Driver	Hewitt, Norm	Team Cpl.
Driver	Burris, Luke	Team Cpl.	Driver	McClure, Jim	Team Cpl.
Driver	Carlisi, Debbie	Team Cpl.	Driver	Miljevich, Ted	Team Cpl.
Driver	Fischer, Peter	Team Cpl.	Driver	Murphy, Dee	Team Cpl.
Driver	Ginos, Alan	Team Cpl.	Driver	Simon, Luanne	Team Cpl.
Driver	Gillich, John	Team Cpl			
	Artificers			Signal Corps	
Artificer	Boling, Roger	1st Sgt.	Signalman	Dombrowski, Ken	Captain
Artificer	6, 6	1st Sgt.	8	,	1
	Medical			Civilians	
Physician	Rogers, Keith		Civilian Coordinator	Boling, Judith	
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Nurse	Rogers, Laurie		Soldier Aid	Thompson, Donna	Civ Coordinator
Reserves					
Amari, Gary	Faubel, Carolyn	1	Hawkins, Virginia		
Byrne, Jeannie	Foster, Karen		Johnson, William D		
Burtz, Daniel	Hawkins, Bill		Thompson, Gary		
Duitz, Daillei	mawkills, Dill		i nompson, Gary		



016 Schedule of Events*

June November 11-12 NCWA Battles & Encampment 5-6 Blue & Gray Battles & Encampment Angel Island, San Francisco, CA Contact: NCWA Contact: Terry Thompson San Juan Bautista Living History 18-19 Plaza History Association December Contact: Ken Dombrowski HAPPY HOLIDAYS 23 San Benito Horse Parade January Cancelled CHAS Annual Meeting 16 CHAS Civil War Days Work Party 25-26 Contact: Ted Miljevich Duncans Mills, CA February Contact: Ted Miljevich TBA CWRS Battles & Encampments Mooney Grove Park, Visalia, CA July 1 Cannon STEAM Fest Contact: Roger Boling Reid-Hillview Airport, San Jose, CA Contact: Dee Murphy TBA CWRS Live Fire Orosi, CA 09-15 CHAS Civil War Days Set Up Work Week 1 Cannon Duncans Mills, CA Contact: Ted Miljevich Contact: Scott Foster March. CHAS Civil War Days Battles & Encampments 16 - 17TBA Celtic Festival Duncans Mills, CA Motherlode Fairgrounds 2 Cannon, 2 Teams, Ambulance, Forge Sonoma, CA Contact: Ted Miljevich Contact: William Entriken 23-24 CHAS Civil War Days Put Away Work Party Duncans Mills, CA 18-19 Maintenance & Work Party Contact: Ted Miljevich Camp Warhorse, Salinas, CA Contact: William Entriken August 20 NPS Living History April Fort Point San Francisco, CA TBA NPS Living History Contact: John Boyd Contact: AWCA September Marina Parade 9-10 ACWA Battles & Encampments Marina CA Mariposa, CA Contact: Dee Murphey 2 Cannon, 1 Team Contact: Terry Thompson 9-11 NCWA Battles & Encampment San Benito Historic Park, Tres Pinos, CA 29-30 1 Cannon, Ambulance Gibson Ranch, Sacramento, CA Contact: Scott Foster 2 Cannon, 1 Team Contact: Terry Thompson October FOCWA Alcatraz Living History Day Мау San Francisco, CA 06 Contact: John Boyd 1 Cannon, 1 Team, Ambulance 1-2 RACW Battles & Encampment Contact: Dee Murphy Hawes Ranch, Anderson, CA 1 Cannon, 1 Team 20 Luther Burbank Rose Parade Contact: Terry Thompson Santa Rosa, CA 1 Cannon, 1 Team, Ambulance 15 Ft. Mervine Civil War Living History & Encampment Contact: Evelyn Owens Lower Presidio Historic Park, Monterey, CA 1 Cannon, 1 Team & 1 Wagon/Ambulance 26-29 ACWA Battles & Encampment Contact: Katie Rejaian Roaring Camp, Felton, CA 1 Cannon, NO Horses TBA Paso Robles Parade Contact: Scott Foster Paso Robles, CA Contact: Dee Murphy TBA Cal Expo Fundraising Cal Expo, Sacramento, CA ACWA Civil War Revisited Battles & Encampments 22-23 1 Cannon, NO Horses Kearney Park, Fresno, CA Contact: Katie Rejaian 1 Cannon, Ambulance Contact: Terry Thompson TBA Bass Bowl Football Game Lakeport, CA

California Lutheran University, Thousand Oaks, CA

1 Cannon, 2 Teams, 1 Wagon/Ambulance

California Automobile Museum, Sacramento, CA

Alcatraz Island, San Francisco, CA

NCWA Battles & Encampment

Fort Ord Warhorse Day Living History

City of Marina Equestrian Center, Marina, CA



1 Cannon, 1 Team Contact: Alan Ginos

^{*} Dates are tentative and subject to change

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