

THE CANNON'S MOUTH

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"Mike Johnson Chronicles"



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Commander's Call

Terry Thompson

To my troops,

Skirmishes at Duncans Mills have passed. My many heartfelt thanks to those who were able to attend. I am especially thankful to those who were able to come out early and help with camp set up. A special thank you to Bill & GG Hawkins—they were unable to attend last year yet worked like troopers the days prior.

Another special thanks goes out to our cook. Modern armies run on bullets, biscuits, and blood. Pvt Gumbly stretched every meal to ensure every soldier got some portion. This year he had extra duty as there was not always extra help in camp for KP duty.

Drivers and cannoneers performed well. Other than that instance when the crew was overcome and the cannon was stolen. Sgt Foster death caused sudden rigor mortise requiring the Rebs to pry his hand from the prolong rope.

All and all, we gained a couple of new recruits. Amazingly, will all the chaos, not one permanent injury or disfigurement occurred.

Great job to all.

Humbly,

Capt Terry Thompson

Next Board Meeting
Sunday August 14th, Noon
Denny's 1525 McHenry Ave,
Modesto, 95350.
Private meeting room

Dispatches from the Dog Tent

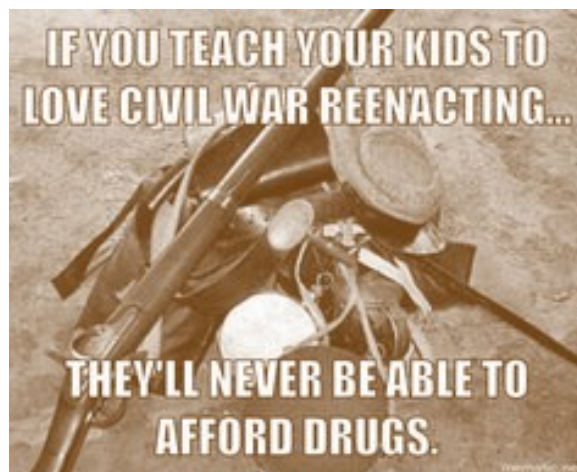
Ted Miljevich

Civil War Days Duncan Mills 2016 is over. Thank you for your help and support of this great event finishing its 17th year now. Financial report will come out after the board meeting. Speaking of which, the board meeting has moved to high noon on August 13th at the Denny's in Modesto. Contact any board member if you want to bring something up. Once again, thank you all for your help at Duncan Mills this year.

Ted Miljevich

Event coordinator. DM 2016

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Duncans Mills 2016

June 25-26 Work Party

Picnic Tables—New picnic tables were made this year for the Wienie Shack. Finishing touches.



Bleachers—The Russian River Rodeo has new bleachers and donated the old ones to CHAS. Some repairs were needed and setting on the field.



Duncans Mills 2016

June 25-26 Work Party

Meals together—OK but what is this karaoke?



The week leading up to the event

Wood splitting, Bleacher railings, Unloading equipment, Putting up Time Tunnel, Burlap around the porta potties, setting up the parking lot, Signs, Supply runs.



Civil War Days 2016

Transformation of Freeze Out



Nothing but the Wienie Shack



The arrival of the Suttlers

For several years, I have arrived on Sunday afternoon and watched Freeze Out go from a peaceful, empty field to bustle and chaos and then back to an almost empty field when I leave on Monday morning. It is truly amazing what this club does. It is no wonder this is the best civil war reenactment in California. Good job CHAS members and volunteers.
Capt Terry



Before the arrival of the Union Army

Safety Check
Zero incidents
this year.



Reporting for duty

Tuesday, July 12, 1863

Dear Cousin,

I have arrived in Duncans Mills, a small logging community in northern California. The travel was uneventful until I neared the city of San Francisco. Sunday afternoon seems to clog the roads with buggies seemingly not knowing where they are going nor care when they will arrive. Unfortunately for me, I found myself on a one lane road with no opportunity to pass. It was well to give my horses a rest as they had pulled the wagon post haste. We had made good time on the trip north through the San Joaquin Valley.

I have been instructed to make preparations for the Union battalion that is to arrive this Friday. Yesterday found me with only a couple of Invalid Corp to help with camp set up. I have received dispatch that several able bodied men will arrive tomorrow and Thursday. Till then, we are working diligently with as much strength as can be mustered.

Rumors abound that the Rebels are planning something in this area. The Southern sympathizers are quite blatant. The Rebel flags of supporters are everywhere. But alas, rumors are rumors and I will wait to see the whites of their eyes before I get excited.

As I write this letter, I am alone at my camp. The morning has dawned with awe-struck beauty. The pines are majestic. I feel as though God himself is sitting and having breakfast with me. I don't want to think of what is to come later this week; I wish to only think of the peace God has given this place and myself for today.

Thank you for tending my place while I am gone. I shall be back soon. This war cannot go on much longer.

Always
Terry



Civil War Days 2016



Caisson got to show off.

Wheel team selfie.



"Stolen cannon" by Chris OConnell and Garrett Hasslinger. Several scenarios were played out including a hand to hand combat in the Infantry and "fix bayonets" to overrun Confederate cannons.



Volunteers

Evelyn Owens put out the call for volunteers and a group from Santa Rosa responded. We also had the Lake County Football.

Cotton clads

You have heard of ironclads—wooden ships with iron plating. Cotton clads? The term refers to the numerous vessels protected with bales of cotton due to a lack of iron plate. Cotton clads were used effectively in engagements along the Mississippi and tributaries. Small arms fire would be absorbed by the thick bales, but heavier rounds tended to shred the bales which then became fire hazards.

CSS Governor Moore, a 1215-ton side-wheel "cotton-clad" ram, was originally the civilian steamship *Charles Morgan*, which had been built at New York in 1854. Seized at New Orleans in January 1862, she was converted to a warship by the State of Louisiana and attached to the Confederacy's Mississippi River Defense Fleet. As a gunboat, renamed for the State's Governor, her stem was reinforced for ramming by two strips of flat railroad iron at the waterline, strapped and bolted in place, with pine lumber and cotton-bale barricades to protect her boilers.



General Bragg, originally *Mexico*, was impressed her for Confederate service on 15 January 1862. On 25 January the Confederates ordered her conversion to a cotton clad ram with a 4-inch oak sheath and a 1-inch iron covering on her bow, and double pine bulkheads filled with compressed cotton bales.

A total of 14 ships belonging to Charles Morgan's Southern S. S. Co., were converted to military vessels.

Cannon's Mouth Submissions

Due by the 26th of each month

Email to:
Digital Bugler
(chasdigitalbugler@gmail.com)

Marysville Sept 9-11

The RACW has a new event for this year at River Front Park in Marysville. Cannon bounty is being offered. More information when a flyer is available.

The Coast Guard is one of America's five armed forces and traces its founding to Aug. 4, 1790, when the first Congress authorized the construction of 10 vessels to enforce tariff and trade laws, prevent smuggling, and protect the collection of federal revenue. Responsibilities added over the years included humanitarian duties such as aiding mariners in distress.

The service received its present name in 1915 when the Revenue Cutter Service merged with the U.S. Life-Saving Service to form a single maritime service dedicated to the safety of life at sea and enforcing the nation's maritime laws.



The Coast Guard is a multi-mission, maritime, military service and the smallest of the five Armed Services. Its mission is to protect the public, the environment and U.S. economic interests in the nation's waterways, along the coast, on international waters, or in any maritime region as required to support national security.

Happy Birthday US Coast Guard

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In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

HEAR YE, HEAR YE !!

10th Annual Fort Mervine's

Civil War Encampment

HOSTED BY THE: **SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR & AUXILIARY**

OCTOBER 14, 15 AND 16, 2016

PRESIDIO MUSEUM GROUNDS, 113 Cpl. Ewing Road, Monterey, Calif.

Cannon's and Musket Rifle Firing detail

Artifact Tent displays, Living History Displays, Horse teams, Civil War Ambulance

Live Firing Demonstrations at 11:30 Am and at 2:30 Pm

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EVENT TIMES, FRI (School Day): 10-2pm, SAT & SUN (Public days) 10AM-4pm

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**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

Pass the Hat

After much discussion at the last board meeting, we tried the ole “pass the hat” after each battle to see if maybe the public would be willing to donate a little extra. Wow! Overwhelming support from the crowds. Over \$2,500 was raised.

Fundraising Ideas Needed

At the board meeting in May, several fundraiser ideas were tossed around including a GoFundMe page and hiring a professional grant writer. Several more donation boxes are slated to be made. “Pass the Hat” after battles turned out to be successful. If you have ideas, please bring them to a board member. And don’t be discouraged if the idea is not used. We need all members to be on the lookout for means of supporting the horses and our hobby.



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Ball Cap



\$15.00

"Pedes" pin



\$5.00

CWD tee



\$15.00

"Pedes" tee



\$15.00



T-shirts available in the Ray Ahrenholz design.



3rd US Roster Assignments 2016

Role	Name	Report To	Role	Name	Report To
Commanding Officer	Thompson, Terry		Quartermaster Sgt	Entriiken, 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		1st Sgt.			

Medical

Civilians

Physician	Rogers, Keith		Civilian Coordinator	Boling, Judith	
Nurse	Rogers, Laurie		Soldier Aid	Thompson, Donna	Civ Coordinator

Reserves

Amari, Gary	Faubel, Carolyn	Hawkins, Virginia
Byrne, Jeannie	Foster, Karen	Johnson, William D
Burtz, Daniel	Hawkins, Bill	Thompson, Gary



2016 Schedule of Events*

August

20 NPS Living History
Fort Point San Francisco, CA
Contact: John Boyd

September

4 Marina Parade
Marina, CA
Contact: Dee Murphey

9-11 NCWA Battles & Encampment
San Benito Historic Park, Tres Pinos, CA
1 Cannon, Ambulance
Contact: Scott Foster

9-11 RACW Battles & Encampment—New Event
River Front Park, Marysville
Contact: Terry Thompson

October

1 FOCWA Alcatraz Living History Day
San Francisco, CA
Contact: John Boyd

1-2 RACW Battles & Encampment
Hawes Ranch, Anderson, CA
1 Cannon, 1 Team
Contact: Terry Thompson

15 Ft. Mervine Civil War Living History & Encampment
Lower Presidio Historic Park, Monterey, CA
1 Cannon, 1 Team & 1 Wagon/Ambulance
Contact: Katie Rejaian

TBA Paso Robles Parade
Paso Robles, CA
Contact: Dee Murphy

22-23 ACWA Civil War Revisited Battles & Encampments
Kearney Park, Fresno, CA
1 Cannon, Ambulance
Contact: Terry Thompson

TBA Bass Bowl Football Game
Lakeport, CA
1 Cannon, 1 Team
Contact: Alan Ginos

November

5-6 Blue & Gray Battles & Encampment
California Lutheran University, Thousand Oaks, CA
1 Cannon, 2 Teams, 1 Wagon/Ambulance
Contact: Terry Thompson

December

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

January

16 CHAS Annual Meeting
California Automobile Museum, Sacramento, CA
Contact: Ted Miljevich

February

TBA CWRS Battles & Encampments
Mooney Grove Park, Visalia, CA
1 Cannon
Contact: Roger Boling

TBA CWRS Live Fire
Orosi, CA
1 Cannon
Contact: Scott Foster

March

TBA Celtic Festival
Motherlode Fairgrounds
Sonoma, CA
Contact: William Entriiken

March

18-19 Maintenance & Work Party
Camp Warhorse, Salinas, CA
Contact: William Entriiken

April

TBA NPS Living History
Alcatraz Island, San Francisco, CA
Contact: AWCA

9-10 ACWA Battles & Encampments
Mariposa, CA
2 Cannon, 1 Team
Contact: Terry Thompson

29-30 NCWA Battles & Encampment
Gibson Ranch, Sacramento, CA
2 Cannon, 1 Team
Contact: Terry Thompson

May

06 Fort Ord Warhorse Day Living History
City of Marina Equestrian Center, Marina, CA
1 Cannon, 1 Team, Ambulance
Contact: Dee Murphy

20 Luther Burbank Rose Parade
Santa Rosa, CA
1 Cannon, 1 Team, Ambulance
Contact: Evelyn Owens

26-29 ACWA Battles & Encampment
Roaring Camp, Felton, CA
1 Cannon, NO Horses
Contact: Scott Foster

TBA Cal Expo Fundraising
Cal Expo, Sacramento, CA
1 Cannon, NO Horses
Contact: Katie Rejaian

June

10-11 NCWA Battles & Encampment
Angel Island, San Francisco, CA
Contact: NCWA

TBA San Juan Bautista Living History
Plaza History Association
Contact: Ken Dombrowski

24-25 CHAS Civil War Days Work Party
Duncans Mills, CA
Contact: Ted Miljevich

July

9 STEAM Fest
Reid-Hillview Airport, San Jose, CA
Contact: Dee Murphy

8-14 CHAS Civil War Days Set Up Work Week
Duncans Mills, CA
Contact: Ted Miljevich

15-16 **CHAS Civil War Days Battles & Encampments**
Duncans Mills, CA
2 Cannon, 2 Teams, Ambulance, Forge
Contact: Ted Miljevich

22-23 CHAS Civil War Days Put Away Work Party
Duncans Mills, CA
Contact: Ted Miljevich

* Dates are tentative and subject to change



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