

The Cannon's Mouth

NEWSLETTER OF THE CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL ARTILLERY SOCIETY
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Commander's Call

Alan Ginos

With Old Sac right around the corner, we are at this moment way undermanned to pull it off. By the time you read this, my hope is certainly that the roster will be fleshed out with people to talk to the public, man the camp, help with the horses, and last but certainly not least, have a good time doing it in such a nice location. Keep in mind that this event is our second biggest paying event of the year.

September 19/20th weekend gives you a choice of events to attend. Traditional Tres Pinos will have no battles this year, but instead be all about scenarios played out with an unhappy Union army occupying a town. Around the clock scenarios are planned, and it sounds like it may be fun, and a different change of pace. Of course there is also the period wedding starring our own Matt Foster. Read more about the event and what it promises in the current issue of the NCWA Dispatch found at www.ncwa.org. 1st Sgt. Foster will be in charge. At this time it is not planned to take the unit van/commissary to Tres Pinos. Once attendance is known, food arrangements will be discussed.

To burn powder that weekend, a platoon under the direction of Cpl. Scott Alto is heading to the fields of Fortuna to augment the fine Union artillery of the RACW. Contact Cpl. Alto for details and to sign up.

Saturday September 12 there will be a work party at Duncan's Mills to finish after event projects. Closing up the weenie shack, fence repairs, and a new project to make covered storage for a horse trailer are in the works. Contact me at adginos@hotmail.com if you can attend.

Then comes Fresno, which is measuring up to be a well-manned artillery event with the Richmond Howitzers and others falling in with us. More on Fresno later.



Dispatches from the Dog Tent

Ted Milgovich

Duncan Mills Update - We still have a few tasks to finish at the event site and ranch including fence repairs, clean-up and miscellaneous odds and ends. The last work party call for help did not leave us with any help or workers, other than Alan and Paul. Though they got a lot done, it was not enough. Another call will be going out at some point (see the event calendar page) to help get these few more projects done. Please respond to the call so we can get these tasks behind us.

Fall is fast approaching and that means some of the best events are in sight. Old Sacramento, our second biggest fundraiser event is always a nice low-key type event. Alcatraz Island, for those into history and living history, is right in the middle of the bay of one of the greatest cities in the world. Fresno is one of the biggest events in northern California and always a good event on a nice grass field. Moorpark for the travelers that can make it down south. I have to say that the Moorpark event is now the largest event on the west coast. It attracts more suttlers, and public than any other event. Reenactors probably tied with our own Duncan Mills event. The 5 battle weekend and long haul does take its toll, but it has always been a great event to do.

Ending the reenacting season on Thursday November 19th will be our first annual dinner fundraiser in the town of Salinas. This is being billed as a fundraising event to support the unit in the care of our horses and unit equipment. Donna Schulken has so kindly taken over the chairmanship of this event from yours truly. She will be sending updates and keeping us posted. We will be needing some volunteers to help with staffing and miscellaneous work in putting this event together. Please contact Donna all those willing to help.

The next board meeting will be on Tuesday September 15th, 6:00 pm 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.

“Old Sac Gold Rush Days 2009”

Wes Faubel

Attention 3rd US Artillery, Signal Corp, and the Gentle Ladies of the Sanitary Commission!

Once again it is time to strut our stuff and wow the civilian population of one of the leading towns of the Old West with our impression of quality living history (and help fill CHAS coffers too). Come and mix with mountain men, settlers, gun-fighters, and Indians! Stroll with your lady (or gentleman) on wooden board walks while enjoying a variety of fine food and quality entertainment. Yes, Gold Rush Days at Old Sacramento is on the horizon and approaching at a breakneck pace!



Artificer's Apprentice Tristan Faubel ~ 2004

This event is a money maker for us and is four full days, Friday September 4th through Monday Sept 7th (Labor Day) so sign up early and often. Please telegraph Mike Sablan at michaelsablan@aol.com to reserve your spot in what promises to be the biggest four day shindig west of the Mississippi. Indicate whether you are willing to come Friday, Saturday, Sunday, or Monday. If possible please plan on spending a day and night.

Information will be provided by telegraph at a later date. If you have any questions about the event please do not hesitate to contact Mike.

Respectfully,

Lt Wes Faubel (aka Casualty)

Call to Arms:

“Fortuna Civil War Days”

Scott Alto

Fortuna Civil War Days is back September 19-20, and The 3rd US has been invited by the host RACW to once again return to the reenactment.

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.

If we attend we will be attached to Major Don 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 we can bring our equine unit members.



Royal Magnell

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.



Gizmo at the 2003 Fortuna event

6-up Artillery Team for Sale

The California Historical Artillery Society has one of its four teams of six horses each up for sale with or without harness. The economic times have made it hard to recruit enough people to work with the 30 plus horses we have rescued from the harness racing circuit. Hay and other rising costs make it logical for us to cut back on unused resources at this time.



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NCWA Combined Board Meeting

August 8, 2009

Benicia, California

Meeting called to order by President Jennifer Roger.

Secretary Ann Lee took attendance. Several units were not represented, including Confederate Command. Reminder to arrange for proxy should unit head be unavailable to attend.

President's Report

President Jennifer Roger and Vice-President Midirise Arnold attended the PACWR meeting. Confirmed that PACWR safety rules are a baseline. Each club is free to establish stricter rules. (i.e., NCWA requires minors to be 14 years of age to take the battlefield).

Reenactors who have been officially disassociated from the NCWA may be turned away from NCWA events.

Administrative Board is including a 2-year membership option to the 2010 reenlistment form. There will be a \$10.00 discount for a 2-year reenlistment (i.e., an individual membership of \$50 per year will be \$90 for 2 years).

Vice-President's Report

Administrative Board has begun the process of looking at revising the Sunday battle schedule to one battle. The informal vote of the Federal and Confederate Brigades was a draw. Administrative Board will now begin speaking with event hosts to ascertain their requirements and whether one battle on Sunday would be acceptable to them.

Secretary's Report

The Access database holding membership information, crashed. Some information has been recovered, but all 2009 information subsequent to November 2008 is lost. Ann is looking at another database program that is more user friendly and compatible with Quick Books. A demonstration version is available, which she will download and try out.

Treasurer's Report

Melba Griffin resigned as treasurer. Treasurer materials were not delivered to her in a timely manner due to Jennifer dealing with family matters. Resignation was accepted, with apologies. Debra Taylor volunteered to assume treasurer responsibilities for the remainder of the 2009 term.

Committee Reports

DISPATCH EDITOR - No July Dispatch due to lack of articles and time constraints on editor. August Dispatch is ready to be posted on the website.

ELECTIONS - Notice to submit statements of candidacy for 2010 slate of officers and unit positions will be published in the September issue of the Dispatch.

PLANNING - Next planning meeting August 18 at Round Table Pizza in Benicia. Committee is working on scenarios for Tres Pinos and Fresno.

PUBLIC RELATIONS - No Report

RANK RATIO - 3 civilian units on probation; 1 Confederate and 1 Union unit each lost an officer.

RULES - A lengthy discussion was held regarding suspension of the rank ratio rules due to declining membership attendance at events. Voted to suspend rank ratio rules through July 31, 2010. Attendance will still be taken at all events. All probationary units had their votes restored. Military units with minimal numbers will have 1 captain, 1 first sergeant, 1 sergeant, and a maximum of 2 corporals.

VISITING REENACTOR - Unit heads should be keeping a list of non-NCWA members to be turned in at events with the rank ratio attendance forms.

RACW members should sign a NCWA waiver, as their waiver is not in compliance with NCWA rules.

WEBMASTER - Revisions are being made to the 2010 reenlistment form and will be posted to the website. Revisions to unit pages should be forwarded to the webmaster through Jennifer.

SAFETY - No NCWA safety violations at Gibson Ranch. ACWA was battlefield organizer at Dun-cans Mills.

Each branch should be providing 2 provosts for each battle at every event, except Fresno. More provosts are required for Fresno.

Old Business

INTRA-CLUB BALL - Discussed combined-club ball at PACWR meeting. Southern and Northern California clubs would host alternating years. All PACWR clubs will discuss this issue with their members to ascertain interest in pursuing this idea. A survey will be made of the NCWA membership.

TRES PINOS - This will be a living history event revolving around townspeople. Basis of individual scenarios was being kept under wraps until closer to the event. However, several military units indicated they need information to interest their members in attending. Further scenario information will be forthcoming.

New Business - None

Next combined board meeting will be November 21 at a location to be announced.

"CHAS Fundraiser 2009"

Donna Schulken

As most of you have heard we are in the process of planning a fundraiser in November to honor Dennis and Pat Winfrey. The event is scheduled for Thursday, Nov 19 at the Salinas Sports Complex, also known as the Salinas Rodeo Grounds.

This event is going to be a very special event and we are asking local merchants and politicians who have worked and respected Dennis and Pat, while they were local business owners, to come celebrate their accomplishments and to help our organization out with this fundraiser.



We have a lot to do in a very short period of time. The room that has been chosen will be perfect for the event. It is very rustic, but yet comfortable. I believe the Winfrey's along with the rest of CHAS' membership will feel right at home.

I am encouraging as many CHAS members as possible to help with this event; whether it be helping with the pre-planning of the event or actually able to be at the event itself and to help that evening.

The Fundraising Committee is looking for people to make phone calls to local San Benito County/ Salinas Valley merchants looking for Silent Auction donations. We are looking for anything from hotel nights at local Monterey area hotels, Wine and Cheese baskets, movie tickets to anything else up to and including monetary donations.

As mentioned above there is a lot of work that needs to be accomplished in a very short amount of time and volunteers are needed quite quickly.



Just as a little bit of thought, we are thinking that we could possibly do this type of event every year. The event would be a little different than what is planned for this year. Next year and years beyond we are thinking making this a school event.

We would hold a "School Day" out at Warhorse. Invite the local schools out to the ranch and hold Civil War era demonstrations; just as we would at any other school day event such as Fresno or Mariposa.

We would then invite the children to write and nominate why their history teacher is the best history teacher. We would then choose the teacher who is most deserving based on those essays.

The fundraiser would be held in honor of that particular teacher in the same way we are honoring the Winfrey's this year.

I urge your participation in this first time event and I look forward from hearing from you soon. Please feel free to call me at 209-826-2611 or email me at dschulken@earthlink.net



PHOTO CAPTION CONTEST!



Send your captions to 3rdusmounted@warhorse.org and we'll post them in next month's Cannon's Mouth.

The winning caption may receive a prize!

When you come to Gold Rush Days, be sure to visit Sacramento City Dry Goods. JoAnn stocks all the wardrobe needs of Gold Rush, Civil War, and Single Action Shooting enthusiasts. She is also an excellent source for period fabric and patterns.



JoAnn Peterson, Prop.
info@saccitydrygoods.com ~ (916) 446-4422

Duncans Mills ~ Sunday Night



The Recruiting Desk

Wes Faubel

Ah, the summer doldrums are upon us.

Recruiting has been slow since my last report. Two applications are still to be considered by the board. Our current membership stands at 90 with seven new recruits for the year to date.

Still, the campaign season is not over yet! Old Sacramento, Fortuna, and Fresno are still come. Old Sac and Fresno have been good recruiting venues in the past so we may still see a surge of troops rallying around the flag.

See you at Old Sacramento!

Yr Obedient Svt

Lt Casualty

Member News - "Tevis Cup"

Melinda Faubel

Most CHAS people know that when she's not driving our ambulance or running endurance races - on horse or/and on foot!) - Melinda Faubel works as a Plant Quality Control Supervisor at Foster Farms. She managed to convince someone there to sponsor her in the "Western States 100" horse race. This world-famous horse race covers 100 miles of very tough mountain trails, from Truckee to Auburn, in 24 hours. This is Mel's account of the day. Please take a look at her blog for more information.

<http://bootsandsaddles4mel.blogspot.com/>

On August 1st I attempted to ride my Arabian mare, "Farley", 100 miles in 24 hours, in the Western States Trail Ride, better known as the "Tevis Cup".



The Tevis is annual one-hundred mile endurance horse race that follows historical trails from above Lake Tahoe, through Squaw Valley, across the American River, and into the town of Auburn. These trails were used by pioneers, settlers, and miners, to access the gold mines and travel into California. Farley and I passed old mining equipment, sunken mines, graveyards, and old mine shacks. The trail is incredibly steep and beautiful.

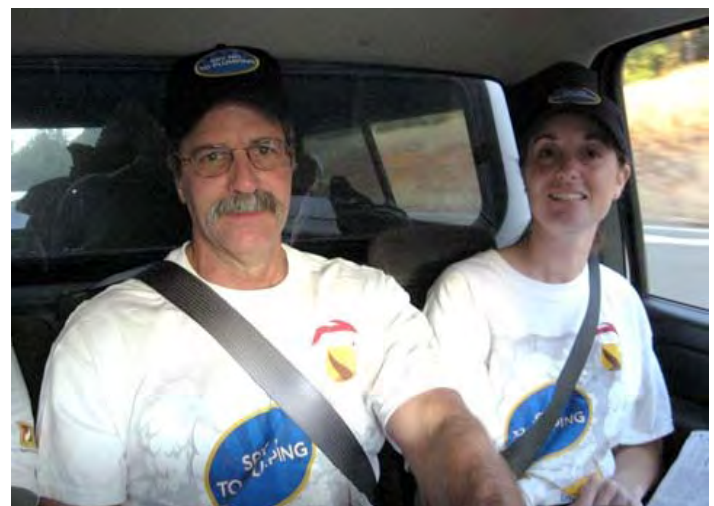
Every year, riders on horseback attempt to ride this 100 mile trail, trying to beat the cut-off of 24 hours. Usually about 50% of the horse-rider teams that start actually make it to the finish line. I had a great ride this year, making it 68 miles in 14 hours. At this point I felt that Farley had a great day and she was starting to get a bit stiff and sore. The last 32 miles of the trail is ridden in the dark and on the side of a cliff. Just like people, horses can get a



little careless and unsafe when tired, so I decided the best thing was to call it a day and head back to camp.

I had a wonderful crew of family and friends that met me on the trail and took care of me and Farley. They were easily recognizable from a distance because everyone was wearing "say no to plumping" caps and shirts! Much of a crew's time is spent waiting around with the other crews for their riders to arrive from the trail. My crew put that time to good use, answering questions about plumping and why to choose Foster Farms at the grocery store. Many people assumed the "plumping" had something to do with the potato chips and cookies that my crew was consuming in great quantities, but my crew soon set them straight (after wiping the crumbs off their chins and shirts of course!).

My crew, Farley, and I had a wonderful time this year and want to extend a big "thank you" to Foster Farms for helping us get there. Farley and I plan to tackle this challenging race again next year.



Long-time CHAS members Rick Schwyn and Katie (Flint) Rejaian joined the "Team Faubel Support Crew" for the race

"Of Horses and Dust"

Bethany Faubel

*"Listen all ye, and listen well
I tell of two, a precarious ride
Take note! Take heed! Of Red and Gerbil!"*

Those horsey endurance ride thingies can be dangerous.

See, the horse people know this (or think they do), but it becomes a moot point because they don't care. I'm talking to the rest of humanity. The sane. The ones that go see a doctor when their Achilles tendon hurts more than is reasonably acceptable. (*cough* Mel *cough*)



You see, I was Master of Finishing Ceremonies. I had a vested interest in seeing that my rider made it to the finish line so that I could run onto the tarmac clapping furiously while simultaneously hollering "Squeee!! Squeee!!! Yay for Mel!! No Plumping, ya hear?!" and dancing an Irish jig. I was of two minds about this. One being that I would (of course) LOVE the opportunity to do and/or say something while having the confidence that Mel's dismount time would allow me chance for a get-away. The other side of my brain kept saying, "Are you nuts??!! Four o'clock in the morning??"

"Down!!" I shushed it. "Or I shall eat you with mushrooms and butter!!" I further quenched the voice through copious amounts of my mother's homemade ginger ale as the crew and I lounged under the awning at Forresthill. This is the life.

And it was the life. Until "Watch-Wearer", aka "Father" aka "Lord and Master" made an executive suggestion. "Bethany, why don't you and Gerbil (Aunt) go up to Chicken Hawk and take some pictures?"

Me: "Umm....no?"

That's when I found out it wasn't a suggestion.

It took Gerbil and I about 35 minutes to drive over to Chicken Hawk. I struggled with this. Chicken? Hawk? The Hawk was a chicken? Hawks taste like chicken? And Mel works for Foster Farms, soo.... Maybe it was like the Red-Tailed Hawk--in reality a turkey buzzard. So then, do Red-Tailed Hawks taste like turkey? Would dinner be turkey or chicken? When was dinner? Would there be dinner?



We pulled up and parked on the paved trail area a hundred or so feet from the entrance to the trail, ominously barricaded with cones and purple-shirted people. (read: volunteers) They waved us in. I checked my watch. According to the last known gate-and-go check in time of Melinda, we had 15 minutes.

Me: How far is it to the crossing point?

Them: Oh! Not far. <---cheerful...TOO cheerful

Me: Like...a mile? Half a mile? <---hopeful...TOO hopeful

Them: Oh, maybe half, three quarters <---LYING

Me: Oh! Okay! <---Sucker

Gerbil and I take off at a fast trot (trot! trot! See, I know horsey lingo!) and soon realize that it's at least a mile. With hills. And dust. We know this because we both know how long it takes for us to walk a mile, and we are capable of basic math. And logic. In our heads. That's right.

1 mi = 14 min 27 sec

Red and Gerbil's time = 15 min

=Red and Gerbil have walked a mile.

Red and Gerbil have not yet sighted the end.

=d > mile



"Man, this endurance racing is tough!"

The end gambit consisted of vets, then pulse-ers, then horse's front ends, then their hind ends. Angry people. Tired people. Muddy people. Ack! Mud! Clocking people. No people.

It was at this last area we decided to wait for our rider. We knew her horse color: Brown. We knew her hair color: Blond. Her Jersey color: White. What more could we ask for?

Try: chairs, less mosquitoes, and a time travel machine. Because, 367 horses later, we saw her. All of our previous practice cries to the other riders of "Yaaay!!! You made it!!! and No Plumping!!!! Go Foster Farms!!!" were in earnest now. I noticed right off an interesting and (to me) pleasing fact. My sister, usually hard-driven and scary looked frail, delicate, and dare I say; waif-like. This all no doubt due to her pale face and dark, sunken eyes. Of this I



Did I mention that endurance racing is tough?

took many pictures, one in particular that Watch-Wearer and Horse-Butt-Masseuse (*Um, that's Masseur, thank you!*) both called the "hundred yard stare". I received this stare myself when attempting to get too close with my camera. Think spine-chilling with a bit of quivering fear tossed in.

She and the (brown) horse take off for on the next leg, and we begin our trudge back .

After 3 minutes, a white SUV comes by. He sloooooowes waaay down, pops the window and yells: "I'd give you a ride...but the truck is stuffed!!!"

Gee, thanks for the sentiment. I'd cling to your bumper if it meant not walking back.

25 seconds later...big 1 ton flat bed work truck rolls up in a cloud of dust. I recognize one of the vets in the passenger seat. Driver yells: Want a ride

Gerbil: Sure!

Me: (Already climbing on back giggling)

And vaROOOM! That beautiful brown truck takes off in a cloud of red mountain dust. Of course, we were going fast enough that we didn't have to breathe it. The other path-trudgers did. Driver-man did stop at one point to offer two older ladies the chance, but they said "it's not much further, we'll walk."

As we drove the mile onward, I was thinking "silly people..."



Ahead I could see the T-off into the paved part of the trail. The truck sped up...to get over the hump of asphalt.

Or so I thought.

They hit that paved part of the road operating at optimum drive train efficiency. At this point, I'm waving wildly with one arm, clamped firmly to the truck with the other screaming wildly in a shrill petrified voice "We're back here!! We're HERE!!! STOP!!"

Truck doesn't stop.

For this locus in my mental journey, I'm trying to accustom myself the thought of Gerbil and I agglutinating with the metal bed as we flew at 65 down the highway, no doubt to be flung at some point into a tree or over the side of a 297 ft cliff.

Then I see the whites of now-terrified driver's eyes as he slams on the breaks. Gerbil "drives" (ha ha. Ha!) the point home by doing a 9.8 score backward somersault in the bed. I looked over, and we were stopped precisely next to the vehicle we arrived in. Success!!

Driver leaps out of truck. "I'm sorry, I'm sooo soooooorry!! I just forgot...I'm sorry...(repeat)...Don't tell anyone!!!" I'm on an adrenaline high right now, and bonus is the fact I don't actually have to walk to the car. "I'm good! Thanks, for the ride and all. Good thing we had a vet on board, eh?" He finally gets back into his truck. The vet never did get out, and after the initial offer of ride, has made an obvious conscious effort not to make eye contact.

First thing back? We told everyone.

My ultimate forgiveness rested in my action of pretending I didn't notice him at the next stop, right after he affected not to notice me.

Cheers for the Tevis!

History of the 3rd U.S.

Al Kocher

THE THIRD REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY

By LIEUT. WM. E. BIRKHIMER, ADJUTANT

Part IX

From this time on the Third took part in all the battles except Contreras on Scott's line of operations. That battle was fought by Twiggs' division. There was no fighting of consequence after Cerro Gordo until the American army was within sight of the Capital. The army advanced from Puebla August 7, 1847. B, G, I, K, formed the foot battalion of the Third. Captain Wall of H was left sick at Puebla, where, August 13th he died, and the company then was commanded by Steptoe, being attached to Quitman's volunteer division. The officers present were: Lt. Col. Belton, commanding battalion; B, Lieuts. Farry and Lendrum; G, Capt. Anderson, Lieut. Shields; I, Capt. Burke, Lieut. Ayres; K, Lieut. R. W. Johnston; Light Company H, Capt. Steptoe, Lieuts. Judd, H. Brown, Francis J. Thorns, and Welch. Brevet Major R. D. A. Wade was also present, sick, not commanding his company, K, but acting as field officer.

While Twiggs' division was assaulting the enemy's lines at Contreras, August 20, 1847, Worth's division, on the right, moved against Cherubusco and the fortified village of San Antonio. Here the Third, particularly K, in its advance as a forlorn hope against the latter place, had an opportunity to render conspicuous service. San Antonio being taken, K remained temporarily to garrison it, while the other companies pressed on to assail and capture Cherubusco. Seven men of the Third were killed, and Lieut.-Colonel Belton and twenty-seven men wounded. H was not in the battle; it was back in San Augustine with Quitman, protecting the supply depots, and the army from attack in rear by the enemy's cavalry.



"The Battle of Cherubusco" by James Wilson

The fruitless armistice which followed this event having been terminated, the battle of Molino del Rey was fought September 8, 1847. Here the brave Farry and Ayres fell. Farry, with fifty men of the Third joined the storming party directed against the fortified centre of the Mexican position at the Casa Mata. The attack was successful, but 12 of the 14 officers of the party fell in the assault. The battalion of the Third entered el Molino on the right of our line, and here, while gallantly leading his men, Lt. Ayres was killed, while Captain Anderson and Lieut. George P. Andrews were wounded. H was not present. The battle was fought by Worth's division, to which it was not attached.



*"Molino del Rey - Attack upon the casa mata"
By Carl Nebel*

Chepultepec alone remained to be fought. Molino was preparatory thereto. At Chepultepec all the Third with the army were engaged. H was placed on September 11th on the right, to threaten an attack on the San Antonio and Candelaria gates of the city. It remained there constantly employed until the evening of the 13th when it rejoined Quitman who, in the general battle, had stormed the Belen gate, but without artillery support, could not advance further against the fire from the Citadel 300 yards away. Steptoe, by greatest industry placed in a well constructed battery some heavier guns, but at dawn of day a white flag bespoke the enemy's surrender. H then moved in, being the first light company to enter the City of Mexico. Meanwhile, the foot-battalion had not been idle. Details were assisting to construct the batteries to play on the fortifications of Chepultepec. Lieut. R. W. Johnston with a party of the Third were told off to the storming party. The remnants of the Second and Third Artillery, under Lt. Col. Belton, were temporarily formed into 4 companies, Shields and Lendrum commanding those from the Third. They moved with Worth's division along the causeway, driving the enemy, until, at San Cosmo garita, night put an end to the conflict. Next morning Santa Anna had fled the Capital.

The war was practically ended. The light companies of the Third had a few brushes with the enemy besides those mentioned, but the heavy fighting has been narrated. And it was heavy fighting. The strength of the positions occupied by the enemy was remarkable. The nearest approximation in this century to the style of fighting our army there did was exhibited by Wellington's war against fortified places in the Spanish Peninsula. The City of Mexico was ours September 14, 1847. But before this, D, under Capt. F. O. Wyse had a most creditable affair at the Callabosa River.



U.S. troops land south of Veracruz

The army evacuated the City of Mexico June 12, 1848, Worth's division being the last to leave. L and M saw no fighting in that war. They left New York City for the scene of hostilities October 12, 1847, were wrecked and put in to Charleston, S. C., November 5, left Fort Moultrie December 17, and arrived at the Mexican capital early in 1848, where also was established regimental headquarters. Colonel Gates remained Governor of Tampico, and Captain Martin Burke temporarily commanded the regiment. At this time the companies of the Third were distributed: A, Perote; B, G, H, I, K, L, M, City of Mexico; C, E, Walnut Springs near Monterey, Mex.; F in California; D, Tampico. C, D, were equipped as horse artillery; A, E, H, as field artillery; the rest marched as infantry.

The companies of the Third on Scott's line all left Vera Cruz July 16, 1848. The regiment, except C, E, F, was concentrated at Fortress Monroe, and thence distributed to the New England stations which it had left thirteen years before for the Florida War. E left Ft. Brown, Texas, October 26, 1848, for Fort Trumbull, Connecticut. C, under Lt. Judd, marched via Chihuahua to Santa Fé, N. M., where the guns were soon stored, and the company, equipped as cavalry, served two years against the Indians, eventually joining Bragg, with the few men whose terms of service had not expired, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, in 1850. F still held the fort at Monterey, California.

A Victorian Wedding

Submitted by Karen Foster

As with any tradition, wedding traditions and customs have evolved over time. Many of our most popular traditions today date back to the Victorian Era. It is said that the White Fairytale wedding, so synonymous with modern weddings, started with the Royal Wedding of Queen Victoria to Prince Albert in 1840. Though white weddings were the ideal, with virginal white dresses, lace veils, and orange blossoms, they were more the exception rather than the rule, with only the most elite being able to afford them. During the mid nineteenth century, most women were married in a simple church ceremony during the middle of the week in their best dress and bonnet. Most weddings happened in the early morning so the style of dress was in a day style with a high neckline, full length sleeves, and wide skirts. If an evening reception or ball was being held for the couple, the Bride would have a second bodice made that would have a lower neckline and short sleeves. It was also traditional for the Bride to wear her wedding dress to all important social functions for up to one year after her wedding. Historically, if a woman wore her wedding dress to a social function, it showed she thought very highly of the hostess.

Many of today's traditions surrounding the wedding cake were also popular during the Victorian Era. At a wedding there were two cakes, a Bride's cake and a Groom's cake. The Bride's cake tended to be most similar to a modern wedding cake with stacked tiers of white cake and frosting, whereas the Groom's cake was traditionally a fruit cake. The top tier of the Bride's cake would be saved and eaten at the christening of the couples' first child. It is thought that this is where the tradition of saving the top tier of the wedding cake comes from. Small pieces of cake would be boxed up and given as favors to the guests. Young girls would then put the cake under their pillow at night in hopes of dreaming of their future husband.

It is also said that the Honeymoon originated during the Victorian era with the couple leaving shortly after their wedding breakfast for a trip. For wealthy Americans, a tour of the Continent was the destination of choice and would last several months with stops made in London for new clothing for the groom and Paris for the bride.

You are invited to witness some of these traditions at the wedding of Miss Nicole Johnson to Sgt. Major Matthew Foster on Saturday, September 18 at 1pm in front of the school house. For those visiting on Sunday, Mrs. Matthew Foster will be receiving guests at her new house all day and would be more than happy to discuss wedding traditions with you.

You are Cordially Invited to
attend the Period Wedding of

Miss. Nicole Johnson

to

Sgt. Major Matthew Foster

At the Tres Pinos Reenactment

Saturday September 18th, 2009

At 1pm in the Afternoon

In the School Yard

Reception to Immediately Follow

Please no gifts

W.Va. Dad Makes Son Cannon to Fulfill Birthday Wish

Submitted by Royal Magnell

AIRMONT, W.V. Mike Daugherty asked his 11-year-old son Logan what he wanted for his birthday.

The boy said, "I want a cannon."

Dad didn't scoff at Logan's request by saying, "How about a hippopotamus instead," as a Christmas song from another era lamented.

No, Daugherty is not that kind of guy. He granted his son's wish and built him a Civil War-era cannon not a model, the real deal. The howitzer fires and rivals anything seen at Civil War reenactments across the country. He said it took him about two weeks to build and is worth about \$6,000.



"It looks like something right out of the battle at Gettysburg," Daugherty said. The cast iron and steel 4-inch gun barrel is 36 inches long. It is mounted on a wooden gun carriage with two 36-inch diameter wheels. The cannon weighs about 700 pounds, so it is not something Logan will be able to carry to school in his backpack.

"I've always been interested in the Civil War and cannons, so I thought it would be a good gift," the boy said.

Daugherty said his son is very mature and would be able to handle the responsibility of owning a piece of artillery.

"He's a good kid. He has a great respect for guns and weapons, so he will not be firing this anytime soon without an adult present."

Daugherty said he is not worried about the federal government coming to get his son's cannon because he has spoken to the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives as well as the National Security Agency. Though Daugherty said he is still stunned that he had to get clearance from the NSA for the archaic artillery piece, it is legal to own such a cannon because it does not use a firing pin or is breach loaded. He said the government does not consider the weapon a threat.

Two days after the family celebrated Logan's 11th birthday, father and son offered a demonstration of the new cannon to the Times West Virginian on Tuesday. The cannon had never been fired.

While Daugherty is an accomplished machinist, there was an element of danger involved in packing a virgin gun barrel full of gunpowder and lighting the fuse. Sometimes cannons blew up during the Civil War, sending shrapnel flying every which way. And then there is the boom. Anyone who has been to a Civil War reenactment knows that sound shakes the ground and rattles the rib cage.

Daugherty packed the gunpowder into the barrel and used a blow torch to light a long, spindly fuse reminiscent of a firecracker. As soon as the grey smoke started chasing the spark, everyone covered their ears and stepped away far away and possibly even prayed.

Nothing happened. The spark went into the chamber, but there was no boom. Anyone with muzzle loader or firecracker experience knows that just because there isn't smoke doesn't mean the thing isn't about to explode.

After a few tense moments, Daugherty cautiously approached the cannon. He took a deep breath and packed the gun powder tighter. He lit another fuse and everyone backed away again, though not as far. "This time for sure," Daugherty said.

More smoke, but nothing. At this point there were two options: the cannon was going to go boom or not. Sounds simple, but the bigger question was if Daugherty wanted to tempt fate one more time. He steeled his resolve and said, "What's the point of building a cannon if it doesn't fire."

Clever and lucky man that Daugherty is, he discovered that the thick paper was not the best padding needed for igniting the gun powder. The problem was solved when he used scraps of the Times WV.

Seconds after he lit the fuse the third time, everyone backed away. The blank inside the barrel went boom and a cannon was born.

Dad and son were happy the cannon fired, but wanted to kick it up a notch. Instead of a cannon ball, they popped in an unsuspecting golf ball into the gun barrel.

"I wonder how far it will go," Dad said.

A moment or two after the fuse was lit, there was a loud boom just before the golf ball split the sky and landed about 600 yards away. The nauseating smell of sulfur invaded the nose as the fog of war cleared the field.

Father and son smiled. The cannon was a hit. "Thanks," Logan said.

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