

The Cannon's Mouth

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Commander's Call

Alan Ginos

As we get ready to roll out to Sacramento this weekend, I'm glad to report about 30 of you responded to ensure we can live up to our reputation as one of the real crowd pleasers for this event. Thank you!

To add another interesting event to the schedule in a prime recruiting area for us, we will participate October 8 and 9 in historic Monterey on the grounds of the lower Presidio. There will be both 1840's and Civil War groups presenting, but with most of us now having Civil War gear that will be our era. We plan on a gun, team and ambulance to attend. More information will come out with the call to arms later in the month. Since we won't have horses at Fresno later in October, this small event will be some good riding time until Moorpark.



11th U.S. Cavalry, posted at the Presidio

Sgt Foster will put out a call soon to man a gun at the Tres Pinos event September 17 and 18. Those who have attended in the past have had a good time at this small venue, with a schedule packed with various scenarios to keep it interesting.

All the blue gun and wagon trailers are now painted and they look great. The entire top on the blue horse trailer has been replaced, so Stable Sgt. Winfrey has had some very productive community service "volunteers" getting the work done. Thank you Dennis!

Fundraising

Donna Schulken

We are winding down to the end of our event season in the next couple of months with just a few more events ahead, Old Sac, Tres Pinos, Fresno, Moorpark just to name a few. Pretty soon it will be November and the put away party at Warhorse. As you move into the next few months of event participation don't forget about CHAS fundraising. As the end of the year approaches and you find you need a tax write-off think of sponsoring one of our horses.

Contributing is as easy as 1, 2, 3... When you do any type of web search, keep using Good Search as your search engine, www.goodsearch.com. When you are in the page, it will guide you along to allow you place the search engineer on your PC allowing you to use it instead of Google.

I understand that SAVEMART has a program they just launched that is similar to the Safeway savings program. I would like to ask that instead of using the SAVEMART savings program for yourself, that you continue to use your SHARES card. Remember, 3% of you total grocery bill, SAVEMART contributes that amount to CHAS on a quarterly basis. Last year was our first full year and we netted over \$700. There are organizations that are pulling in 3 - 4 times that amount due to their numbers. If you need a SHARES card please let me know. Keep in mind; those cards are good at SAVEMART, S-MART, FOOD MAXX AND LUCKY stores

Remember the 3 T's Time, Talent and Treasure. It helps all of us keep CHAS alive.



"Semper Paratus"

August has been a really good month. Crazy but good. Karla Thompson graduated from Coast Guard bootcamp on August 12th.

Chance Brown (fiance) and I took a trip to attend the graduation and then take Karla on a sightseeing trip. Rather than her come home (aka, waste two days traveling) we came to her.



Graduation was great. I wore my uniform and presented her with her graduation certificate. Unknown to the graduates, it was OK to give them a hug. The look on her face was sheer terror and "how many pushups it this going to cost me". In the long run, she was very pleased that her company commanders had to salute me. I still remember those simple pleasures in life.



We caught the ferry to Lewes, MD and then drove to Pasadena, MD to stay with a friend. Saturday we went to Washington, DC; Arlington National Cemetery, Korean War Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, WWII Memorial and a walk around the Washington Memorial in a thunderstorm. Actually, lots of walking as parking is at a premium.

Sunday morning, we headed to Gettysburg. Mecca for the reenactor. And it was. After a stop at the



Visitor's Center, souvenir's, and purchase of the self guided auto tour, we were off to the start of the battlefield.

By nightfall, we were on Cemetery Ridge overlooking the field of Pickett's Charge. With just a light drizzle coming down, it was so easy to feel the emotions of the soldiers that were stuck there holding the line. Monday morning, Chance and Karla wanted to walk Pickett's Charge so I dropped them off on Seminary Ridge and they headed across the field. As they attacked me on the other side, I shot them with my Fiji - if only I had a Cannon! Anyways, we headed to Philadelphia on Monday afternoon as we all flew out on Tuesday morning.

Karla is in Pascagoula, Mississippi, stationed on the Coast Guard Cutter Dorothy Stratton - the newest cutter in the fleet. As of this dispatch, the crew is to take charge on September 2nd. The ship will hit a couple of east coast ports (Miami and Baltimore) before checking out the Caribbean on it's way to the Panama Canal. Tentative schedule is to be in Alameda for Christmas. Hopefully, the unit can be on hand for the welcome home. If we can shoot at the Abraham Lincoln (oh, the irony), I don't see any reason why we can't shoot at a Coast Guard Cutter.

From a very proud Mama,
Terry Thompson



1-143d Change of Command

The 1st Battalion, 143d Field Artillery Regiment of the California Army National Guard had their battalion change of command ceremony and used two of their new M119A2 105mm Light Howitzers to fire a salute at the beginning of the ceremony.

During the commander's inspection of troops, we were introduced and fired one salute round. After the ceremony, we and the salute guns fired a couple of demonstration rounds and then they invited us to crew their howitzer and fire three blank rounds. We posed for a number of photos with various officers, NCOs, and cannoneers of the 143rd around our cannon.

~ Ken Dombroski



MORE DUNCANS MILLS!



CHAS "Horse of the Month"

Griddlecakes

As everyone who has participated in CHAS knows, our horses are a very important and very special part of our impression. Although they may look like a sea of brown and black, each horse has a unique personality. Many members of our unit have a story about a CHAS horse and often the horses have a story of their own. Each month I will chose a horse to feature and try to highlight their personality or accomplishments. If you have a story to share about a CHAS horse, please e-mail it to me (mnfaubel@gmail.com)! – Melinda Faube

Griddlecakes, usually just called “Griddle” is one of CHAS’s senior citizens. A good ole’ girl, she has held many roles over the years and most recently has been used as an outrider horse for the ambulance team.

I found myself on Griddle’s back, as most young riders used to, when I first joined CHAS in 2001, prior to getting on the team for the first time. After I spent a year or two in swing, I became a lead-driver and my pair was Griddle and Goldilocks. Teams and riders didn’t change for a couple of years, and I could count on Griddle and Goldie to be my pair on team 2 and we had many adventures together. In the picture, I am riding Griddlecakes at the Duncan Mills 2005 event. Goldie is my off horse.



Although Griddle is suitable for beginners, that doesn’t mean that she’s a pushover! At my first beach ride, she did the “stop, drop, and roll” maneuver that any horseperson is familiar with, and before I knew it, I was watching my mount get up, shake herself off, and amble off into the sunset – which was back in the direction of the trailer. Fortunately the other CHAS members were able to head her off and I wasn’t forced to chase after my mischievous mount.

My sister “Red” quite unintentionally found out that Griddlecakes still has the “oomph” of an ex-race horse, when one year at the Duncan Mills event, Griddle decided it was quite important to go back to camp at a rather high rate of speed. Griddle has a reputation of being in the “drivers seat” if you aren’t, and can also be a bit independent minded. Red also admits that had she not been hanging on with both hands to the saddle (Red does NOT describe her self as an “equestrian”), and hadn’t dropped the reins, that Griddle probably would have cut the impromptu gallop across Freeze Out short.

Griddle is a bay horse with white markings on her forehead (called “stars”), and a white left hind foot.

Fun fact about Griddle – she had a baby right after she joined the unit! “Biscuit” is Griddlecakes’ son. Unfortunately Biscuit didn’t want to play by the rules in the artillery, and decided he liked the cavalry better. One other horse in our unit was born after her mom joined CHAS. Do you know who she is?

***The horse featured here, as well as the rest of the CHAS horses, is available for sponsorship. Please contact Sue Ensign, or visit the CHAS website for more information.

Remembering Ireland and Fighting for the Union

By Thomas J. Craughwell
from "The American Spectator"

Submitted by Al Plocher

Chapter I: "Those Irish Folk"

Civil war historians and enthusiasts will argue over the greatest Confederate general, or whether Mary Todd Lincoln was certifiable or just a bit quirky. But when it comes to naming the greatest Union fighting outfit, most will agree it was the Irish Brigade. Comprised of the 63rd, 69th, and 88th New York Infantry Regiments, and eventually the 116th Pennsylvania and the 28th Massachusetts, the Irish Brigade fought in every major battle of the eastern theater of the war, from Bull Run to Appomattox. And they lost more casualties than any other brigade—approximately 4,000. Their courage in battle, sometimes bordering on recklessness, won them the admiration of their Southern foes and made Abraham Lincoln express the wish that he had two or three more Irish Brigades.

Yet in the months leading up to the Civil War, it was an open question whether Irish immigrants in the North would fight for the Union. Everyone from parish priests to the publishers of Irish newspapers was urging the Irish to sit out the war. And they had their reasons. America had not been terribly welcoming to Irish Catholic immigrants. Beginning in the 1830s, when immigration from Ireland became pretty steady, a considerable portion of native-born Protestant Americans came to regard the Irish as a threat. The anti-Irish faction became even more alarmed when, between 1847 and 1851, approximately 848,000 Irish arrived in New York City—163,000 of them in 1851 alone. Samuel F. B. Morse, inventor of the telegraph, joined with prominent New Yorkers to found the Native American Democratic Association, a political organization dedicated to restricting immigration from Ireland, requiring a 21-year waiting period before immigrants could become American citizens, and barring from political office anyone who "recognizes any allegiance or obligation of any description to any foreign prince, potentate or power"—in other words, no political office for anyone who recognized the spiritual authority of the pope.

By the 1850s, the Nativists, or Know-Nothings, as they were called (because members were instructed that when asked about the party's secret activities they should reply, "I know nothing"), were a well-organized political movement. Their candidates were elected mayors of Boston, Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore, Chicago, New Orleans, and

Washington, D.C. They dominated state politics in all the New England states, as well as in Pennsylvania, Indiana, and California. But they did not limit themselves to politics—in cities and towns from Bath, Maine, to Galveston, Texas, Nativist mobs destroyed Catholic churches and institutions and burned down the homes of American Catholics.

A few weeks before the first shot was fired on Fort Sumter, the editors of the New York Times, the leading Republican newspaper in the city at the time, published an editorial linking Catholicism—"popery," they called it—with slavery as two institutions "incompatible with the spirit of the age, and liberty and civilization." The editors went on to say that they looked forward to the "speedy destruction" of both.

Anti-Irish, anti-Catholic bigotry was not the only issue. Most of the Irish, especially the Famine Irish, had never done any kind of work but tenant farming. Yet when they arrived in America, the overwhelming majority settled in cities. With no marketable skills, the Irish supported themselves by doing the heavy, dangerous, menial jobs few native-born Americans wanted. The men and boys dug the canals, laid the railroad tracks, and loaded and unloaded cargo on the docks; the women and girls worked as servants or in factories and mills. At the time, the Irish were almost the lowest-paid workers in the United States; the only group that was paid less was free blacks. And that is what worried the Irish: if the Union won the war and Lincoln freed the slaves, they would be competing for jobs with 4 million newly freed men and women who would work for even lower wages than they did.



"Charge of the Irish Brigade"
by Mark Maritato

3rd US Roster Assignments 2011

Role	Name	Report To	Role	Name	Report To
Commanding Officer	Ginos, Alan		Stable Sgt.	Winfrey, Dennis	XO
Executive Officer	Faubel, Wes	Captain	Teamster	Casini, Paul	XO
1st Sergeant	Foster, Scott	Captain	Teamster	Faubel, Melinda	XO
Company Clerk	Boling, Roger	1st. Sgt.	Provisioner	Faubel, Carolyn	1st. Sgt.

Gun/Team 1

Chief of Piece	Alto, Scott	Captain
Gun Cpl		Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Ahrenholz, Ray	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Dunne, Cary	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Faubel, Bethany	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Gillich, John	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Lemasters, Michael	Gun Sgt.

Team Corporal

Driver	Berry, Mike	Team Cpl.
Driver	Bricklin, Nathan	Team Cpl.
Driver	Faubel, Loreleigh	Team Cpl.
Driver	Fischer, Pete	Team Cpl.
Driver	Horton, Jim	Team Cpl.
Driver	Miljevich, Ted	Team Cpl.

Gun/Team 4

Chief of Piece	Thompson, Terry	1st. Sgt.
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Artificers

Chief Artificer	Griffith, Loren	1st. Sgt.
Artificer	Faubel, Tristan	Chief Art.
Artificer	Johnson, Dave	Chief Art.
Artificer	Lee, Robert	Chief Art.
Artificer	Weston, Mark	Chief Art.

Signal Corps.

Ken Dombroski

Supporting

Laura Cohan
Margaret Davis
Sarah Rah

Gun/Team 2

Chief of Piece	Duncan, George	1st. Sgt.
Gun Cpl	Boyd, John	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Birkelbach, Ryan	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Brady, Christopher	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Brady, James	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Ebert, Bob	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Entriken, William	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Keeton, James	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Neikirk, Janice	Gun Sgt.

Team Corporal

Driver	Brady, Caitlin	Team Cpl.
Driver	Brady, Ellie	Team Cpl.
Driver	Creager, Mike	Team Cpl.
Driver	Neikirk, Garth	Team Cpl.
Driver	Thompson, Karla	Team Cpl.
Driver	Ruther, Justin	Team Cpl.
Driver	Wagner, Heidi	Team Cpl.

Unassigned

Unassigned	Amari, Gary	1st. Sgt.
Unassigned	Bailey, Wendy	1st. Sgt.
Unassigned	Bricklin, Jared	1st. Sgt.
Unassigned	Bricklin, Sydney	1st. Sgt.
Unassigned	Burtz, Dan	Team Cpl.
Unassigned	Byrne, Jeanne	1st. Sgt.
Unassigned	Ensign, Sue	1st. Sgt.
Unassigned	Ginos, Steve	Team Cpl.
Unassigned	Hawkins, Bill	1st. Sgt.
Unassigned	Johnson, William	1st. Sgt.
Unassigned	Justiniano, Joe	1st. Sgt.
Unassigned	Langman, Chip	1st. Sgt.
Unassigned	Lewis, Thom	1st. Sgt.
Unassigned	Maciver, Al	Team Cpl.
Unassigned	Macy, Mary Kay	1st. Sgt.
Unassigned	Martinez, Thomas	1st. Sgt.
Unassigned	Moretti, Scott	1st. Sgt.
Unassigned	Rogers, Keith	1st. Sgt.
Unassigned	Rogers, Laurie	1st. Sgt.
Unassigned	Sims, Ed	1st. Sgt.

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Schedule of Events

2011

September

Sept. 3 - 5 Twelfth Annual Gold Rush Days. Old Sacramento. CHAS living history & encampment. 1 team/gun, support unit. \$\$\$. Rotating attendance needed. Contact TBD.

Sept 16 - 18 Tres Pinos. NCWA Battles & Encampment. 1 gun, no horses. Contact Scott Foster.

October

Oct 8-9, Ft Mervine, Monterey Presidio. Living history weekend. 1 team, gun and ambulance. Contact Alan Ginos

Oct. 22 - 23 Kearny Park, Fresno. FHS Invitational. Battles & encampment . 2 guns, support units. School Day Friday. Contact Scott Foster.

November

Nov 4 - 5 Bass Bowl Football Game. 1 team & gun. Contact Alan Ginos.

Nov 12 -13 Moorpark Farm, Moorpark. 2 teams & guns, ambulance. School Day Friday. Contact Alan Ginos.

Nov 19 - 20 Camp Warhorse, Salinas. CHAS Weekend "Put-Away" Work Party. Contact Alan Ginos.

December *Happy Holidays!*

2012

March

March 31 - SCCWA Battles & Encampment.
April 1 Prado Regional Park, Chino.
Contact Alan Ginos.

June

June 30 - 40th Mohawk Valley Independence Day Celebration. Graeagle, CA.
July 1 CCWR Battles & Encampment. \$\$.
Contact TBD.

July

July 14 - 15 Civil War Days at Duncans Mills.
CHAS Invitational. Battles & encamp. 2 teams, guns & support. \$\$\$\$.
Maximum effort Contact Ted Miljevich.

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~ Abraham Lincoln

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